

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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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.

2024 Quarterly Board Meetings

January 28, 2024 — Virtual

April 14, 2024 — Virtual (Tentative)

July 21, 2024 — Virtual (Tentative)

October 20, 2024 — Virtual (Tentative)

Æthelmearc Royalty

Their Royal Majesties

Murdoch Bayne and Ríoghnach ní Rose



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Their Royal Highnesses

To be determined at Crown Tournament, May 11th, 2024



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Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

Queen's Rapier Champion:

Don Robert MacEwin of Thornberry

Cut and Thrust:

Don Salvadore de la Torres

Regalo de las Rosas

Don Nicolás Loredan da Venezia

Heavy Weapons Champion:

Sir Beatrix Krieger

Archery Champion:

Mistress Elska a Fjarfelli

Thrown Weapons Champion:

Don Mathias Al Taba

King's Equestrian Champion:

Lord Joel Geraldson

Queen's Equestrian Champion:

Shah Megis Elmanou

Shield of Chivalry:

THL Siegfried Corloys

King's Bardic Champion (Dexter):

Master Donnan MacDubhsidhe

Queen's Bardic Champion (Sinister):

Maighstir Liam MacantSaoir

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala

Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

Youth Combat Champion:

Arinbjorn

Brewing Champion:

Magister Casimir Zelený z Strášná skála

Youth Arts and Science Champion:

John Robert

Landed Barons & Baronesses of Æthelmearc

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

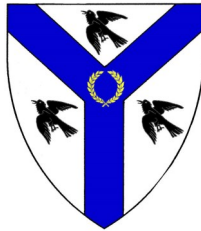
Violeta de Valencia and Aurelia Argentia Prima



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Barony of Thescore

Andriú mac Domnaill and Nuzha bint Saleem



Baron@thescore.org, Baroness@thescore.org

Barony of the Rhydderich Hael

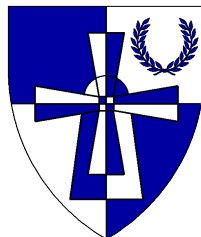
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Barony of Blackstone Mountain

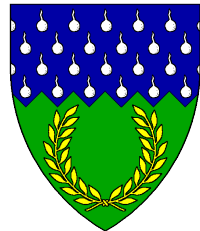
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Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

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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

Murdoch Bayne and Ríoghnach ní Rose



Greetings, beloved populace!

The season of war has drawn to a close. Our kingdom's people and their hospitality, martial prowess, artistic endeavors, acts of service, and care of the community are truly second to none. We could not be more proud to be your King and Queen.

Each of us has a part in making the dream come alive for others. We cannot thank you enough for how you have made the dream come alive for us. Æthelmearc is pure magic.

With the turning of the seasons comes also the time for Æthelmearc's royal line to continue. As we prepare for the cooler weather and make plans for our retirement, We are comforted to know that our heirs, Bjarki and Gabrielle, stand ready to succeed us. This kingdom that we all love will be in good hands.

With gratitude and love,

Murdoch & Ríoghnach
Rex et Regina, 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:

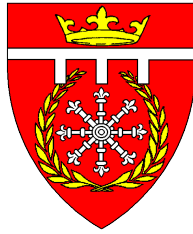
<https://aethelmearc.org/award-recommendation-form>

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From Their Royal Highnesses

Dearest Populace,

The drums of war are still echoing in our ears, and though peace is now won we are still not quite ready to put up our swords, bows, and axes.



With the coming fall, We are hoping for beautiful days where We can watch -- and sometimes meet -- our fellow warriors on their chosen fields of battle. Our Coronation will be September 21st, wherein we celebrate, not only the beginning of our journey, but the prowess of those who shoot and those who ride.

We look forward to a joyful time of honing our more war like pursuits before winter closes in and invites us to home and hearth and gentler crafts.

we hope you will join us.
Yours in service,

HRH Bjarki and HRH Gabrielle

From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Æthelmearc.

I write this in a torrential down-pour during the turmoil of the Pennsic War. Lightning flashes in the darkening skies, the rolling sounds in the distance could be either thunder from above, or approaching armies on the ground. So needless to say, exciting times.



