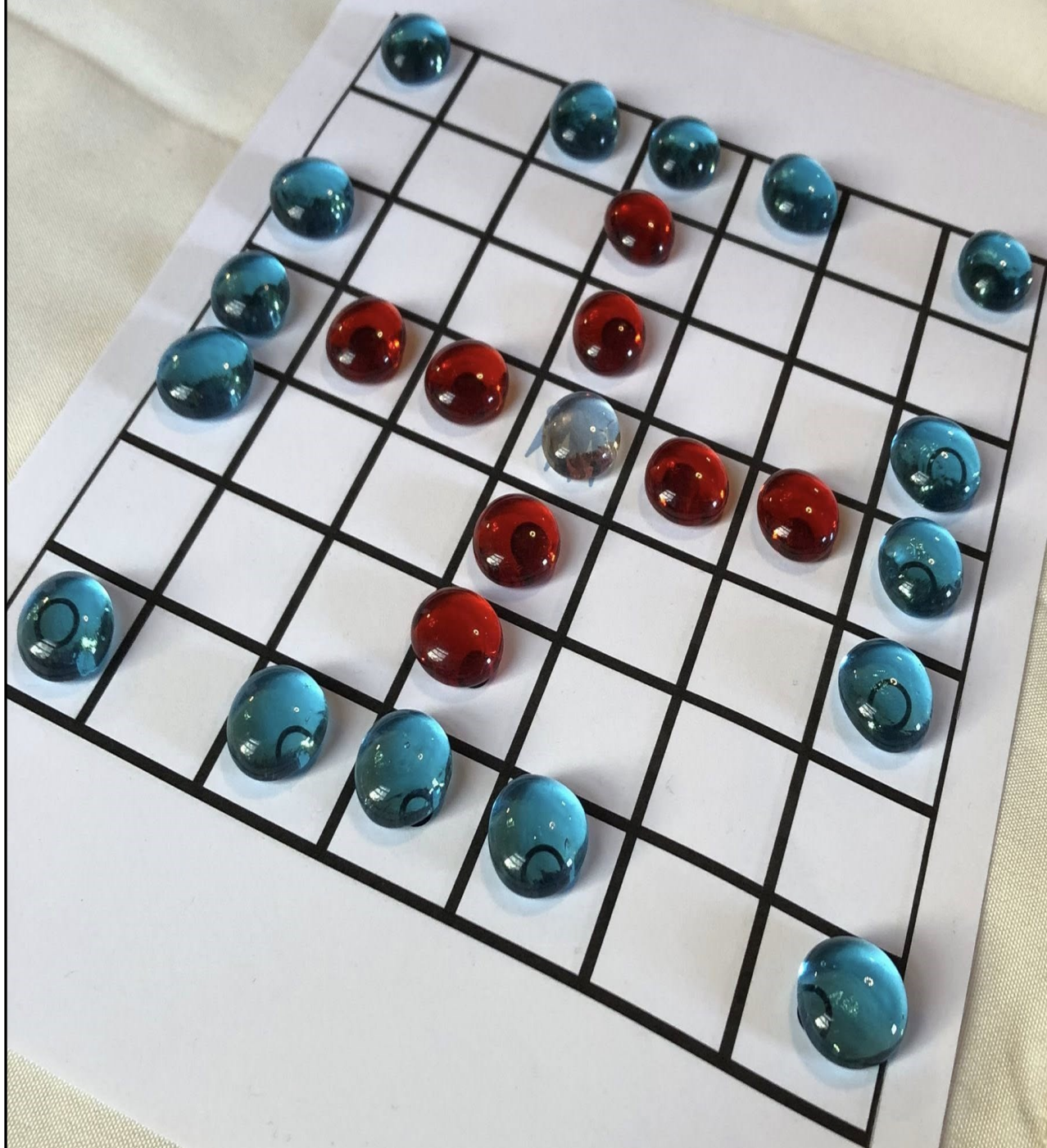


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The Newsletter of the Kingdom of Æthelmearc February 2026 A.S. LX



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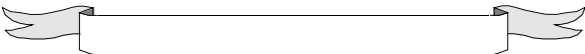
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The SCA prohibits bullying and harassment of all individuals and groups. Bullying is systematic and unwelcome behavior which involves the use of influence, threat, intimidation, or coercion to cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people. 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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Æthelmearc Ombudsperson:

Kate Poore (Boiarynia Ekaterina Kirkovna Holopova)
[Seat E – April 2025 to October 2028]
kpoore@director.sca.org

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.

