

# ARDANRUNES

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## Calendar of Events

July 10	Lugh – Grey Niche (one day)
July 17	Barbarian Brawl – Small Gray Bear (one day)
July 24	Shire of Ardanroe 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (one day)
July 30 – Aug 15	Pennsic 39 (Aethelmearc)
July 31	Academy of Performing Arts – Iron Ox
August 7	Sailing the Silk Road – Guardian Forest (one day)
August 14	Aphar Faire & GA Live Weapons Championship – Lagerdamm
August 21	Gleann Abhann 5 <sup>th</sup> Year – Tor an Riogh
August 28	Duvant Defender – Wyrmggeist
September 11	Slay the Dragon - Vogelburg
September 18	Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire – Seleone

## ARDANROE OFFICERS

Seneschal: The Honorable Lady Avice of York  
Knight Marshal: Lord Skallagrim Bararson  
Herald: Maistir Rory ua Riada  
Exchequer: Joya le Normande  
Minister of Arts & Sciences: The Hon. Lady Melisant of Exmoor  
Chronicler: Barun Rory ua Riada  
Chirurgeon: VACANT

Minister of Children: VACANT  
Web Minister: Lorccán na Túaithe  
Provost of RUGA: Lady Amata Quentin Motzhart  
Quartermaster: Mistress Sarah MacGregor  
Chatelaine: Lady Evlaliia Sveinnsdaughter  
Historian: Lord Ebrahim al-Jabal{i-}/Lady Amelia Balentine  
Constable: Giric l{o,}gmaðr

## HARKEN YE!

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

July 6 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Duck Pond on East Kings Highway (Tuesday)  
July 14 – Populace Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)  
July 20 – Fighter Practice – 6:30 p.m. – Duck Pond on East Kings Highway (Tuesday)  
July 24 – Shire’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – 10:00 a.m. – Shady Grove Community Center (Saturday)  
July 28 – A&S Workshop – 7:00 p.m. – Aulds Library (Wednesday)

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



## SAINTS DAY CALENDAR

July 5<sup>th</sup> is the calendar date for Antony Zaccaria. He was born in 1502 in Cremona and studied medicine at the University of Padua. At age twenty-five he set up his own practice. Finding in his ministrations that so many were not only physically ill but spiritually ill, he then studied theology and in 1528 was ordained a priest. He moved to Milan and with others in 1530 formed a society ‘to revive the love of divine worship and a true Christian way of life by continual preaching and faithfully administering the sacraments.’ Pope Clement VII named them the Clerks Regular of St. Paul. Antony purchased the church of St. Barnabas in Milan for the Clerks to use. He died at the age of thirty-seven shortly after the purchase. Today the society is known as Barnabites.

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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

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



## HERALDIC RESULTS

The following action took place at the March 2010 Laurel Sovereign of Arms' Pelican and Wreath meetings, and appears in the March 2010 LoAR printed June 21, 2010:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED:

### GLEANN ABHANN

**Helmut der Adler.** Name and device. Quarterly sable and argent, an eagle displayed purpure within an orle counterchanged.



## TOWN FAIRE

Despite the heat advisory with temperatures in the upper 90's (96 averaging), the Shire held its first June fighter practice on Tuesday, June 1, at the Duck Pond on East Kings Highway from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. At least nineteen people attended, some from out of town, including Gabriela MacGillivray (a light weapons fighters) and her husband from the Shire of Blackwood and a father and son from Utah (those Artemisians go a long way for a fighter practice!). Johannes, Skallagrim and Symon taught heavy weapons while James taught light weapons. Helmut fought almost the entire time. Rory taught Exchequer Finance Report Forms. Evlaliia provided a large water jug and many others brought bottled water. Rory, Dana, Medb, Symon, and Avice finished off the evening at Ming Garden.

The second June fighter practice was held on Tuesday, June 15, but started at 6:30 p.m. to lessen the horrid heat index. Fighter practice occurred at the Duck Pond on East Kings Highway. It was lead by Symon since he is the deputy knight marshal. Also attending was Avice, Travis, Johnnes, Jera, Karn, James, Renee (Rapier girl from Blackwood) and I (Skallagrim). We had a few visitors that evening. Some appeared to have great interest in what we were doing.

