

The Tidings

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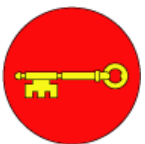
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Event Calendar

September 2023

16 Icelandic Althing (Campbellford, ON)
23 Huntsman's Harvest (Binbrook, ON)
30 Fall Coronation (Shakespeare, ON)

October 2023

1 Deadline for November Tidings
14 Crown Tournament: Brawl in the Fall 3
(Codrington, ON)

November 2023

1 Deadline for December Tidings
4 Feast of the Hare, Barony of Skraeling
Althing – details TBA

December 2023

1 Deadline for January Tidings
2 Wassail, Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog
(Shakespeare, ON)

January 2024

1 Deadline for February Tidings
20-21 Blue Dragon Studium 3.5,
Canton of Ard Chreag (Oshawa, ON)



Photo Master Tadc

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

Kingdom Event Rotation

2024

2024 Spring A&S: Rising Waters
2024 Spring Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
2024 Spring Crown: Septentria
2024 Fall Coronation: Skraeling Althing
2024 Fall Crown: Ramshaven

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

As our time winds down on the high seats, it brings us happiness to know that we will soon be passing on the mantle to such wonderful Heirs, and to know what good hands the Kingdom will be in.



We are both so appreciative of being able to serve the Kingdom and witness so many great deeds of sacrifice, honor and nobility. The skills and dedication of Ealdormere were a pleasure to promote and show to the known world. We watched whole armies shift to address the strength and ferocity of our warriors in battle, and we were stopped constantly by people to remark on the quality of our artisans. Time and time again, we would be reminded of what a strong Kingdom we are.

Our 25 years as a Kingdom has served to give Ealdormere such a unique voice in the Society, and it has been a pleasure to be a small part of it. We look forward to the next chapter in our Kingdoms story, and what new accomplishments we will celebrate together as a Kingdom.

Wassail!

King Steinarr & Queen Margraig



Photo by Emyr James of Town's End

From Their Highnesses



Unto the ferocious citizens of Ealdormere, do Prince Baldric and Princess Breyla send greetings and hopes that as the days get shorter, the sun retreats and the sunburns can subside.

What an incredible Pennsic and it makes our hearts swell with pride to see such glory on the battlefield. Ealdormere was tested over and over again, against some of the fiercest foes the East could throw at us and we met them unflinchingly and stayed the line. We thank you all for your efforts both on the battlefield, and the ranges and the halls of A&S. You did us so proud, every one of you.

We would also like to thank all those who gave up their time to support the event, Us, and Their Majesties, because without you Pennsic would have been no fun at all. The Commissariat was outstanding and kept everyone refreshed and out on the field, and those who helped get the Kingdom shades and thrones up, we are eternally grateful.

As we gaze towards the fall, we would like to remind everyone to get those Award Recommendations in! The best part of being in our positions is to recognize all of you, but there are only two of us! Let us know who is toiling behind the scenes so that we can show them your and our appreciation.

Lastly, Crown will take place in October and we **SOUNDLY** encourage people to enter, preferably as Combatants, but if not, Honourable Opposition. We want this tournament to be a day to remember. Please refer to the Seneschal's letter over the past two Tidings for entrance instructions, and our letters for requirements of Honourable Opposition participation. <HINT> We would like an email indicating your interest.

Baldric and Breyla
Prince and Princess
Ealdormere

Photo by Emyr James of Town's End



From the Kingdom Senschal

Hello sunshines!

The weather is starting to chill, and the leaves are thinking about changing to put on their fiery show for the autumn. I would like to thank Their Majesties Steinarr and Margraig for their work and care in their time on the thrones and hope that it provides fond memories for them in the future. I would also like to wish Their Highnesses Baldric and Breyla all the best as they step into their time upon the thrones at Coronation.



There are many events coming in the next little while, and I look forward to seeing Ealdormereans busily getting ready on all fronts in the coming weeks. There is always room for volunteer time, and even just an hour or two at events is very welcome.

Many groups and events are struggling to find people willing to take on officer positions. There are Officer positions throughout the Kingdom in need of people, or a fresh perspective. I would encourage people to consider giving a little of their time to help keep things running both at the group level, but also at events. Many hands really does make lighter work for all! If you're unsure of what a position entails, please ask either the person currently in that position, or their baronial / kingdom equivalent. Most jobs aren't nearly as scary as one might fear!

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

In service,
Lucia de Moranza



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From the Earl Marshall

To the Populace of Ealdormere from the Acting Earl Marshall, Wassail!



It has fallen to me, as the Acting Kingdom Earl Marshal, to oversee the process of selecting a new Kingdom Earl Marshal. Part of the process is that I must put forth the Call to Action at least twice in our Official Newsletter. This is the Second such Call.

