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## THE SCA PROHIBITS HARASSMENT AND BULYING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.

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.

## SCA CORPORATE OFFICE

### Contact:

SCA, Inc., PO Box 611928 San Jose, CA 95161, 800-789-7486 or 408-263-9305 (Mon-Thur 9am-4pm PT)  
Fax: 408-263-0641

### Society Seneschal:

- Lis Schraer (Mistress Elasaite ingen Diarmata), 314-941-0831 before 10 pm Central Time; seneschal@sca.org

### Vice-President for Corporate Operations (Registrar):

- Louise Du Cray, 800-789-7486, 408-263-9305; Fax: 408-263-0641; membership@sca.org

### Ombudsmen:

Directors are assigned duties as Ombudsmen for Society Officers, Board Committees, and Kingdoms. They represent those individuals and groups to the Board, and promote communication and coordination between the Board and the functional personnel of the Society. SCA participants with concerns about a particular Kingdom, or Corporate office or function should contact the ombudsman responsible for that area

### Æthelmearc Ombudsperson:

Gabrielle Fisher (Duchess Adrielle Kerrec)  
gfisher@director.sca.org

For more information on board meetings go to:

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.

### 2023 Quarterly Board Meetings

~~First Quarter — Sunday, January 22, 2023~~

~~Second Quarter — Sunday, April 23, 2023~~

~~Third Quarter — Sunday, July 23, 2023~~

~~Fourth Quarter — Sunday, October 22, 2023~~



# Æthelmearc Royalty

## Their Royal Majesties

Gareth Kincaid and Julianna Delamere



king@aethelmearc.org - queen@aethelmearc.org

## Their Royal Highnesses

Murdoch Bayne and Ríoghnach ní Rose



prince@aethelmearc.org

princess@aethelmearc.org

# Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

### Queen's Rapier Champion:

Master Cyrus Augur

### Cut and Thrust:

Don Jorundr hinn Rotinn

### Heavy Weapons Champion:

THL Gareth Whytebull

### Archery Champion:

Lord Yakub Al-Musafir

### Thrown Weapons Champion:

Lady Nea Kimball

### King's Equestrian Champion:

Lord Joel

### Queen's Equestrian Champion:

Noble Megis Elmanou

### Shield of Chivalry:

THL Halfdan

### King's Bardic Champion (Dexter):

Master Donnan MacDubhsidhe

### Queen's Bardic Champion (Sinister):

Maighstir Liam MacantSaoir

### Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

THL Fede di Fiore

### Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

### Youth Combat Champion:

Division 2 - Felix and Division 3 - Ragnar in Ronde

### Brewing Champion:

Master Robert of Ferness

### Youth Arts and Science Champion:

John Robert

# Landed Barons & Baronesses of Æthelmearc

## Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

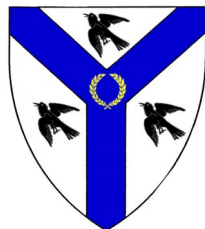
Brandubh Ó Donnghaile et Hilderun Hügelmann



