

The Æstel



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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 seneschal, the President of the SCA, or that kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

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Æthelmearc Ombudsperson:

Pug Bainter (Master Phelim Gervase)
[Seat E – October 2021 to April 2025]
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For more information on board meetings go to:

<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.

2025 Quarterly Board Meetings (TENTATIVE)

January 25, 2026

April 25, 2026 – Hybrid – Location TBA

July 19, 2026

October 17, 2026– Hybrid – Location TBA

Æthelmearc Royalty

Their Royal Majesties



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Their Royal Highnesses



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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

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Violeta de Valencia and Aurelia Argentia Prima



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Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

Jean Phillippe Dit La Barbe Rousse and Caterine de Troyes



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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>



From Their Majesties

Andreas Rex and Kallista Regina



Unto the Most Noble Populace of Æthelmearc, Greetings from Andreas and Kallista, King and Queen of these Sylvan Lands!

Good People rejoice for Æthelmearc has heirs! Vivant to Their Royal Highnesses Oliver and Grainne! We are very excited to be working and traveling with them over the winter months. Please take some time to get to know these fine people. We are sure you will find them to be as exciting and wonderful as we do.

During this holiday season We hope that you are finding all the things that bring you joy! This is a time of friendship and peace, of warm fires and tales being told around them. Know that We raise a glass to you all for your neighborly friendship and compassion. This is seen year round in this Kingdom and even more so at this time of year.

Although we are in a time of peace, war looms for our cousins to the south. As such, Æthelmearc once again prepares for war to aid our allies in foreign lands. We would encourage as many of you as are able to join us on this pilgrimage to the great Gulf War. This is our first journey of this magnitude and We are so very excited to experience it with you!

As Ever In Service With Joyous Hearts,

Andreas King and Kallista Queen



Officer Reports

From their Royal Highnesses

To Our beloved Sylvan Kingdom, greetings and heartfelt affection.

As the golden leaves fall and the quiet hush of winter begins its slow descent upon Æthelmearc, We, Oliver and Grainne, find Ourselves filled with joy and gratitude for the honor of serving as your Heirs. The season ahead brings with it a pause - a time for hearth fires, friendship, and reflection -yet also a spark of opportunity.

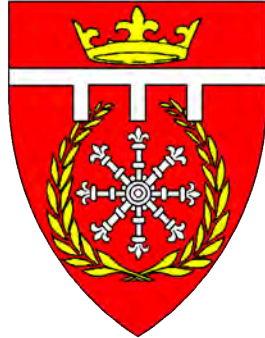
For though winter may still the fields and slow the roads, it need not still our hearts. We encourage all within the Realm to use these months to explore the unfamiliar and revel in discovery. Let the rattan fighter trade sword for quill and learn the beauty of the scribe's hand. Let the archer step to the floor and find grace in the patterns of dance. Let the steward of the kitchen taste the thrill of the rapier's song. Let every artisan, warrior, and scholar alike be reminded that the Dream is vast, and that every craft and calling strengthens our shared tapestry.

These months of frost and snow are not an ending, but a beginning - a season to kindle new passions, forge new friendships, and deepen the roots that bind Æthelmearc together. We eagerly await the warmth of the halls to come, where laughter echoes, songs are shared, and hearts are light with the joy of companionship and creation.

With affection and anticipation for all that lies ahead, Prince Oliver and Princess Grainne

In Service,

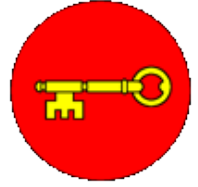
Oliver and Grainne



From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Æthelmearc!

As we are now in my last year as kingdom seneschal, I am now kicking off the process for selecting the next good gentle to hold the office, a decision that will be made by Their Highnesses, Prince Oliver and Princess Grainne this upcoming Spring.



Since stepping into the office, I have heard the same thing time and again, "I could never do that."

On the one hand, yes, it is a lot of work. It is common for seneschals to step back from most of their other activities in the Society while doing the job, and I have been no exception to this rule. It is one of those jobs where you must stay ahead of things.

