



The Clouded Issue

A Newsletter for the Barony of Grey Niche
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann

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What to Bring to Your First Event

By Duchess Linnet MacLeod

You have found the SCA and are ready to jump in and go to your first event. So now you need to know what to wear and what to bring.

The good news is that the general answer for this is NOTHING. Most groups have a Chatelaine or Gold Key Officer who loans garb and feast gear to newcomers. Contacting this person before the event will ensure you know what is available. This not only makes going to your first event easier, but it also allows you to see what other people wear and bring.

When you are ready to have your own gear, here is a list of suggestions to get you started. Remember, the goal is an attempt at pre-17th century appearance.

Feastgear – a plate, bowl, utensils and cup of wood, metal or ceramic/glass.

Camping Equipment - a camp chair or cooler with a piece of fabric thrown over it to disguise it.

Garb – either borrow garb or start simple. A simple “A Line” or “T Shaped” tunic is great for males or females. The only difference is the length with females tunics generally being longer. Plain dark colored pants are good for anyone. A simple black or brown belt is handy. For shoes, either simple boots, slip-ons or sandals in a dark leather work well. Women can wear a simple solid color veil or scarf pinned into the hair. Fabrics for clothing should be a natural fiber like cotton, wool or linen if possible.

Basket or Pouch – this is a great way to carry around all your belongings.

Sunscreen & Bug Spray – because most of our events are held at parks, these comfort items are usually very appreciated

Water – most groups provide a clean water source, but having your own water is advisable since keeping hydrated is very important at events.

Notebook and Pen – because you will want to take lots of notes! The people are a great resource for you as well. Feel free to ask questions about what they are wearing or what they have. Most are glad to share the information on where to find material or mugs, as well as ideas for garb. Use your first event as an opportunity to see all the different options out there before you pick a particular style or personae.

Cash – most groups only accept cash at registration the day of the event. Plus there are merchants for shopping and sometimes a fundraiser.

A few things to avoid because they are associated with specific designations.

- Belts – white, red, yellow and green all denote a particular association
- Spurs and Unadorned Chains – gold or silver, these are associated with knights or squires.
- Circlets, Crowns or Laurel Wreaths – these are worn by people who have had a specific rank bestowed upon them.

Congratulations to Local Newsletter Category Nominee for the Master William Blackfox Awards:

Best Article - SCA Camping Life with a CPAP, Author: Hrafn Knutsson; The Clouded Issue-Spring 2016, Barony of Grey Niche; Chronicler: THL Rhiadain n'a Rind-Ailue

Master William Blackfox was the author and illustrator of the cartoon *Warthaven*. He gave generously of his time and talents, and was very supportive of the Kingdom Chroniclers until his untimely death. To honor his memory, the Office of the Society Chronicler sponsors the annual Master William Blackfox Awards to recognize excellence in the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors.

Regnum

Baron & Baroness—Master Guillermo Berenguer de los Almogavars & Mistress Arielle de Brabazon

Seneschal— Lord Ivan Alexovich

Arts and Sciences—Lady Sarah De Warenne

Herald—THL Sean Patrick O'Donnell

Chatelaine—Baroness Jacqueline d'Anjou

Reeve—Lord Geirmundr Hrafnsson

Historian—THL Rhiadain n'a Rind Ailue

Knight Marshall—THL Thorgrim Riftwalker

Chronicler—Duchess Linnet MacLeod

Youth Marshall—Baron Uryuu Ujishige

Quartermaster—Baron Uryuu Ujishige

Rapier Marshall—Master Damiano Elie Bellini

Live Weapons Marshall—Lord Eoghan Maclomhair

Minister of Children—Baron Elvis Montego

Webminister—Baroness Teresa Berconi

Sheriff —Lord Hrafn Knutsson

From the Seneschal...

Unto the populace of the Barony of Grey Niche does Ivan Alexovich Sendeth Greetings.

October 31 marked the one year anniversary of my taking over the Seneschal's office. I can't begin to describe the gratitude that I have towards The Barony for the faith that has been placed in me to do this job, and I have done my best to do it well. The year has produced its share of challenges, as well as its share of rewards, all of which offered tremendous growth opportunities for me, as well as for the group.

