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The Newsletter of the Kingdom of Æthelmearc January 2026 A.S. LX



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The SCA prohibits bullying and harassment of all individuals and groups. Bullying is systematic and unwelcome behavior which involves the use of influence, threat, intimidation, or coercion to cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people. When the bullying behavior is based on a protected class (1), that behavior is defined as harassment.

(1) race, sex, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Bullying and Harassment may be **overt**, as in the following non-inclusive list of examples:

- Verbal abuse, including using racial, homophobic, transphobic, ableist epithets, etc.
- Non-consensual physical contact, violence, or threatening gestures.
- Displaying material that is offensive, degrading, or threatening to a protected class.
- Consistent demeaning remarks or malicious teasing - Stalking or predatory behavior

Covert:

- Spreading rumors or innuendo with malicious intent
- Deliberate exclusion, isolation, or alienation of an individual without just cause
- Using rank, title, or office to intimidate others

Provided that the behavior does not rise to the criteria listed above, bullying and harassment is not:

- Single episodes of social rejection, dislike, tactlessness, or forgetfulness.
- Mutual arguments, disagreements, or fights.
- The termination, mutual or not, of a romantic relationship or friendship.
- Reasonable constructive feedback or critique.

The test for bullying is the reasonableness of the behavior and the impact of that behavior on the recipient. Participants engaging in bullying/harassment are subject to appropriate sanctions. If an individual believes they have been subjected to or have witnessed harassment, bullying, or retaliation, that person should contact a senechal, the President of the SCA, or that kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

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<https://www.sca.org/board-meetings>

PLEASE NOTE:

Unless otherwise noted, virtual quarterly meetings are held on Sundays. Live quarterly meetings are held on Saturdays to accommodate necessary travel. Saturday meetings will still be both streamed live and recorded for viewing at a later date. All meetings dates are tentative and subject to possible change.

Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.

2026 Quarterly Board Meetings (TENTATIVE)

January 25, 2026

April 25, 2026 – Hybrid – Location TBA

July 19, 2026

October 17, 2026– Hybrid – Location TBA

MID QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL

December 16, 2025 (Tentative)

Æthelmearc Royalty

Their Royal Majesties



king@aethelmearc.org - queen@aethelmearc.org

Their Royal Highnesses



prince@aethelmearc.org - princess@aethelmearc.org

Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

Queen's Rapier Champion:

Master Markus Skalpr Grimsson

Cut and Thrust:

Luminaria Salvadore de la Torres

Regalo de las Rosas

Lady Kolfinna Jodisardottir

Heavy Weapons Champion:

THL Salvador Moro de Medici

Archery Champion:

THL Niall mac Rædwulf

Thrown Weapons Champion:

THL Meinolf Grimsom

King's Equestrian Champion:

Shah Megis Elmanou

Queen's Equestrian Champion:

THL Azenari Basandere

Shield of Chivalry:

Lady Nea Kimball

TRMs Bardic Champion

Lord Éadaoin Ruadh

TRHs Bardic Champion

Lord Reinaldr bjortappr

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

Baroness Antoinette de Lorraine

Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

Youth Combat Champion:

Morgan

Brewing Champion:

THL Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto

Landed Barons & Baronesses of Æthelmearc

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

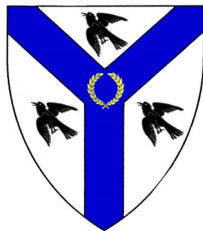
Violeta de Valencia and Aurelia Argentia Prima



Baron@debatablelands.org, Baroness@debatablelands.org

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Andriú mac Domnaill and Nuzha bint Saleem



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Barony of the Rhydderich Hael

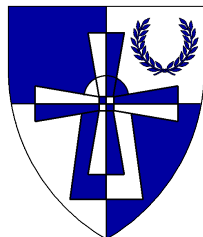
Magnus de Lyons and Thalia Papillon



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Barony of Blackstone Mountain

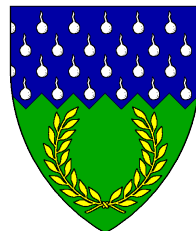
Cunedda Kell and Alana Horsecroft



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**For more information on the Baronies of
Æthelmearc, known as the "Seven Pearls"
visit:**