The Shire's A&S Workshop was held on Wednesday, June 23 at the Aulds Branch Library. The focus was European dance to prepare the populace for participation in balls and 'courtly' dances at events. Members started to gather at 7:00 p.m. with the dance lessons running just over an hour, ending shortly after 8:30 p.m. Twelve people attended the class (Melisant, Helmut, Joya [Suzanne's new SCA name], Medb, Jurgis, Symon, Avice, Nikolai [Symon's nephew], Sarah, Amelia, Rory, and Tralîn [Travis' new SCA name]). Melisant's children, Eric and Elizabeth, played quietly in a corner. Rory taught the 'Hole in the Wall', 'Korobushka', 'Angus Reel', and 'Trenchmore'. He demonstrated 'Scotland the Brave/Gey Gordon' with Amelia. Sarah assisted Rory with helping the group learn the steps and line movement of the 'Hole in the Wall'. Medb and Sarah demonstrated 'sharking'. Rory also covered flourishing in the 'Hole in the Wall'. Music was available for 'Hole in the Wall' and for the 'Angus Reel' *Scotland the Brave* was used. The other two dances, 'Korobushka' and 'Trenchmore' were walked through without music. Handouts for the first four dances were distributed to all at the end of the evening to take home. Tralîn will investigate another version of the 'Korobushka' he danced in the Outlands. Rory will try to obtain more dances on CDs before the Shire's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party/event on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Sarah also officially completed the transfer of the local Exchequer office to Joya that night.

**THE ARDANROE HERBARIUM**  
(THL Rovena of Bri Leith, Column Editor)



*Lepidium latifolium* near the river Rhine at Bonn (Germany)

***DITTANDER***

Dittander is one of about 175 species of the world wide mustard family. Other species include cress, pepperweed, and certain tumbleweeds. Common names for Dittander include Burning Bush, White Dittany, and Fraxinella. Its ruling planet is Venus. Its range is west to Britain, north to Scandinavia, south to North Africa, and east to Western Asia.

Dittander's native habitat includes salt marshes and wet sandy areas but can grow in light, medium, and heavy soils. It can easily grow a yard a year. Because it is not frost tender, it has a hardiness zone of 6. It can grow in light or no shade areas. Water is the critical factor to its growth. Its hermaphrodite flowers bloom from June to July. Because of all these factors, dittander is considered an invasive plant similar to kudzu.

You can propagate it by one of two methods. Sow them in a cold frame. Seedlings are transplanted into individual pots until they can be set out in the garden. The other method is division that can be done almost any time of year. Divide the plant and insert into their permanent locations.

Dittander has a wide range of medicinal uses that include treating fevers, nervous complaints, skin diseases, and pain from cramps, rheumatism, and kidney stones. Gerard recommends it for any wound infected with venom and for drawing out splinters of wood or bone.

The new leaf growth can be used as a salad ingredient. The leaves are also used to make a scented tea. The flowers and roots are used to flavor liqueurs and wines. The roots can also be used as a horseradish substitute. Use as condiment in Britain and ancient Greece. A cosmetic use is dittander water.

One reason its common name is Burning Brush is because dittander produces a volatile vapor that can be burnt. This form is used in communication with one's ancestors.

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## FORTNIGHT

The June Shire Populace Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Aulds Branch Library. The Office of Seneschal was transferred from Dana to Avice. The meeting began around seven o'clock and ended around nine o'clock. Over twenty-two people attended the meeting (Dana, Joya, Amata, Amelia, Branwyn, Cadigan, Evlaliia, Skallagrim, Timo, Apollonia, Medb, Helmut, Avice, Sarah, Jurgis, Melisant, James, Symon, Rory, and Melisant's two children and Branwyn's two teens).

Officer reports were given by the officers.

The Finance Committee has accepted both bids for Winter Wonders and now asks that Skallagrim and Amelia co-autocrat and merge their two bids together. Avice will be the feastcrat.

New Business:

The Shire of Ardanroe turns thirty this year, as it was founded in 1980. A small celebration of the Shire's anniversary will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Shady Grove Community Center. A flyer will be in the July Ambassador. This will be a free event. This is a dry site. The Shire's Defender Tourney will be held outside and games and dancing inside. The Shire Defender Tourney will be open to all. The Finance Committee approved up to \$ 175 for cooked chicken (from Albertson's). James and/or Sarah will provide watermelons. Avice will provide a birthday/anniversary cake. All attendees are asked to bring a side dish. Everyone is to Bring Your Own Drinks. Apollonia may be able to provide Capri Sun for the fighters. No more than 40 people are expected to attend this one-day event. Local news will be notified as this could be a good lead to the Timeline Demo in September. Medb is autocrat for this one-day event.

