

ARDANRUNES

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NOTE – Date Change for Tournament of Champions
Due to the passing of Duke Stephen Wolfe on May 30, TOC IX has been rescheduled for June 16.

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KINGDOM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Event | Host | Location |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| June 15-17 | Tournament of Champions IX | Shire of Lagerdamm | Camp Couchdale (Hot Springs, AR) |
| June 30 | Bellwether Arts Collegium | Shire of Loch Bais | Mangum United Methodist Church (Shreveport, LA) |
| July 13-15 | Academy of Performing Art | Shire of Ravens Hold | Camp Couchdale (Hot Springs, AR) |
| July 21 | Gold Dragon Tavern III | Shire of Wyrngeist | Red Stick School of Fencing (Baton Rouge, LA) |
| July 27-29 | St. Hubertus II: The Wrath of the Boar | Shire of Pilgrims Fount | Camp Couchdale (Hot Springs, AR) |
| August 17-19 | Kingdom Arts & Sciences Faire | Barony of Axemoor | Warner-Tully Memorial YMCA Camp (Port Gibson, MS) |

This is a list of events within or near the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann within a reasonable 4 hour drive. For a complete list of events, see the Kingdom's newsletter, website, or Facebook page.



SHIRE OFFICERS

Seneshal: Barun Rory ua Riada

Knight Marshal: Lord Álfráðr Marteinnsson

Rapier Marshal: Lord Ardghal O'Breaslain

Herald: The Honorable Lord Gaius Curtis Primus

Chatelaine: The Honorable Lady Joya la Normande

Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada

Historian: (Vacant)

Ministers of Arts & Sciences: Mistress Marcilla le Despenseur

Exchequer: The Honorable Lady Cecilia Augustina

Web Minster: Caitríona inghean Tighearnáin

Minister of Children: (Vacant)

Quartermaster: The Honorable Lord Gaius Curtis Primus

Constable: The Honorable Lord Jurgis Bebra

Finance Committee:

Cecilia Augustina (Exchequer)

Caitríona inghean Tighearnáin

Joya la Normande

Sigmundur Agnarsson

Rory ua Riada (Seneschal)

HARKEN YE!

All Thing

Thursdays @ Mangum United Methodist Church, 3939 Pines Rd, Shreveport 71119 – 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Outdoor Fighter Practices

Saturdays @ A.C. Steere Park, 4009 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Shire Business Meetings

2nd Thursdays @ Mangum United Methodist Church, 3939 Pines Rd, Shreveport 71119 – 6:30 pm

Arts and Sciences Night

4th Thursdays @ Mangum United Methodist Church, 3939 Pines Rd, Shreveport 71119 – 6:30 pm

HERALDRY NEWS

Names and Armory Registrations, January 2018 – March 2018

February 2018 LoAR – Registered

Rory ua Riada. Heraldic title Midsomer Herald.

Tursten de Laci. Name and device. Quarterly sable and gules, on a bend sinister argent three Lacy knots palewise sable.

The submitter requested authenticity for "11th Century Norman - Anglo-Norman." This request was not summarized on the Letter of Intent. Fortunately, Ragged Staff identified the authenticity request during commentary, allowing sufficient time for research. This name meets the submitter's request.

TOWN FAIRE

During the month of March:

- Due to Gulf Wars, the Shire Business meeting was held on the 1st. No gatherings were held on the 8th and 15th. The first Althing for the month was on the 22nd. A&S Night was held at Gilbert and Marcilla's on the 29th due to other activities occurring at the church.
- Twelve people attended the Shire Business meeting on the 1st at Mangum United Methodist Church.
- Twenty-four people attended the March 22nd Althing at Mangum United Methodist Church.
- Twelve people attended the A&S Night at Gilbert and Marcilla's on the 29th. Cecilia gave a class on *The Elemental, Spiritual, & Medicinal Aspects of Lapis Lazuli in the Middle Ages*.
- Fighter practices were held on Sunday at A.C. Steer Park on the 4th with roughly 5 attended. Practice was not held on the 11th and 18th due to illness and rain, and as such "due to Gulf Wars". Practice was changed from Sunday to Saturday effective March 24th, but due to an Egg Hunt at the park was cancelled that day. Practice was held on the 31st at A.C. Steer Park with roughly 5 attending. Practice was also held Thursday evening on the 29th at A.C. Steer Park.

During the month of April:

- Althings were held on April 5th and 19th at Mangum United Methodist Church with 9 attending both evenings.
- Fighter practices were held on Saturdays at A.C. Steer Park. Two attended on the 14th and three attended on the 21st. Due to the weather there was no practice on the 7th. The 28th was Frisbee day instead of fighter practice.
- Ten people attended the Business meeting on the 12th at Mangum United Methodist Church.

- A&S Night was held on the 26th at Mangum United Methodist Church with 11 attending and painting Kingdom scrolls.
- Lord Álfráðr Marteinsson made a quest into the enemy lands of Ansteorra April 28, but alas was unable to retrieve the coveted Six Flags that fly there. He did enjoy the rides.

During the month of May:

- Fighter practices were held on Saturdays at AC Steer Park on the 5th and 19th and 26th. Due to Shire Inventory Day on the 12th there was no fighter practice. Five attended on the 5th; three on the 19th; four on the 26th.
- The May 3rd Althing held at Mangum United Methodist Church had 16 people attending. Scroll painting, sewing, fabric work, and rapier practice were held. Kingdom scrolls completed last week and tonight were turned in to the Topaze Signet, THL Cecilia Augustina.
- Fifteen people attended the Business meeting on the 10^h at Mangum United Methodist Church.
- The Shire Inventory Day was a great success on Saturday, the 12th at Gaius and Cecilia's. The trailer looks wonderful inside and inventory was completed for the trailer. Pizza, soda pop, and a giant chocolate chip cookie ended the activity. Arrival began at 9:30 am and departure for home by attendees just before 1:30 pm. Thank you to the thirteen members for bringing Shire property to be inventoried, cleaning the trailer, conducting the inventory, repacking, and more!
- Fourteen attended the Althing on May 17th where Marcilla led a hands-on session on dress form creation using old t-shirts and duct tape to form "body casts" that were cut off the body. Three dress forms were made that night.
- A&S Night was held on the 24th at Mangum United Methodist Church with 15 attending. Cecilia gave a class on Early Period Manuscripts and Their Saints. Five fighters turned out for a good evening rapier practice.
- The first 5th Thursday Shire Social Potluck of the year AS LIII (53 Anno Societatus) was held at the Mangum United Methodist Church on May 31s. It was in garb and had a lot of food brought by the group of eighteen attending.





(Shire Social Potluck photos by Barun Rory ua Riada)

ACCOLADES

Recognition received in Courts of Gleann Abhann, March 2018 – May 2018

March 13, 2018 – Gulf Wars XXVII (Tuesday)

Jam Recarediz – Court Barony

Cecilia Augustina invited to join the Order of the Laurel (tentatively vigil at KA&S)

April 14, 2018 – Spring Coronation (Last Courts of James II and Joan II)

Cecilia Augustina – Jewelled Ring

May 19, 2018 – Spring Crown List

Qabil al-Mwsyqar – Award of Arms

CARRIAGE CHATTER

Gulf Wars XXVII – March 10-18, 2018 (AS LII)

The twenty-seventh Gulf Wars was held at Kings Arrow Ranch in Lumberton, Mississippi. The gates opened on Saturday, March 10 and closed on Sunday, March 18. Merchants and staff trolled in from nine o'clock Saturday morning until noon. At one o'clock the gates were opened to the general populace to troll in. Troll closed at noon on Saturday, March 17 with the site closing at noon on Sunday, March 18. Attendance was slightly lower than last year, the final count being 3368. And Daylight Savings Ended with all clocks moving forward one hour as of two o'clock Sunday morning, March 11.

It takes a very large staff to coordinate the week-long event, now actually a little over one week in length. It also takes a lot of volunteers to assist the staff in operating the activities, not only the fun things but also the management things like troll, security, sanitation, etc. This year's staff was composed of the following positions and individuals:

Autocrats - Master Erik of Telemark and Master Frederick Alton
A&S Competitions Coordinator - Mistress Isabel Winterbourne
A&S Champions Battle Deputy - Maol Mide ingen Medra
Al Mahala - THL Zhara um Nikko and Al Mahala Class Coordinator - Mistress Edwina Dirks Sterne
Animal Control - Johnna ingen ui Chinaeda
Artisan's Row - Mistress Willoc Mac Muiredaig and Artisan's Row Deputy - Rose Marye
Ca' d'Oro Renaissance Salon - Maestra Giata Magdalena Alberti
Class/A&S Activities Coordinator - Baroness Adalia VonderBerg
Class/A&S Activities Deputies - HL Annais de Montgomerie and Mistress Solveig Eiriksdottir
Combat Archery - Cassius Lepus
EPL Class Coordinator - Bridget Edan
Cry Heralds - HL Ivo Blackheart
Emergency Preparedness - Mistress Celestine de Chatham
Equestrian Marshal - Mirabelis Zabaneh and Equestrian Deputy - Daifi Isfahani
Equestrian Barn Manager - Mistress Doe Flynn
Equestrian Activities Coordinator - Mistress Nikolena Martinovna Popriadukhina
European Dance - Lord Runolfr and European Dance Deputy - Rebecca Whieldon
Exchequer - Baroness Sibella
Field Pavilions - Alina de Lacy
Falconry Coordinator - Master Friedrich von Blumenkamp
Fighter Support Head - THL David Duckworth
Handicap Camping - Taddea De Trieste
Herald's Point Coordinator - Genevieve d'Estelle
Hospitality - Lady Geira Dansdottir
Information Point - Robbie Scott
Inventory - HL Simha bint Yusuf
Kennel Lands/Coursing - Mistress Rebecca with the Greyhound and Kennel Lands Deputy - HL Chrysantha D'Argento
Known World Party - Baron Krag von Berghen

