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# FTheir Majesties

Greetings unto the Kingdom of the Ram, As the summer months start to fade into autumn, it's still remaining so hot. We implore everyone to be mindful to hydrate. We were fortunate to be able to attend Pennsic 50. We would like thank each and every member of Our Kingdom that made the long journey north to support Gleann Abhann.

Slay the Dragon was busy, but such fun. Congratulations to Dame Sara on her elevation to the Order of the Pelican. And congratulations as well to all the other deserving gentles who were awarded for their diligent works.

Kingdom A&S is quickly approaching. We are so looking forward to seeing what Our wonderful artisans have come up with this year! There will 2 elevations, as well as a Baronial Investiture at A&S, so you don't want to miss out on the festivities.

Our time as Crown is quickly coming to an end. We would like to thank all of Gleann Abhann for your love and support. *It has truly been an honor to serve you all.* 







## Frheit Highnesses

Warmest Greetings from Their Highnesses!

We hope this letter finds you well and getting excited for the promise of the fall season in the air! We are even more excited that event season has started. The calendar is rapidly filling with events that are happening all across the River Valley Realm. Speaking of events, the most recent event

Speaking of events, the most recent event We attended, Slay the Dragon hosted by the Shire of Vogelburg, was filled with not only wonderful tournaments and A&S displays but also smiles, laughter, and even a few tears. All of these things combined made for quite a memorable event We are very grateful that we could share this event with old and new friends alike.

Kingdom Arts & Sciences is quickly approaching! What an exciting time for our artisans as they display their collective works and compete for title of Champion of the Arts. Will YOU be the one to add your name to list of names on the Champion scroll?

In closing, His Highness and I would like to extend Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supports the Kingdom. Whether that support is through art, service, teaching, or combat, know that your efforts, time, dedication, and love are seen and appreciated. Thank you again, and We cannot wait for our

Thank you again, and We cannot wait for our paths to cross once more. Safe travel and good health to all!

Christof Broinnin

In service to the Dream,

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## FROM THE CHRONICLER



Greetings unto the Populace of our fair Kingdom,

Event season is right around the corner! The months will be busy logging many miles on our fast steeds. Please be safe on the roads and don't forget to post your Road trip Selfies.

Our staff will be looking for you at all the upcoming events with hopes to grab that perfect candid shot for our event write ups in the Ambassador. For those events we are not able to make it to, send us your pics. We would love to feature your photos for those events we miss.

We just returned from Slay the Dragon where we spent some time with friends we have not seen for awhile and when the days were over, we even did some front porch sitting. We look forward to Kingdom A&S right around the corner and can't wait to see all of the projects from over the last year. I for one, hope to be inspired and may try my hand at a project or two.

We have new local chroniclers for the Barony of Small Gray Bear and the Shire of Vogelburg. If you have not seen their work yet, please go in search for the latest issues for their newsletter. Welcome aboard Lady Rhiadain n'a Rind Ailue and Lord Killian McRaith of the Ironshell. I hope you enjoy your time as chronicler.

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### Did You Know!!! Vikings were known for their

**EXAMPLE 1 Such Structures**. Writings were known root and examples **excellent hygiene.** Between rowing boats and decapitating enemies, Viking men must have stunk to high Valhalla, right? Quite the opposite. Excavations of Viking sites have turned up tweezers, razors, combs and ear cleaners made from animal bones and antlers. Vikings also bathed at least once a week—much more frequently than other Europeans of their day—and enjoyed dips in natural hot springs. Page 3 • The Ambassador • October 2023



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# Master Brock Mac Lachlan

**Meet**<sub>the</sub>

*What is your persona and what drew you to it?* - Brock is an Italian of Scottish descent. Initially I was all over the place when trying to figure out a persona, but finally settled on Scottish. From there, as I explored other things that I found interesting, my research found its way to a small town in northern Italy that was settled by Scottish mercenaries who traveled South through the Alps for the winter. They were reminded so much of the lands they were from that they decided to stay, so, Brock did too, in a manner of speaking. He is a descendent of the Scots that founded the town of Gurro.

