

ARDANRUNES

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April 14	Feast of St. Bogdacious in Axemoor
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April 28	Beltaine in Grey Niche
May 5	Candlelight Camp in Small Gray Bear
May 5	Forest Maiden III in Blackmoor Keep
May 12	Wedding (?) in Troll Fen
May 19	Summer Crown List - TBA

ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: THL Sarah MacGregor
Knight Marshal: Lord Johannes von Greifenburg
Herald: Lord James en les Breres
Exchequer: Baroness Medb ingen ui Mael Anfaid
Minister of Arts & Sciences: Lord James en les Breres
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada
Chirurgion: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT
Web Minister: Sabine le Curter (acting designer)
Provost of RUGA: Amata Quentin Motzhart
Quartermaster: THL Sarah MacGregor
Chatelaine: Lady Branwen Ballard
Historian: Lady Ceara ynseyder kiauull
Constable: Lady Dana the Quarrier

OFFICES SEEKING TO BE FILLED - Chirurgion, Minister of Children, Web Minister (all vacant or Temp Staff at the moment). Deputies sought for most!

HARKEN YE!

Below is a tentative schedule of Shire activities for the month of March:

March 1 – Nine Man Morris Workshop – 5:00 p.m. – Tom's Triple Play (Bossier Crossroads)
March 3 – Fighter Practice – 2:00 p.m. – Mike Woods Park (Saturday) (NOTE 1st Saturday this month)
March 21 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library (NOTE 3rd Wednesday this month)
March 28 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Branch Library

NOTE: Please see the Forum and Shire website for updates.

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LETTER FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, Ardanroe!

Firstly- Winter Wonders was a great success, all thanks to the fine staff working hard behind the scenes to make it happen. I, for one, was terribly pleased to see how well we all worked together, and I'm extremely proud of Ardanroe and what she can accomplish. While we're on recent accomplishments, I'd also like to thank Gary, Johannes, Branwen, Ceara, Michael, and the entire family of Lorccán for coming out for the Krewe of Highland Demo! I think we all had a good time and learned a little bit about interacting with a festival environment. We definitely added something to the festival.

March is now upon us- and you know what that means! It's time for War! If anyone has questions about how to prepare for Gulf Wars, please don't hesitate to ask for guidance and help, especially if it's your first war. Don't forget to check the class schedule, take some time to look around site at all the neat specialized camps, and of course- remember to volunteer! Even if you only donate a few hours to the war, you'll be playing a vital part in helping our Kingdom host the rest of the Known World. If you need suggestions for where to volunteer- just look around! Baroness Medb is the Troll head this year, and she'd be more than happy to have your help for a little while. I'm the War Herald again this year, and I'd love to see your smiling faces at Heralds' Point or Information Point, for certain. Other than that there's marshaling, water-bearing, working security or parking details ... everything we need to do at local events, only on a much, much larger scale. So please- don't forget to donate just a little of your time. Don't forget to have fun, too! With the Gleann Abhann Social on Tuesday night, the Known World Party on Friday night, and a revel almost every night at the Green Dragon Inn, there are plenty of opportunities to socialize and meet the rest of the Known World. I hope you can all take advantage of the fun and learning that War has to offer!

Don't forget that the March meetings have been rearranged due to War. **Populace Meeting will be on Wednesday the 21st (a week later than normal) and A&S will be on the 28th (the regularly scheduled day and time).** Both will be at the Aulds Library at 7:00 PM. The populace meeting will include discussion about Winter Wonders and the upcoming Scribal and Heraldic symposium as well as our August social, and don't forget- it's not too early to start thinking about Winter Wonders XXII!

Until then, have fun and be safe!

