

The Tidings

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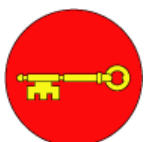


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Event Calendar

August 2024

1 *Deadline for September Tidings*

July 26- August 11 Pennsic War 51, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)

2 - 4 Murder Muster, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)

24 Middle Ages on the Green, Canton of Bryniau Tywynog (Tavistock, ON)

Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)

Aug 30 -Sept 2 Known World Cooks & Bards Symposium, Kingdom of Aethelmarc,(NY)

September 2024

1 *Deadline for October Tidings*

Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)

14 Stone the Crows, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)

21 Brawl in the Fall IV, Canton of Petrea Thule (Codrington, ON)

28 Fall Coronation, Barony of Rising Waters (Rockton, ON)

October 2024

1 *Deadline for November Tidings*

5 Huntsman's Havest, Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Binbrook, ON)

19 Crown Tournament, Canton of Bryniau Twynnog (Shakespeare, ON)

26 Step Spritely, Canton of Monadh (Missisauga, ON)

November 2024

1 *Deadline for December Tidings*

9 Tentatively: Feast of the Hare, Canton of Caldriithig (Ottawa, ON)

December 2024

1 *Deadline for January Tidings*

7 Wassail, Canton of Bryniau Twynnog (Shakespeare, ON)

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Kingdom Event Rotation

2025

2025 Spring A&S: Shires
(assist from Ramshaven)
2025 Spring Coronation: Rising Waters
2025 Spring Crown: Ben Dunfirth
2025 Fall Coronation: Septentria
2024 Fall Crown: Skraeling Althing

2026

2026 Spring A&S: Ramshaven
2026 Spring Coronation: Shires
(assist from Skraeling Althing)
2026 Spring Crown: Rising Waters
2026 Fall Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
2026 Fall Crown: Septentria

2027

2027 Spring A&S: Skraeling Althing
2027 Spring Coronation: Ramshaven
2027 Spring Crown: Shires
(assist from Septentria)
2027 Fall Coronation: Rising Waters
2027 Fall Crown: Ben Dunfirth

2028

2028 Spring A&S: Septentria
2028 Spring Coronation: Skraeling Althing
2028 Spring Crown: Ramshaven 2
2028 Fall Coronation: Shires
(assist from Ben Dunfirth)
2028 Fall Crown: Rising Waters

From Their Majesties

To the Citizens of Our glorious Kingdom of Ealdormere Evander and Marioun, your sovereigns;



From the fields of the debatable lands, under the punishing sun of the Serengeti we send word. We are at War, called to battle by Our allies.

So many of our dedicated people have come, to fight, to serve to the benefit of the known world. We are so proud of the strength of Ealdormere's representation among those who make the Pennsic War a successful campaign for all. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Travelling to Our Pennsic home brings together kindred from all over, for learning, sharing of projects, and cultures. It brings us closer in friendship to our SCA family. It gives our young people a chance to experience a village community which is unusual in modern life. We feel we have some home.

Our season of camping events acted as goof training for the tempestuous conditions at Cooper's Lake. Despite the weather, good times were had thanks to the labours of many at FOOL, Murder Melee, Baron's and Trillium War.

We look forward to many more events before the fall of Our reign. Thank you, everyone for making an exciting season for all.

Your King and Queen
Evander and Marioun.



Opening Ceremonies Pennsic War 51. Photo by Baroness Hillary of Langeforde

From Their Highnesses

Greetings people of Ealdormere!



The heat of the summer months has hit us and so have the storms. Hopefully, the storms subside before we venture to the debatable lands for Pennsic war. Nobody needs to be camping in a flood scenario. We will be attending Pennsic and look forward to seeing all of Ealdormere be well-represented in all facets of the war. War is not only a time of battle and disruption, it also brings many people together who may only have the chance to see each other at War. Make the most of this time and enjoy the company of distant and local friends. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

After We return from War, the days will start to shorten and the chill of winter will start to creep into the breeze as the leaves change colour. With this, We need to shift Our focus to securing the line of the North. We are proud to announce the conditions of our Crown tournament below. All applications will be due on or before September 20th, 2024. Combatants and Consorts will be announced at Coronation in our evening court.