The Pennsic War is the biggest thing we do in the SCA. People from across the Known World gather to make the Dream happen, and though we may be bitter rivals on the field of battle, we are all comrades when there is work to be done.

As the old saying goes: Annual enemies, eternal friends.

I think my favorite part of the War has been working with my counterparts, Baron Thomas of Effingham of the East Kingdom and Duchess Arabella Silvermane of the Midrealm. Cooperation and teamwork make the most trying of duties easier and more pleasant.

We still have exciting times ahead of us. Their Royal Majesties are holding their second Curia Regis on Wednesday August 21st. I hope to see you all there! We also have numerous events on the calendar including Known World Cooks and Bards, because why not have the entire Known World in our lands twice in the same month? And of course a month later on September 21st our next Coronation is upon us.

Please consider offering your service to Prince Bjarki Rikardson and Princess Gabrielle de Winter during their upcoming reign. Helping them to shine brings light upon us all.

In Service to the Realm,
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

From the Kingdom Chronicler

Hello Æthelmearc!

A reminder from last issue...The end of my term is drawing near (November 2024) and as such I want to start the resume process for a possible replacement. I spoke briefly with their Highnesses and Majesties and communicated my willingness to serve a second term, but calling for resumes is still required by policy. More importantly I want to provide an opportunity for up-and-coming people to make their own mark in the Society. Service is good, but it is important that people who have already had a chance to serve give way to people waiting to serve. The Society only grows stronger if we allow new blood and fresh ideas a chance. The job of a Chronicler is not easy. Applicants are expected to meet firm and multiple dead-



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lines, interact with Kingdom officers and Royalty for monthly content, and communicate with and oversee the other Chroniclers in the Kingdom. The Chronicler is also part of the Kingdom financial committee and will interact with the other great officers on financial matters. The Chronicler works directly with the Historian's office and the Event Coordinator. Applicants should have good computer skills, reliable internet access, a desktop computer, and software capable of desktop publishing. Please direct questions (or if you would like to more about the office) to my office email (chronicler@aethelmearc.org) or feel free to send me a DM via the Book of Face.

Read the full Chronicler polices here:
<https://aethelmearc.org/officers/chronicler>

Send resumes to (this will go to all required Royalty and Officers):

Resume.chronicler@aethelmearc.org

Thank you all!
YIS

Magnus de Lyons
Æthelmearc Kingdom Chronicler

From the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Science

Hello from your Kingdom Arts and Sciences Ministers!

We need your help! We would like to have our Kingdom Arts and Sciences Championships in the Fall and not make life difficult by tagging onto an already planned event. However, the only free weekends available to Their Royal Majesties is either the weekend of October 19, November 23, or sometime in December/January: We need a space that is a large room where all the entrants can each have a table.

We would LIKE to also host a Kingdom Guild Hall where (in the other half of said room or a different room all together), we can have ALL the Kingdom Guilds host table space and background displays to garner new interest in our varied guilds, but that's asking for a bit.

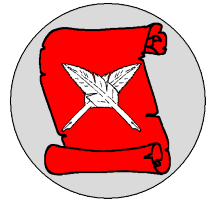


Can anyone help us with a space? Let us know at ans@aethelmearc.org.

THL Maggie Rue

From the Kingdom Minister of the Lists

As my second term as Kingdom MOL comes to a close in January 2025, I am eager to start the process of finding a suitable replacement. A smooth transition is crucial, and I encourage anyone who may be interested in the position to consider applying. As the Kingdom Minister of the List, you will be required to attend (and run) every Crown Tournament, engage and encourage new MOLs, are encouraged to attend every Coronation to participate in the ceremony, and provide significant support at Pennsic with getting fighters signed in at Inspection Point. You must also work closely with the Kingdom Earl Marshal as this position reports to him. The term is two years, with the possibility of serving a total of two terms. If you have any questions about the position and what it entails, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or through Facebook Messenger. Please send your letter of intent to me, Dame Olyf Moorcroft, at mol@aethelmearc.org and copy the following people:



- Sir Arden Scot of Clann Scot, marshal@aethelmearc.org
- TRMs Murdoch and Ríoghnach, king@aethelmearc.org / queen@aethelmearc.org
- TRHs Bjarki and Gabriele, prince@aethelmearc.org / princess@aethelmearc.org

It has been my great honor to serve the Kingdom for the last four years, and I look forward to seeing what my successor achieves during their time in office.