Baron@debatablelands.org, Baroness@debatablelands.org

## Barony of Thescorre

Andriú mac Domnaill and Nuzha bint Saleem



Baron@thescorre.org, Baroness@thescorre.org

## Barony of the Rhydderich Hael

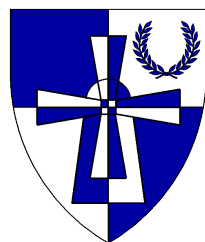
Magnus de Lyons and Thalia Papillon



Baron@wnysca.org, Baroness@wnysca.org

## Barony of Delftwood

Thorbjorn Inn Havi and Oöindisa Býkona



Baron@delftwood.org, Baroness@delftwood.org

## Barony of Blackstone Mountain

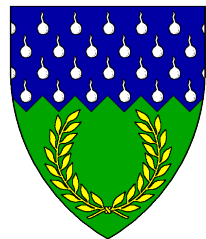
Cunedda Kell and Alana Horsecroft



Baron@blackstonemountain.org,  
Baroness@blackstonemountain.org

## Barony of Endless Hills

Nicolo dei Gaetani and Magge Illfosterc



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

## Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

Jean Phillippe Dit La Barbe Rousse and Caterine de Troyes



Baron@stswithinsbog.aethelmearc.org  
Baroness@stswithinsbog.aethelmearc.org

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 Gareth & Juliana



Greetings Nobles of Æthelmearc, We have traveled far in the last few months and seen much of this wonderful realm and its people. We are very pleased to see the art, valor and service our people exemplify. As our daylight hours grow shorter now it is the time to spend with friends telling stories, working on arts, sampling the arts of the brew-masters, but always keeping our steel sharp. We will be choosing our Bardic Champions at



The Cordial Stag Inn on Dec 9. December 16th we will be at BMDL Investiture to celebrate the 9th Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands. There is a Kingdom 12th night this year! We will begin accepting completed pilgrimage passports there and exchanging them for pilgrim badges. Curia will be held on Friday

evening the weekend of Kingdom Twelfth Night In Person at 8:00 p.m. Exact location of Curia To Be Decided. There will also be many local celebrations. We wish you joy during this time. We plan to go to Gulf Wars in March. Join us to bring renown for our lands in battle and Arts. Many warriors from Æthelmearc will be participating in the Viking Deed at Gulf Wars as well.

Ad Glorium Æthelmearc  
Gareth IV and Juliana IV,  
Rex and Regina AE

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## From Their Royal Highnesses

Unto the noble populace of Aethelmearc do Murdoch and Riognach send greetings.

As the leaves fall and the Ice Dragon descends into these fair lands, it is our sincere hope that your hearths are warm, your larders are full, and your loved ones are healthy.

We look forward to serving the people of Aethelmearc and seeing as many of you as we can over the coming months.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and look forward to the celebration of Twelfth Night in January.

In service we remain,

Murdoch and Riognach  
Prince and Princess, Æthelmearc

## Society Announcements

### \*POSITION OPENING: SOCIETY SENESCHAL/VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS\*

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is seeking candidates for the position of Society Seneschal/Vice President for Operations.

The Society Seneschal is considered both a Society and Corporate officer, and is responsible for coordinating the administration of the Society's historical re-creation. This

involves directing the activities of the Kingdom Seneschals and of Society-level deputies. Where questions arise concerning the intent of Corpora, the Board specifically authorizes the Society Seneschal to make interpretations and clarifications. The Society Seneschal is also responsible for reviewing all sanction related activities.

This is a part-time stipend position requiring a minimum of 25 hours per week, often more.

Applicants must possess strong communication skills and be capable of interacting with unique SCA personalities without regard to rank or position in the organization. The ability to process and distill large amounts of information from multiple sources is required. Organizational and problem-solving skills are essential. Having

held a Kingdom Seneschal position, while not required, is preferred. Applicants must be capable of maintaining a home office space, have access to internet, PC/tablet, printer, and possess word processing skills. Proficiency with Microsoft Office and Adobe Pro is a plus. Ready access to postal service for the mailing of trackable documents is required.

Required skills or background:

- Prior experience in positions of leadership within the SCA or in leading volunteer organizations
  - Excellent working knowledge of current SCA corporate documents and handbooks
  - Ability to research issues surrounding kingdom and Society rules and policies
  - Understanding of how the SCA's sanction and investigative procedures work; direct experience with these procedures is preferred
  - Ability to maintain confidentiality of investigations and other confidential material
  - Ability to manage multiple projects and oversee volunteers on both Society and Kingdom levels
  - Excellent communication skills, both written and oral
  - The ability and willingness to communicate via email, phone, and videoconferencing on a regular basis
  - Ability to explain policies, delegate projects, and build consensus
- The Society Seneschal is responsible for the following duties:
- Oversee directly and indirectly the planning and implementation of all "game side" activities.
  - Deal with large amounts of correspondence with many individuals, including but not limited to all kingdom seneschals, royalty, and corporate/Society level officers, especially the President, VP for Corporate Operations, and Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors.
  - Meet via videoconference and/or phone with kingdom seneschals, Directors, and other corporate and Society officers several times a month.
  - Provide training and advice to kingdom seneschals on a regular basis.
  - Present sanction packets to the Board and provide oversight of investigations related to possible sanctions.
  - Interpret Corpora and other SCA policies as needed; revise policies and create new policies as needed to facilitate SCA activities.
  - Evaluate and create documentation as needed to facilitate a positive experience for SCA participants.
  - Quarterly review of all Kingdom Seneschal reports,

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respond to reports, and refer Kingdom Seneschal requests or questions to the appropriate Society or Corporate officer for assistance as needed.

