

# *The* Æstel



The Newsletter of the Kingdom of Æthelmearc March 2025 A.S. LIX



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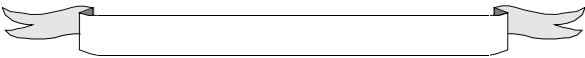
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## THE SCA PROHIBITS HARASSMENT AND BULYING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.

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

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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

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For more information on board meetings go to:

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

### PLEASE NOTE:

Unless otherwise noted, virtual quarterly meetings are held on Sundays, Live quarterly meetings are held on Saturdays to accommodate necessary travel. Saturday meetings will still be both streamed live and recorded for viewing at a later date. All meetings dates are tentative and subject to possible change.

Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.

### 2025 Quarterly Board Meetings (TENTATIVE)

~~January 25 and 26, 2025, Virtual~~

April 12 and 13, 2025 – Live

July 12 and 13, 2025 – Virtual

October 18 and 19, 2025 – Live



# Æthelmearc Royalty

## Their Royal Majesties

Bjarki Rikarðarson and Gabrielle de Winter



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## Their Royal Highnesses

Timothy of Arindale and Gabrielle van Nijenrode



prince@aethelmearc.org - princess@aethelmearc.org

# Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

### Queen's Rapier Champion:

Master Markus Skalpr Grimsson

### Cut and Thrust:

Lærifaðir jörundr hinn rotinn

### Regalo de las Rosas

Lady Kolfinna Jodisardottir

### Heavy Weapons Champion:

Sir Aaron the Swift

### Archery Champion:

THL Godzimir the Golden

### Thrown Weapons Champion:

THL Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto

### King's Equestrian Champion:

Shah Megis Elmanou

### Queen's Equestrian Champion:

THL Azenari Basandere

### Shield of Chivalry:

Lord Frey Gore

### TRMs Bardic Champion

Lord Éadaoin Ruadh

### TRHs Bardic Champion

Lord Reinaldr bjortappr

### 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 Strášaná skála

# Landed Barons & Baronesses of Æthelmearc

## **Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands**

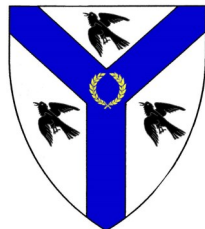
Violeta de Valencia and Aurelia Argentia Prima



Baron@debatablelands.org, Baroness@debatablelands.org

## **Barony of Thescorre**

Andriú mac Domnaill and Nuzha bint Saleem



Baron@thescorre.org, Baroness@thescorre.org

## **Barony of the Rhydderich Hael**

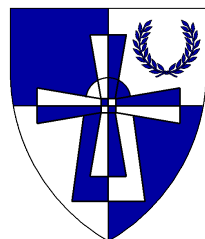
Magnus de Lyons and Thalia Papillon



Baron@wnysca.org, Baroness@wnysca.org

## **Barony of Delftwood**

Thorbjorn Inn Havi and Oðindisa Býkona



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## **Barony of Blackstone Mountain**

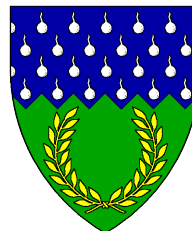
Cunedda Kell and Alana Horsecroft



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## **Barony of Endless Hills**

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## **Barony of St. Swithin's Bog**

Jean Phillippe Dit La Barbe Rousse and Catherine de Troyes



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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](https://aethelmearc.org/groups/local-groups/the-seven-pearls)





# From Their Majesties

Bjarki Rikarðarson and Gabrielle de Winter



Dearest Populace

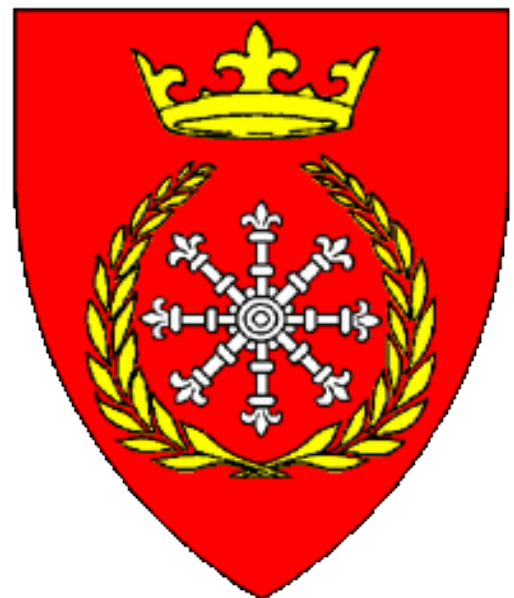
As our reign winds down, and we look forward to the reign of our wonderful Heirs, it is a good time to do a final thank you to you, Our people.