[https://aethelmearc.org/groups/local-groups/
the-seven-pearls](https://aethelmearc.org/groups/local-groups/the-seven-pearls)



From Their Majesties

Andreas Rex and Kallista Regina



Unto the Most Noble Populace of Æthelmearc, Warmest Winter Greetings from your Sylvan King and Queen, Andreas and Kallista,

While we are all assuredly feeling the frosty embrace of the Ice Dragon, We hope that all have had the merriest of holidays and that they were filled with mirth and cheer. We know that Our Kingdom has not been idle this winter for we have seen the beautiful and industrious works of Our artisans as well as the dedication of Our martial participants. As We are ringing in the new year, We anticipate a year full of exciting events, gathering with old friends and forging new friendships that will last a lifetime.

Even as Our Kingdom is enjoying a time of peace, the drums of war are sounding far to the south. We have been beseeched by King Logan and Queen Bronach of fair Trimaris to come to Their aid. Indeed, We have answered Their call. Æthelmearc will once again journey to the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann and take the field alongside Our noble cousins of Trimaris to aid them in their plight. We encourage any and all to join us on this pilgrimage. It is sure to be one of our most memorable events thus far!

Lastly, We would remind everyone to be extra cautious while traveling this winter. Please use your best judgement before venturing into questionable weather. Snow and ice are not worth the risk of going to play with your friends. There will always be another event.

As Always In Service With Love and Kindness,
Andreas Rex and Kallista Regina



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From their Royal Highnesses

To beloved Sylvan Æthelmearc,
greetings from your Heirs,

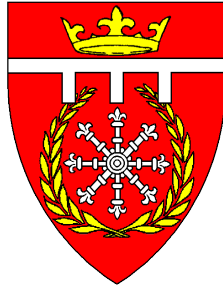
With winter's grip now firmly embracing Our Kingdom - while revelry, hearth-light, and companionship bring joy to many a hall - we cannot help but hear the rumblings of discontent among our cousins to the East and to the West. As spring's thaw approaches, we fear that mud may yet be churned beneath boots and wagon trains as their forces muster to settle old grievances.

Know that it is ever Our intent to keep Our realm safe, stable, and prosperous. We shall strive to broker peace between the East and the Middle, yet we must also prepare for what may come should their thirst for war prove too strong to quench.

We ask that both body and mind be readied in service to the greater good of Æthelmearc. Train diligently. Keep your skills and weapons sharp. Let our Sylvan Host stand prepared, should the Tiger and the Dragon choose to meet upon the field. It may be Æthelmearc's might that stays their hand... or brings any conflict to swift resolution.

In Peace or in War, We serve.

Prince Oliver and Princess Grainne

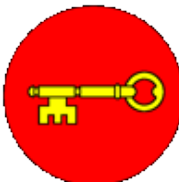


From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Æthelmearc!

I have recently been brought to consider the chief of virtues held within our Society: Courtesy.

I believe it is especially important during this cold time of the year to be mindful of how well we treat others and make use of the long nights in contemplation of how we can be better toward others.



As a kingdom we have always held the importance of courtesy close to our hearts. Not only in its modern sense of politeness and respect for others, but at that deeper meaning of courtly manners.

We are nobles within the court of Æthelmearc and should be striving to uphold the lofty standards set by the Crown. We are charged one and all, be we in peerage orders, holders of grants or awards of arms, and those upholding the titles of their families, to comport ourselves with the same sense of chivalry and nobility.

It is true that we all slip from time to time. When that happens, it is important for us to recognize our failings, make right our wrongs, and strive to be better in the future. Nobility is a goal, not a destination.

In more business news, the Curia Regis of King Andreas and Queen Kallista will take place on Wednesday, January 8th at 6 pm. As usual, I ask that all kingdom officers send in their reports early if possible so I can attach them to my agenda. As always, all kingdom subjects are welcome to attend.

I will be posting the link to the meeting a few days in advance.

In Service to the Realm,

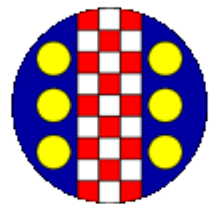
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

From the Kingdom Exchequer

Welcome to the New Year, Æthelmearc!

For the Exchequers, please start working on your End of Year, 4th Q reports. There is a tight turn around on them this year from Society. Don't forget that you need to submit your ledger and bank statements when sending in your quarterly reports.

