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Loch Ruadh's Meeting Places

Populace Meeting

IHOP
5920 Quebec Street
Fort Worth, TX 76135

Archery & Fighter Practice

Park Road
Dutch Branch Park
Benbrook, TX 76126

Lady Catrin & Lord Tegwared

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MAY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Populace Meeting Quebec St. IHOP 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6 Archery & Fighter Practice Dutch Branch Park 1:30 pm	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Officer's Meeting Lady Catrin's 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Archery Practice Dutch Branch Park 1:30 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26 Bardic Steppes Warlord
27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Seneschal

Greetings, Greetings, Greetings Loch Ruadh,

War is past, Lughnasad plans are well in hand, and there have been a couple of fine events to attend. The year is well under way!

Coming up are DFT's Guardian which is always a lot of fun, and Steppes Warlord; where you never know what weather to expect, but always have a good time. Make plans to attend, and join in the plans for meals and or camping arrangements.

With Lughnasad Coordinators chosen, it is now time to decide where your skills and knowledge can best be utilized and to volunteer your services to the outstanding running of our event. Lughnasad does not spring full blown and magically planned from the breath of a fiery dragon! It takes months of meticulous and detailed planning and the willingness of many hands to achieve our consistent success with this event. If you have ideas for improvement or expansion that can be fully supported by the populace, please bring them to the attention of Pdraig or Alric, our able Autocrats. Join hands with those of the Autocrats and their Coordinators to make this another year of unrivaled success!

Keep in mind that we have 5 Offices open for bids. If you feel that your skills and knowledge could be put to use in the day to day running of the Shire, and have the time and temperament to commit to 2 years of Office responsibility, let your desire to take up this responsibility be made known in the form of a bid for office.

I challenge you all as members of Loch Ruadh's Populace to stretch your wings and try something new. Learn a new skill, contribute to Lughnasad and Pennsic prizes, volunteer for Feast instead of Security, enter an A&S Competition instead of being a spectator, only as we grow and advance as individuals does the character of the Shire grow and become re-established.

Be safe in your Journeys and come home with stories to share!

Catrin
Seneschal

Herald

Not much activity on the Heraldic front this month. Of course the Memorial Day sale will be effective for the rest of this month and all of May. Only nine dollars for each or eighteen for both.

For those who need help with a name or device, there will be a Herald's consultation table at War Lord May Saturday May 26th. You can go from not knowing what you want to submitting a name or device in one day.

My tenure as Loch Ruadh Herald will expire at the end of June. Applications for the Office of Herald are now being accepted. If you are interested in being a herald contact myself, Alric or any other past herald for information.

Thanks,

Gruffydd Mawr ap Rodri

Exchequer

Greetings from your Exchequer!

All seems to be going well. Reports have been turned in on time. No surprises and officers are beginning to use their annual budgets. I will do all I can to make these processes easier.

At populace, we decided to have a chamberlain. Vivat, Baroness Dana for volunteering to be such chamberlain. Vivat Lord Caerall, for volunteering to create a database program to keep track of Shire Property. Your service is greatly appreciated!

In service to Loch Ruadh,

Antonia Visconti

Knight Marshal

Greetings from your Knight Marshal.

Tourney season is in full swing. Let's get out there and gain Glory and Word Fame for the Shire.

My message this issue is to our "fringe" fighters. These are the guys newly authorized or absent from the list field for a while. I have learned that everyone can participate in a tourney, even if you do not feel that you can compete with Belted members of our Kingdom. It only takes one well timed and placed swing of rattan to send a White Belt to the ground. If you never take the field, you will never defeat a Knight. I know that I felt for a long time that tourneys were for fighters more experienced and capable than me. I took a chance and have had great fun in these bouts.

Look for information forthcoming regarding Regional Fighter Practices and Demo opportunities. I would like to see us try to carpool to these events.

Now get out there, swing a stick and have a great time.

Lord Kazimierz Zlosciwy

Chronicler

Greetings, Loch Ruadh!

Once again the way you receive your *Scarlet Letter* has changed! Starting this month you will be able to download the newsletter in pdf format from the website: www.lochruadh.org. It will still be available for you in print form, just let me know if you would like one so I can have enough copies printed.

Paper copies will be available for free at Populace meetings. If you would like your printed copies mailed to you, there is no charge for the newsletter itself, but you do have to pay your own postage.

Since going electronic, I have decided to change the size of the newsletter for ease of reading. This also enables you to print only the pages that you want!

I hope that you enjoy this issue and as always, if you have any comments please feel free to let me know.

In service,

Floria Blackdragon

Kingdom Calendar

May 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 4-6 Loch Guardian - Loch Sollier (Clear Lake, TX)
Beltane Games - Namron (Norman, OK)
- 11-13 The Lysts at Castleton and Kings Lancer Tournament- Multi-Regional Event (Austin, TX)
Demonstration (11-13): Grape Ranch Mini Medieval Faire - Skorragadr (Okemah, OK)
- 18-20 Mendersham Defender - Mendersham (Abilene, TX)
Eldern XXIX - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
Golden Arrow 12 - Stonebridge Keep (Victoria, TX)
- 25-27 Steppes Warlord and Baronial Investiture - Steppes (Dallas, TX)

June 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 1-3 Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
- 8-10 King's College - Stargate (Houston, TX)
- 15-17
- 22-24
- 29-1 Sundred Shield VII - Crossrode Keep (Big Spring, TX)

