

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

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July 17	Barbarian Brawl – Small Gray Bear
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August 14	Aphar Faire & GA Live Weapons Championship – Lagerdamm

## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Dana the Quarrier  
Knight Marshal: THLord Maximilian von Braun  
Herald: Maistir Rory ua Riada  
Exchequer: Mistress Sarah MacGregor  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: The Hon. Lady Melisant of Exmoor  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgion: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT  
Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe  
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor  
Chatelaine: Lord Skallagrim Bararson  
Historian: Lord Ebrahim al-Jabali  
Constable: The Honorable Lord Olaf Lutherson

## HARKEN YE!

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

May 4 – Fighter Practice – 5:30 p.m. – Duck Pond on East Kings Highway (Tuesday)  
May 12 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)  
May 18 – Fighter Practice – 5:30 p.m. – Duck Pond on East Kings Highway (Tuesday)  
May 26 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)

**NOTE:** Please see the Shire website and Ardanroe Yahooogroup for updates.



## TOWN FAIRE

Fighter practice was held on Tuesday, April 13 starting at 5:00 at Melisant and Olaf's. Fighters attending included Skallagrim, Maximilian, Melisant, Olaf, Johannes, Sean, and Lorccán.

Fighter practice was held on Tuesday, April 20 starting at 5:30 at the Duck Pond on East Kings Highway near the Broadmoor Branch Library. Fighters attending included Skallagrim, Maximilian, Johannes, and Sean. There were two new fighters and one new rapier fighter in addition to James with the rapier blade. Others in attendance included Dana and Ebrahim (with camera).



Ten members of the Shire (James, Medb, Katherine, Jurgis, Suzanne, Rory, Branwyn and sons Tyler and Garrett and friend) attended the seven-thirty showing of *The Secret of Kells* on Wednesday, April 21 at the Robinson Film Center. Most of the group met for dinner upstairs at Abby Singer's Bistro at six o'clock prior to the animated movie. The story was entertaining, music moving, and intricate intermingling of Celtic design throughout the film amazing. A good time was had by all. And Branwyn was wished a Happy Birthday!

The Shire's A&S Night at Aulds Library on Wednesday, April 28, was a 'real weapons show and tell'. Thirteen adults and two children (Dana, Amata, Susanna, Jurgis, Giric, Eibhlin, Evlaliia, Avice, Symon, Branwyn, Lorccán, Melisant, Rory, and Caitlyn and Elisabeth) attended. Several gathered for dinner at the Ming Garden beforehand (along with a few who did not come to A&S afterwards). The program started at 7:20 and ended at 8:35 p.m. Members presented different 'real weapons' they had collected from catalogs, Renaissance fairs, SCA events, thrift or pawn shops, or from friends as gifts or labors of love. One item was found in the attic of a purchased home. Pieces ranged from fantasy to historical replicas to actual pieces made 200+ years ago or made 25 years ago. During the show and tell Eibhlin volunteered and was approved by Seneschal Dana to become the Deputy Herald for the Shire. Lorccán showed swords, a bow, and axes. Dana showed the really big sword. Jurgis showed swords of various sizes. Evlaliia showed swords, axes, and a shield. Melisant showed swords, helmets, a mail shirt, mace, English warhammer, and a feathered chamfron worn by a horse. Branwyn concluded the evening with swords and a puzzle to identify the name of the person on a sword made in the 1800's.



## SAINTS DAY CALENDAR

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the calendar date for Humility. Born in 1226 in Faenza, Italy, under the name of Rosanna, she wished to model herself on St. John and the Blessed Virgin. However, she was forced to marry a nobleman of Faenza named Ugoletto. Following the death of both of their sons shortly after baptism, and a deadly illness that almost killed Ugoletto nine years after the marriage, the two entered St. Perpetua at Faenza, a mixed monastery (having brothers and nuns). There Rosanna took the name of Humility. At her request for more discipline than the rules of the nunnery had, she was sealed inside a cell at the church of St. Apollinaris with a hole from which she could follow services in the church and receive bread, water, and herbs. After twelve years in the cell, the Master General of the Vallombrosan Order persuaded her to leave and become abbess of the first Vallombrosan nunnery. She founded the nunnery in Faenza before becoming abbess at a second nunnery in Florence. Despite her heroic fasting and savagely austere life, she was eighty years old at the time of her death.

Bentley, James. *A Calendar of Saints: The Lives of the Principal Saints of the Christian Year*. London: Time Warner Books, an imprint of Little, Brown Book Group, 2006.



## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following Shire offices need Deputies: Web Minister, Provost of RUGA, Quartermaster, and Minister of Arts & Sciences, Chronicler, and Historian.

The following Shire offices are Open and Need Filling: Minister of Children, Chirurgeon



## FORTNIGHT

The April Shire Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Aulds Branch Library. Dana ran the meeting as Seneschal. The meeting began at seven-ten and ended at eight o'clock. Twenty people attended the meeting (Dana, Maximilian, Jurgis, Suzanne, Skallagrim, Evlaliia, Symon, Avice, Medb, James, Rory, Melisant, Amata, Johannes, Branwen Ballard, Tish and son, Travis, Katrina and Sean).

We have 40 paid members in Ardanroe, but that does not count a few newer members or transfers from other areas. RUGA is now offering credit for activities done outside the SCA, such as college courses. See their guidelines for more information. The Shire of Tor an Riogh will be the hosting group with the Order of the Diamond Chalice as hosting worker-bees for the Gleann Abhann Kingdom 5<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration August 20-22, 2010 at the Woodsmen of the World Camp in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Sir Drogo is the autocrat. The desire is for this to be a free event and as such, each group is being asked to donate funds to cover the site fee and food expenses (\$250/Barony and \$100/Shire). The Shire of Ardanroe voted to give \$100 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.

