



Fallen Leaves From Glen Rathlin

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Yuletide University III

Yuletide University III was the first two-day university event we have had and it was only possible due to the amount of support from everyone in the group. There was a fantastic response from people volunteering to help out, run classes and run shoots. The variety of classes was wonderful to see and included:

Weaving,
Calligraphy,
Silversmithing,
Renaissance Art,
Leather Working,
Theory of Side Sword,
Heavy Fighting Theory, and Traditional
Christmas Decorations.

As we were raising money for archery equipment we also had lots of archery related classes on offer such as Intro to Archery and Range Layout. We had

archery shoots on both days for beginners as well as more experienced archers, thanks to the shires archery marshals who did a great job. Also run was a little "Shoot the Santa" competition with scroll prizes to help raise money.

This year we embraced the Christmas spirit with trees, holly, mulled drinks and Christmas fare. Thanks to our Feastocrat and everyone who helped in the kitchen the food over the weekend was brilliant, especially the feast itself.

Due to popular request we had an A&S competition at the event. We decided to return this year to a populous vote style competition using coloured beads. Congratulations to Blue who won the most original or funniest entry category and well done to Caitriona of the Ravens who won the blue bead category after a most entertaining debate.

On Sunday the Peers in attendance volunteered to host a very informative discussion about the Role of a Peer as all three Orders were represented.

By Angela Brunt

OktoberFence II

On the 17th to 19th of October 2003, the second OktoberFence (A dedicated fencing practice) was held. Ardnally Scout Camp in Belfast was the venue with both indoor and outdoor practice being held. There was a good turn out from Glen Rathlin, with some newbie fencers trying their hand, and plenty from both Dublin

and Eplaheimr (So many marshals, we need more fencers :).

As usual Master Etienne de Fevre was in fighting form as soon as he arrived, serenading us all with his delightful chant of "FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT". With this the fighting commenced and kept on going until Sunday afternoon. A well thought out dinner of pasta was provided to hungry fighters on Saturday. Congratulations to Debbie from Dublin, who received her authorisation in single schlager.

While this was a dedicated fencing practice, there were those less dedicated who decided to practice other talents. With both Lord Sean and his lady Helen producing garb, and Paul son of Brian Arrowsmithing away.

General Meeting Minutes

4th October 2003, Ballyeaston Halls

1. Officer Reports

- **Seneschal**
All previous reports have been submitted on time.
- **Exchequer (Absent)**
Account: £280 after Unicorn's
- **Herald**
Shire name is proceeding through registration. Shire heraldry awaits petition submission.
- **Chatelaine (Absent)**
The flyer is now available in an electronic format online.
- **Captain of Archers**
Archery coming on excellent in the shire. IKAC scores now available online. Talk to the Captain of Archers if you are interested in being an Archery Marshal.
- **Web Minister**
The Web Minister stated that the website was 100% complete with the exception of

some content being waited on from people. He also stated that all requested updates to the web site have been done within 24 hours of the request being received with most of them having being dealt with within the same hour. There are also pages for OktoberFence II and Yuletide University III on-line. The Domain names has been re-registered and due to a misunderstanding is now paid for up to 23 September 2005.

- **Chronicler**
Produced 4th newsletter. Asked for contributions.

2. Rights of none-members to vote:

Motion 1

We the paid members of Glen Rathlin agree to up hold the voting rights of active non-paid SCA members.

Motion Passed

3. Terms of Office

Motion 2

The term of office for any Shire Officer will be 1 year with a maximum of four consecutive terms.

Motion Passed

Motion 3

A Term of office runs from February to February. Anyone standing for a position in between this period term of office will still end in the following February.

Motion Passed

Motion 4

Elections for officers to stand up in February should were possible occur in October to allow for shadowing period and further elections if required to fill the required posts.

Motion Passed

4. Election of Officers

Seneschal: - None elected

Minster Arts and Science: - **None elected**
Herald: -**Robin of Dalriada (Alistair Darragh)**
Web Minister: -**Paul son of Brian (Paul O'Brien)**
Chronicler: -**Caitriona of the Ravens (Caitriona Byrne)**
Captain Of Archers: -**Lord Seán the Archer (Seán Moore)**

5. Officer Descriptions

Motion 5

Does the group accept and desire to integrate the "Seneschal Job Description" as defined on the Glen Rathlin Website into shire conventions

Motion Passed

Motion 6

Does the group accept and desire to integrate the "Herald Job Description" as defined on the Glen Rathlin Website into shire conventions

Motion Passed

Motion 7

Does the group accept and desire to integrate the "Chatelaine Job Description" as defined on the Glen Rathlin Website into shire conventions

Motion Passed

Motion 8

Does the group accept and desire to integrate the "Web Minister Job Description" as defined on the Glen Rathlin Website into shire conventions

Motion Passed

Motion 9

Does the group accept and desire to integrate the "Captain of Archers Job Description" as defined on the Glen Rathlin Website into shire conventions

Motion Passed

Action Point (AP):

Action onto Al Darragh to progress the discussion on common guidelines of all officers

6. Glen Rathlin Heraldry Progress

Shire petition requires more signatures
AP: Neale Pollard to action a.s.a.p.