THL Sarah MacGregor
Seneschal, Ardanroe



TOWN FAIRE

February 18 – Krewe of Highland Parade and Carnival de Columbia

A small group of Shire members were able to put together a demo with only ten days notice and participate at the Krewe of Highland's Mardi Gras Celebration and Parade. While SCA members did not walk or ride a float in the parade, they did have a pavilion and field at Columbia Park during the Carnival de Columbia which followed the Krewe of Highland Parade. Johannes oversaw the martial activities in the demo fights between armored warriors for the crowd of several thousand who turned out for the parade and carnival. Set up was Sunday morning at eleven-thirty with the parade starting at two o'clock in the afternoon and the carnival running from one o'clock until six o'clock that evening. It was a fun but challenging demo for a Mardi Gras type crowd. Thanks goes to Johannes, Branwen, Sarah, Ceara, Michael, Lorccán and his family, Gary (whose picture appears in the Readers Gallery of the Shreveport Times' webpage), and others!

A LOOK AT THE PAST

The Shire of Ardanroe has a long history, being over twenty years old. This will be a periodic column featuring an office of the Shire denoting the dates it was active and names of those who served in the office. This month we look at the office of the Youth Combat Marshal.

Youth Combat Marshal

2000 – 5/2001	Rainillt le Dering
5/2001 – 6/2002	Blaec le Dering
7/2002 - 3/2004	Rainillt Dering
Vacant	
8/2004 – 12/2005	Antonio Giananni Celini
12/2005 – 5/2006	Conor the Black
Vacant	

With the coming of the new millennium combat regulations for minors became a new focus point in the SCA. There was a major push in Meridies and Gleann Abhann to develop regulations so that minors could safely take part in martial activities. Age groups were developed with different materials for weapons and armor and combat regulations, so that minors could learn the Rules of the List and participate in tournaments under adult supervision. The first Youth Combat Marshal for the Kingdom of Meridies was Sir Kaus Eisenhand of the Barony of the Small Gray Bear when the position was created June 2000. In November 2001 Sir Robert Glendon of Auk became the Kingdom's Deputy Youth Combat Marshal and Chief Administrative Assistant as a deputy marshal position under the Earl Marshal. At that time (November 2001) the office of Youth Combat Authorization Marshal was created with Rami ibn Assad of the Shire of Thorngil appointed as the first YCAM. In March 2002 at Gulf Wars the office of the Western Authorization and Reporting Deputy Youth Combat Marshal was created to serve the needs of the Principality of Gleann Abhann within the Kingdom of Meridies as youth combat had become popular and spread widely throughout the Kingdom. Lord Blaec le Dering of the Shire of Ardanroe was the first Western Authorization and Reporting Deputy Youth Combat Marshal, serving from Gulf Wars 2002 to Gulf Wars 2004, with Sir Robert Gethin Albrit of the Shire of Blackwood filling the position from September – December 2002 while Blaec was on rotation in Guam. Lord Uther von Ziemer of the Barony of Grey Niche was the next person to hold the position for the Principality and was the first Deputy Marshal for Youth Combat for the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. The current Deputy Marshal for Youth Combat is Æduin Hacke, who took the office from Uther in September 2006.

Rainillt le Dering was the first Youth Combat Marshal for the Shire of Ardanroe. She became the Youth Combat Marshal shortly after the Kingdom position was created in June 2000. When Rainillt became Princess of Gleann Abhann in May 2001, Blaec le Dering filled the office during her reign. Due to an over active mundane life raising two teen-agers with many student programs on the weekends and evenings, Rainillt resigned in March 2004. Antonio Giananni Celini, whom had moved to Ardanroe from Seleone during 2004, became the next local Youth Combat Marshal at the end of the summer until joining the National Guard in the fall of the following year. When the Shire of Ardanroe hosted the first Kingdom of Gleann Abhann Fighter Collegium in December 2005, Conor the Black took the classes to become authorized as a Youth Combat Marshal. While there is local interest in Youth Combat, no one locally has since been authorized to fill this position. The office has been vacant since May 2006. Currently Baroness Bethany Bacon of the Shire of Loch Bais, as an authorized Youth Combat Marshal, runs the tournaments for the Shire of Ardanroe.