Dana has found 36 14" red thick plastic platters for sale for \$63. These would augment the wooden platters the Shire has and be something we could feel more comfortable lending to other groups to use (for a fee). The Shire of Ardanroe voted to purchase 36 14" red thick plastic platters.

Fighter practice was held yesterday (Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>) at Melisant and Olaf's at 5:00 p.m. and a discussion was held about holding fighter practice on a weekday at a park. After group discussion at the populace meeting fighter practices will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, starting with this coming Tuesday (April 20<sup>th</sup>). They will start at 5:30 p.m. and be held at the Duck Pond on East Kings Highway.

The Kingdom Calendar was gone over for the month of April.

Officer Reports:

Knight Marshal – Maximilian is stepping down and Skallagrim is stepping up to be the Shire's local knight marshal. See above for discussion on fighter practice. At least four active fighters can make the Tuesday night practices during April and May.

A&S – Melisant has planned weapons and armor show & tell for this month's A&S Night at the Library. Bring your SCA armor and heavy/light weapons for show and tell.

Chronicler – Rory reported that the April newsletter is on the website. Keep sending Skallagrim your questions for his Q&A column. Please write up about events you attend and send in pictures. A deputy is always welcome.

Herald – Rory reported that the last page of the April newsletter gives a chart of the status of all outstanding Shire members' submissions. A deputy is always welcome.

Chatelaine – Skallagrim is stepping down (but will continue to do his Ask Skallagrim column) and Evlaliia is stepping up as the local Chatelaine. Sean and Katrina are new transfers in from the airbase. Gold Key garb for newcomers needs men's garb.

Provost – Amata had nothing new to report other than to keep tracking your classes to get your RUGA degree.

Tish is still working on becoming a local Chirurgeon. Hesperis' background check was finally completed for her to be eligible to become a local Minister of Children. Suzanne has volunteered to be trained as the deputy exchequer to replace Sarah. Medb is moving back to Ardanroe. Avice will become the new Seneschal after her May honeymoon (she and Symon just got hitched).

New Business:

James asked that everyone consider going as a Shire to Duvant Defender at the end of August. It will be held at Chicot State Park. It would be nice to attend an event as a local group and this one is fairly close.

James has room for one person who packs lightly to ride to Forest Maiden's Favor with him.

The Grand Council has submitted many suggestions regarding going green.

The Tournament of Champions III will run from June to June. Groups are being asked to consider holding qualifier tourneys. These tourneys will be standard double-elimination.

Winter Wonders event site has been reserved for January 2010 over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend at the old site price (before rates go up). Bids are needed to autocrat the event. Bids are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. A decision of the winning bid and autocrat will be announced at the July populace meeting. Avice will feastrat the event.

Spring Crown List is in May. Skallagrim has submitted a letter to compete in the tourney. It was requested and approved by the Shire of Ardanroe that the Shire's small pavilion would go to Spring Crown List for the use of all Shire members during the tourney.

The meeting was adjourned.



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation, April 9-11, Barony of the Small Gray Bear

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Coronation of Jon and Beatrix was held at Camp Clearfork in Hot Springs, Arkansas the second weekend of April, hosted by the Barony of the Small Gray Bear. Lady Elaina the Merchant was the autocrat. Lady Cairistiona Symon was the head cook. THL Katryne MacIntosh the Strange handled reservations. The armored tournament coordinator was THL Martin von Augsburg. The rapier tournament coordinator was THL Frederick Alton. The troll coordinator was Roise inpheon Fhaolain. Lord Thorvaldr Skaldi oversaw the brute squad.

The site opened at five o'clock Friday afternoon. Several large pots of soups and chili were laid out for traveler's fare. Baroness Barbara captured the bubbling brook, waterfalls, and other scenic sites on the road into the campground.

The site token was metal cylinder attached to leather sinew as cord containing three plastic gems of red and black (or a very dark green). The collector cards were Brother Guido and Saint Bogdacious. Each attendee also received a personalized trash bag.

The Shire of Ardanroe was represented by THL James, Mistress Sarah, Maister Rory, Lord Skallagrim, Lady Evlaliia, Susanne and Jurgis. After breakfast began, Sarah attended the Greater Kingdom Officer's Meeting while Rory coordinated the completion of text on scrolls for the Final Court of William II and Onora II with Signy, Jam, and Mad Alex. James oversaw the care and feeding of Their Majesty's entourage.

The final court of William and Onora was held on the banks of the lake with mountains and trees forming a perfect backdrop. Court opened and Rory swore fealty ("for the next 30 minutes" stated Their Majesties). Several ladies received the Condatis in thanks of service at Gulf Wars, an old-timer received an Award of Arms, Cohair O'Dunn received the War Horn, and Jeweled Rings were given to the Queen's entourage and Letters from the Sovereign to the King's entourage. Mistress Genevote was inducted into the Order of the Silver Lamp. Skallagrim was thanked for providing mead and beer to the Crown. Four scribes received the Condatis for scribal services to the

Crown. James was thanked for taking care of the Crown and entourage. He also received a special scroll, “Pooches Pleasure” from the royal hounds for care and feeding of them at events. The Queen’s Champions received Jeweled Rings. Duke Kane, escorted by the Octoberfest Girls paid his taxes. James made an announcement about the success of the first recipe book, presenting \$100 for libations for 5<sup>th</sup> Year to Mistress Morgana as a representative of the Diamond Chalice (Order organizing the event), Music Scholarship was benefited, and that a second cookbook would be started with a call for recipes. Lady Kimiko and Viscountess Danielle were thanked for their services. The King gave words of thanks to all for a great reign. And then the Octoberfest Girls came claiming to be ‘Valkyries’ sent by the ‘Great Ram’ to take William to his ‘great rewards’. William danced off with the Octoberfest Girls. Queen Onora then looking around dejectedly asked if the ‘Great Ram in the Sky’ would send her the ‘Chippendales’. Sadly, none appeared. The Queen gave an emotional speak, released the entourage, and left the crown for safekeeping, exiting to cheers and applause.