A King or Queen is only as good as the people who serve them. The largesse we were given, the support -- when the retaining, guarding, fetching a favorite drink or grabbing things from the royalty room -- neither of us can quite believe how kind and generous everyone was with time, talent and effort. Should we have known? Of course! You are Æthelmearc, and therefore extra amazing.

Speaking of time and talent, we want to thank, again, those who contributed to our clothing and to the scrolls that went out in court. We cannot tell you how many jaw dropping moments there were when some other incredibly beautiful piece of art was revealed.

Because of this, we were able to shine. To give rings from our fingers and beautiful baskets to our fellow royals. Without you, we would not have had the success or joy we enjoyed these past months.

Thank you, Bjarki and Gabrielle



# Officer Reports

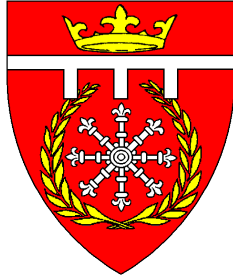
## From Their Royal Highnesses

Unto glorious Æthelmearc do Timothy and Gabrielle send greetings!!

We've been busy working with the Heirs of the East, Middle and Atlantia on the Pennsic negotiations. This year, TRHs East and Middle requested a so-called "Purple war", where the traditional principals, East and Middle, join forces against the bulk of the other kingdoms.

Collectively, the eight of us have tried to include as many people as possible in these negotiations. For our part, we have enlisted the people who are most familiar with different aspects as possible. For the Rapier negotiations, we have had Master Jehan, our kingdom rapier warlord, work the scenarios out with his counterparts from the other kingdoms. For the A and S war point, our Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences, THL Maggie Rue, along with Magister Casimir have been hammering out the rules and rubrics for the A and S community. As for the heavy battle scenarios, we have had the continual support of our Warlord, Baroness Sir Beatrix Kreiger. We wouldn't have attempted this without her at our side.

But what has impressed us the most is how active people have been preparing for these battles. Beatrix and Jehan have been having Musters across the kingdom, and folks are coming out of the woodwork to attend them. Mistress Zoe Akropolitina has been every-



where and is doing everything humanly possible to train and recruit our combat archers. If we are going to win the battles, we think the difference will come from the experience we gain at these musters. Numerically, we will likely be outnumbered. If you have ever wanted to take the field and support your kingdom, now would be an excellent time to start. If you want to shoot CA, speak with Zoe. If you want to fence or fight, ask nearly any heavy or any fencer. We are sure they'd love to have you shoot, fight or fence alongside us.

And please, make some trips out to the range. We'd love to have our archers and throwers carry the day, but they cannot do it alone.

We couldn't be happier with how everyone involved with the Pennsic negotiations approached them. While we are all competitive, everyone seems more concerned with everyone, on and off the field or range, leaving the war with a smile on their face. This will be the 6th time that I (Timothy) have been involved with Pennsic negotiations as a monarch, and without hesitation, we can honestly say this has been the friendliest.

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon,

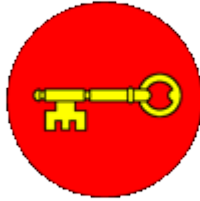
Timothy and Gabrielle

# Officer Reports

## From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Æthelmearc!

We have the Curia Regis of Bjarki and Gabrielle in the books. It does me good to see so many people turn out to discuss the Kingdom's business. It was a long and occasionally contentious meeting, and I am always glad to see people who are passionate about our kingdom.



Some matters of old business included the new field thrones, which are presently in Chamberlain's possession. We also discussed the continuing progress we're making with coming up with offices for Warlords and Pennsic Majordomo, as well as our continued efforts to correct the kingdom event rotation to include Æcademy, QRC, and all the other championships. We're getting there.