We have a new meeting space, as well as the renewed license to camp at Piersol. We have seen a flourishing of interest in more diverse activities, as well as some growth in our numbers. When I took over this office, one of the personal goals that I set for myself in service to the group was to foster growth in both breadth and depth for The Barony - more people doing more things. Archery and live weapons is beginning to gain a real foothold in this group, and hopefully can be fostered to the point that we will be known Kingdom wide for it. The general state of Arts and Sciences has improved with the increased interest in a variety of areas, from dyeing, to arrow making, along with many other interests.

As we move forward we have a few challenges that need attending – We need to be more forward thinking regarding event bids, with the planning beginning about a year in advance. We will also be very well served by reintroducing a tradition of encouraging everyone take a turn at Troll – thereby reducing the burden on any one person or group of people.

Looking forward, I am hopeful that we can continue to expand our interests, as well as memberships. The renaissance faire has become a tremendous recruiting tool for us, and should in the future be treated as a mini-event for the purposes of planning. Additionally, demos can always be both a method of educating the populace, as well as a recruitment tool.

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve this group, as well as for the tremendous amount of support I have had in conducting myself in this office.

Yours in Service
THL Ivan Alexovich

The following Baronial Officers need Replacement Deputies:

Reeve
Knight Marshall
Rapier Marshall
Minister of Children
Sheriff

Chatelaine
Historian
Chronicler
Quartermaster
Webminister

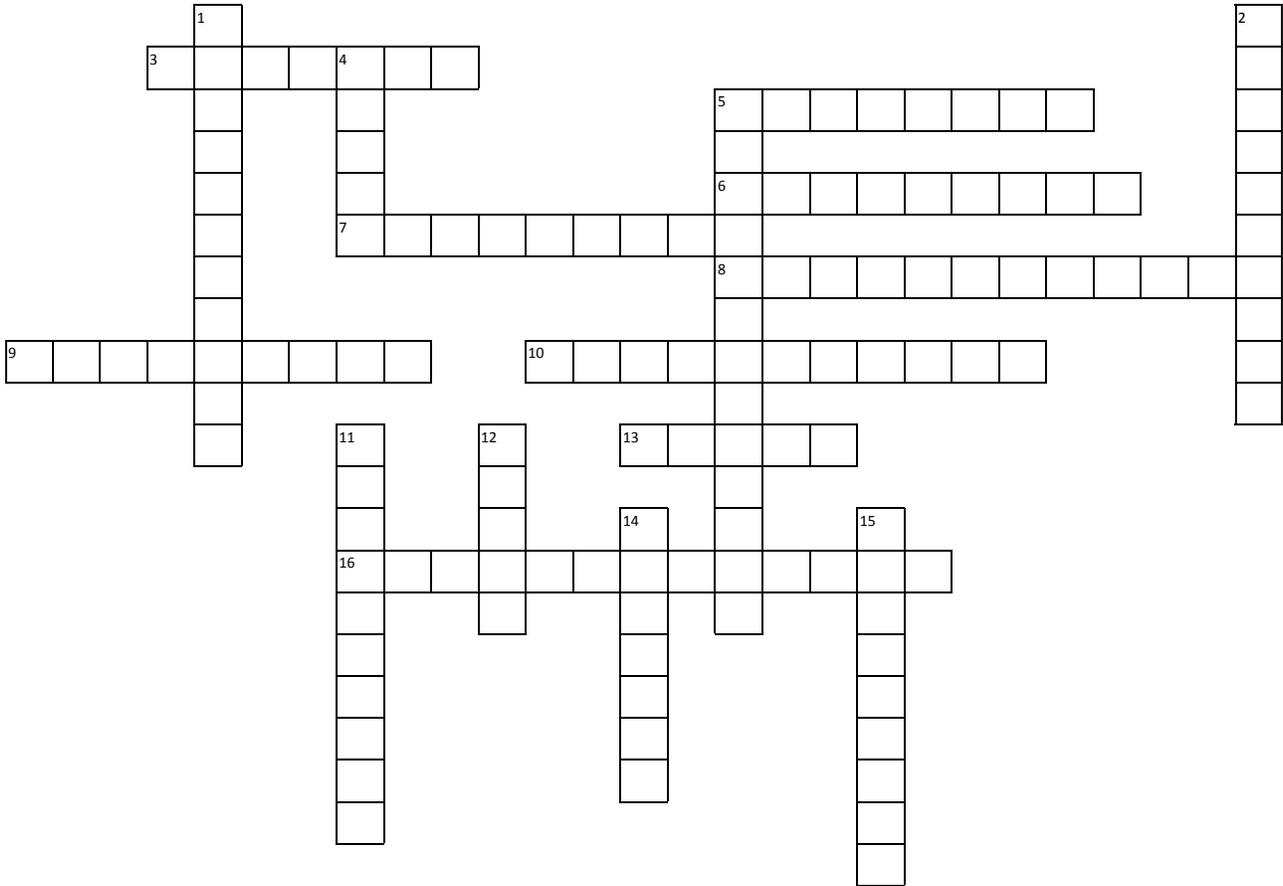
**Bids Are Being
Accepted NOW
For
Samhain 2017**

