The Tidings

Official Newsletter for the Kingdom of Ealdormere - October 2024



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Event Calendar

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 Feast of the Hare, Canton of Caldrithig (Ottawa, ON)

16 Queen's Prize Tournament, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Lindsay, ON)

December 2024

1 Deadline for January Tidings

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

January 2025

1 Deadline for February Tidings

24-26 Known World Heraldic Symposium (virtual)

https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/

Kingdom Event Rotation

2025 2026

2025 Spring A&S: Shires
(assist from Ramshaven)

2025 Spring Coronation: Rising Waters

2025 Spring Crown: Ben Dunfirth 2025 Fall Coronation: Septentria

2025 Fall Coronation: Septentria 2024 Fall Crown: Skraeling Althing 26

2026 Spring A&S: Ramshaven 2026 Spring Coronation: Shires

(assist from Skraeling Althing) 2026 Spring Crown: Rising Waters

2026 Spring Crown: Rising waters 2026 Fall Coronation: Ben Dunfirth

2026 Fall Crown: Septentria







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From Their Majesties

To Our noble citizens, King Evander and Queen Marioun send warm greetings;

We are back from the War in the south and are well pleased with Ealdormere's achievements.



Everywhere we looked Ealdormere was volunteering and showing that even a small kingdom like ours can contribute to such a large event. Our champions shone brightly, and we are proud of each and every one of you for your honour and skill displayed in each of your respective areas of participation. A special note goes to John Spooner for his perfect score for the A&S Allied Championships. Also of note, is Ealdormere's five wins and zero losses record in the armoured field battles. Ealdormere won two for the middle and then three for the East. Our switch in alliance made a huge impact and reflected well on the Kingdom.

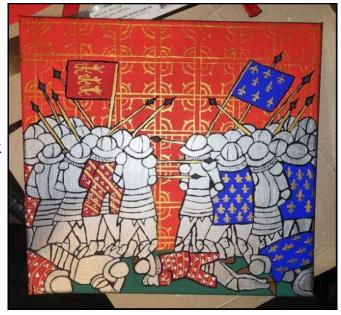
We look back with great gratitude to Ealdormere for many months of your enduring service to us, and to the realm. We have spent much time with the people and enjoyed many good times. Hopefully we have been expressing our gratitude in person as we cannot possibly name all who have supported us. We have gotten to know you better and you have had kind words. You have shared your skills, time and labours to do all the many tasks to create amazing events, making gifts for largess and scrolls for Our courts. You put your all into making the gift basket for Pennsic, and it was very well received.

We are very appreciative of those who set up and tear down, who serve as entourage. Especially at War it can be physically challenging, but you made it possible for us to be where We needed to be and do all the things. So many of you took on projects and made special functions happen for us, occasions which we will look back upon fondly. Even with the very rainy season, we have had a wonderful time.

As autumn encroaches on our reign, we harvest, we prepare for the changing times, and make plans for the future. We feel assured that the northlands are now secure, and peaceful. Our heirs, Crispin and Anne are content in their roles serving us, and in that they have done well, and we thank them.

We have more events before the fall, and we look forward to more merrymaking.

Your sovereigns, TRM Evander and Marioun



Artwork by Lord Ichijou Kinaki, hatamoto and champion for our King, Squire to Sir Gannicus the Hibernian, & samurai of House Okami.

From Their Highnesses

Greetings to the People of the Glorious Kingdom of Ealdormere,

We have returned from a successful campaign to the debateable lands. Pennsinc was hot, wet, and loads of fun for all. Ealdormere is a smaller unit than it used to be. However, Ealdormere proved that it is an effective unit and changed the tides of the war drastically. Wassail Ealdormere!



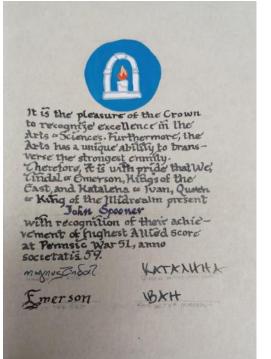
As We have returned from war, We are moving into the cooler days of fall and our focus shifts to preparations for the short, cold days of winter. With the approaching winter, the line of the north will be succeeded at our coronation. We are happy to announce the sponsorship of a triple tournament challenge for both fencing and heavy weapons. The first of these tournaments will be held at Coronation, the second at Feast of the Hare, and the third will be at Tournoi. Each tournament will feature a prize crafted by an artisan of Ealdormere. Should one individual manage to win all three tournaments in one discipline, an additional prize will be awarded. Good luck to all of those who wish to compete in the triple tournament challenge.