We updated three sections of Kingdom Law, which will be updated and published soon in the official document. They clarify the rules for Kingdom Offices with three-year terms, now including Seneschal, fix a discrepancy to put our Laws in line with Corpora and Society Policy, and lastly clarify the official nature of polling orders.

For my own part I announced that I will be adding two new Seneschal Deputies; one, to document processes and procedures, the other to serve as a liaison for kingdom events and ease the process of submitting a bid.

I have it on good authority from a rather famous marmot that we have a few more weeks left in winter, but it is only a matter of time until warmer days are upon us, and I

hope to see you all soon.

In Service to the Realm,  
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

## From the Kingdom Chronicler

Please remember the deadline for the Æstel is the 5th of each month (unless a notice is sent to the Official Kingdom Mailing list indicating an earlier date).



It is important to note that this deadline is for the following month's issue. For example, the deadline for the April issue of the Æstel is March 5th.

The finalized newsletter must go to Corporate by the 10th of each month. Why is this important? When submitting events to the calendar if you submit event information after the deadline it is not going to make it into the Æstel for the proper month. Any updates to a current event submitted after the deadline will also not make it into the Æstel.

Life happens and we will always work to accommodate people, but if your group can meet and decide on information, and meet Æstel deadlines, that is appreciated (looking at you Kingdom officers as well).

YIS,  
Baroness Thalia



# Officer Reports

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## From the Kingdom Arts + Sciences Minister

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Hello! It's your friendly neighborhood Arts and Sciences Minister here with an Æstel update.



There are several events with Arts and Sciences coming up: For those going to Gulf Wars, I wish you good fortune in representing our Kingdom. As for in-Kingdom events, get ready for the Ice Dragon competitions being held first weekend of April! I look forward to seeing all the amazing entries.

The competitions at Brewing and Bacon Bash are sure to be fierce and Blackstone Raids will host a Bardic Circle. Æthelmearc War Practice is not only hosting our Brewing Championships, but I will be putting forth an Apothecary Guild-hosted drink competition for non-brewed alcohols and non-alcoholic beverages.

You can register for the embroidery-focused Academy of St. Clare of Assisi in Millmont, PA at <https://forms.gle/5ZfhetX2kRq7GadS8>.

Please welcome our newest Chancellors of the Academy, Mistress Jenna MacPherson of the Lion's Tower and Mistress Liadhain ni Chleirigh na Coille! Spring Academy should be held in June and the A&S Faire and Queen's Tourney will be in July in the Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais. I look forward to seeing you all there!

There are several monthly crafting socials throughout our kingdom, so check out the

local groups like Endless Hills, Blackstone Mountains, BMDL, Myrkfaelinn, and Thescorre to see who is hosting gatherings—join in on the fun. In addition, I will continue hosting monthly A&S Get-Togethers at 7 pm through Zoom or Google Meets—the next one March 17; April's should be the 21st. Keep track through the Æthelmearc Arts and Sciences FB page or contact me for the Zoom link at [ans@aethelmearc.org](mailto:ans@aethelmearc.org).

Looking forward,

Rue

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## From the Kingdom Webminister

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Greetings Æthelmearc!

I wanted to congratulate Sir Rhys of Milesend on being named the next Webminister of the Sylvan Kingdom. The transition will take place in late April.



Thank you for your continued support over the past 2 years.

- Amalie  
Æ KWeb

# Kingdom & Other Events

## Region 1 Muster March 2nd, 2025 Hosted by Shire of Sylvan Glen

Heavy and Rapier melee practice to prepare for Pennsic.  
Sunday March 2

12 PM until 4ish PM in the Shire of Sylvan Glen at the Wildwood Middle School.  
1209 Shenandoah Junction Rd  
Shenandoah Junction, WV 25442

The autocrat for this practice is Duke Andreas Morgan  
(mka Benjamin Zavala)  
[andreasmorgan@hotmail.com](mailto:andreasmorgan@hotmail.com)  
58 Rockaway Ct  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425  
(717)977-9965

## 25th Anniversary of Tournament of the White Hart March 7-9th, 2025 Hosted by the Shire of Port Oasis

**Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility:** Site is not ADA Accessible but does have some ramps and handicap facilities

**Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy:** Due to new regulations the site is now dry. There are no exceptions to this rule.