*How did you find the SCA?* - I have always had a love for armed combat, and armed combat with swords in particular. I came across a group of LARPers through a work acquaintance and joined that group. I played there for several years, but it never really scratched the itch I was hoping that it would. I went to a few SCA practices, did a bit of armored combat, but that wasn't exactly what I was wanting either. One practice, a wizened old fellow with a white collar was in attendance and told me that there was fencing in the SCA as well. I was hooked immediately and jumped in with both feet.

What was your first SCA event? - I believe my first event was Samhain in 2016, if I remember correctly.

*What SCA activities are you the most interested in?* - Fencing. I also like fencing, fencing, fencing, and teaching other people about fencing. I have a love of historical combat in a multitude of forms, and am prone to fall down rabbit holes and take others with me when possible.

*If you could start on your path again with all the knowledge you have now, what if anything, would you do differenty?* - I would be less worried about "getting there". Admittedly, my path wasn't all that long, but I made it feel much longer by putting pressure and expectations on myself. Looking back, I really wish I had just enjoyed the trip to get where I am more.

*What is the best advice you received about being a peer?* - Strangely, the best advice I received about being a peer was "You can say no" when the crown asks if you would like to join the peerage. Being a peer is a difficult thing at times, and most people don't see that when they're looking in from the outside. Having someone point out that how you play the game changes a bit once you become a peer was helpful and gave another perspective to see peerage from. I love being a peer, and am glad that I chose to say "Yes", but knowing that I had an option was nice.

What is the one thing you wish someone had told you about being a peer? - People with automatically see you how they believe a peer of a particular order should be. I went to an out of kingdom event right after I was elevated. I showed up to this strange place with a shiny new white collar and wearing the kingdom rapier champion's sword. People immediately started deferring to me and talking about me like I was some mythological figure, simply because it's what they expected someone from the Order of Defense to be. Those expectations can weigh heavily on you, especially if you're not having a good day, on the field or otherwise. People watch you, expecting you to be what they envision. Nobody wants to be the person that hinders "the dream" for someone.

*What's something people try to tell you is peerlike, or is not peerlike, that you disagree with?* - Some people expect peers to be calm and reserved at all times. You should comport yourself in such a way that you both do, and don't, draw attention to yourself. Those people don't know me very well. Calm and reserved are not words that many people would associate with me. That behavior, to me, isn't welcoming, and I'm sure there are others that think like me. Those poor souls. At the same time, there are those that will be drawn to the reserved, serene types, and that's fine too. It takes all types. If everyone is always the same, then there are people that will miss out on interactions that could be beneficial to them.

*What is your favorite SCA moment?* - Probably the time my provost collar fell out of my basket. My peer, associate brother, and I went wandering for a bit, had lunch, and came back to the field. While we were walking up, someone came out and asked my peer if they knew anyone that had provost collars that looked like, well, his. I looked down, saw mine was missing, said a few explicative words, then set out and a grand quest to reclaim my collar from the prince of Trimaris. It ended up being a lot of fun and a great memory. If you want details, ask me when you see me.

*For Fun - What SCA skills have you learned that would help you survive a zombie apocalypse?* - I mentioned that I have a thing for swords and like to learn how to use them, right?

For Fun - What is your favorite cuss word? Aren't there kids that read this? I mean, what the f....

*For Fun - Is a hotdog a sandwich? Why or Why Not?* - That's a tough question. To me, a hotdog is Schrodinger's food. Nobody really knows. Nobody can definitively prove one way or another whether a hotdog is, or is not, a sandwich. We just have to carry on with the knowledge that, sandwich or not, a hotdog is delicious.





























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During the late 17th Century, beards fell spectacularly out of

fashion in Europe – helped in Russia by Tsar Peter the Great's 'beard tax' – and as a result moustaches flourished. By the early 1800s moustaches were flamboyant, curled and often carefully sculpted to link up with excessive







sideburns. Thus Lord Asil was born!

