In service,
Crispin & Anne,
Prince and Princess of Ealdormere

Requirements: In addition to the requirements outlined in Kingdom and Society law. All combatants and consorts have five additional requirements they must meet:

1. All combatants and consorts must display at least three items of heraldry in the procession and throughout the day.
2. All combatants and consorts must each produce, by their own hand, an arts and science entry to be displayed in the combatants' and consorts' arts and science display. In-process projects are acceptable. A card featuring a description of the project is required, however, formal documentation is encouraged but not required. If the entry is a performance, you will be expected to perform it during the procession.
3. In the combatant's letter of intent and procession speech, they must declare their primary/preferred weapon form. These weapons forms are limited to those listed on the Ealdormere authorization card: weapon and shield, two-weapon, and great weapon. Combat archery and siege engines are excluded.
4. All combatants must be authorized in all permitted weapon forms (Weapon & Shield, Two Weapon and Great Weapon). Ideally, these authorizations will be done before the day of Crown tournament. However, a small window will be made available before the procession to allow any last-minute authorizations.
5. Both combatant and consort must be present on the day of the tournament.
6. **Applications must be submitted to both TRM and the Kingdom Seneschal by September 20th, 2024 at 11:59 pm.**

*Deviations from crown requirements will be considered upon request. They will be handled on a case-by-case basis.



Formats:

Format 1 – *If there are 12 or fewer combatants on the day of the tournament:*

- The format will be a round-robin style tournament with each match being the best two out of three.
- Each combatant will be required to fight at least one full round of three against a single opponent with a weapon form other than their declared primary/preferred form.
- **The Finals:**
 - The top two combatants from the round-robin will compete in a best three-out-of-five final each round of which will be comprised of a best two-out-of-three match.
 - In the event of a tied score to determine the finalists, those tied will complete a semi-final bout of 2/3 to determine who will advance to the finals.
 - The weapon forms for the finals will be matched and take place in the following order: lower rank combatant's primary/preferred, higher rank combatant's primary/preferred, and by mutual combatant agreement. The final two fights, if necessary will be by mutual combatant agreement.
 - Combatants are not required to match specific weapons, only the weapon form. EG Pole Arm Vs. Great Sword would count as matched because they both fall under the great weapon authorization. Matching specific weapons is at the combatant's discretion
 - If an agreement cannot be reached, the weapon format will be decided by random draw by Her Majesty.

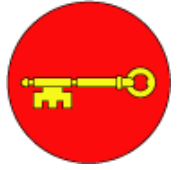
Format 2 – *If there are more than 12 combatants on the day of the tournament:*

- The format will be a double-elimination tournament.
- The tournament will be fought on the 16-man double elimination list tree.
- If there are more than 16 combatants, combatants will fight for a position on the tree using the sudden victory tree. Conversely, if there are fewer than 16 combatants, by-fights will round out the list to 16. If you are unfamiliar with the sudden victory tree, read pages 26 and 27 of [Double Elimination Trees "The Gold Standard of Tournaments"](#).
- Combatants will be placed on the tree by random draw. Names will be drawn by Her Majesty, immediately following the processional.
- Each round of the tournament will be best two-out-of-three fights.
- The semi-finals will be best two-out-of-three, the combatant from the undefeated side of the tree will need to win one round of three to advance. The combatant from the one-loss side of the tree will need to win two rounds of three to advance.
- **The Finals:**
 - Will be fought in matched-weapons forms to a best three-out-of-five forms. Each weapon form will be a best-two-out-of-three round.
 - The weapon formats for the finals will take place in the following order: lower rank combatant's primary/preferred, higher rank combatant's primary/preferred, by mutual combatant agreement. The final two fights, if necessary will be by mutual combatant agreement.
 - If an agreement cannot be reached, the weapon format will be decided by random draw by Her Majesty.
 - Combatants are not required to match specific weapons, only the weapon form. EG Pole Arm Vs. Great Sword would count as matched because they both fall under the great weapon authorization. Matching specific weapons is at the combatant's discretion.

