



Newsletter

Drachenwald 12th night Coronation Corónú Nollaig na mBan

Welcome to Eplaheimr's 12th night Coronation Event!

We look forward to hosting you in the Barony of Eplaheimr, Canton of Cluain Oir, on the shores of Lough Mask, to celebrate the reign of William and Isabetta, and rejoice in the accession of Æríkr and Jacquelyna

Weekend Schedule

Friday

- 5:00pm** – Site Open
- 7:30pm** – Traveller's Fare is served
- 8:30pm** – **Kingdom Court**
- After Court** – Tavern and Games

Saturday

- 8:30am** – Breakfast is served
- 10:00am** – **Coronation Court**
- 11:15am** – Setup of A&S Display & Competition
- Chivalry Peerage Meeting
- 11:30am** – Class: Knowne World Scribing
How to request and complete scribal
Assignments for any kingdom.
THL Elizabeth of Roxbury-Mill
- 11:40am** – Order of Defense Peerage Meeting
- 12:05pm** – Laurel Peerage Meeting
- 12:15pm** – Armour Inspections
- 12:30pm** – Pelican Peerage Meeting

1pm – LUNCH

- 2:00pm** – TRMs sit in state (Room of Eriu)
- 2:30pm** – Class: Hildegard von Bingen, A
Woman's life in the 12th century.
Geirdis Geirhardardottir
- Archery Shoot
- 3:00pm** – Make your own clay Sheila-na-Gig
- Armoured Combat Tournament
- 3:30pm** – Rapier Combat Tournament
- Make your own St. Brigid's Cross
Gytha Ui Bhanain

- 3:50pm** – Closing of A&S Display & Competition
- 4:00pm** – Little Christmas Tea Party
- 5:00pm** – Setup for Court
- 5:30pm** – **Kingdom Court**
- 7:30pm** – Sos Comhra Baroness's Cocktail Party

8:00pm – FEAST

- After Feast** – Bardic Slam and Coronation Ball
with Live Music, Games & chilling
- After Ball** – Burning of the Evergreens!

Sunday

- 9:00am** – Breakfast is served
After breakfast pickups, packups etc.
- 12:00pm** – Site closes

Little Christmas Tea

Another title for 12th night, in Ireland, is 'Little Christmas' and it was traditional for ladies to get together for a special Tea.

So as part of the festivities, there will be a tea held at 4:00pm in the Room of Eriu. We invite people to contribute to this Tea with tasty treats that they might bring themselves.

This Tea is not just for Ladies – but for All!

Useful Information

- When you arrive on site, please go to the building you have booked for. Each building will be signposted and will have its own Registration table.
- If you have requested loaner gear, you can pick it up from the Registration table for the building you are booked into.
- If you are daytripping, or staying offsite, and plan on arriving on Saturday, the main Registration table will be located in the Petersburg House. If it isn't staffed when you arrive, please find Baroness Melisende, the Event Steward.
- At the end of the weekend, please return any loaner gear to the designated drop point in your building. Look for the sign!
- If you are entering the A&S Display/Competition, please make sure to collect your items when it closes at 3:50pm on Saturday
- If you are experiencing any symptoms of contagious illness, please consider protecting others and don't attend the event. Similarly if your health is vulnerable, feel free to wear a mask if you wish.
- As 12th night traditionally celebrates women in Ireland, our event will also celebrate women in the SCA, History and Legend.
- The accommodation rooms are named for previous Queens of Drachenwald starting from the first, until we ran out of rooms!
- Bring warm garb with you. We are expecting the weekend to be cold and there is always a potential for wet.
- The site allows alcohol, and people are welcome to bring their own, but please do your best to hide modern cans and plastic bottles.
- Covered flames only (lanterns). LED candles are welcome.
- No pets allowed on site as much of the estate has livestock on it.
- Reminder that the site only provides sheets, pillows and pillowcases. Bring your own blankets, sleeping bags or duvets.
- Smoking is outdoors only and away from entrances and windows. Cigarette butts must be disposed of responsibly.

Code of Conduct

A reminder that the Drachenwald Code of Conduct applies at this event. We expect people to treat everyone with respect and courtesy.

Bullying, harassment, discrimination, abusive language and behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the event. This includes the use of SCA rank or privilege to exclude, isolate, manipulate or intimidate.