About fifteen minutes later (enough time for Baron Morgan to pull a prank on Baron Charles), Mistress Sarah, as court herald, announced the entrance of Jon and Beatrix. The two were met in front of the royal pavilion by Duke Radu, bearing the sword of state, THL Ravenswar, Kingdom Seneschal, and Viscount Caillin. Prince Jon and Princess Beatrix swore their oaths. Jon then claimed the Crown of Gleann Abhann and crowned himself. As King, he crowned Beatrix Queen. THL Katil then came forth with a horn that Jon drank from for good health. Their Majesty’s court was then opened.

All were welcomed and thanked by King Jon and Queen Beatrix. The entourage was summoned and swore fealty. The Kingdom Officers, Royal Peers, Knights, Laurels, and Pelicans were all summoned together and swore fealty. The populace was called and swore fealty. Then the Landed Nobility who protect the Baronies of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann were called forth to swear fealty. Baron CuCullin the Bald and Baroness Eithne Ruadnat of Small Gray Bear, Baron Morgan and Baroness Eugenie Griffon de Seleone of Seleone, Baron Charles of Axemoor, and Baron Dagan of Grey Niche were present and took the oath. The Queen then asked the populace to treat the Barons and Baronesses with honor and respect as the Crown’s representatives and charged the Barons and Baronesses to treat the populace with honor and courtesy. William FitzHugh de Cambria and Onora inghean Cathain were summoned and received a Duchy. Court was then closed.

The Octoberfest Girls changed out their outfits. They had appeared at the Gulf Wars to raise funds for Breast Cancer and sold postcards with a collage of photos of each individual lady in fest garb for \$2. Lady Anna Genevot of Ancyra had some at Coronation. There were about thirteen ladies who participated in this fundraiser as the Octoberfest Girls (or the Gleann Abhann Girls 2010 – Serving up beer to fight Breast Cancer).

While the Queen’s Tea was held outside under a pavilion, lunch for the populace was inside the main hall. King Jon wished that all could participate and watch the tournaments that afternoon, so the Embroidery Guild and Sable Banner held their meetings during the lunch break. The Silver Lamp, Pelicans, and Aries held their meetings after the tournaments (or near the scheduled time, the King’s Champion tourney running long). Children’s activities were also held in the afternoon.

Lunch was provided by THL Katryne and House Golden Panther. The menu included honey Indian chicken, assorted meatballs, steamed broccoli, rice, papadum, kheer, salad, assorted sweets, fruit punch, tea, and water.

Baroness Isabella D’Arques was the list minister for both tournaments, each occurring in a separate field side-by-side. The tourneys were held on the banks of the lake. Twenty-two fighters entered the King’s Champion Tourney, including our Skallagrim. Duke Padruig did the field heraldry and Rory assisted as a runner. Lord Jam heralded the Rapier Champion Tourney. Skallgrim earned the name ‘hot pants’ from the King for wearing red and yellow flame motif pants on the field.

Wolf announced King Jon the Tall and Queen Beatrix the Beautiful at the start of evening court on the banks of the lake. Their Majesties thanked everyone for coming. Treats and candy were given to the children of Gleann Abhann. The oath of fealty was given to any whom had not been able to attend the morning court. This was most of the kitchen workers. THL Motan the Mongol was named Queen’s Champion. Duke Tar Radu won the King’s Champion Tourney and became the King’s Champion. Binn McBrannon was the victor of the Rapier Champion Tourney as became the Queen’s Rapier Champion. However, as Mistress Sarah, Diamond Principal Herald, noted that he had no arms and could not bear live steel in the presence of Their Majesties, an Award of Arms was first given to Binn. Binn receive a cloak, sword, medallion, tabard, and other regalia as the new Rapier Champion.

Baroness Barbara Sterling then was called to announce the results of the guessing game. She had ‘silk worms’ represented by gnocchi in an unopened bag. Once all guesses were made, she had to open the bag and count to find out what the actual number was. It was 80. Amber Wright had picked 80 and won a big bag of M&Ms. The child, Regan, was the closest of the youths and also won candy.

Mistress Brigit turned over the office of Kingdom Chirurgeon to Lady Emma del Trees (called Tree). Lady Meredythe Alba McRegan, Seneschal of Small Gray Bear, escorted by Paul the Small, thanked everyone for coming and helping. The final count was 242 with 50 being non-members. Meredythe then received a Grant of Arms from Their Majesties. King Jon thanked Paul for escorting Meredythe, but asked that her husband, Brendan, come up. Brendan MacDugan also received a Grant of Arms. He had done the beautiful program booklet for this event.

THL Ravenwar, Kingdom Seneschal, thanked Mistress Sarah for her service as Emergency Coordinator, a Deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal, and introduced Giacomo Falcone, escorted by Mistress Alysia, as the new Emergency Coordinator. Mistress Sarah was now free of one of the many Kingdom offices she held. THL Arianna d'Ovest, Seneschal of Lagerdamm, gave a plug for Crown List.