**Additional Notes on Pet Policy:** Pets are only allowed if leashed at all times. Unleashed animals will be asked to leave site.

### Additional Notes on

**Flames:** Flames allowed only in designated areas (Camp fire pit and Hall firepit) No other open flames are allowed on site.

In the days leading up to the legendary hunt for the White Hart, the popu-

lace of Port Oasis prepares a feast and celebration in their local lodge. These festivities meant to prepare them for the long days ahead, tracking the ever elusive and elegant White Hart, will take place over several days. It will begin on Friday, March 7th, A.S. LIX, by welcoming travelers from far and wide with some warm and filling food and drink, and a good night's rest. Early morning on Saturday, March 8th, the day's events will begin with a hearty breakfast and lunch intermingled with tournaments and activities for all. A magnificent feast will be had in the evening, followed by more merriment. On the morning of Sunday, March 9th, we will send forth our hunters until next year.

The first Lady of the White Hart by her own hand, Baroness Rosheen o Faye and her Lord of the White Hart, Baron Gunther Grunbaum, wish to invite the Known World to join them in a celebration of tradition, love, and chivalry at the 25th Anniversary of the Tournament of the White Hart, in the Shire of Port Oasis, where they would challenge all comers to display their honor, love, and arms for all the Known World to see through acts of chivalry and pageantry. Competitions will be held for the Champion in heavy fighting, the Defender in fencing, the Yeoman in archery, the Artisan in A&S, and the inaugural Ranger of the White Hart in Thrown Weaponry.

Join the Shire of Port Oasis March 7th, 2025 at 5:00pm thru March 9th, 2025 at Noon at the Barboursville 4-H Camp, 6040 Booten Creek Rd., Barboursville, WV 25504

Autocrat:  
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(Melissa Reeves-Hoburg)  
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Please direct all event questions to the Autocrat via email.

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Lady Stacia atte Medeue (Stacie Meadows)

2640 Collis Ave  
Huntington, WV 25702  
Phone: (304) 962-9098  
Email: [slmeadows@gmail.com](mailto:slmeadows@gmail.com)  
Please direct all reservation questions to the Reservations Clerk via email.

Event pre-registration, Feast, and Cabin reservations are now open. You may send them to the Reservation Clerk at the above address. Pre-registration, feast, and cabin reservations must be received no later than Friday, February 21st, 2025, to allow for processing in time for the event. Make all checks payable to SCA WV, INC – Shire of Port Oasis.

Event Fees (Includes Saturday Day-board):  
Adult Member Discount Registration:  
Pre-registration – \$15; At the Door – \$20

Adult Non Member Registration:  
Pre-registration – \$25; At the Door – \$30

Children Site Fees:  
Under 5 – Free; 5 to 12: \$5; 12 to 17 \$10

Lodging:  
Single bunks are available on a first come first served basis in the Women only & Co-Ed dorm rooms off the main hall for \$10/weekend – there are no reservations available for the bunks

2 Cabins are still available for \$200/ea for the weekend and sleep up to 16 – Email the Reservations Clerk about cabin availability PRIOR to sending reservation monies as they go fast

Free Camping space is available upon request

Assortment of local hotels nearby

Feast:  
The Feast menu will be updated as soon as we have more details available.

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There are only 70 seats available for feast, so please reserve early – Adults – \$15; Children 13-17 – \$15; Children 9-12 – \$10; Children 5-8 – \$5; under 5 – free

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## Gulf Wars XXXIII (Out Of Kingdom) March 8-16th, 2025

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For more information please see:  
<https://gulfwars.org/>

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## Bears Event XXVII March 15th, 2025 Hosted by the Shire of Hunter's Home

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An early spring has roused the bears from hibernation, and they are ready to rumble!  
Please come join the Shire of Hunters Home for the 27th Bears Event. To be held Saturday March 15, 2025, at the St Francis Xavier social hall. 8880 Main Street, McKean, PA 16426. Doors open at 9:00, and the event is over at 6:00 pm.