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— TBD

Æthelmearc Royalty

Their Royal Majesties



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Their Royal Highnesses



prince@aethelmearc.org - princess@aethelmearc.org

Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

Queen's Rapier Champion:

Lord Gideon le Jars

Cut and Thrust:

Luminaria Salvadore de la Torres

Regalo de las Rosas

Lady Kolfinna Jodisardottir

Heavy Weapons Champion:

Count Bjarki Rikarðarson

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 Edonea Kimball

TRMs Bardic Champions

Master Filippo de Sancto Martino & Lady Lisbet

Hoefman

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

Lady Lartia Cerva

Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

Youth Combat Champion:

Dimitri & Vicky

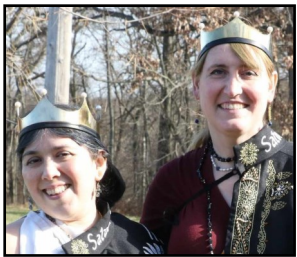
Brewing Champion:

THL Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto

Landed Barons & Baronesses of Æthelmearc

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

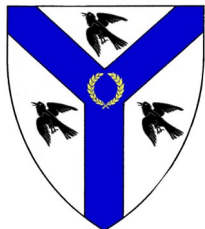
Violeta de Valencia and Aurelia Argentia Prima



Baron@debatablelands.org, Baroness@debatablelands.org

Barony of Thescore

Andriú mac Domnaill and Nuzha bint Saleem



Baron@thescore.org, Baroness@thescore.org

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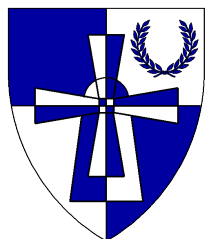
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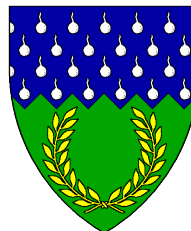
Cunedda Kell and Alana Horsecroft



Baron@blackstonemountain.org,
Baroness@blackstonemountain.org

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Revna Lunarís and Kolfinna Jodisardottir



baroness@endlesshills.aethelmearc.org,
baroness@endlesshills.aethelmearc.org

Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

Jean Phillippe Dit La Barbe Rousse and Catherine 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](https://aethelmearc.org/groups/local-groups/the-seven-pearls)



From Their Majesties

Andreas Rex and Kallista Regina



Unto the Noble Populace of Æthelmearc,
Greetings from Andreas and Kallista, Sov-
ereigns of the Sylvan Kingdom,

With the various Twelfth Night events be-
hind us, We would like to thank everyone
who has been so hospitable to us as We
traveled throughout the Kingdom. It has
indeed been a pleasure to have so much
fun with all of you.

We are very much looking forward to con-
tinuing our travels during these winter
months. Having only reigned previously in
the summer, we have gained a new appre-
ciation and admiration for our Kingdom
and it's people. There is a misconception
that fighting stops during the winter, but
we have found that to be untrue. We have
witnessed many contests of arms and
displays of chivalry. All of which prove that
Our warriors do not rest and are continu-
ously striving to raise their prowess. On
the gentler side, We have been privileged
to experience the works of our fine arti-
sans. Much like our fighters, the artisans
do not rest. They are tirelessly research-
ing, crafting and teaching. All are an inspi-
ration. We would be remiss if We did not
speak to all the hard work that so many
have done to ensure that we can actually
have events and practices to gather at as well as taking on the tasks of ensuring that our halls are
decorated and assembled to provide us with an ambiance that reminds us of the visions of our
dreams.