But there's another side to the equation I would like you to consider it is one of the greatest challenges we have to offer. I have mentioned the virtue of Magnificence, which we like to express as "do great things". Taking on a challenge like being kingdom seneschal is an opportunity to do exactly that.

Chaucer, in his poem *Gentilesse*, tells us that nobility comes from virtue, not birth. The ancient philosophers tell us that virtue is a thing of action, not being. So, to be truly noble, you must test yourself and show what you are truly capable of. Within the Society there are few better places to do exactly that.

It is an opportunity to learn to both do the right thing and do things right. You must be both tough and kind. You must stand apart, and work with others.

But don't think that the kingdom seneschal ever has to work alone. The most wonderful thing I have found in my time in the office is that there has never been a moment, no matter what I am called to do, where I have not had all of the support I have needed when I needed it.

So please, in these coming months consider rising to the challenge and submitting a letter of intent. There are a great many capable people in our kingdom, and I would love nothing more than to provide their Highnesses an embarrassment of riches in their choice.

In Service to the Realm,
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

Officer Reports

From the Kingdom Arts + Sciences Minister

Greetings from Rue, your friendly Kingdom A&S Minister:

We have a new Houndmaster, Eoghan of Ferns! Some of you may know him as "Owner of Beast!"



The Moneyers' Guild is announcing their second 10,000 Coin Project in preparation for the coming year and will need many citizens volunteering their time to achieve this goal. The Moneyers Guild has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/577491179299268/>

And you can ask to join here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVdRfcj9Vi6ypXeas9-o1yY6ogQdRLeNLIY7j5Pq9z0y9IBw/viewform>

Nithgaard is once again hosting the Known World's finest Fiber Arts Symposium on November 21 through November 23 in Spring Mills, PA: <https://aethelmearc.org/event/fiber-fabric-fighting-7/>

Please contact us at ans@aethelmearc.org for any questions or issues.

See ya there!

Rue and Mairin (Kingdom Officers of Arts & Sciences)

From the Kingdom Youth Combat Marshal

The youth combat website is currently down. The Updated Youth Combat Policies will be coming soon and will be posted in the Æstel and on the website.

We will be having youth combat tournaments at Feast of the Seven Deadlies and Ice Dragon. Format will be announced when we get closer to the event.

I am looking for someone to assist with the Æthelmearc Youth Combat website.

Æthelmearc is marshal one for Pennsic next year. I am looking for a deputy to work with me and learn the process of being marshal one at Pennsic. I am also looking for people to help me coordinate Households or Local groups that would like to sponsor a youth tournament at Pennsic. Any interested persons please email me at youthcombatmarshal at aethelmearc dot org with the subject "Penssic help"

If you are interested in becoming a marshal, are a marshal, or a MIT and I have not contacted you, please email me at youthcombatmarshal at aethelmearc dot org with the subject "marshal roster"

I am updating the roster, and I need to know if you are still active.

YIS
Baron Andriú mac Domhnaill

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Fall Academy 2025
November 15th, 2025
Hosted by the College of
Silva Vulcani
(CORRECTION)

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: The event is being held on a dry college campus, please no alcohol.

The College of Silva Vulcani invites you to join us on November 15th for Fall Academy 2025! Come and spend the day with us and our wonderful instructors, marshals, and Majesties.

Event location:
Hamer Hall, PennWest University (formerly known as California University)
250 University Ave,
California, PA 15419

Schedule:
Troll Opens: 9am
Court: 4pm
Troll Closes: 2pm
Site closes at: 6pm

The class list can be found by following this link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hS-V2w7cCFpw4AkR-ALawIUDBAGEn8BJ/view?fbclid=IwY2xjawNo3_IleHRuA2F1bQlxMQABHsGcSAKGCu3-sgl9QtaUdfoO2cCLEHp-Zo_58oAMUAffHax7-tk2oUGs6Pcc_aem_NcY9m4iQKIY9Py8UACuKzw

If you would like to teach a class, please reach out to the Academy Chancellors

at aecademy@aethelmearc.org
Costs:
Adult 18+: \$20 non-member,
Adult 18+: \$10 member,
Youth 17 & under: Free!