We will be hosting the annual Syr Bear the Wallsbane double elimination tournament, followed by our 'fight until no one's left' Bear Pit tourney. Marshal in charge will be Sir Vladisla Nikulich (Matthew Granger)

We have classroom space, as well as space to work on projects. If anyone is interested in teaching a class, please contact the autocrat.  
Kids Kitchen returns to Bears Event! Under the tutelage of Mistress Otilige Rappoltsweiler (Tracie Whitney) our junior cooks HLAJEKASSI (Patrick McMichael) and Lord Kalen 'Cricket' Karuson (Kalen Kehoe) invite the children of our kingdom to assist in preparing the event sideboard. Children

with any level of cooking experience are encouraged to participate. Ages 6 years and up and accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please note, the site is handicapped friendly but is not ADA compliant. The entire parking lot and building surroundings are paved

Yes. Front entrance is wheelchair accessible

Your Autocrat for the day  
THL Hafdan Rauthinn  
Mike Sanders  
3320 Raspberry St  
Erie, PA 16508  
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[halfdanrauthinn@gmail.com](mailto:halfdanrauthinn@gmail.com)

Adult nonmember registration fee is \$20. Adult member fee is \$10. All children 17 and under are free.  
Please make checks payable to SCA-PA, Inc - Shire of Hunters Home. Reservations are not necessary, but if desired, please send to the autocrat.

Any questions about the kids kitchen, please contact:  
Mistress Otilige Rappoltsweiler  
Tracie Whitney  
1022 West 8th Street  
Erie, PA 16504  
814-218-9865  
[ottilige4sca@gmail.com](mailto:ottilige4sca@gmail.com)  
[Contained Flames, R2, Service Animals Only / No Pets, Weapons Allowed, Wet](#)

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## The Donnan Party March 22nd, 2025 Hosted by the Shire of Ballachlagan

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As the chill of spring wanes, we gather with swords, shields, and courage in our hearts to prepare for battle. Come to Arx Collis for a day of fighting, fun, and fellowship!

Please join us March 22nd, 2025 for The Donnan Party!  
The site opens at 9:00 am and closes at 5:00 pm.

Event Address: West Liberty University Blatnik Gym, 208 University Drive, West Liberty, WV, 26074

Adult member registration: \$10

Adult member discount registration: \$10 (Cash or Check payable to SCA WV INC; Pregristration not available)  
Sponsoring Group: Shire of Ballachlagan

Event Autocrat: Chonne de la Ronde (Shannon Halicki)

Address: West Liberty University, 138 Main Hall, CSC 130, West Liberty, WV, 26074

email - [shalicki@westliberty.edu](mailto:shalicki@westliberty.edu) / ph. 919-943-0942.

Food is available at additional charge through WLU Campus Dining Services at the Bear's Den Buffet. [Dry, No Flames, No Weapons, R1, Service Animals Only / No Pets, TRH Royal Progress, TRM Royal Progress](#)

Please see WLU policy on Service Animals:

<https://westliberty.edu/conduct/animals-on-campus/>

Restrictions to carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to West Virginia State Code §18B-4-5B

Open carry of firearms by any means is prohibited. The carrying of any rifle, shotgun, or other long gun by any means is prohibited. It is a violation of University policy to openly display any lawfully possess concealed carry handgun while on campus except when transferring to safe storage. West Virginia State Code §18B-4-5B outlines the following policies and restrictions to the concealed carrying of a handgun. Failure to comply with the following policies restrictions is a violation of University policy and WV state law.

- The individual must possess a concealed carry permit from the state of West Virginia or a state with which WV shares reciprocity of the law.
- The individual must adhere to all local and state handgun laws.

<https://westliberty.edu/emergencies/files/2024/05/West-Liberty-University-Weapons-Policy-and-Procedures.pdf>



# Kingdom + Other Events

## Redshield Colosseum

March 29-30, 2025

Hosted by the Barony of  
Thescore

Mark your calendars! The Barony of Thescore will be having a free, heavy fighter-focused two-day event. The site is located at the Refinery, 936 Exchange St. Rochester, NY.

The site will open at 9:30 AM and close at 6:00 PM, on both March 29th

and 30th. There is no cost for entry to the event.

Heavy fighting will be held in the gym upstairs and classes will be held on the first floor of the building in Redshield Hall.