The positions of Queen's Champion as well as Champions in each of fencing, archery, and thrown weapons champions will be determined by feats of arms to be held at Huntsman's Harvest on October the Fifth. Any Citizen of Ealdormere authorized in the activity is encouraged to compete, and the Champions will be chosen from the participants in each activity. The Queen's Champion is the martial arm of the Queen, and they stand behind her and in her defense. All Champions will be regarded as shining examples of their chosen disciplines. Champions will be expected to join Us and stand in Our court when present at events.

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



Photos by The Honourable Lord Iohn Spooner at Pennsic A&S Champion



From the Kingdom Senschal

Hello sunshines!

The weather is starting to cool, and the harvest is in full delicious swing. I would like to thank Their Majesties Evander and Marioun for their work and care in their time on the thrones and hope that they enjoy a peaceful retirement. I would also like to wish Their Highnesses Crispin and Anne all the best as they forge their own paths upon the thrones at Coronation.

Perhaps some of the travels of the summer have inspired people towards setting their hands to a bit of craft work as the weather grows colder and we all spend more time indoors. This is a great time to try something new to show and share at the upcoming Queens Prize Tourney this November, or work on a beloved craft to share with everyone at Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire in the Spring. I know I've come away from this summer excited to try and squeak a little more time for my own endeavours. The artisans of Ealdormere are always inspirational not just to others in Ealdormere, but all over the Knowne World.

I look forward to seeing you all at an event soon.

In service, Lucia de Moranza

From the Trillium Herald

Greetings Ealdormere,

As most of you know already a new peerage order has been established by the Society for Creative Anachronism for ranged martial pursuits. The College of Heralds was tasked with creating the name and heraldry for the new order and after much deliberation have come up with a proposed name, badge and regalia. As they are still probably only in the proposal stage as I write this, things may of course change (even change completely, though I assume that is a remote possibility) but I thought it important to give you at least a look at what the new order could be.

Proposed Name: Order of Esperance

Esperance is a Middle English word first found dated to 1422 meaning 'hope, confidence, trust'. However, the concept of esperance is more than simply 'hope': rather, it is an active virtue that medieval knights sought to incorporate as one of their primary martial virtues. Esperance is confidence in an expected outcome. It re-

From the Chatelaine

Hello Ealdormere!

In the upcoming months, kingdom law will be updated to reflect the Society's mandate to make the Chatelaine a greater officer, so changes are afoot!



We are working on a Chatelaine's Handbook to talk about recruiting, retention, running demos, hosting Newcomer Corners, and creating a friendly, welcoming community. If you have thoughts or topics you would like covered, by all means I will take suggestions -- email them to ealdormere.chatelaine@gmail.com.

Secondly, we are continuing to host Newcomer Corners at events -- if any Chatelaines would like to assist in participating in one, or running one, also let me know.

Finally, just a reminder that Chatelaine reports are due before every Coronation -- if you are reading this, and you are a Chatelaine that has not reported last month, there is still time to beg forgiveness and ask for clemency, and sent in a report stating you are still alive and kicking. Here is the form: https://ealdormere.ca/chatelaine-bi-annual-report-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/

Cheerfully slaving for my feudal masters,

Brand

From the Minister of Arts & Science

Greetings to all.

It has been my honour to serve as your Lawspeaker for the last three years. Thank you for your contributions to Moot discussions and for your support. I'm pleased to hand over

the task to Dame Petra, who be an amazing Lawspeaker, because she is a wise, kind and resourceful person. I know she will serve you well.

Taking one step to the left, I am now looking forward to the role of Kingdom Minister for Arts and Sciences. I already have many reports on your activities to read, and I hope we can chat about your A&S interests over the next couple of years. QPT, Kingdom A&S and Practicum are already in the landing stages, so please consider teaching, entering, displaying or taking a class. Many thanks to Mistress Marina, who has been so dedicated to the job; you deserve some time to rest and do embroidery, my friend.

Siglinde



From the Desk of the Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings Readers!

I would like you to consider sending articles, event reviews, poems, photos, jokes, research papers, cartoons, etc to your local Baronial newsletter. Society assures me that these quarterly newsletters are the workhorses of the local groups and are a wonderful resource. They can really reflect the personality of a local group. You can find past issues of each of the Baronial Newsletters here:

- Ben Dunfirth Clarion
- Skraeling Althing Chronicle
- Septentria Ursus
- Rising Waters Cataract
- Ramshaven Herald



Best Special Issue

For Arts & Sciences issues or other limited-focus issues of a geographic group (canton, shire, barony, etc.). Awarded to the newsletter and the Chronicler.