- Submit detailed quarterly reports to the President and Board, and supplemental reports as needed.
- Attend all quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors, mid-quarter conference call meetings, and other meetings as required.
- Other duties and projects may be assigned by the Board or President.

The Society Seneschal must be available for the four quarterly Board meetings, typically held over a Friday and Saturday or a Saturday and Sunday. These meetings may be held via

videoconference or in person.

In-person meetings require travel, typically on a Thursday and Sunday. In addition, the Society Seneschal must be available for conference call meetings of the Board four to twelve times a year, typically on weekday evenings, and meetings or calls with officers or directors on an as-needed basis. Additional travel besides the quarterly meetings may be required, typically around SCA events.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications, via email, to [resumes@sca.org](mailto:resumes@sca.org).

Applications are being accepted through January 15, 2024.

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## From the Kingdom Seneschal

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Greetings Æthelmarc,

My first day on the job as Kingdom Seneschal was quite exciting. There was wind, rain, and furious combat that resulted in our having new heirs to the throne of our Sylvan kingdom. It was an incredibly dramatic end to a wonderful tournament. Vivat to Their Highnesses Murdoch and Riognach.

Succession is an important thing, and I already have that in mind as I am starting upon my journey in the office. Æthelmarc lives on not solely because of those who carry the torch, but also because of those who pick it up next. I want to help dissolve some of the mystery behind the Seneschalate. All too often I have heard people say, "Oh, I could never do that." In all honesty, though, I'm quite certain they could. It is a great job, and I hope to encourage and teach people to find joy in it if they so desire. Please look forward to classes, discussions, and open meetings for those who are inter-



ested in learning more.

Coming soon we have some events to get bids on, a few positions to fill, and the big one looming before me, the search for the mayor of Pennsic 53. The announcement for this is to be found elsewhere in this month's Æstel.

Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

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## From the Kingdom Equestrian Officer

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It is with great pleasure and pride, that I am able to announce the re-awakening of our glorious Kingdom Equestrian Guild.



A guild constructed of artisans and researchers, as well as equestrians.

That is right, you are reading correctly. YOU and YOU can join this team of networks and doers. Riding knowledge and having a horse is NOT a requirement to join this guild. The only requirement would be that you like to help and support the equestrians. We are planning on working together and creating items with needle and thread or out of wood or leather; or researching historical horse tack, riding attire, training methods or medieval life with horses.

We need YOU to grow our equestrian program. Your skills and experiences are needed to aid others in increasing their knowledge and become confident in constructing their own kit, repairing or building equestrian equipment, or helping during mounted activities during events. If this sounds like YOU, and you would love to be involved with it, please reach out to me.

This guild has been dormant for some time and I am just starting to get rid of the accumulated spiderwebs and dust right now. More information and guidelines for this equestrian guild will be posted as we start working together. Suggestions are welcome and as mentioned above, this guild is open to everyone.

I hope to hear from you,

In Service

THL Gesa van Wellenstein

KEO and Equestrian Guild Leader



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## From the Kingdom Exchequer

Greetings from the Kingdom Exchequer's Office!

For Kingdom Officers - With the end of the year fast approaching, it is time to start planning for the new year. Please review your expenses from the year and forward your next year's budget requests for review/discussion.

For Group Exchequers, please take some time to make sure your books are in order to make your end of year reporting easier. Also, when submitting your NMR payments, please do not combine it with other payments. NMR checks are sent to the NMR deputy. Profit share payments are sent to the Kingdom Exchequer

Should you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc, please contact the Exchequer Office at [exchequer@aethelmearc.org](mailto:exchequer@aethelmearc.org)

Sincerely,

Tigernach mac Cathail  
Kingdom Exchequer



## From the Authorizations Clerk

Greetings from THL Deirdre Scot of Clann Scot, Kingdom Authorization Clerk!