There will be no feast or day board at this event, so attendees are encouraged to pack lunch or plan to purchase a meal off-site.

For those who wish to contribute to covering the cost of the site, donations will be accepted.

Please note; this site is not completely accessible for those with mobility issues. The only way to access the gym is the stairs, though there is a ramp available for accessing Redshield Hall.

Daniel of Blackthorn (Daniel Beadle) will be the steward for this event. He can be reached at (585)747-2372 or [danielbrehm494@gmail.com](mailto:danielbrehm494@gmail.com), or on Facebook (Daniel Charles Beadle).

# Court Reports

## Spring Æcademy and War College

June 15th, 2024

Murdoch 1 Rex and  
Ríoghnách 1 Regina

**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 Æthelmearc Spring Æcademy and War College, 15 June, Anno Societatis LIX, in the Shire of Heronter.**

As recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Jewel of Æthelmearc Herald, with the assistance of Lady Kaðlín Sigvaldaskona.

In the evening, Their Majesties declared themselves once again impressed with the breadth and depth of knowledge and skills on display throughout the day.

Their Majesties then called for the youth of the kingdom, and once more, Vicky was the only one in attendance. After discussing the artwork she had made for Their Majesties, she chased Nicolas to plunder the toy chest.

Their Majesties welcomed a newcomer with her choice of a drinking ves-

sel.

Their Majesties then invited Her Grace, Duchess Dorinda Courtenay, the event steward, to address the populace. Her Grace thanked her staff and all who attended, especially those who taught, who brought shades and who assisted throughout the event.

Next, Their Majesties gave leave to the Chancellors of the Æcademy, Baron Friðrikr Tomasson, Mistress Orianna Fridrikskona, and Sir Marek Viacheldrago, to address the populace. They thanked all the teachers and reminded all that if they had not already done so, to find them for a token, made by The Honorable Lady Gwen Cooke. Their Majesties also added that They had gifts for the teachers and asked all instructors to find Baroness Abby Rose at the conclusion of Court to collect them. The Chancellors then further announced that the Fall session of the Æcademy, which would be Baron Friðrikr and Mistress Orianna's final one as Chancellors, would be held in the Barony of Blackstone Mountain in November, and invited all to attend. Finally, they invoked their privilege as Chancellors to name two new Fellows of the Æcademy: Baron Caleb Reynolds (scroll by Duchess Branwyn fech Gwythyr on parchment made by Mistress Abigail Kelhoge, with words by Baron Friðrikr Tomasson); and Sir Beatrix Krieger (wood-burned scroll

by Sir Marek Viacheldrago).

Their Majesties then sought Zrz Zavodchikov. They pointed out Zrz's tireless service, particularly at Crown Tournament, where for the last six such tourneys, Zrz has been a list runner. Recognizing this and other acts of helpfulness, They were minded to name him a Companion of the Silver Buccle, and presented him with a buckle cut from his father's squire belt. Scroll by Baroness Katherine Kiersey. Their Majesties also asked all other Companions of the Silver Buccle to indicate by raising their hand or rising. Her Majesty expressed gratitude and joy to see so many people who had started in the Society as children, who continue to participate and make their paths.

Their Majesties called for Kai O Kennovain. When They asked where he had spent his day, he gave a predictable answer: the kitchen. Indeed, it was known to Their Majesties that Kai could ordinarily be found in the kitchen, and that he has become an invaluable asset in Heronter's kitchens. For this and other reasons, They saw fit to Award him Arms. Scroll by Duchess Dorinda Courtenay.

Their Majesties next sought Liz of Hartstone. Their Majesties remarked how their efforts have been instrumental in bringing the Shire of Hartstone out of dormancy, and that they are welcome ambassadors to

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newcomers. For their service as seneschal, as well as their constant hard work on behalf of their shire, Their Majesties deemed it proper to name them a Companion of the Order of the Keystone, and further to Award them Arms. Scroll illuminated by Thea de Nes (Atlantia) and calligraphed by Horst.