Geirmundr's Games

Thanks to Geirmundr Hrafnsson's suggestion, we will have some kind of game in each issue of the newsletter. I claim no expertise in Latin. These games and prizes are for entertainment purposes only.

The first member of the Barony who solves the puzzles will receive a prize at the next business meeting. Time stamp on correct entries will decide winner. Please submit your solution to: chronicler@greyniche.net

Good luck,
Línnét



Virtues of Knighthood in Latin

Across

- 3. Honor
- 5. Courage
- 6. Fortitude
- 7. Prudence
- 8. Generosity
- 9. Honesty
- 10. Humility
- 13. Compassion
- 16. Reason

Down

- 1. Nobility
- 2. Franchise
- 4. Strength
- 5. Courtesy
- 11. Chastity
- 12. Faith
- 14. Prowess
- 15. Loyalty



From the Sheriff...

Let me start off first saying, I need a Deputy. Now this may bring to your mind what is it that the Sheriff does. We are in charge of waivers for the group, that is the main function of the position. There are a few other functions but they are minor in comparison. If we do not process waivers properly, then we will cease to function as a group. It is also part of the Sheriff's Office to train others in how to do waivers and the troll procedures. It is really not hard to do, but the minor waiver requirements have been confusing to some, so I want to address that aspect here.

For Minors	Waiver requirements
Accompanied by parent/guardian, with current blue membership card	None
Accompanied by parent/guardian, without current membership	Consent to participate
Accompanied by non-parent/guardian , with current blue membership card	Designated Adult Form Medical Authorization
Accompanied by non-parent/guardian , without current membership	Consent to participate Designated Adult Form Medical Authorization

This is the best chart I have found that explains minor waiver requirements.

A minor is anyone aged 17 and under. The first and second box is for parents, step-parent, foster-parent, etc. and is asking if the minor has a blue card or is a non-member. If a non-member or the blue card is not available a Consent to Participate (minor waiver) needs to be filled out.

The third and fourth box applies when you bring any minor that is not your own, Note that you will need to bring with you the completed Designated Adult form and the Minor Medical Authorization form for each minor you bring. This must be the original documents signed by their parent. You also must have a copy, as the original must be filed at Troll and the copy kept with you during the event.

Some may think it harsh that we can not allow people to bring any minor they are not the parent/guardian of to events without the Designated Adult and Minor Medical Authorization forms. It is in the best interest of the minor that we have to enforce this. Should anything happen to minor, then you have full authority to direct a First Responder as to the care of the minor, these documents are proof of that.

Also note that the Designated Adult and Minor Medical Authorization forms do not need to be notarized if the event is within the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. These documents are also required if you are taking the minor to any function that a waiver is required, such as a Fighter or Live Weapons Practice. These forms are available from the Kingdom Library under the Sheriff section.