At next year's Fall Crown, I will be stepping down as Kingdom Exchequer. I'm looking for individuals who are interested in training for the position to be ready to take over the position next year. The long lead time is to provide the full year cycle of training to an



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incoming exchequer.

Ideally, I'm looking to train several people in the position so that we have a pool of individuals for the future and to fill any needed Regional Deputy positions.

All potential exchequers must be a Paid SCA Member, 18 or older, can become a Warranted Exchequer (though an existing or active Warrant is not required to apply), and must have regular access to Email, Google Drive, and Excel.

If you are interested, please send your letter of intent and resume to exchequer@athelmearc.org.

Should you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc., please contact the Exchequer Office at exchequer@aethelmearc.org

Be safe, be smart, & amp; be kind.

Sir Tigernach mac Cathail

Kingdom Exchequer

From the Kingdom Arts + Sciences Minister

Hello, from your friendly neighborhood Arts and Sciences Minister!

Well, I've had a blast, but all things must come to an end, as they do. I will still be available should anyone need me, and I will maintain my background checks so that I may continue to serve as a youth minister in Æthelmearc. Otherwise, look me up!

Rue

As incoming Minister of the Arts and Sciences, I want to take a moment to thank Maggie Rue and Mairin O'Cadhla for all their hard work over the past two years. As I step into this position, I am both excited and humbled by the Ministers who have come before me and made great strides for the A&S community. It is my hope to pick up where they've left off—putting the focus on uplifting our artisans and helping A&S



be accessible to everyone!

I am thrilled to be at your service!

Magnifica Fede di Fiore

Minister of the Arts and Sciences-to be

From the Kingdom Rapier Marshal

Greetings all,

I hope the New Year brings you all a pleasant 2026. As we move into indoor practice spaces, please remember that hydration is just as much our friend as it is when fencing or marshaling outside.



Big news and some changes in the rules are on the horizon! Society and all Kingdoms will be moving to a Wiki-styled system for listing marshal activity rules. This will allow for Society rules to be seen easier when looking at each Kingdom's rules. It also allows the Society Marshal to make updates in 1 place online, which then gets distributed into each location that needs to be updated. Please check the following link for details and submit any commentary on proposed rapier rules changes before Feb 20. All approved changes should go into effect in May 2026.

https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/index.php/Main_Page

Æthelmearc continues to participate in the East Kingdom-led reduced torso armor experiment in standard fencing, and the Middle Kingdom grappling experiment in cut and thrust fencing. As a reminder, please save all information on your participation in either of these experiments, and forward them to the appropriate group.

YIS,

Clewin Kupferhelbelinc
Æthelmearc Rapier Marshal

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From the Kingdom

Silver Buccle Herald

Greetings to the great and wonderful populace of Æthelmearc from the Silver Buccle Herald!



I am amazed by all the heraldic talent we have in this Kingdom, and we have many new heralds in office. We could use some assistance in the submissions process. Baroness Miriel and I are learning the process together, and we'd love more input from more heralds in the kingdom. If you've ever had an interest in how the submission process works and want to be a part of it, we can use your help! Baroness Miriel at gar-net@aethelmearc.org and me at herald@aethelmearc.org to let us know your willingness to help out. While we do have a candidate for Carnelian Herald (deputy submissions herald), we could certainly expand that to more people, and it will help get submissions through faster.

Writ in early December AS 60, as the snow falls gently in Delftwood.

In service

Helena

Silver Buccle

From the Kingdom Siege

Marshal

Greetings,

The end of my term as Kingdom Siege Marshal approaches in the coming year. Due to the role this office plays in the Pennsic Marshal Staff, I am calling for letters now so that my successor may shadow this year's event to understand the responsibilities in advance.

While the term technically rolls over in January, this term will shift the start date to after Pennsic.

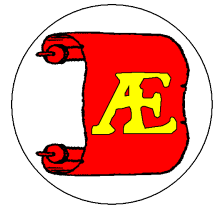
To apply, please send a letter of intent along with your SCAdian resume to siege@aethelmearc.org by February 28; it will be distributed to all appropriate parties. Please let me know if you have any questions—in person, via chat, or in email at siege@aethelmearc.org.

