



The Cataract

The newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters,
the SCA chapter for the Niagara Region

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Baronial meetings for the foreseeable future will be held either at the home of Baroness Rosalinda, 346 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, or at Finally Oaks, 1468 Krick Road, just outside Smithville. These meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace!

Mini-events: come in garb & bring food to share. Martial activities, A&S, and an in-ground pool. Sunscreen recommended. finallyoaks.ca

July

- 5-7 Baronial Muster, Skraeling Althing (Eganville)
- 7 **Baronial meeting at Baroness Rosalinda's, 2-5 p.m.**
- 11-14 Osgoode Medieval Festival
- 19-Aug 3 Pennsic

August

- 18 **Mini-event & meeting at Finally Oaks, 12-5 p.m. (with royalty!!!)**
- 24 Scribal Althing, Caldriðing (Kingston)
- 20-Sept 2 Baron's Howe, Brennistein Vatn (Bonfield)

September

- 7 Icelandic Althing, Eoforwic (Orono)
- 15 **Mini-event & meeting at Finally Oaks, 12-5 p.m.**
- 28 Fall Coronation, Harrowgate Heath (Cornwall)

October

- 5 **Library Demo, St. Catharines Public Library**
Huntsman's Harvest, Ben Dunfirth (Hamilton)
- 6 **Mini-event & meeting at Finally Oaks, 12-5 p.m.**
- 19 Border Dispute, Skraeling Althing
- 26 Fall Crown Tournament, March of St. Martin (Brigden)

November

- 10 **Baronial meeting at Baroness Rosalinda's, 2-5 p.m.**

December

- 8 **Dessert Revel, Finally Oaks**

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Baron & Baroness

Greetings, good Gentles all!

We were pleased to be able to enjoy your company at the mini-event at Finally Oaks. Thank you so much to the cooks who rose so beautifully to the challenge of creating a 15th-Century French-Canadian recipe to make on-site at Pennsic. Fantastic dishes were made by all participants.

Congratulations to our new Baronial Champions: Armoured Combat – Dimitri Rozokov, Fencing – Kallikleas Lysias, Archery – Morna the Saint, Thrown Weapons – Simian, Youth Combat – Tamar ingen Sciath, and Arts and Sciences – Gema Krasil'niKova. Congratulations to all who participated. We really appreciated your presence.

At War of the Trillium His Excellency attended the Kingdom Moot. Full notes will be published by the Kingdom. To briefly recap the three items discussed: (1) For gentles attending their first event, especially families, the cost of attendance can be a hurdle just to check out the SCA. Some groups give a half-price discount for anyone attending their first event. This gets around the NMS as it applies only to full price admission. (2) The Grand Council, an electronic forum that provides non-binding advice to the BOD, is looking for input to revisions to the Sanction Laws in Corpora. (3) Consideration is being given to moving Kingdom A&S to the Spring to take advantage of a winter of making things and to allow better driving conditions to get to the event.

Pennsic War is soon to be upon us and we are excited to be part of the Ealdormerian team. We look forward to being able to see some of you in attendance at this event.

The next mini-event is in August, and we will be hosting our King and Queen that day. We look forward to a good showing from our Barony so we can display the talents of our people. We are still looking for an indoor fight site; if anyone can help, please let the Marshal know.

Yours in humble Service,

Richard and Annabelle

Seneschal

Greetings to the Barony of Rising Waters.

As spring rains give way to summer's heat, I am minded to reflect on what has passed and on what is to come. We have endured a winter of sorrow and loss as we said goodbye to Celeste, and then

looked to carry on as we know we must. Our Lady Mary Memorial Tournament was celebrated with its accustomed pageantry and elegance thanks to the guidance and hard work of Lady Yllaria and Lady Ysabeau and all those who lent their strength, talents and tireless efforts. Now we look ahead to times yet to come. The Pennsic War looms ahead on the horizon – who knows what feats of bravery and chivalry will be done by our stalwart few who go to represent our glorious Barony. We also look forward to quieter, more intimate gatherings at the beautiful estate of Finally Oaks to share stories, good company and good spirits.

Wherever you find yourself this summer season – whether charging into battle with your Baron or battling the pests in your garden, be well and be of good cheer.

Until next we come together in good fellowship.

Yours in service,

Valdr jarnsmiðr

Chronicler

This is a rather short issue. I am busy with an embroidery project, and most of you are busy packing. Safe travels and happy camping!

Ariadne

Arts & Sciences

Good Gentles,

A&S has not been very active after Lady Mary and with the nice weather arriving. However we were able to have a Scribal day and now have about 4 or 5 scroll blanks. Things will be slowing down for the summer, especially with Pennsic right around the corner. Please watch for dates and classes to be posted both on the Yahoo list and on the Baronial Facebook page.

Yllaria de Comport

Herald

It's been a busy couple of months for local heraldry! In the current Internal Letter of Intent, we have two devices and two name up for commentary (closing July 17). There are two more devices and one name submission ready to go for the July Internal Letter of Intent. Now's the time to get your device submitted, if you're keen to make a painted silk banner using your own, personal arms. Anyone may register heraldry. Until they receive an Award of Arms from the Crown, it is called a "heraldic device" instead of a "coat of arms". The two are registered and



displayed identically; only the terminology changes when you become armigerous (receive an Award of Arms).