Melisant has been spearheading the Timeline Demo. This will be held Saturday, September 25 at Lake Bistineau State Park. The ranger has obtained permission to set aside Group Camp One for free usage over the September 24-26 weekend for the out of town Timeline groups to use for beds and kitchen. The Vikings, Civil War, Romans, and other War groups have been or are being contacted. Skallagrim will be the liaison to the groups. Melisant will be the Demo Autocrat. The Timeline Demo is an attempt to bring a lot of the local community to the State Park (which helps the State Park) and to showcase all of the different timeline groups. Because of the good relations the Shire has with the Park, we are overseeing this demo. The Shires of Blackwood, Loch Bais, and Rosenfeld will be contacted to see if they would like to attend and assist in showcasing the SCA. A discussion was

held regarding food. A tentative budget of \$500 has been approved by the Finance Committee for food for the weekend for this super-demo.

Gleann Abhann 5<sup>th</sup> Year is the weekend of August 20-22. It will be held at the Woodmen of the World Camp in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Parking will be an issue so attendees are urged to carpool. James is coordinating the Shire's tenting encampment. All those wanting to tent are to send him their tent size and type. The event will be laid back with a history display inside the hall, dogball and a rapier tourney outside, court and elevation of Magdalena de Segovia to the Order of the Pelican. Each Shire and Barony is being asked to create a small display of their local history. Amelia would like to have a 3-board poster display which can be used afterwards at demos. Everyone was asked to bring pictures and other items to the Shire's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on July 24 to give to Ebrahim, who will scan things and give these to Amelia for the display.

Fall Coronation is the weekend of October 1-3 (Saturday, October 2). The Heirs are looking for a site that allows horses. They have received one bid (from Smythkepe) but would like options. Medb has investigated and Lake Bistineau State Park is available that weekend. She has put together a bid with Jurgis for the Shire's approval. The Finance Committee has seen the bid and Okayed it. Medb and Jurgis would co-autocrat. Avice would do feast. In the past horses have been allowed on-site but the main park ranger is on vacation, so we will not know for certain until next week. No tenting is allowed at the group site. No pets are allowed in buildings. People would be needed for troll, gate guard, set up, clean up, etc. After much discussion the Shire voted to submit the bid to host Fall Coronation. Medb will send it to the Crown and Heirs and appropriate Kingdom Officers. Signatures on the bid form were obtained at the conclusion of the meeting.

Winter Wonders will be held in January over the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend at Lake Bistineau State Park. Skallagrim and Amelia will combine their bids and co-autocrat the event.

At the last fighter practice, we had run out of information cards about the SCA to give to observers. Evlialia needs new cards for the Chatelaine's office. Helmut will assist with this.

Medb has been asked to gather information about Baronial status. A few years back Olaf, Ceara, and Maximilian oversaw a task force to find out about Baronial status. At that time the Shire did not have enough active members to consider pursuing this. Now, the Shire has a lot more active people. Discussion was held about that the basic requirements are for Baronial status, what reasons a group would want to become a Barony, some of the pros and cons of forming and maintaining a Barony. The decision was made to have a meeting separate from populace and A&S (in July if possible) to take about Baronial status. Tentatively the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in July was looked at. Rory requested having someone who has been involved in the formation of a Barony and/or its policies and processes to come speak to the group. Baroness Morgana tentatively will be attending the Shire's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on July 24 and might be able to talk that day.

The Kingdom Calendar was gone over for the months of June, July, and August.

Melisant has fresh farm eggs.

At the conclusion of the meeting all current signers and incoming signers met with Sarah to fill out the bank signature forms for updating the Shire's bank account. Sarah will be sending this to the Kingdom Exchequer for her signature.

The meeting was adjourned.



### THREES

There are times when one says that things happen in 'threes'. Look for more on this in a future issue.



