



The Cataract



The newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters, the SCA chapter for the Niagara Region
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Baronial meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace! Meetings are at 39 George Street, St. Catharines. Mini-events are at Finally Oaks, 1468 Krick Road, Smithville. Come in garb, bring fighting equipment and snacks to share. Finallyoaks.ca

January

- 9, 16, 23, 30:** Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
- 7:** Coffee & Chat Night at the Fine Grind in St. Catharines, 37 James Street at 7:00 - 9:00pm.
- 15:** Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
- 17:** Septentrian Twelfthnight, Ard Creag (Bowmanville)
- 18:** Baronial Meeting, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 2:00-5:00pm
- 31:** A&S Day & potluck at Lady Yllaria's, 122 Dufferin E, St. Catharines. Felting re-visited. 10:00-5:00
- 31:** Tournoi de Couer de Glace, Bastille du Lac (Belleville)

February

- 6, 13, 20, 27:** Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
- 7:** Step Sprightly at the Carnival of Venice, Monadh (Mississauga)
- 14:** A&S Day & Pot Luck at THL Sciath's, 39 George Street, St. Catharines. Repoussé. 10:00am - 5:00pm
- 15:** Baronial Meeting. 39 George St, St. Catharines, 2:00 - 5:00pm.
- 19:** Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
- 28:** Practium, Caldrihig(Ottawa)

March

- 6, 13, 20, 27:** Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
- 7:** Winter Wars, Shire of Trinovantia Nova (London)
- 15:** Baronial Meeting. 39 George St, St. Catharines, 2:00 - 5:00pm.
- 19:** Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
- 21:** Passing of the Ice Dragon, Rydderich Hael
- 28:** Late Winter Shoot, Petrea Thule (Peterborough)

April

- 10, 17, 24:** Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
- 16:** Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
- 19:** Baronial Meeting. 39 George St, St. Catharines, 2:00 - 5:00pm.
- 16 - 19:** Knowne World Dance Symposium, Barony of Knights Crossing, Drachenwald (Miltenberg am Main, Germany)
- 25:** Spring Coronation, Shire of Bastille Du Lac (Shannonville)



Baron Dmitri Kievskoi and Baroness Gema Krasil'niKova

Photo Credit Lady Rosalind Pax

May

- 1:** Happy SCA New Year! A.S. L (50)
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
- 9:** Septentria Baronial Investiture
- 15 - 18:** Fruits Of Our Labours, Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog (Ayr, ON)
- 17:** Baronial Meeting, TBA
- 21:** Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
- 23:** Spring Crown Tourney, New Hope Church?????

June

- 6:** Pikeman's Pleasure^{xxv}, Canton of Petrea Thule, (Little Britain)
- 11 - 14:** Murder Meleé^{xxxii}, Ben Dunfirth (Bin Brook)
- 18:** Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
- 21:** Baronial Meeting, TBA
- 26 - 28:** Known World Heraldic Symposium, Eoforwic (Toronto)

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Officer Reports:**BARON & BARONESS*****Winter Greetings, to the Populous of Rising Waters from your Baron and Baroness Dmitri and Gema.***

The holiday season is upon us. It was great to see everyone at the dessert revel, it was a day filled with great company and awesome treats. Thank you John and Morna for hosting us once again especially on a day that had a great loss for you. As always you are and continue to be in our thoughts.

Fight practices continue to be held most Fridays and we are starting to get more members of the Barony out to socialize which is great. We hope to see this build and continue. Lord Hidetoro has stepped up to take on the role of Baronial Marshal. Thank you for this your service is appreciated.

M'lady Rohaise has also agreed to take on the role of Chronicler. To that service we also give thanks. To Baroness Ariadne and her service as Chronicler we owe great and heartfelt thanks for keeping the Cataract going these many years.

Looking forward to the year ahead we remain,

YIS

Baroness Gema and Baron Dmitri

SENECHAL***Greetings good gentles!***

I wish everyone a happy holiday! And welcome the return of Baron Valdr Járnsmiðr as the Minister of Arts and Science, with lady Jowan nyn Ranell acting as his deputy. I thank Lady Yllaria de Comport for all of her hard work to create an exciting program for local artisans, providing them with a means to develop and display their skills. We also welcome lady Rohaise de Guildford as the Baronial Chronicler. Many thanks to Baroness Ariadne for her years of hard work in making the Cataract known for excellence throughout the Known World. We should all give thanks to Baroness Ariadne and Lady Yllaria – huzzah!