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If you are interested in taking part in some exciting changes planned for the CA, please contact the new editor: Rae Hadley, Tonwen ferch Gruffudd Aur.

In Service,
Tonwen ferch Gruffudd Aur, OL



SCRIPTORIUM SENDING

Their Royal Majesties need award scrolls. Below is the text to one of the many awards in the new Kingdom.

Red Guard

Commission into the Queen's Royal Guard

Take heed that on this _____ day of _____ A.S. _____, being _____ Gregorian that you, _____ have been, for your honor and valor, chosen to serve as a member of the Queen's Red Guard. It will be your duty to serve as a personal protector of the Queen of Gleann Abhann and defend Her from all perils and harm. You shall be a tower of strength to keep the Queen safe. We further charge you to always conduct yourself with honor and dignity. [Signed by the Queen of Gleann Abhann]



LET'S DANCE!

Wednesday night, March 14, 2007 (AS XLI) is the Gleann Abhann Ball during Gulf Wars XVI. The Gleann Abhann Ball List is: Hole in the Wall, Offical Branle (Toss the Duchess), Angus Reel, Amoroso, Petit Vriens, Rufty Tufty, Heart's Ease, John Tallow's Cannon (to the theme from Legends), Gelosia, Whirligig, Rostiboli Gioioso, and Korobushka.

In preparation of the Gleann Abhann Ball this month's dance is: Rufty Tufty

The Rufty Tufty is a two couple English Country Dance. The English Country Dances were compiled and published by John Playford in 1651 under the title *The English Dancing Master*. This book contained 105 country dance tunes and directions for the dance for each tune. Most often the dances were composed of several parts, called verses and chorus. There were typically three verses and one chorus which repeated after each verse, though the chorus need not be exactly the same each time. Country dances were considered livelier and held after the solemn ball dances were done. The steps should flow smoothly from one part to the next.¹

In most English Country Dances the verses are 'Up (or In) a Double and Back (or Slip Steps)', 'Siding', 'Arming', and sometimes a 'Hey'.

The Rufty Tufty begins with two couples forming a square, the partners of each couple facing each other. The first verse is in a double and back twice. Starting with their left foot, the partners move towards each other. They each step left, right, left, and a kick with the right foot, and away from each other stepping right, left, right to their original places. The partners repeat this, stepping forward towards each other left, right, left, kick with right foot, and then away from each other right, left, right, back into their original places.

Next is the chorus which is the same each time. With their partner they perform a Set and Turn Single (STS). This is a small step to the left, a small step to the right, and turn over the left shoulder in place. This is repeated with their partner, making a small step to the left, small step to the right, and turn over the left shoulder in place. At the end of the turn, the partners take hands. The couples walk a double away from each other (couples going in opposite directions), turn around and walk a double back and do a Turn Single (TS). The steps are left, right, left, turn around, and left, right, left, and turn over the left shoulder in place. The quick kick with the right foot may occur before turning around and the Turn Single, but may be dropped pending the speed of the dance. The partners now face the partners of the other couple. The partners have dropped hands and now take the hands of the other couples' partner and walk a double away from each other, turn around and walk a double back, and do a Turn Single. This completes the Chorus.

The second verse begins with the couples again in a square facing their own partners. The partners' side right with each other and then side left with each other. This is called jib siding, which is the most common. Facing one's partner, each goes up a double and back, meeting with their right shoulders. They then go up a double and back, meeting with their left shoulders.

The Chorus is then performed.

The third verse begins with the couples again in a square facing their own partners. The partners' arm right with each other and then arm left with each other. To arm the partners grasp their right arms together and dance a full circle, then grasp their left arms together and dance a full circle.

The Chorus is then performed completing the dance.²

The choreography again is:

Verse 1: In a double and back, repeat.

