

# THE CLOUDED ISSUE

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The Official Newsletter of the Barony of Grey Niche  
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann

*Greetings unto the great Barony of Grey Niche!*

*It has been since September of 2023 that I have had the honor of becoming your Baron. Time sure does seem to fly by when you're having fun! I am so proud of all of you for your efforts, and service to the Barony. We have been very busy for a very short time since the A&S event.*

*First, I want to thank Donna and William Hopper for their long and wonderful service as our previous Baron and Baroness. You guys did an awesome job and are my role models to emulate. Thank you for your friendship, mentorship, and trust in me.*

*There is a new sense of energy in the Barony and so many things are getting done. The fighter practices are up and running with good attendance. Demos were conducted. Places to conduct archery practice have been offered, although the holidays and the weather have put a halt to that temporarily. But I see that being active again in the Spring. We have monthly A&S classes going on at the library. Our website has been totally revamped and updated, bringing it a beautiful and fresh look! Business meetings are well attended, people are getting involved and serving. We have had side social gatherings where people can get to know each other better and bring us together closer. For example, I had the first annual Baron's holiday gathering at my house. It was a great time, and we had some new folks attend as well. Leading into the next topic. I see a small influx of new folks joining our Barony. That is great! The more the merrier and it really excites me to see them get so involved early. And lastly, we have been improving our camp at King's Arrow Ranch @ Gulf Wars. We had a power pole installed and we are getting our own power connected to our camp!*

*We have Candlemas coming up in February and Gulf Wars soon after that. I am excited for it will be my first Baronial Court at Candlemas and I look to have a little fun and set the tone for all my other courts. I would love to see people come camp in the Baronial encampment. I have been coordinating with my cousins in Small Gray Bear. We have lots of ideas and plans and look to work together for fun and good times in our semi combined camp. They are opening the camp to the Known World and will be hosting a gathering and gaming night. I will be supporting this, and it is my wish this will be a joint effort in the future between our Baronies and grow it to be an awesome gathering for people to attend to enjoy our hospitality.*

*Things I like to see are good kit presentations. They don't have to be perfect but a good effort. They are always a work in progress. I love pageantry which adds so much to the atmosphere of an event. I am old school, and we used to give out belt favors a lot. I would like to see a return to that. I have had favors made with the Baronial badge on it to recognize members for good presentations, teaching, serving, combat, displaying courtesy etc. I hope these become desired items and entices people to strive to earn them and proudly display them.*

*I am your servant, I am here to see that you enjoy the SCA, we put on good events, and recognize those outstanding people who go above and beyond and do all things in a fair and just manner. I have an open door, so please feel free to speak to me about anything.*

*Honor and Courtesy above all.*

*Ulrich von Rothenburg*

*Baron, Grey Niche*



JOIN US!

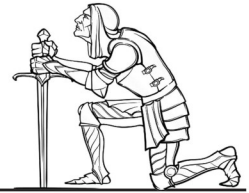


# Candlemas 2024

Love and Thunder (of war drums)

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
8:00am - 5:00pm

Hosted by *The Barony of Grey Niche*



Meeman Shelby State Forest -- Recreation Lodge  
Recreation Lodge, Millington, TN 38053

Registration on site opens at 8:00 am.

Adult Event Registration: \$20      Lunch: \$7  
Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15



**Cash ONLY** at the door on site.  
PayPal Deadline: Friday, January 19, 2024.

Make checks payable to: SCA-TN, Inc., Barony of Grey Niche  
Mail to: Barony of Grey Niche -- Attention: Candlemas 2024  
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## Candlemas Happenings

- Artisans' Path - a Display for Novice level entrants.
- The Grey Niche Acanthus is the Baronial A&S Champion's competition and is open to all entrants. Regional rules will apply. Documentation is encouraged, no preregistrions needed.
- Gleann Abhann Poet Laureate and Bardic Champion will be chosen. Bring your songs and performance pieces to compete.
- Classes to be held will encompass War Preparations to Courtly Graces and many things in between.