In Service,
Maestra Rosalía Iuliana Andere
Æthelmearc Siege Marshal
Siege 1 - Pennsic 53

From the Kingdom

Chancellors of the Æcademy

Virtual Æcademy returns to Æthelmearc in 2026! Education knows no bounds in the modern world, even as it pertains to the medieval. Join us online (links to be shared closer to the event) for a free Æcademy & War College event on January 31, 2026, from 10am to 4pm. Classes will cover a wide range of Arts & Sciences as well as martial pursuits!



At this time, we are currently seeking teachers and online class proposals. Classes should be submitted via the Google Form linked here: <https://forms.gle/UJ6JKqc6cCZ3u7DU8>

The submission form will close on January 21, 2026, and the class schedule will be published and shared widely on January 23, 2026.

We look forward to the sharing of knowledge across our kingdom from the comforts of home as winter descends upon our lands.

Please contact your Æcademy Chancellors, Elinor Walden and Oyama Michiharu, with any questions pertaining to Virtual Æcademy via their email at aecademy@aethelmearc.org

Kingdom & Other Events

Kingdom 12th Night

January 3rd, 2026

Hosted by the Barony of
Rhydderich Hael

Come one, come all to celebrate in the traditions of Æthelmearc!! The Barony of the Rhydderich Hael is proud to host Kingdom 12th Night. There will be many festivities including dancing, bardic, music, feasting and much more!! Please stay tuned for more updates of activities as they become available!!

The Event is to be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 405 E. Main Street,

Batavia New York on January 3rd, 2026.

Site opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m.

Autocrat:

Baroness Thalia Papillon

Vanessa Kazmark

268 Adam Street, Tonawanda, New York 14150

(540) 649-4337

Site fee:

Adult Event Registration: \$25,

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$15,

Children 0-17: Free

Feast fee per person:

\$10 Feast Reservation Adult (13+)

\$5 Child Feast Reservation (12 years of age and under)

Make checks payable to SCA (NY)

Barony of the Rhydderich Hael, Inc

75 FEAST SPOTS AVAILABLE

REGISTRATION FOR EVENT WILL BE TAKEN UP UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2025

Event Registration Clerk:

Baron Magnus de Lyons

Lance Magnus Kazmark

268 Adam Street

Tonawanda, NY 14150

(716) 475-0966

ALL PAYMENTS FOR WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

PLEASE NO PAYMENTS PRIOR TO EVENT

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE: [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1314104656928191)

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GOOGLE FORM FOR PRE-

REGISTRATION: [https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/LhFn4PDw9Wbn5oUW9)

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[Contained Flames, Damp/](https://forms.gle/LhFn4PDw9Wbn5oUW9)

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Theophania : Its All Greek To Me Baronial

12th Night

January 10th, 2026

Hosted by the Barony of
St. Swithin's Bog

You are cordially invited to Theophania: It's All Greek To Me (Greek themed 12th Night) in the Barony of Saint Swithin's Bog, held on January 10, 2026 at the Johnstown Masonic Temple.

Troll will open at 9:00 am and the site will close promptly following court. Come join us for a day filled with feasting, heavy fighting, fencing, dancing, arts and sciences and bardic.

Their Excellencies will also be holding their annual Baronial Championship for Arts and Sciences as well as a Baronial Championship for Bardic.

The Greek themed Day Board will be feastocratted by Lady Eudoxia Antonina (Katie Gaudreau) . If you have any questions or restrictions, you may email her at ktggaudreau@gmail.com or by text/phone at 724-467-9410

The Autocrat for this event is Master Ian Campbell of Glen Mor (James Mowry). He can be reached by email at london1075ce@gmail.com or by text/phone at 814-322-8742.

The Co-Autocrat for this event is: Lord Eadmund æt Eoforwicscire, (Nicky J. Allison) who can be reached

by email

at nicky.allison@gmail.com or by phone at, 724-840-7113

The cost of this event will be \$35.00 per person for nonmembers and \$25.00 for members. Children 17 and under are free. Day Board is included in the price.

Please make checks payable to "SCA-PA, Inc, BSSB"

Pre-registrations can be sent to Mistress Aelfra Long (AKA Sherry Meyers) at 1284 Killiwhat Street Johnstown, PA 15902.

The Johnstown Masonic Temple is located at 130 Valley Pike, Johnstown, Pa 15905.