Chorus: STS with your partner (left foot first). STS again (take partner's hand at end of turn). Lead partner away/back and TS (take other couple's partner's hand). Lead new partner away/back and TS.

Verse 2: Side right with your partner. Side left with your partner.

Chorus: STS with your partner (left foot first). STS again (take partner's hand at end of turn). Lead partner away/back and TS (take other couple's partner's hand). Lead new partner away/back and TS.

Verse 3: Arm right with your partner. Arm left with your partner.

Chorus: STS with your partner (left foot first). STS again (take partner's hand at end of turn). Lead partner away/back and TS (take other couple's partner's hand). Lead new partner away/back and TS.³

Enjoy! -Rory

Notes:

¹Durham, Peter and Janelle. Survey of European Dance Sources 1400-1700. (English Country Dances, p. 14) in: Street Jr. Bill, comp. *A Known World Dance Compendium: Being a Diverse Collection of Theory and Practical Aspects of Dance as it is Practiced Throughout the Lands that Make up the Society for Creative Anachronism*. [Birmingham, AL: Bill Street Jr]: a publication of Saltare, the Dance Guild of the Kingdom of Meridies, 1997.

²English Country Dances: Basic Terminology. In: Caerfor, Cadwal yr, ed. *Saltare III: Saltare Dance Guild and Shire of Glaedenfeld*. [Nashville, TN]: Cadwal yr Caerfor, 1996; [p.32].

³English Country Dances: Rufty Tufty. In: Arsmith, Meaghan, compiled by. *Meridies Saltare Dance Collegium II*. [Hattiesburg, MS]: Meaghan Arsmith, [1995]; p.4.



FORTNIGHT

Seventeen adults (Sarah, James, Dana, Amata, Medb, Johannes, Maximilian, Lorccan, Ceara, Michael, Rory, Hugh, Alexander, Celestine, Katherine, Robert Maguire, and Nelson Cameron) attended the February 7 Populace Meeting at the Aulds Library from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in a smaller meeting room inside the Library as the regular Meeting Room was booked by the Stamp Collectors Club. The meeting was held the first Wednesday of this month instead of the second Wednesday to cover material and action items before the Shire's annual event and to avoid Valentine's Day, which would fall on the second Wednesday of February.

Mr. Nelson Cameron, member of the Krewe of Highland and organizer of the Scottish Festival in Minden, spoke to the Shire members about the upcoming activities of both organizations. The Krewe of Highland's Parade and Carnival would be held Sunday, February 18 in the Highland subdivision of Shreveport. The Carnival would be at Columbia Park. Mr. Cameron encouraged the SCA to participate in both the parade and the festival. The Shire members agreed to participate. Johannes will meet with Mr. Cameron to scout out a level area for set up of a pavilion to display armor, crafts, and conduct a demo. Flyers about the Krewe of Highland Parade and Carnival will be at Winter Wonders. The Scottish Festival in Minden will be Saturday, April 14th. More details will be coming. Since the Shire participated with a pavilion and demo last year, the group hopes to do so again.

James gave a report on the status for Winter Wonders this weekend. Those who can come out Friday to set up the site should plan to arrive after 11:30 as the soonest we can get on the campsite is 12 noon. The status on meals, reservations, and other aspects were reported.

Sarah, as Shire Seneschal, briefly went over the upcoming events in February and March. She reported on research regarding prices to buy the top for a smaller Shire pavilion and to make the poles. Panther Pavilions and Tent Masters were two companies that information had been obtained from. A final decision will be made later. Also after the event a day would be scheduled to examine the large pavilion the Shire has and determine its condition.

In regard to the Shire's website, many local members have the basic computer skills but not the design web skills for what is currently running. Sabine (our Shire's Ambassador to Trimaris) has volunteered to redesign the site using a program that she can teach to anyone. Once the new design program is done, a local web minister will be selected. This may occur within the next 30-45 days.

