

The Tidings

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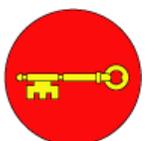


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Event Calendar

January 2024

- 1 Deadline for February Tidings
- 6 Knowne World Colour, virtual event, Kingdom of Ealdormere
- 6 Feast at Lombardy, Canton of Caldrihig (Ottawa, ON)
- 20-21 Blue Dragon Studium 3.5, Canton of Ard Chreag (Oshawa, ON)
- 27 Masque by Moonlight, Canton of Der Welfengau (Guelph, ON)

February 2024

- 1 Deadline for March Tidings
- 3 Tournoi du Coeur de Glace (Belleville, ON)
- 24 Practicum 2024: Back to Basics (Ottawa, ON)

March 2024

- 1 Deadline for April Tidings
- 2 Winter War XXV, Shire of Trinovantia Nova (Parkhill, ON)
- 23 Kingdom Arts & Sciences, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)

April 2024

- 1 Deadline for May Tidings
- 27 Spring Coronation, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Lindsay, ON)

May 2024

- 1 Deadline for June Tidings
- 4 Mayhem on May 4 th , virtual event, Stronghold of Greyfells
- 17-20 Fruits of Our Labours, Canton of Byrniau Twynnog (Drumbo, ON)

June 2024

- 1 Deadline for July Tidings
- 6 - 9 Murder Melee in the Meadow, Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Hamilton, ON)

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

To join the email list to receive the latest issue of the Tidings and Vox Borealis email the Chronicler ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com.

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

From Their Majesties



King and Queen at Wassail photo by Noble Fisher

Unto the glorious citizens of Ealdormere do Baldric and Breyla send greetings in these snow covered lands.

It stuns us once again to see the glory of our Kingdom displayed both in the wonders of our people and their many arts. We have seen the many deeds of our people and again are left in awe of what you all do.



At Hare, His Majesty was most impressed by the coffee class, which filled him with much needed caffeine. The fighting and fencing was wondrous to behold and the prowess of both our adults and youngsters left us speechless as always. Much honour and prowess was displayed throughout the day. We'd like to thank Lorette and Cecilia for stepping up to autocrat and Siglinde and Antonia for filling our bellies for lunch and feast. Thanks

to James, Gavin and Willhelm for the combat throughout the day and for those that stepped in to help with serving, entertaining and bartending. Without all of you, the day would not have been as magical as it was.

Just two weeks later, we were off to Septentria for the wonderfully named Baldric and Breyla's Barroom Brawl which was a great time with a wonderful theme and more meat than even His Majesty could finish. The fighting looked amazingly fun and Majesty had a fantastic time winging rotten tomatoes at anyone he could successfully target. We'd love to thank Her Excellency Baroness Kersteken and Countess Isabel for autocratting a wonderful day of fighting and feasting, with our bellies filled to overflowing by Their Excellencies Penn and Lucia and Lady Adelaide and her feast crew. The Marshals Cameron and Tonis did an amazing job of keeping things fun and light spirited and by all accounts, the combatants had an amazing time. Thank you everyone!

Lastly, Wassail was a further trek for us, but everyone made it well worth the travel. His Majesty greatly appreciated the bumps and bruises he acquired from the skilled combatants from all over. We had the pleasure of beginning the events by opening vigils for the very deserving Valdr, Martin and Emma for Laurel, Pelican and Pelican respectively. We also saw the heritage Kingdom Pelican Medallion passed on from Her Excellency Sciath to Master Mordain only to be passed on to Martin and Emma in the evening court. And what a court it was. We are very sorry for the length, but again we cannot express enough what a pleasure it was to recognize so many deserving gentles. Three incredible artisans were placed on vigil for the Order of the Laurel and we look forward to the future elevations of Mjoll, Ana and Orla.

We'd like to thank Isabella and Aldwynn for making the event happen and thank Maggie and Cheddar De Brie for outstanding food throughout the day. We'd also like to thank Naga, Wolfgang and Geörg for running the combat and Adnar for keeping the delicious libations flowing.