Once the Green Mantle (submissions) Herald receives the submission, and goes through them (to make sure there are enough copies of forms, the right amount of money, etc.) and writes up an Internal Letter of Intent (or, ILoI) which is sent to commenting heralds in the kingdom. This letter lists each submission, and for each will tell what documentation was provided for the name, shows a black-and-white and a colour copy of the device and gives its description (blazon).

The kingdom commenters are given one month to comment (which involves conflict-checking as well as commenting on the style of names and devices), and then the comments are mailed Seeblatt Pursuivant (external submissions herald). The Seeblatt Pursuivant reads the commentary, returns the submissions that have problems and need more work, and sends the rest to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms and the College of Arms in an External Letter of Intent (or, ELoI). The Quintain Pursuivant (responsible for the notification letters) replies to submitters regarding their submissions.

The College of Arms (consisting of senior heralds from each of the Kingdoms) comments on the submissions for 3 months. They need a longer commentary period because they are looking at submission from all Kingdoms. They also do the high-level research into names and period style. Laurel holds a meeting every month to decide what submissions are accepted and which are returned to the submitters.

Hopefully this gives you a better understanding of what happens to your submission once you submit the forms. If you are interested in putting together a name and device for your persona in the SCA, email me at Gertrude.wright@gmail.com and we'll get started!

Yours in Service,

Sciath ingen Chaennaig

Archery

Check the post by Bryan Caballero on the Baronial Facebook page for detailed information about shooting at Mackie's. Our summer shooting will be at Finally Oaks. See the Calendar.

Baron Reynard de Foch

Signet

Greetings from the Baronial Signet.

As I officially step into this office I want to thank Llywyllyn/Gandalfr for all of the many years of service he has given the Barony. As stated

at the Baronial meeting, I am working on making a list of outstanding scrolls and finishing any scrolls that require personal devices added. If you have not received a scroll that was promised to you, please contact me with your SCA name, legal name and if possible the event and reasons you received the scroll.

Lady Gema Krasil'NiKova

Minutes of the Meetings

Meeting held June 9, 2013, at Finally Oaks, Smithville. 18 attended.
Called to order at 1:00

Old business:

Herald: Three submissions have been handed in and three more are being worked on. Everyone should fill in their Wiki page.

http://ealdormere.ca/wiki/index.php?title=Main_Page

Create an account and tell the Known World who you are.

Marshal: The site that Sir Malik had been looking at didn't work out. Fight practices are being held at Lord Rusgain's in Fonthill/Welland on Wednesday evenings.

Archery: For the summer, archery is happening at the mini-events. One of the target stands is missing. Strings are needed for the loaner bows; are Aodhan and/or Percival still making strings? Should we have a maintenance day for equipment? Can we ask Alex the Photographer to talk to us about combat archery? [A Facebook message has been sent.]

Signet: Lady Gema is willing to add your coat of arms to any AoA scroll that lacks them.

Children: Lady Gema is re-doing the Busy Boxes to be more medievally themed. The idea is to be fun and educational.

Exchequer: The Lady Mary Tourney made a profit. Lady Yllaria still needs someone to take over as deputy.

A&S: The new schedule is June 15 & 28, July 6 & 20. Lady Chiara showed her maiden effort at silk banner painting. We need to get the old silk banners from Selwyn. The pierogy-making and feast-planning days will be re-scheduled.

Lady Mary report: 111 attended. The auction raised a happy amount of money. The lunch table did not. A vote was taken and future Rising Waters events will be dry unless it is a Kingdom-level event; the associated costs are not worth it. Feast was marvellous, as was the entertainment. Thanks to all who helped out.

New business:

"Niagara Life" wants to do a feature on Finally Oaks. A copy should be sent to the Kingdom Media Officer.

Bid for Kingdom Coronation, Spring 2014: The date is the weekend after Easter in late April. Baroness Aibhilin, Lady Sciath and Lady Roz are putting the bid together. [As of this writing, the bid has been sent off.]

Discussion about how many events we can manage and when to have them. The vote was to keep the Lady Mary Tourney but not have it fixed around Mother's Day. TwelfthNight is optional; Simian is putting in a bid for the next one. We need more of the populace to be actively helping, and we need more populace.

Thrown Weapons: Simian is doing well, Lady Ysabeau is an MIT. Does anyone know where the baronial loaner gear is? [Grimmr was contacted, and he doesn't know.]

Lady Gema reminded people about her graduation party on June 22. Both she and Lady Fíne/Phina have completed their Early Childhood Education courses at Niagara College.

The meeting was adjourned, the potluck feast was enjoyed, and Baroness Annabelle proclaimed the new Baronial Champions.

From the Ealdormere e-list:

Request to Event Stewards

Posted by: "Todd Fischer" todd@todd-fischer.com cthulhubunny

Date: Mon Jul 1, 2013

Greetings to the event stewards of the Great Kingdom of Ealdormere from THL Colyne Stewart, on behalf of the Order of the Wain,

In our ongoing endeavour to recognize the worthy, we find letters of thanks from event stewards posted to the E-List to be most beneficial. If stewards could please continue posting as comprehensive a thank you as possible (with full names) it will allow us to easily track and see whose names keep popping up, and who we as individuals and as an order should consider recommending to the Crown for recognition and praise.

Many thanks!

- Colyne



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No calls before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. unless by previous arrangement.