While it has been my pleasure to serve the Kingdom as the Authorization Clerk over the past 5 years and the deputy prior to that. It is time for me to pass the torch to someone with the urge to serve the Kingdom.

**DUTIES OF THE AUTHORIZATION CLERK:**

1. Create all Æthelmearc authorization cards.
2. Maintain the electronic files of authorizations.
3. Ensure that the Kingdom MOL has access to the electronic database as needed.
4. The authorizations clerk must report at regular intervals (check Earl Marshal reporting schedule) with copies being forwarded to the Earl Marshal, Deputy Earl Marshal, Rattan Marshal Kingdom Marshal of Fence, Chancellor of the Youth and others as requested. This report should include the following: total number of current adult, minor

with adult, and youth authorizations in the kingdom, number of authorized rattan, number of authorized rapier, number of authorized equestrian, number of authorized youth, any other information upon request.

**AUTHORIZATIONS CLERK REQUIREMENTS:**

To effectively execute the position, a candidate will need the following:

1. A computer, either PC or Mac. The machine should be fairly recent and of sufficient power to handle the processing of the database.
2. Knowledge of google forms & google suite
3. A color printer for laminated cards.
4. Approximately 10 hours per week to process and handle requests and questions. This position takes approximately 10 hours per week, this can either increase or decrease dramatically depending on several factors, including but not limited to weather, event season and technological difficulties.
5. Internet and e-mail access.
6. Willing to learn the online system and bring improvements to the office.

If you have the ambition, creativity and patience to serve our glorious Kingdom. Please forward your resume to myself

at [authorization@aethelmearc.org](mailto:authorization@aethelmearc.org); [king@aethelmearc.org](mailto:king@aethelmearc.org); [queen@aethelmearc.org](mailto:queen@aethelmearc.org); [prince@aethelmearc.org](mailto:prince@aethelmearc.org); [process@aethelmearc.org](mailto:process@aethelmearc.org) and [seneschel@aethelmearc.org](mailto:seneschel@aethelmearc.org).

Letters of intent are due by Dec.15. Office to be handed over at 12<sup>th</sup> Night.

In Service I Remain,  
THL Deirdre



# Pennsic Information

## THE BID PROCESS FOR BECOMING MAYOR OF PENNSIC WAR

The Hosting Crowns for the Kingdoms of the East, Middle and Æthelmarc select Pennsic War Mayor for the Pennsic War that they will be hosting. The selection process starts in January TWO YEARS in advance of the Hosting Kingdom's year.

The Three Kingdoms host Pennsic on a rotation basis with each of the three kingdoms being responsible for the Pennsic War every third year.

For example: for Pennsic 50, the Kingdom of Æthelmarc Seneschal called for bids at beginning January 2019. The bid process ended on May 1, 2019, and Royalty selected the Mayor by July 1, 2019.

The goal is to select from a qualified candidate pool, the best person for the position of Pennsic Mayor, regardless of the person's Kingdom of residence.

We are currently seeking Bids for Pennsic 53, August 2026.

### The Bid Process

In the Administrative Policies of the Pennsic War, Section C - The bid process states that "... Potential autocrats may request a bid packet from one of the three Kingdom Seneschals. The bid packet will include minimum bid requirements, submission deadlines, and budget actuals from previous Pennsics to assist bidders in developing a preliminary budget. The announcement calling for bids will be published in all three Kingdoms' newsletters four months prior to the bid deadline...."

Please consider this on-line document, and its related links to be the Bid Packet. If you would like a hard copy of this packet sent to you, please contact the appropriate Kingdom Seneschal and write to that person. Email requests of the described documents may also be sent upon request.