Landcrat - HL Eleri Cadarn and Landcrat Deputy - Lord Einarr “knýtir”
 Landcrat Ansteorra - Amelot Lisette
 Landcrat East Kingdom - Juliana von Altenfeld
 Landcrat Meridian - THL Kynwric Gwent
 Landcrat Trimaris - Cedric the Just
 Landcrat Northshield - Sibyl Sevenoke & Michael St Christian
 Liaison Ansteorra - HL Katerine Bontemps
 Liaison Meridian - Cairistiona bhan
 Liaison Trimaris - Dutchess Maisie of Dunbarton
 Live Weapons Marshal in Charge - THL Mykeal Halfdan
 Marshal in Charge - Sir Rey RiBeaumont
 Siege Marshal - THL Sean O’Neill
 Master Scheduler - Master Wulfram Forrester
 Media Coordinator - THL Rebecka MacGillivray
 Merchant Coordinator - Mistress Seraphina Maslowska
 Parking - Lady Calena di Rosa Nero
 Performing Arts and Theatre - Lady Marie Isabelle Taillour and Deputy - Rosa de Armano
 Publications - Mistress Arriana
 Public Works - James Hardwick
 Rapier Marshal In Charge - Don Ceallach MacDonal and Rapier Deputy - Miriam d`Hawke
 Recruitment - Mistress Charla Noel du Lac and Deputy - HL Safiyya bint Khalid ibn Hamdum
 Reservations/Troll - Master David le Ymagour and Deputy – Vincent of Wyrmegeist
 Royal Liaison - Mistress Michelle Chantal de Charente
 Sanitation Head - Ld William de’Lillies
 Scribe’s Point Coordinator - Mistress Adela Scrivner von Brugge and Deputy - Master Conall o
 Coaindealbhain
 Social Media - Mistress Kendra Dey
 Special Needs - THL Taddea de Trieste and Special Needs Deputy - Rolling Bull
 Transport Services - Master Morgan
 Volunteer Point Coordinator - Baroness Charmaine de Chanson and Deputy - Catina Marciano
 War Herald - Master Alexander and War Herald Deputy - Lord Mike
 Watch Commander - Mistress Ariadne de Ravenna
 Youth Activities - THL Kalisa Cherenova and Deputy - THL Muirgel inghean Ghriogair
 Youth Combat - Sir Neil Gray
 Wagon - Reimund the Wanderer
 Webminister - THL Sebastian of Iron Mountain and Deputy - Lady Juliana verch Hoell

Bright and early Monday morning, Mistress Jorhildr held her class at Scribe’s Point on *Making and Painting with Malachite and Azurite*. At ten o’clock Master Gilbert over on Artisan’s Row presented *SCA 101: Welcome to the Modern Middle Ages*, while over at Scribe’s Point THL Gaius and THL Cecilia offered *Scroll Case Quickie*.

Around eleven o’clock Tuesday morning, Mistress Jorhildr offered *Celtic Visions Chainmail Weave* in Artisan’s Row. Master Gilbert repeated his class at noon on Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning Master Gilbert gave a walking tour of Gulf Wars entitled *Where’s Gulf Wars? A Walking History of Gulf Wars*. It started at Artisan’s Row. At ten o’clock at Scribe’s Point THL

Gaius and THL Cecilia offered *Scroll Case Quickie* for the second time. At three o'clock in the afternoon Mistress Jorhildr offered her *Tiny Limp-bound Bookbinding Workshop* to make a 1"x1.5" leather book.

Thursday morning found Baroness Celestine Albrit in the Artisan's Row discussing *Successful Herb Selection and Cultivation*. One o'clock found Mistress Marcilla offering how to develop an SCA resume that could be used both for SCA and mundanely entitled *Resume! I don't need no stinking resume?* Mistress Jorhildr was holding another hands-on class there, *Chainmail Pendant*, to learn how to make chainmail and create a pendant in the process. She offered a class to make a *Double Spiral Chainmail Bracelet* at three o'clock.

Evidently the rain came late Thursday and continued throughout the next day. Rain had also occurred at the start of the war week with the weather dropping into the 30's during the nights and remaining so even after the sun had reappeared.

Due to the amount of rain, causing major mud drifts and eliminating the ability to traverse by foot and by wheel on the roads within Kings Arrow Ranch, classes at Artisans Row were canceled for Friday afternoon and Saturday. Baroness Celestine Albrit may have been able to hold her nine o'clock class on Period and Modern Rose Variety Cultivation and Mistress Jorhildr might have held a repeat of the *Tiny Limp-bound Bookbinding Workshop* at ten o'clock in Artisan's Row, but Gaius' one o'clock *Scroll Case Quickie* class at Scribe's Point was canceled. He had ten people take the class during the first and second times it was held. Likewise Mistress Jorhildr's *Byzantine Chainmail Bracelet Workshop* at Artisan's Row was canceled that afternoon.

The Known World Party was to be Friday night at the fort and Great Court Closing Ceremonies at the fort Saturday.

Tuesday evening, March 13, the Gleann Abhann Social was held on the grounds at Bede Hall, with set up scheduled from four to six o'clock and the Social going to ten o'clock. King James and Queen Joan had court open during the Social. Jam Recarediz received a Court Barony. The scroll was made by Cecilia Augustina and the parchment used was from a deer skin transformed through Cecilia's efforts. She was called up to be recognized and thanked for her beautiful work. And then she was asked to join the Order of the Laurel. (Note: Cecilia is an apprentice to Mistress Jane Beaumont and a protégé to Master Gilbert des Moulins. Tentatively her elevation will occur at Kingdom Arts and Sciences in August.)

At ten o'clock Wednesday morning a procession gathered to depart from Herald's Point with Bran Finn hua Neill being drawn in a chariot while the Pork of the Covenant was carried and banners waved. The procession traversed to 5 Points where King James and Queen Joan were waiting. The Crown of Gleann Abhann with the army of Gleann Abhann mustered at 5 Points joined the procession to the Clan Gambit encampment, where the Crown placed Bran on vigil for elevation to the Order of the Pelican. Sir Loric and Mistress Diana and Mistress Crystyna's house was used for the vigil location. The Gleann Abhann Army then departed to fight in the ravine battle.

Ca' d'Oro Renaissance Salon hosted the first Inter-Kingdom Bocce Ball Tournament at Gulf Wars on Thursday morning at ten o'clock. The winner was Master Guiseppe of Caid.

Kingdom courts were Thursday evening, most starting at six o'clock. Gleann Abhann's court of King James II and Queen Joan II was held on the rapier field. Baroness Amata swore fealty. The elevation of Bran Finn hua Neill was held. Master Gilbert des Moulins spoke for the Pelicans. Sir Mika'il al-Rashid spoke for the Chivalry. Mistress Isabel Winterbourne spoke for the Laurels. She also made the red cloak embroidered with the Pelican done in silk on wool, split, stem and satin stitch, gold couching, and couched finger-loop braiding. Master Erik of Telemark spoke for the Order of Defense. Countess Diana of the Isles spoke for the Royals. THLady Melisande le Piryere spoke for the Populace. The scroll was done by Master Conall O Caindealbhain. As described by Master Conall:

The ornamented text scroll is based on folio 8r (the ornamental text page beginning the Breves Causae of Matthew), the second page scroll is ruled based on the next folio 8v and format based on 55v (Matthew) of The Book of Kells (Dublin, Trinity College MS. 58). The Book of Kells was made around the year 800 possibly in Iona and finally Kells by “a team of artists and scribes.” It “has always been linked with the name Columcille and represents the supreme achievement of the scribal tradition that he founded.” The miniscule text is from the first and last verses of the poem Pangur Ban, a 9th Century Old Irish poem by an anonymous monk about his pet cat, from the Reichenau Primer, folio 1v.

Many others were recognized by the Crown during Kingdom court or throughout the many days of the war. One office officially changed as Lord Odhran Corban took on the position of Sardonyx Clerk from Baroness Adalyde de Sardaigne.

Award recipients during the week of Gulf Wars XXVII included:

Order of the Silver Lamp – Uther von Ziemer

Order of the War Horn – Floki Heimdalsen and Briar Kievich

Award of Arms – Katrin de Gray, Isobel de Gray, Branwen of Blackmoor Keep, Jeorge Prather, Kothran, Edward de Berwick, and Amy Squirrel.