Best regards,

Olyf

Court Reports

Arts & Sciences Faire and Queen's Prize Tourney

20 April, Anno Societatis LVIII

Documented from the Rolls and Files of the Coram Regibus of Murdoch I Rex and Ríoghnách I Regina, King and Queen of Æthelmearc: Being a True Record of the Business of Their Royal Court at the Arts & Sciences Faire and Queen's Prize Tourney, 20 April, Anno Societatis LVIII, in the Canton of Dunloch. As recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Jewel of Æthelmearc Herald, with the assistance of Lady Umbriana Campana, deputy signet.

Their Majesties praised the day's activities and thanked all who attended, especially the artisans who displayed and were part of the Faire.

Their Majesties then invited the (single) youth member in attendance to come forward and select a toy from the toybox.

Next, Their Majesties greeted a newcomer and invited them to select a drinking vessel.

Their Majesties gave leave to Their Excellencies Delftwood, Thorbjorn and Oðindisa, to conduct Baronial Court.

Upon the conclusion of Baronial Court, Their Majesties released Mistress Gytha Oggdottir from her service to the kingdom as our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion deputy. They then invited Hatun Gülşa al Zakiyya into Their Presence and accepted her oath of fealty as Kingdom Great Officer for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

Following this, Their Majesties desired that The Honorable Lady Maggie Rue, Kingdom Arts & Sciences minister, and The Honorable Lady Mairin O' Cadlah, deputy for Arts & Sciences, address the populace regarding the Prize Tourney. Her Ladyship Rue thanked all the advisors for sponsoring the artisans,

and announced that Brother Meuric ap Gwillim had earned the Populace Choice for his research on the early science of urinalysis. Her Majesty then presented The Honorable Lady Antoinette de Lorraine with the Queen's Prize for her cross stitch display.

All the entrants were invited forward to be presented with gifts and words from their sponsors:

- Lady Elinor Walden, sponsored by The Honorable Lord Owen Tegg.
- The Honorable Lady Eithne an Locha and Lee, each sponsored by The Honorable Lord Casimir Zelený z Strášná Skála.
- The Honorable Lady Antoinette de Lorraine, sponsored by Baroness Elena de la Palma.
- Don Michael Gladwyne, sponsored by Master Artemius Andreas Magnus (conveyed by Baroness Amalie Reinhardt).
- Lady Roisin Duncan, sponsored by Mistress Elyse le Bref.
- Lady Muirenn Ballach of Delftwood, sponsored by Master Benedict Fergue atte Mede.
- Brother Meuric ap Gwillim, sponsored by Meister-in Helena Mützhazenin.
- Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarsson, sponsored by Ípróttakona Elska a Fjarfelli.
- The Honorable Lord Weasel, sponsored by Baron Snorri.
- Lord Daniel of the Rhydderich Hael and Lord Terrence of the Rhydderich Hael, and Baron Rhion Elandris of Glyndyfrdwy, each sponsored by Mistress Eleanore Godwin.
- Lady Keara Caitlin MacLeod, sponsored by The Honorable Lady Moniczka Elzbieta Poznanska.

Their Majesties next sought Lady Ana Siena de Valbuena. Her Majesty commented that They were grateful for her efforts as the Seneschal of the Canton, and for her delicious food served that day, but that the reason They had called for her on this occasion was to recognize her skill in archery, by means of inducting her as a Companion of the Golden Alce. Scroll by Lady Kolfinia Jodisdottir, upon words by Master Po Silvertop.

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Their Majesties wished to be attended by Lord Wolfgang von Wilderwood. They thanked him for serving twice as Thrown Weapons Champion for the Barony of Delftwood and marked his dedication to archery and fencing as well as thrown weapons, deeming his skills worthy of being named a Companion of the Golden Alce. Scroll illumination by Mistress Maria Christina de Cordoba, calligraphy by Horst, and wording by Mistress Daedez of the Moritu.

Following this, Their Majesties desired to speak with Tierna Cainnech Obrion na n'Éireannach. In recognition of their skills in multiple martial activities, and in particular their service as a fencing marshall-in-training, Their Majesties were minded to name them a Companion of the Golden Alce. Scroll by Lady Umbriana Campana upon words by Master Cyrus Augur.