Payment at the door in cash or check only. Fee includes parking for the day.

If you would like to pre-register for the event and/or lunch, please send payments to:

James Boyd
107 Donley RD Eighty Four PA
15330

Checks should be made out to:
Shire of Kings Crossing, SCA
PA, Inc.

Boxed lunches will be available by preregistration for \$9 per person. Each boxed lunch comes with a sandwich, one piece of seasonal fruit, potato chips, cookie, condiments, and a bottle of water.

Your menu selections are:
Smoked Chicken with American Cheese
Honey Ham and Swiss
Vegetarian House Wrap: Hummus, Spring Mix, Quinoa,
Roasted Vegetables and Balsamic Aioli in a Garlic Herb Wrap.

Please send your requests and allergy concerns to Comtesse Gabriel at gabbywinter@gmail.com. In your email, please be sure to include your selection as well as the names that are ordering each selection.

Any event questions, comments, and concerns can be sent to THL Sorcha Mackenzie at kcursitti@gmail.com

Your event staff this day:
Autocrats: Comtesse Gabrielle de Winter (Cindy Speer, gabbywinter@gmail.com) and THL Sorcha Mackenzie (Kate Farakas, kcursitti@gmail.com)

MIC: Master Mathias Tabai (Derek Coldren, Fletcher1996.dc@gmail.com)
[Dry, No Flames, R2, Service Animals Only / No Pets, TRM Royal Progress](#)

Delftwood Yule
December 6th, 2025
Hosted by the Barony of
Delftwood

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: Please do not bring or consume alcohol anywhere on church property.

Additional Notes on Pet Policy: Please make sure the property is cleaned up of all "messes" created by your service animal.

Autocrat Notes: Smoking is not permitted on church property.

The nursery facility is not available for group use. There is a baby changing station in the handicapped bathroom outside Dudde Hall.

Barony of Delftwood Yule: A Norse Jól Celebration
The nights grow long, and the

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folk of Delftwood gather once more for our annual Baronial Yule. Our hall will echo the spirit of a Norse Jól. Join us, and help drive back the dark of winter with hearty food, skaldic songs, and good fellowship.

Date: Saturday, December 6, A.S. LX (2025)

Site hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 210 Hazel St., Liverpool, NY 13088

A Norse-inspired midday feast will be served in the fellowship hall. During the courses, competitors for the Baronial Bardic Championship will perform as our hall skalds, entertaining all in the manner of a Viking feast. Court will be held during feast after the Baronial Bardic Championship concludes.

Three competitions will take place during this event:

- Peace Tourney – open to all.
- Baronial Arts & Sciences Championship.
- Baronial Bardic Championship – performed during feast, as in the halls of the North.

There will also be a Merchants' Jól Market, offering goods and crafts for winter's needs, and Games & Fellowship.

There is a free parking lot at the site as well as available street parking. The site is completely indoors on one floor, at ground level.

Merchants are welcome with no additional charge to the event registration. Please contact the Autocrat for more information. Pets are not permitted on site – only Service Animals as permitted by the ADA.

Please note: No alcohol and no open flames are permitted on site.

Autocrat: Lady Maddalena d'Agostino (Gina Mushynsky, 315-289-9470. Text (preferred) or leave a message. Call only between 9AM-

9PM, ginamushynsky@gmail.com)

Feast Cook: THL Glenna Cholmondeley (Glenna Chumbley, 315-214-4179.