From the Kingdom Seneschal

Hello Sunshines!

I am delighted to have begun accepting applications for the inaugural Kingdom DEIB officer. The deadline for applications has been extended until Aug 20, 2024. Applications should include a letter of interest and your SCA and mundane resume with relevant experience. Please send all applications to myself by email at ealdormere.kseneschal@gmail.com. If you are interested and have questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you to those who have already applied.



Their Highnesses have published their requirements for entry into their Crown Tournament in this newsletter. Please review those requirements carefully, as well as the relevant laws included below. Crown Tournament documentation must be submitted electronically (pdf preferred) to both the Kingdom Seneschal as well as their Highnesses. You will need to include a copy of your authorization card, the membership cards of both the entrant and the consort, a completed Crown Declaration form (as found in the library on the kingdom website), proof of residency for both the combatant and the consort, as well as all requirements set out by their Highnesses. Those documents are required to be submitted complete and on time.

Crown Tournament submissions will be accepted until 11:59 PM EDT on September 20th, 2024. That deadline is firm, 12:01 AM is too late. Save yourself the stress and get your submissions in early.

Please review the current laws of Ealdormere as they apply to Crown Tournaments and ensure you follow them in your applications.

III-400 All prospective combatants and consorts must be paid members of the SCA and must maintain that membership through to the end of Their reign. Proof of membership must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament.

III-500 All prospective combatants and consorts in the Crown Tournament must meet the following requirements:

III-501 They must be subjects of Ealdormere as defined by Corpora and must remain subjects of the Kingdom through to the end of Their reign.

III-502 They must be at least 18 years old.

III-503 They must have been subjects of Ealdormere and have demonstrated a clear level of involvement in the Kingdom over the year prior to the Crown Tournament.

III-504 They must be armigerous.

III-505 All prospective combatants must be authorized to fight as an armored combatant in the Kingdom of Ealdormere and must present proof of authorization when submitting their letter of intent.

III-600 Any person who does not meet the requirements of Section III-503 or 504 may make an application to the Heirs under the "Rule of 12" as outlined below:

The Prospective combatant and consort shall submit a request to participate in the Crown Tournament pursuant to Section III-200. Their request must be accompanied by a letter addressing why they seek dispensation from Section III-503 or III-504. This letter must bear the signatures of 12 subjects of Ealdormere, all of whom are armigerous. By signing the dispensation request, the signatories vouch for the worthiness of the candidates. Due weight will be given to this request.

Note: This dispensation request must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament and is not a method of recourse after a combatant or consort has been disallowed from the Crown Tournament.

III-700 Neither the Sovereign or the Consort of Ealdormere, nor any person who has served as Sovereign or Consort of Ealdormere within three months prior to the Crown Tournament, may participate as a combatant or consort in that Crown Tournament.

III-800 No prospective combatant may have more than one declared consort. No prospective consort may be fought for by more than one combatant.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

In service,
Lucia de Moranza

From the Law Speaker

Greetings to the Populace of Ealdormere. May all please be welcome at the Kingdom Moot which shall be held at Stone the Crows.

The Moot is unique to Ealdormere. It is an opportunity for the populace to discuss issues relevant to the Kingdom in a public forum.

If you have an issue to discuss, you must submit your question in advance to ealdormere.lawspeaker@gmail.com and must attend the Moot in Person.

I look forward to hearing from you, and seeing you at Stone the Crows.