James as Herald reminded everyone that THL Kat will be running a consultation table at Winter Wonders to assist with registration of names and armory.

James as the Minister of Arts and Sciences will look at an alternate date for the Nine-Man Morris games workshop, originally to be on the 17th since the Krewe of Highland will be on the 18th.

Johannes reported that there was a good turn out for the first Saturday fighter practice on the 27th. While the day was rainy, they were able to hold practice for an hour before the heavy rains came. Due to events, the February 10th and 24th fighter practices will not be held. Instead look for fighting at the demo at the Carnival on the 18th and take part in the tournaments this weekend at Winter Wonders and attend the fighting classes at Fighters Collegium the last weekend of the month. Saturday practices will be at 2:00 p.m. at Mike Woods Park.

Johannes has made 12 wooden poles for the Shire's fighting field for local events. These are painted white. New pennons need to be made to go on the ropes that will connect the poles and outline the field.

Medb has put a troll box together for Winter Wonders and given it to Rory to bring on Friday. Reimbursements will be done after the meeting.

Dana has the forms for the event this weekend. Amata will be able to assist with set up Friday. The January issue of Ardanrunes is online. Ceara encouraged all to complete the persona questions and send their answers to her. Johannes did not have anything to report at this time from the Chatelaine, who was not able to be here tonight.

Celestine, Seneschal of Blackwood, was introduced as a visiting guest. She had stopped by to deliver a nice new furry hat to Sarah. Robert Maguire, from the Sci-Port, was introduced by Katherine. He had been in the SCA long ago way out west.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



CARRIAGE CHATTER

War Practice in Rosenfeld, February 3

This one-day regional fighter practice in preparation for Gulf Wars by the Kingdom of Ansteorra was held in the Shire of Rosenfeld. Several members of Loch Bais attended, but none admitting they came from Ardanrooe.

Winter Wonders XXI, February 9-11

“In the forest of the Green Knight” was the theme for the twenty-first Winter Wonders event. The event was held at Lake Bistineau State Park Group Camp One the second weekend of February. Lord James en les Breres was the autocrat. Lord Michael atte Harp was the Head Cook. Maistir Rory ua Riada was the Registrar, handling reservations of attendees. Amata Quentin Motzhart opened the cabins and assisted with decorating the hall. The site token for the weekend was a small cloth bag decorated with snowflake and tree stamps in white paint on one side and “WW XXI” stamped in white paint on the other side. Each was tied with white ribbon with bells attached. Inside the bags were chocolate coins. The bags ranged in color from green to blue to blue-gray. For those who were coming just for the day, the site token was a black or red annulet with red ribbon tied to it. As noted by Lord Nigel, one of two representatives from Blackmoor Keep, “Traveler's fair was exceptional with large, well-heated chicken gumbo, red beans & rice, smoked sausage, a round of Wisconsin cheese and bread.” On Saturday morning breakfast in the hall consisted of breakfast casserole (egg and cheese with and without sausage), warm croissants with butter and jelly, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. THL Sarah MacGregor and Lady Branwen Ballard were in charge of breakfast. Of the many visitors from outside the Shire Lady Abigail Gryndley ran the children's activities; Lord Pol MacNeill held a scribal workshop; THL Katryne MacIntosh the Strange held a consulting table to assist with names and armory documentation and design; and Effendi Sa'ad Ibn Yusef al Hilal attended the event to authorize combat archers.

Several classes were held during the day. Gassion de Beaumarchais from Smythekepe, taught a two hour Destreza Class, Spanish Rapier, on the list field. A Newcomer's Walkabout was led by Baroness Anna Genevieve of Ancyra. A Beer and Mead Class taught by Branwen Ballard had six attendees, several brewers, who shared experiences. The class was an introduction to beer and mead making. A Poetry Class taught by Finian O'Niall also had six attendees. His class was an introduction to period poetry styles. The RUGA accredited class “Mystery at the Abbey: A Scenario Based Class on the Exchequer's Role in Hosting a Local Event” (SCA07A01) was attended by two people and taught by the Kingdom Exchequer, Barun Rory.

