



# THE CLOUIDIED ISSUE

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*For The Barony of Grey Niche by The Barony of Grey Niche*  
**Gleann Abhann Loud and Proud**

EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT !

***LOVELY LEONORA ALONE!  
NO ONE TO DANCE WITH!***



Dateline: February 28, 2017 - Lady Leonora Di Vitale, Grey Niche's A&S officer tearfully sits alone at the Niche's meeting and class location at 1750 Madison Avenue, Suite 303, as no other dancers join her. Lady L speaks further about this terrible tragedy and her desire to further the cause of Dance in the Known World on Page 3 of this issue.

From the Baron and Baroness:

As many of our populace make their way to Gulf Wars XXVI, a dusting of snow covers the flowers and trees that bloomed so early this year. Guillermo is already there, setting up camp. Our minds have been occupied this week with the recent loss of one of our own, affectionately known as Evil Kevin. Of course there was a story behind the nickname, which he gladly shared, along with a lot of funny stories and bad jokes.

Kevin also shared his craft. He was a metal worker, and loved to shape copper into tiny shallow bowls. He brought his work to demos and to workshops, providing a now familiar background rhythm to these events—tap tap tap...tap tap tap... tap tap tap.... It drove some people crazy, but I liked it. It was the sound of an artisan at work, doing what he loved. I have one of those copper bowls among my possessions, and I shall treasure it always.

Kevin also liked to share hugs. The last time I saw him, he gave me a big bear hug, and we talked. So many people have shared on Facebook how much Kevin meant to them, even people who hadn't seen him in years. Others have said it better than I, but it bears repeating. Take the time, every time you can, to show people how important they are to you. Don't take for granted that you will have another opportunity to do so.

We will miss you, Evil Kevin. Godspeed.

Arielle & Guillermo

Baron and Baroness of Grey Niche

**A Short Interview with  
Leonora Di Vitale, Dance Mistress**

*How long have you been teaching dance?*

I've been teaching for close to five years now, but I've been doing a lot more classes in the last three or so.

*What is your favorite dance to teach?*

My favorite dance to teach is absolutely the Amoroso. I love Italian dances in general, but that one's so nice and graceful and flirtatious that it's just a lot of fun to teach and dance!

*Why is it important to our Society for people to dance?*

I feel like dancing is a good way to bring people together. We have a lot of easy dances meant for large groups, and dances were traditionally social gatherings. They've got some other benefits, too, but I think the social aspect is the biggest part.

*What do you do to prep for a dance class?*

It really depends on where I'm teaching, but I usually get the equipment set up, do a sound check of about four or five songs, and I'll often do one or two warm-up dances on my own - or sometimes with a partner - a few minutes before the class actually starts.

*Who in the SCA has influenced you the most with regard to your dancing?*

Sir Caedmon, hands down. I learned many of the dances I currently teach from him, and he's helped me a lot with getting my skill to a level where I was comfortable teaching others.

*When and where will you be teaching next?*

I will likely be teaching at Beltaine, and I'm starting to look at places for another regional practice, too.

*What about that February 28<sup>th</sup> Dance practice? Where was everyone?*

I am not sure – possibly prepping for Gulf Wars. I can only hope that such a travesty will not become the norm. Please remind everyone that we dance the fifth Tuesdays without fail!

***Consider it done, Good Lady! Consider it done!***

**JOIN US!**

***The Barony of Grey Niche welcomes you to participate in the many activities it holds throughout the month.***

Business meetings are a necessary part of any organization. Ours are held the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Thursday and the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of every month at 1750 Madison Avenue, Suite 303, Memphis 38104.

Valuable information on events, group finances and officer visits are presented at these meetings. Come and stay informed!

The Arts and Sciences are flourishing as well. Classes in a variety of subjects are being offered on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday each month at our Madison Avenue location. Let our instructors help you discover your hidden talents.

We also dance! Classes are offered in every month with a fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday! Come let your feet be merry!