We would remind everyone that while we all love the SCA, please be careful and use your best
judgement when it comes to travelling. If the weather is bad, we will miss one another but there is
always another event where we can connect and join together in revelry.

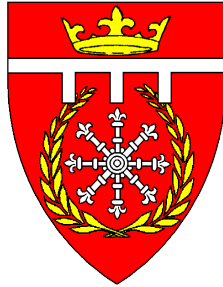
We would further remind folks that the resonating drums of war are growing ever louder from the
south. We heartily invite you to join us as we make the long trek to Gulf Wars where we will stand
with the Kingdom of Trimaris on the field of honor.

As Ever In Service To The Dream,
Andreas Rex and Kallista Regina

Officer Reports

From their Royal Highnesses

To the Sylvan Kingdom of Æthelmearc, greetings from your heirs,
Prince Oliver and Princess Grainne.



Beyond Our borders restlessness grows. The discontent between Our neighbors both to the east and west has deepened, and what once were distant murmurs now carry the weight of impending conflict. It is Our sincere intent to see peace prevail. We have listened carefully to the grievances set before Us by both sides, weighing their words with due gravity. After such consideration, We find that the East Kingdom has the right of this matter, and should these tensions break into open war, Æthelmearc will stand with the East.

This is a choice made neither lightly nor eagerly, but with clarity of duty. While We hope that wisdom and diplomacy may yet turn aside a clash of arms, We must also be prepared. We therefore ask Our people again to use these winter months well: train, mend, and ready yourselves in body and spirit.

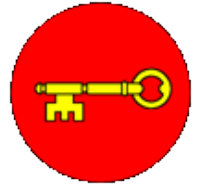
Opportunities to train and hone those skills are already at hand. Musters are being planned, practices and gatherings abound, and chances to ready ourselves can be found throughout the Kingdom. To that end, Their Majesties will send a Great Sylvan Host south to Gulf Wars to come to the aid of Trimaris, and We will be present alongside them! We urge all those able to make the journey with Us.

May peace yet hold. But if war comes, let Æthelmearc be found united, resolute, and steadfast in honor.

In peace or in war, We serve,
Oliver and Grainne

From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Æthelmearc!



As I am sure we are all aware things have been getting more expensive for running events in recent years. Following the Covid shutdown, we discovered that many event sites had ceased offering their services during that time, and others had greatly increased their prices. More recently other costs of running events and operating the organization from top to bottom have jumped up as well. We are all feeling the financial squeeze.

Within recent months I heard the same comment repeated in terms of the gate fee for events: "But we're a nonprofit!"

And yes, indeed we are. But something I don't think some people realize is that being a nonprofit doesn't mean we don't have a budget. Nobody gets paid for their service to the Kingdom of Æthelmearc or any of its constituent groups. So, what do we do with all that money collected at the gate?

The money that the groups and kingdom collect throughout the year goes directly into the operations of the organization. We not only have to cover costs for our events, we also must cover other operating costs such as the IT infrastructure the kingdom website runs on, the pavilions used at Pennsic, and maintenance on regalia or other equipment.

Our budget is used for things that benefit all of us as subjects of the kingdom. Ideally, local groups should take in more than they spend on running events. This allows them to take the occasional loss on an event, and to pay for things that we need to keep what we do going. Kitchen equipment, loaner gear, pavilions and popups, regalia, and other things help keep the kingdom alive. Some expenses are compensated for allowing people of various economic means to hold kingdom offices.

All our finances, from the smallest shire to the SCA, are carefully kept track of via the exchequers. We have financial committees to validate their work and come to group decisions about how to spend our money. All of this is periodically audited by an external entity.

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So yes, we ARE a nonprofit organization. Any money you spend on the organization comes back to you in one way or another. Though it is unfortunate that things are getting more expensive, we consider the costs carefully when judging how much to charge to attend events. After all, the people who decide that are no different from you. We're all just members of a club that likes to study history, engage in applied anthropology through our historical recreations, and educate the world about the realities of the world prior to the 17th century.