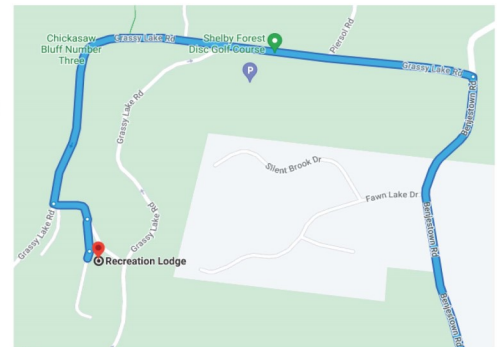
**Follow us via the Facebook Event Page for current announcements and updates.**

Please contact THL Cadhla Ó Faoláin with any food related questions.

**Please join us in celebrating the elevation of  
Hertzog Uther von Ziemer to the order of the Laurel**

**Directions: Take best route to corner of HWY 51 and N. Watkins St., just north of Memphis. Take N. Watkins approx. 3.7 miles N to Fite Rd and turn left. After 1 mile turn right on to Island Forty Rd. After 1.7 miles turn right onto Benjestown Rd. After 1.1 miles turn Left onto Grassy Lake Rd**

Google Maps:<https://maps.app.goo.gl/5dpH329ot8E7qiXQA>



**Note:** This site is discreetly wet. All containers must be covered in some fashion and disposed of into the cans immediately upon being emptied. ABOVE GROUND FIRES ONLY in self contained pits. No chopping of wood is permitted, but the use of deadfall is encouraged. As a TN State Park, you may not bring in firewood from outside locations except the purchase from the stores near site.

Children 17 and under do not pay site registration for admission into an event. Child registration DOES NOT include feast, bed space or tenting registration. This means that children 17 and under must pay stated add-on costs for feast, bed space and tenting per child stated by hosting group. Minors MUST be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or custodial adult with signed waiver.

# QUARTERLY HAPPENINGS

- 1/7 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the SE corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 1/7 @ 6pm  
Baronial Business Meetings - Lenny's Sub Shop - 700 Mt Moriah Rd, Memphis, TN  
Business meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.
- 1/13 @ 2pm-4pm  
Arts and Sciences Class - Basic Tunics & More - Benjamin Hooks Central Library - 3030 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN  
A&S Classes are held the 2nd Saturday of the month .
- 1/14 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 1/21 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 1/28 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 2/3 @ 8am-6pm  
Candlemas - Love and Thunder (of war drums)  
Please join us for a day of arts and classes.  
Artisan's Path - Laurel Prize style display format event (open to all artisans)  
Grey Niche Acanthus - our Baronial Arts Champion competition (open to all entrants)  
Gleann Abhann Poet Laureate and Bardic Champion competitions  
Classes encompassing everything from War Preparations to Courtly Graces and everything in between  
Celebrate the elevation of Sir Uther von Ziemer to the Order of the Laurel.  
Please see the [Candlemas Event Page](#) on the Kingdom website for PayPal registration. [Candlemas-2024-Flyer](#)
- 2/4 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 2/4 @ 6pm  
Baronial Business Meetings - Lenny's Sub Shop - 700 Mt Moriah Rd, Memphis, TN  
Business meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.
- 2/10 @ 2pm-4pm  
Arts and Sciences Class - Gulf Wars Prep - Benjamin Hooks Central Library - 3030 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN  
A&S Classes are held the 2nd Saturday of the month .
- 2/11 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 2/18 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 2/25 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 3/3 @ 1pm-4pm  
Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 3/3 @ 6pm  
Baronial Business Meetings - Lenny's Sub Shop - 700 Mt Moriah Rd, Memphis, TN  
Business meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.
- 3/9 @ 2pm-4pm  
Arts and Sciences Class - Project Day/"Not @Gulf Wars" Gathering- Benjamin Hooks Central Library - 3030 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN  
A&S Classes are held the 2nd Saturday of the month .

# QUARTERLY HAPPENINGS CONT'D

- 3/9 through 3/17 Gulf Wars 31 - Lumberton MS - <https://www.gulfwars.org/>
- 3/10 @ 1pm-4pm Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 3/17 @ 6pm Baronial Business Meetings - Lenny's Sub Shop - 700 Mt Moriah Rd, Memphis, TN  
Business meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.
- 3/17 @ 1pm-4pm Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 3/24 @ 1pm-4pm Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.
- 3/31 @ 1pm-4pm Fighter Practice Held on Sundays - Audubon Park (specifically the corner of Goodlett and Southern)  
Practices meet at the discretion of the Knight's Marshal and will be adjusted to take weather and event schedules in account.

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