## **REGISTER NOW**

# Sept 15-17

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Reservationist: Genevieve McCullum du Caen mka Monalee Kendall bgn.exchequer@gleannabhann.net

Feast Steward: Ida de Lorca mka Ida Gieseler thlseafood@yahoo.com

### Adult Member - \$15

ADULT Registration - \$20 17 & Under - FREE

#### Bed Fee - \$10 = Tenting - \$5 Feast - \$10

Make check payable to: SCA, Inc,. Barony of Grey Niche





## Midsummer Knights Dream XXVIII

#### Shire of Smythkepe

Burnham Woods Girl Scout Camp 5705 Gordon Ln., Ft. Smith, AR. 72903

> Site Opens: FRI 5:00pm Site Closes: SUN 11:00am

Event Stewards: Lady Bridget O'Fallon mka Cathy Simkins C.Simkins41@gmail.com

Reservationist: THL Mechera de Corvinis 1113 N. 56th Terrace Fort Smith, Ar. 72904

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Sept 29 - Oct 1

## The Feast of Saint Trotter

Barony of Small Grey Bear

Shoal Creek Camp 571 Methodist Youth Camp Road New Blaine, AR 72851

Site Opens: FRI 5:00pm Site Closes: SUN 10:00am

Event Stewards: THL Guillaume the Knave mka Bill Peterson praxas42@gmail.com

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Reservationist: Mu'allimah Dia Ramberti mka Deahe Ryan thldiaramberti@gmail.com

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Shire of Loch Bais

Toledo Bend North Group Camp 2907 North Toledo Park Rd. • Zwolle, La 71486

> Site Opens: FRI 5:00pm Site Closes: SUN 10:00am

Event Steward: THLord Iain O'Donnell mka John Dunn dunnj@nsula.edu = (985) 502-7312

Feast Steward Mistress Isabel Winterbourne snowbloom211@gmail.com

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## Something German

Barony of Tor An Riogh

Choctaw County Community Center 895 Colege St Ackerman, MS

> Site Opens: 8:00am Site Closes: 10:00pm

Autocrats: **Danielle de la Roche** v.danielle@gmail.com

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Reservationist: THL Aine ingen in Gohbann mka Suzie Daniel

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## Sara de la Petra Slay the Dragon

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Rapier Tournament of Champions Winner

Slay the Dragon



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Sir Geoffrey, may I have the honor of being the first to cross blades with young Ethan?

TO BE CONTINUED ...

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## THE SOCRATES Socrates owns Mu'allimah Dia Ramberti, OP

Age: 17 years Favorite Food: Ham

How did your pet adopt you? In 2008 he was needing a new home without dogs that thought he was a toy to chase We did an intensive interview process. during that process he realized I was his person.

Ffavorite toy? Ribbons Biggest dislikes? Children Trained or living the best life? He is living his best life.

What would her speaking voice sound like? Sean Connery

Her perfect day? Sleeping in his cat bed wherever I am in the house. Favorite Thing about Bowie? I have so many. I guess one of my favorites is one day he accidentally got outside when I was moving some furniture in. I didn't know it



until he had been outside for about two hours. When I finally found him huddled under the stairs of the deck his face was like NEVER EVER let me come out here again! It's scary as heck!!



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# FIND US ON

See what Dame Dot has come up with now!

## 2ND ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI **RENAISSANCE FAIR**

Friday & Saturday, October 20th & 21st, 2023, 9am to 8pm at the Harrison County Fair Grounds, 15321 County Farm Road, Gulfport, MS, 39503.

Cost for the Fair is \$15.00, if in Garb. The SCA event is "free", but you must pay to get into the Renn Fair.

Site Opens: 9:00am - Closes: 8:00pm

We are looking for SCA artisans to come, display, and demo for the public to see and to talk to them about your Art. We have a limited number of free passes, so contact one of the Autocrats below with your questions.

The Public will be walking around, so we all need to be the best Chatelaines we can be.