It is a Robust and Honorable position Serving our Great Kingdom. Among other Responsibilities, it falls to the Earl Marshall to execute the wishes of the King and Queen for their Crown Tourney, organising and overseeing the tourney set out by Their Royal Majesties to choose their Heirs. The KEM gathers a list of Warranted Marshals and collects their individual reports from local Group Practices and Events. The KEM also keeps themselves up to date on Changes to our Combat Rules, disseminating that information to the Marshallate and Populace, implementing said changes.

If you are interested in Serving your Kingdom in this capacity. Please send your application and CV for KEM to earlmarshal.ealdormere@gmail.com and I shall forward that information unto the Privy Council.

As this is the last call to action before we put the applications before the Privy council, please have your applications sent in no later than the end of day October 31 2023. Thank you all.

I Live to Serve
Sir Gannicus the Hibernian, AKEM

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings All



The Exchequer's office is looking for some deputies, for small one time projects and a deputy who might be interested in taking over when my term is up. Starting now gives you time to become comfortable in the job before taking over. If you are interested please reach out to ealdormere.exchequer@gmail.com.

Thank you
Arlette of the Rozakii,
Chancellor of the Exchequer:

From the Trillium Principal Herald

Greetings!



I am pleased to announce that the next Green Mantle Herald will be Baron Jørgen Lennertson. His Excellency will begin his training immediately and will step into the position formally at Wassail.

In other heraldic news, I (in absentia) was pleased to create THL Dietrich von Sachsen a Herald Extraordinary at Pennsic for his massive amount of work digitizing the heraldry of Ealdormere, past and present, and his ongoing support to submitters. (Pretty decent voice herald, too, and was able to step into Green Mantle on a temporary basis on short notice.) He was placed on vigil for the Order of the Pelican immediately after that proclamation, and will sit his vigil at Winter War.

I am hoping to have all five of our new field tabards ready in the near future. The prototype saw great service at Pennsic, and I know Her Grace Rylyn and THL Dietrich appreciated not having to wear a sofa.

Nika Trillium

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From the Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings Readers



I would like to announce that I have a new Vox Borealis Deputy, Baroness Catherine Townson. She is gathering articles about different aspects of Ealdormere and its people. I'm excited to work with her. The October issue "Welcome" contains all her hard work and will be a fantastic guide for newcomers looking for a list of our different guilds with open memberships.

I would like to let you know we have a mailing list to receive the latest issue of the Tidings and Vox Borealis. To join the list on emaildodo email me at ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com. The list email will be ealdormere.chronicle@emaildodo.com. Hopefully this gets information out to people who are not on Facebook or Discord. We are also no longer hosting the newsletter on the Kingdom website.

Joyfully Yours
Lucia de Enzinas
(she/her/they)
Kingdom Chronicler

From the Kingdom Clerk Register

Greetings Ealdormere!



First, a reminder: As per Kingdom policy, all group and event websites must be hosted on ealdormere.ca. If you wish your event site to be hosted by your group, your webminster can assist in either creating a page for you, or allowing you to administer the page yourself as steward. If you are hosting a Kingdom level event, or wish your event to have a dedicated site, the Clerk Register's office will happily provide a site for you. Privately hosted websites are not official as per SCA policy. If you are viewing a site not connected to the Ealdormere domain, be aware that it is not covered by Ealdormere's data and privacy policies and we cannot be responsible for the information provided or your data safety.

Secondly: Alas, my own time as Clerk Register has now come to an end. I wish to thank all of you who have made that time enjoyable. So many people have stepped up to assist with the ongoing changes to our Kingdom Website, there isn't room to name you all here - but I know who you are and am grateful! I hope that Baron Penda is welcomed by your continued support and friendship. I am confident that he will be a great asset to the Kingdom, and to Their Majesties' Privy Council. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please email ealdormereweb@gmail.com.

In Service

La Magnifica Laura Battista
Outgoing Clerk Register,
Ealdormere



Photo by Emyr James of Town's End

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Ealdormere,

If your Canton or Barony have been thinking about hosting a Spring event why not host Kingdom A&S? I'd like to see some bids in and soon so that we know we have a site booked and those of the populace who wish to enter, or display, can start making future plans.



Speaking of Kingdom A&S, I would like to clear up a point of confusion. There seems to be some misconception around the start and end date of a project and its subsequent entry into Kingdom A&S. There is rule or time limit for the start date of a project. However, there is a rule around the date completion, and it is: **Projects entered in the Kingdom A&S tournament, or Pentathlon, must have been completed within the last two years or less.** Furthermore, the project must have not been entered into the Kingdom A&S Tournament in the past. If you entered an item into QPT, or other Baronial, Canton, or Shire competition it can be entered into Kingdom A&S.

