

# SHIRE OF GLENN LINN

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Unto the people of the Not Yet Incipient Shire of Glenn Linn,  
Greetings from Charleton du Rill, your Seneshal:

A great number of you good gentles have come forward to express interest in our fair shire. I am grateful for this interest and hope to serve you well.

To any who would be interested in holding some office within the shire, we are looking for deputys (assistants to the major officers). Please contact me for more information. Nominations to confirm and/or elect new officers will take place in early spring. Medieval times were not democratic ones, but this is the SCA - the Current Middle Ages - so nominations will be solicited from shire members and a polling of all members to approve or refute said nominations will take place.

It is the right of the people of the shire with voting status to overrule policy created on the shire level with a 2/3 vote (you must be able to prove at LEAST associate membership in order to vote). The policy in question must be published in the newsletter prior to voting. Proxy voting will be allowed only if offered in writing to the Seneshcal before the start of the meeting at which the vote is to take place.

This shire is your land in the SCA. If you do not voice your desires or discontent, we cannot help you to fulfill your dream in the Current Middle Ages. Please feel at liberty to call me any evening or drop me a note at PO Box 2040, Glens Falls, N.Y. 12801 - honest, I very seldom bite.

For those of you who are considering membership but are undecided as to which membership level to choose, here's some of the differences between sustaining and associate:

A SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP costs \$20 per year. At this level you receive "Pike Staff" monthly and "Tournaments Illustrated" quarterly. In order to hold certain SCA offices, it is required to maintain a sustaining membership.

An ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP costs \$6 per year. This level has the same privileges, but you do NOT receive any publications and cannot hold some offices. You must be able to prove at least associate membership to have any voting privileges.

Good news for you fighters under 18. It looks like you can train with boffers until you reach 18 and can legally train with rattan. We are waiting for written confirmation and rules.

In closing, I hope you can attend our workshops, and if you have any skills along these lines, from calligraphy to backgammon, consider volunteering to share your skills and pass them along.

I look forward to meeting with all at our second gathering on Saturday, December 10 (for more details see below) and after.

In Service to the East Kingdom and the Shire of Glenn Linn  
this 21st day of November, Anno Societatus XXIII

*Charleton du Rill*

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#### MEETINGS & OTHER SUCH THINGS TO DO

The following meetings and assorted workshops have been scheduled in such an order as to develop your SCA-dian self and prepare to attend SCA-dian events. We shall have our first, unofficial mini-event to trial-run our new SCA-dian selves at a Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, January 14. We are shooting for early spring to host our first official SCA event.



Until then, our meeting and workshop schedule follows:

Sat/Dec 10 at Christ Church United Methodist, Bay St., Glens Falls:

- 10 am - basic garb, if you have fabric already, bring your portable sewing machines, scissors and either a comfortable, well-fitting cotton shirt or a t-shirt you don't mind trashing plus a roll of duct tape.
- 12 pm - basic armor, information to get fledgling fighters suited up and on track. Rules of the Marshalleth will also be reviewed.
- 2 pm - GENERAL MEETING, bring a list of what you wish to pursue in the SCA and any suggestions and skills you have to share - mundane included. Also discussion about demos & programs in education with assistance by LARAC.
- 2:30 - showing of TV-8's "North Country" segment featuring Crown Tourney at City Park and "Open Line" featuring interviews with veteran SCA-dians.

Wed/Dec 14 at the Glens Falls National Bank Community Center, downtown Glens Falls. Travelling south on Glen St., just turn right into the sidestreet between Achenbachs Jewelers and Associates of Glens Falls and park in that lot. The Community Center entrance is at the rear of the same brick building that houses Associates of Glens Falls. Big white letters "Community Center" above the glass door mark the entrance.

- 7-9 pm - garb workshop follow-up, by now you should have fabric or even be ready for finishing touches - bring those portable sewing machines. Also, discussion about developing a persona and "do's and don't's" on both.

Wed/Dec 28 at the Glens Falls National (GFN) Community Center, downtown GF

- 7-9 pm - feast gear, and how to go to an event (formal vs. informal, how to pack, what and what not to expect and how about children, and more).

Sat/Jan 7 at GFN Community Center again

- 10 am - calligraphy workshop, bring felt-tip calligraphic pen or carpenter's pencil, paper will be supplied.
- 10 am - more help with garb
- 12 pm - needlework basics workshop
- 2 pm - GENERAL MEETING, discuss Pot Luck Supper
- 3 pm - dance workshop/period games
- 5 pm - basic heraldry
- 7 pm - cooking for the Current Middle Ages
- 9 pm - site closes

Sat/Jan 14 at GFN Community Center again

- 10 am - heraldry workshop
- 12 pm - calligraphy workshop
- 2 pm - needlework workshop
- 5 pm - SET-UP FOR POT LUCK SUPPER
- 6 pm - dinner - wear your garb and bring your feast gear
- 7:30 pm - dancing & games
- 9 pm - site closes

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INTERESTED IN OBTAINING YOUR OWN "KNOWN WORLD HANDBOOK?" This is a 228-page official SCA publication offering all the basics and further insights into the Current Middle Ages. We will have a copy for you to look at during our upcoming general meeting if you wish to peruse one first. To purchase send a check for \$9.60 (includes first class or UPS shipping) payable to SCA, Inc. and mail to SCA, Office of the Stock Clerk, PO Box 360743, Milpitas, California 95035-0743. Other official SCA publications are also available through this address. (If we get together and send out an order for 10 or more we can get a discount.)