The site is not ADA approved, however there is a ramp and elevator for use if needed. The site is also discreetly damp. No open flames.

Hotels and Lodgings:

Holiday Inn: (P) 814-535-7777 (A)

250 Market St. Johnstown, Pa 15901

Comfort Inn and Suites: (P) 814-266-3678 (A) 455 Theatre Drive, Johnstown, Pa 15904

Hampton Inn: (P) 814-262-7700 (A) 129 Commerce Ct. Johnstown, Pa 15904

Super 8: (P) 814-535-5600 (A) 627 Solomon Run Road Johnstown, PA 15904

[Damp/Discreet, No Flames, No Weapons, R3, Service Animals Only / No Pets, TRM Royal Progress](#)

The Waissail of the Wise

Heron

January 10th, 2026

Hosted by the Shire of
Heronter

Time: Noon to 6:00 PM

Location: Fluvanna Community Church, 3363 Fluvanna Avenue, Jamestown, NY 14701

Come join us in greeting the new year with joy and fellowship! The Shire of Heronter cordially invites you to "The Wassail of the Wise Heron," our an-

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nual 12th Night celebration. It is a time to feast, make merry, and chase away the winter chill with the warmth of good company.

Please note that this is a dry site (no alcohol permitted). Our event will utilize the community center, kitchen, and connected restrooms, not the full church. Please be advised that while all activities will be held on one level, the site does not claim to be ADA accessible.

The Feast: A Shared Board

The heart of our celebration is a shared table. Our main dinner will be a grand potluck. We ask you to bring a dish to share, and you are welcome to bring a snack or appetizer to enjoy as we gather.

We realize times are tough, and if anyone is food insecure, we would still like them to join us! If you are comfortable doing so, please contact the event steward, and someone would be happy to bring an extra dish to represent you.

To help us balance the feast, please contact the event steward or add to the list on the Facebook page what you intend to bring for the potluck, so we don't have too many repeats!

The Gifts: An Exchange of Medieval Treasures

We will hold a gift exchange to share in the spirit of the season. Please bring one wrapped, gender-neutral gift, ideally suited for our Society recreations, with a value of \$15-\$20. Think of handmade items, useful goods, or period-inspired treasures. The order of selection will be determined by a draw.

The Revelry: An Evening of Joy

The day will be filled with activity and camaraderie.

- Dancing: We will have music for all to enjoy.
- Arts & Sciences Display: Bring your creations and works-in-progress to share and inspire.
- Medieval Photo Booth: Capture the memory with friends in our themed setting.
- Table Decoration Contest: Her Grace, Duchess Dorinda Courtenay, brings back this popular competition!

There may be prizes for Most Festive, Most Historically Represented, or Best Display of Heraldry! Both round and rectangular tables are available. Please remember: no open flames are allowed at this venue. For your displays, please bring battery-operated candles.

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This is a free event, open to all. Donations to help cover the site rental are gratefully accepted.

Autocrat (Event Steward): Lady Sybil of Heronter (Trista Carter)

Contact: 904-429-5008

| ristat@outlook.com | 47 N Main

Street, Cassadaga, NY 14718

We look forward to welcoming you to an evening of feast and fellowship!

Debatable Lands 12th Night Celebration January 17th, 2026 Hosted by the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

Greetings, gentlefolk! You are cordially invited to the Debatable Lands twelfth night celebration on January 17th, 2026. Come for food and drinks, contests of skill, and a night of revelry with friends!

When and where: 9AM to 7:30PM, at North Park Lodge, North Ridge Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101

Activities:

Potluck food (bring a dish to share!)

The annual cookie exchange

Drinks from our wonderful Brewer's Guild

Baronial Bardic championships

Baronial A&S championships

Largesse derby

Auction of donated items, with proceeds going to the Barony (there will also be a barter zone)

The Debatable Lands social/business meeting

Dancing

Pillow fights

Shenanigans and merriment

How much does all of this cost? Absolutely nothing! [Contained](#)

[Flames](#), [R2](#), [Service Animals Only / No Pets](#), [Wet](#)

The Shire of Sylvan Glen Twelfth Night Potluck January 17th, 2026 Hosted by the Shire Sylvan Glen

The Shire of Sylvan Glen invites you to join us for a festive Twelfth Night Potluck Gathering!