Leave a message or text. Call only between 9AM-9PM, glenna@members.aethelmearc.org)

Event Fees:

Adult Registration (Ages 18+): \$25

Adult Member Discount Registration (Ages 18+): \$15

Children (5-17) and Students with college/trade school ID: \$10

Children under 5: Free

Feast:

Adult (18+): \$15

Children (5-17): \$5

Children under 5: Free (Please include their name in the reservation if they'll be eating)

The main dish is pork. Chicken can be substituted upon request. Please email Glenna at glenna@members.aethelmearc.org with "Chicken" in the subject line to request chicken. Make checks payable to: SCA-NY Barony of Delftwood and mail to SCA-NY Barony of Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse, NY 13217. If you have any questions, please contact the Autocrat.

For each attendee, please include the following information: Legal Name (SCA Name if applicable)

Indicate which registrants are youths (17 years and under) Membership number, if applicable

Contact Info: Email address, and/or phone number Please visit the Delftwood website, Delftwood Facebook page, or Event Facebook page for updates before the event

[Dry](#), [No Flames](#), [No Weapons](#), [R5](#), [Service Animals Only / No Pets](#)

Queen's Rapier

Tournament

December 13th, 2025

Hosted by the Shire of Sterlynge Vayle

Additional Notes on Pet Policy: Must be leashed at all times.

Additional Notes on

Flames: No BBQ grills in the gym

Good subjects of the realm, lend thy ears to this royal proclamation!

By command of Her Royal Majesty, Queen Kallista Regina, let it be known throughout the land that a grand and glorious Queen's Rapier Tournament shall be held on the 13th of December, upon the tourney field adjacent to the West Windsor Baptist Church 166 N Rd, Windsor, NY 13865!

Her Majesty, ever delighting in displays of skill and chivalry, doth summon all noble fencers, those whose blades are keen and whose spirits are bold, to

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vie for honor and the coveted title of Queen's Rapier Champion. Let no one forget the weighty task of winning Her Majesty's favor and proving oneself worthy of such a high distinction.

Prepare thy finest rapiers, sharpen thy wits, and don thy most honorable attire!

Arrival of Combatants: All valiant fencers intending to partake in this noble endeavor shall present themselves on the tourney grounds by the hour of 11am.

The Lists: The lists shall be opened shortly thereafter, and combat will commence with all due ceremony and pageantry.

By the grace of our most beautiful Queen Kallista, all are bid to gather for a midday repast in her honor. The Honorable Lady Deirdre doth graciously provide a Sideboard, prepared in the hearty and humble fashion of the Kievan Rus of the eleventh century, with much feasting promised.

Prithee join us and make merry in the presence of our sovereign. The full bill of fare shall be made known in due course. For

those who must know of the makings due to bodily need, an accounting of all manner of ingredients may be had upon demand.

Let this proclamation serve as an invitation to all valiant swordsmen, as well as to the esteemed populace who shall bear witness to this magnificent spectacle!

Come one, come all, and rejoice in the skill, honor, and pageantry of the Queen's Rapier Tournament!

9:00 AM – Site Opens

10:30 AM: Inspections Completed, Presentation of Combatant Couples to their Majesties

11:00 AM – Rapier Tournament begins

12:00 PM – Break for Lunch

1:00 PM Rapier tournament concludes

3:00 PM: Court

6:00 PM: Site Closes

Times are flexible depending on how the tournament process and upon the wishes of their Majesties

Pre-registration highly encouraged:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/>

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[e/1FAIpQLSd1UUXAHmUIvaCHkeOS8meNBd75eEr8LSuJoasMA-HH6pPd_A/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSd1UUXAHmUIvaCHkeOS8meNBd75eEr8LSuJoasMA-HH6pPd_A/viewform?usp=header)

Costs: \$20.00-member, \$30.00 non-member, Youth 5-17 \$15.00, Under 5 free
Family Cap of \$65.00 (2 adults, 2+ children)

Site fee includes day board lunch.