I hope that this clears up the requirements. I know we sometimes do not think of these things as we tell our kids, sure you can bring your friend. Just remember that you have to bring the proper forms.

Lord Hrafn Knútsson

Every effort has been made to present correct information as a form of communication to the members of the Barony of Grey Niche. Please send all corrections, concerns and suggestions to Duchess Linnet MacLeod at chronicler@greyniche.net.

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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

Meeting Calendar...

January

5—Curia
10—A & S
17—Business Meeting
24—A & S
31—Dance Practice

February

2—Business Meeting
7—A & S
14—Business Meeting
21—A & S
28—Dance Practice

March

2—Business Meeting
7—A & S
14—No Meeting
21—A & S
28—Dance Practice

All meetings are held at 1750 Madison, Suite 303. Seating is limited, it is recommended you bring a chair.

From the Baron and Baroness...

As the days grow short and the winter solstice approaches, we hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying the festivities of the season. Since our last missive, the Barony has hosted two events, Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire and Samhain. This was the first time since we've been in the SCA that Grey Niche has had the opportunity to host Kingdom A&S, and it was good to see Piersol Group Camp used for a Kingdom event again, after a long hiatus. Samhain was a lovely event, with perfect weather, the elevation of our own Baroness Jacqueline d'Anjou to the Order of the Laurel, and a feast that was a carnivore's delight, prepared by Duke Kane and House Shadow Legion. No group puts on a better event than the Niche, and these two were no exception. Just this evening it was announced that Grey Niche will be running Spring Coronation at Piersol. We have no doubt that the Barony will outdo itself in hospitality.

Speaking of elevations, in addition to Mistress Jac being our newest Laurel, we also have a new Knight and a new Pelican. Sir Lorccán hua Conchobair was elevated at Fall Coronation and Mistress Kendra Dey was elevated at Silk Road. Congratulations to each of our new-made peers.

To start off the new year, we will be holding Curia on the first business meeting of the month, Thursday, January 5th. For those of you who are not familiar with Curia, it is something of a cross between a business meeting and court. Everyone is in garb, and we sit up front on thrones just like baronial court, but the primary focus is business rather than handing out awards. We ask that all of our officers prepare a "state of the office" report to share. Please include any ideas or plans you have for your office in 2017.

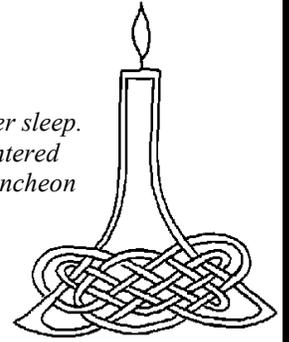
Best wishes for a happy and restful holiday and a fruitful new year.

Guillermo and Arielle



Candlemas—Barony of Grey Niche **Saturday, February 4, 2017, 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Come celebrate Imbolg, the Celtic holiday for the reawakening of the Earth after it's long winter sleep. The day will be filled with a Regional Arts & Sciences Faire, feasting, frivolity and classes centered around Celtic/Scottish history, martial activities, and a variety of SCA topics. Feast will be a luncheon featuring the delicacies of the courts of Mary Queen of Scots.



*Good Shepherd United Methodist Church—6050 Summer Avenue, Memphis, TN 38134
 Directions: Take your best route to Exit 12 (Sycamore View) on I-40 in Memphis. Head northwest on Sycamore View Road for .2 miles. Turn right onto SumAvenue. Church is on the left at .6 miles.*

Registration Information	Site	Feast
Adult Member Discount Registration	\$12	\$5
Adult Registration	\$17	\$5
Child Registration (age 6-12)	\$6	\$3
Child Registration (under 6)	Free	\$3

Early Bird Discount of \$3 for adults and \$1 for child, if postmarked by 1/21/17. PayPal cut-off date 1/21/17. Make checks payable to SCA-Tennessee, Inc, Barony of Grey Niche. Cash only accepted at the door. No family shall pay a Site Registration higher than three (3) adult member registrations for admission to an event as long as they all have proof of membership. This does include feast for more than those covered by the three (3) paid adult member registrations. Family is defined as One (1) or Two (2) custodial adults, plus legal dependents age 17 or under. Proof of immediate family relations and age may be required.