Their Majesties then requested the presence of Don Michael Gladwyne. They complimented his display and research, but explained that it was not for arts, but for his longstanding service, that he was to be recognized. Having heard as much from Their Noble Order of the Millrind, They called for that Order to join them, and inducted him as a Companion of that number. Scroll illumination by Lady Vedis Aradottir, calligraphy by adelante urraca beatriz botelho, and words by Baroness Sadira bint Wassouf.

Their Majesties next wished to be attended by The Honorable Lady Svana in Kyrra. His Majesty spoke with Her Ladyship of the artistic process, and in particular, as had been referenced several times that day, the "rabbit holes" into which artists may disappear as they delve deeper into their research, and the lengths to which they go to bring their work to the next level. Their Majesties further said that They had seen and heard of Her Ladyship's efforts in this regard, over many years, and the example Her Ladyship sets in embroidery as well as late-period clothing. They also revealed that others had spoken loudly and insistently of Her Ladyship's merit. Therefore, They invited forward the Most Noble Order of the Laurel, and directed Her Ladyship by means of Writ

to choose a date on which to contemplate elevation into that assembly. Scroll by The Honorable Lady Gesa von Wellenstein upon words by "some guy in a hat" (Master Po Silvertop).

At this time, Her Majesty named The Honorable Lord Weasel as Queen's Inspiration for the day, for his tenacity in pursuit of his goals and the inclusivity with which he shared his learning.

Their Majesties thanked all the scribes and word-smiths who contributed to the scrolls bestowed during the day's Court.

There being no further business, Their Majesties' Court closed.

**Google for Æ
Account Sign-ups**

[http://ae.scaforms.org/
view.php?id=57079](http://ae.scaforms.org/view.php?id=57079)

**Policies found at
docs.aethelmearc.org
(Webminister folder)**

Kingdom & Other Events

Garnet and Steel Invitational Tournament

September 7th, 2024
The College of Silva Vulcani.

Dry, No Flames, No Weapons, R2, Service Animals Only / No Pets, TRH Royal Progress, TRM Royal Progress, Wheelchair Accessible

In the spirit of encouraging Ceremony, sparking competition, and providing an opportunity for the populace to experience a display of the deep love for Courtesy, Honor and Kingdom that our rapier community holds dear, Let it be known that we are sponsoring this Invitational Tournament of the Field of Garnet and Steel.

This tournament will take place on September 7th, 2024 at Hamer Hall on the campus of PennWest California, at the College of Silva Vulcani.

Patterned after the 1520 spectacle of the Field of Cloth of Gold, jointly held by King Francis I and Henry VIII, shall be an invitation-only Rapier event with all the panoply, display and courtesy worthy of the best and brightest of our Rapier community and the Society as a whole. There will be exactly 32 invitations, and entrance challenge coins, to be earned by way of Victory or reknown through the year beginning in the spring of 2023 and with a final qualifying tournament at Pennsic 2024. Of those slots, we have identified some tournaments where victory on that day will earn an invitation, and there are some few open slots yet where an invitation may be earned. I here encourage anyone: Shires, Colleges, Baronies, Households, or individuals, to sponsor a Rapier tournament and reach out to me with a request to be added to that list. If anyone had an inspiration to host a Rapier tournament, Do it!

We encourage everyone to come out and cheer on this spectacle of Martial panache, with banners and tabards and all manner of pomp as befitting a glorious tournament in honor of expert and courteous discourse of the blade, and look forward to sharing this afternoon with everyone.

For more information about the tourney, please contact Duke Malcolm MacEoghainn (syrmalcolm@gmail.com) for information about the site, please contact the event steward Gabby Winter — Gabbywinter@gmail.com.

Take your best route to PennWest University California (Formerly California University

of PA) — 250 University Ave., California PA 15417. When you pass the twin towers turn left, and cross the railroad tracks, following the river until the next train crossing. Park there. Cross the road and Hamer is to your left.

This event will be free to the public.