Court was about to be closed, there being no further business, when the cry of, "Wait!" was exclaimed in a loud and lady-like voice. Countess Lailiane Asenina stood up and came forth claiming an offense had been done to her. The Ladies of the Rose and Diamond were sponsoring a tourney at Athenaeum and the lady who was to list minister with her had bailed! The culprit was Countess Meaghan, who could not be there that weekend. The two Countesses did bicker and Baron Charles prepared to sell tickets, when Countess Meaghan asked if it would help if she found another Pelican to replace her? "Is there one!" exclaimed Countess Lailiane. [Note, some Pelicans thought this might be a slam against Pelicans, while others thought this was a remark on the irreplaceable Meaghan.] To which, Countess Meaghan responded, "How about if I elevate my apprentice Magdalena?"

At this the crowd went wild. Magdalena had been sitting on the grass and it took four or five gentles to help the stunned woman to her feet. Master Robert escorted her forth followed by all of the members of the Order of Pelicans. Queen Beatrix asked Magdalena, "This seems like a hot and rowdy group. Are you sure you want to be one?" THLady Magdalena de Segovia said yes, and it was announced that a date for her elevation would be announced soon. She was swept into the flock of hugs and court was closed. Pelicans present included Erik of Telemark, Brigid Olesdottir of Loch Ree, Linnet MacLeod, Broinnfinn inghean uí Chatháin, Gabrielle von Strassburg, Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow, Stephan of Durham, Crystyna Hyrundo, Jane Beaumont, Morgan of Osprey, Rory ua Riada, Robert von Flusswasser, Sarah MacGregor, Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères, Lailiane Asenina, Genevotte Villeneuve de la Fleche, Mary Grace of Gatland, and Muirgen of the Mists.

Feast was held inside the hall with those wishing to grill their own food eating outside. The feast had three removes. The first was honey-oat bread, brown soda bread, and shard bread with salad, honey, herb and spiced butter, and the options of vegan or meat stew. The second remove was cinnamon roasted chicken with barley pilaf, honey glazed carrots, mushroom dressing, cucumber salad, and cheese curd pastry. The third remove was roasted goat, sweet peas, baked roots, toasted whiskey pudding, and scotch eggs. Tea and water were also served. While the food was delicious, the Scotch eggs did not look like Scotch eggs, just hard boiled eggs. Toasts were made to the Crown and hosting Baron and Baroness. I sat at the Gambit-Ardanroe table that included Mistress Crystyna, Baroness Barbara, Lord Bran, Lady Melisande, Susanne and Jurgis, Skallagrim and Evlaliia. Yes, there were nine at our table with Skallagrim stuck at the far end against the wall. But a good time was had. Entertainment during the feast included songs by Mary Grace, Melisande, and others.

Clean up after feast was done by the Peers, organized by Master Charles. Peers washed dishes, bagged foods, and cleaned the kitchen. It was an organized chaos of Knights, Laurels, Pelicans, and Royalty. It was too much fun! Duchess Linnet and I had a great system going for washing and rinsing dishes. Then we ran back to our cabins to change for the ball.

The ball was held in the hall where feast had been. Each Lady of the Rose and Diamond were escorted and introduced to Their Majesties. The royal ladies present included Broinnfinn inghean uí Chatháin, Mary Grace of Gatland, Linnet MacLeod, Meaghan Arsmith of Ludlow, Lailiane Asenina, Randalin Kirchendahl, Brenna inghean Fhionnlaioich, Gabrielle von Strassburg, Danielle de la Roche, and Onóra inghean mhic Catháin.

The hole-in-the-wall was then danced, followed by opening for 'sharking'. Lady Myra of the Glen oversaw the set up of refreshments for the ball. The piece-de-resistance was a cake bearing the arms of the Kingdom on top and the arms of every local group in the Kingdom around the four sides. This was carried up and presented to King Jon and Queen Beatrix before being placed on the refreshment table. Lady Myra had spent months gathering the pictures of the local groups' arms to create the cake decorations. Dancing continued inside, while an illuminated bocce ball tourney was held outside. After the ball, those group arms not eaten or claimed to show locally were bagged and given to the Queen.

The weekend had been cool, sunny, and pleasant with great days for driving there and back again.

[NOTE: It was announced later the next week that Magdalena de Segovia would be elevated to the Order of the Pelican at Gleann Abhann 5<sup>th</sup> Year, August 20-22 at the WoW site near Hattiesburg, Mississippi.]

### **Athenaeum III, April 16-18, Shire of Tor an Riogh**

(Written by Avice of York)

Greetings Shire! For those of you who did not get to come to Athenaeum, here's what happened .... We had a good show from Ardanroe. Lorccán brought his entire family. Also in attendance were Symon, Amelia, and Avice. Lorccán had great fun fighting in the Rose and Diamond sponsored Tournament. The tournament winner was Morvan of Tor an Riogh who won with a combined 5 challenge wins and 10 bonus points awarded by the ladies of the gallery. Sir Wernherus and Sir Bart had 14 and 10 victories respectively.

The rapier group had a grand time running woods battles but alas, James was not there to participate so all I can say is that they look like they were really having a good time out there. Symon and Amelia took several of the classes including ring making and silk screening. Avice had an A&S demo about the use of eggs in period cooking. Also being demonstrated were a miniature model of a castle keep by Lady Lewen and the A&S 50 Challenge by Mistress Margot du Bois. Avice will bring details of the A&S 50 Challenge to the next A&S night to share with those who might be interested.