Thank you one and all for making us feel so much love everywhere we go. You make us all so proud. Please drive safe over the holidays and we hope all of you enjoy the family celebrations over the holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Baldric and Breyla, High King and High Queen

From Their Highnesses

His Highness Evander and her Highness Marioun send season's greetings and good wishes for all and for your families. In what ever way in which you celebrate the holidays we hope they are full of great times.



We had a splendid time at Wassail. Thank you to their Majesties, all those who made the event great and special thanks to those who stood to attend Us. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to the Winter-time when we will see you all again, and see great things for Our kingdom and it's people.

In service,

TRH Marioun and Evander

From the Kingdom Senschal

Hello Sunshines!

As I write this, the winter winds blow and my mind tends towards thoughts of hearth and home. There is fresh snow on the ground, a crispness to the air and a wonderful time of year for getting together with family and friends. I wish everyone joy and happiness in this festive season.



To the Seneschals, and all of the officers of Ealdormere, thank you so very much for everything you do for the Kingdom throughout the year. There is so much that goes on in the Kingdom, both loud and public as well as quietly and in the background. If you think someone is deserving of an award, even if you do not have that award yourself, please send a recommendation to their Majesties (or their Baronials if applicable!)

As we enjoy all of the festivities in the coming week, please be careful and travel safely. If you're curled up at home enjoying the warmth of the hearth, perhaps pick up that forgotten A&S project, or start a new one to share in the Spring.

Until the New Year,

Lucia

Photo of Christmas revelers at Wassail by Noble Fisher



From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Ealdormere,



Winter has arrived and I hope you are busy planning your entries for Kingdom A&S which will be held March 23 rd in the Barony of Rising Waters.

For more information, please refer to the Kingdom web pages under the Kingdom Minister of the Arts and Sciences section and look at the content under List of Deadlines. There you will find all the forms as well as instructions for sending emails.

If you are not thinking of entering but would like to be a judge, please feel free to start signing up now. There is a link the Judges Handbook in the same section.

If you have any questions about your entry(ies) please send me an email.

I look forward to seeing what everyone has been working on.

YIS
Marina

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. Examples of articles from populace are found in this issue with a blue heading bar.



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

Deadlines: January 1st—March Tidings

After January 1st, I need several days to put Tidings together before I send it to Society. The due dates are based on paper print schedule.

Joyfully Yours, Lucia de Enzinas



Photo of blackwork by Dame Helena

From the Trillium Principal Herald

Greetings!



As mentioned, you hadn't quite heard the last of me. At Wassail, I turned the office of Trillium Herald over to Lord Matthäus Lindenhayn von Schaffhausen, but not before making Dame Arwyn of Leicester a Herald Extraordinary in a joint proclamation with Sadb, Sanguinaris Herald of Avacal. Dame Arwyn was instrumental in getting the Ealdormere College of Heralds on solid ground after a rocky start in the early days of the Kingdom while she was Trillium Herald, and has continued to serve well in Avacal (and before they became a kingdom, in An Tir). She has continued to visit us regularly, and it was my joy to be able to do this.

One last administrative note: the new Administrative Handbook for the College of Heralds was approved at Privy Council.

I want to thank all of the heralds, pursuivants, and assorted shouty and artsy and researchy and paperworky people in Ealdormere who have helped make my term go smoothly as we moved back into in-person eventing. Ealdormere's College has a lot to be proud of, and I leave you in the capable hands of Lord Matthäus and the next generation of heralds. I look forward to the amazing things you will accomplish.

Magistra Nika Dmitrieva doch' Zvezdina Trillium Emerita

Call for Applications for Lawspeaker

Meisterin Siglinde has indicated that her time as Lawspeaker is nearing its end. If you think this is something you'd like to do, or find out more about what being Lawspeaker entails, feel free to reach out to Siglinde at ealdormere.lawspeaker@gmail.com

Lawspeaker Selection Process and Timeline:

1. The Lawspeaker selection process will be published for two cycles of the Tidings, and the deadline for nominations is 28 February 2024.
2. To be nominated to be Lawspeaker must be nominated by 12 armigerous subjects of Ealdormere. Those nominated must be confirmed as per Kingdom Law.
3. Please forward nominations to the attention of the Kingdom Seneschal. Please send nominations electronically to ealdormere.kseneschal@gmail.com Any nominations received after 11:59PM on 28 February 2024 will not be taken into consideration.
4. Confirmed nominees names will appear in the February Tidings.
5. Should there be more than one nominee, there will be a vote by the Seneschals of the Kingdom. The list of names shall be brought forward by the local Seneschals to discuss amongst the membership and the Seneschal will vote on behalf of their membership. They will act as a representative of their group.
6. Should there be only one nominee, there shall be a vote of confidence. The name shall be brought forward by the local Seneschals to discuss amongst the membership and the Seneschal will vote on behalf of their membership which shall reflect the confidence of their branch in the nominee. The nominee must receive no less than a 50% vote of confidence. If a 50% vote of confidence is not met, the process will begin again.
7. Voting by the Seneschals will open on 1 March 2024 and close at 11:59PM on 25 March 2024.
8. Results will be discussed with the Royal Family and then shared with the Candidate. The outgoing Lawspeaker will then publicize the successful candidate to the populace.
9. The Office is anticipated to change over in April/May 2024.

Lawspeaker Continued

Please consider the importance of this position within the Kingdom. All nominees must be ready for the burden of the office.

ARTICLE IX – Lawspeaker of Ealdormere

IX-100 The Lawspeaker shall be an experienced member of the Society who commands the respect of the subjects of Ealdormere. This person shall possess the capacity to mediate, arbitrate and provide counsel. The Lawspeaker will act as a mediator and ombudsman and as a councilor to the Crown. The Lawspeaker will stand as a deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal and will be appointed, and removed from office, as detailed in these Laws.

IX-101 Due to the nature of the work required of the Lawspeaker, the position of Lawspeaker will be a warranted deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal, for the purposes of Legal and Insurance coverage. This warrant is to be enacted by the Crown, and Kingdom Seneschal when the Lawspeaker takes office, to be renewed for the entire term of office of the Lawspeaker. The only process by which this warrant can be revoked is outlined in section IX-600. It is hereby noted that while the Lawspeaker is a warranted deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal, the Lawspeaker is not a Seneschal and does not report to the Kingdom Seneschal, nor does the Kingdom Seneschal have any influence on the Office of Lawspeaker. The Lawspeaker stands outside the formal reporting structure of the Kingdom, the better to act as a mediator, ombudsman and councilor to the Crown and people of Ealdormere.

IX-200 No Sovereign, Consort, Heir to the Crown, Territorial Baron or Baroness, Kingdom Officer or member of the Seneschalate may be nominated for the position of Lawspeaker.

IX-300 The Lawspeaker will be selected in the following manner:

IX-301 Nominations for the position will be solicited in the Kingdom newsletter and submitted in writing to the Seneschal.

IX-302 Those people who receive nominations from 12 armigerous subjects of Ealdormere and are confirmed by either the outgoing Lawspeaker, the Sovereign, the Consort, the Crown Princess, or the Crown Prince will be approached privately by the Seneschal and asked if they accept the nomination. Upon acceptance of the nomination, that person shall be declared a candidate for the position.

IX-303 If there is only one nominee, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call for a vote of confidence. All warranted branch Seneschals of Ealdormere shall be allowed one vote that shall reflect the confidence of their branch in the nominee. The nominee must receive no less than a 50% vote of confidence. If a 50% vote of confidence is not met, the process will begin again.

IX-304 In the event there are two or more candidates, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call an election and the names of the candidates shall be made public.

(i) The Kingdom Seneschal shall oversee and conduct the election.

(ii) All warranted branch Seneschals of Ealdormere shall be allowed one vote that shall reflect the wishes of their branch.

(iii) The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared Lawspeaker.

IX-400 The term of office for the Lawspeaker shall be three years. The outgoing Lawspeaker may be considered an eligible candidate assuming he or she receives the required nominations and is confirmed by the Sovereign, Consort, Crown Prince, or Crown Princess.