September 7 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Blackstone Annual Muster & Feast

September 13th-15th, 2024
Hosted by The Barony of Blackstone Mountain

Contained Flames, Damp/Discreet, Not Wheelchair Accessible, Pets Allowed, R1, Tied Weapons Only

Join us, on the banks of the great river which makes our western border, in our mission; a show of force (and frivolity) to ensure the prospect of our nations.

The Barony of Blackstone Mountain is beginning a new tradition of hosting a recruiting event with the aim of growing the armies in the southern span of our great Kingdom as well as throughout Aethelmearc and the entirety of the SCA. Boons will be granted for the service of bringing a newcomer to share in our pastime. Sparking a flame of love for the modern medieval ages we have created in our Society.

Tournaments of all disciplines will display our prowess with martial activities and creative assets in our great Barony.

The public will be invited to view the proceeding from designated areas and possibly tour as staff are able and willing to with the idea of inspiring interest to encourage future participation.

There will be raffle prizes as bounty for recruitment. Entry to win is bought by having a newcomer list a member as a referral to the event. The member with the most recruits will be granted an exclusive baronial accolade to be handed down in the following year as an ongoing tradition for the event.

We hope to enact a process of better acclimating newcomers and encourage participation within our communities.

Ravenswood is centrally located in our barony between Charleston, Parkersburg, and Point Pleasant which are our largest dense

populations. The site is also a daytrip 2-3 hours' drive from Clarksburg, Huntington, Morgantown, Beckley, and Wheeling WV As well as many municipalities in south-east Ohio and South West PA.

+Non-member Adult Fee: \$25
+Adult SCA Member Fee: \$15
+Youth Fee (17-6yo): \$5
+Ages 5 and under- FREE
+Feast Fee \$15 (Feast cap of 50 PRE-REG ONLY) 5 years or younger included in adult feast fee
+Camping: Free, RV spots available (contact for more info)

ONLINE PREREGISTRATION : <https://forms.gle/ULuYpGNASz6fcrwEA>
-PREREGISTRATION CLOSING August 25th, 2024

- Troll opens Saturday Sept 14th at 8am activities planned starting at 9am
-FEAST and entry fee can be collected at troll for online unpaid preregistration
***-Registration for Feast (either by mail or online) MUST be made by AUGUST 25th
— NO ACCEPTIONS! —***

Preregistrations, Stage Reservations, Questions and Merchant requests can be made by contacting Autocrat Lady Brienne the Scorned (Katie Haught via text message at 304-532-4363 (text will get you a same-day response) or via email to katiehaught1@yahoo.com (email may take longer to respond to)
-Make checks or money orders payable to: SCA-WV Inc. Barony of Blackstone Mountain
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1191 St. Albans, WV 25177

Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility: Grassy Areas, Handicap Portocastle, small incline but overall very manageable access.

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: Effort should be made to use period containers and dispose of alcoholic beverage trash discreetly.

Additional Notes on Pet Policy: Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after there are available pet stations. Any animal that causes a disturbance will be asked to be removed.

Additional Notes on Flames: After the fire is extinguished the holes must be refilled and the sod/grass replaced. "No trace left behind" policy.

Kingdom & Other Events

Line Of Fire

September 14th 2024

Hosted by The Barony of
Delftwood

Contained Flames, Dry, No Weapons, Not
Wheelchair Accessible, R5, Service Animals
Only / No Pets, TRM Royal Progress

GREETINGS, GENTLEBEINGS!

Are you ready to step to the line, check your aim, and fill the autumn air downrange with arrows and bolts, axes and knives? Please join us for the Barony of Delftwood's traditional fall archery and thrown weapons event, with a new name:
Line of Fire!

Saturday September 14th, 2024, Delftwood Barony will be hosting our annual fall archery and thrown weapons event at the North Sportmans Club of West Monroe, NY, located at 1708 County Route 37 N, West Monroe, NY.

The site will open at 8:00am, and close for cleanup at 7:00pm. Lunch items will be for sale by the North Sportsmans Club.

The day will be filled with archery and thrown weapons activities including several novelty shoots/throws for youth and adults alike, a cross-martial activity endurance test open to all who wish to try, and the Baronial Archery Champion and Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion tourneys.

For those with more social ambitions, in lieu of the after-event bardic campfire our Bardic Champion will be hosting an open bardic circle during the day – no competition, just sharing songs and stories and music with a Pick/Pass/Play format. Come sit around the 'campfire', and tell a story, sing a song, play an instrument – or request that someone else does, or just sit and listen for the fun of it!