In other news, I would like to announce that we are soliciting resumes and letters of intent for the position of Kingdom Seneschal. My term will be over in October of this year, so we need to get my successor selected soon. If you are interested in the position please send your resume and letter of intent to resume.seneschal@aethelmearc.org by the end of March.

The core requirements for the position are being a fully paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a legal adult, and being able to pass a criminal background check if selected. The decision will be made by Their Highnesses, Oliver and Grainne, after they have ascended to the throne.

Please feel free to ask me any questions you have about the office!

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An emergency TRP was issued for Jude Danahy by the Society Seneschal on December 30, 2025, and became effective immediately. This sanction stands until the Board of Directors takes final action.

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A Banishment from the Kingdom was issued for Eliott Evans by Their Majesties on December 13th. This sanction stands until the end of Their reign.

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In Service to the Realm,
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

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.

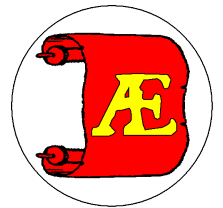
To apply, please send a letter of intent along with your SCAdian resume to siege@aethelmearc.org by February 28; it will be distributed to all appropriate parties. Please let me know if you have any questions—in person, via chat, or in email at siege@aethelmearc.org.

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

From the Chancellors of the Æcademy

Salve Accolens, Æthelmearc!

We, the Æcademy Chancellors, were so honored by the large turnout of teachers, attendees, fighters, nobility, and scholars who attended our Fall Æcademy at Silva Vulcani in November!



We were so delighted by the day that we were impatient to do it all over again. Therefore, 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 for a free Æcademy & War College event via Google Meet on January 31, 2026.

Classes will cover a wide range of Arts & Sciences as well as martial pursuits! Drop in and out as you see fit - we'll have classes all day. We look forward to the sharing of knowledge across our kingdom from the comforts of home as winter descends upon our lands.

Looking forward, keep your eyes out for Spring Æcademy, coming in June 2026! It's shaping up to be an exciting year for the pursuit and sharing of our knowledge, and we are so very excited to see what

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From the Kingdom Exchequer

Greetings from the Kingdom Exchequer's Office!
By the time this is published, all groups should have submitted their year-end reports or been in contact with myself or your regional concerning the delay.

Please reach out if you need assistance for your report. A copy of the complete ledger and bank statements are also required to be submitted.

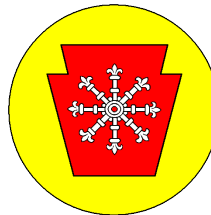
As a reminder, if anyone is interested in the position of Kingdom Exchequer or Regional Exchequer, please submit a Letter of Intent to myself. If anyone has questions concerning the position, feel free to email them.

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

Sincerely,
Tigernach mac Cathail
Kingdom Exchequer

Help recognize the hardworking people of the Kingdom!

Please consider submitting an award recommendation!



A complete listing of the awards and orders of Æthelmearc can be found here:

<http://heraldry.aethelmearc.org/resources/armory.html>

The award recommendation form can be found here:

<https://aethelmearc.org/award-recommendation-form/>

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Region 1 Twelfth Night: Hootenanny Strikes Back Februsry 7th, 2026 Hosted by the Shire of Misty Highlands

You thought the first was Solo, but it's time for another: the Shire of Misty Highlands invites one and all to Region 1 Twelfth Night: Hootenanny Strikes Back! On February 7, high atop the Cloud(y) City of Philippi, WV, Battler's Knob will play host to our annual celebration of the changing seasons and lasting friendships. Included in the day will be games of many kinds, including a chess tournament, games of chance and skill, and

ones to prove your knowledge of these Sylvan Lands as we Luke out over the hills!
Artisans from around the kingdom are invited as well to share their work, and a scribal backlog display will also be present for the day.

A sideboard will also be provided by the Barony of Blackstone Cooking Guild.

