

# VAIR BELL



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SHIRE OF  
STARHAVEN,  
KINGDOM OF  
TRIMARIS

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## A Short Eyewitness Account of the Last Battle, Death, and Funeral of King Ari Tyrbrandyr

At the morning court of Spring Coronation, King Ari and Queen Sibilla called on those who had gone to Gulf Wars to come and tell stories of things that had happened there. As each of the tale-tellers came up and sipped from the horn of mead before sharing their experiences, behind the thrones the moon slowly rose and covered the sun. When the sun was completely eclipsed, a troll entered the hall! He had come to kill King Ari in vengeance, declaring, "My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die!"

King Ari has killed so many trolls that he could not remember any particular one that might be this troll's father. He and the troll with the foreign name exchanged many sharp words, but finally the troll insulted Ari's hair, which incensed the king so much that he grappled with the beast bare-handed. As it was a personal insult, so it was a personal battle.

The king's guards could not intervene. Sadly, the troll overthrew Ari and stomped him to death. Some say, however, that the king was whisked away by magic and it was only a simulacrum that remained on the floor. I know nothing of these things, so I say let those who hope for a return of our beloved king take comfort where they may. Whether true body or false construct, the corpse was treated with all honor. According to the traditions of his ancestors, a boat was prepared for the remains of King Ari. The largest ship in the Trimarian armada towed the funerary barge out onto the water, and the crew made themselves ready for their melancholy duty of burning the body. So grieved were they that the strength of their hands was sapped, and the torches they threw fell short. Finally, the boats drew near enough to each other that the captain was able to lay the fire to the shroud. Brightly burned the flames as the boat and

*For Honor,  
For Glory,  
Vivat  
Trimaris!*



body bobbed in the bay, but not as brightly as the memory of the reign of Ari and Sibilla shines in our hearts.

HL Alane Godwin

## Art Sci Minute

Greetings to the gentles of Starhaven! How are your various projects coming? Remember to let me know what you're doing so I can report to the Kingdom officer. Contact me at [starhaven.artsandscience@gmail.com](mailto:starhaven.artsandscience@gmail.com), or post on the Starhaven Populace page on Facebook.

Are there skills you would like to share? Workshops are a fun way to learn new skills, teach old skills, or just hang around and chat with like-minded people. Part of my job description is to promote the arts and sciences, so... whatcha wanna do? Tell me, and I'll organize a workshop to promote your

art or science. I want to know what you are interested in.

HL Alane Godwin



## Hey, I'm New Here! - Addressing people in the SCA

Two of the questions I am asked most by newcomers are "Why was that person called (insert title)?" and "How do I address people?" The easiest way to address someone if you aren't sure of his or her correct title is 'My Lord' or 'My Lady'. It is the most common and simplest title and works for everyone, including Kings and Queens. The next form of address, and possibly the most important, are the King and Queen. They are called 'Their Majesties/Your Majesty'. They are followed by the Prince and Princess or 'Their Highnesses/Your Highness'. Dukes and Duchesses are 'Your Grace' and if you overhear someone being called 'Your Excellency', they are either a Count/Countess or Baron/Baroness. 'Sir' is used for the Order of Chivalry and 'Master/Mistress' for members of the Order of the Laurel, the Order of the Pelican, and the Order of Defense. Don't worry, we'll cover how to recognize all of them next month. Just remember: when in doubt, My Lord/Lady is the best solution.

Lady Einmyria Runasdottir, Shire Hospitalier

## Greetings for the Shire Seneschal

Greetings unto the populace of the Shire of Starhaven,

As I ponder what words to set to parchment, I think back to my first days in the SCA. I remember the excitement of meeting new people and learning new skills; watching others grow as well as growing myself; of becoming part of a new family. That's what the SCA has become to me: a family. Someone once said that you have the family you are born into and the family that you choose; my family of choice is the SCA, the Kingdom of Trimaris, and the Shire of Starhaven. Like all families, we're a little dysfunctional, but that's where we gain our strengths.

Starhaven has a huge diversity in our populace; let's embrace our differences. We have newcomers and old-timers, Peers of all types and members just starting to find their way. We have representatives from all groups; rapier, heavy weapons, archery, equestrian, costuming, brewing, needlework, calligraphy, and jewelry making to name a few. I'm proud of our Shire and the things we've accomplished in the past, and I look forward to seeing our Shire blaze across new horizons.