*****Mail reservations to: Barony of Grey Niche, ATTN: Candlemas, PO Box 11184, Memphis, TN 38111*****

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 mka Colin Carroll
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 faelan.sca@gmail.com*

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 mka Alexis Lott
 901-573-7836
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Classcrat:

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 mka Sarah Curnutt
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 scurnutt@gmail.com*

Reservationist:

*Duchess Linnet MacLeod
 mka Linda Lee
 901-605-5577
 lindallee13@gmail.com*

**No calls after 9:00 p.m. CST please to event staff.*



Awards Presented at Samhain “United We Stand” October 29, 2016

Herald: THL Sean-Patrick O'Donnell

Kingdom Awards in Evening Court were given by proxy by Their Excellencies Grey Niche on behalf of TRM who had to leave site early due to mundane obligations.

Morning Court

Jacquette d'Anjou
 Laurel
 Grey Niche

 Ingrede
 AoA & Kingdom Sentry
 Rook's Haven

Evening Court

Maddelena Alessandra Godwin
 Order of Ram's Heart
 Small Gray Bear

 Zhara um Nikko
 Order Onyx Chalice
 Grey Niche

 Saerlaith Ingen Buadaig
 AoA & Order of Grey Pearl
 Grey Niche

 Hildegard Bergerin
 Order of Silver Ram
 Grey Niche

 Brenna O'Duynie
 Order of Denial
 Grey Niche

From Axemoor...

Dearest Cousins in the Illustrious Barony of Grey Niche.

I know I have asked for your aid with rooting out the evil that has manifested itself in Our neighbors lands of Seleone. I now come before you with another act of treachery. Last year, we offered a simple libation competition and it is my opinion that there was a treacherous plan, along with a possible assassination attempt.

I have been provided evidence from within (from a source who wishes to remain nameless), that Our cousins to the North attempted to cheat in the overall process by coercing their members through threats of forcing gold and blue lame garb upon them from Mistress Gwyneth's "What was I thinking" scrap pile, and that Sir Martin threatened to beat his fighters relentlessly with pool noodles and then demanded that they fight all practices blindfolded.

Sadly, they were not alone in their ploy.

Our cousins in Seleone, probably under the same Dark Pelican who besmirched my good name over this frog incident, have also fallen into the devious ploy. I think that this entire frog incident may be a ploy to divert our attention away from a greater plan in the works by the same individual. Rumor has it that on the night of the Gleann Abhann Social at last Gulf Wars, they were secretly adding Cinnamon to their concoctions in the hopes that His Majesty Faelan (may gods protect the pitcher in which he rests) would drink. I believe that the Dark Pelican may have been afraid that the Frost King would bring winter to Seleone. Chiroptera do not do well in the winter.

We cannot allow this travesty!

I have begged our cousins to recant and beg forgiveness, but my missives have fallen upon those blinded. Now it has come time for us to act. Please join us in our crusade to stop them before a greater damage is done to the River Valley Realm.

Join with us, to help them see the light and return to the herd that is the Ram Army!

AWE... HAIL!

In Service,

Master Gellir Gunnarsson
Baron of Axemoor

Baronial Wars

April 21, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - April 23, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Camp Camellia (formerly WoW) in Hattiesburg, MS

For more information, please watch for our flyer in The Ambassador, Kingdom of Gleann Abhann website calendar and Event page on Facebook

Beltaine – No One Expects the Spanish Inquisition

April 28—30, 2017

Piersol Group Camp

Please join the Barony of Grey Niche for a weekend in the park including the Silver Torc Inquisition Tournament (a TOC Tourney), Rapier Tournament, A & S Faire, Bardic Competition, Thrown Weapons Competition and Archery Shoot.

Autocrat—Master Cormac the Bald
Feastcrat—Count James the Holy
Reservationist—Duchess Linnet MacLeod