Winner: "Remembering Enid" - The Chronicle, Skraeling Althing; Chronicler: Colyne Stewart

Best Artistic Contribution to a Kingdom Newsletter

Recognizes the artist of artwork or photography used in the interior of a kingdom newsletter. Awarded to the artist(s).

Winner: Ealdormere: **Augusta Weyfare**, "Marginal Mayhem", Tidings, January 2023; Chronicler: Augusta Weyfare

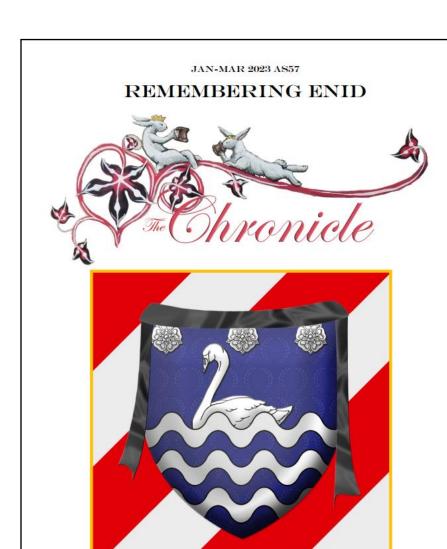
Nominations:

- Best Overall Newsletter The Clarion. Ben Dunfirth: Chronicler: Meredyth Llwellyn.
- Best Layout and Design: The Ramshaven Herald, Ramshaven; Chronicler: Asa Gormsdottir
- **Best Artwork**: Artist: Dubhessa ui Uilliam; cover art; Chronicle, Skraeling Althing; Chronicler: Colyne Stewart
- **Best Regular Feature**: "Meredyth's Cookery Corner", Author: Meredyth Llwellyn; The Clarion, Ben Dunfirth; Chronicler: Meredyth Llwellyn
- **Best Article**: "The Armour of A Knight's Tale A Tale in Two Parts", Author: Albrecht Stampfer; The Ramshaven Herald, Spring 2023, Ramshaven;
- **Best Poetry or Short Fiction**: "Original Retelling The Fortification of Asgard", Author: Guoillauc filiu; The Ramshaven Herald, Spring 2022, Ramshaven; Chronicler: Aslief of Ramshaven
- **Best Cover for a Kingdom Newsletter**: Tidings, October 2022; Artist: Augusta Weyfare; Chronicler: Augusta Weyfare
- **Best Written Contribution to a Kingdom Newsletter**: Kayla the Cheerful, "All Things List Field", Tidings, January 2023; Chronicler: Augusta Weyfare

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.

Joyfully Yours, Lucia de Enzinas





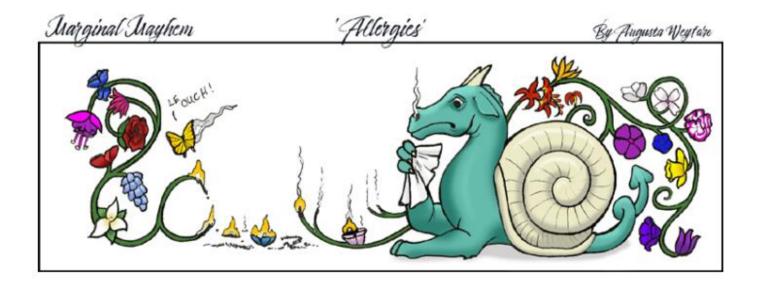
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Master William Blackfox was the author and illustrator of the cartoon Warthaven. He gave generously of his time and talents, and was very supportive of the Kingdom Chroniclers until his untimely death.

To honor his memory, the Office of the Society Chronicler sponsors the annual Master William Blackfox Awards to recognize excellence in the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors. Newsletters provide a valuable resource and communication tool for SCA members around the world!

https://www.sca.org/the-william-blackfox-awards/



From the Desk of the Warlord

Greetings Ealdormere!

I just wanted to thank everyone who fought, and helped us fight at Pennsic. It was hot, humid, and we were outnumbered for half of the battles, but I was so proud of the effort and determination from everyone.

This is a summary of what happened:

The first battle was the Allied Champions battle, and many of our allies did not show up, so we were outnumbered 100 (+30 subs) to 92 (no subs). We fought hard, but the numbers wore us down.