If you are a victim or a witness, please report to the Event Steward or other authority on site.

Local Information

Emergency

999 or 112
For police/ambulance
Or fire brigade

Cong local Police
Station:
(094) 954 6002

Pharmacy

Cong Pharmacy
Tel: (094)954 6119
Friday: 9:30am – 6pm
Saturday: 10am – 1pm
Sunday: Closed

Grocery

Centra Clonbur
Friday: 7:30am – 9pm
Saturday: 7:30am – 9pm
Sunday: 8am – 8pm

Has ATM inside store, sells food, drink (inc. Alcohol) and household products

Taxi

O'Meara Travel, Clonbur:
Tel: 087 260 4352

Michael Walsh, Cong:
Tel: 086 395 3965

Medical Services

GP – Clonbur Medical
Centre (094) 954 6434

Primary Care Centre
Ballinrobe: (094) 953
9000

Hospital UHG (Galway
City): (091)524 222

All about the Food

Ingredients lists for each dish will be posted on the kitchen doors in each Hall.

Traveller's Fare - Italy

THL Nemet Arpad

Pies with marrow or butternut squash filling
Lentils with scrambled egg
Spiced Pears

Coronation mini market

There will be a few traders at the event, so bring some cash with you. Some may not be able to accept card payments.

Sat Breakfast - Ireland

THL Meadhbh Rois inghean Uí Chaoimh

Hard Boiled Eggs	Fruit Compote	Onions Fried in Butter/Olive Oil	
Sausages/Vegan Sausages	Salted Meats and Bacon	Scallions	Baked Plums
Black Pudding	Buttered/Stewed Apples	Cheese/Vegan Cheese	Honey Butter
Smoked/Salted Fish	Leeks & Kale Poached in Cream/Almond Milk	Herb/Mackerel Butter	
Oatcakes & Porridge/Barley	Mushrooms in Garlic & Cream	Breads & Pancakes	Hot Apple Juice

Lunch - Egypt

Máistir Aodh O Siadhail

Pomegranate Stew with Chicken	Flatbreads, plain rice
Beef with Gourd	Pomegranate stew with chickpeas and aubergine

Feast - Mongolia

THL Unegen-Jin Eplaheimr

Pearl Noodles	Chicken Strips with Noodles	Milk Buns	Deep Fried Butter Cookies
Lamb with Chickpea Flour	Fish in Turmeric	Meat & Fish Cakes	Cream
Vegetable Soup	Fried Vegetables	Vegan Filled Pockets	Honey and Fruits
		Rice, Mung Beans, Cucumber, Carrots	

Sun Breakfast - China

Lady Erin Volya

Chicken Noodle Soup
Vegetable Noodle Soup

Please assume dietary/food allergy options will be available for all meals unless otherwise stated

Volunteers!

As you know, nothing functions in the SCA without volunteers! Everyone who was able to, was asked to volunteer to help out in one capacity or another. If you don't remember what you signed up for – there will be printed lists with names in both Halls on site. Heralds will also announce calls for volunteers.

The Tournaments



Archery

2:30pm – 3:30pm = Morrigan Archery Shoot

A clout shoot with a 9 yard diameter target, from 20 yards. 0.5 yard gold radius, 1 yard red, 1 yard blue, 1 yard black, 1 yard white. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points for hits, respectively, line breakers count towards the higher score. 4 ends of three arrows per participant. Total field length of 40 yards (shooting line to circle 20 yards, 9 yard circle plus 10 yards safety behind).

Armoured Combat

3:00pm – 3:45pm = Grainne Mhaol Armoured Tournament

Fighters are divided into two sides, and further subdivided into groups of two fighters by lots (in case of an uneven number a less-experienced fighter will be added to make a team of three, selected by the marshals, to aim to maintain game balance).

Grainne Mhaol was a famous 16th century Pirate Queen operating along the West Coast of Ireland. And this tournament named for her will be a sea battle! Starting out, one side are Islanders, one side are Pirates. Islands each hold 2 fighters and bags of loot. The Islanders have to remain on their island at all times. Pirates may enter and leave. Pirate teams (each consisting 2 fighters) win loot by engaging islands in single bouts. If Pirates win - they get 1 bag of loot, if islands win they get all the Pirates loot. After each fight, the sides are reset to full strength. A pair of Pirates cannot engage the same island in two consecutive bouts. Pirates can engage each other when neither side is already engaged in combat - winner takes all loot. When time is up, the List Minister makes note of the amount of Loot held by every Pirate team.