Lawspeaker Continued

IX-500 In the event the Lawspeaker is unable to fulfill his/her duties; he/she shall appoint an interim replacement subject to ratification by the Crown. The Crown may choose to allow the interim replacement to act for a stated period of time. At the end of this period, the Lawspeaker may resume their duties. The period of absence shall be included as part of the Lawspeaker's term in office. Or the Crown may choose to ask the Kingdom Seneschal to proceed with the selection process upon ratification of the interim replacement. The selection procedure as outlined in IX-300 shall be initiated immediately.

IX-600 In the event that the people of Ealdormere are dissatisfied with the performance of the Lawspeaker, a removal process may be initiated. A petition signed by 30% of the warranted branch seneschals of Ealdormere will be cause for the Kingdom Seneschal to call for a vote of confidence in the Lawspeaker. All warranted branch seneschals of Ealdormere will participate in this vote. The Kingdom Seneschal will initiate the selection procedure to select a new Lawspeaker only if directed to do so by a majority vote of the seneschals.

IX-700 Due to the nature of the position and the selection process, the Lawspeaker may not fight or be fought for in Crown Tournament.

IX-800 Duties of the Lawspeaker

IX-801 The Moot – In consultation with the Crown, the Lawspeaker shall ensure that a Moot is called at least once per reign.

(i) The Lawspeaker shall ensure that the time and location of the Moot are published in advance in the Kingdom newsletter.

(ii) The Lawspeaker shall ensure that one section of Kingdom Law is read at the beginning of each Moot so that the people may be familiar with their Laws.

(iii) The Lawspeaker shall chair the Moot and ensure that records are maintained and published.

IX-802 The Lawspeaker shall investigate concerns brought before him/her and mediate disputes as required. In the event of a conflict of interest, the Lawspeaker may appoint a mutually acceptable mediator in his/her stead.

IX-803 The Lawspeaker shall administer and chair Courts of Inquiry following the guidelines detailed in the Kingdom Operating Policy, Section Four – Courts of Justice.

There will be **Moot at Tournoi de Glace on February 3 2024**, currently scheduled for 10 am.

YIS, Siglinde

From the Chancellor of the Exchequery

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.



The 2024 budget should be published to the website by the time this newsletter comes out.

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

Future Possibilities For The SCA By Rua Lupa

Reposted from <https://canadianmutt.wordpress.com/2023/11/14/future-possibilities-for-the-sca/>

Morikawa Rei had written a quality thought piece on the SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism) being an aging social organisation struggling with recruitment and retention, called "[Why the SCA has a Recruitment Problem](#)" published on November 11th 12023 Holocene Era (2023 Current Era).

Most things were familiar topics that have been discussed thoroughly in many places that covered the issues better than I could or am willing to do here.

But some things, while similar in familiarity, had hit differently than before. They made a connection that felt like kindling on what brings out the best of the SCA.

I have been a member of the SCA since age 27 in 12014 HE (2014 CE), so for near a decade at this point. For that entire time having lived far from major population centers in Ontario, Canada and thus SCA events in the Kingdom of Ealdormere. The typical driving time to any event being approximately 7+ hours. Pre Pandemic we attended about 5 events a year, 4 of those multi-day camping events to justify the travel. Most of the year the SCA for me is online, working in book heraldry, the 'SCA Celts / Early Period Cultures (600BCE-500CE)' Facebook group, running the 'Ancient Celts SCA' Pinterest Page, and doing SCA inspired crafting at home to use at the next event. I have genuinely had a great experience for my circumstances.

I believe that positive experience was because a lot of what is suggested in Morikawa Rei's piece was already being done in Ealdormere. There are events that are historically themed and immersive, most conversations I have pertains to a historic subject, the Arts and Science is very alive and welcoming with periodic group experiments / projects beyond just classes and competitions, the Kingdom website is very well managed, are doing a lot of work reaching out to recruit, on being welcoming to new attendees, and retaining new members.

That said, no group is free from problems, but that does not mean we should not try to address them and always work to improve. Most everything mentioned by Morikawa Rei is worth taking into consideration and mulled over with discussion with members no matter how successful your area appears to be. Different perspectives and experiences need to be found to avoid bias.

What is the SCA really about?