## CARRIAGE CHATTER

### **Steppes Warlord, May 28-30, Barony of the Steppes (Ansteorra)**

(Written by Branwyn Brynglas)

Members of the Shire Amelia, Matt, Helmut and I attended this year's Steppes Warlord held at the "First Monday" site in Canton, Texas. Many classes were offered that reflected this year's theme of Middle Eastern culture and there were about a dozen merchants. There were 78 heavy fighters in the Warlord tournament. Sir Lochlann won and named his Lady Gwen the Queen of Love and Beauty. There were 34 rapier fighters in the Champion tournament. Don Ingwe won and named Lady Vyolante the Queen of Grace and Honor. Ten bards competed in the Bardic competition and The Honorable Lord Svan Coldbrow Skaldsson was chosen as Bard of the Steppes. Archery is always a highlight at this event with competitions for Steppes Archer won by David of Gates Edge and Royal Huntsman won by Samual ap Dewi. A Hafla ran until midnight Saturday night. Despite the East Texas heat, we had a wonderful time with the Barony of the Steppes.

### **Loch Bais Birthday Bash, June 12, Shire of Loch Bais**

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

The Shire of Loch Bais held their annual birthday celebration as a one-day event at the Wesley Foundation in Natchitoches, Louisiana near the Northwestern State University campus. Limited crash space was available along with hotels for those wishing to come in on Friday or spend the night Saturday. Father Gilbert des Moulins was in charge of reservations. Iain O'Donnell was the autocrat. More about this event is expected in a future issue.

### **Lilies War 24, June 11-20, Kingdom of Calontir**

(Written by Rory ua Riada)

Helmut appears to be the only Ardanroe member to make the trip to Lilies War this year. The event was held in Smithville, MO. He hung out with Sir James the Holy. We expect to hear more about the event from our Energizer Bunny member in the near future.

### **A Trip to Troll Fen Fighter Practice, June 20**

(Written by Skallagrim Bararson)

On Sunday, June 20, Skallagrim, Evlaliia, and Karn took a trip to Troll Fen. We had sent word ahead and Troll Fen adjusted their fighter practice scheduled for 3pm that day to happen at 1pm instead. It took place at their usual spot in Girard Park in Lafayette, Louisiana.

We fought for several hours and learned a lot. There were many there we had not had a chance to fight before. The chance to fight and learn from fighters we hadn't fought before was why we went and well worth the drive.

### **Another Tale of Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List, May 14-16, 2010**

(Written by Skallagrim Bararson)

It was more than a month ago that the Crown ascended to the throne. The call was sent out for any worthy combatants to step forward, to compete on the field of honor two become heir to the Aries throne. When the notice came to our sleepy little shire, to warriors stepped forward to accept this challenge, THL Maximilian von Braun, and Lord Skallagrim Bararson.

The event was to be held in the shire of Lagerdamm, in the far north of the Kingdom. Preparations were made, wagons were loaded, and Lady Amelia, Lord Skallagrim, Lady Evelaliia, Karn Skallagrimson, Lord Helmut, THL Medb, THL James the beekeeper, THL Maximilian, Jurgis, Suzanne, Lady Branwyn and Lord Ebrahim set off

for the long journey up into the mountains that serve as our kingdoms northern border. The night before the tourney rain fell, causing worry for many that the field may be too dangerous. By morning Thor had stopped hunting giants and the rain was gone. The day was overcast, but mostly dry, the tournament would go on.

Two hundred and sixty gentlefolk attended the event. Thirteen combatants and their prospective consorts were approved to compete in the Crown tournament. One couple was not able to attend due to a sick child, leaving twelve on the day of the list. The twelve fighters and consorts were:

Duke Tar Radu and Duchess Broinnfinn  
Duke Havordh Aetarbani and Baroness Muirgen of the Mists  
Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto and Baroness Ashikaga Kimiko  
Sir James the Holy and Lady Joan of Ooc  
THL Jean Louis and Mistress Jane Beaumont  
THL Mika'il al-Rashid and Lady Adalyde de Sardaigne  
THL Martin von Augsburg and THL Gwyneth Caerr  
THL Maximilian von Braun and THL Rebecca MacGillivray  
Lord John the Bellringer and Lady Abigail Grindley  
Lord Randal de Tancreleia and Lady Sugihara no Naome  
Lord Strazhek zyn Diomid and Delara al-Badawiyya  
Lord Skallagrim Bararson and Lady Evlaliia Svenevicha

Lord Skallagrim was the lowest in rank and last to process. His herald, Lord Helmut, enthusiastically introduced him and his consort, Lady Evelaliia. His "Hot Pants" were praised as was her "Huge tracks of land". They were called before Their Majesties and gifts and pleasantries were exchanged. Everyone laughed big at something; I wonder what it could be?