Mondays battle was the Town battle, and we fell victim to last minute changes to the rules of the battle, and deployment issues with other Kingdoms, that affected how we were to fight. With the full weight of Atlantia, and a few other small Kingdoms trying to break us, and attack our backfield, we were able to hold them off with a skillful combination of shields and spears and tenacity. Every inch the East gained was so hard fought to get, and maintain, we forced them to abandon their plans to break us. In the end, we got inside one of the buildings, but ran out of time and manpower to continue our heroic push to gain the point. The Midrealm Generals made a point of coming over and commending us for being able to achieve what was thought to be impossible.

Tuesday's fortunes in the Hidden Castle Battle changed though. We occupied the Castle and one of the bridges, and we showed the East that we are to be feared. They threw everything they had at us and a Midrealm army that joined us and we not only repelled the push, but we pushed back and took more territory. It was a brilliant display of skill.

Thursday was the woods battle, and we owned the woods. A few times we had to stop our advance as we could see the East's resurrection lines. We owned the flag that we were asked to get (which was the furthest from our starting point, and closest to the East's) and we owned it for all but the first 3 minutes. With 10+ minutes left, I spoke with a Midrealm general who advised me that they were going to abandon the middle flag and send 1/3 of the forces in the middle to help Ealdormere hold the flag. I told him to send his troops elsewhere as Ealdormere was not going to lose the flag. We would not be denied! in the end, we got the full 3 points, and the Midrealm won the woods battle 5-4.

The last day was the main battles (5 fights to the last hero standing, with no resurrections), and Ealdormere shined brightly. Free to do what we do best, we lined up behind another Kingdom, and launched lightning strikes at targets we thought were vulnerable. (Simply put, we went on a viking). After hitting and breaking the targets quickly, and frankly in a devasting manner, the East asked our King if we can change sides to balance out the fights. So we swapped sides, swapped a Kingdom to line up behind, and continued to do the lightning strikes but now on the Mid.

The Mid's main general told me that after we broke his army in the 3rd battle, (using his plans for what Ealdormere was originally going to be doing on Monday's battle), he decided Ealdormere had to be stopped at all costs. He laid a trap for us, but our heroic fighters hit the trapping unit instead and broke their trap! Ealdormere made history as the East won this battle 3-2 but Ealdormere went 5 -0!

Warlord Continued

Afterwards the War General of the Mid, his aids, the Warlords of Aethelmarc, North Shield, North Oaken, Legion, and the Tuchux all expressed to me personally their gratitude and admiration of Ealdormere's fighting force. We fought hard, incredibly well, and honourably.

I would also like to thank all those who supported and assisted us from the sidelines. Having water, Gatorade and snacks was wonderful and appreciated. Without you, none of this would have been possible.

I could not be any prouder of you all, and I thank you all for the support, assistance, advise, trust, patience and effort that you gave me.

I loved being your Warlord, and would happily lead you mighty warriors into battle again.

Thank you Bellatrix Hespeler Warlord of Ealdormere

Riddles

One upon a time there was a Principality that wanted to be a Kingdom. The Principality tried and tried, but just couldn't become a Kingdom. One day some people (who may or may not be me and my friends - the storytellers are unclear on this point) consulted with an Oracle and were given some riddles.

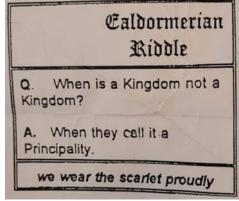
"Perhaps", the oracle said "these may point the way to becoming a Kingdom". The people thought and thought and eventually came up with the answers to the mysterious riddles.

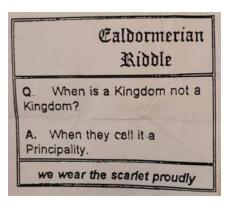
The answers didn't help at all.

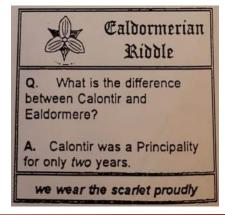
In the deepest, darkest corners of a secret location (which may or may not be my house, again the records are unclear) the riddles were saved.