On Jan 17, 2026 from 4 to 8pm, come celebrate the season's end with us at The Station at Shepherdstown 100 Audrey Egle Dr, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

We'll revel in the spirit of merriment and good cheer, with a feast of dishes shared potluck-style. Please bring a dish to share, whether it's a holiday favorite, a seasonal treat, or something new, or something ancient – we'll make sure there's a good balance of savory, sweet, and drinks for all.

We look forward to feasting, laughing, and celebrating together – so come for the food, stay for the fun, and let's make this Twelfth Night a night to remember!

There is no site fee.

Questions may be directed to Lord Donnchadh mac Conchie dhu, Eric McPhail, 835 Rural Hill Ln, Martinsburg, WV 25403 (636)236-3884.

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Kingdom + Other Events

Redshield Colosseum January 24th-25th, 2026 Hosted by the Barony of Thescorre

Mark your calendars! The Barony of Thescorre will be having a free, heavy fighter-focused two-day event.

The site is located at the Refinery, 936 Exchange St. Rochester, NY.

The site will open at 9:00 AM and close at 6:00 PM, on both January 24th and 25th.
There is no cost for entry to the event.

Heavy fighting will be held in the gym upstairs and classes will be held on the first floor of the building in Redshield Hall.

There will be no feast or day board at this event, so attendees are encouraged to pack lunch or plan to purchase a meal off-site.

For those who wish to contribute to covering the cost of the site, donations will be accepted.

Please note: this site is not completely accessible for those with mobility issues.

The only way to access the gym is the stairs, though there is a ramp available for accessing Redshield Hall.

Daniel of Blackthorn (Daniel Beadle) will be the steward for this event. He can be reached at (585)747-2372 or danielbrehm494@gmail.com, or on Facebook (Daniel Charles Beadle). [Damp/Discreet](#), [No Flames](#), [No Weapons](#), [R4](#), [Service Animals Only / No Pets](#)

Virtual Æthelmearc Æcademy Online Event January 24th-25th, 2026

Virtual Æcademy returns to Æthelmearc in 2026!

Education knows no bounds in the modern world, even as it pertains to the medieval. Join us online (links to be shared closer to the event) for a

free Æcademy & War College event on January 31, 2026 from 10am to 4pm.

Classes will cover a wide range of Arts & Sciences as well as martial pursuits!

At this time, we are currently seeking teachers and online class proposals. Classes should be submitted via the Google Form linked here: <https://forms.gle/UJ6JKqc6cCZ3u7DU8>

The submission form will close on January 21, 2026, and the class schedule will be published and shared widely on January 23, 2026.

We look forward to the sharing of knowledge across our kingdom from the comforts of home as winter descends upon our lands.

Please contact your Æcademy Chancellors, Elinor Walden and Oyama Michiharu, with any questions pertaining to Virtual Æcademy via their email at aecademy@aethelmearc.org

Æthelmearc Moneyers Guild

"Weighty is the hammer, swift and melodic the strike!" - Some Guy in a Hat

It's Pennsic 52, Tuesday of war week. The heat is starting to surge again after a cool weekend brought to us by the grace of rainstorms late in peace week. Æthelmearc Royal Court is underway. I can't be there, but I'm watching the stream online. I had an idea of what was going to happen, but not exactly when or how. Then Their Majesties called forth the Æthelmearc Moneyers Guild. This was it.

"We've been talking with your guildmistress," King Murdoch began, "and we'd like to request a commission: ten thousand coins for next Pennsic." Ten thousand!

As it turns out, we wouldn't be the first to attempt such a huge endeavor. Four thousand were struck for the Middle Kingdom's 50th anniversary, and twelve thousand for SCA 50 Year. But even these were small compared to the last Pennsic coin made by a kingdom. "I did a similar project for Pennsic where we made 13.5k ish," Master Derian le Breton estimates.

"We were doing 1/2" Anglo-Saxon coins and the obverse design was a dragon. Derian and Rütger were the best engravers at the time which is why they did those and they would

have a pretty consistent look," Meister Konrad Mailander adds. "The reverse design was simpler so more of the newer moneyers were confident they could do it."