Our next meeting will be hosted at our home, at 39 George St., in St. Catharines on January 18th at 2pm until 5pm. *We will continue to hold our meetings on the third Sunday of each month, with only a change of venue!* I encourage everyone to come out to the Baronial meetings; they are an excellent way to learn what happens in the Barony, and are not just for officers. We frequently discuss things that are important to every member of the Barony. So please come, find out more about what your Officers are doing for you, and how you might get more involved.

The members of this Barony are incredibly talented and have such a range of abilities. We would like to provide you with opportunity to use and develop those talents and abilities. If you know of members who have not been playing lately, encourage them to come out again. Every person is a valuable resource and we need every single one of you. There is an updated calendar of events, activities

and A&S days in this issue of the Cataract, as well as on the website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of your Baronial Officers.

Ieuan ap Gwilym

Seneschal of Rising Waters

CHATELAINE***Greeting Good People of Rising Waters,***

I would like to have a Coffee and Chat night on Thursday, 7 January 2015 at the Fine Grind in St. Catharine's on James Street at 7:00pm until around 9:00pm. I hope people will be able to come out and visit for a bit. Bring a friend if you wish and introduce them to the group.

I would like to also maybe start a pub night from Fight Practice every once in a while possibly the Merchant Ale House in St. Catharine's. I will take suggestions and maybe we will have a mobile pub night.

Yours in Service,

Annabelle Makmyllane

HERALD

Hael and Well-Met!

The Winter season is upon us, and now is the time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Plans are progressing for the 2015 Known World Heralds and Scribes Symposium and you can now check out the event on the website here, <http://eo-forwic.ca/kwhss2015/>. Registration will open on January 1st

Just a reminder for you to consider checking out the Order of Precedence. The best way that we can ensure that the OP remains accurate is to continue recognizing Rising Waters residents for their efforts and abilities. Send in your Baronial Award recommendations to Their Excellencies at risingwaters@gmail.com, and Kingdom Award recommendations via online submission: <http://www.ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form.html>. You can also send an email directly to Their Majesties at thronesofthenorth@yahoo.ca.

When you feel inspired to put pen to paper and put together a submission for name or device, feel free to contact me, or Jowan nyn Ranell, Deputy Herald. You can reach me via email at herald.risingwaters@gmail.com, and we'll get to work.

Your Humble Herald,

ban teirna Sciath ingen Chaennaig

(Heraldic Submissions Report on page 3)

SIGNET***Greetings to the Wonderful People of Rising Waters from your Baronial Signet.***

The dates for our Scribal Nights are tentatively set as: January 22, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18

We will take a short break over the summer months so that we may all enjoy the opportunities that the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium and Pennsic War. I am seeking a deputy for the scribal office. The deputy has the opportunity to gain an insight on the role and responsibilities of the signet. This is a position that works closely in col-

laboration with many Baronial Officers. And finally, if you are interested in learning the basics of Calligraphy and/or Illumination, or if you're interested in making scrolls please let me know. If you want to get in touch with me, send me an email at signet.risingwaters@gmail.com or call me to be added to my list of contacts.

*In service to the Barony,
ban teirna Sciath ingen Chaennaig
MARSHALLATE*

Starting in January 2015 the new Marshallete will be:
Lord Hidetoro Shigamitsu. (See *Fight Practice Report* below)

ARTS & SCIENCES

Greetings

In December we held a Temari Ball class to make Christmas ornaments. It was a great success.

Starting in January 2015 the new A&S Minister will be Baron Valdr jarnsmiðr.

Lady Yllaria de Comport

CHRONICLER

Outgoing: Many thanks to Rohaise de Guildford for volunteering to give us the benefit of her expertise in this office. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve the Barony as chronicler. Thank you to all who have contributed articles, letters, and artwork over the years, and special thanks to my lord husband Baron Reynard de Foch of Ravenglass for his proofreading and suggestions, as well as his art.

Baroness Ariadne Athingana of Ravenglass

Incoming: Thank You Baroness Ariadne for all your hard work. I hope to be able to reach your high standards. Any articles, photographs, reports, recipes, art work, etc.. would be of great help in publishing the Cataract.

Rohaise de Guildford

WEB MINISTER

We are still looking for a Web Minister. If you have the know how and wish to assume these duties please contact any of the Baronial Officers.

