

The Dancing Moon March, 2012



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Tithing at Chieftains!

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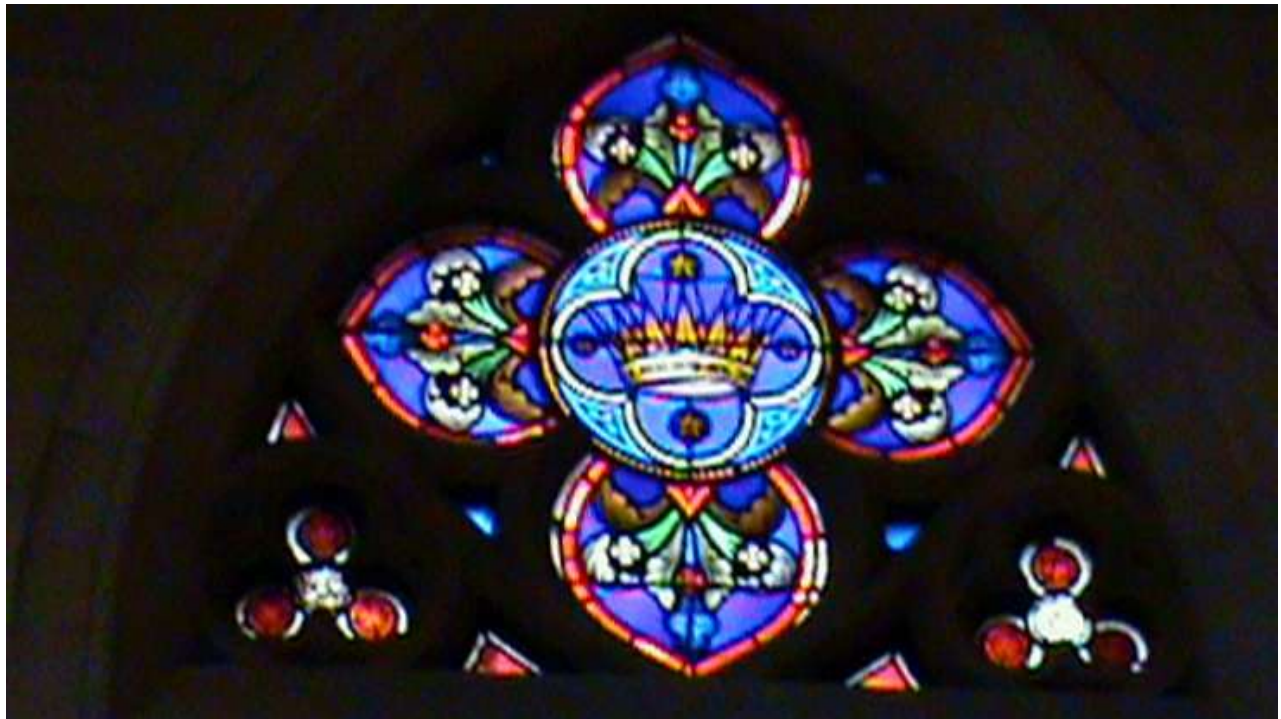


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Helms for Sale

Local Announcements:

Due to other commitments, the Fighter Marshal will not be scheduling any fighter practices for March.

If you find an error that needs correcting in the shire newsletter or the shire website, please inform your webminister/chronicler ASAP. It may make her grumpy, but she needs to know.

Please submit March announcements to the Chronicler by February 26.



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Stone Saints in the Chapel

Shire Calanais Nuadh Tithes at Chieftains 2012

by

Lady Dulcibella de Chateaurien



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Lady Sciadh relaxes in the Common Room

Shopping!



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**Lord Kristoph dodges the paparazzi!
(Doesn't want his noble family's reputation sullied by the taint of trade, no doubt...)**

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Lady Cadlae in the elevator

(Some chroniclers will photograph anything!)

**Woodworking with
Master Edward**





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Music and Dancing in the Common Room

Court at Chieftains

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Singing before court starts



Royal Procession



Lord James and Lady Rose Await the Processional



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Shire Calanais presents its tithe to the king. He seems pleased. Huzzah!