Payment at door in cash or check only, or mail check to the Shire's Exchequer at:

Michele Greenmun

65 Baldwin Street

Binghamton, NY 13903

Make checks payable to:

SCA New York, Inc. – Shire of Sterlynge Vayle

Autocrat: Ophelia Demetria (Danielle Hull)

Email: opheliademetriasca@gmail.com

Cell: 715-579-7088 (email or Facebook Ophelia Demetria) is preferred/best contact)

Co-Autocrat: Mistress Nest Ferch Rys (Deborah Gorton)

Email: nestverchrys@gmail.com
cell: 570-396-0537, text is preferred.

Feastocrat THL Deirde Scott
deirdrescot@outlook.com

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Virtual Chatelaines Summit

Saturday, January 31, 2026
from 12 noon (CST)

- Register now for this full-day Zoom event, where we will share the truths of the office and work on ending some of the myths about it.
- Attendees will have a chance to go into 'breakout rooms' to provide feedback on topics such as recruitment, retention, and marketing.



Register online at: <https://www.sca.org/virtual-chatelaines-summit-jan-31-2026/>

Email questions to chatelaine@sca.org

Court Reports

Court of Murcoch and Riognach at A+S Faire + Queens Prize Tourney July 5th, 2025

Documented from the Rolls and Files of the Coram Regibus of Murdoch II Rex and Riognách II Regina, King and Queen of Æthelmearc: Being a True Record of the Business of Their Royal Court at the Arts & Sciences Faire, 5 July, AS LX, in the Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais. As recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Meistr-y-gân, Jewel of Æthelmearc Herald, assisted by Mistress Gytha Oggsdottir, Silver Sycamore Herald.

In the morning, Their Majesties granted Master Friderich Schwarzwald, Event Steward, leave to make some brief announcements.

Their Majesties then called for Mistress Irene von Schmetterling and inquired if everything was prepared for her. They then invited Master Aeron Harper to take her red collar so that she might face unencumbered choice, whether to be inducted into the Most Noble Order of Defense. Finally, Their Majesties requested the presence of the Order to accompany her to where she would hold the field. Court suspended.

In the evening, Their Majesties praised the entries and displays shown throughout the day. They thanked Their Graces, Duke Timothy of Arindale and Duchess Gabrielle van Nijenrode, for opening their home, and

presented them with personal tokens in appreciation of their hospitality.

Their Majesties invited forward any youth in attendance. On hearing that the children had been wisely outside, They sent The Honorable Lady Svava Jórudóttir in pursuit of them with toys.

Their Majesties welcomed newcomers with their choice of a mug.

Their Majesties once again invited Master Friderich Schwarzwald to address the populace. Master Friderich thanked his staff: Baroness Oddkatla Jonsdottir, head cook, Mistress Alicia Langland, head tollner, Baron Tassin, who also assisted with the gate, Lady Eudoxia Antonina, luncheon cook, Maîtres Elys le Bref for hospitality, and Angelis Morphos Didius, a newcomer to the Society who had yet attend an event but made site tokens in two days. He also thanked Their Graces again, for all they had done to make their home available. Before he left, Their Majesties presented Master Friderich with Their personal token and asked him to pass one to Angelis for the site tokens.

Their Majesties also wished to recognize Lady Eudoxia Antonina, for the excellent dayboard. For her and her staff, Master Gille MacDhonnúill, Lord Bjorn Inn Digri, and Baron Ixac ben Simone, They awarded each with a Golden Escarbuncle (red) for service and also bestowed Lady Eudoxia with a second Golden Escarbuncle (green) for arts.

Their Majesties then invited the Kingdom Ministers of Arts and Sciences, THLy Maggie Rue and THLy Mairin O'Cadhlá. They then thanked all the advisors who had volunteered ahead of time: Mistress Phillippia