Heraldry Submission Status Report

In Development

Hidetoro Shigamitsu: Name

Katarina Davidsdottir: Name

Þóra Hallbjórnisdóttir: Name

In Commentary (November LOI)

Rorikr Himmel: Name

Rorikr Himmel: Device - Argent, two spears in saltire gules and a cauldron purple

In Commentary (August LOI)–

Sciath ingen Chaennaig: Badge - (Fieldless) A quatrefoil azure within and conjoined to an annulet Or.

In Commentary (July LOI)–

Da'ud al-Basir: Device - Per pall inverted sable, argent and gules, two crosses of Jerusalem counterchanged and a falcon striking argent

Susanna Thomsoune: Device – Gules, a chevron and in base a fox sejant regardant argent.



On behalf of Lord Hiretoro, Marshal of the Barony of Rising Waters, comes greetings from The Honourable Baron Richard Larmer, Protector of Chalice.

This Fall has been a successful season for the Barony. The Friday night fight practices have been well attended. We typically have 3 to 5 fighters in armour and some out of armour attendees. Both of Their Excellencies have been fighting. One evening we had seven in armour. There is a nice mix of new and experienced fighters. The new fighters have been learning quickly and should be able to authorize in early 2015. We will have more loaner armour available in January.

We were honoured to have the attendance of Their Royal Majesties recently. This provided us with a high level of training. We hope that more Members of the Order of Chivalry will visit us. We have had regular attendance by friends from the Barony of Ben Dunfirth.

Fight practices will continue on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the Alexandra Public School in St. Catharines on Henry Street starting on Friday January 9th. Please note that outdoor footwear must be removed before going into the gym per the school so please bring some shoes to change into. Suggested donations to defer the rental cost is \$5 per attendee.

(See photograph page 6)

OPT Results

Congratulations to all who entered, special congratulations to HE Lady Isabel Atwyell who Her Majesty chose for the Queen's Prize for her beautiful embroidery. Her Majesty was also very impressed with Lady Rohaise de Guildford and her Tamari Ball. Both were given a lovely collection of gifties from Her Majesty.

Her Majesty also publically recognized Baron Kol for his embroidery, Baron Percival for his research and Lady Ailis for her Herbs in Practice - each were given a token from Her Majesty.

The Judges choice went to Lady Ailis for her amazing Herbs in Practice entry.

Congrats to all
QPT Wrangler

Report on the Second Queen's Prize Tourney

by: ban Tierna Sciath ingen Chaennaig

The event took place on November 22, 2014 in the Canton of Petrea Thule.

Duchess Adrielle Kerrec, the event steward, reported that just under 200 folks attend the event, with 81 entrants (including 13 children), 37 sponsors & 68 judges. They offered a day-board which included an assortment of foods throughout the day, and included several items as part of Mahault and Mahhild's culinary arts entry. At times, servers walked with platters among the display tables to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to try out the many delicious foods available. I have to admit that I went back a couple of times to 'retest' a few items.

Nobility was well-represented in the event and set fine examples for all Ealdormereans: His Highness, Prince Steinnar Aggarson, entered his own wonderful embroidery, our own Baroness Gema Krasil'nikova entered two pysanky eggs (see picture below), Baron Grom Meinfret of Septentria entered a leather carved knife sheath, and Baroness Anneke the Furious of Septentria entered a hedeby pouch purse.

Aside from a phenomenal display of Ealdormere's artistic talent, participants were witness to the vigil and elevation of THL Asa Gormsdottir to the Order of the Laurel. Many an eye was brought to tear when THL Albrecht Stampfer, her lord, addressed the court to speak of her love. Prior to court, Her Highness Liðr

Lang-Akason acted as arbitrator in the negotiations for Lady Jehanne de Bretagne, whom Posadnitsa Xristina Viacheslavova wished to take the lady as a protégée, and Patrikia Aurelia Gabraina, who wished to take the lady as an apprentice. Fortunately, an amicable agreement was struck, and all three are well pleased.

During court, Her Majesty Kayla chose to recognize our own Rohaise de Guildford, for her tamari ball using the Kiku pattern, and gifted her with a satchel of many things. Well done, Rohaise!



