



The Clouded Issue

Years' End, Anniversary, and Holiday Edition
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“And for the most part they [the young] live in hope; for hope is of the future and remembrance of the past, and for the young the future is long and the past short, and they [the old] live in memory rather than in hope; for the rest of their life is short, and hope is of the future, memory of past things.” – Aristotle, The Art of Rhetoric



Pay heed to your Calendars, dear citizens and friends of The Barony of Grey Niche – a collision of momentous dates and events is upon us, a veritable cluster of chronological occurrences, and indeed, an agenda of legendary proportions.

Did not the mundane year end, mere weeks ago? Did not China’s own tribute to our fair Kingdom, the Year of The Ram, fall upon us mere days later? Are we not facing an upcoming half-century mark in Society history, as well as looking forward to celebrating Grey Niche’s own Forty?

Contained herein, dear Grey Niche populace and friends, is an assemblage of items of note from the last several months, mention of our seeds from years ago, and a brief glimpse at our near future.

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I. Closing out the Mundane Year with a Word from The Baroness

Season's Greetings Nichers! As we begin the holiday season I look back over this past year and see how many things we have accomplished together. I am so thankful for everything that everyone has done to make the society, our kingdom and 'da Niche the best it can be.

Events and demos have filled our time more so this year than others. We were introduced to hundreds of people at demos and fighter practices. Because of this our numbers have grown and we are stronger than ever. We have served the people of this kingdom well with amazing events that will be remembered for years to come. Thank you to all those that planned, worked and lost sleep to achieve such epicness.

I want to take this time to also thank all our officers, both past and present. This group would not be what it is without your hard work. And I would like to encourage others to step up and become a deputy to an officer. There is a wide variety of jobs to choose from to suit any interest.

But the year is not over and there is more fun to be had. I hope you will all join me at the holiday celebration for some well-deserved party time with our friends. Plus there are plans to be made for next year's events.

Thank you all again. Happy Holidays!

In service,
Linnet "



II. Grey Niche - An Origin Story

Grey Niche started in 1974 as an offshoot of the Memphis State Comic's Club. Six of us were in the Comic club but had been contacted by Pat Hecht, an SCA member who lived in Memphis but went to school at GA Tech in Atlanta, which made him a member of South Downs. Pat had gotten my contact number from the SCA after I had given my info to a guy at a Sci Fi convention. Pat convinced us that the SCA was medieval fun! So we just changed over the Comic Club to the SCA. Most of us took a Celtic persona which is why all our main long term events are Celtic themed. The two non-Celts were myself (Welsh) and Sumara (Moorish). Under Pat's guidance we garbed up and began going to events. Love at first site! Two of the ladies from that starting group became Laurels, Annette Taylor and Mary Reynolds. The group grew quickly we became a barony within two years. Patrick was our founding Baron. During that time of growth we hosted the first Border Raids between the Middle Kingdom and the Principality of Meridies. Border Raids is the second longest continuous war in the Society, right after Pennsic. The first Pelican from the group was Countess Cassandra. who was also the first Queen of Meridies. The first Duchess of Merdiies, Heather, also came from Grey Niche.



III. Dim Ger Law Historian's Report

Activities for this quarter

Quarter 4, February 2015, AS 49

List events, demos, group activities

Activities for the month of February include the reading of the incipency of the Shire of Dim Gerllaw by Their Majesties Caillin and Danielle. This was done at the Candlemas event held by the Barony of Grey Niche, who will be sponsoring the newly incipient group. Representing the group at this event were the following:

Seneschal Lucas ap Pluke Mantach (Mark Plunk)

Exchequer Sir Padruig (Patrick Philpott) and his lady, (Stephanie Philpott) and daughter, Lady Sophia (Lyndsey)

Herald Morvran ap Cadugan (Shaun Jones)

Chatelaine Madalaine Ambrose de l'Abeille (Margaret Plunk)

Minions (children) Percival Chandler, Ceri ferch Lucas, and Anastasie l'Timide (Isaac, Becky, and Kaely Plunk)

Her Majesty and Her Highness Joan were much interested in the embroidery work on the back of our herald's hood and may or may not have been paying attention to the proceedings.

Any misspoken or misspelled names are the fault of this Historian. Apologies are made in advance.

List name and date of any change of office for your group.

All officers are newly appointed as of February 7, 2015

Seneschal Lucas ap Pluke Mantach (Mark Plunk)

Exchequer Sir Padruig (Patrick Philpott)

Herald Morvran ap Cadugan (Shaun Jones)

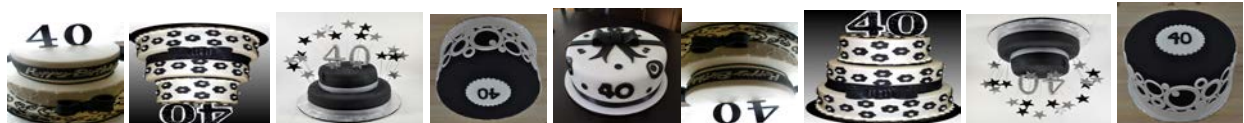
Chatelaine Madalaine Ambrose de l'Abeille (Margaret Plunk)

Marshall (Charles McDowell)

Chronicler/Historian Madalaine Ambrose de l'Abeille (Margaret Plunk)

Reported by: Madalaine Ambrose de l'Abeille (MKA: Margaret Plunk)

DimGerllawHistorian@gmail.com Incipient Shire of Dim Gerllaw - 03/01/2015



The Barony of Grey Niche
Invites you to join us to celebrate
Beltaine - Our 40th Anniversary

April 24-26, 2015

Piersol Group Camp, Meeman Shelby State Park, 910 Riddick Road, Millington, TN 38053

Enjoy our Beltaine event as a day of history and remembrance. We will have a Memorial Tournament for heavy fighting which is also our Silver Torc and TOC qualifier. Rapier Champion and Archery Champion will be chosen as well. Bring your A&S projects for a people's choice contest, with a special "Oldie but Goodie" category for past projects. Children's Activities and Classes will provide even more fun. We will have displays to discover baronial history. Don't forget to join us on Friday night for our Bardic Championship.

Site open: Friday April 24, 5pm.

Site close: Sunday April 26, 10am

Cost	On Board	Off Board
Adult Weekend	23	18
Child Weekend	12	9
Adult Daytrip	18	12
Child Daytrip	9	6

- Early Bird: discount \$3 if reserved by April 1st
- All mail in reservations should be postmarked no later than April 10th
- Non-members add \$5
- Cash only at Door! Paypal will be accepted for reservations only! See the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann web site for PayPal reservation information.
- Children 6 & under not requiring feast or bed are free, Child prices for ages 7-12
- No family shall pay a site fee higher than 3 adult members, as long as all family members are current SCA members

Autocrat:

Lady Sarah de Warenne

Sarah Curnutt

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Mazelle Attiya

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Master Cormac the Bald

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Make checks to: SCA-TN, Inc. / Barony of Grey Niche

Send to Barony of Grey Niche, Attn: 40th Anniversary, PO Box 11184, Memphis, TN 38111.

Directions:

- Take your best route to the corner of Hwy 51 and N. Watkins St. Take N. Watkins (approx. 6 miles north.)
- At the dead end make a left onto Locke Cuba Rd. Drive approx. 1 mile to the stop sign at Bluff Rd.
- Turn right and continue for half a mile. Turn into the park entrance on your left.
- Make the first right past the Visitors Center and then the first left. Follow this road to the camp.

Barony of Grey Niche – Officers –

Please note our Empty and Need Deputy spots! This is a great time to get involved in a Baronial Office!

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