July 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 6-8 Coronation - TBA
- 13-15 King's Round Table - TBA
- 20-22 Queen's Champion - TBA
- 27-29 Steppes Artisan - Steppes (Dallas, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Pennsic 36

August 2007 (A.S. XLII)

- 3-5 Westgate Winter Collegium - Westgate (South west Houston, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Pennsic 36
- 10-12 Lughnasad - Loch Ruadh (Benbrook/Weatherford, TX)
Out of Kingdom: Pennsic 36
- 17-19 Ansteorran Heraldic and Scribal Symposium - Moonschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
Lady of the Lake III - Am Loch (Borger, TX)
- 24-26 Fall Event - Gate's Edge (North Houston, TX)

The SCA According to Padraig
Speaking Forsoothly
Part Four

Pádraig Ruad Ó Maolagáin

Sure, faith an' begorra! No, wait. Wrong dialect and time period. Let us start afresh.

Aye, most assuredly, do I once more declare 'pon the art of speaking forsoothly, to proclaim the Queen's English in a manner Medieval. Or at least Elizabethan. This presentation is a compilation of online lessons 16 through 19; I stopped at 19 because lesson 20 begins a series of lessons on numbers and measures, and I will address that series in my next article.

16 - Using "do" and "did" to add emphasis and flair.

This is generally done by inserting "do" or "did" before the verb of the sentence, but there are some exceptions:

"I do go."

"You do wear it well."

"I do wish her well."

"They do fight bravely."

"Do you take the right hand, and I the left."

"I do think 'twill be warm this day."

"I do love thee with all mine heart."

"I did think the chicken somewhat undercooked."

"You did build the wall most excellently."

"He did defeat a veritable host on the field of battle."

"We did enjoy the feast right heartily."

17 - Some Forsooth words to use:

Wherefore – Wherefore means "why", not "where".

When Juliet asked "Wherefore art thou Romeo?", she wasn't asking him where he was, but rather, why he was a Montague, the sworn enemies of her family, the Capulets. Use "wherefore" for "why", and "where" when you mean "where".

"Wherefore dost thou walk abroad so late in the evening?"

Mayhap – this is singular; don't say "mayhaps". Use this instead of "maybe".

"Dost hear that sound? Mayhap 'tis the call of the nightingale."

Stay – "Wait" or "pause"

"Stay, I seem to have dropped my purse."

Ta'en - Short for "taken" (pronounced "tane"). Usually used to mean "mistaken for".

"I fear thou hast ta'en me for another, milady."

"Your pardon, my lord, I had ta'en that tankard for my own."

Poppet – Dolls are sometimes referred to as poppets. Children, especially younger ones, can be called poppets as well. Sometimes used as a pet name.

"What a beautiful poppet she is!"

"Good morrow, poppet. What is your name?"

Sweeting - A popular pet name used both between lovers and for children as well.

"How now, sweeting, hast thou scraped thine knee?"

18 - Using "est" and "eth" endings on verbs.

In general, verbs following the explicit or implied use of the second person singular pronoun ("thou") end with "est", and verbs following the explicit or implied use of the third person singular pronoun ("he", "she", "they") will end with "eth".

"I go now to the list field."

"Thou goest now to Merchant's Row."

"She goeth to the feast hall."

"Doth" and "dost" follow the same linguistic rule, "doth" with "thou", and "doth" with "he", "she" and "they".

"I do go to the list field."

"Dost thou go to Merchant's Row?"

"They doth go to the feast hall."

19 - The normal order of your sentences should you vary.

In reading the King James Bible or the works of Shakespeare and his contemporaries, the one thing that stands out even more than the unfamiliar words is the structure of the sentences. "Backwards his sentences do go", as my college English literature professor put it. In modern English, we have been taught to put the subject (who/what is being referred to) at the beginning of the sentence, followed by the predicate (what is happening).

“I went to Crown Tournament last Saturday.”

To state this more forsoothly, but using a similar sentence structure, you might say:

“I did travel to Crown Tournament upon Saturday last.”

But other sentence structures work, and are just as valid:

“Upon Saturday last, did I travel to Crown Tournament.”

“Upon Saturday last, to Crown Tournament I did travel.”

“To Crown Tournament upon Saturday last did I travel.”

Another example:

He gave his love a single, perfect rose.

To his love gaveth he a single, perfect rose.

A single, perfect rose gaveth he to his love.

Gave he a single, perfect rose to his love.

Shakespearian Words/Phrases to use:

Betoken – “indicate”

“I doubt not that this morning’s red sky doth betoken storms this day.”

Fash – to annoy or cause worry.

“Let us not tell the Baroness of this; ‘twould fash her unduly.”

Crush a cup – to open a bottle and/or have a drink (of alcohol).

“I have a mighty thirst. Come, let us crush a cup together!”

As thou list – “if you like” or “whatever you want”

“To the gardens we may walk, or tarry here a while, as thou list.”



Celebrate the hopes and Dreams
The Embers that burn true
Come see what has always grown
In hearts of the Shire of Loch Ruadh

For each of us from this fair Shire
Has an Ember burning deep within
It is part of us - our blood and bone
And makes us more than simply friends

When the call comes to go to War
The Embers rise up into flame
We stand behind Ansteorra’s throne
The Known World will heed our Name

So come join us in the Celebration
Of the hopes and Dreams of all
Join in the songs that we intone
Can you hear the Embers call?

Brigid Nic Seward