Grant of Arms – Galiana D’Avinhon and Broddi Raudskegger

Order of the Marble Chalice – Helana de Navarre

Mark of Fribrand – Malachi O’Conner

The A&S competitions were held in Bede Hall. The A&S Champion War Point Competition was on Thursday with set up from eight to nine o’clock, a judges meeting at nine-thirty, and judging from ten to one o’clock in the afternoon. Artisan consultation was from one to two o’clock with public viewing from two to three o’clock, and display pick-up from three to four o’clock.

The A&S Open Display was on Friday with set up from eight to ten and public viewing from ten to three o’clock. Award presentations were at three o’clock with display pick-up afterwards and concluding at four o’clock.

The A&S War Point from the A&S Open Display went to Fronika for her German purse. Mistress Magdalena de Segovia’s daughter won War Bard, a first for Gleann Abhann.

The Shire of Ardanroe had a good showing at Gulf Wars with at least twelve members present – Gilbert and Marcilla, Marion and Sigmundr, Joya and Jurgis, Gaius and Cecilia, Evlaliia and Qabil, Amata, and Esteban. Marion was a merchant with Hobbtronics and had a successful vendor experience. Many books and materials were taken to Herald’s Point for consultation by Gaius and Evlaliia as Moonestone and Ruby Herald for Gleann Abhann. Evlaliia collected all of the submissions for Gleann Abhann Friday.

It was noted that sanitation was much better this year with two smaller vehicles that could get around faster to clean the facilities and even had placed “smell goods” in the vents. Of the several food merchant venues, the Queens Table offered the fighters special and that was considered a great meal at a good price. There were several new vendors this year and the shopping was fun. The weather was not considered as bad as Gulfnado last year. Despite the amount of mud brought back on garb, vehicles, tents, and bodies, the twenty-seventh Gulf Wars was described by four Shire folk as “Best War ever”.



Bran's cloak made by Mistress Isabel Winterbourne

(Photo by Mistress Isabel Winterbourne)

Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation – April 13-15, 2018 (AS LII)

The Crown announced Thursday night, March 1, 2018 that Their Royal Highnesses Stefan and Macha were abdicating. Spring Coronation will include a Crown List. The Shires of Tor an Riogh and Troll Fen jointly hosted the Spring Coronation and special Crown List for Heirs for a Day to be crowned King or Queen that evening (dubbed Crown-a-Nation) the second weekend of April at Camp Camellia in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Olivia Grey was the autocrat with Mistress Crystyna Hyrundo in charge of reservations, both from the Shire of Tor an Riogh. Mistress Belisencia le Sawnyng from the Shire of Troll Fen was the feastcrat.

The site opened at five o'clock on Friday, April 13 with troll in the main hall. Traveler's fare was to begin at seven o'clock in the main hall, but was delayed due to traffic issue brought on by the turbulent weather. Traveler's fare was "make your own chicken tacos".

Friday night were the first ever (and possibly only time ever) Friday Night Luchadore Viking Games. Participants were asked to wear Luchadore masks. Games involved tug of war, king of the wooden chest, and other activities. The winner, Lady Dinara Torzhokskaia, received a white banner with a blue and red Luchadore mask on it as the prize.

Troll opened at seven o'clock Saturday morning in the large concrete open-air pavilion. The Consort Breakfast and the populace breakfast were both held in the main hall starting at eight o'clock. The populace had two breakfasts. There was First Breakfast, laid out earlier, which was just muffins with coffee, milk, and juice. The main breakfast at eight o'clock included three varieties of quiches of ham and cheese, spinach and cheese, and mushroom, onion and cheese. There was also hashbrowns with topping on the side, baked ham, peanut butter banana bread, and coffee, milk, and juice.

The Consort breakfast was put together by THLadies Sara de la Petra and Myra of the Glen. It was served by the companions of the Queen's Blade. The room was decorated with items on the wall and little vases of flowers on the tables. Omelets were created on demand.

Set-up for the Scroll Preprint Contest in the main hall also began at this time. Voting was held until two-thirty. This contest was run by THLady Cecilia Augustina, Topaze Signet. Entries were to be line-drawn illustrations. This was an unpainted illuminated page with plenty of space for the text of awards to be placed. There were nine entries by four individuals – Jam Recarediz, Signy Stavanger, Cyprian an Doire, and Avelina Faukes. It was Avelina who won the Scroll Preprint Contest.

Armor inspection also began at eight o'clock, but outside at the large pavilion.

Eighteen combatants composing seventeen couples were initially accepted for the special Crown List. These were:

Duke Loric Sylvestris fighting for and being fought for by Duchess Diana of the Isles

Count Angus Mac Owen fighting for Countess Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow

Count Wernherus Rudemann fighting for Mistress Olrún Elidasdóttir

Viscount Connor Eldridge fighting for Mistress Victoria Philo

Sir Grimbaldus Bacon fighting for Mistress Bethan Bacon

Master Gilbert des Moulins fighting for Mistress Marsilla la Despensere

Sir John the Bellringer fighting for Baroness Sara de la Val

Sir Griffin Fitz Wyse fighting for Mistress Belisencia le Sawnyng

Master Ryan Dollas fighting for Mistress Katheline van Weye

Baron Lannon Mac Gilvary fighting for Baroness Katerina Dmitrieva

Baron Æduin Hacke fighting for Baroness Deborah of Haleshaven

THLord Gwyn Blayne fighting for THLady Else Fitzpen
THLord Varukh syn larygin fighting for Lady Nastasiia Feodora doch'
THLord Thorgrim Riftwalker fighting for Lady Brenna O'Duynie
Lord Cristoff de Winter fighting for THLady Béibhinn inghean Aindriasa
Lord Tancred fighting for Lady Olivia Grey
Lord Floki Heimdalson fighting for Lady Kitta Fuxdottir

Duchess Diana was the only female combatant in the tourney. Both she and Duke Loric were fighting for each other. On Saturday morning, Lord Cristoff withdrew from the tourney. That left seventeen combatants. A perfect sixteen or multiple of sixteen is needed in order to not require any Bye fights in the tourney, so there would be a Bye fighter.

This was the first Gleann Abhann Crown List that Master Ryan Dollas, a Master of Defense, entered. The Master of Defense, a new Peerage in the SCA, is for recognition of rapier (or light weapons) fighters. This Peerage was created Society-wide with the first elevations to this Peerage in May 2015. Master Ryan is the second person to join this Peerage in Gleann Abhann, back in July 2015.

Master Gilbert des Moulins became the oldest fighter on record to enter a Gleann Abhann Crown List.

Count Angus and Countess Meaghan had ruled together as King and Queen of Meridies from 11 September 1999 to 1 April 2000. Sir Angus was a squire of Duke Stephen Wolfe, who hails from the line of Duke Kane Redfeather. At least two of Sir Angus' squires have become knights, Seth of Newcastle, formerly of the Shire of Wyrmegeist who now lives in or near the Barony of Gladdenfeld, and Rian Mulligan, of the Shire of Wyrmegeist. Sir Rian was the second person to be elevated to the Order of Chivalry in the new Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. Sir Carson Wynne from the Shire of Troll Fen was a squire to Sir Rian and thus hails from Angus' line. Today Count Angus wore his red cape with his "Superman-styled" letter A for Angus.

Count Wernherus Rudemann had been King of Meridies from 3 April 2004 to 11 September 2004. His Consort then was Lailiane Asenina. Sir Wernherus is the eighth squire to Duke Stephen Wolfe to be elevated to the Order of the Chivalry in the Kingdom of Meridies. Sir Wernherus is also currently the last squire to Duke Stephen Wolfe to be elevated to the Order of the Chivalry.

Viscount Connor Eldridge was the seventh Prince of the Principality of Gleann Abhann. He and Gabrielle von Strassburg had sat upon the ram thrones of the Principality from 3 November 2001 to 18 May 2002. Sir Connor, like Sir Loric, was a squire to Duke Kane Redfeather. Connor's arms are *Sable, a gauntlet clenched Or and on a chief argent a cross gules charged with a lion passant guardant Or*. In the tournament today he wore a red cross on a white surcoat and carried a black shield with a white chief.

The procession of combatants and consorts was held shortly after nine o'clock. The oath of fealty was sworn by the combatants and consorts around nine-thirty followed by the swearing of the sword oath by the combatants. The list was a double elimination with a blind draw each round to determine the pairing of opponents. Each bout was best two out of three. Two fields would be run at a time. The first round pairing saw Count Angus with the Bye Fighter, Duke Loric facing Sir Griffin, Duchess Diana facing Sir John, Count Wernherus facing Sir Grimbaldus, Viscount Connor facing Master Gilbert, Master Ryan facing Lord Floki, Baron Lannon facing Lord Tancred, Baron Æduin facing THL Gwynn, and THL Varukh facing THL Thorgrim.

Sir Griffin, Sir John, Viscount Connor, Lord Floki, Baron Lannon, and THL Gwynn defeated their opponents by winning the first two fights of their bouts. Count Wernherus won on a split and THL Varukh won the last two fights of the bout.

For the second round in the winners bracket THL Varukh met the Bye Fighter, while Lannon faced John, Griffin faced Connor, Floki faced Angus, and Wernherus faced Gwynn. John, Connor, Angus, and Wernherus each won their first two fights of the bout to advance.