March's Medieval Moment

by Lady Dulcibella de Chateaurien

Slightly out of period, but interesting: On March 2, 462 AD, many parts of the world observed a total lunar eclipse. In his *Hydatius Lemicus Chronicon*, Bishop Hydrata of Portugal reports that “On March 2 with the crowing of the cocks after the setting of the sun the full moon was turned to blood.” The moon appears red during a lunar eclipse because the small amount of sunlight that reaches the moon is refracted through the Earth’s atmosphere and most of the blue light spectrum is blocked.

Hydrata’s blood red moon is a description of lunar eclipses that goes back to ancient times. During a September lunar eclipse in 331 BC, Quintus Tertius, notes in the *History of Alexander* that the moon was “suffused with the color of blood” and the *Acta Sanctorum* describes a lunar eclipse that occurred in August of 304 AD during the martyrdom of Bishop Felix as “Turned to blood,” a description echoed a century and a half later by Hydrata. In the Bible, in the Book of Joel, the prophet Joel also describes the lunar eclipse that will be one of the signs that the world is ending as a “moon turned to blood” and his words are repeated by Peter in the Book of Acts. In fact, this “moon into blood” description of a lunar eclipse occurs so often in ancient and medieval texts that it can be considered a standard historical description of the phenomenon.

Lunar and solar eclipses in ancient and medieval times were viewed as signs, omens, and portents of good and evil (usually evil). However, in more modern times, descriptions of these phenomena along with the dates on which they occurred have served as tools and markers to help modern historians and theologians in their efforts to determine more accurate dating of major historical events in antiquity.

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Blood Moon

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Backdrop for Court at Chieftains

Shire Calendar - March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 2 PM: Archery Prac- tice, Lord Alan's House a	5	6 6:45 PM: Weekly Meeting Project Night Newburg United Methodist Church, Newburg, Mo.	7	8	9	10
11 Gulf Wars XXI Kingdom of Gleann Abhann Lumberton, Mississippi	12 Gulf Wars XXI	13 6:45 PM: Weekly Business Meeting Newburg United Methodist Church, Newburg, Mo (Possibly held at Gulf Wars)	14 Gulf Wars XXI	15 Gulf Wars XXI	16 Gulf Wars XXI	17 Gulf Wars XXI
18 Gulf Wars XXI	19	20 6:45 PM: Weekly Meeting Project Night Newburg United Methodist Church, Newburg, Mo.	21	22	23	24
25 2 PM: Archery Practice, Lord Alan's House	26	27 6:45 PM: Weekly A&S Class Newburg United Methodist Church, Newburg, Mo.	28	29	30	31

List of Shire Events – March

4	Mar	2 PM	Archery Practice
6	Mar	6:45 PM	Shire Meeting – Project Night
11 - 18	Mar		Gulf Wars XXI, Gleann Abhann
14	Mar	6:45 PM	Shire Business Meeting (Possibly held at Gulf Wars
20	Mar	6:45 PM	Shire Meeting--Project Night
25	Mar	2 PM	Archery Practice
27	Mar	6:45 PM	Shire Meeting-- Arts and Sciences Class
	Mar		

Driving Directions:

Archery Practice: Beaver Creek Conservation Area: No Crossbows. No Archery in freezing temperatures (32° F). From Rolla, take Highway 63 south for several miles. The range gate will be on your left, immediately across the highway from the VFW post. Drive through the gate to the top of the hill, park and take the line!

Shire Meetings: Newburg United Methodist Church: Take I-44 to the Newburg Exit. Turn south. The church will be on your right, a little past the patrol car waiting at the bottom of the hill to catch all of you scoff-law speeders.

St Robert Community Center: Take I-44 to Exit 161. Turn towards Ft Wood (South). Immediately south of the highway, turn right. Take a quick left through the median and continue towards the Skate Board park. The Center is the big building near the radio tower.

Website: <http://www.shireofcalanaisnuadh.org>

Chat group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/calanaisnuadh/>

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