Capriotti, Mistress Elisabeth Johanna von Flossenburg, Magnifica Fede di Fiori, Mistress Avitoria Vidua, Master Bedwyr Danwyn, Mistress Rhiannon y Bwa, THLy Elinor Walden, Master Andriú mac Domhnaill, Cassandra, Baroness Antoinette de Lorraine, and all those Laurels who volunteered on the day. Next, they recognizes the entrants and asked their sponsors to present their gift: Baronessa Umbriana Campana, sponsored by Master Angellino the Bookmaker; Master Angellino the Bookmaker, sponsored by Magnifica Fede di Fiori; THLy Mairin O Cadhlá, sponsored by Mistress Helena Mützhazenin; Baron Rhion Elandris of Glyndyfrdwy, sponsored by Mistress Elisabeth Johanna von Flossenburg; Lady Steinervor Hest, sponsored by Duke Timothy of Arindale; Lady Lartia Cerva, sponsored by THLy Elinor Walden; Baroness Anastasie de Lamoure, sponsored by Mistress Elisabeth Johanna von Flossenburg; Baron William Boge Walker, sponsored by Duchess Rowan de la Garnisson; THLy Svava Jórudóttir, sponsored by THLy Lisabetta de Rossi; Lord Phoebus Craythorne, sponsored by THLy Maggie Rue; Lady Isabella da Loria, sponsored by Magister Casimir Zelený z Strášná skála; Master William de Montegilt, sponsored by Mistress Irene von Schmetterling; Lord Algirdas Wolthus, sponsored by Master Robert of Ferness; Brother Valentine Garnett, sponsored by Baroness Antoinette de Lorraine; THLd Murchadh dal Cais, sponsored by Master Silvester Burchardt; Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarsson, sponsored by Duchess Juliana Delamere; Mistress Vivienne of Yardley, sponsored by Mistress Alicia Langland; THLy Zoya Dragomirova, sponsored by THLy Maggie Rue; Luminaria Salvatore de la Torres, sponsored by Master Angellino the Bookmaker; THLd Gareth Whytebull, sponsored by Mistress Mahin Banu Tabrizi.

Court Reports

It was also announced that new Chancellors of the Æcademy had been invested: The Honorable Lady Elinor Walden and Oyama-jū shichi-i Michiharu.

At this time, Her Majesty spoke of all the impressive displays and conversations but noted that there was one winner. Thus, Her Majesty awarded the Populace Choice and Queen's Prize to Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarsson. Scroll by Magister Casimir Zelený z Stráshná skála.

Following this, His Majesty also requested the presence of Brother Valentine Garnett, to present him with a personal token in recognition of his entry, especially his excellent research.

Their Majesties then wished to be attended by Magnifica Fede di Fiori. With praise for her unfailing courtesy and kindness, They were pleased to induct her into the Order of the Cornelian. Scroll in progress by Magister Casimir Zelený z Stráshná skála.

Their Majesties desired to speak next with Magister Casimir Zelený z Stráshná skála. Notwithstanding the unavoidable mishap that led to his inability to complete Magnifica Fede's assignment, Their Majesties expressed great appreciation for his skills, speed, and prolific contributions to the Court by way of his scribal arts. For this, They inducted him into the Order of the Iron Quill. Scroll illuminated by Baronessa Umbriana Campana and calligraphed by Lord Vincenzo de Loria, upon words by Baron Ixac ben Simone.

Their Majesties next requested the presence of Lady Lartia Cerva. Her Majesty shared how happy They were to finally have her before the Throne, since word had reached the Crown generations past, and that They had wished to recognize her during the reign of Murdoch I and Ríogh-nach I. Thus with joy, They named her a Companion of the Order of the Sycamore. Scroll calligraphed by Baronessa Umbriana Campana and illuminated by Master Thorfinnr Y Elsfiord.

Their Majesties required that Luminaria Salvatore de la Torres present himself, that They might speak with him about yet another talent he has cultivated. In addition to his generosity, his steadfast service, and his prowess, They wished to add artistry to his repute. To recognize his skill at weaving, They named him a Companion of the Order of the Sycamore. Scroll wording by "some guy in a hat" and calligraphed by Doña Kolfina Jodisdottir.