As we move forward, I'd like everyone to think about what drew you to the SCA and rekindle the excitement, not just for yourselves, but for those coming in and those who might have lost a bit of the magic.

Vivat Trimaris and Vivat Starhaven.

YIS,

HL Sythean Lina Chandler  
Seneschal, Shire of Starhaven



Attendees: 16 (1 minor)

Position	SCA Name	Mundane Name
Seneschal	HLady Sythean Lina Chandler	Meridith Cain
Seneschal deputy	Mistress Genevieve La Rousse	Jennifer Whiting
Hospitaller	Lady Einmyria Runasdottir	Paige Meldrum
Hospitaller deputy	Syr Geoffrey Maynard of York	Jeffrey Whiting
	Odette Raine	Lauren
Arts and Sciences	HLady Alane Godwin	Bethany Badger
Chronicler deputy	Hazir bin Mustafa	Jasmin Tufek
	Chiere wreic Maredudd	Cheri Smith
	Solveig in Kyrra	Kristy Cook
	Æsa Úlfvaldsdóttir	Bria Gaskin
		Eric Smith
	Gwlados Vachan	Evan Meier
		Casey Dunham
	Lady Whitney Willow	Whitney Whiting (minor)
		Jen
	Jutte	

1. Thanking all the outgoing officers

- a. Seneschal– Lady Mor Ingen Ronain
- b. Seneschal Deputy: HL Sythean Lina Chandler (moved to Seneschal)
- c. Deputy Exchequer – Countess JeongMi (moved to Exchequer)
- d. Chronicler – HL Eithne ingen Muirgein
- e. Webminister– Baron Wulfric Strongbow
- f. New officer introductions

Current gmail accounts are going to be switched to the kingdom email addresses  
 Discussion of business cards (use existing with email manually fixed or get new ones made)  
 As of Thursday May 4th, Shire business meetings will be the 1st Thursday of the month in Room #1 at 6:30 PM  
 Exception will be the 1st Thursday in November due to library book sale

Bid was made for an Art Sci event.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StarhavenEquestrianAdventure2017/>

October 13 - 15 2017

Fox Lake Equestrian Center 6450 Highway 46 Mims, FL 32754

\$15 daytrip

\$20 weekend

\$6 Sat. night feast

\$12 weekend feast (Fri pm, Sat am/pm, Sun am)

Site is primitive and there are no stalls available

Projected costs

\$700.00 to run event

Fundraiser on Saturday with donations going to Jeff and Jennifer Whiting

Looking for new Starhaven members that want to take the opportunity to learn how to run events

6. Paige and Lisa to put in a bid for Bungle under the Stars
7. Restarting Equestrian practices

\$50 per year for insurance  
3rd Sunday of the month (during traveling practice)  
Depends on the current state of the Shire of Starhaven finances

#### Starhaven Finances

Seneschal to get access to the Shire bank account and report its current state  
Buy PayPal reader, new signs, business cards  
Fighter Practice relevel April 23rd

#### Shire night out

2nd Friday of the month (moved from 4th Friday so it does not interfere with the relevel)  
Names of restaurants put into a hat to be picked  
Next month (May) destination is  
Irashiai 2  
4870 Babcock St NE #1, Palm Bay, FL 32905  
Note: This place is fairly small and will require reservations in advance

#### Long term Shire of Starhaven goals

Host a Kingdom event  
Making the Shire grow  
Become known as an Equestrian Shire  
Become known as the Art / Sci Shire  
Become a Barrony (very long term goal)  
25 paid members minimum  
All officers spots filled  
Strong history of events and filing reports  
Over \$10,000 in funds  
Find more demo opportunities  
More events in the south part of the county  
10-12 fighters to show up at Sundays practices  
Jeff Whiting and Jennifer Foulk Whiting have offered to host and possibly teach classes on their property and are asking for suggestions on what people would like to learn

Possible brewing classes with Eric C. Smith  
Shire baskets for the crown

Small things that can be passed out  
Use items from the classes thought to the shire to fill baskets  
Shire Campsite at Camp La Llandana

Suggestion was put forward that we should try to camp as a Shire  
Camping location close to the gymnasium was suggested when events are held at Camp Llanda.

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