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#### A LITTLE BIT OF WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

SCA-dians (members of the SCA) use words or refer to a number of terms that are unfamiliar or used in a somewhat different context in the mundane world. Here's a brief reference list, by no means complete, of some of the more common terms you're apt to come across:

- anachronism: Anything out of its proper time.
- Anno Societatus: In the year of the society, this being the 23rd (XXIII) since the SCA was formed.
- arms: The heraldic emblem that identifies a person, group or place. The right to that emblem being the gift of Royalty, and the specific content being subject to approval by the Kingdom College of Heraldry and the SCA College of Arms.
- autocrat: The individual in charge of a specific event.
- Award of Arms (AOA): the first level of award that conveys rank in the SCA, giving the holder the right to bear heraldic arms and to use the title Lord or Lady.
- Exchequer: Treasurer
- Chatelaine: The officer in charge of greeting and helping newcomers, arranging educational demos.
- Chronicler: The officer in charge of a group's newsletter.
- Clear! Word called by someone about to draw a steel weapon.
- corpora: The official governing document of the SCA, defining the overall mundane and medieval structure of the organization. You can order a copy from the SCA Stock Clerk.
- court: A formal gathering of an SCA chapter, presided over by officers or royalty. The leading herald serves as announcer and master of ceremonies, and must review and approve all business brought before court in advance. The primary activities of a court include announcements, presentations and award-giving.
- device: A heraldic emblem registered to an individual or group. It becomes your "arms" when you receive an AOA or higher award.
- feast gear: Tableware. Guests of SCA feasts are expected to bring everything they need to eat in comfort - plates, bowls, goblets, utensils, tablecloth, cloth napkins, candleholder and candles.
- Glenn Linn: Gaelic: (Glenn) a mountain valley following the course of a stream; (Linn) a water fall or



cascading water.

garb: The clothing worn to an SCA event.

Herald: The officer in charge of development and registration of names and devices, and for making announcements at court and elsewhere.

HOLD: A cry meaning "Stop immediately in your tracks," there is a hazard at hand.

lista: The border of a field on which a tournament is held, also refers to the roster of fighters who will take part in the tournament.

Marshall: The officer in charge of safety, training and supervision of SCA combat.

Minister of Arts: The officer in charge of coordinating arts activities, workshops.

mka: mundanely known as

mundane: Referring to anything or anyone part of the 20th c.

Oyez: Cry used by heralds to gain attention of populace for an announcement.

persona: The character created and assumed by an SCA member.

SCA-dian: A member of the SCA.

scribe: Calligrapher, someone who writes the decorative scrolls used to commemorate SCA awards, and prepares other formal documents of the group.

Seneschal: The chief administrative officer and legal representative of a particular SCA group, responsible for coordinating the activities of the group's other officers.

troll booth: The place where you sign-in at an event, pay any site fees, sign any waivers particular to that event.

#### OFFICERS OF THE SHIRE OF GLENN LINN

Seneschal: Charleton du Rill (mka Chip Doty)  
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Exchequer: Freightier Oakenshield (mka Tom Leonbruno)

Herald: Lady Rowena nic Dhonnchaidh (mka Pamela Boynton)

Chronicler and  
Chatelaine: Dresden Pennello di Quadro Voce (mka Joan Martinelli)  
PO Box 2040, Glens Falls, NY 12801

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(518) 639-5325

Archivist: Brianne of the Black Hawk (mka Peter Garvey)

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SOME COURTEOUS DO'S AND DON'TS  
courtesy of Jeanne die Spinnerin, Minister of Arts

In the SCA's Current Middle Ages, there are a few "no no's" new members



should be aware of. Afterall, chivalry and courtesy top the list of our organization's priorities.

Please take care to NOT wear red or white belts or sashes, or plain neck chains. These adornments are symbols of earned positions, such as knighthood. Also, do not wear metal circlets upon your head even to hold veils or other head gear, as they also indicate different stations that have been earned, of leadership or royal status.

When addressing fellow SCA-dians, it is appropriate to say "Milord" or "Milady," however, the titles of simply "Lord" so and so or "Lady" so and so are used for those who have been awarded the privilege.

It is correct and proper to call our King and Queen "Your Majesty," and our Crown Prince and Princess (heir to the throne) "Your Highness." Others wearing crowns could be a Baron or Baroness, Count or Countess - unless you know them by exact title, it is safe to refer to them as "Your Excellency."

I hope this helps all of our new friends, most being mundanes in transition. I remain, in service to all gentles.

A BARDIC CIRCLE IS a gathering where the major activity is the exchange of songs, riddles, poems and stories in a Medieval or Reanaissance style. If this interests you, contact Jeanne die Spinnerin, Minister of Arts, for information at 639-5325 - leave a message on the machine.

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GREETINGS unto all good gentles from Dreaden Pennello di Quadro Voce,  
Chronicler of the Shire of Glenn Linn:

Much as we would like to continue sending a newsletter your way, my pockets are emptying as our mailing list has already climbed to some 100 interested folk. Also, I want to encourage submissions of columns, artwork, poetry, and just general helpful hints on where you found an unusual and useful SCA something or other, so the newsletter will progressively grow. Therefore I must, alas, request that you dig into your coffers and come up with \$6, payable to "SCA, Inc. - Shire of Glenn Linn," for a 12-issue (monthly) subscription for our as yet unnamed (any suggestions?) newsletter to cover mailing and production costs.

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**Historians Notes:**

The letter from the Seneshal is dated Nov 21 and the information provided within pertains to Dec onward. It would appear that the original issues of the Cascadian were published for the beginning of each month. As we progress through the volumes chronologically we will note that each volume begins with the Nov issue. As such, while not explicitly marked, this would be the second issue of the first volume published for Dec 1988.

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(Sean Transue)  
(03/11/2016)