For the second round in the losers bracket (combatant having lost one bout) Diana faced Grimbaldus, Loric faced Æduin, Tancred faced Gilbert, and Thorgrim faced Ryan. Grimbaldus, Loric, Tancred, and Thorgrim each won their first two fights of the bout to advance. Diana, Æduin, Gilbert, and Ryan were eliminated, each having now lost two bouts.

For the third round in the winners bracket Sir John met the Bye Fighter, while Wernherus faced Angus, and Varukh faced Connor. Over in the loser's bracket Gwynn faced Floki, Loric faced Grimbaldus, Griffin faced Tancred, and Lannon faced Thorgrim. Due to seriously bad weather including several tornado warnings, everyone moved inside the hall for the next hour. During this break a brief court was held by Their Royal Majesties James II and Joan II to recognize several individuals. This would also help shorten the business during their final court, thus making up time in the delay of the tournament. It may also have been during this break that Landon Blood became a squire to Sir Lorccan.

Around eleven-thirty the crown list resumed. Angus advanced with a split while Connor won his first two fights of the third round. Gwynn, Griffin, and Thorgrim each won their first two fights to advance, while Grimbaldus won with a split. Floki, Loric, Tancred, and Lannon were eliminated at the conclusion of the third round.

For the fourth round in the winners bracket Viscount Connor met the Bye Fighter, while Count Angus and Sir John faced off. Angus won the first two fights. The winner of the winner's bracket would be determined between Connor and Angus. Angus claimed the winner's bracket defeating Connor in the first two fights, ending the fifth round of that bracket. Count Angus would now wait to see who he would face in the finals.

For the fourth round in the losers bracket Gwynn faced Griffin, Varukh faced Wernherus, and Thorgrim faced Grimbaldus. Griffin, Wernherus, and Grimbaldus each won their first two fights to advance. Gwynn, Varukh, and Thorgrim were eliminated at the conclusion of the fourth round.

For the fifth round in the losers bracket Wernherus faced John, while Grimbaldus and Griffin faced off. Both Wernherus and Grimbaldus advanced with a split, while John and Griffin were eliminated.

The sixth round was between Grimbaldus and Wernherus. Again Grimbaldus advanced with a split, Count Wernherus eliminated and coming in fourth place.

The seventh round was to determine the victor of the loser's bracket. This was between Grimbaldus and Connor. This time Connor won with a split. Sir Grimbaldus came in third place. Viscount Connor would face Count Angus once again, and this time it would be the finals.

Count Angus defeated Viscount Connor with a split in the finals. Viscount Connor came in second place. Count Angus was proclaimed winner and Heir of Gleann Abhann with his consort Countess Meaghan. The special crown list tournament concluded just before one o'clock.

The multitude of workers who kept the tournament running included Lady Catherine Vallemont as listmistress and Social Media reporter. She was assisted by her husband Lord Laurence O'Coileain. Field heralds included Baron Guillermo Berenguer de los Almogavares, Baron Jam Recarediz, and THL Kathryne MacIntosh the Strange. The list tree of shields was run by Baroness Judith Wilkinson and her husband THL Thomas Wilkinson. Duke William FitzHugh de Cambria, Duke Jon the Tall, and Duke Caillin MacLeod may have been the marshals. They kept Catherine updated as to the winners in the multiple fields. Mistress Katheline van Weye, Baron Jam, and Lady Olivia Gray helped return the shields to the combatant's pavilions from the list tree as fighters were eliminated from the tournament.

| Crown List at Coronation – Winner’s Bracket – 14April2018 | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Winner of Winner’s Bracket |
| Loric | | | | | |
| Griffin | | | | | |
| | Lannon | BYE | | | |
| John | John | John | | | |
| Diana | | | | | |
| | Floki | | John | | |
| Angus | Angus | Angus | Angus | Angus | Angus |
| BYE | | Wernherus | | | |
| | Gwyn | | | | |
| Wernherus | Wernherus | | | | |
| Grimbaldus | | | | | |
| | Griffin | | BYE (Alfrikr) | | |
| Connor | Connor | Connor | Connor | Connor | |
| Gilbert | | Varukh | | | |
| | Varukh | | | | |
| Floki | BYE | | | | |
| Ryan | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Lannon | | | | | |
| Tancred | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Gwyn | | | | | |
| Æduin | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Varukh | | | | | |
| Thorgrim | | | | | |

| Crown List at Coronation – Loser’s Bracket – 14April2018 | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Round 6 | Round 7 | Winner of Loser’s Bracket |
| Diana | | | | | | |
| Grimbaldus | Grimbaldus | Grimbaldus | Grimbaldus | Grimbaldus | Grimbaldus | |
| | | Thorgrim | | | Connor | Connor |
| Loric | Loric | | | | | |
| Æduin | | Gwyn | | | | |
| | Griffin | Griffin | Griffin | | | |
| Tancred | Tancred | | | | | |
| Gilbert | | Varukh | | | | |
| | Lannon | Wernherus | Wernherus | Wernherus | | |
| Thorgrim | Thorgrim | | John | | | |
| Ryan | | | | | | |

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|--|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Gwyn | | | | | |
| | Floki | | | | | |

| Crown List at Coronation – Finals – 14April2018 | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Finals | Bout 1 | Bout 2 | Bout 3 |
| Angus mac Owen | Angus | | Angus |
| Connor Eldridge | | Connor | |

At conclusion of the tourney, after King James crowned Angus as his Heir and Queen Joan crowned Meaghan as Princess, and cheers were proclaimed, the elevation to the Order of the Pelican of Maistre Damiano was held. He is now thrice a Peer, having joined the Order of the Laurels (date), the Order of Defense (date), and now the Order of the Pelican. This was held 'on the field' being under the big open air concrete pavilion.

Lunch and a Finance Meeting of the Crown and Heirs were both held after the tourney. Red beans and rice with or without sausage was served to the populace.

As the afternoon progressed the members of the Order of the Pelican met and the members of the Order of the Laurel met. A Bear Pit Tournament was held for both heavy and rapier. Voting concluded in the Preprint Scroll Contest. An Arietem Donum gift exchange was held. I do not know what that really is. The Scribal Guild also held a meeting.

Roughly three hours after the conclusion of the crown list, the final court of King James II and Queen Joan II was held inside the main hall. Many members of the populace were recognized for their service and skills, some at this time and some earlier in the day during the break in the tournament. These gentlefolk included Sara de la Petra (Silver Lamp), Sara de la Val (Diamond Chalice), Erik of Telemark and Adam Goodwine (Rams Heart). The Sovereign's Letter of Endorsement was given to Thorgrim Riftwalker, Gellir Gunnarsson, Briar Kievich, Æduin Hacke, Axel Ulfgarsson, Fatima al-Naqidah, Athas, William FitzHugh de Cambria, Griffin FitzWyse, and Jali Bukha. The Jewelled Ring was given by the Queen to Ryan Dollas, Danielle de la Roche, Kathleen of Lagerdamm, Theresa of Lagerdamm, Viktoriya Philo, Jacqueline d'Anjou, Floki Heimdalson, Kitta Foxdottir, Aillet Hartmann, Inga Knarbringga, Abe Atsuko, Belisencia de Sawnyng, Brynja Valsdottir, Isobel de Gray, Gentile D'Orleans, Lopthaena kolgrimrsdottir, Cecilia Augustina, and Else Fitzpen. Sir Grimbald Bacon received the Wreath of Chivalry, while the Francois Favor was given to Angus Mac Owen and Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow.

During the final court of King James and Queen Joan, Hel, Goddess of the Underworld in Norse Mythos, returned to take her throne, having made bargains with the Queen during the Coronation of the Apocalypse, wherein a part of the Queen was given to Hel so that James could be freed to become King. Hel settled for taking King James back to the underworld. Joan renounced the throne and took up her spear and magic helmet to find James again.

The Chivalry immediately took up positions to guard the thrones. The Kingdom Seneschal, Master Adam, announced that the sword of state is stuck in its scabbard. Who so ever pulls it out shall be king. Duke Jon the Tall tries but cannot do it. Duchess Diana and Countess Joan together try but cannot do it. Prince Angus tries and pulls forth the sword of state. Master Adam presents the crown to Prince Angus, who crowns himself King of Gleann Abhann. Princess Meaghan is crowned Queen. The Oaths of Fealty are sworn.

Mistress Jacqueline introduces her two new apprentices. Duchies are presented to James and Joan. King Angus places the ducal coronet on Joan, while Queen Meaghan places the ducal coronet on

James. A beautiful scroll by Master Conall O Caindealbhain is presented. Duke Jon is called forth to read a letter from Master Nicholas. The Laurels are invited into court. And then Duchess Joan is invited into court. She is asked if she would like to join the Laurels as a member. Her vigil and elevation are later scheduled for the Tournament of Champions.

Feast was held shortly after the conclusion of court in the main hall. The appetizers included assorted mini savory tarts (onion, mushroom, and cheese tarts) along with crackers, cheese, nuts, and fruit. The first main course was pasta and pork meatballs in a butter cheese sauce with peas and glazed carrots. The second main course was chicken pot pie with fresh salad.

A Coronation Ball was to be held after feast. Due to the weather many of the activities were held inside the main hall rather than under large or small pavilions outside. The site closed at ten o'clock Sunday.

