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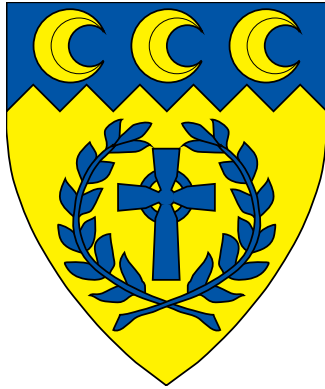
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THIS MONTH'S COVER

Our Shire Arts & Science Champion for this year, His Lordship James Inn Danski, receives the champion's flask from his predecessor, Her Ladyship Dulcibella de Chateaurien, at our annual Shire Picnic August 26th.

More about the picnic appears later in this month's newsletter.

calanais nuadh UPCOMING MEETINGS

For the latest on upcoming meetings, join us on Facebook: see inside front cover.

The Shire of Calanais Nuadh meets on most Monday evenings at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in the Fellowship Hall, 367 Old Route 66 in St. Robert, Missouri.

Doors open around 6:30 pm; meeting begins at 7 pm. Garb optional.

Friday, October 4th – Sunday, October 6th:

Autumn Arrows XXXII: "Medieval Menagerie" at the Shrine Club in Laquey. Our annual event: Archery, Arts & Science, Feast and more! See attached event flyer. **Includes this year's Shire Archery Championship Friday Evening.**

October 7th: Project Night with Autumn Arrows After-Action (and feast leftovers)

October 14th: Business Meeting (no potluck this month)

October 21st: Project Night

October 28th: Class Night: 7-strand Round Braids with Hildegard the Clever

ARCHERY PRACTICE

Our Archery Practices are held some Sunday afternoons at the Beaver Creek Conservation Area on US-63 in Rolla, Missouri. There is a driveway across from the VFW Post which leads to the archery range.

If you plan to attend archery practice, please contact our Seneschal, Catin of Edington, by Saturday evening. Also let Catin know if you will need the Shire's loaner equipment.

FIGHTER PRACTICE

For information on Fighter Practices, contact our Knights Marshal, James Inn Danski.

FROM THE CHRONICLER, WITH CALL FOR THINGS YOU DO

Greetings from your shire chronicler!

Due to personal issues, I did not publish a newsletter for September. More experienced Shire members assured me that it was all right to take such a break if I needed it, and I am grateful for everyone's understanding and patience.

I hope that this will not happen often, but it was a good reminder about keeping a balance. The things we do are a service to our fellow SCAdians and deserve to be taken seriously as such, but if we care for ourselves we can help ensure that we are engaging with pleasure and thus keep things fun for everyone.

Speaking of service to our fellows...

My submission request for this month is: Things You Do! Please share about roles you hold or duties you've performed. You can help others understand how things work and whether they'd like to get involved in some of the same activities.

Some ideas:

- Are you a Shire officer? What does your office involve?
- Are you in a Guild?
- Are you an Archery or Combat marshal?
- Are you in an Order of honor (e.g. Fyrd, Calon Cross, Laurel)?
- Have you served in Their Majesties' retinue?
- Have you filled a role in hosting an event (e.g. Feast Steward, Gate)?
- Have you taught at a class night, Royal University, or other event?
- Are you or have you been a merchant?
- Have you helped with a vigil for someone being elevated to peerage?

I imagine you can think of plenty more!

As always, I will need permission from the creators to print anything you submit (unless it's in the public domain).

Yours in Service until next month!

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BUSINESS REPORT

Our August and September business meetings were largely taken up with preparation for Autumn Arrows, although there are a few other items of note.

Archery practices have been slow going due to the heat (even our Shire Archery Championship was delayed for this reason, see Picnic, page 6), but our practice site has gotten much-needed new butts and our shire was well-represented at King's Companie of Archers.

Also, the Halloween Trunk or Treat event at Bow and Barrel, which used to be an outreach for us, has been discontinued. The city of St. Robert is organizing an alternative event, but we decided to wait and see rather than committing this year.

As for Autumn Arrows, everything seems to be coming together. We did not find a Feast Steward, but we came together and made a feast plan. Thanks to everyone who is volunteering dishes, as well as those volunteering time, auction donations, and all the other things we need for the event!

Complete meeting minutes are available in the Files of our Facebook group, and by request from the Chronicler.



*This year's Shire A&S Championship entries
at our Annual Shire Picnic.*

coming in november: known world newcomers symposium

Looking ahead to late November, I would like to direct my gentle readers' attention to the Known World Newcomers Symposium 2024! This all-online event via Zoom will feature over fifty classes. The focus is on welcoming newcomers, but there will be plenty offered for long-time members as well. Whether you'd like to learn more, brush up, branch out, or just connect with fellow SCAdians from around the Known World, have a look!

Free registration is required via the website: <https://kwns.calontir.org/>

Garb is optional but encouraged when attending the Zoom meetings.

Class tracks are listed on the website at <https://kwns.calontir.org/class-topics/>. Topics cover a wide range of what one might do in the SCA, from "SCA 101" and beginner hacks to Martial topics, Arts & Science, Heraldry, and Diversity & Equity.

Note especially the "Chatelaine 101" class track. This is an important office that currently stands vacant in our shire, so if you think you might be willing to serve (or to lend a hand in our collective outreach and welcome efforts), consider this opportunity to learn more!

Fellow Calontiris are serving major roles in organizing the event, including Kingdom Chatelain His Lordship Ottar Sturtrson as Event Steward; Royal University of Scir Hafoc Chancellor Mu'allimah Vashti al-A'sharyah as Master Scheduler; Honorable Lord Malichi MacKenzie O'Corrigan as Graphics Specialist; and class tracks coordinated by Sir Cai Dubhghlas, Mistress Miranda Logansdottir, and Her Ladyship Ælin Kausi. Let's show them our appreciation and solidarity!