The tournament was to be a win by two, double elimination. This means to win one round you would have to win two more bouts than your opponent and when you lose two rounds, you are out of the tournament. This would be a long and grueling tournament. His Majesty only wanted the best of the best for his heir.

Lord Skallagrim would choose first in the challenge round. He picked Sir Ashikaga Hiromoto. The round would not last long, as Sir Ashikaga was far superior to the young lord. THL Maximilian would fight THL Mika'il al-Rashid. The fighting was good, but Max came out on top.

As the tournament progressed, all the fighting was grand. During round two, Skallagrim won his first bout, and as his Shire members cheered louder than any others, it seemed as if he may do better than expected. It was not to be so, as his opponent Lord Randall won the next three bouts, to advance. Skallagrim was done. Maximilian won his fight, to advance through the winners' bracket. Sir Ashi drew His Grace Radu for the round and the first epic battle began. Both fighters were Florentine fighters, and highly skilled. Many of us watching learned much. It lasted twenty-three minutes and no one sat down for the entire time.

On went the contest, seemingly never to stop. Maximilian was defeated for the second time by Sir James the Holy. The four knights were all that remained. Radu faced James the Holy and the second and greatest of the epic battles started. They fought eight times before Radu gained a two-victory advantage over Sir James. The entire contest between these two titans of the list lasted for nearly 45 minutes. Radu awaited his opponent in the finals. Sir Ashi progressed through the losers' bracket to fight Sir James the Holy in the semifinals. The crowd was on the edge of their seats; no matter who won the finals would be good.

It was Ashi and Radu in the finals, but the fighting had taken its toll on both fighters. The final bout was done in two fights. Long live Their Highness Radu & Broinnfinn.

After the tournament the Laurels, Silver Lamp, Chivalry and Diamond Chalice each held meetings. Sir Drogo stepped down as autocrat of 5<sup>th</sup> Year due to work conflicts the weekend of that event and THL Cormac the Bald will be the autocrat instead. A silent auction was held to raise funds for the kingdom discretionary fund. No children's activities were planned, but there was a playground and a giant sand pit.

Court was held in the early evening with feast following thirty minutes later.

The feast was grand, and no one left hungry. Between the four removes Lagerdamm provided entertainment. Hafla followed, and as Karn played his guitar for everyone, His Majesty appeared in his own pair of "Hot Pants". Skallagrim had given them to him during the procession. Everyone had a grand time.

The next morning everyone loaded their wagons and headed back to their homes.

## ASK SKALLAGRIM

What does it take to fight in Crown List?

Since I fought in the last Crown List, I thought I would answer this question. It has two parts. The first one is, “What does Corpora and Kingdom Law say about it?” The second is, “What does it actually take to make it happen?”

Let’s take the first one because it is the easiest.

1. Every fighter must have a consort of the opposite sex.
2. Both must have been members in good standing in the Kingdom for the past twelve months.
3. Both must be members on the day of the list and, if they win provide proof of membership that will carry them through their reign.
4. Both must be present at the tournament.
5. The one fighting must be an authorized fighter. Either or both may be fighting in the tournament.
6. You must send in a Letter of Intent, signed by both stating everything above.
7. The current Crown must approve.

This means that any authorized fighter, who is also a member in good standing for a year on the day of the tournament, can enter the list. But before you decide to take the field, let’s talk about what really is required of you.

Let’s start with the prep work, aside from the fighter practicing as much as possible. Do you have an AoA? Well, you need banners to display your devices then. You should make one for your local group as well. If there were time, a Kingdom banner would be nice. Oh, and don’t forget banner poles for each one, and portable holes for the banner poles. Along with that, you will need wooden shields for the heralds shield tree.

How is your court garb? Is that looking good or do you need new or maybe to embroider the edges? Remember you will be standing before Their Majesties, and all eyes will be upon you.

So, your garb looks good and you have banners to display your device. Do you have a place to sit? I am not talking about a chair, but a pavilion. It is good to have a shady spot to sit between rounds; a place to keep food, drink and stuff. Can you set it up by yourself? You should start looking for helpers well before the List.