Before you begin you must be familiar with the following documents:  
Pennsic Administrative Policies  
Pennsic Financial Policies

You might also want to look at "So, you want to be the Mayor of Pennsic?" While it is not an official document of Pennsic of the SCA, it is a useful resource from a former Mayor of Pennsic War and will give you an in-depth list of questions you must ask yourself to see if you are ready to try to take on the management of the largest SCA event.

As stated before, the Crowns of the Hosting Kingdom appoint the Mayors. This is done upon recommendation of the Seneschals of the East, Middle and Æthelmarc,

The Bid deadline is May 1 of any year. The Seneschals have 30 days to review the bids received and advise Their Majesties. Their Majesties have until July 1 to make a decision.

Your bid must contain the following, at a minimum:

[These requirements are from the Administrative Documents which govern how Pennsic War is administered.]

SCA and modern name and contact information for the following:

Mayor  
Emergency Deputy  
Key department heads, with descriptions of previous Pennsic staff experience and/or other relevant experience

Resume (SCA and modern) of autocrat, including previous Pennsic staff experience and/or other relevant experience

Statement of why you wish to organize Pennsic and what qualifications you bring to the project.

Letters of intent from each key department head confirming their agreement to be on the autocrat's staff in that position.

A draft preliminary budget, including proposed fee schedule, projected attendance, estimated gross revenue, estimated expenses, and any budget areas that are expected to change significantly (due to special projects, anniversary years, etc.). The hosting Kingdom Seneschal will help by providing budget actuals and non-cash asset inventories from previous Pennsics.

Any new projects, activities, or changes in procedures/operations proposed for the war.

This may sound daunting, but let's explore each item.

This is about you and your emergency deputy and any confirmed division or department heads you have. It is understood that it is difficult to ask over 100 people to commit to an event almost three years in advance. However for yourself and the person who will have to take over for you in an emergency it is needed. You and he/she must be willing to commit to this. Full information must be tendered as this will be used to create warrants, should you be successful in your bid.

Please see below for more information about your Division and Department heads.

Tell us who you are and what you have done in the SCA and in the Modern World.

Yes... WHY? Why do you want to devote your life to this project?

There is no right or wrong answer to this question, however writing "I think it would be really cool to ride around in a golf cart and tell people what to do", may not be your best choice of response.

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This is required because in the past people often found out they were on someone's bid and had not been asked if they were willing to be. This eliminates the surprise factor. It also eliminates a bidder from "just putting names down" to make their bids look good.

The letter needs only contain the person's willingness to work for the bidder. It may be as simple as:

"I [Name of person], agree to work for [Name of the Bidder] in any capacity needed, should [Name of Bidder] be successful in becoming the Autocrat/Mayor of Pennsic [insert Pennsic number].

[Signed - Or - Email confirmation with full headers]

The Budget for Pennsic War is formidable. At last look it was over \$280,000.00. You, as Mayor, would be responsible for dealing with all aspects of the budget. You must work with the Pennsic Financial Committee. You must work with the Pennsic Exchequer. You must work with Division and Department heads to ensure the estimated expenses of each area are met. Items to help you:

The Pennsic Financial Policy. You must be familiar with this document and be willing to follow it to the letter.

As required by the Admin Policies, you must submit a sample budget

with your bid. Here is a scaled down version of the Pennsic 35 Budget (Excel file).

Copies of previous actual budgets for Pennsic Wars are available from one of the three Kingdom Exchequers or Seneschals

Please note that this is the approved layout of the budget used for the last 3 years and for the foreseeable future. As you can see it is extensive. If you have questions or need help in creating a sample budget, Viscount Edward Zifran of Gendy, has assisted previous and future Mayors in creating and maintaining their budgets. Email him at [gendy@panix.org](mailto:gendy@panix.org).

Here is where you are able to talk about any new concepts or plans you might have for "your war". This is where you may further explain why you feel you would be the right person for this position.

Submitting the Bid

Once you have created and assembled the information required for your bid you must submit it to:

The Crown and Heirs of the Hosting Kingdom. Which for 2026 year is the Kingdom of Æthelmearc.

[Because of coronation schedules, the deciding Crown of the Hosting Kingdom will be whoever is Crown on May 1 of the year in question.]

The Seneschals of The East, Middle

and Æthelmearc.