(En)doors open at 9:30 a.m. and close no later than 6 p.m. on February 7, 2026, at Battler's Knob, 101 College Hill Drive, Philippi, WV 26416

The autocrat is Duchess Juliana Delamere (Deb Cale) PO Box 312, Lumberport, WV 26386

The event is \$30 for non-members, \$20 for members, and those under 18 are welcomed as guests of the Shire.

Make checks payable to SCA WV, Inc – Shire of Misty Highlands.
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Ædult Swim! Februsry 14th, 2026 Hosted by the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

It is time for us to take siege of the mall once more as we hold Ædult Swim! This year we will be holding this event in the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog at the Johnstown Galleria located at 500 Galleria Drive, Johnstown, Pa. 15904. Those who attend can come on Saturday from 9:00a-7:00p and Sun-

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day from 9:00a-5:00p (hours subject to change).

There will be heavy fighting, fencing, and youth combat throughout the day. Need a break... come join us as we will have classes, space for arts and sciences, and a Newcomers table and demonstration where all are welcome to stop by!

Vendors will be around that will surely lighten your purses.

There will be no feast or day board at this event however, we encourage the populace to dine at one of the several restaurants in the mall and in its Food Court.

The cost of this event is \$20.00 for both days for adult registration and \$10.00 for both days for adult member registration.

Your Autocrats for this Event THL Arvik Hyttonen (Timothy Johnson, timothyjohnson1978@gmail.com, 814-631-2168) and the Co-Autocrat for this event will be Lady Ragnhilda Manadottir (Melanie Mayse) who can be reached by email at Ragnhildamanadottir@gmail.com or by phone at 814-615-3701. We both ask not to have calls after 9:00pm please.

Pre-registrations can be sent to Mistress Aelfra Long (Sherry Meyers), our Head Tollner for this event. If there are any questions, she can be reached at Mistressselfra50@yahoo.com.

Checks can be written out to SCA INC - Barony of St. Swithin's Bog and sent to the following address: 1284 Killiwhat Street Johnstown, Pa 15902.

Those wish to hold a class, please get in contact with Master Ian Campbell of Glen Mor

at London1075ce@gmail.com or by phone at 814-322-8742. Please no calls after 9:00pm.

Those who wish to vend at this event please get in touch with Lady Ragnhilda Manadottir (Melanie Mayse) who can be reached by email at Ragnhildamanadottir@gmail.com or by phone at 814-615-3701

If you are looking for a place to stay, these hotels are super close to the mall and are reasonably priced.

Holiday Inn
250 Market Street
Johnstown, Pa 15901
814-535-7777

Comfort Inn and Suites
455 Theatre Drive
Johnstown, PA 15904
814-266-3678

Hampton Inn
129 Commerce CT
Johnstown, Pa 15904
814-262-7700

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FSDS: Venetian Carinvale Februsry 21, 2026 Hosted by the Barony of Delftwood

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: Alcohol must be purchased from the alcohol concessions provider at the event. No other alcohol can be brought on site or consumed on site. Since the NYS Fairgrounds are directly overseen by New York State, there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please join Delftwood for the Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins on February 21, 2026, at our AMAZING NEW SITE: The Wegmans Art & Home Building at the Great New York State Fairgrounds! With about 20,000 square feet, we have room for everything: fencing (of course), heavy fighting, bardic performances on stage, merchants, courtesans, a living artists' display, vigils, a scroll blank competition, largesse competition, and more! It's also the Investiture of Ixac and Amalie as Baron and Baroness! The site is fully accessible through ramps and elevators. Site opens to the public at 9AM and closes at 9PM. Important food note: THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC DAYBOARD OR FEAST. Please bring your own food to share amongst your beloveds. Vigil food is implied to be shared amongst beloveds and not provided by event staff. The Fairgrounds are very close to many restaurants, grocery stores, and places to get food, including a Byrne Dairy with a fresh deli right across the street.