**BARONIAL FINANCIAL POLICY**

***\*\*Special meeting TUESDAY, MARCH 28\*\****

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

***The purpose is to review and approve all proposed changes (individually) to Baronial Financial Policy as presented by the Financial Policy review committee.***

***Please make plans to attend this meeting, as Baronial policy does not currently allow for absentee/proxy voting.***



## WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR BARONY?

### IN THE BEGINNING . . .

*Match The Nicher To His Or Her First Event.*

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. SASHA                        | _____ SAMHAIN 2015             |
| 2. HULDA'S ANDOTTIR             | _____ CANDLEMAS 2009           |
| 3. GIACOMO FALCONE              | _____ ANSTEORRA CORONATION     |
| 4. GUILLERMO BERENGUER          | _____ BLACK EQUINOX            |
| 5. SUSANNAH INGHEAN UI CAIMBEUL | _____ NORMAN INVASION          |
| 6. FAELAN HARALDSSON            | _____ RED TOWER 1974           |
| 7. CORMAC THE BALD              | _____ BELTAIN 2002             |
| 8. JOHN THE BEARKILLER          | _____ BORDER RAIDS AT LAKELAND |
| 9. KATIL                        | _____ SAMHAIN 1984             |
| 10. BRENNAL BLACKROSE           | _____ BLACK ROSE 1995          |

### WHAT'S MY PERSONNA?

*Match The Nicher To His Or Her Personna.*

- |                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. JOAN OF OOC                   | _____ 10 <sup>TH</sup> CENTURY VIKING |
| 2. JACQUETTE HATUN               | _____ 1250 KIEVAN RUS                 |
| 3. KARL VON GIESSEN              | _____ ELIZABETHAN ENGLAND             |
| 4. SARAH DE WARENNE              | _____ 1300'S GERMANIC                 |
| 5. GEIRMUNDR HRAFNSSON           | _____ 12 <sup>TH</sup> C IRISH        |
| 6. JAMES THE FAIR OF GREY CASTLE | _____ 9 <sup>TH</sup> C IRISH         |
| 7. RHIADAIN N'A RIND-AILUE       | _____ TIME OF ROLLO                   |
| 8. ELLA STRASSER                 | _____ 1350-1450 ALSACE                |
| 9. IVAN ALEXOVICH                | _____ MOORISH                         |
| 10. IDA                          | _____ 16 <sup>TH</sup> C. OTTOMAN     |

*Answers Next Issue - or, If You Don't Want To Wait, Talk To Each Other!*

# WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR BARONY?

## CREATURE FEATURE

*Match The Nicher To The Major Charge on His Or Her Device.*

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. KANE                  | _____ PEACOCK  |
| 2. LETO                  | _____ STAG     |
| 3. ADELHEID              | _____ HORSE    |
| 4. ANNA NIKOLAEVNA       | _____ ALERION  |
| 5. CAEDMON               | _____ RAM      |
| 6. CONNER OSUAIRD        | _____ GRIFFIN  |
| 7. LINNET                | _____ LION     |
| 8. DULINN                | _____ TIGER    |
| 9. HEATHER               | _____ COLLIE   |
| 10. UTHER                | _____ BULL     |
| 11. WILLIAM OF GLEN LYON | _____ SEA LION |
| 12. DAMIANO              | _____ DOVE     |

## WHAT DO THESE NICHES HAVE IN COMMON?

- |                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. IVAN and CONNER                | _____ MODERN INLAWS      |
| 2. CORMAC and JOHN THE BEARKILLER | _____ A BRAIN            |
| 3. IDA and BRENNAN O'RUTHIN       | _____ GREEN AND WHITE    |
| 4. DAMIANO and Alysia             | _____ FORMER HISTORIANS  |
| 5. Rhiadain and Theresa           | _____ COOKING            |
| 6. ARIELLE and VASHTI             | _____ NO DEVICE (YET)    |
| 7. KENNA and ANYETA               | _____ A LION             |
| 8. SARAH and WILLIAM OF GLYN LYON | _____ SENESCHAL'S OFFICE |
| 9. GUILLERMO and FALADA           | _____ A BEAR'S HEAD      |
| 10. KATIL and GEIRMUNDR           | _____ DOUBLE PEERS       |