[their email is generally [seneschal@\[insert Kingdom name here\]](mailto:seneschal@[insert Kingdom name here])]

Any bid that does not have the requisite material will be returned as incomplete and will not be considered in the review process. If there is time remaining, you may be allowed to resubmit before the deadline [i.e. - you submit your incomplete bid in February, there might be time to resubmit before the deadline of May 1. However if you submit May 1, and it is incomplete, there would be no time to resubmit].

On behalf of the Kingdom Seneschals' Group, I thank you for your interest in becoming the Mayor of Pennsic War.

Yours,

Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

Kingdom Seneschal of Æthelmearc

## Help recognize the hardworking people of the Kingdom!

Please consider submitting an award

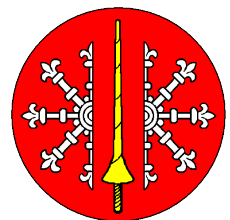
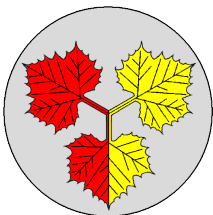
recommendation!

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/>





# Kingdom Events

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## Æthelmearc Holiday Shoot VI December 2nd, 2023 Hosted by The Shire of Hunter's Home

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Æthelmearc Holiday Shoot VI  
December 2, 2023, 9am-5pm  
Route 157 Archery World, 866 Sporer Rd,  
Venus, PA, United States, Pennsylvania

Archers of the Sylvan Kingdom, please  
come join us for a day of challenging in-  
door archery, holiday fellowship, and fab-  
ulous prizes!

The Shire of Hunter's Home brings you  
the Æthelmearc Holiday Shoot, at the  
ENORMOUS indoor archery range of  
Archery World .

There are over 80 3D targets at ranges  
out to 50 yards to be shot, as well as a  
few surprises in store from your co-  
Autocrat and Marshal-in-Charge, THL  
Alrekr Bergsson (David Bessler –  
bessler128@gmail.com)

Christmas Cap Caper  
A company of capricious creatures have  
captured Claus's collection of Christmas  
caps. Can a company of quick and canny  
commandos contain the chaos this  
caused? Clutch your quivers as we crack  
the case! This competition will be run  
throughout the day, and scoring will be  
efficiency based (i.e., the less arrows fired  
to retrieve all the caps, the better).

Collecting Presents  
One thing shared by most holidays of this  
season is the giving of gifts. Fret not! The  
field is strewn with presents in all shapes  
and sizes! Throughout the day, your chal-  
lenge is to collect as many of these gifts  
as possible, by any means necessary.  
Which, since we are archers, means  
shooting them! While each present is  
worth 1 point per hit, the rules for each  
present change (some are untimed with  
varying numbers of arrows, some are  
timed with various time limits).

Holiday Tournament in the late afternoon,  
the top 4 scorers for each of the all-day  
shoots will compete in a tournament cele-  
brating holidays from throughout the year.  
Since an archer could be in the top 4 for  
both contests, and because there could  
be ties for 4th place, there is no predicting

exactly how many people will be in this  
tournament, so the exact structure and  
method of elimination will be determined  
on location.

There will be only a very small sideboard  
available. Please prepare a to bring a  
lunch with you.

Event Price: \$10  
Member Discount Price: \$5  
Range Cost (active archers only): \$12  
Make checks payable to Shire of Hunter  
Home SCA PA, Inc.

If you have any questions, please contact  
the co-autocrat, Thorfinnr Elsfiord (Tod  
Elford) [thorfinnr.elsfiord@gmail.com](mailto:thorfinnr.elsfiord@gmail.com)  
814-720-9017  
Delftwood Yule  
Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 from  
9am to 6pm.

**Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessi-  
bility:** Entrance is very accessible; the  
range is not. The bathrooms are very  
small

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## Delftwood Yule December 2nd, 2023 Hosted by The Barony of Delftwood

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The Barony of Delftwood invites everyone  
to our yearly celebration of the Holiday  
season and the approaching New Year. It  
will be a relaxing and joyful day of games,  
music and merriment for all ages. In addi-  
tion, the Baronial Bardic and A & S Cham-  
pions will be chosen.

