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# THE BARONY OF SMALL GRAY BEAR

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URSA MINOR:

Baronial Newsletter for the Barony of Small Grey Bear



Welcome to the Barony of Small Grey Bear. There has been a lot going on the last few months so we encourage you to sit back, relax, and catch up on the changes and updates that are going on in the Barony.

As you will see there is a bit of a new look for the Ursa Minor. We will be trying out new designs and looking forward to your feedback on what format you like best!

Important Information:

Meeting Reminder - We hold our monthly buisness meeting on the first sunday of the month at 5 pm in the North Auditorium at CHI St. Vincent 2 St Vincent Cir, Little Rock, AR 72205

We hold our monthly event planning meeting on the third sunday of the month at 5 pm in the North Auditorium at CHI St. Vincent 2 St Vincent Cir, Little Rock, AR 72205

We also hold fight practice at War Memorial Park. You can find it by getting on Fair Park and then going to the roundabout and turning into the park there. We will be on the left hand side parking area under the trees. Practice begins at 1 pm and goes till 3:30 or later every sunday there is not a scheduled event.

Arts and Sciences monthly meeting information can be found on our website: <http://smallgraybear.org/>

Keep up with us on our facebook groups

Baronial Facebook Chat : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/smallgraybear/>

Baronial Buisness Information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1689822378010781/>

# A missive from Their Excellencies!!



*Greetings from Their Excellencies, Baron Giacomo and Baroness Eilis!*

*We hope everyone has had a comfortable and enjoyable summer holiday. We can't wait to see what everyone has been working on, whether it's arts related, fighting related, or just something that improves your mundane life. There has been a lot of activity despite the heat and it's been great seeing everyone at practice or A&S day. Keep up your hard work!*

*Fall brings us the opportunity to cool off and camp and visit with our neighbors. We have so much planned including Aphare Fair, Kingdom A&S, Samhain, and of course, St. Trotter's. Speaking of St. Trotter's, write in for your friends to see them get awards! We look forward to seeing everyone and if you're attending further away events, we would love to hear about your travels! Rarely does one come away from an event without at least one good story out of it.*

*We look forward to all the rest of the year has to bring us. Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us and we will be ringing in another new year.*

*As always, if you have questions, comments, concerns, anything about the Barony you wish to bring to our attention or just need someone to talk to, let us know. We are here to support the Barony and that includes you. We have a plethora of resources to help, even if you need us to just lend a shoulder.*

*In service to Our Kingdom and Barony,*

*Baron Giacomo  
Baroness Eilis*

## **The Seneschal's Corner**

Greetings to the Barony,

There are a lot of interesting things going on in the Barony right now. As some of you know there will be a change at the Seneschal's office as Honorable Lady Illonka steps down at St. Trotters and I step up. I am taking over with great help and with full support of the current seneschal and that of Their Excellencies as well. It is with great excitement that I embrace the opportunity to help grow and continue the traditions of this great barony. While I am coming from out of kingdom, I hope to be able to bring both a mix of things learned in Trimaris and to also embrace my new home here in Gleann Abhann and more specifically Small Grey Bear. I know that there will be a lot going on, but I wanted to let everyone know that I am open to chat about anything and I look forward to getting to know you all better so that I can serve the populace and continue to grow the group as we continue forward.

Her Excellency Aki and I both wanted to say a thank you to everyone for being so welcoming and helpful in our transition to the area. We look forward to doing lots of fun things with you all. To that end we will be looking at doing a non-garb barony night out in September. We are looking forward to having a bowling night to give everyone a chance to get together and socialize and to get to know us better. We welcome everyone to attend and to come have fun. More details to follow on this so please watch the Facebook groups. Also, please consider supporting Lagerdamm at their upcoming event Aphar Faire next weekend. It is a great opportunity to get to know and enjoy the company and friendship from our neighbors.

Master Miyamoto Toramasa, OP  
(Deputy Seneschal)

# Upcoming Events

## Baronial Event:

### Feast of Saint Trotter

September 29 @ 5:00 pm - October 1 @ 10:00 am

The Feast of Saint Trotter – Fall Baronial Event

Shoal Creek Camp 571 Methodist Youth Camp Road, New Blaine, AR, United States

## Local Events:

### Aphar Fair

August 25 @ 5:00 pm - August 27 @ 12:00 pm

## Kingdom Events:

### Slay the Dragon

September 1 @ 5:00 pm - September 3 @ 5:00 pm

### Kingdom Arts and Science

September 15 - September 17

### Midsummer Knights Dream

September 22 @ 5 pm - September 24th 10:00 am

### Gleann Abhann Fall Coronation

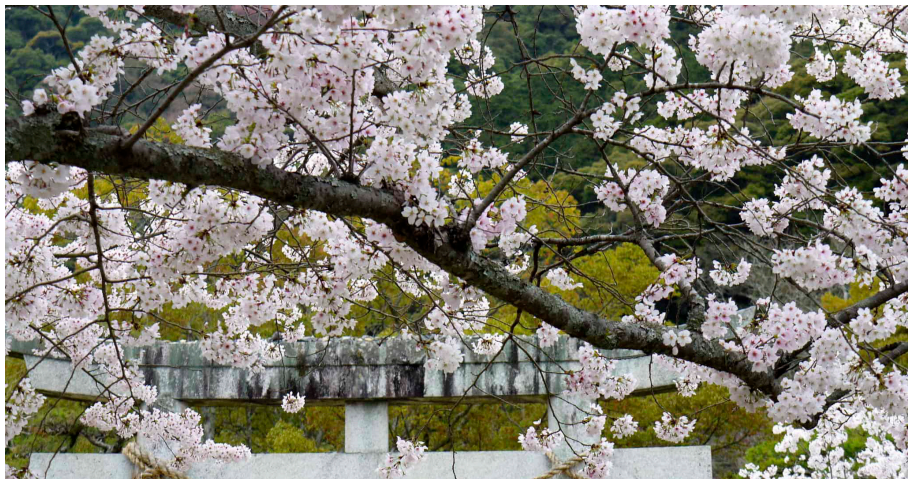
October 6 - October 8

## Populace Contributions

### Tanka Poem - Natures Judgement

Blossoms, pink and white  
Drifting down from the grey sky.  
Falling helplessly.  
Silent streaks from above  
Covering me in wet tears.

By: Master Miyamoto Toramasa, OP





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