Feast of Saint Bogdacious – April 20-22, 2018 (AS LII)

The Barony of Axemoor held the Feast of Saint Bogdacious the third weekend of April at Camp Camellia in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Andrew mac Corrin and Emma Grey were the co-autocrats. Alfie O'Calleigh was the feastocrat. Reservations were handled by Mistress Martha Effingham of Stewarts Keep. The theme was Italian (or Italian City-States or Families) with it being the time of Renegotiations between the Four Families, represented by the four Baronies in Gleann Abhann – Small Gray Bear, Seleone, Grey Niche, and Axemoor.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday evening and closed at ten o'clock Sunday morning. Feast was limited to 100. Chili with cheese and crackers was provided at seven o'clock as traveler's fare. At nine o'clock two torchlight tourneys were held, one heavy and one rapier. Assassination and bribery were encouraged for these no-holds bar tournaments.

Troll closed at one o'clock and reopened at six o'clock Saturday morning. A buffet of crapes was provided for the breaking of fasts. Armor inspection was to start at eight-thirty with set up for A&S competition at nine. Judging of the A&S display was from ten o'clock in the morning to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Activities for children were held from nine o'clock to three o'clock with a one hour break for lunch at noon. The morning classes were Page School 101 and how to play Bocci. The afternoon activities included board games and a scavenger hunt.

Some activities were specific for the Barony, while others were for the Crown. King Angus and Queen Meaghan requested holding the Sentry and Queen's Yeoman tourneys. The King's Champion would also be decided from the heavy tournaments of the day.

A great sword tourney and the Baronial rapier championship were held in the morning. The Baronial rapier championship counted as a Rapier TOC qualifier. Archery and live weapons practice was also made available.

The noon lunch was a fundraiser. Troll closed at one o'clock in the afternoon. Shortly thereafter the Sentry and the Queen's Yeoman Tournaments were held. The Sentry was live weapons – knives, axes, and spears thrown at targets. The Queen's Yeoman was target archery. The Baronial heavy weapons championship, which was a TOC qualifier, began soon after. Unlike the Friday night torchlight tourneys, no assassination or bribery that would affect the outcome of the great sword tourney or the Baronial Championships were permitted. Gambling was encouraged.

Throughout the day gentlefolk could try their luck at the gaming tables, rat races, gambling on the tourneys, assassinations and bribery in keeping with the Italian Families theme. Classes were also held during the day.

Around five o'clock King Angus and Queen Meaghan's royal court opened attended by the Baron and Baroness of Axemoor and the other heads of the four families. Sir Mi'kail al-Rashid was named King's Champion. Eloise was named Gleann Abhann Yeoman, otherwise known as the Queen's Yeoman. Duke James the Holy was named Sentry of Gleann Abhann. Awards of Arms were given to Andsvarr Hardradi, Jon Brennan, Lopthaena Kolgrimrsdottir, and Roki Ormrsson. Egil Harroldson and Olyeg the Quiet received a Jewelled Ring from the Queen. Sazia uxor Jeoffre Ferron received a Marble Chalice. Gidney Gillyhaven and Angharat verch Trahaern each received an Award of Arms as they respectively were awarded a Silver Ram and the Arrow and Bolt. Christof D'Wynter called the Wolf was Granted Arms.

Feast followed court. The first remove was a meat and cheese tray with crackers. Pasta with a choice of marinara or Alfredo sauce was the second remove. Zuppa toscana soup with flat bread formed the third remove, while a beef roll composed the fourth remove. The fifth remove was the dessert, cannoli with traditional and modern fillings. Bards were encouraged to participate in music and dancing after the feast.

Beltaine – April 27-29, 2018 (AS LII)

The Barony of Grey Niche held Beltaine the fourth weekend of April at Piersol Group Camp in Meeman Shelby State Park near Millington, Tennessee. The theme was Red vs. Blue – The Spanish vs. the French: Colonization of the South in the 1500's. Lady Brenna O'Duynie was the autocrat and Baroness Ida de Lorca was the feastcrat. Reservations were handled by Lord Geirmundr Hrafnsson.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday evening and closed at ten o'clock Sunday morning. Their Royal Majesties Angus and Meaghan held their Rapier Champion tourney during the day, naming Lord Cyprian an Doire Gleann Abhann Rapier Champion. Other gentlefolk recognized by the Crown during court in the evening included Onyx Chalices to Sean Patrick O'Donnell, Margherita de Verde, and Odhran Corbaid; Silver Ram to Nicholas Swift; Gules Quill to Katryne MacIntosh the Strange; and a Grant of Arms to Brenna O'Duynie. Mistress Katheline van Weye was inducted into the Order of the Diamond Chalice. Sarah de Warenne and Hrafn Knutsson were made Citizens of Gleann Abhann.

Candlelight Camp: A May Day Celebration – May 5, 2018 (AS LIII)

The Barony of Small Gray Bear held as a one-day event their annual Candlelight Camp event. This year it was held at Camp Couchdale near Hot Springs, Arkansas. The site opened at eight o'clock and closed at eleven o'clock on the first Saturday of the month of May. Elizabeth Lee was the autocrat. Lord Guillaume the Knave was the feastcrat. Reservations were handled by Roise Inghean Fhaolain. This was the first event of the new Society Year (Anno Societatus LIII being 53) in Gleann Abhann.

Gentlefolk recognized by the Crown for service to the Kingdom and local groups included Marble Chalices to Katrin de Gray, Art mac Ruadain ui Lugdach, and Master Rowland Addison Carrick; Award of Arms to Marsia; and a Silver Ram to Mia Segovia Montero. Siobhan O'ros Mhic Treain was

recognized for her service to the youth of Gleann Abhann with the Order of the Shepherd and an Award of Arms, while Elrick Hellstorm was inducted into the Order of the Combattant Ram and received an Award of Arms.

Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List – May 18-20, 2018 (AS LIII)

Three groups co-hosted the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann's Spring Crown List the third weekend of May at Warner-Tully Memorial YMCA Camp in Port Gibson, Mississippi. The co-event stewards were Master Cinaed de Eden and HE Dia Rambert representing the Shire of Smythkepe and the Barony of Small Gray Bear respectively. The co-feast stewards were Countess Emma del Trees and THL Renee Reynold representing the Barony of Small Gray Bear and Shire of Pilgrims Fount respectively. Reservations were also handled by THL Renee Reynolds from the Shire of Pilgrims Fount.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday night. Entries for the Largesse Derby were accepted at troll until ten o'clock that evening. Traveler's fare of turkey and rice with bread, coffee and tea was laid out at seven o'clock.

In the morning all items for the Largesse Derby were moved to the Largesse Pavilion located behind AlfrikR and Runa's pavilion. Entrees arriving that morning were accepted from seven to nine o'clock. Voting on the largesse would be held from eleven o'clock to two o'clock. It was requested that a largesse entry consist of seven of the same made items. An example might be seven hand-fans.

Breaking of fast for the populace began at seven-thirty, while the Consort's Breakfast started at eight o'clock. Armor inspection began at nine o'clock. The populace breakfast included ham, eggs, pancakes with syrup, and as drinks, apple juice, coffee, and hot tea.

The procession of the couples entering the list, combatants and consorts, began just after ten o'clock. Twenty-one combatants and twenty-one consorts formed the procession, though there were only nineteen couples. Sir William of Glen Lyon and THLady Fatimah al-Naqidah fought for each other, as did THLord Thorgrim Riftwalker and THLady Brenna O'Duynie. Three ladies were entered as combatants, Fatimah, Brenna, and Isobel de Gray. The couples processing were:

Duke Gareth le Bruin fighting for Countess Lailiane Asenina
Count Wernherus Rudemann fighting for Mistress Olrun Elidasdottir
Viscount Connor Eldridge fighting for Mistress Victoria Philo
Sir Grimbaldus Bacon fighting for Mistress Bethany Bacon
Master Ryan Dollas fighting for Mistress Katheline van Weye
Sir Griffin FitzWyse fighting for Mistress Belisencia le Sawnyng
Master Gellir Gunnarsson fighting for Mistress Brigida Ingvarsdottir
Sir Lorccán hua Conchobair fighting for Lady Elizabeth Blackburn
Sir William of Glen Lyon and THL Fatimah al-Naqidah fighting for each other
THL Axel Ulfgarsson fighting for Mistress Jacqueline d'Anjou
THL Varukh syn iarygin fighting for Lady Nastasiia Feodora Doch
THL Gwynn Bleyne fighting for Thl Else FitPen
THL Thorgrim Riftwalker and THL Brenna O'Duynie fighting for each other
THL Cristoff de Winter fighting for THLady Béibhinn inghean Aindriasa
Lord Phlorianos Kavallarios fighting for Maerwynn Uxor Floriani
Lord AlfrikR Rikkson fighting for Lady Runa Brynhildriddottir

Lady Isobel de Gray fighting for Duke James the Holy
Lord Tancred of Tor an Riogh fighting for Lady Olivia Grey
Art mac Ruadain ui Lugdach fighting for Mechera de Corvinis

At the conclusion of the procession, around ten-forty, both the combatants and consorts swore the Oath of Fealty. The combatants remained on the field to swear the Sword's Oath. The tournament was double-elimination with each bout being best two out of three. Sir Stephan Dustifoot was the bye fighter. The Emerald Herald, list minister, was Baroness Dia Rambert. She was assisted by Lady Theresia de la Brooke. The List Tree, otherwise known as the Shield Tree, displaying the arms of the combatants in each bout, was set up by Baroness Judith Wilkinson and her husband THL Thomas Wilkinson. They were assisted by Countess Laurlein (Lorelei) von Orlamunde and the Horner boys. The field heralds included Lady Katrin de Gray, Master Stephan of Durham, and Baron Jam Recarediz. The final bout of the tournament was heralded by Mistress Daphne of Colchester in honor of her gracious service at the request of THL Brendan Sionnach, Diamond Principal Herald. Catherine Vallemont was the Social Media reporter for the tournament.