The weather was lovely, cool and breezy but not cold - ideal for most campers. In total there were 88 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed plentiful food and good times.

### **Beltaine, April 23-25, Barony of Grey Niche**

(Written by Avice of York)

It was a dark and stormy day as three travelers from Ardanroe slowly drove their wagon toward the Barony of Grey Niche. The brave travelers were Lady Amelia Balentine, Lord Symon MacConich, and the Honorable Lady Avice of York. Upon arrival at one of the Barony's favorite hunting lodges, our travelers unloaded their goods. They then went in search of a rare event, the vigil of a soon to be Knight by the name of Caedmon of Jorvik. For many years we had heard of his good deeds, his never wavering courage, and his chivalrous manner and wanted to wish him well on this occasion. That being done, our travelers then departed to the home of Avice's kinfolk for the night.

On the morrow the clouds parted and the sun shone as the newest Knight of Gleann Abhann was invested in a ceremony of particular splendor. Their Majesties Jon and Beatrix were in attendance as were a large contingent of Knights of the Realm. Upon the call for a Royal Peer to speak on behalf of Caedmon, a letter from Her Grace, Mistress Mary Grace of Gatland was read by Countess Kenna von Ziemer. It was a glowing report of Chivalry and Courage. Sir Uric Blackoak spoke on the candidate's behalf, citing his prowess in combat and his noble bearing both on and off the field. From the Peerage of the Pelican, Her Grace, Mistress Linnet MacLeod provided resounding praise of the candidate's hard work and volunteering nature in the face of the most lowly of tasks. Finally Maitresse Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères spoke for the Order of the Laurel, praising the candidate's art, not only of all things war, but of his skill as a dancer. The placement of the Knight's Chain had special significance as Duke Sir Kane Redfeather placed it around Caedmon's neck and stated that this chain belonged to Sir Lee Fribrand and admonished the candidate to 'never tarnish what this chain stands for or its legacy.' The sword and buckler were presented by Duke Sir William fitzHugh de Cambria (aka Camric Greenshield) as a symbol of a Knight's pledge to defend Kingdom, Crown, and those unable to defend themselves. Finally, Sir Bartholomew Hightower and Sir James the Holyman applied the spurs to the candidate's feet, signifying not only mastery over the horse, but mastery over himself. The candidate swore the Oath of Fealty to the Crown of Gleann Abhann. Then he received his last unanswered blow from His Majesty Jon. A mighty cheer burst forth from the waiting crown and all Hailed the newest Knight of Gleann Abhann, Sir Caedmon of Jorvik!

The remainder of the day saw battles, both heavy and light; occur inside the hunting lodge as the weather became spotty once again. Many classes were taught, including three by Avice. The children went on a spectacular crusade for treasures around the site with many challenges along the way. There was a lovely lunch provided to the populace and activities continued well into the evening. Court was a splendid affair. Their Majesties of Gleann Abhann and their Excellencies of Grey Niche presided over the ceremonies. Orders of Denial and AOA's were given by their Excellencies and the awards to the tournament winners and youths who won the afternoon's challenge were presented. Their Majesties also presented AOA's and Silver Rams. Two most memorable items of business were presented as well. First THL Cormac the Bald and Sir Drogo of Axbridge spoke of the 5<sup>th</sup> year celebrations for the Kingdom and encouraged all to attend. In the middle of their plea to the Kingdom for resources, the Brewing and Vinting Guild members began a raucous call for libation donations. In the end Sir Drogo had every guild member pledged to bring 15 gallons of ale or 2 of wine or cordial. Next followed Avice's cousin Mistress Ceridwyn the Empiric and her plea to the Crown for justice. Apparently there was a debt owed between her and

another household and payment had never surfaced. At first Mistress Ceridwyn seemed to muddle over taking a page from this house into her own as payment of the debt but it was revealed that the child in question was not old enough to enter into service. So Sir Drogo of Axbridge was once again hailed forth, this time to assist Mistress Ceridwyn in laying hands on the debtor. A brute squad assisted the Knight in hauling Baron Serafino into court. He became Mistress Ceridwyn's first apprentice in payment of the debt between them. Mistress Arielle de Brabazon (Avice and Ceridwyn's Great-Grandmother) provided a belt of green for Baron Serafino to signify his apprenticeship. Finally came a moment many were not looking forward to. Sir Bartholomew Hightower came before the Crown to beg to have his oath of Fealty withdrawn. The good Knight known to many throughout the Kingdom as 'Sir Bart' had completed his 9 month quest in Our Realm and had been summoned back to the Kingdom of Artemisia where his Lady and children no doubt eagerly await him. So with many hugs and tears of sorrow he was released from his oath and sped with prayers for safety and a quick return. He was also reminded that a warm hearth and welcome would always be waiting for him and his loved ones in Gleann Abhann.

At the conclusion of Court, Avice, Symon, and Amelia had all been invited to dine with Avice's kinfolk once again. So they loaded their wagon and left the hunting lodge for the night, tired and satisfied and a little sad for they had all enjoyed the company of Sir Bart this past 9 months and would miss him terribly. The following day, the weary members of Ardanroe, once again climbed into their wagon and journeyed south toward home. The sun was shining and the journey pleasant and each was grateful to be home safe once again.



Caedmon of Jorvik, newest Knight

### **Candlelight Camp, April 30-May 2, Barony of the Small Gray Bear**

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Barony of the Small Gray Bear cancelled their annual spring event, Candlelight Camp, since they hosted Spring Coronation three weeks earlier.