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Shire of Caer Dun/Scotland Lord Karsas Sarmatea Page 12 • The Ambassador • October 2023

## Battle of Orsha: How the Artist Translated the Battle into the Painting

by Shaul ben Yisrael of Poznan (called Shoiel)

The battle of Orsha was one of many battles between the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the Muscovites (Russia) during the many Lithuanian-Muscovite wars. Conflict between Moscow and Lithuania began with the first border war in 1487 and continued through six iterations with periods pf 'peace'. (It is interesting to note that Moscow has had its eyes on the Baltic region for a very long time.) The Fourth Muscovite-Lithuanian war was the longest, lasting ten years (1512-1522), and began with Moscow taking the city of Smolensk. The Battle of Orsha was a significant battle within the Muscovite-Lithuanian that occurred on September 8th, 1514 along the Dnieper River (in modern Belarus). The significance is that the Polish Lithuanian forces were greatly outnumbered — 35,000 to 80,000. This battle are relatively insignificant. The Grand Duchy of Lithuania (modern Lithuania, Latvia, modern Belarus and Ukraine) and Poland remember this as a great battle. Moscow (and Soviet Belarus) considered this battle an embarrassment and



the its study treasonous. Two of three Belarusian academics were captured, found guilty of 'bourgeois nationalism' and executed. The third narrowly escaped to Warsaw. (Saganovich, 2012)

This article is not about the war itself but about a painting (Figure. 1) of the battle painted between 1525 and 1540 by an unknown artist, who some believe to be Hans Krell, a German Renaissance painter. This painting tells the story of the battle rather than being a 'snapshot' of it. First, I will point out the major participants as characterized in the painting and then step through the various stages represented. The significant stages of the battle are:Hetman Konstanty Ostogski's camp the day before the battle; The pontoon bridge crossing (strategic deception); The battle itself (Muscovites on the left and allied forces on the right, deception of a charge of light cavalry feigning a retreat to draw the enemy into cannon fire from cannons hidden in the woods (cannons depicted, reigned retreat is not); Routing of the Muscovites; Finally, Muscovites being pushed by Polish hussars into flowing water -- probably Kropiwny/ Kropiwna (a tributary to the Dneiper) (Janic-ki, 2015);

The flow of the story depicted on within the painting begins on upper right and then down the right side. The river crossings were completed before the battle began. The majority of the painting depicts the battle. Various sources help identify units and/or commanders. Several Articles and papers which mapped combatant positions aided locating and identifying Polish and Lithuanian units.

With the exception of locating Ostrogski and Boyar Ivan Andreyevich Chelyadnin, Muscovite commander, all of the inferences are based on my comparative research. Polish Lithuanian Commanders: Hetman Konstanty Ostrogski; Field Hetman Jerzy Radziwiłł of Kiev (nicknamed Herkules); Janusz Świerczowski, the castellan of Biecz led the regular Polish army - Polish light cavalry; Court hetman Wojciech Sempoliński led the Polish private detachments and household troops (mostly heavy lancers).

Muscovite Commanders: Tsar Vasili III Ivanovich, Grand Prince of Moscow; Boyar Ivan Andreyevich Chelyadnin

The figures show the location of the commanders (Figure 2.) and the progression of the battle as depicted in the painting (Figure 3.). **Final words** 

The battle of Orsha was a great victory for the Lithuania and Poland. The victors captured 5 thousand men, including 8 voivods (Chelyadnin, Princes Bulgakov, Ivan Lugvitsa, Ivan Pronski, Dimitri Kitayev, Ivan Kolychev and Mikulinski) and 37 lesser commanders. Supposedly, only 500 soldiers of the Polish-Lithuanian force died, including captain Slubicki and Jan Zborowski. (Plewczynski, 2015)

The battle itself lasted no more than nine hours – Lithuanians crossed overnight of the 7th-8th and were done by 9am, skirmishes before noon when the battle itself began. Around 6pm Ivan Chelyadnin was captured and the killing of the Moscow escapees began.)

As great of a success, this battle was for the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, Lithuania and Poland lost the war since they were unable to recapture Smolensk. Smolensk remained part of Russia long after Fourth Muscovite–Lithuanian War, until the Siege of Smolensk (1609–1611) during the Polish–Muscovite War (1605–1618).

As Russia continued, and still continues to covet these lands, as evidenced by the soviet block and the war in today's war in Ukraine, this painting is a testament to the strength of the people of the Grand duchy of Lithuania.

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