What about the procession? Do you have people to carry your banner? What about a herald? Are you just going to be announced or will there be some shtick with it? Remember this is your introduction to the Crown and the populous. Even if the Crown knows you already, this is the time to make an impression.

When you go before Their Majesties, a gift exchange is usually done. It is usually something small, and can either be hand crafted or store bought. It can be a general item or as personal as you want to give. It usually depends on the maker’s relationship to the Crowns. As an example, when I fought in the list, I had just met Their Majesties at Coronation and did not know them well. I gave Her Majesty a necklace and earring set I had made myself while trying to learn wire weaving. His Majesty received from me, a pair of flame “Hot” pants, since he had dubbed me Hot Pants at Coronation. Her Majesties gift was simple and inexpensive, although there was some time involved. His was more expensive, but more personal.

Now, you have been busy reading yourselves. You have secured a pavilion and the people to help set it up. We have people for our procession, and a herald. This is more than likely a group of your friends. If you want them to remain your friends, you should probably feed and water them. This means you will need tables and tablecloths, feast gear, cooler, ice chest, and of course, the consumables. As the morning of the Tourney will be busy, you will probably need someone to help set that up as well.

Every Crown needs an entourage to help them get things done at events. The pomp and circumstance involved in a Crown Tourney will go a long way to showing that you can have an entourage. While I don’t know of any official competition, I can tell you the prettier your setup, the bigger your procession, even the quality of your food will be measured by onlookers. The better show you put on the more respect you will earn, from Crown, other participants, and the populous.

It is a lot of work to fight in a Crown List. I can say the experience is worth the rewards that come from it. Here are some stories from my first Crown List to help you understand:

- Traveler’s Fare was late. When I showed up in the main hall to see what was available before walking the field, they micro waved a special bowl of chili, just to be sure I, as a fighter in the List the next day, was fed.
- While eating my chili, I was approached by a lady with a wonderful idea for next Crown List. She was telling me because, “We all know you will win. You wouldn’t enter if you couldn’t win.” After the

long drive, and problems setting up the pavilion on the field, this was a needed word of encouragement.

- My consort, Jera, went to Consort's Breakfast. She was applauded when she told them, "Six months ago I served this breakfast. Today I am eating it."
- When I lost the final fight of my final round, Lord Randall hugged me and said, "God, you fight hard." Since I was worried about my performance, this was probably the best thing he could have said to me.
- As I started to put together everything I needed to make being in a Crown List happen, everyone who knew me in my shire offered to help. It made me feel special. I will always appreciate everyone who helped make it happen.



## LESSONS IN HERALDRY

This month I am listing a few discontinued charges. On occasion a charge that has been registered in the past will be discontinued when research shows the charge is not period (either did not exist in period or was not known in period or not used in period). Other times the charge may be a complete artistic creation and only exist in the SCA as a charge, never having been used in the 'real world'. As such, this month are listed some discontinuations from recent *Letters of Acceptance and Returns*.

### **From Wreath: Pierrot Masks<sup>1</sup>**

Historically, we have registered Pierrot masks. Research on a submission this month showed that the creation of the character Pierrot in commedia dell'arte occurred after 1650. Therefore, unless documented to period, Pierrot masks will no longer be registerable after the June 2010 decision meeting.

### **From Wreath: Crosses of Cerdaña<sup>2</sup>**

A submission this month included a *Cross of Cerdaña*. This cross is an SCA-invented cross. It has never been documented to period. Barring evidence for the use of this cross as a period charge, we will cease to register these crosses after the August 2010 Laurel meeting.

### **From Wreath: Vair Bells<sup>3</sup>**

This month, we registered a *vair bell*, a single tile of the repeating pattern which forms the tincture *vair*. While the charge has been registered 10 times in the SCA, it does not appear to be a period charge. Since it does not appear to be a very popular charge, unless documented to period as a charge, *vair bells* will no longer be registerable after the April 2010 Laurel Meetings.

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.

Maistir Rory

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<sup>1</sup>*Cover Letter. January 2010 Letter of Acceptance and Returns.* (For the January 2010 meetings, printed April 19, 2010), [Accessed June 21, 2010] <http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2010/01/10-01cl.html>

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