## ASK SKALLAGRIM

This month's question comes from the mouth of a young child. While at Coronation this month I was asked, "What's that thing on your head for?" by a sweet young lady. Since I have no hair, I assumed she was talking about my AOA. So I told her it was an AOA, and it means I am a lord. Her next question is my column for this month.

How do I get an AOA?

There is no easy or fast answer to this. An AOA is "given at the pleasure to those individuals who they deem worthy of recognition for their various achievements." What does that mean? Does it seem vague? This was on purpose.

To get awarded an AOA, someone must be noticed by the Crown for his or her service to the kingdom. Now we are a large kingdom, and the Crown cannot be expected to notice every hard worker in the kingdom. Instead the Crown relies on us, their subjects, to point out the deserving. To do this one must write a letter to their Majesties, outlining who and why. The Crown will follow-up and if they find truth to the letter and the person truly deserving they will grant an AOA.

While this is technically how you get an AOA, this really does not answer the question. You cannot quantify what amount of work is needed for any award. In this volunteer organization we survive because people work. In any branch of the Society, there are members who work harder than anyone else, and those who do nothing to keep things running. In between there is the majority of the group. We are the grunts, and worker bees. We keep everyone feed, reports done, classes going, etc. If you are working as hard as everyone else, it is hard to stand out. The short answer to the question then is you must work hard for it.

So how do you set yourself apart from everyone else? You have to love the Society, and the game we play. Most people who have an AOA will tell you they did not deserve it. It is because they worked hard, but didn't notice because of their passion for the game we play. Much of what they do does not seem like work to them. Many open up their homes for meetings, classes, armoring, or pell practice. They welcome newcomers with open arms and help them with garb, fighting, armoring, and finding their place within the Society. They run their office, to keep the group they love going.

If someone works to get an award, they seem to fall short much of the time. That is because while they are trying to quantify what they do, others do more because they don't realize they are even working. My suggestion to anyone who wants to earn an award is, stop trying to earn an award and start doing. Not for recognition, but because it needs to be done, and if you don't who will. If no one does, no one can play this game we call the current middle ages, and isn't that why we are here?





## LESSONS IN HERALDRY

This month we have a question from the Shire populace. “If I was starting a group (Guild, house, etc.) and wanted a SCA approved device, how would I go about getting it approved? Do I submit it in the normal way? Can I have more than one device approved? Can the group submit the device?”

These are great questions as they cover a lot of different areas – individual and branch submissions – households and guilds. For an individual’s submission, we might call this ‘Households and how they fit into names and armory’; however, these questions are broader including branch submissions for subunits of the branch – such as guilds.

First, we need to answer the questions, “Can I have more than one device approved? Can the group submit the device?” From the *Administrative Handbook of the College of Arms of the SCA* (January 24, 2009), under Submission Regulations I. Registration Limit, it says:

- A. Society Branches - Society branches, including kingdoms, principalities, and local branches, are subject to no limit on the number of items they may register. However, submissions should be limited to meet current or identified need; excessive submissions with no clearly identified purposes may be returned.
- B. Individuals - Individuals may register no more than six names and six pieces of armory. Any submission by an individual which would otherwise exceed this limit must be accompanied by a release of one or more items already registered to that individual to accommodate the new item[s]. Neither heraldic titles nor augmentations count as items for this purpose, though the arms to which the augmentation is added do.

So a Kingdom, Principality, and local branches (Barony, Shire, Canton, College, and alternative names for these entities) can have as many pieces of armory and names registered as they want. But of course there has to be a reason for the registrations. An individual can register a total of twelve (12) items, six names and six pieces of armory.

Second, while the questions were about armory, names are important. Therefore we will talk about an individual’s names first and then armory. Then we will talk about a branch’s names and then armory. In the *Administrative Handbook* under Submission Regulations, II Registerable Items, Section A an individual can register the following types of names: Primary Society Name, Alternate Society Name, Holding Name, Household or Association Name, Heraldic Titles.

You have one Primary Society Name. Sally Sue registers Bernadette the Lame as her Society Name. Everyone knows her as Bernadette the Lame and all the awards, certificates from RUGA (college degrees in the Kingdom), and any other heraldic registrations are listed under that name.

Living in Gleann Abhann, Sally Sue decides that Bernadette is her warm weather persona, a shepherdess in a simple linen dress. But in the winter she wants to bundle up more, so she creates Drusilla Bathory, a Hungarian noblewoman, and wears lots of wool, furs, and other warm clothing. She registers the name Drusilla Bathory and it is listed as her Alternate Society Name, recorded under her Primary Society Name, Bernadette the Lame.

‘Associations include households, guilds, academies, tournament companies, and other similar groups.’ Bernadette and her friends like to travel to events together, often carpooling. They form a household called The Lame Duck. Bernadette is dubbed the head of the household and the household name is registered under her name, Bernadette the Lame (Household Name – The Lame Duck).

One of the Lame Duck members Moe Mallard decides to register as his SCA name Drake the Mallard. Sadly ‘Drake’ is a surname and cannot be used as a first name. Moe also sent in his device “Azure, a galleon Or, sails

furled argent a mallard sable.” His device has no conflicts and can be registered. But his name has to be returned. A Holding Name is created by the Laurel Office of the College of Arms to register his device under. Moe’s Holding Name is ‘Moe of Gleann Abhann’. Later Moe will decide on a different SCA name and register it, changing his Holding Name to his Primary Society Name, by changing ‘Moe of Gleann Abhann’ to ‘Francis Drake the Mallard’. But everyone calls him ‘Drake’.