The SCA is to many members primarily a martial club, especially since the society decides who the royalty is from a heavy combat tournament. This has led to a slim category of people representing all of the SCA – older fighting men. Primarily because of time and resources to equip and train to even reach the potential to enter. Ealdormere has slightly bucked this trend by having a Queen by Right of Arms – Queen Kayla in Anno Societas 54 / 12019 Holocene Era (2019 Current Era), having been only the second to have done so in all of the SCA. The first was Queen Rowan of Ansteorra, in AS 25 / 11990 HE (1990 CE).

With this as the main feature and function of SCA importance, it is not all that surprising that the society struggles to attract young people. Then consider how the SCA is not the only organisation that offers historical combat. HEMA (Historical European Martial Arts). An organisation that is successfully attracting young and diverse people.

Compared to HEMA, the SCA fighting system certainly looks like it is falling behind with the tech available for more immersive kit and access. If the SCA wants to make any headway in changing the heavy combat demographics, rattan needs to be re-examined as possibly being a legacy burden. And if the SCA wants to in general attract younger and more diverse people, that it mostly revolves around martial heavy combat should in itself be reconsidered as there already is a lot of history based martial arts organisations. The SCA simply cannot compete in that sphere, and probably should not.

Letter to Editor con't

This is where Morikawa Rei's piece hit home for me,

*"What we really don't have competition for is a pre-1600s re-enactment group. We're pretty much the only one in America, and certainly the largest with the biggest swath of cultures and times. I personally think this is a much greater, and far more interesting aspect of our identity than any one type of fighting or discipline. I think we should own this particular aspect and really double down on it; **I think committing to more immersive events would only enhance all the other things we do**"... "I hope in the future, we can have more events that are not just Fighting+, but Immersive History+." - Morikawa Rei*

What appealed most to me and compelled me to join the SCA was Experimental Archaeology and Historically Inspired Craft. Things that I could apply to my modern "mundane" life. Most of my fun moments are immersive events and activities. Often just walking by a space where I get invited to join in doing a historical thing – no previous skill or equipment required! And that keeps me coming back. It is a niche the SCA could definitely expand on and emphasize more if not realigning to make that central. While we're at it, we can relax a bit on accuracy expectations and highlight Historic Inspiration – being a game For Creative Anachronism.

Instead of major events themed on activities for peerage tracks (a Fighter event or Arts and Science event, or some combination), have the major events be about a Historical Activity being Recreated,

- Seasonal Festivals
- Traditional Communal Projects
- Historical Daily Life Activity
- Feasts themed on different periods and cultures
- Different Historical Court Structures:
 - A Thing / Folkmoot
 - Ard Ri Court
 - High Medieval Court
 - Mongolian Empire Court
 - Roman Republic Senate, etc.

We could learn a lot from Renaissance Fairs where the SCA would be the Educational sibling. Think pre1600 open air museums with Renfair level interactive engagement. Where learning can be really fun and immersive, and everyone is able to play to the full extent of the game, not just those with the means. Where awards and Peerage tracks are bonus side quests, not a primary function or goal.

SCA ROYALTY

Morikawa Rei mentions "pre 1600s forms of egalitarian government" that could work for updating the SCA system.

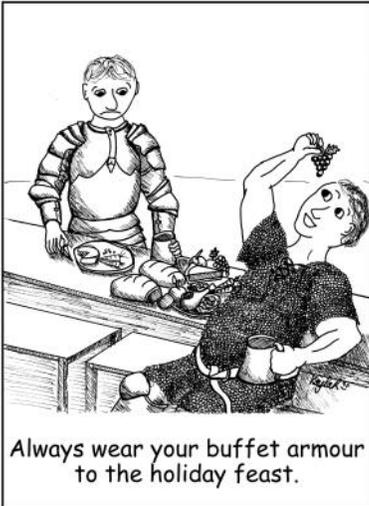
I am all in favour of updating the governing system to be more balanced in representation as has often been discussed for some time already. Let us consider what the SCA governing system could look like if realigned to be 'Immersive History+'

Maybe instead of the New Rulers chosen solely from a martial tournament and them choosing the historical theme – make the historical theme be what the potential Rulers compete to represent.