The event is at St Paul's Lutheran Church  
210 Hazel St Liverpool, NY 13008.

Event Autocrat – Baron Ixac Ben Simone.  
If you have any questions about the  
event, please contact Baron Ixac (Adam  
Sukert) on Facebook, email  
at [burdick212@hotmail.com](mailto:burdick212@hotmail.com) or text him at  
818-259-4646. Home address is 622 Bos-  
ton Rd Mattydale, NY 13211.

Dayboard will be available from Noon to  
2pm and prepared by Lord Finnian. We  
will post a full menu, including ingredients,  
for anyone to read at the event prior to the  
Dayboard. If you have any dietary re-  
strictions, please contact Lord Finnian  
at [P.braun113@gmail.com](mailto:P.braun113@gmail.com) or Baron Ixac.

Troll will open Saturday morning, starting  
at 9am until 1:00pm. The site closes  
promptly at 6pm and all in attendance  
must be off site by that time.

Adult Event Registration: \$20  
Adult Member Discount Event Registra-  
tion: \$15.  
Children (age 6 to 17): \$10  
Babes in arms (age 5 and younger) are  
free.  
Family cap non-member: \$40 (On site  
only)  
Family cap members: \$30 (On site only)  
(Dayboard is included)

Please make all checks for pre-  
registration payable to: SCA-NY Barony of  
Delftwood and mail to SCA-NY Barony of  
Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse, NY  
13217. Pre-registration checks must be  
received by November 18th. If you have  
any questions, please contact the Auto-  
crat.

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.

There is a free parking lot at the site as  
well as available street parking. The site is  
one floor, at ground-level, so the entire  
site is wheelchair accessible. It is com-  
pletely indoors, but due to the date in De-  
cember and depending on the weather all  
attendants might want to wear warm garb.  
There will be a playroom with Yuletide  
inspired games and activities meant for all  
ages available throughout the day. Pets  
are not permitted on site – only Service  
Animals as permitted by the ADA. Also,  
there is no alcohol permitted on site.

The Baronial Bardic Championship will be  
held during lunch and will be run by our  
current Baronial Bardic Champion Lady  
Glenna Cholomondeley. The theme is  
TBD. The Baronial A & S Championship  
will be held between 2pm and 4pm and  
will be run by our current Baronial A & S  
Champion Noble Zabela  
Zavodchikov. The theme is TBD. The  
Peace Tourney starts at 10am until 4pm  
and will be run by Lady Muirgen of Delft-  
wood. We will honor the tradition of hiding  
the bean in the King's cake and crowning  
a Lord or Lady of Misrule.

# Kingdom Events

If you are a scribe, whether a veteran of scribal arts or you just started, please bring any complete scrolls or works in progress for a scroll display so attendants at the event can see the talent and skill of the society scribes. We will be playing Yuletide Period music in the Great Hall during the event. Merchants are welcome with no additional charge to the event registration. Please contact the Autocrat for more information. Please visit the Delftwood website, Delftwood Facebook page or Event Facebook page for updates before the event.

**Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility:** The site is one floor, ground level so there is easy access for someone in a wheelchair or someone with other disabilities.

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Revel at the Cordial Stag Inn  
December 9th, 2023  
Hosted by The Shire of  
Hunter's Home

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Revel at the Cordial Stag Inn  
December 9, 2023, 9am-8pm  
Conneaut Lake Sportsmens Assoc.  
11861 Sportsman Rd, Conneaut Lake,  
PA 16316

Good day, good day Nobles one and all from whence those brave Hunters of these Sylvan Lands do call Home! Mark well ye a most momentous and novel occurrence to come! For lo, after the War, after the Harvest, yet before the darkest night, there shouldst be a Revel! And it shouldst be filled with dance! And drink! And games of whimsey to test if skill or folly rules the day! How's that food t'weren't yet mentioned? Yea, finest victuals shall be had! And sweets, so many!, as seen on display at nuptial's celebrations in those Debatable Lands! (meaning a Pittsburgh Cookie Table!) Hast thou skill in concocting cordials? Bring your brews! Test thine skills and allowst yon fellow revelers to proclaim whose delectable drink deserves decoration!