Due to the length of the tournament, the lunch fundraiser was held at noon while the tournament progressed. Lasagna, salad, and garlic bread were eaten at the field as the populace watched the tourney.

The twenty-one combatants formed eleven pairings for the first round including one with the bye fighter. These pairings forming the first round were as follows:

Sir Grimbaldus Bacon vs Lord Tancred of Tor an Riogh
Sir Griffin Fitz Wyse vs Art mac Ruadain ui Lugdach
Sir Lorccán hua Conchobair vs Lord AlfrikR Rikkson
THL Thorgrim Riftwalker vs THL Varukh syn iarygin
Duke Gareth Le Bruin vs THL Axel Ulfgarsson
Sir William of Glen Lyon vs THL Cristoff de Winter
Master Gellir Gunnarsson vs Lady Isobel de Gray
THL Brenna O'Duynie vs THL Gwynn Bleyne
Master Ryan Dollas vs THL Fatimah al-Naqidah
Count Wernherus vs THL Phlorianos Kavallarios
Viscount Sir Connor vs Bye

The tournament began in earnest just before eleven o'clock. Sir Grimbaldus, Sir Griffin, Lord AlfrikR, THL Thorgrim, Duke Gareth, THL Christoff, Master Gellir, THL Gwynn, and Count Wernherus each won their first two bouts to advance in the winner's bracket. THLady Fatimah won her last two bouts to advance. Viscount Connor advanced following his bye fight.

The first round of the loser bracket was composed of the ten combatants who were defeated in the first pairings. A perfect list has sixteen combatants or a multiple of sixteen. There being twenty-one combatants, the number of bye fights to keep the list running smoothly was quite large. This became evident with two bye fights in this round of the loser bracket and more occurring for numerous rounds. The loser bracket pairings were Lord Tancred vs Art, Sir Lorccán vs THL Varukh, THL Axel vs Sir William, THL Brenna vs Lady Isobel, and byes for both Master Ryan and THL Phlorianos. Art won his last two fights, while Sir Lorccán and THL Axel won their first two fights, and THL Brenna won with a split to advance. Lord Tancred, THL Varukh, Sir William, and Lady Isobel were eliminated, each having lost two bouts (round one and round two).

The second round of the winner's bracket began just before noon. Sir Grimbaldus faced Sir Griffin, THL Thorgrim faced Lord AlfrikR, Duke Gareth faced THL Christoff, Master Gellir faced THL Gwynn, THL Fatimah had the bye, and Count Wernherus faced Viscount Connor. Sir Griffin, Duke Gareth, and Viscount Connor each won their first two fights to advance, while Lord AlfrikR won his last two and Master Gellir had a split.

In the second round of the loser bracket Christoff faced Phlorianos, Sir Lorccán had a bye, Count Wernherus faced Axel, Sir Grimbaldus faced Brenna, Master Ryan faced Thorgrim, and Gwynn faced Art. Phlorianos, Axel, Sir Grimbaldus, and Gwynn each won their first two to advance, while Thorgrim yielded to Master Ryan. Sir Lorccán advanced following his bye. THL Christoff, Count Wernherus, THL Brenna, THL Thorgrim, and Art were eliminated from the tournament.

The third round of the loser bracket immediately followed the second round of the loser bracket. Both Phlorianos and Sir Grimbaldus had byes, while Sir Lorccán faced Axel and Master Ryan faced Gwynn. Axel and Gwynn each won their first two to advance, eliminating Sir Lorccán and Master Ryan from the tournament.

The third round of the winner's bracket began just after one o'clock. Both Sir Griffin and Master Gellir had byes, while Duke Gareth faced Lord AlfrikR and Viscount Connor faced THL Fatimah. Duke Gareth and Viscount Connor each won their first two to advance.

The fourth round of the loser bracket began just before one-thirty. While Axel and Gwynn each had byes, Phlorianos faced AlfrikR and Sir Grimbaldus faced Fatimah. AlfrikR won with a split, while Fatimah won her first two to advance. Lord Phlorianos and Sir Grimbaldus were eliminated from the tournament.

The fourth round of the winner's bracket saw Duke Gareth facing Sir Griffin, as Viscount Connor faced Master Gellir. The Duke and Viscount again won their first two to advance. They would face off to determine the winner of the winner's bracket.

The fifth round of the loser bracket saw Axel facing AlfrikR and Gwynn facing Fatimah. Axel won his first two, while Gwynn took a split to advance. THL AlfrikR and THL Fatimah were eliminated. Fatimah fought five bouts and at least twelve fights before ending her run in the tournament.

The fifth round of the winner's bracket was to determine the winner of the winner's bracket. Duke Gareth faced off against Viscount Connor taking the winner's bracket by winning his first two fights. Duke Gareth would face whomever won the loser bracket in the finals for Crown List.

The sixth round of the loser bracket saw Master Gellir face Axel, while Sir Griffin faced Gwynn. THL Axel won his last two, while Sir Griffin won his first two to advance. Master Gellir and THL Gwynn were eliminated.

The seventh round of the loser bracket saw Sir Griffin face off against THL Axel. Sir Griffin won his first two, eliminating THL Axel Ulfgarsson, who placed fourth in the tournament.

The eighth round of the loser bracket was to determine the winner of the loser bracket. This was held around two-fifteen after a short break. Sir Griffin faced Viscount Connor, winning his first two to take the loser bracket. Viscount Connor Eldredge placed third in the tournament.

Another break was held before the final bout between Duke Gareth le Bruin and Sir Griffin Fitz Wyse. The finals were held sometime between two-thirty and three o'clock in the afternoon. Duke Gareth defeated Sir Griffin to be proclaimed winner of the tournament and Heir of Gleann Abhann. Sir Griffin took second place.

Gareth le Bruin and Lailiane Asenina were named Prince and Princess of Gleann Abhann, Heirs to the Ram throne.

| Spring Crown List – Winner’s Bracket – 19 May 2018 | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Winner of Winner’s Bracket |
| Grimbaldus | | | | | |
| Tancred | | | | | |
| | Grimbaldus | | | | |
| Griffin | Griffin | Griffin | | | |
| Art | | BYE | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Lorccán | | | | | |
| AlfrikR | AlfrikR | | | | |
| | Thorgrim | | | | |
| Thorgrim | | | | | |
| Varukh | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Gareth | | | | | |
| Axel | | AlfrikR | | | |
| | Gareth | Gareth | Gareth | Gareth | Gareth |
| William | Christoff | | Griffin | | |
| Christoff | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Gellir | | | | | |
| Isobel | | | Connor | Connor | |
| | Gellir | Gellir | Gellir | | |
| Brenna | Gwynn | BYE | | | |
| Gwynn | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Ryan | BYE | | | | |
| Fatimah | Fatimah | Fatimah | | | |
| | | Connor | | | |
| Wernherus | | | | | |
| Phlorianos | | | | | |
| | Wernherus | | | | |
| Connor | Connor | | | | |
| BYE | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

| Spring Crown List – Loser’s Bracket – 19 May 2018 | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Round 6 | Round 7 | Round 8 | Winner of Loser’s Bracket |
| Tancred | Gwynn | Gwynn | Gwynn | Gwynn | Gwynn | | | |
| Art | Art | Ryan | BYE | Fatimah | Griffin | Griffin | Griffin | Griffin |
| | | | | | | | Connor | |
| Lorccán | Lorccán | | | | | | | |
| Varukh | BYE | | | | | | | |
| | | Lorccán | | AlfrikR | | | | |
| Axel | Axel | Axel | Axel | Axel | Axel | Axel | | |
| William | Wernherus | | BYE | | Gellir | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Brenna | Brenna | BYE | | | | | | |
| Isobel | Grimbaldus | Grimbaldus | Grimbaldus | | | | | |
| | | | Fatimah | | | | | |
| Ryan | Ryan | | | | | | | |
| BYE | Thorgrim | | | | | | | |
| | | | AlfrikR | | | | | |
| Phlorianos | Phlorianos | Phlorianos | Phlorianos | | | | | |
| BYE | Christoff | BYE | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

| Spring Crown List – Finals – 19 May 2018 | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Finals | Bout 1 | Bout 2 | Bout 3 |
| Gareth le Bruin | | | |
| Griffin FitzWyse | | | |

Four meetings roughly thirty minutes after the conclusion of the tournament were set to begin, one after the next, each lasting an hour with thirty minutes in between each meeting. Time being malleable, these meetings and the time between each might have compressed. The four meetings to be held after the tournament were the Financial for the Crown and new Heirs, the Greater Officers, the members of the Order of the Diamond Chalice, and the members of the Order of the Chivalry.