- 1 Tamari Ball by Rohaise de Guildford (Photo credit: Alex Sears)



- 2 Her Excellency, Baroness Gema Krasil'nikova's marvellous pysanky eggs! (photo credit: Alex Sears)

Yours in Service to the Kingdom of Ealdormere,
ban Tierna Sciath ingen Chaennaig



Cookie Exchange at the Dessert Revel:

The Cookie Exchange was an wonderful success. All the cookies, etc. were beautifully packaged and the contents were amazing!

Rohaise de Guildford
Photo Credit Lady Rosalind Pax

Call for submissions:

This publication is only as interesting as its content. Please consider making a contribution in the form of photographs, articles, art work, event reports, medieval recipes, items of historical interest etc.

If you have an idea that you would like to share, please contact:

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Powder Forte - grind all and use to taste.

- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon fresh nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon mace
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon grains of paradise
- 3 teaspoons long pepper

Medieval Cooks Corner: by Rohaise de Guildford

This recipe was taken from:

A Boke of Gode Cookery -Medieval Recipe Translations

Tourteletes in fryture © 2000 James L. Matterer

<http://www.godecookery.com/mtrans/mtrans08.htm>

Tourteletes in fryture

This recipe is 14th century English. This is my interpretation of the recipe. I assumed that they would have soaked the dried fruit with the spices to soften it. I also baked them instead of frying.

INGREDIENTS:

- 7oz. package dried Figs
- 1/4tsp Saffron
- 1/4c boiling water
- 1/2-1tsp Powder fort (*I used the recipe above*)
- Your favorite pastry dough,
- Oil (*if you are frying them*)
- Honey



DIRECTIONS: Finely dice the figs as small as possible by hand or purée with a processor; in a small bowl grind saffron. Pour boiling water over saffron and let sit 5minutes. pour saffron and the powder fort spice over figs and mix. Let the mixture stand for a few minutes to soften the figs. Roll out the pastry dough and cut into medium-sized circles. On one pastry circle place a spoonful of figs, then cover with another circle of dough; seal the edges well, *if you are baking cut a slit on top*. Fry the pie(s) in hot oil until lightly browned & crispy; remove from heat and allow to drain or *baked them instead of frying at 350F for 30 minutes*. In a pot, heat the honey.As soon as the pie(s) have drained, brush with melted honey. Eat hot or cold.

Makes approx. 16 - 3" pies.

Manatee Report

Our Adopted Manatees Tancred of Tanglewood and Baroness Rosalinda (Rosie) graced the cover of this season’s Manatee newsletter (Tancred is on the left). Reports are in that Rosie birthed her pup but it is at SeaWorld right now as it was premature. I have dibs I hope once it is up for adoption as I want to adopt him and call him Taz of Tanglewood. If SeaWorld claims him though, it is out of my hands.

A wet and warm Wassail to their Excellent Manatees in memory of my SCA “Adopted” Parents and real life friends. We miss you, Tancred!

In Service

Emma Suicor
 “Sweet Emma of Ealdormere”

Wassail! An Event to Remember

The Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog hosted this year’s Wassail, with the theme of Christkindl Markt. Organized jointly by Lord Adnar Dionadair, Misress Rilyn Buchanan, and TH Baron Kolbjorn Skatkaupandi, the event featured many fine merchants and a Toy Tourney for Fighting & Fencing.

The Toys for Tots tournaments at Wassail collected 79 toys and raised \$125 for the Tree of Angels. That’s a lot of children whose Christmas has been made brighter.



There were over 18 merchants at the event, including a pie seller who sold her wares quickly! Other merchants featured smithed goods, beaded jewellery, tablet woven goods, organic pet and people treats, furniture and illuminated paintings. The Lunch Menu was a wonderful surprise – different cooks prepared a variety of soups, including Split pea, Coconut Curry, Potato, Mulligatawny (Chicken & curry) German, (sausage/potato & kraut), a roast beef soup, and a Worm soup!



Court held a wonderful announcement – Baron Kolbjorn Skatkaupandi was placed on vigil for the Order of Chivalry. The applause was thunderous!

Until my next report!
 Sciath ingen Chaennaig
 -Intrepid Reporter



Honourable Baron Richard Larmer instructs Dylan Tachu at the last fight practice of 2014. The next practice will be held January 9th 2015.

(Photo credit Rohaise de Guildford)

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Youth Combat: Tamar ingen Sciath (Evie Crumpwright)
A&S Champion: Lady Gema Krasil'niKova (Jennifer ETTY)

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