Important alcohol note: Alcohol must be purchased from the alcohol concessions provider at the event. No other alcohol can be brought on site or consumed on site. Since the NYS Fairgrounds are directly overseen by New York State, there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Open flames are not permitted. A list of nearby restaurants and hotels can be found on the Event's website: <https://delftwood.aethelmearc.org/fsds-venetian-carnivale/> or the FS DS Facebook Event <https://www.facebook.com/events/703724538990543>.

Event Coordinators:
Meisterin Helena Mutzhasen (Elizabeth Martin, 315-440-6033, alZarqa@gmail.com) – General site questions, A&S, MoLs
Dame Jennet the Gentle (Jennifer Green, 315-751-8919 jen@twcny.rr.com) – Merchants, Martial Activities, Vigils
Lady Filippa Forti (Rowena Morgan-Forte, 843-901-2141, filippaforti@gmail.com) – Royalty, Courtesans, General food questions.
Email or text preferred for all event coordinators.

Event Date: February 21, 2026

Event Times: 9AM – 9PM

Event Fee Structure:

Adult (18+) Site Fee: \$35.00

Adult (18+) Site Fee with SCA Member Discount: \$25.00

Youth (6-17): \$15.00

Children (0-5): No Event Fee

Families pay for at most two youths.

Please make reservations out to "SCA NY Inc, Barony of Delftwood" and mail them to: Barony of Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse, NY 13217. An online unpaid registration form will be posted when available.

Location: Wegmans Art & Home Center at the New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13209. GPS Coordinates: 43.073857, -76.215708

Directions: The New York State Fairgrounds have their own exit off of I-690 in Syracuse. Follow signs for fairgrounds.

Download a map of the Fairgrounds here: <https://nysfairgrounds.ny.gov/maps> The Art & Home Center is on

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the left side of the map.

Parking: Parking directly near the building will be reserved for Royalty, Baronage, Accessible Parking, and High-level Staff. We will have space for loading and unloading before moving your car to the nearby ample car parking. If there are other events at other buildings on the Fairgrounds, Fair representatives may direct you where to park.

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St. Brigid's Inn

Februsry 21, 2026

Hosted by the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

Additional Notes on Flames: Fires are permitted only in stoves, fireplaces, grills or similar designated areas and facilities and must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the area.

The fires have been stoked in the hearths and winter has descended upon us all. But our lands do not fall quiet – no, there is much to do before the warmth returns.

Lady Kattera Doplerin and THLady Elinor Walden hereby announce St Brigid's Inn, an artisan's forum and guild hall event, focused on crafting, mending, and teaching of our gentler arts.

Autocrat name: Kattera Doplerin, 117 Dauntless Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

St Brigid's Inn will occur in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands at Buffalo Inn (3757-3779 Buffalo Dr, South Park Township, PA 15129) on February 21, 2026. Site opens at 9am and closes at 9pm.

Attend a variety of informal classes, see demonstrations and take-home new crafts, and bring your own work-in-progress to enjoy the community of others. Repair your garb and armor for the warmer months and learn new skills to further embellish your medie-

val life. Enjoy a delightful sideboard prepared by Lady Fine Failain inspired by the preservation of medieval cuisine through the winter.

The Adult Event Registration will be \$20, with the Adult Member Discount Event Registration being \$10. Children aged 0-17 will be free.

Registration Clerk: Hara Kikumatsu, 1105 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232 (no checks to be mailed)

These fees include a sideboard lunch. Make checks payable to SCA PA, Inc. – Debatable Lands.

The Head Tollner for this event is Hara Kikumatsu; please send questions about registration to her at sbooth@sbooth.net.

Pre-registrations will be accepted via the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/gwbM6P52syvTBjYUA>.

Please do not mail any money for pre-registration – all event fees will be accepted at the door.

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

College of Three Ravens

Februsry 28, 2026

Hosted by the Barony of Thescorre

Greetings unto the noble populace of Æthelmearc. The Barony of Thescorre seeks all artisans, scholars and all those who pursue the flame of knowledge, to join us once again to share their skills and wisdom at the College of Three Ravens, being held at the Victor United Methodist Church, 106 E Main St, Victor, NY 14564, on February 28, 2026. Doors will open at 9am and close at 9pm.

