

What News?

Samhain '97 edition

The clan once again has gathered at Samhain to choose its leaders

The clan officers are as follows:

Chieftain Aonghus

Druid Comyn

Fili Guthrum

Bard Valarian

Congratulations to all and good luck in the tasks ahead.

And congratulations to our newest clan member- Sabha.

Father-Sky saw fit to bless us with torrential rain for two days. Though this limited our activity and postponed some of the events we had planned for Samhain, everyone came together and made the absolute best of things. All present proved to be real troopers and it is a credit to us all for the amount we were able to accomplish.

Friday night kicked off with the usual set up and easing into the Celtic atmosphere. Weary traveler's bones were warmed by Sabha's tasty stew. The black-pot-stew is rapidly becoming a Friday night clan tradition. Casual revelry was enjoyed while sipping down (or gulping in some cases) Volund's cider and Momus mead. Music was supplied by Erlan and Comyn.

Saturday rain proved a bit restrictive as much time was spent erecting a communal shelter and making special accommodations that normally would have been unnecessary. The Christians next door even invited us on their ark...but the said only two of us could go and we couldn't decide who. But one thing about the rain – it certainly brought the clan together and there was an overwhelming sense of community.

The feast definitely did not suffer for the weather, as the amount of food was almost worthy of sating even the great Dagda's appetite.

And how bout them masks!! Momus and Kresny's mask making abilities astounded all. These masks were meant to disguise us mere mortals from the angry spirits who walked freely this night. The creativity showed in these masks was truly inspirational. How could such common materials be formed into such grotesque figures? Surely Momus must have peaked into the other world to bend such grim visages. Momus and Kresny took many of the mask "blanks" to work on for next Samhain. – I know a lot of us can't wait to see the results.

And speaking of ghostly apparitions and surprise visitations – Larry, our wayward probate, honored us with his presence, bearing a pot of exquisite mulled wine and some excellent home baked breads. Yummy! Larry expressed his desire to make more events and I know we all would like to see him do just that.

Some points of Honor from the meeting:

Comyn stood before the assembled clan and to complete the communal tent project (i.e. the big-top).

Cate has been with settling on an appropriate persona name for Imbolc.

These points have been documented on the honor page.

The *Friends of the Clan* were in full force at the event. Con spent most of the event showing off his "short sword" much to everyone's chagrin. Kudos to Eberwolf, Saxon Lawyer, for the new threads!

In addition to the regulars...it was great seeing some new faces at the event. To all the new folk – were all looking forward to seeing you again real soon.

As stated at the Samhain gathering, look for a meeting announcement soon. Most likely this will take place in early December. The meeting will be held to plan for Imbolc and to discuss the usual clan business.