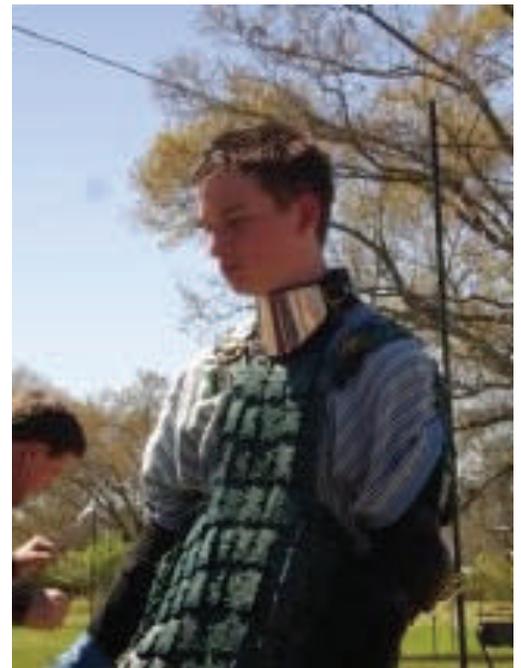


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# Loch Ruadh's Future

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# Words from the Seneschal

Greetings unto the Populace of Loch Ruadh!

It is hard to believe that this is my final missive as Seneschal of the Shire of Loch Ruadh. As of the July-August issue of the Scarlet Letter, the reins will have passed to the new Seneschal. That being said, it must be clear that the Office of Seneschal is open for applications; closing date for applications is Officers Meeting in June, the 15th. If you are interested in applying, please speak with me. Also, it would be a good idea to familiarize yourself with the Kingdom Seneschal's Handbook, the Kingdom Exchequer's Handbook, Kingdom Law and Corporate Law. I know it seems like a lot of reading, but it is best to know the rules and regulations that govern the job of Seneschal. You also need to take the Seneschal's Warranting Class, and the Exchequer's Warranting Class that includes Financial Committee Policy; if you have not taken these within the past two years, you can take them at the upcoming King's Round Table. Applications should be sent to the Regional Seneschal, with a copy to me. It has been an honor to serve as Loch Ruadh's Seneschal, and though I have no current plans to hold another Office, who knows what the future may bring?

Lord Lord Kaz is also approaching the end of his term as our Herald, and has opened his Office for applications as well. Please speak with him if you are interested in applying. While the Herald's Office may sometimes seem a bit under busy in a small group like ours, it is nonetheless an important one, and it is good to have your own local Herald to help submit your name and device, and track the submissions through the maze of SCA heraldry. Applications should be sent to the Regional Herald, with copies to Kaz and to me. As with the Seneschal's Office, the announcement of the Herald's Office being open for applications has already taken place; the closing date is also June Officers Meeting.

Lord Ragnar Ragnalsson has been approved as our new Webminister and Virtual Scribe –Vivat! and Vivat and many thanks to Laird Caerell Mac Dohmnaill for the fine job (and many years) that he did as our outgoing Webminister/Virtual Scribe.

## Seneschal (con't)

We have been awarded the honor of hosting King's College on June 18th. The location will be at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. While this is a one-day, non-camping event, there will still be plenty to do, and the need for many hands. Please see Lord Alric, the Autocrat for the event, or me, to see how you can help make this event a success for Loch Ruadh and An-steorra.

Our fall event, this year to be known as the Fall Brawl, will be held in October. While this is still several month away, preparations are already in motion, and the Autocrats, Lord Kaz and Lady Kat, will need the able assistance of everyone in the Shire to make sure the event is as fun and successful as the Shannon River Raids last fall.

We are sill planning on going to King's Arrow Ranch in the near future to work on the gate and the land. We will need eight to ten people to do the work we are planning on, so if there is any possibility that you can make this trip please plan to do so. Dates will be announced as soon as they are firmed up.

As always, don't hesitate to speak with me in person, call me or email me with any ideas, questions or concerns that you have about the Shire.

In Service to Loch Ruadh,

Padraig



# Herald

Greetings Shiremates,

Well, after nearly two years, my time as Herald is coming to a close. The office of Herald of Loch Ruadh is open for bids. After a relatively quiet run, I now find myself with several submissions for names and devices in the works. I have two devices ready to submit and a name and device consultation in progress. The new Herald will be able to jump right in start tracking items through the College of Heralds right away.

Speaking of the new Herald, have you been looking for a way to serve your Shire? Why not as the next member of a long and prestigious lineage. That's right! With only a minimum a paperwork (5 minutes or so) and a can-do attitude, YOU could be the latest Heir to the office of Herald of Loch Ruadh. The office really will not take much time out of your schedule. The local Herald's job is actually fairly simple. He, or she, coordinates with Shire members in assisting with heraldic research and filing the correct forms. Remember, you "assist", not "perform" heraldic research. In addition, once a month you file a report with the Regional Herald. This report takes no more than 15 minutes around the first of each calendar month. At events, you can either perform the voice and court heraldry or simply coordinate with someone more comfortable with such tasks to perform them for you.

If you are interested in applying, feel free to talk with me at Populace or Officer's Meeting, or at any event I am attending.