Note that the site is handicapped friendly, but not ADA compliant; the entrance is accessible, and there is a small elevator between floors. There is one classroom that is accessible only by stairs.

All those interested in holding a class or round table should contact our Coordinators of Classes, Mistress Bronwyn nic Gregor and Baroness Elizabetha da Venezia using this Google Form link:

<https://forms.gle/Avpz77AxaADpebCk7>

A dayboard will be provided by Lord Peter O'Meagher and a sumptuous feast will be provided by Lord Ragnarinn Raudi. Please contact the cooks regarding dietary restrictions at "ragnarinnraudi@gmail.com"

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged and can be sent to Baroness Orianna Fridrikskona.

Orilee Ireland-Delfs
945 Yellow Mills Rd
Palmyra, NY 14522

Make checks payable to "SCA NY, Inc – Barony of Thescorre".

The Adult non-member registration fee for the day is \$20; Adult member registration fee is \$10; youth 17 years old and younger are free. The fee includes the day board.

The fee for the feast is \$15 and is limited to 80 seats, so please send in your registration soon!

Any gentles wishing to merchant please contact the Event Steward at "AquiladAthos@yahoo.com"

Parking:

There is church parking, however, this is limited. There is a public parking lot that has access to the rear entrance of the church where the Tollner will be located. The small lot on Main St. is reserved for staff and handicap parking.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/106+E+Main+St,+Victor,+NY+14564/@42.981578,-77.4070822,16z/data=!4m6!3m5!>

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Event Steward:

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Kingdom + Other Events

[Dry, No Flames, R4, Service Animals Only / No Pets, Tied Weapons Only](#)

Donnan Party 2026

Februsry 28, 2026

Hosted by the College of
Arx Collis

Come one come all to the 2026 Donnan Party, sponsored by the College of Arx Collis! There will be fencing, classes, kids' activities, and more!

DATE: Saturday, February 28, 2026.

TIME: -9am – 6pm

LOCATION: BLATNIK GYMNASIUM,
WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

ADDRESS: -208 University Drive,
West Liberty, WV, 26074

AUTOCRAT: -Lady Chonne de la
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Email: shalicki@westliberty.edu

COST: – Adult Event Registration
\$20 / Adult member discount registra-

tion \$10 Make checks payable to SCA
WV, Inc.-Shire of Ballachagan

There will be no feast or day board at
this event however, we encourage the
populace to dine at the Bear's Den
campus cafeteria

Those wish to hold a class or vend at
this event, please get in contact with
Chonne de la Ronde (Shannon Halic-
ki) by email: shalicki@westliberty.edu

[Dry, No Flames, No Weapons, R1, Service
Animals Only / No Pets](#)

Court Reports

Line of Fire

September 30th, 2025

Murdoch 1 Rex and

Ríoghnách 1 Regina

Being a right and proper report
of the Court of King Murdoch
Bayne and Queen Rioghnach
ni Rose held on the 30th Day
of August, AS LX (2025) at
Line of Fire in the Canton of
Dunloch in the Barony of Delft-
wood, as recorded by Meister-
in Helena Mutzhasen, Silver
Buccle Herald with assistance
by Gytha Oggdottir.

In the Morning, Court was
opened.

Their Majesties commented on
the weather and welcomed all
to the event, remarking on how
close the end of their Reign
was.

Their Majeties called forth
Raev Halle and inquired if they
were ready to hear counsel to
contemplate elevation to the
Order of Defense. Upon hear-
ing an affirmative, Their Majes-
ties summoned forth the Order
of Defense to take Raev to vig-
il.

There being no further busi-
ness in the morning, and the
court was suspended.

In the Afternoon, Court re-
sumed.

Their Majesties gave words of
welcome to all and thanked
everyone for a great event.