Tournaments were also held during the day. The Bridesmaid Tournament is for those heavy weapons fighters who have never won a tournament before and was held in the morning. Lord Michael atte Harp was squired to Sir Wernherus Rudemann during the tourney. THL Frederick Alton ran “Frozen Steel”, the rapier tourney, which had three competitors, all from Smythekepe. In fact Smythekepe had around 16 members at the event. Lord Johannes von Greifenburg ran the Crest Tournament in the afternoon in the valley in the list field outlined by the snazzy new wooden poles.

Arts and sciences contests were held inside the hall. Most categories had two entries. The only category without any entries was Calligraphy and Illumination for Order of the Lamb scroll.

Following ‘nap time’ feast was held in the hall. The Hall Steward was Rory but set up of the tables and chairs for feast was really organized by Lord Alexander de Arundel with help of the Smythkepe members, Lord Dante and Lady Ceara. Homemade yeast bread with herbed and honey butter formed the first remove. The second remove was fresh salad with honey vinaigrette. Sweet potato soup which had the consistency of a thickened porridge rather than the wateriness of soup was served at this time. It was delicious! Sir Robert Gethin Albrit led the toast to the Crown. Sir Wernherus Rudemann led the toast to the Heirs. Maistir Rory ua Riada lead the toast to the new Baron of Seleone, the dread pirate Captain Morgan. The third remove was roasted chicken with rosemary butter potatoes. The fourth remove was grilled pork loin with apple and vegetable medley. Caramel peach-pear pie with vanilla ice cream, candied dates, and Marshin Fayne diabetic friendly cookies (shamrock cookies with green icing made by Lady Ceara ynseyder kiaull) were served as the dessert. In fact it was one of her cookies which won the “Best Use of the Color Green” competition.

During feast prizes and scrolls were given to the winners of the contests and tournaments held during the day. Glass etched mugs were the main prize, but a ram-headed sword went to the Crest Tournament winner, a purple castle to the Bridesmaid, and a battering ram toy to the Best Crest. A special thank you scroll and castle book was also given to THL Katryne MacIntosh the Strange and Lord Pol MacNeill for running a consulting table and scribal workshop throughout the day inside the hall. Sadly there were not enough children with armor to hold the Youth Combat Tourney, nor was the live weapons competition held, and the archery competition was not run as a competition. Lord James spoke about each activity and presented the prizes while Rory read the scrolls. The text of the scrolls was designed by Rory and done in Roman Half-Uncial script in black ink on green paper. These were illuminated with stamps of leaves and snowflakes in white paint by James. After feast a Bardic Circle led by Lady Melisande of Loch Bais was held inside the hall.

Crest Tournament – Grimbaldus Bacon
Bridesmaid Tournament – Michael atte Harp

Rapier Tournament – Frederick Alton
Calligraphy and Illumination for Award of Arms Scroll – Jacme Recarediz
Woodworking – Finian O’Niall
Leatherwork - Motan
Heraldic Display – Abigail Gryndley
Brewing & Vinting – Elayne O’Ceileachair
Best Crest – John of Widcombe
Best Use of the Color Green – Ceara ynseyder kiaull
Lord and Lady Winter – Ian O’Donnell and Abigail Gryndley

Pirates of the Mediterranean/Baronial Investiture, February 9-11

The third baronial investiture for the youngest Barony in Gleann Abhann was held at the Woodsmen of the World Camp in Hattiesburg. Master Morgan of Osprey became the new Baron of Seleone after Mistress Daphne of Colchester and THL Thaddeus Camberwell stepped down.