Then loot is reset and islands and Pirates swap places for the second round. 2 Timed rounds of 20mins each.

Rapier Combat

3:30pm – 4:15pm = Queen Mebh Rapier Tournament

As in the conflicts of ancient Irish legend, battles are started by an exchange of challenges between heroes, to raise or lower the morale of the armies before full battle commences. The participants are divided into two sides: Queen Medb of Connacht and King Conchobar mac Nessa of Ulster. Medb's army has forcibly 'borrowed' Conchobar's prize brown bull and is attempting to return to Connacht with him. She has finally reached this part of Galway before Conchubar has caught up and started this battle of champions.

Stage 1: Challenges

Starting with the least experienced fencer on each side, challenges are issued to opposing fencers of their choice. Queen Medb's side goes first as she is on home territory. Each challenge is played out and fought before the next is issued. Challenges are a big deal in ancient Irish legend and fencers are encouraged to issue challenges as creative and flowery as desired. Once a fencer has challenged or been challenged they are out of the challenges until all the fencers have been involved in a challenge (if number of fencer are high, we will run this until each fencer has fought once, if lower, each fencer gets to issue a challenge, regardless of whether they have fought already, thus giving more fights)

Each fencer, if they wish, may pre-arrange a consort, who will issue challenges on their behalf to add extra pageantry and encourage more general participation. The side winning most challenges gains a half point.

Stage 2: Battle!

Once all challenges have been completed, the warriors' blood lust is now up and battle commences! Mebh's force attempts to get their captive bull, represented by a battle standard of a bull, to the other end of the field. Chonchobar's forces aims to stop them. Melee to the last fencer standing or when the bull crosses the finish line. Due to the stubborn nature of bulls, the bull-bearer cannot run.

Then, due to the fortunes of war, Chonchobar's forces gain the bull. They now have to get it back to the other end of the field past Medbh's troops. A second Melee to the last fencer standing or when the bull crosses the finish line.

Each battle win gains that side 1 point. The highest point score wins. A play-off final battle can be run in case of a tie.



The Maidenshead Tavern



Ah, good nobles of the knowne worlde, weary from your toils and wanderings! Gather ye `round, for within these humble walls can be found for two nights only, in a fleeting, unrepeatable marvel - the Maidenshead Tavern!! Our drinking hall be no mere house of stone and timber—it is a sanctuary for the soul, a hearth where laughter dances as merrily as the firelight and stories aplenty fill your heart. Here, you shall find barrels brimming with the finest ales, meads as sweet as a bard's tune, and wines potent enough to warm even the coldest night. Be ye a weary traveler, a bold knight, or a bard with a tale to share, come hither and let your cares dissolve like morning dew in the company of good drink and better friends.

Mark me well, fair patrons, for life is a fleeting tale, and what better way to spend its hours than in revelry and mirth? So pack your tankards (preorder your beer see link here) and let your spirits soar as we celebrate our King, Queen and Heirs. Delay not, good folk, for the finest joys are found within the Maiden's Head! **Prebook your tokens until Tuesday 7th Jan**

Your 12th Night Team



Baroness Melisende
Fitzwalter OL
Event Steward



THL Unegen-Jin Eplaheimr
Head Cook



Viscount Cernach the
Navigator
Marshal-in-Charge



THL Órlaith Chaomhanách
**Vibe Steward & Event
Tokens**



Lady Alice de la Wode
Hall Steward



Lady Kytte of the Lake
A&S Steward



Lady Gytha Ui Bhanain
Tavern Keeper



Viscountess Susannah
of York
Royal Liaison

Cooking Cohort of Quality



THL Nemet Arpad
Traveller's Fare Cook



THL Meadhbh Rois inghean
Uí Chaoimh
Saturday Breakfast Cook



Máistir Aodh O Siadhail
Lunch Cook



Lady Erin Volya
**Sunday Breakfast
Cook**

Plus Marshals, Heralds, Banner-hangers, transport givers and all who volunteer to help out!