Bernadette the Lame becomes heavily involved in heraldry. After holding every Kingdom herald office five times plus serving as the local herald of twelve branches, the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann grants her right to a heraldic title. ‘A heraldic title may be registered to an individual if that individual has been granted the right to such a title by a Kingdom or by the Society. Heraldic titles may be submitted by the individual or may be transferred to the individual with the approval of the owning branch and the kingdom to which it belongs.’ In this case, the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann decides Bernadette the Lame shall register a heraldic title of her own choosing. Bernadette submits and has registered “Swan May Herald”, a heraldic title that fits her own persona and interests in the SCA.

At this point Bernadette has four out of her six possible name slots filled. She has a Primary Society Name (Bernadette the Lame), an Alternate Name (Drusilla Bathory), an Association Name (The Lame Duck – household), and a Heraldic Title (Swan May Herald).

Note that an individual can register Household or Association Names and associations do include guilds in addition to households. So an individual could register a guild name. Now, what defines a guild or a household is a Corpora question, in the Office of the Seneschal. Perhaps the Seneschal (or a former Seneschal) will write a column about that for a future issue of the *Ardanrunes*.

So now let’s talk about what armory an individual can register. In the *Administrative Handbook* under Submission Regulations, II Registerable Items, Section D. Armory Which May be Registered to Individuals is defined as Personal Device, Badge, and Augmentation. The Personal Device is one piece of armory associated with the Primary Society Name that uniquely identifies the individual (such as the arms upon a shield while on the field). Branches may use that piece of armory in scrolls honoring the individual (such the Award of Arms, Grant of Arms, or Patent of Arms scrolls).

A badge is any armory other than the Personal Device. The badge can be registered to a single individual or to two individuals jointly. A badge may or may not be associated with anything (such as an Alternate Society Name or an Association Name). Badges and Personal Devices are listed under the Primary Society Name. A badge can be associated with other names registered to the individual at the time of registration of the badge or later (such as if the name the badge is to link with does not yet exist). A jointly owned badge counts in the pieces of armory the Primary Owner of the badge has and can only be changed or released with the approval of the Primary Owner. Badges can be fielded or fieldless (which we’ve talked about in an earlier column).

An Augmentation is something added to a device as an honor from a Kingdom. Augmentations must be registered as part of the device following the standard Rules of Submission. Ergo, a white star as an augmentation placed on the white field of a device is invisible and won’t be registered. Both the augmented armory and original unaugmented armory are protected and together count as just one piece of armory with regards to the Registration Limit. Only Personal Devices can be augmented; badges can not.

So, let’s look at Bernadette the Lame, mundanely known as Sally Sue. Bernadette decides to register a device, “Azure, in pale a sheep argent and a crutch Or”. This is her Personal Device. Bernadette decides to register a badge for her Alternate Society Name, Drusilla Bathory. Her badge for Drusilla is “Or a rermouse displayed purpure maintaining an apple gules.” As the head of the household, the Lame Duck, she will have the Lame Duck’s household badge registered under her name. Sally Sue marries Moe Mallard and they become the heads of the household. So Bernadette and Francis Drake the Mallard jointly register the household’s badge, “(Fieldless) Two crutches in saltire Or overall a duck argent.” Bernadette is the Primary Owner for this badge since she was the original head of the household. After all those years of service in heraldry, the Kingdom not only granted Bernadette a Heraldic Title but also gave her an Augmentation. The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann gave her permission to use as an augmentation “A ram’s head couped argent collared sable.” Bernadette submits her device with the augmentation and it is registered “Azure, in pale a sheep argent and a crutch Or, as augmentation in dexter chief a ram’s head couped argent collared sable.” So Bernadette the Lame has a Personal Device, an Augmentation, a Badge for her

Alternate Society Name (Drusilla Bathory), and a Badge for her Association Name (household – the Lame Duck) which is jointly held with Francis Drake the Mallard, giving her a count of three pieces of armory out of six (since the Personal Device and Augmentation count together as one).

All her submissions were done as individual submissions using the standard Name, Device, and Badge Forms.

Now let's look at Branches. In the *Administrative Handbook* under Submission Regulations, II Registerable Items, Section B. a Branch can register different types of names based on 'administrative' categories. These are the Branch Name, Award or Order Name, Household or Association Name, and Heraldic Titles. A Branch (Kingdom, Principality, Barony, Shire, and Canton) has one Branch Name. Everything is registered under that Branch Name. Holding Names cannot be created for a Branch. Either your Branch Name is registered or it is not. The designator for the Branch (Kingdom, Principality, Shire, and Barony) is not part of the registered name. They are simply placeholders that reflect the status of the branch.

A good example of why you do not register the Branch designator can be found in Gleann Abhann. Seleone started as a Canton. They then became a Shire and now are a Barony. The Branch Name is Seleone. The Branch designator (Canton, Shire, and Barony) changed as the status of the group changed.

According to Corpora, only Kingdoms, Principalities, Baronies and their equivalent Branches (such as Provinces in place of Baronies) may register an Award or Order Name. These names must have a designator such as "Order of", "Award of", etc. Remember that in a Kingdom or Principality's Order of Precedence, a records is only kept of the Society level awards (Knight, Laurel, Pelican, Grant, Award of Arms), Kingdom's awards, Principality's awards, and the Baronial's service award. Honors from a Shire or small Branch are not tracked. Ergo, Branches are registering the names of the Honors that are tracked in the Orders of Precedence. An Order/Award Name may be linked to a Badge, both of which are listed under the Branch Name.