Their Majesties then asked for
a moment of silence in
memory of Baroness Juliana
Richenda Trevain, 4th Baron-
ess of Delftwood and Principal
of the Order of the Millrind,
who passed away in late Au-

gust.

Their majesties called forth all
youth present but were inter-
rupted by the Monster King
(some people call him Mau-
rice), who spoke of the youth's
ardent defense of the Barony
and Kingdom from the mon-
sters. Maurice called a truce
but ran off with the toybox. The
children gave pursuit to sub-
due the Monster King once
again.

Their Majesties gave leave to
Their Excellencies, Þórbjörn
Inn Hávi and Oðindisa Býkona
of Delftwood to hold Baronial
Court.

Their Majesties called forth
Theodora Neropoles, a fine
gentle who retains and serves
with grace, and Awarded her
Arms. Scroll illuminated by
Edana the Redtail and callig-
raphed by King Murdoch

Court Reports

Bayne

Their Majesties then sought out Sage and spoke about their growing participation even though they had been in the society their entire life, but particularly about their advocacy to make a safe and welcoming environment. Sage was thus Awarded Arms. Scroll calligraphed by THL Lisabetta di Rossi upon an illumination by Magister Owen Tegg.

Their Majesties demanded the presence of Runolfr Grafeldr, known as Rundwulfe, and spoke of his willing gift of artistry, particularly making belts and girdles from leather, and so inducted him into the Order of the Sycamore. Scroll by Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt.

Their Majesties called forward Baroness Annika Iosafova, and spoke of her service as event steward, exchequer, chatelaine and more. They then called forth the multitudinous Order of the Millrind and inducted her into that same order. Scroll illuminated by Baron Robaird Michael Patrick Timothy James O'Suilleabhainn and calligraphed by Master Dagonell Collingwood of Emerald Lake.

Their Majesties then called again for Raev Halle and questioned if they were willing to accept elevation to the Order of Defense. Upon an affirmation, Their Majesties heard further testimonies. Duchess Dorinda Courtenay spoke of their code of honor in providing

a mirror of truth. Duchess Rowan de la Garrison spoke of their humility and diligence in practice without boasting. Countess Caryl Olesdatter spoke of their courage, particularly to be themselves no matter what the world thought of them. Countess Gabrielle Winter spoke of their defiance, never taking the easy road, but kicking down doors for others' path to be easier. Duchess Merwen uerch Owein spoke of their temperance, balancing the sweet spot between excess and deprivation, becoming strong like a tempered blade. Finally, Baron Pierre de Tours spoke of Raev's intention and resolve, and how they were the best of students. Being well pleased with the counsel, Their Majesties called forth the Order of Defense to see Raev adorned with the trappings of their new station. They were bestowed with the ancestral collar and the lineage of Æthelmearc Masters of Defense was read. Their white scarf became a personal collar with a pin depicting the heraldry of the Order of Defense, and they received a cassock denoting their new station. After receiving their oath, Raev Halle was celebrated as a Master of the Order of Defense. Scroll cipher box by Dona Ania Mhoireach.

Their Majesties again gave leave to Their Excellencies, Þórbjörn Inn Hávi and Oðindisa Býkona of Delftwood to hold additional Baronial Court.

Her Majesty remarked how one gentle spent the day with great enthusiasm and participation and named Weston her inspiration for the day.

The scribes, wordsmiths and regalia-wrights were then thanked and allowed to choose from tools in the Scribal Toy Box. In addition, scribes were allowed to take a Scribal Demon token from His Majesty, or a book token for each scroll made.

Their Majesties bid everyone to write letters of recommendation to their heirs so many more gentles could be recognized.

Court was interrupted by an impromptu singing of "Happy Birthday" for Her Majesty and the day's cook Lady Ana Sirena del ValBuena, followed by remarks celebrating the wedding anniversary of Earl Yngvar the Dismal and Countess Caryl Olesdatter.

With no further business or celebratory outbursts, the court of Their Majesties was closed.



Æthelmearc by Region

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Hosted by the Shire of Misty Highlands

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Hosted by the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

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