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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1698556>

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### **Martial Activities...**

**Knight Marshall THL THorgrim Riftwalker**

#### **Heavy Combat**

Wednesday night practice  
6:30 p.m.  
Sir Lorccan's House  
Contact him for address

#### **Heavy Combat, Light Weapons & Youth Combat**

Sunday practice  
2:00 p.m. til dark  
Audubon Park  
Memphis, TN

#### **Archery & Thrown Weapons**

Weekend practice  
12:00—2:00 p.m.  
Contact Lord Hrafn for location and dates  
Watch the Grey Niche Archery & Thrown Weapons  
Facebook page

Traditional Archery Shoot  
1st Wednesday night of each month  
6:00—8:00 p.m.  
Everything Archery  
5454 Pleasant View Road, Memphis, TN  
\*there is a fee for this activity

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## REGNUM

Baron & Baroness  
Seneschal  
Herald  
Reeve  
Knight Marshal  
Rapier Marshall  
Minister of Children  
Sheriff  
Arts and Sciences  
Chatelaine  
Historian  
[Interim] Chronicler  
Quartermaster  
Live Weapons Marshall  
Webminster

Master Guillermo Berenguer de los  
Almogavars & Mistress Arielle de Brabazon  
Lord Ivan Alexovich  
THL Sean Patrick O'Donnell  
Lord Geirmundr Hrafnsson  
Baron Uryuu Ujishige  
Master Damiano Elie Bellini  
**Open**  
Lord Hrafn Knutsson  
Leonora Di Vitale  
Baroness Jacqueline d'Anjou  
THL Rhiadain n'a Rind Ailue  
Countess Jane Falada of Engelwood  
Baron Uryuu Ujishige  
Lord Eoghan Maclomhair  
Baroness Teresa Berconi

## ORK WARS

The days darken as a new threat overtakes the Barony of Grey Niche.  
Slowly...one by one, citizens of the Barony find themselves becoming...Orkish.  
Those cunning Orks have be-spelled us!! Brave quest goers must adventure  
out and secure items that will help the human fighters subdue the Grey Niche Orkish Army.  
Only then can the spell be reversed. Who out there will help us? Will it be you, brave adventurer?

While the warriors do battle, those of a gentler nature may partake in classes and games.  
There will be an arts and sciences competition, along with tickets given to those who perform  
deeds throughout the day. Those tickets may be turned in for wondrous treasure.

Grand chef, Dame Brenna will be feeding those of us who survive the day.  
And for those with energy to spare, a Masquerade Ball will close out the evening.

Date: Ock-tober 27 -29, 2017  
Site: Meeman Shelby Forest; Piersol Group Camp  
Autocrat: THL Luca Sacchetti  
Feastocrat: Dame Brenna Lowri o Ruthin



April 7 – 9, 2017

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

Please join the Barony of Grey Niche as the Kingdom celebrates the Coronation of Loric II and Diana II.

Meals included in the Feast registration are Friday night tavern, Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast, Saturday lunch and Saturday night feast.

**BOTH CABIN AND TENTING AVAILABLE!**

Event Steward	Co-Event Steward	Head Cook	Reservationist
Maistresse Alysia Gabrielle de Fougères	THL Giacomo Falcone	Mistress Arielle de Brabazon	Lady Sarah de Warrenne

GO TO <http://greyniche.net/events/spring-coronation/> FOR MORE INFO!

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## Beltaine - April 28-30, 2017

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

*The Spanish Inquisition is coming to The Barony of Grey Niche for the Weekend!*  
*Please join us for Heavy and Light Inquisitorial Tournaments,*  
*an Inquisition AqS Competition, Bardic Activities,*  
*as well as games, classes,*  
*and other high entertainment that includes an Inquisition court.*

AUTOCRAT	FEASTCRAT
MASTER CORMAC THE BALD	SIR JAMES THE HOLY

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