PLEASE NOTE #1: This is a BONE-DRY SITE – no alcohol is permitted or tolerated on the Club's grounds (this is the Club's rule).

PLEASE NOTE #2: There is a moderate amount of parking, carpooling is strongly encouraged.

PLEASE NOTE #3: Attended lanterns and candles on table surfaces are permitted, no other open flames will be allowed.

Additionally: service animals are welcome, no pets please (this is the Club's rule).

Questions may be directed to the day's Event Steward, Lady Megge Gormshuil-each (mka Meg Barney). She can be reached via e-mail at mothermegge@gmail.com, on Facebook under the name Megan Barney (look for the magpie!), by phone at 315-558-2300, or via the Event page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1327694171279085/>).

Adult event registration is \$25
Adult Member Discount Registration is \$15
Youth ages 6-14 Registration is \$5
For bairns 5 years of age and younger registration is free.

Reservations should be sent to:
Barony of Delftwood
PO Box 6694
Syracuse, NY 13217

Checks should be payable to: SCA-NY, Inc – Barony of Delftwood

Please include modern and SCA name (if applicable), email, and SCA Member number (if applicable) for all registering parties.

Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility: The site is an outdoor location, with a gentle grade to most of it.

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: Site is bone dry. The Club is serious about NO ALCOHOL permitted/tolerated on the property.

Additional Notes on Flames: Attended tabletop lanterns and candles only.

The Coronation of Bjarki Rikardarson and Gabrielle de Winter

September 21st

Hosted by hosted by The Shire of
Steltonwald

Contained Flames, Damp/Discreet, R2, Service
Animals Only / No Pets, TRH Royal Pro-
gress, TRM Royal Progress, Weapons Al-
lowed, Wheelchair Accessible

Glorious Æthelmarc, Rejoice! The time has come to crown our Highnesses, and In celebration, we wish to invite our beloved populace to delight in a day with grand displays of Martial prowess, Equestrian finesse, delicate arts, Games to enrich the mind, and Feasting to celebrate the beginning of the new reign! On September 21,

2024 Silva Vulcani, hosted by Steltonwald Invites you to join us at the Hookstown Fairgrounds for the Fall Coronation of Bjarki Rikardarson and Gabrielle de Winter.

Site fee will be \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Your gate fee includes a delicious Day-board open to all attendees.

Campsites with access to electricity are available for pre-registered guests at an additional \$25 per unit, per night (limit of 75 tents or trailers.) All campers and Equestrian participants with trailers must be preregistered.

Feast will also be available for pre-registered guests at an additional cost of \$15 and limited to 100 guests.

The Last Court of Murdoch and Rioghach will begin at 10am, followed by the start of all Martial and Equestrian activities, games, and Scribal playtime. Tournament start times will be forthcoming.

The First Court of Bjarki and Gabrielle will begin at 5pm, followed by feast with limited seating. The site closes at 10pm. Those camping Saturday night will need to be off site by 12pm Sunday morning.

Please send your preregistration along with payment to: Amy Jefferis 1936 country club ave, Youngstown, Ohio 44514. Make all checks payable to: SCA-PA inc- Shire of Steltonwald Address: 1198 PA-168, Hookstown PA 15050.

Parking will be in the field across from Gate 3, nearest the Grange Hall. Troll will also be posted at Gate 3. Service animals and personal mobility scooters welcomed!

Additional Notes:

Flames: campfires are permitted in campground area, but must be contained in a closed bottom fire bowl. Please plan to bring one along. No ash in the trash receptacles- proper disposal area will be marked.

Weapons: There are spaces designated for heavy and rapier combat, Archery, and thrown weapons.

Autocrat Notes:

Campers and equestrian participants bringing horses/ trailers must be preregistered. Horses' paperwork must be checked in by fair staff as they come off the trailer. Equestrian trailers, once unloaded, must park in Lot 7, unless they have living quarters, in which case they may use the camping facilities.

Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility: the campsite shower house has a 5" step onto the platform.

Kingdom & Other Events

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: Greene county is a dry county, however the venue itself is discreetly damp. No sales permitted, but gifts and light general consumption on Hookstown fair's grounds are welcome.