Reposted from Facebook by Sir Elizabeth Mortimer



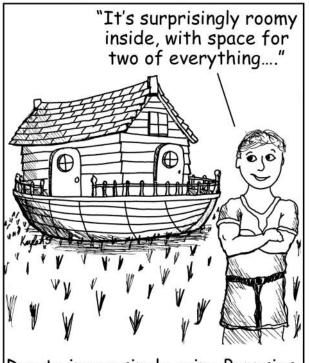


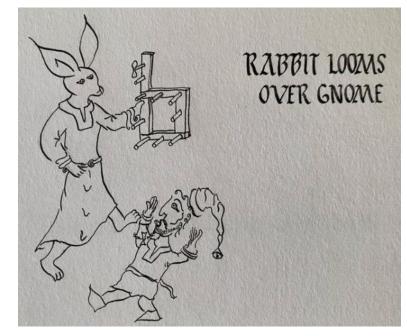




Comics

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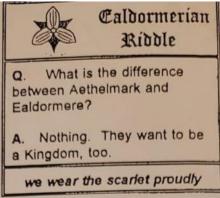
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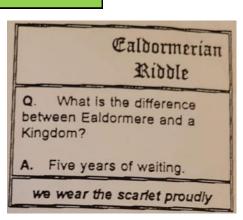


by Augusta

More riddles







Events

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

Website: https://ealdormere.ca/petrea-thule/brawl-in-the-fall/

Fall Coronation

When: September 28, 2024

Where: Rockton Agricultural Society, 812 Old Hwy 8, Rockton, ON, L0R 1X0

Event Stewards: Lord Iustace: <u>marshal.risingwaters@gmail.com</u>
Baroness Sciath: <u>risingwaters@gmail.com</u>

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Website: https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/coronation-crispin-and-anne/

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.

Website: https://ealdormere.ca/ben-dunfirth/event-calendar/

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

Beat Your Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the beat your meeting mega practice, hosted by the Barony off Rising Waters. The practice is open to everyone who wishes to attend. Thrown weapons, Archery, Fencing and Heavy Weapons will be practiced. Throughout the day, all marshal order meetings will be conducted. Meetings will be run in a separate meeting area to allow everyone to attend the practice. Parking space will be tight, carpool where possible and watch for signed parking instructions.

When: **Sunday October 6th, 2024**Where: 35 Lane Rd, Dunnville, Ontario

Website: https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/mega-practice/

Schedule: 11:00 Meeting of the Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer

12:00 Marshal activities begin

12:00 Meeting of the Order of Defence

15:00 Marshal practice ends

15:30 Meeting of the Order of Chivalry







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 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 Matthaus garfvader@gmail.com

Website: https://ealdormere.ca/crown-tournament-fall/

Step Sprightly

Dance your cares away at Step Spritely! 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-spritely/

Feast of the Hare

Fighting, fencing, dancing and A&S tournaments!

When: November 9, 2024

Site opens: 9:30 am Site closes: 8 pm

Where: Bells Corners United Church.

3955 Old Richmond Rd. Ottawa. ON K2H 5C5.

Event fees: \$30 Adult, \$20 Adult Member, Youth under 17 are free.

Lunch counter: \$12

Feast: \$22 adults, \$11 youth (12 and under)

Event Steward: Duncan MacLeod <u>walker.gary@myyahoo.com</u>
Reservation: Elsebeth Faberyn rhondapttr@gmail.com

Website: https://skraelingalthing.com/wp/caldrithig/feast-of-the-hare-2024/

Queen's Prize Tourney

When: November 16, 2024:

Site opens: 9am Site closes: 7pm

Where: Lindsay Rugby Club, 67 Vince Jones Rd. Lindsay, ON K9V 4R5

Fees Adult members \$25, Non-members \$35 Youth under 18, free of charge..

Event Registration fees include Lunch Counter:

Event Stewards: Duchess Adrielle gefisher66@outlook.com

Mistress Matilda <u>baronessmatilda@gmail.com</u>

Website: https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/gpt2024

The Shire of Bastille du Lac sponsors "Queen's Prize Tourney". Come see creative works in a beautiful Arts & Sciences display.









Events continued

Known World Newcomers' Symposium

November 30, 2024, held on Zoom. When:

Website: https://kwns.calontir.org/

A full day of classes to introduce newcomers to the SCA – what the organization is and where it came from, the different kinds of activities to participate in, how to get started in your local area, and more. There will also be classes for aspiring chatelaines, networking opportunities with people from the entire "Known World", and a great knowledge base that should be valuable for anyone involved with the SCA.



Event attendance registration is now open

Wassail

When December 7, 2024

Hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog. https://ealdormere.ca/wassail/ Website: Shakespeare Optimist hall Where:

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.

Known World Heraldic Symposium

When: January 24-26, 2025 Where: Virtual event TBA



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Cover Art

Cover photo of HRM Evander by Bran Cuileann mac Muirchu ui Niall

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A few things we're required to say...

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