7. Shire Newsletter

The Chronicler welcomes all suggestions and comments regarding all aspects of the newsletters

8. Officer Names and address

Both Neale Pollard and Neil Simpson are currently enquiring about the need for all mundane names and home addresses for the regnum.

9. Shire Gift to Insula Draconis

Due to the unforeseen difficulties with the Principality heraldry the production of the kneeling cushions has been halted. Neale Pollard has requested any ideas on alternatives, and any interested parties to proved costs. Neale Pollard will organise the presentation at the Viceroy Tournament.

10. Events & Specialised Practices.

Unicorns Inspiration: - Report.
Neale Pollard gave a brief report on Unicorn's Inspiration stating that it was enjoyed by all, it made a profit, and Ardnally Scout Centre was a good venue for events.

OktoberFence II
"Event" details on website

Yule Tide University III
Event details on website

Next years Glen Rathlin events.

Anybody interested in organising any events or practices are asked to contact the Seneschal.

11. Open Government

Motion 10

The shire officers will all maintain a system of 'open government' in the running of shire business.

Motion is Void as the only votes were abstains

12. Shire assets Register

All shire members with shire assets are asked to contact the Chronicler with details of them.

12th December 2003, Ardnalvalley Scout Camp

Present: Apologies:

Neale Pollard	None
Helen McLarnon	
Neil Simpson	
Paul O'Brien	
Al Darragh	
Iona Willett	
Caitriona Byrne	

1. Rights of Non-members to vote:

Motion 1a.

We the paid members of Glen Rathlin agree to uphold the voting rights of non-paid SCA members as defined in the voting and meeting regulations (available from the shire website)

Passed

2. Election of Officers

Seneschal: -
Njall the Mercenary (Neil Simpson)

Not Elected

Exchequer: -
Kari Egilsson (George Kingston)
Elected

3. Amendments to Officer's Job Descriptions

Motion 1b.

"Where possible, attend as many practices and events within Glen Rathlin, in the Shire calendar year."

Passed

Motion 2.

"Shall attend all shire general meetings. If unable to attend any general meeting a basic officer report and the officer's apologies should be sent to meeting chair."

Passed

Motion 3.

"Shall maintain a high standard for their discipline through high standards of practice and behaviour at events, demos and practices."

Passed

Motion 4.

"Shall fulfil all reporting requirements for their post, as defined by the Glen Rathlin Book of Conventions, Drachenwald and SCA rules."

Passed

Motion 5.

"Shall uphold all the Conventions of the Shire."

Passed

Motion 6.

"Shall serve as the point of contact to Barony, Principality or Kingdom superiors and to all those from within the Shire."

Passed

4. Amendment to General Meeting

Regulations.

Motion 7.

Amendment (in red) by unanimous request to read

"Upon the request of 3 Paid SCA members a vote of no confidence in any officer may be called. **At a general meeting to be called as soon as possible or within a month at longest.** If the resulting vote shows the majority no longer supports the officer and they do not step down, the Seneschal or (in the case of Seneschal) deputy Seneschal will contact the officer's Insulae Draconis superior stating that the shire longer supports the officer to remain in position. The decision to remove the officer will then rest with the Insulae Draconis officer."

- a. All votes of confidence will be published in the Agenda.
- b. Voting will be by secret ballot
- c. The meeting chair and one other person will count the ballot. (Unless the chair is the object of the vote of no confidence).
- d. For the motion to carry it obtain greater than 50% of the vote.
- e. The vote shall be worded "We the populace no longer have confidence in X to act as OFFICER of Glen Rathlin.
- f. Options on the voting form for each position will be

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Abstain

Passed

Motion 8

"In the event of no one being elected to a Required officer Post, two weeks before the officer stands down, or when an required officer stands down unexpectedly the standard voting and meeting convention may be suspended by the Shire Seneschal. The seneschal will produce a emergency regulations that is acceptable to the majority of shire officers to help ensure the election of a shire member to the post."

Passed

5. Any Other Business

Can the shire arrange for Lord Robert to purchase a copy of the Knowne World Handbook for the shire whilst in the West for the shire assets?

Also no details of the Shire Assets Register were disclosed at this time to the Chronicler.

Glen Rathlin General Meeting Minutes 17th January 2004

Present:

Neale Pollard
Paul O'Brien
Al Darragh
Iona Willett
Caitriona Byrne
Seán Moore
Joanne
Trevor Houston
George Kingston
William Kingston

Proxies:

Neil Simpson
Helen McLarnon
Angela Brunt
Pauline Houston

Apologies:

None

Results as follows (for / against / abstained)

1. Rights of Non-members to vote:

Motion 1.

We the paid members of Glen Rathlin agree to uphold the voting rights of non-paid SCA members as defined in the voting and meeting regulations.

Passed (6/2/1)

2. Election of Officers

Seneschal: -

Elise Beaumont (Iona Willett)

Elected

3. Any Other Business

Neale:

Announced Viceroy bid from Glen Rathlin, adding to those from Mynydd Gwyn and Eplaheimr.