Next, Their Majesties wished for Lady

Eithne an Locha to come before the Throne. Her Majesty recounted that this event was the anniversary of their meeting, and that in the year since, They have come to appreciate her artistry, her knowledge, and her friendship. Further, They were pleased to have heard Their own opinions echoed by others with a high level of discernment. So it was that They invited the Noble Order of the Fleur d'Æthelmearc to join Them and Granted her Arms to name her their Companion. Scroll illuminated by Lady Isabella de Loria with calligraphy by Baronessa Umbriana Campana.

Their Majesties also requested that Baroness Anastasie de Lamoure come forth before releasing the Noble Order of the Fleur d'Æthelmearc, whereupon They spoke with Her Excellency of the many years and many cloaks, capes, hoods, and other object adorned with her embroidery, and deemed with the Order's assent that it was time Her Excellency be numbered among them. Scroll by Magister Casimir Zelený z Stráshná skála.

At this time, Their Majesties recalled Mistress Irene von Schmetterling, and inquired if she had reached her decision. Upon her eager answer, They requested testimony from her teacher, Master Aeron Harper. Master Aeron said that in the more than 25 years he has been teaching historical swordplay, he has trained hundreds of students, but never had he found someone with more dedication, persistence, and interested in learning as Mistress Irene. He also added that she is a Laurel and a master teacher in her own right, having gained as much from her in their relationship as she, and that she is one of the few he will happily send new students. Speaking as a witness to her efforts throughout the years, Master William de Montegilt chronicled her storied career, through four kingdoms (East, Meridies, Midrealm, and Æthelmearc), first qualifying to fight in AS XI, on the day before Cooper's Lake was chosen as the site for Pennsic VI, continuously fighting or fencing, with only short medical breaks, since then, and becoming a marshal soon thereafter. She has been one of the leaders of the rapier community and the youth rapier marshallate continuously for decades. She runs workshops, book clubs, and hosts historical sword seminars featuring some of the best teachers in the Known World. In short, William gave ample evidence that there is hardly an accomplishment within the rapier community that she had not achieved. Finally, Their Majesties heard words from two of her students: Brehyres Muirgheal inghen Dubhghaill shared Irene's wisdom, that everyone has something to teach and everyone has something to learn, saying that if Irene could turn her

into a passable fencer, she could train anyone, and that she brings everything she is to the field. Lady Sionnan de la Ronde spoke of how fortunate she has been to have encountered Irene almost immediately in her brief time in the Society. She related with passion the challenges that Irene explained continue to face women and gender minorities in martial specialties, and Irene's unfailing persistence, claiming space without apology. She concluded by saying that although she sometimes feels the intimidation of those challenges, Irene has been both motivator and inspiration, and she imparted her teacher's advice to find out what works, delegate, advocate for herself, push for the time and training she needs, and refuse to compromise when it comes to her goals. Pleased by these words of support, Their Majesties declared it most proper to proceed and invited the Most Noble Order of the Masters of Defence to join them. Irene was then bedecked with garters, a cote, a hood, the ancestral collar of Æthelmearc, and personal collars. Thus adorned, she drew her own sword with which to swear fealty to the Crown. Scroll: Magister Ceindrech verch Eildir upon illustration by The Honorable Lady Elinor Walden.

Her Majesty once again wished to be attended by The Honorable Lady Mairin O'Cadhla. Her Majesty praised all the artisans and pronounced how impressed She was with the conversations and research represented throughout the room, but how Her Ladyship shared what she was working on, what she was teaching, and everything that she had done to be able to present her work. Thus Her Ladyship received the Queen's token of Inspiration for the day.

Their Majesties then called all scribes and wordsmiths who had contributed to the Court to accept charms against the demon Titivillus, along with book charms for each scroll that had been presented that day.

Their Majesties once more gave leave to His Grace, Duke Timothy, to make an announcement about a demo, organized by Maître Elyse le Bref that the Shire was holding that coming Tuesday, at Camp Victory, a camp for children with cancer, and request that anyone who was at all available that evening to please assist with the demo.

There being no further business, Court was closed.

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December 13th, 2025

Queen’s Rapier Tournament

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