-There is absolutely no consumption of alcohol permitted in the Grange Hall.

Harvest Raid 30

September 27th to 29th

Hosted by The Shire of Heronter

Please join us for year 30 of Harvest Raid. The Shire of Heronter will once again gather at the traditional site to do the traditional things! Activities will include Heavy Fighting, Fencing, Thrown Weapons, Archery, A&S Display, Silent Auction, and more!

Troll will be open on Friday, September 27, 5:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 28, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The site will close at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, and all participants should plan to be off site by that time.

The event is at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, 5013 NY-430, Bemus Point, NY 14712. Cabin spaces and feast reservations should be requested at time of pre-registration and are based on availability. Please note that this year we are only permitted to use cabins 1-9 and there is no tent or camper camping at this time. We apologize for the inconvenience. Follow the event's Facebook page "Harvest Raid 30" and click Discussion for updates. <https://tinyurl.com/3e7a98t7>

Your Event Stewards for the event are Duchess Dorinda Courtenay and Baroness Slaine an Einigh. (You may contact them at Dorinda Courtine-White, 1355 White Tail Ln, Jamestown, NY 14701, or dcourtinewhite AT stny.rr DOT com or 716-640-1786 or Lisa Schmid-Miller at 43 Nottingham Circle, Jamestown, NY 14701 or 716-489-9255 or starbellygurl AT gmail DOT com). Please send all reservations to Dorinda at the above address by September 20.

The day board will be prepared by Lord Guy of Heronter and feast will be prepared by Duke Cygnus the Blissful. Please send any questions around allergies and dietary restrictions to the reservations clerk.

Registration

\$25 Adult Registration

\$15 Adult SCA Member-Discounted Registration

Day Registrations for Youths 17 years of

age and under are free when accompanied with a registration of a responsible adult

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\$18 Cabin Reservation

\$8 Youth Cabin Reservation (17 years of age and under)

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\$15 Feast Reservation

\$7 Child Feast Reservation (12 years of age and under)

Young children who do not need their own chair are not charged.

For each attendee, please include the following information:

SCA Name & Legal Name

Indicate which registrants are youths (17 years of age and under)

Membership number, if applicable

Contact info: Email address, and/or phone

For feast reservations, please indicate specific Adult or Child (12 years of age or under) with the request

For cabin reservations, please indicate specific Adult or Youth (17 years of age or under) with the request

Make checks payable to SCA, NY, Inc., Shire of Heronter and mail all registration info to: Dorinda Courtine White at the address listed above.

Directions:

From the West, South and East: Take your best route to I-86. Take Exit 10 (Westfield/Mayville) to get to Route 430 West. (From the West it is marked only as Route 430 West. Do not take exit 9 to Bemus Point). Follow the signs for Route 430 West towards Westfield and Mayville. From the exit, it will be several miles to the site (3 or 4 miles depending on where you start counting). You will pass Long Point Park and Midway Park before seeing the Lutheran Camp on your left at the top of a long hill next to a huge tree.

From the North: Take your best Route to I-90. Exit at the Westfield exit and take Route 394 to Mayville. Pick up Route 430 East and follow to the site. The site will be on your right.

Indoor space is available in the Main Hall for socializing, projects, games, and more as well as the A&S Display and Silent Auction. More information will appear on the Facebook page as we firm up details. Arts and Sciences Display – All attendees are encouraged to bring items, in progress or complete, to display in the Arts & Sciences Display. Documentation is encouraged but not required. There will be a populace vote with a prize to be announced at evening court.

Silent Auction – We welcome SCA-appropriate donations for a Silent Auction, including items you make or gear that needs a new home.

Merchants – Merchants are welcome with no additional charge to the event registration. Please contact the autocrat for more information.

There are some changes to the site rules this year: no flames, open or closed, are permitted – only battery candles. Also, all alcohol consumption is to be in the main hall.

Pets are not permitted on site – only Service Animals as permitted by the ADA.

Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility: The upper level of main hall is wheelchair accessible. There is a restroom and a shower that are wheelchair accessible. The owner of the site does not call it ADA Accessible as some cabins are not ADA Accessible.

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: All alcohol must be consumed in the main hall.

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