In Service,
Dame Petra of the Rozakii

XIV-200 The Moot

XIV-201 The Crown shall continue the ancient and honourable tradition of the Moot, being a forum open to all subjects of the Kingdom to allow discussion of matters of importance to the people.

XIV-202 A moot will be called at least once per reign. Additional moots may be called at the discretion of the Crown. The date of all moots will be published in advance in the Kingdom newsletter.

XIV-203 The Lawspeaker will be responsible for conducting the Moot.

XIV-204 Any subject of Ealdormere may speak at a moot, without fear of recrimination, on any matter of concern to the Kingdom, provided they show common courtesy.

From the Facebook "Kingdom of Ealdormere - Official" Moderator

Good morning from Pennsic

Putting on my moderator hat

A recent post resulted in comments and replies which are not in the spirit of Ealdormere and the SCA. That particular sub-thread has been removed.

I would remind all participants to review Ealdormere's Social Media rules of thumb, which can be found here:

<https://ealdormere.ca/social-media-general-rules-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

In particular:

Common sense is the key. Please use courtesy, professionalism and good judgment when sharing official information or messages through social media. Be mindful that anyone outside the SCA may read your comments.

Any questions please feel free to PM me, though given I'm at Pennsic do not expect a fast reply.

Kolbjorn

Front the Desk of the Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings Readers!



Its been more than one year since I took over the office of Kingdom Chronicler. **If you are thinking about taking on the role one day please reach out to me** with any questions you have. I will accept your eager applications until September 1, 2024.

If you are interested in having a full colour edition of the Tidings (and Vox Borealis) arrive in your email inbox, I have a mailing list. Email me and ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com to get on the list and receive your copy early. A lot early. Practically a month early.

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Joyfully Yours,
Lucia de Enzinas

Greyfells' Pennsic Pity Party

On July 28, 2024, the Stronghold of Greyfells held their "micro event" Pennsic Pity Party at Ever After in Brockville, the home of Aliénor (Lori) and her husband Allan. With only ten gentles in attendance, the gathering included two newcomers, Cody and Sasha, who were introduced to the finer arts of fencing, armed combat, and the exciting challenge of knife and axe throwing. Thanks to Rodrigo (Peter), Colyne (Todd), and Thorfinna (Melanie) for their skillful and diplomatic mentoring of these brand-new fighters. The culinary highlight was an authentic Ottoman medieval-era soup, simmered over an open firepit and an overly generous potluck feast. The night wound down with an intimate bardic circle around the bonfire, with singing and drumming.

Cheers,
Aliénor the Traveller



Photos by Aliénor the Traveller



Pennsic Rainbows



Photo by Zarha of the Barbarians



Photo by John Spooner



Photo by Sciath Ingen Chaennaig

*“In heraldry, the rainbow proper consists of 4 bands of colour (argent, gules, or, and vert) with the ends resting on clouds.”
-Wikipedia*



Photo by Iuliana Angelina



Photo by Helen of Greyfells



Photo by Ritter Tonnemacher



Comics

Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



Trenchers: for people who don't like washing dishes.



Comic by Adnar Dionadair



News from Pennsic:
The Axe Maidens of Ealdormere at the "Estrogen & Axes" throw SkyAxe, Axeflæda, Axeadelle, Eydaxe, Cathrax, and Annabellaxe.



Pennsic photos by Augusta Weyfare

Events

How About A Little Jaunt to...

Bryniau Tywynnog's Annual Middle Ages on the Green!

This year brings us again to Queen's Park Center in Tavistock, with good sheltered space to make and play!

Happily, we look forward to combat both armoured and rapier, as well as a Thrown weapons range!

Located just behind the Tavistock & District Recreation Center, 1 Adam Street Tavistock*

**Saturday
August 24,
2024
11am-730pm**



*Tavistock is an easy and short drive from Kitchener... once in town the best parking space can be found by turning from Hope Street (Line 24) onto to Wellington, then turning onto DeCew Street East!