Derian and Konrad were both involved in several large moneying projects, but they were hardly the only ones. "In that case we had something like seven moneyers around the kingdom. Some did as little as a pound while others did thousands," Derian says. In other kingdoms, moneying had been around for a while. Not so much in Æthelmearc. Our Guild was chartered just in AS 52, a mere 8 years ago. Despite being such a young group with so few members, we were doing our best to make as many coins as we could at every opportunity. But this would be a whole new level.

Praetoria Aurelia Argentina Prima and Master Clewin Kupferhelbelinc were the only two moneyers present when the crown called them forth. "When his majesty said he'd been talking to our guild mistress about a big project my first thought was 'Oohhh no. What has she done?!'" says Prima. "And when he told me what it was, I was relieved. I knew the Guild was more than capable of pulling that off."

Master Clewin's reaction was a bit more to the point. "My first thought: 'Wow, that is a lot of coins.' I also thought His Majes-

ty suddenly just put the Moneyers Guild in front and center, and we had to work as a group to do this.” And he wasn’t wrong.

Rüdiger the Moneyer has been involved with most of the big moneying projects in the Known World. In his opinion, ten thousand isn’t unachievable. “If you’ve got the population absolutely,” he says. Even if the core group is small, people can contribute easily and many hands makes for light work. “Midrealm only had 3 or 4 main moneyers at the time, lots of people who wanted to swing a hammer, and a few people who wanted to start dies. So, sending an obverse and blank coin die with a pile of coin blanks is totally a reasonable expectation.” When possible, they got the populace involved. “I think we had 5 major strikers in the project, and the rest was farmed help from classes and events.”

The Æthelmearc Moneyers Guild has been centralized in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, largely by coincidence. We happened to have everything we needed here, which made producing coins easy. But the Guild has always looked to involve more people around the Kingdom. Two years ago, the Guild put together kits for each barony to make their own coins. The kits were popular, but lacked certain equipment that makes striking the coins especially quick, easy, and with good results. Specifically, the bolster.

Bolsters, a sort of anvil made to hold the coin dies, can be made from tree stumps. Unfortunately, the tremendous force involved with striking coins can eventually split the stump. Ideally the bolsters are metal, which is significantly more difficult to acquire than a tree stump. The bolster we use in BMDL is a whopping 80lbs, with holes bored in it to take two different sizes of coin dies. For this project, the Guild decided to make more bolsters that we can distribute around the Kingdom.

But while the logistics of tools, materials, and time are all important factors, what’s really important are the people. At that same court that King Murdoch asked us to take on this challenge, Their Majesties inducted the Guild into the Order of the Keystone. One line of the scroll read “But of far greater worth are the guilds people themselves as they rise up to meet each fresh challenge, truly they and their ceaseless Service are the real prize beyond measure.” I must agree.

In the next many months, the Guild will need people. People to house the bolsters we’ve made, to host monthly striking parties, and to swing hammers. “I struck 6k in four weeks once. It was tough but it is doable,” Rüdiger comments. Derian also did a big solo project.

“Before I left the SCA I did a bigger project for my local barony; 15k coins over two years. I had one bottom die and two top dies (also hardened 8620) and did all of the striking myself with various helpers,” he says. But Rüdiger emphasizes the value of having lots of people helping with the 13,500 coins they made for Pennsic. “We started the project with plenty of time to the deadline. I definitely wasn’t striking the day before to meet the goal, we knew before we left for Pennsic we had it.” He continues, “Looking at old posts we started it in January

for August delivery (pennsic war week) by posting the directions first and by the beginning of June we had about 5k. By the time we posted instructions on where to deliver the coins we knew we were done. So, some rush at the end but nothing crazy.”

In some ways, this project is bringing the Guild full circle. The first coin we made for Pennsic, way back in AS 53, was the memorial coin for Prince Titus. Then, it was about the people, too. Remembering together, grieving together, and bringing our community together. We hope that this next Pennsic project will help bring our community together again, just a little more, in our shared pursuit of The Dream.

Because weighty is the hammer, but swift and melodic is the strike!

If you would like to contribute to the 10k Pennsic Coin Project, please reach out to any of our members via Facebook, Discord, or email.

Baronessa Vioeta de Valencia
Guild mistress of the Æthelmearc Moneyers Guild



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January 24th, 2026	Redshield Colosseum Hosted by Barony of Thescorre

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