While the schedule had aimed for the royal court to begin at five-thirty, it was probably a bit later before Their Royal Majesties had the populace called to rise to their entrance. Court was held outside on the list field. King Angus and Queen Meaghan were accompanied by their Royal Chancellor, Gentile D’Orleans, and Travel Coordinator, Isabella D’Arques, and other entourage.

THL Axel Ulfgarsson received the Banner of Valor. Viscount Connor Eldredge was named Queen’s Champion. THL Gwynn Bleyne received the Wreath of Chivalry and a Court Barony. Medb Inghean Daire was inducted into the Order of the Diamond Chalice. Grants of Arms were given to Dinara Torzhokskaia and Catherine Vallemont. Dinara also received a Jewelled Ring from the Queen. Her Majesty Meaghan gave Jewelled Rings to Mistress Martha Effingham of Stewart’s Keep and Sara de la Petra.

Rams Hearts were given to Master Stephan of Durham and Baroness Isabella Marjorie D'Arques. Marble Chalice were presented to Mechera de Cordinis, Brianna de Ravenna, and Master Rowland Addison Carrick. Onyx Chalice were presented to Cyprian an Doire and Mistress Margot du Bois.

Ariadne de Ravenna was made a Baroness of the Court, while Egil Haroldson was made a Baron of the Court. Gentile D'Orleans received the Queen's Order of Courtliness, while Neil Gray received the Sable Huntsman. An Award of Arms was given to Mechera de Cordinis and Qabil al-Mwsyqar.

Fatima, head squire to Duke James the Holy, appears to have been invited to join the Order of the Chivalry. Sir James removed the token of head squire from Fatimah and the Knights were summoned during court. So perhaps at a future event she will be elevated to the Order of the Chivalry.

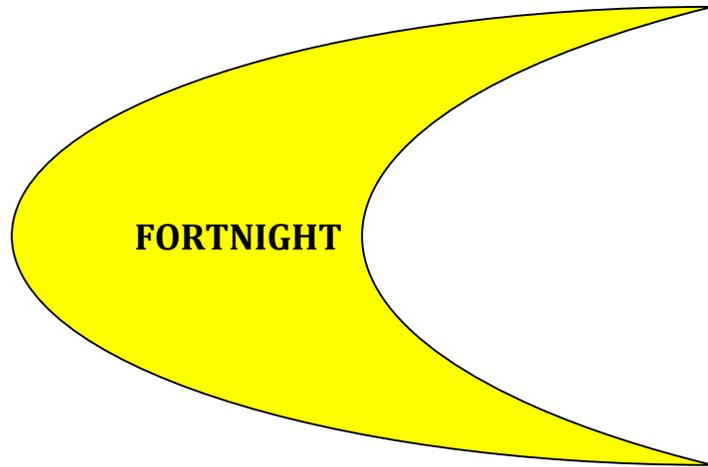
Feast was held roughly thirty minutes after court. Sweet and unsweetened tea, lemonade, and water were served. The first course included soft cheese, a spring leaf lettuce salad, raspberry vinaigrette, chevron empanadas, and a cornucopia of baked wheat breads. The second course included beef brisket with tomato gravy, Colcannon, and more bread. The third course included smoked cured rib of pork, wild grain with root vegetables, and again bread. Candy, fruit tarts, and hand pies were served as desserts.

The site closed at ten o'clock Sunday morning.



Qabil al-Mwsyqar receives an Award of Arms from Queen Meaghan and scroll from King Angus

(Photos by THL Cecilia Augustina)



March Business Meeting

The Shire's March business meeting was held at the Mangum United Methodist Church in Shreveport on Thursday, March 1, 2018. This was a date change due to Gulf Wars. Twelve adults attended – Gilbert, Marsilla, Caitriona, Ardghal, Marsha, Rory, Jurgis, Joya, Marion, Sigmundr, Primus and Cecilia. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rory, Seneschal.

Officer Reports:

A & S – Marsilla gave a quick history about the month of March. The second part of the knot-tying class will need to be rescheduled as the instructor was unable to attend last week due to car and weather issues. The 1st Quarter A&S report has been submitted.

Chatelaine – Joya would like to have a tunic making workshop after March, using fabric that has been donated to the shire for loaner garb. Caitriona has received loaner garb used at Winter Wonders. Feast gear that was loaned out may need to be collected. A book may be added to the loaner boxes to keep a list of what has been loaned out and when it is returned.

Chronicler – Rory reported that the spring 2018 *Ardanrunes* is done and report has been submitted. Thanks to Caitriona it is already up on the Shire website and Facebook page.

Herald – Primus reported that Aziz' device has been resubmitted at Kingdom.

Knight Marshal – Álfráðr was not present but his report has been submitted. Ardghal had nothing to add regarding rapier. Due to all the rain in February (over 9 inches that month), several practices were canceled.

Exchequer – Cecilia reported that we were the second group in February to have our monthly financial paperwork in. The donation check for the Gulf Wars Social was mailed. Due to Gulf Wars and Seneschal travels, the monthly financial paperwork may be late.

Seneschal – Rory will be doing the Seneschal's monthly report soon – due on the 10th. The Kingdom Law Change for the Kingdom Calendar regarding Kingdom A&S will appear in the April issue of *The Ambassador*. Rory had received a request from a former member, who now lives elsewhere about the possibility of getting copies of pictures the Shire has that he is in. He lost all his photos during Hurricane Rita. The Historian files are in an attic. April will be the soonest (due to Gulf Wars) before they could be accessed. Rory will notify the requester.

Sheriff – Jurgis reported about flooding issues due to the rising rivers and lakes.

Web Minister – Caitriona has uploaded the spring *Ardanrunes*. Does the link to the old yahogroup need to be removed from the Shire website. The answer is yes. She will remove that link since Ardanroe no longer uses yahogroups.

Old Business:

Church Appreciation Day – The group moved all of the items for the Church’s garage sale to the gym. The garage sale is set up and ready to go on Saturday, March 3rd. The other project from the Church is the Youth Lounge. Gilbert said this is two rooms conjoined with several game tables and other stuff. He will find out what exactly is desired. This project will be tackled after March.

New Business:

5th Thursday of March (29th) – Potluck Social in Garb? The group would like to have a social night at the church in garb. Food will be potluck. The gym should be open for fighting, dancing, and socializing.

Winter Wonders XXXIII (WW33), January 11-13, 2019 – Bids are due June 14th (Shire Business Meeting date in June). Please encourage folks to bid.

Other 5th Thursdays in 2018 – May 31, August 30, November 29 – Group was asked to keep these in mind for the rest of the year. Do we want other socials? Other activities?

5th Sundays in 2018 – April 29, July 29, September 30, and December 30 – The weather can always play a factor, but the group was asked to keep these dates in mind for a group activity. Perhaps a pre-New Year’s Eve gathering on December 30?

Scottish Tartan Festival in Minden – Saturday, April 7, 2018 – This year there is no conflict with Easter or Coronation. The last time the Shire definitely did something there was in 2015. Low interest due to Gulf Wars in March and other activities in April, but something to keep in mind for the future. We have not yet been asked to participate.

GeekCon is August 18-19, 2018 – Same weekend as Kingdom A&S. We have not been asked to participate but GeekCon has drawn several members away to it, as it was the same weekend as Burning Ram III and IV. Something else to be aware of.

There being no other new business or announcement, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The Constable and the Spring Flooding Report

We have a request from the mundane authorities They request that we remove the longboats from the pavement in Houghton. They are interfering with traffic downtown. Also they would like to remind us that the Cross Lake dame is not a loading zone for galleons and they need to be removed immediately. Please be mindful that the waters are receding and your boats are at risk in shallower waters.

April Business Meeting

The Shire's April business meeting was held at the Mangum United Methodist Church in Shreveport on Thursday, April 12, 2018. Ten adults attended including one new person – Jurgis, Joya, Sigmundr, Marion, Evlaliia, Jeremy, Robert, Rory, Primus and Cecilia. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Rory, Seneschal.

Officer Reports:

A & S – Marsilla was not present. A discussion was held on A&S Night for April 26. Decision was scroll painting. Cecilia will provide the scrolls.

Chatelaine – Joya reported that all loaned items have been returned. There is a new Facebook page for Gleann Abhann Newcomers.

Chronicler – Rory reported that May 28th is the deadline for items for the Summer 2018 issue. The May issue of *The Ambassador* just came out yesterday. A copy was passed around.

Herald – Primus has submitted his 1st Quarter report. He is really busy with submissions from Gulf Wars and will have 49 items on the first Internal Kingdom Letter from Gulf Wars. This should be going up on Sunday.

Knight Marshal – Álfraðr and Ardghal were not present; however, fighter practice for both heavy and rapier are now on Saturdays at one o'clock at A.C. Steer Park.

Exchequer – Cecilia has submitted her 1st Quarter report – early! She is still looking for a deputy.

Seneschal – Rory's Seneschal report was filed.

Sheriff – Jurgis announced the upcoming anniversary of the Templar Knights.

Web Minister – Caitríona is out sick, but had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Church Appreciation Day – Gilbert is not here tonight so we have no updates yet on the Youth Lounge project for the Church. The fallen tree that needs to be removed also needs to be scheduled for the future.