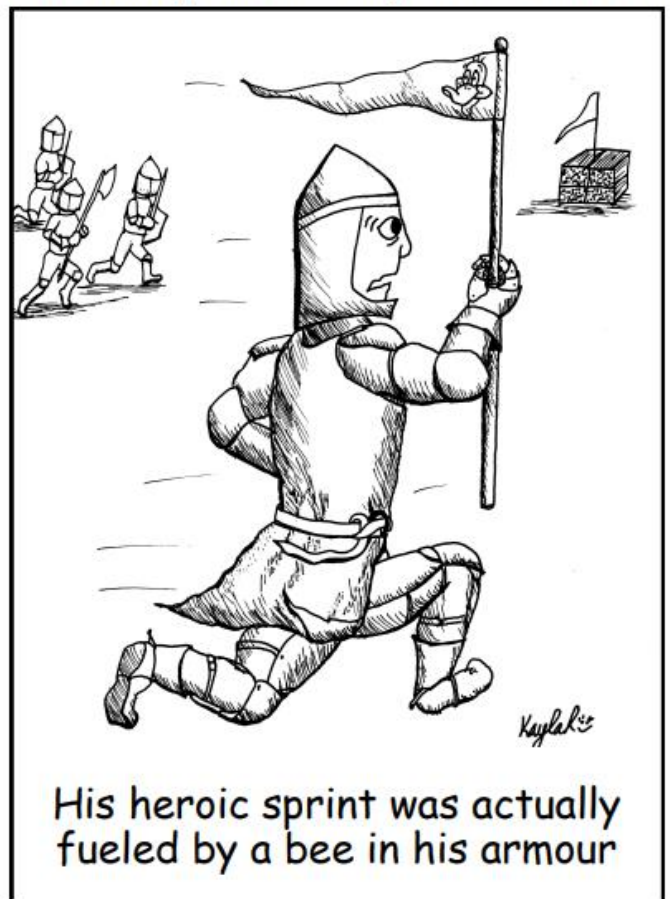
To reiterate: **There is no time limit for starting a project.**

To end with, I wish to thank all the Canton, Shire and Baronial A&S Officers who send their reports into me on time. Please keep up the good work. Please keep up the good work. Next deadline for your reports is December 1st. Please use the form located on the Kingdom webpage which is very user friendly. I look forward to reading every single report.

Yours in service
Marina



Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



From the Kingdom Chatelaine

So as of writing this message, we have just finished SCA demonstrations at Fan Expo, Ottawa Pride, Peterborough Folk Festival, and Middle Ages On The Green – this is how we help people find the Society and keep our kingdom filled with enthusiasm, new friends, and new ideas and growth.



So, here are a few do's and don't's for running or helping at an SCA demonstration:

- Don't clutter a table, or bring everything you own – you can't explain or show everything to a passer-by, just bring 2-3 things and focus on showing those aspects of the game.
- Don't overcrowd the demo booth – SCA folks who have been in a while tend to huddle in circles, talking about what they are doing ... which crowds the booth, and doesn't create an inviting area for new folks to approach – keep it to 1-2 people if you can.
- Don't info dump on people asking a question or drag people into the booth and bombard them – if people are walking by, smile and nod – if they are interested, they will approach. If someone walks by the demo booth and does a double take, say something inviting like “I really bet you have a question or two?”.
- Be present – put your phone away, save your Pennsic stories for your fellow booth goers for later, and focus on being attentive and available for new people that approach.
- If folks ask a few questions and decide to move on, let them. The SCA isn't for everyone ... that being said, new folks will sometimes say “where have you been all my life?” or “these are my people!”. Those are the folks we are there to meet.
- Listen to new folks – if they want to know about 15th century redacted Bavarian recipes, don't go on and on about fighting. Let them guide the conversation.
- Show don't tell – a fighting demo is better than a helmet on a table, a Youtube video is better than people handing out flyers with words (my absolute Youtube video is [“Welcome Home”](#), made by a professional videographer in Caid which shows an amazing day at an event, with a little bit of everything)

And most importantly, give new folks a ‘call to action’ ... if they are interested, don't just give them a business card and send them on their way, because that card will get lost, or the enthusiasm will dim or they just won't have the motivation to come out without knowing what they are getting into. When attending a business expo or conference, folks running a booth there know that most people won't buy what you are selling until they are exposed to it 4-5 times. So to truly help people join the SCA, you have to give them something to do, see, or participate in. Here are a few ideas on that:

Continued

Demos continued

- Have flyers for an upcoming event at the demo – tell them to contact the event steward for loaner garb, and arrange for an experienced person to meet them at gate and show them around.
- Get them talking to a local person about fighting or fencing practice, archery days, sewing open houses, or whatever their local canton or shire do – invite them out, and invite them to be part of the local community.
- By far the best thing you can do right now in this day and age, have QR codes for local or kingdom Facebook Groups, Discord Channels, and websites. If you can, get interested people to scan the code and join the social media channel right away – by doing that, they are going to see what makes the SCA the great thing it is – THE COMMUNITY. And they will have a constant stream of upcoming events, people showing off what they’ve made, historical tidbits, and the welcoming environment. Even if their lives are too busy to come out now, that constant feed of fun will be there, inviting them to come out. Some of our lifetime members saw the SCA, and came out years after they were first introduced to it.
- If anyone wants help planning or running a demo for your local group, reach out to myself – we have a lot of “Chatelaines-at-Large” in the kingdom who are pro’s at demos, and we’d be happy to come help and be a friendly face. If you have questions, you can always reach out to my office email at ealdormere.chatelaine@gmail.com.



Cheerfully slaving for my feudal masters,
Brand



Peterborough Folk Festival, Tiberius & Korigan

Demos August 26-27, 2023




Clockwise: Ottawa Pride demo with Dubhessa & Joffer and Nicola, Joffer, & Constance at the new booth. Middle Ages on the Green scribal set up with Jorgen & Meredyth in Tavistock.



Clockwise continuing, Sciath, Anne, Mebh, Stori, Brand all at the FanExpo booth in Toronto. Thank you to everyone who took Pictures and selfies! Welcome new people!




Huntsman's Harvest

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| When | Sept 23, 2023, 10am, Closes 9pm |  |
| Where | Germania Park Campgrounds, 4221 Trinity Church Rd, Hamilton, ON L0R 1C0 | |
| Description | Huntsman's Harvest returns for 2023 at the Germania Club Park Campgrounds! Join us for another year of mead-tasting, archery, fencing, thrown weapons, Hungry Barbarian Tournaments, and more! | |
| Hosted by | Ben Dunfirth | |
| Event Steward | Jocsa Valente and Brand Thorwaldsen (Joleen and Blair DeMarco-Wettlaufer), joleen.demarco@gmail.com | |
| Website | https://www.bendunfirth.com/huntsmans-harvest-2023 | |
| Site Fee | \$10 (\$15 non member), under 18 free | |

Fall Coronation

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| When | Saturday, Sep 30, 2023 |  |
| Description | Hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog | |
| Where | Shakespeare Optimist Hall 3976 Galt St Shakespeare, ON N0B 2P0 | |
| Event Stewards | Ollamh Emer ingen Uí Áedán and TH Lord Dietrich von Sachsen fallcoronation2023autocrat@gmail.com | |
| Website | http://ealdormere.ca/fall-coronation | |

Fall Crown/Brawl in the Fall 3

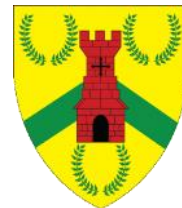
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| When: | Saturday, October 14, 2023 |  |
| Where: | 2292 County Road 30, Codrington, ON, K0K 1R0 | |
| Description: | Fall Crown Tournament of King Baldric II and Queen Brayla II. | |
| Hosted by: | The Canton of Petrea Thule. | |
| Event Stewards: | Valerie West (Mahhild de Valognes), vwest@nexicom.net Brent Baker (Brendan Hunterson), bakerbre@gmail.com | |
| Website: | https://ealdormere.ca/crown-tournament/ | |

Feast of the Hare

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| When | November 4, 2023 Details to follow |  |
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Wassail

When Saturday, December 2, 2023
Where Shakespeare Optimist hall, 3976 Galt St, Shakespeare, ON N0B 2P0
Hosted by Bryniau Tywynnog
Event Steward Bryniau Seneschal bryniau.tywynnog@gmail.com
Website TBA



Blue Dragon

When January 20 – 21, 2024
Where 151 Cadillac Ave N, Oshawa, ON L1G 6C3,
Hosted by Canton of Ard Chreag
Event Steward Johnna Jansen - BlueDragonSCA@gmail.com



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Tiding Submissions

Have an event announcement? A short story, news, or a research article that you would like to share? The Tidings has room for submissions!

To submit, please email ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com and include your SCA name with your submission.

Deadlines:
October 1st– November Tidings

Please register events at <https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>



Cover Art

Cover photo of Rose Tourney winners: Bjorn, Giovanni, Margraig, Hespeler, Tristam, and Joshua by Master Tadc.

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

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