Kingdom Fighter Collegium and RUGA, February 23-25

The first Royal University of Gleann Abhann event under new Chancellor Brianna Baptiste was held in conjunction with Fighter Collegium at Camp Henry Jacobs in Utica, Mississippi, hosted by the Shire of IronOx. Baroness Anna Genevieve of Ancyra was the autocrat and in charge of reservations. THLadies Magdalena de Segovia and Ariadne de Ravenna were the feast stewards. THL Llewenn Ambriere (Ambrielle Llewellyn) was the lunch steward for the fundraiser lunch to support the Auxiliary Army. Tragedy struck early Saturday morning when a tent burned to the ground, but fortunately no one was injured.

With 238 attendees, the classes in heavy weapons and war tactics, rapier, and the arts and sciences were well attended. Blaec le Dering, Johannes von Griefenburg, Michael atte Harp, and Olaf Lutherson of Oland spent much of the day in armor. James ens le Breres held a lively class on Beginning Beekeeping, as was Rovena of Bri Leith’s class on Herbal Cosmetics. Conor the Black’s Period Charcoal Making was a lecture rather than demonstration in the pottery barn where many played with clay using six kick-wheels. Sarah MacGregor with Eilina Gudriksdottir covered Gleann Abhann Awards, while Rory ua Riada offered three exchequer classes – Exchequer 101 (Duties of the Local Reeve), Exchequer Roundtable, Death and Taxes (A walk through of the group reeve’s report). The Diamond Chalice held a one-hour meeting in the morning and the Pelicans held a two hour meeting in the afternoon. Ceara ynseyder kiaull and Branwen Ballard were some of the other Shire members attending classes on textiles, costuming, dance, and calligraphy.

Severe weather (tornados and 1.65 inches of rain Saturday morning in Ardanroe; also tornados in SE Arkansas) arrived as a lightning storm with heavy winds and rain shortly after five o’clock as all were inside the double-halls preparing for feast and court. A call during feast to show the Known World the Hospitality of Gleann Abhann at Gulf Wars was joined by the rumblings from the sky. During the court of King Padruig and Queen Linnet, Olaf received a Grant of Arms, Rovena was announced as the new Calendar Deputy and Sarah the new Disaster Coordinator Deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal, and Rory distributed the 2006 Extra Credit Points ‘Contest’ Prizes to the winning groups’ exchequers or their representatives. The biggest mystery at court was Radu’s twin, discovered by Baroness Barbara from the wedding pictures in the local newspaper in Blackmoor Keep.





Theign &
Acanthus



March 31,
2007



Centennial/Eastwood Park
5329 S Navy Circle
Millington, TN

Times: 9:00 AM
Armoring & Tournament 10
A&S entries & Judging 10:30

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

Please let it be known that our great overlord the Baron Geoffrey has once again called upon the fierce heavy warriors of the land to compete in our Theign Tournament. A gallery chosen from the populace will determine the gentle that displays the characteristics that we all strive to have, both on and off the field: Honor, Chivalry, Courtesy, and Prowess. The Champion will accompany His Excellency in exacting inquisitions through use of the menacing tool, The Theign's Thing, for those gentles that might need a little smiting from time to time. The Tournament shall be open weapon style, 3 counted blows on any legal target wounds not retained, double elimination.

The Arts competition will be open with minimal documentation. Research papers need to be in early. You are encouraged to bring the projects you are working on or have finished, as well as favorites for display. The newbies will love to see what the 'C' stands for in SCA. All you Laurels and Apprentices please WOW us with your talent!

Of course there will be FOOD, FOOD, FOOD! We are going to grill a few burgers and dogs as well as a yet to be determined slab of some kind of meat. Please help with the meal by bringing a side to share. There will also be a period dessert contest. This is a dry site.

Please contact William of Cien Lyon at william.nrhodes@hotmail.com or Ulfrun at jimgai3@bellsouth.net if you would like to help.

Take I-40 to exit 24, Take US Hwy 51 to Millington (approx 12 miles) Turn right onto Navy Road & follow the SCA signs (down the road from Candlemas site)