Shire Potluck Social in Garb – The original date of March 29th was not possible due to Church activities already occurring. The new date, being the 5th Thursday of the month, is May 31st. Information will be posted on Facebook for potluck sign-up and activities.

Winter Wonders XXXIII (WW33), January 11-13, 2019 – Bids are due June 14th (Shire Business Meeting date in June). Please encourage folks to bid.

New Business:

Shire Inventory – The trailer desperately needs to be gone through and cleaned, repacked, and inventoried. The Shire's list field poles, wooden, are rotting and need to be replaced. Per discussion Sigmundr will get cost information for metal poles with loops that could be put into the ground. Gaius will get cost information for metal stakes used by another group in Arkansas. The ropes for the list field are fine. Decision to have the trailer inventory done on Saturday, May 12 at Gaius and Cecilia's. The house will open at 9:30 am with starting inventory at 10:00 am and lunch afterwards. The Gold Key will be inventoried at the May Business Meeting (May 10). Everyone having Shire property will need to bring it to either the May 10 or May 12 activities for inventory updating.

Local Group Book Reviews – Joya participated in some of these at Gulf Wars. The forms have changed. Warrant forms are also needed locally for all local members having Shire property. Cecilia has contacted Mistress Marcel to get the local group form to use. We will try to warrant folks when the inventory updates are done.

Tournament of Champions – The Shire of Lagerdamm’s bid to host the Tournament of Champions has been awarded. They will hold the event June 1-3, 2018 at Camp Couchdale in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Coronation – This weekend and it includes a Crown List for Prince for the Day. Cecilia is running a Scroll Preprint Contest. Entries are illumination only and are just a line drawing (no painting the scrolls yet). The schedule for Coronation was gone over for those attending and eager to hear who the new King and Queen will be. Eighteen combatants have had their Letters accepted to participate in this special Crown List at Coronation.

There being no new business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

May Business Meeting

The Shire’s May business meeting was held at the Mangum United Methodist Church in Shreveport on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Fifteen adults attended – Joya, Jurgis, Tursten, Caitríona, Ardghal, Jeremy, Robert, Marion, Evlaliia, Primus, Cecilia, Amata, Rory, Marsha, and Álfráðr. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Rory, Seneschal.

As Rory signed a lot of paperwork for the Exchequer, the Shire members sang “Happy Birthday” to Cecilia, today being her birthday.

Officer Reports:

A & S – Not present, but next week will be the duct tape dress forms project. Bring a t-shirt and duct tape.

Chatelaine – Joya completed her Chatelaine’s report but will have to send it to the Seneschal, as she has yet to properly type the Seneschal’s email address correctly when doing her report.

Chronicler – Rory reported that May 28th is the deadline for items for the Summer 2018 issue.

Herald – Primus reported that Tursten’s name and device were registered. Eleanor’s name and device are in internal commenting. Tursten announced that Eleanor is moving to Ardanroe at the end of May as she has a teaching job for the new school year.

Knight Marshal – Álfráðr was late, but Ardghal reported that there were 4 – 5 people at the May 5th fighter practice.

Exchequer – Cecilia had four new warrants for people holding Shire property, which the Seneschal has now signed tonight. Her report is done. Aki has war shields and armor pieces which he will be bringing to Saturday’s Shire Trailer Inventory Day. Terms are coming up for the Shire Financial Committee. If you would like to be on the Committee, let Cecilia know. Four wheel chocks were approved for purchase by the Shire Finance Committee and have been purchased for the Shire trailer to put behind the tires, so it will not roll when on a slope.

Seneschal – Rory’s monthly Seneschal report was filed. The Shire Event Checklist and Budget Form was added to the Files section of the Ardanroe Facebook page for those wishing to bid on local and

Kingdom level events. Information for Warner-Tully Camp Site compiled by Sir Mi'kael al-Rashid and posted on the Seneschal's Facebook page has been added to the Files section of the Ardanroe Facebook page.

Sheriff – Jurgis reported odd reports from Westria about islands farther to the west under attack by the goddess Pela. Build boats to check it out!

Web Minister – Caitriona has completed updating the email address on the Shire website for all officers and removed all of the old @ardanroe.org addresses. Her report has been filed and she has renewed her membership for two years.

Old Business:

Church Appreciation Day – Still waiting news from the church about what equipment to move in the Youth Lounge. The fallen tree needs to be cut up. After much discussion, the tentative date for Tree Cutting is Saturday, June 9. Potential chainsaws – Jurgis and Primus; rope/technical support – Jeremy.

Winter Wonders XXXIII (WW33), January 11-13, 2019 – Bids are due June 14th (Shire Business Meeting date in June). Please encourage folks to bid.

New Business:

Shire Inventory Days – Today is inventory day for items brought to the church. Group decision to postpone inventorying of gold key and other items stored at church until next week. This Saturday, May 12 is Trailer Inventory Day at Primus and Cecilia's. Arrive at 9:30 and begin at 10:00 am. Pizza afterwards. Bring money for pizza and your own drinks.

Shire Potluck Social – May 31 at the church. Tursten to set it up with Amata to assist. Tursten created a notice in Facebook during the meeting so folk can sign-up their potluck item. It is in garb and there will be the opportunity to talk to local officers to find out more about our Shire offices.

List Field Refurbishing – cost estimates are coming for replacing the poles for the list field.

Bellwether Arts Collegium – June 30; looking for instructors; have a Facebook event page; last Regional A&S Faire before Kingdom A&S.

Spring Crown List is May 19 and several Shire folk are planning to attend – Marion, Evlallia, Primus, Cecilia.

As of May 7 (possibly May 5), Gleann Abhann has a new Kingdom Historian – Lady Rivka bat David. The Kingdom Seneschal posted a notice from the Kingdom Historian requesting contact information from each local group. Rory sent in the information.

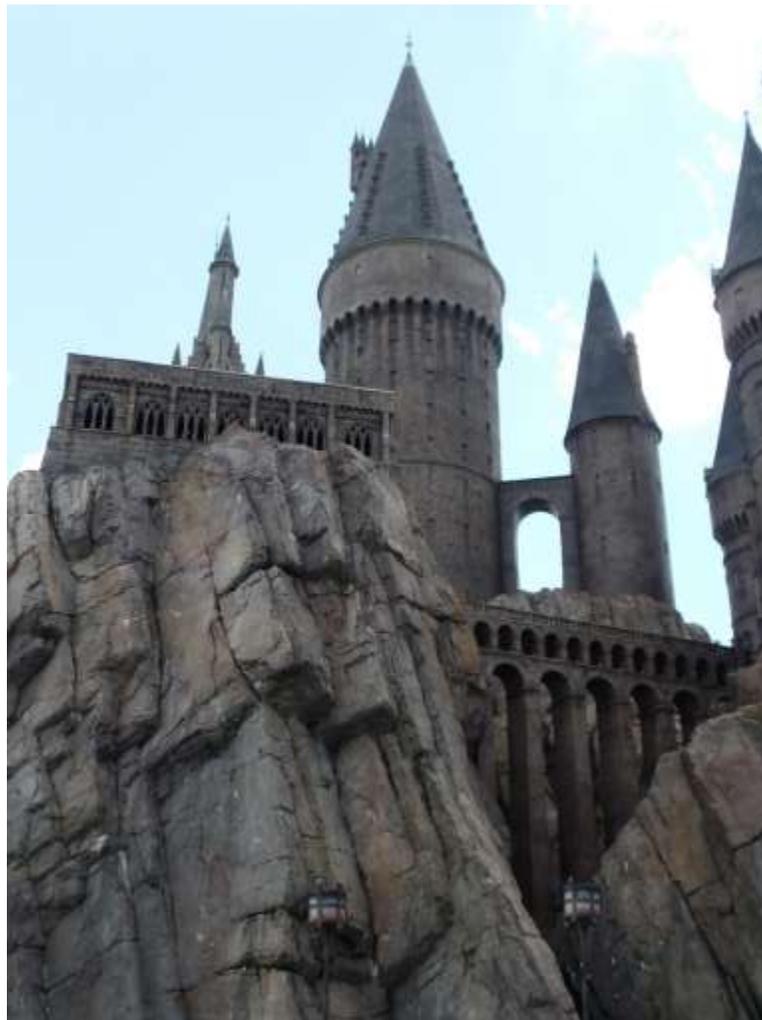
The event flyer for Kingdom A&S was distributed.

The Society President has begun a President's Board Report as a quick overview of the Quarterly Board meeting, since the official minutes do not come out until approved at the next Board meeting. The first President's Board Report was distributed. It was from the meeting held in Drachenwald.

The Red River Chorale is holding A Medieval Feast, June 2, at St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Alexandria as their organization's fundraiser. THL Iain, Melisande, and Aurianna are members and are seeking assistance as several SCAers in Vogelburg and Loch Bais have had to back out. If interested in helping, let Rory know and he will put you in touch with Aurianna. A copy of the flyer for the Medieval Feast with contact number was given to Jeremy and Robert.

Kingdom Level Events – Bids for Fall Coronation and Fall Crown List are being sought. The Shire needs to consider being the 'bank' for a bid with other closer groups to KLE sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



(Photo by Barun Rory ua Riada)