The populace could submit periods of interest, and then vote on what an up coming year should be themed. Potential Royals then compete via showcasing the breadth and depth of their knowledge and skills in that time and place of the theme, and how they could apply that knowledge and skill to making that year's events as immersive as possible for everyone. The population could view their submissions in person or online and then vote for who they think would represent that historical time period best.

Cartoons

Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



News from Ireland

Last May we went to a greenwood event in the UK, called the Bodgers Ball. There are loads of classes and contests and races, the kind of thing that would make our A&S people squee and bounce up and down. One of the event is called the Log To Leg race, where you get half a log, then split, shave and turn a pair of chair legs using hand tools and a pole lathe. Best time (minus penalties for shoddy workmanship) wins.

A new contest was added for 2023 because the event fell on the Coronation Weekend of King Charles III. This was the Log To Scepter Challenge. A team of three was to produce a scepter that incorporated turning and carving. It was judges by popular vote. We A&S people love our bean-counts.

Our team consisted of Kathy(Katrina), Darrell(Iohn) and our friend Kevin from Ireland. No one from the UK itself. And we WON. That was fun, but it became even more fun when Kevin's sister-in-law took the scepter and offered to have Shenanigans done with it.

King Henry VIII was the patron of Trinity College at Cambridge University. His larger-than-life statue adorns the gate tower at the college entrance. His statue was built hing the Orb & Scepter of his Kingly office. Some disgruntled students replaced the scepter many years ago with a chair leg. The scepter was returned, then replaced again with a leg, in a back-and-forth battle, until the Powers That Be gave up and just left the leg in Henry's hand.

The college administration still retains a healthy sense of humour to this day, because when presented with this opportunity, they had our scepter gilded and placed in Henry's hand for Charles III's 75th birthday in November. So it was that Katrina & Iohn made the news across the Pond in a bit of typical British silliness. <https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/trinity-college-statue-of-henry-viii-given-new-sceptre-to-19339930/>



-- wood hoarder, blade sharpener, and occasional tool user

Known World Colour

When: January 6, 2024, 9am - 6pm
Where: Virtual event
Description: Free Virtual Event focused on the making of colour. From dye to pigments to stains, all are welcome to share their knowledge and experience here.
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/knownworldcolour/>
Event Steward: Magistra Nika Dmitreiva doch' Zvezdina knownworldcolour@gmail.com



Feast at Lombardy

Feast at Lombardy is a "just a feast" event. There will be dancing, bardic opportunities, and games available, for the time between courses and before feast is served. The main focus of the event will be The Feast which will be served at 3pm, and go until about 6.

Where: Lombardy Fairgrounds, 6 Kelly Road, Lombardy, ON K0G 1L0
When: January 6, 2024, Site opens: 1:00 PM, Site closes 9:00 pm
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/feast-at-lombardy/>
Fee: Adult Member Registration: \$30, Non members \$35
Youth under 18, free
Reservations: THL Constance of Caldrithig constance.payne@gmail.com



The Registration fee includes feast. Food restrictions will be accommodated, the pre-registration form has an opportunity to declare concerns to the cook.

Blue Dragon

When: January 20 –21, 2024
Where: 151 Cadillac Ave N, Oshawa, ON L1G 6C3,
Hosted by: Canton of Ard Chreag
Event Steward: Kaolin the Clever and Ellaire de Troyes: seneschal.ardchreag@gmail.com
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/blue-dragon/>



Masque by Moonlight:

Description: A dance revel with the Canton of Der Welfengau
When: Jan 27, 2024
Site opens: 5pm,
Site closes: Midnight
Where: Guelph Curling Club, 816 Woolwich St., Guelph, ON N1H 6J2
Event steward: Mistress Asa Gormsdottir
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/masque-by-moonlight/>



*** Preregistration required ***

Reserve your spot! Attendance is limited! use email subject "register" masquebymoonlight@gmail.com

Tournoi du Coeur de Glace

The Shire of Bastille du Lac is proud to host Tournoi du Coeur de Glace.