Al:

Change it from 3 to 5 paid members for calling for a 'vote of no confidence'.

Referred to next meeting

Neale:

Formalising how agenda points are made.

Iona: Raise motions at the meeting before.

Caitriona: But that would be three months in advance.

Joanne: Motions to be raised 1 month before GM.

Paul: Third attempt at getting his motion put on the agenda.

To be discussed further on mailing list.

Sean:

Ardnalvalley have been in contact regarding the event that they are running and would like us to participate by running an introduction to archery course during the event. The event is part of the Total Outdoor Experience that the Scout Association are running and they will be bussing children to Ardnalvalley to give them an opportunity to take part in, amongst others, archery. The expected date of this event is the last weekend in July and it will last for approximately two hours, not including set-up and take down. One incentive is that if the event is a success then there is a free weekend up for grabs as a reward.

Further details shall be sought in the new Shire Year so that Ardnalvalley are aware of the new Seneschal and her contact details.

Those running the course on behalf of the shire will be paid up Marshals of the shire and will have undergone a background check prior to being granted access to site.

Personal details of name, address, date of birth and national insurance number have to be disclosed as part of this check. Members will also undertake a come-and-try course run by Seán and provide certificates of any formal course in archery and coaching.

Scout leaders will also be present during the event.

Further details to follow.

Neale:

Unable to purchase the Knowne World Handbook due to unavailability, brought up possibility of purchasing the New Fighters Handbook.

Paul:

Donated 10m of linen for lender gear.

Sean:

With the purchasing of new archery gear and new fencing gear, it is therefore necessary to apply levies to this new gear and the use of existing shire property so that we are contributing to its upkeep and replacement. These levies will start to be charged in the new Glen Rathlin year.

£0.50 – loaner archery gear.

£0.50 – Target.

£1.00 – loaner fencing gear.

Neale:

All events must be bid for, there will be no reserving events for one Autocrat until a bid has been placed and accepted by the shire seneschal. This might change with the new Seneschal. I would recommend all those that wish to run events in the coming year please pass there bids/proposals to Iona (I would also advise you contact her and ask her the details that she would require for an event bid, as they may be different from mine. We would like this done soon as is practically possible so that events can be approved and submitted to the Calendar and Dragons Tale.

Incipency Progress:

Waiting on name to be registered, current status “sent to” Laurel King of Arms.

Forthcoming Events

20th March

Crown Tournament

Rewal, Estonia

02nd to 4th April

Kingdom A&S Faire

Skellita, Sweden

23rd to 25th April

Champion of the Isles

Pont Alarch, England

08th to 09th May

Insulae Draconis Viceroy Tournament II

Mynydd Gwyn, Wales

28th to 30th May

Traquair Medieval Fayre

Harpelstane, Scotland

04th to 06th June

Warbands X

Harpelstane, Scotland

18th to 21st June

Coronation

Two Seas, Germany

Our own Monthly practices are on the first Saturday of every month unless notified otherwise on the mailing list.

If you want a specific workshop or practice to be run contact one of the officers.

Full Kingdom/Shire Calendar listings on web site.



Next Practice & Events

The next practices will be held at the usual site (Ballyeaston Halls) unless notified otherwise upon the mailing list (scanorthernireland@yahoogroups.com) on the following dates....

6th March 2004

3rd April 2004

1st May 2004

Officer List

Seneschal
Elise Beaumont

Exchequer
Kari Egilsson

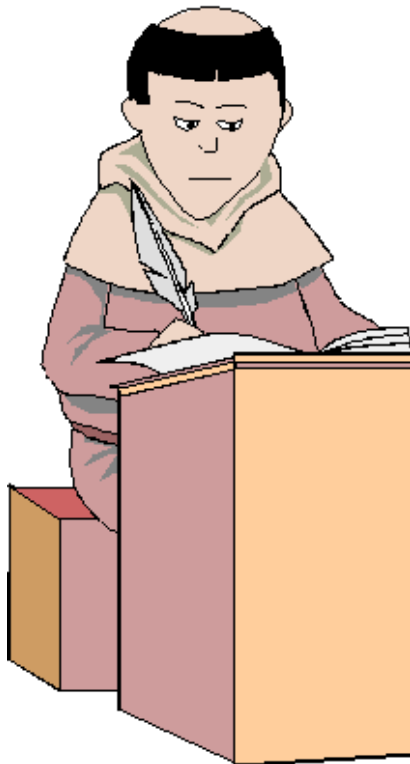
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Chronicler
Caitriona of the Ravens

Captain of Archers
Lord Seán the Archer

Web Minister
Paul son of Brian

Contact via the Ministers links on
<http://www.glenrathlin.org>
Or
Via the address to the right.



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I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for all their help in putting together this newsletter.

Contributions Wanted

Any and all contributions are welcomed and needed for this publication, as it's your newsletter! In particular, send me details of events you have travelled to so we can share your experience with the shire at large. Send by e-mail as a MS Word doc or TXT file to Chronicler@glenrathlin.org or by snail mail to 30 Bendigo Street Belfast BT6 8GD.

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