Following this, Their Majesties desired to be attended by Lady Sarah Balangee. Her Majesty spoke with admiration for the way in which Lady Sarah uses her skills to beautify SCA events, the Heronter camp, and to hide the modern behind a medieval-looking façade. In appreciation for these skills, as well as her creations of largesse, site tokens, and other works, Their Majesties were pleased to induct her into the Order of the Sycamore. Scroll by Baron Caleb Reynolds.

Their Majesties also wished to speak with Lady Roisin Duncan. Noting her skill in fiber arts, especially kumihimo and loop braiding, and with gratitude for her many donations of largesse of the same, Their Majesties were minded naming her a Companion of the Order of the Sycamore. Scroll illuminated by Edana the Redtail, calligraphy and words by His Majesty, Murdoch.

Next, Their Majesties received Mistress Cigfran of Gaer Walch. They remarked that it was no surprise Mistress Cigfran was still working at the Tollner's table, as she can be found there at every event within the Shire. Understanding that the work done by our registration clerks is necessary, and that Mistress Cigfran goes above and beyond to assist visitors to the Shire, staying at the table until late, rising early, helping them select feast seating, and more, Their Majesties felt it only proper to present her with the Æthelmearc Award of Excellence.

As Their Majesties returned to Their thrones, His Majesty appeared pale. Fearing for His Majesty's health, Her Majesty requested a medical consultation with Brother Meuric ap Gwillim. Their Majesties asked Brother Meuric,

as a man versed in the science of the humors, what could be indicated by "output" of a purple color. Brother Meuric inquired as to the status of His Majesty's life insurance. Their Majesties then praised Brother Meuric for the fascinating nature of his research, both commenting that he brings great interest and enthusiasm to his deep dives into medieval medicine. Their Majesties also remarked that Their opinion was shared by Their Noble Order of the Fleur D'Æthelmearc. Calling the members of the Order forth, Their Majesties were well pleased to Grant him Arms and name him a Companion of the Order. Scroll by The Honorable Lady Gwen Cooke upon words by Duchess Dorinda Courtenay.

Their Majesties then required The Honorable Lady Avitoria Vidua to forego welcoming His Lordship until sometime later, for They desired words with Her Ladyship. His Majesty revealed that They had been attempting to call Her Ladyship before Them for some time, but that They were very pleased to see her upon this day. Her Ladyship's skill with stained glass and her exemplary teaching have been a delight to many. With this in mind, Their Majesties asked to be attended by the Most Noble Order of the Laurel and directed Her Ladyship to take counsel from them and choose a time and place at which to sit vigil and contemplate elevation into that company. Scroll by His Majesty, Murdoch.

Their Majesties next spoke of the singular privilege of the Crown to name one and only one Jewel of Æthelmearc. They described some of the many qualities emulated by the one who bears the Jewel: generosity, courtesy, service, modesty, the willingness to fulfill the needs of the Kingdom, an ability to inspire, and an ability not only to share the spotlight, but to shine light on others. With this in mind, They called for The Honorable Lady Maggie Rue to present herself in order to name her the 55th Jewel of Æthelmearc. Scroll illuminated by Lady Bridget de Kyrkeland, with words and calligraphy by His Majesty,

Murdoch.

Her Majesty wished to recognize Lord Zabela Zavodchikov as inspiration for the day, for taking his leadership at the Project Promenade and turning it into classes and continuing to lead the way for younger generations within the Kingdom.

Their Majesties next thanked all scribes, wordsmiths, and regalia wrights with a selection from the scribal goodie basket as well as charms to appease Titivillus, patron demon of scribes, and keep him at bay.

Their Majesties once again thanked all for attending, and invited Her Highness to speak, whereupon Her Highness added that she is continually in awe of the talent and generosity of Æthelmearc's artisans and teachers and thanked all for sharing their skills with the populace.

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

Faithfully Submitted,

Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres (OL)  
Jewel of Æthelmearc Herald



# Æthelmearc by Region

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<b>March 7-9, 2025</b>	25th Anniversary of the Tournament of the White Hart Hosted by Shire of Port Oasis
<b>March 8-16, 2025</b>	Gulf Wars XXX!!! (Out of Kingdom)
<b>March 15, 2025</b>	Bears Event XXVII Hosted by Shire of Hunters Home
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<b>March 29-30, 2025</b>	Redshield Colosseum Hosted by the Barony of Thescore

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