**This Demo-event is free to attend, and so is a great place to bring family and friends!
Bring your own lunch, optional pot-luck dinner (include ingredient list with dishes)**

Events

Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames

When: Site opens Thursday Aug 29, 6:00 pm
Site closes Monday Sept 2, 2:00 pm
Where: Moxely Meadows, Havelock, ON.
Site is accessed directly from Hwy 7, just east of 6th line.
611 6 Line, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0, Canada
Website: <https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/-gwyllyfflam>
Registration: Camping: \$45 Adult Member, \$55 non-member
Day Trip: \$25 Adult Member, \$35 non-member
Event Steward: Mistress Matilda of Swynford baronessmatilda@gmail.com



Stone the Crows

When: September 14, 2024; Site opens: 10am, Site closes: 9 pm
Where: Merlin Community Hall, 150 Aberdeen St, Merlin, ON N0P 1W0, Canada
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/champcorbeau/stone-the-crows/>
Event Fees: Adult members \$20, adult non-members \$30
Youth 17 and under -Free
Event Steward: THBaron Cesaer Ambrogino di Salvazzi cesaresalvazzi@gmail.com



Brawl in the Fall IV

When: Saturday September 21
Where: Codrington Community Centre,
2992 County Rd 30, Codrington, ON, K0K 1R0
Site opens : 9 am Site Closes: 8 pm
Event fees: \$25 for non-members, \$20 members
Event Steward: Baroness Anne Tinker tinker@nexicom.net



Fall Coronation

When: September 28, 2024
Where: Rockton Agricultural Society, 812 Old Hwy 8, Rockton, ON, L0R 1X0
Event Stewards: Lord Iustace: marshal.risingwaters@gmail.com
Baroness Sciath: risingwaters@gmail.com



The Barony of Rising Waters hosts the Coronation of Crispin Gildensteed and Anne von Taldstadt. More details still to come.

Huntsman's Harvest

When: October 5, 2024
Where: Germania Park Campground,
4221 Trinity Church Rd., Binbrook, ON, L0R 1C0
Registration fees: \$15 adult member, \$25 non-member
Youth under 18 free.
Lunch counter \$7.
Event Steward: Howll of Town's End: seneschal.bendunfirth@gmail.com



The Barony of Ben Dunfirth invites all to a day at the hunting lodge. Fighting, Fencing, archery, thrown weapons. Traditional potluck feast.

Events continued

Crown Tournament, Fall 2024



Come see the Line of the North secured in a day of honourable and chivalrous armoured combat!

When: Saturday October 19, 2024
Where: Shakespeare & District Optimist Hall, 3976 Galt St., Shakespeare, ON
Fees: Event Registration fees include lunch by Lucia & Penn de Moranza
\$20 members, \$30 non-members, Youth under 18 free
Feast \$15
Event Stewards: Duchess Rylyn 2fishycat@gmail.com and
Lord Matthauss garfvader@gmail.com
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/crown-tournament-fall/>

Step Sprightly



Dance your cares away at Step Sprightly! Classes in the day followed by an evening ball.
When: Saturday October 26, 2024
Where: St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church,
6945 Meadowvale Town Centre Cir, Mississauga, ON, L5N 2W7
Site opens: 9:30 am, Site closes: late, 11pm or so
Site fees: by donation
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/step-sprightly/>

Feast of the Hare



When: Tentatively November 9th
Where: Canton of Caldrihig (Ottawa, ON)

Wassail



When: December 7, 2024
Hosted by: the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog.
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/wassail/>
Where: Shakespeare Optimist hall
3976 Galt St Shakespeare, ON N0B 2P0
Event Steward: Viscountess Genevieve la Fletchyr
Bryniau Seneschal: bryniau.tywynnog@gmail.com

Featuring Ealdormere's premier Charity Tournament, Donations of all sizes are welcome.

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