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Pan Kazimierz Złowieszczy  
Lordy Lord Kaz the Sinister



# Exchequer

Greetings unto the populace of Loch Ruadh.

Not much activity. We currently have 2586.64 in the account.

In Service to the Dream  
Lady Vivian McKinnon

# Archery Marshall

Greetings

It has been very quiet on the archery range. The only practice when anyone showed up was April 10. Kaz and crew, and Alric and Fiona showed up, but the wind was so strong, we were afraid someone would shoot themselves. If anyone would like to request a practice on a certain day or a work day, send me an e-mail and I will try to oblige.

In Service  
Tegward McCauley

# Chronicler

Greetings to the Shire of Loch Ruadh

Your newsletter is alive and kicking. Please feel free to submit anything you would like to see published. It has been quite some time since any new recipes, poems, stories, or artwork have found its way into the pages of this missive. This is your newsletter and it should reflect our Shire's populace.

In Service  
Lady Fiona inghean ui Mheadhra



# Minister of Children

Greetings Loch Ruadh!

I have been working with many on the creation of the Minister of Children Handbook and the Page School Handbook. Both are fairly finished and have been placed on the Kingdom website (<http://children.ansteorra.org/handbook.php>).

I will be teaching a Minister of Children warranting class and a Page School introductory class at King's College. I look forward to seeing you all there! It will be held on June 18, 2011 at Texas Christian University.

In Service to the Children of our Great Shire,

Cait O'Hara  
Minister of Children

Unto the Good Populace of Loch Ruadh,

The warrant for Pan Kazimierz Złowieszczy as Pursuivant to Loch Ruadh expires in July. Would anyone interested in this required Office please provide Proof of Membership (PDF file preferred) and a completed Letter of Application (<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>) to the Central Regional Herald. Copies should also go to the both the Seneschal and Herald to Loch Ruadh.

Good candidates realize they can not do or know everything, but are willing to learn and teach others. Ideal applicants will have deputies already in mind to help in the Administrative, Voice and Consultation responsibilities listed in the Administrative Handbook ([http://heraldry.ansteorra.org/docs/COH\\_Admin\\_Handbook.pdf](http://heraldry.ansteorra.org/docs/COH_Admin_Handbook.pdf))

Applications will be open until June 15th, 2011. If you have any questions feel free to contact me – my personal contact information is in *The Black Star*.

Yours in Service,  
Tostig  
Central Regional (Eclipse) Herald  
[central@herald.ansteorra.org](mailto:central@herald.ansteorra.org)



# Minister of Arts and Sciences



Greetings from the A&S Minister

Fun was had by all who attended Fighter Practice and joined in the team Bocce Ball rounds. Smalls and Gentles alike participated while others chatted of upcoming events and activity possibilities. Kathy watched as Fiona worked a lucet and was most intrigued. Future FP activities include an Inkle Loom gathering to share techniques and styles in May, a catalog share in June, a memories and histories discussion in July, and period board games in August. If you have ideas for subsequent activities please let me know. It has been suggested that an SCA sign workday be scheduled in May, but a date has not been determined. In June we will have Scribes on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and workdays as needed to King's College. In July, Antonia has agreed to demonstrate the use of a Lucet for those interested, the date will be determined soon. In August there will be a Garb workshop, and I hope to schedule a silk banner class in September. October will be dedicated to Fall Brawl work-days to complete event preparations.

King's College will be upon us soon. Volunteer where your skills can best be utilized. I would like to organize a staff of runners to assist class teachers with set-up, messages throughout the day, and clean up. If you are attending and are willing to help in this capacity, please contact me so I can get a list started.

Remember that one of the joys of artistry is displaying your work for all to see, so polish up your documentation and enter those competitions!

Here is a link to a guide for lucet weaving for those interested: <http://www.rocknbead.com/wshed/guide.htm>

In humble service,  
Catrin

# Kingdom Calendar

## May:

- 6-8 Castellon—Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)**  
**Defenders of the Rose—Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)**
- 13-15 Coronation/King's Champion—Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)**
- 20-22 Queen's Champion—Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)**
- 27-30 Steppes Warlord and Royal Huntsman Tournament—Steppes (Dallas, TX)**

## June:

- 3-5 Eldern XXXIII—Eledern Hills (Lawton, OK)**  
*Unofficial Event—Market Days and Medieval Knights (Salado, TX)*
- 10-12 Champions of Bonwicke—Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)**
- 17-19 Kings College—Loch Ruadh (Benbrooke, TX)**
- 24-26 Bordermarch Baronials—Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)**  
*Out of Kingdom—Knowne World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium—Atlantia (High Point, NC)*

# Loch Ruadh Calendar

## **May:**

**4th Populace (7:30 pm) IHOP on Quebec**

**18th Officer's Meeting (7:30 pm) IHOP on Quebec**

## **June:**

**1st Populace (7:30 pm) IHOP on Quebec**

**15th Officer Meeting (7:30 pm) IHOP on Quebec**

**18th The Shire of Loch Ruadh hosts King's College—All day event at TCU, Ft Worth, TX**

For event locations, check the Loch Ruadh online calendar.

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