Known World | Newcomers Symposium

Saturday, Nov 30, 2024

Sunday, Dec 1, 2024

An online gathering for newcomers to the Society, there will be classes and networking opportunities for all members of the SCA, new & old alike.

To sign up for the event, fill out the Registration Form at:

<https://kwns.calontir.org/>

Once registered you will receive an emailed link inviting you the symposium. A course book will be emailed prior to the event.

Time: 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM CST

Sponsoring Group: Kingdom of Calontir

Location: Held Virtually on Zoom

Event Registration Fees: FREE

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SHIRE PICNIC REPORT

*Arts & Science Champion:
James Inn Danski*

Archery Championship delayed

On Monday, August 26th, we held our annual Shire Picnic. Many thanks to Margery and Alan for hosting us!

Members brought an ample and delicious potluck meal, including some experiments and previews of dishes for the upcoming Autumn Arrows feast.

Traditionally, the Shire Picnic is the venue for our annual Shire Archery Championship, but with heat index temperatures above 100°, we placed our people's welfare first and delayed the competition. **Our Shire Archery Championship will now be held on the first evening of Autumn Arrows: Friday, October 4th at the Shrine Club in Laquey.**

Our Shire Arts & Science championship faced no such difficulty, and the populace elected His Lordship James Inn Danski as this year's champion. His entry was an unexpectedly successful drinking horn, pictured below:



James' winning entry in this year's Shire Arts & Science Competition. His documentation reads: "Drinking Horn (unfinished). Symbols are painted on due to the particularly thin wall structure. Gold plate sealed. Entire work sealed. Inside not clean & sealed."

Other Arts & Science entries included a shield and armor pieces by shire newcomer Magnus and bone needle-holder necklaces by Hildegard; the full table of entries is pictured on page 4.



Julius the Cat also made a play for the Shire Arts & Science title – with himself as the entry – but was disqualified due to not being allowed on the furniture. He did, however, receive due admiration from the populace.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: ROMAN FLAMINGO

From Apicius: Cookery and Dining in Imperial Rome, translated by Joseph Dommers Vehling

In honor of this year's Autumn Arrows theme, "Medieval Menagerie," we return to Apicius's cookbook from the late Roman empire. Nobles of the past enjoyed not just keeping and looking at exotic animals, but sometimes hunting and eating them. On the other hand, we should also remember that animals which seem like exotic dishes to us may have been common hunting prizes for people in other places and times.

For Flamingo: Scald the flamingo [prior to removing the feathers; also singe the fine feathers and hair], wash and dress it, put it in a pot, add water, salt, dill, and a little vinegar, to be parboiled. Finish cooking with a bunch of leeks and coriander, and add some reduced must to give it color. In the mortar crush pepper, cumin, coriander, laser root, mint, rue, moisten with vinegar, add dates, and the fond of the braised bird, thicken, [strain], cover the bird with the sauce and serve. Parrot is prepared in the same manner.

AROUND THE KINGDOM AND THE KNOWN WORLD

Events nearby with our neighbors in the Kingdom of Calontir, and marvellous means of connecting with SCA fellows near and far:

online classes & events

Breathing Exercises and Relaxation Techniques for the Nervous Performer

Thursday, October 24th, 7 pm

The Honorable Lady Inez Errotabehere will cover several breathing exercises to improve lung capacity and tips and techniques to ease anxiety when presenting and performing in front of audiences small and large. This class will focus on vocal performance but contain methods useful in all forms of presentation. Hosted by Calontir's Royal University of Scir Hafoc (RUSH). For more information, see Calontir's Virtual Arts & Sciences calendar:

calontir.org/arts-sciences/virtual-classes/

WITHIN A FAIR DAY'S RIDE

Chilies

October 11th – 14th, Smithville, MO

The Lilies Committee invites you for the fun of Lilies without the summer heat! Rattan and Steel Combat, Archery, Classes, Shopping, Trick or Treat along Royals Row, and more (plus whispers of a Haunted Forest).

Gryphon's Fest 2024:

The 1381 Chronicles

October 18th – 20th, Eolia, MO

It's time for the Peasants' Revolt! Join the Barony of Three Rivers for Archery, Rattan and Steel Combat, Arts & Science, Equestrian, and more. Will you draw the lot of a peasant or a noble? Will subversive poetry win the day? There's one way to find out...

Watch next month for Toys for Tots with our neighbors at Wyvern Cliffe, plus the Known World Newcomers' Symposium (see page 5).

For more on events, visit the Calontir Kingdom Calendar: calontir.org/events.

THIS MOON BROUGHT TO
YOU BY THE LETTER...



From Her Ladyship Margery of Penrith:

“This is the letter 'sha' from Cyrillic script. Although Cyrillic is still used today to write many modern Eastern European and Central Asian languages, it was originally developed by students of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who lived in the 9th century.

“Many Cyrillic letters were derived from Greek, but this particular one was taken from the Hebrew letter 'shin.' Because of this and other 'borrowings,' Cyrillic has gained the reputation of being the sort of alphabet that beats up other alphabets in dark alleys and goes through their pockets for spare letters.”

In late-breaking news, Her Ladyship Margery was recently chosen for elevation to the Order of the Laurel, our Society's highest honor in Arts & Science, in part for her work on access to other-language sources as well as her wider research and accomplishments. Congratulations to Margery! Watch for more about her elevation in coming issues.

'TIL THE NEXT MOON,
HILDEGARD, CHRONICLER

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