PREREGISTRATION ONLY by November 11, 2023!

Adult Event Registration is \$30  
Adult Member Discount Event Registration is \$25  
Children 12 and under: \$15

Head Cook: Mistress Otilige von Rapoltsweiler. Please contact [otilige@rocketmail.com](mailto:otilige@rocketmail.com) for dietary concerns.

Make checks payable to SCA-PA, Inc. – Shire of Hunters Home. Reservations may be sent to the Event Steward.

For each attendee, please include the following information:  
SCA Name & Legal Name  
Indicate which registrants are youths (12 years of age and under)  
Membership number, if applicable  
Contact info: Email address, and/or phone

Event Steward for this event will be Diana Chandler (c/o Deanna Kovell) [deakovell@gmail.com](mailto:deakovell@gmail.com), 412-215-9769  
2904 Idaho Ave., Bethel Park, PA 15102

**Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility:** There is a wheelchair accessible bathroom and ramps into the building and down to the lower level. The parking lot is paved. Please contract the autocrat with any concerns.

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Debatable Lands Baronial  
Investiture  
December 16th, 2023  
Hosted by The Barony March  
of the Debatable Lands

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In order to celebrate this historic investiture of our 9th Baronage Violeta de Valencia and Aurelia Argentia Prima the Barony-March of the Debatable Lands (under the guidance of the Syndicate) would like to invite all who hear this to a glorious Masquerade. Here one may preen their feathers while wearing their most extravagant and outrageous garb. They may dance to their heart's content to live

music, or play period games of both chance and leisure; all while concealing their identity behind beautiful adorned masks.

In between the dancing and the gaming one may eat from the all day sideboard skillfully prepared by The Honorable Lady Elss of Augsburg. If you have any questions about dietary restrictions please reach out to Elss at [elss.of.augsburg@gmail.com](mailto:elss.of.augsburg@gmail.com) If you are of age and inclined one may also imbibe in some adult beverages supplied by our wonderful Brewers Guild.

The site opens Saturday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m and closes at 9:00 p.m, and is held at North Park Lodge, N Ridge Dr, Allison Park, PA 15101

The Autocrats of the event are:  
Ceindrech verch Elidir (Kate Neely),  
124 Hahn Lane, Monroeville PA  
15146, 412-901-  
5737 [ceindrech.verch.elidir@gmail.com](mailto:ceindrech.verch.elidir@gmail.com)  
Dorothea Stark Schutze (Dorothea Ward), 2353 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls PA 15010, 412-719-6285, [bsw5032@gmail.com](mailto:bsw5032@gmail.com)

Registrations

\$15 – Adult Registration  
\$10 – Adult SCA Member Discount Registration  
\$5 – Children 6-17 years old  
Free – Children 5 and under

Pre-Registration shall be sent to our Head Tollner Elizabeth Parker at 124 Hahn Lane, Monroeville, PA 15146

Checks are to be made out to: SCA PA, Inc – Debatable Lands.

**Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility:** Wheelchairs must exit and use an exterior ramp to go down to the lower level

**Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy:** 21 and older, ID will be checked

# Æthelmarc by Region

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www.mistyhighlands.org

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www.portoasis.org

#### Shire of Sylvan Glen

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#### Shire of Ballachlagan

(Wheeling, WV)  
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Catherine of Aksu (Catherine McLean)  
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#### Shire of Steltonwald

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#### Shire of Sunderoak

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#### Shire of Nithgaard

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## Events - “at a glance” December 2023

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**December 2nd, 2023** Æthelmearc Holiday Shoot VI, Hosted by The Shire of Hunter’s Home

**December 2nd, 2023** Delftwood Yule, Hosted by the Barony of Delftwood

**December 9th, 2023** Revel at the Cordial Stag Inn, Hosted by The Shire of Hunter’s Home

**December 16th, 2023** Debatable Lands Baronial Investiture, Hosted by The Barony March of the Debatable Lands



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