'Associations include households, guilds, academies, tournament companies, and other similar groups.' Branches may register an Association Name for a subunit of the Branch, such as the Embroiderers Guild or the House of St. Dunstan (perhaps the name of the Branch's tourney company or a service group of the Branch). The Shire of Blackmoor Keep is the home of the mysterious Brother Guido. There are several members of the Shire who do goodly works in the name of Brother Guido. Perhaps the Shire of Blackmoor Keep would consider registering the 'House of Brother Guido' as a subunit within the Shire? RUGA (Royal University of Gleann Abhann) is an Association Name within the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann, though I'm not sure if it was ever registered. Association Names may be linked to badges.

Heraldic Titles in Branches fall under the following areas: (a) Kingdom and Principality Heralds, (b) Other Branch titles, (c) Staff titles. The principal herald of a Kingdom or Principality will have a registered heraldic title. In Gleann Abhann the principal herald is the Diamond Herald, also called the Diamond Principal Herald. A Kingdom may decide if a Local Branch, usually being a Barony, can have a titled herald. All local branches may have a local herald, but the local herald of a Barony might get to hold a Heraldic Title while serving in that position. Usually the Heraldic Title of a Barony fits the Barony, either taking its name from the Barony's service award or theme of the Barony. The Barony of the Small Gray Bear could have the Ursine Herald, ursine meaning bear. Staff titles are those heraldic titles for other heraldry positions in a Kingdom or Principality. Again these may follow a theme. Gleann Abhann used gemstones for naming the heraldic titles of its staff (Submissions, Order of Precedence, Lists, Education, Regalia, Scrolls) being Ruby, Obsidian, Emerald, Blue Sapphyre, Amethyst, and Topaz. And a Kingdom may register a Heraldic Title which is then transferred to an individual as a special honor. Think of this like retiring the jersey of an athlete. Lady Dorothea de Tornado after ten years as the Submissions Herald of Gleann Abhann, upon stepping down is honored with the granting of the Heraldic Title Ruby Herald, which was the original heraldic title of the Submissions Herald. The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann transfers the heraldic title Ruby Herald to Dorothea de Tornado to use forever. The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann creates a new heraldic title for the Submissions Herald, the Garnet Herald.

[NOTE: Garnet Herald is under the control of another Kingdom.]

In the *Administrative Handbook* under Submission Regulations, II Registerable Items, Section E Branches can register the following armory: Branch Arms, Ancient Arms, Badges, Augmentation, and Heralds' Seal. The Branch

Arms are the unique identifying device of a Branch. ‘By Society convention, all branch arms must include one or more laurel wreaths as an important element in the design; only branch arms may have laurel wreaths as an element. Kingdoms must also include a crown or coronet in the design. Principalities may include a crown or coronet, but are not required to do so.’

Ancient Arms are the old arms (old device) of a Branch, kept by the Branch historically after a Branch creates a new device for the Branch. Let’s say that the Shire of Blue Flatts was formed by a gaggle of Fashionista Laurels and registers “Argent, semy-de-shoes azure, a laurel wreath gules.” Years later all of the Fashionista Laurels have moved away and the Shire of Blue Flatts is a group of heavy and light weapon fighters. They decide they don’t want blue shoes as their device. Instead a new device “Argent, a dolmen azure within a laurel wreath sable” is registered. They keep the old device registered, but retire it as Ancient Arms under the Branch Name Blue Flatts.

We have already talked about badges. Know that badges can be registered for Award/Order Names, Association Names, generic function (aka “populace badge”) or for no set purpose. The Kingdom of Gleann Abhann may have registered a badge for its royal university (RUGA) to use and may have registered badges for some of its Awards/Orders (Lamb, Shepherd), generic (populace badge), or other Association Name (Herbal Guild or Armorer’s Guild of Gleann Abhann).

A Kingdom may register an armory item for use as a standard augmentation, such as “A ram’s head couped argent collared gules” by Gleann Abhann. Again the augmentation must follow the standard rules of submission when applied to an individual or branch’s arms. If a branch (Barony, Shire, etc.) receives an Augmentation from a Kingdom, it is the Branch Arms that are augmented, not the badge(s) or the ancient arms.

‘Heralds’ seals are tinctureless armory registered as heraldic seals for the use of the Principal Herald or College of Heralds of a Kingdom. Such seals must contain tow straight trumpets in saltire, bells to chief.’ The old Kingdoms of the SCA have heralds’ seals. Many of the young Kingdoms do not. This is due in part to the purpose of the seals and the change in use over time where some traditions have faded away as other traditions were formed, or found to be more period or neater looking, etc.

So, the answer to the questions posed at the beginning are:

Yes, an individual can register an Association Name (household or guild name) and a badge to go with it. If submitting as an individual, the individual submission forms for Name and Badge would be used. Documentation would be required to register the Association Name. The Badge for the Association Name could be jointly registered to two individuals. An individual can have a total of six pieces of armory and six pieces of name registered.

Yes, a Branch can also register an Association Name (household or guild name) and a badge to go with it. A Branch would use the Branch submission forms for Name and Badge. Documentation would be required to register the Association Name. If a Branch is registering something, there must be accompanying proof of official will of the Branch, such as a group petition or letter from the Crown of a Kingdom or Baron and/or Baroness of a Barony. Branches have not limit on the number of names and armory that can be registered but are reminded to use common sense.

If you have a particular heraldry question you would like answered in “Lessons in Heraldry”, please let me know! I may not know the answer but will try to find an answer that helps.

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