Where: **New site:** Belleville Armouries, 187 Pinnacle St., Belleville, ON K8N 3A5

Site opens: 9 am, Site closes: 7 pm

Procession: 11am, Tournament begins at noon

Website: <https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/tournoi>

Event Registration: Adult Members \$20; Adult Non-Members \$25

Autocrat: Earl Sir Rattanicus



As has become the tradition, the day will begin with a procession of combatants and consorts. If you do not have a consort please do not worry, feel free to fight for your King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Baron, Baroness, Family, or Friends.

The tournament will alternate between fencing and fighting and a shield tree will be in use to track the tournament. This is a chance to highlight all forms of marshal prowess in Ealdormere. There will be prizes provided to the First, Second, and third place competitors for both the heavy fighters and the fencers. Bear pits will follow the main tournament time permitting

Practicum 2024: Back to Basics

The Canton of Caldrethig is proud to host Practicum 2024.

Where: Rideau Park United Church, 2203 Alta Vista Dr, Ottawa, ON K1H 7L9, Canada

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

Event Registration fees: \$20 adult members. Minors are free of charge

Lunch table: \$8.00 (70 tickets will be sold)

Feast is Potluck!

Event Steward: Baroness Gina Dragoni ginacook@pobox.com

Reservation Steward: Rosceline de Coutances laura.gagne99@gmail.com

Website: Ealdormere.ca/practicum.



Winter War XXV

Yes! It has been 25 years!

This year is the Twenty-Fifth Winter War hosted by the Shire of Trinovantia Nova! The event features Fighting, Fencing, Merchants, Bardic, Classes, Courts, an Elevation, and a Feast!

Hosted by the Shire of Trinovantia Nova

Location: North Middlesex District High School 100 Main Street, Parkhill, ON N0M 2K0

When: March 2, 2024 Site Opens: 9:00am Site Closes: 9:00pm

Directions: From Highway 402 in Strathroy, take exit 65 and turn north onto Center Road (81).

Follow 81 north to Highway 7 in Parkhill, and then turn left (follow signs for 81 in Parkhill). Turn right onto Main Street, and the site is immediately on the right.

Event Fees: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members Youth (12-17) \$10, Under 12 free.

Lunch: TBD

Feast: \$25

Event Stewards: THL Aidan Sceotend & THL Marrin von Waldburg

Email: trinovantia.eventsteward@gmail.com



Kingdom A&S

When: March 23, 2024
Hosted by: Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)
Where: Eden High School (535 Lake St, St. Catharines, ON L2N 4H7)
Event Stewards: Lord Iustus di Cordoba marshal. risingwaters@gmail.com
Baroness Mistress Sciath ingen Chennaig risingwaters@gmail.com
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/kas2024/>



Coronation

When: April 27, 2024 Site opens: 9:30am, - 8:00pm
Description: Come celebrate the Coronation and continuation of the Line of the North.
Hosted by: the Shire of Bastille du Lac.
Site fees: \$20 Adult Member, \$25 Adult non-member
Youth under 18: free
Lunch counter: \$10, limited to 60 tickets
Feast: \$15.00
Event Stewards: Countess Isabel Atwyll isabel.atwyll@gmail.com
Kniaginia Xristinia Viacheslavova mchestley@gmail.com
Reservation Steward: Master Brand Thorwaldsen
Website: TBA



Mayhem on May 4th

Mayhem on May 4th virtual event, Stronghold of Greyfells



Fruits of Our Labours

The Canton of Byrniau Twynnog is proud to present: Fruits of Our Labours XVII

When: May 17-20
Where: Scouts Canada- Camp Impeesa 827559 Township Rd 8, Drumbo, ON
N0J 1G0, Canada
Website: <http://ealdormere.ca/fool>



Murder Melee in the Meadow

The Barony of Ben Dunfirth invite one and all to come camp, fight, fence, arch and throw weapons. **New location** this year: Germania Park Campgrounds! Yes, the same site at which we enjoy Huntsman's Harvest.

Event Stewards: Duchess Jocea Valente (Joleen DeMarco-Wettlaufer)
Master Brand Thorwaldson (Blair Demarco-Wettlaufer)
grandduchyofbendunfirth@gmail.com





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

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