

The Æstel



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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.

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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~~

August 12 and 13, 2025 – Virtual

October 18 and 19, 2025 – Live

Æthelmearc Royalty

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Master Markus Skalpr Grimsson

Cut and Thrust:

Luminaria Salvadore de la Torres

Regalo de las Rosas

Lady Kolfinna Jodisardottir

Heavy Weapons Champion:

THL Salvador Moro de Medici

Archery Champion:

Lord Skjoldr Bjorn

Thrown Weapons Champion:

Baroness Rosheen O'Faye

King's Equestrian Champion:

Shah Megis Elmanou

Queen's Equestrian Champion:

THL Azenari Basandere

Shield of Chivalry:

THL Murcadh DalCais

TRMs Bardic Champion

Lord Éadaoin Ruadh

TRHs Bardic Champion

Lord Reinaldr bjortappr

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

Baroness Antoinette de Lorraine

Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

Youth Combat Champion:

Morgan

Brewing Champion:

THL Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto

Landed Barons & Baronesses of Æthelmearc

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

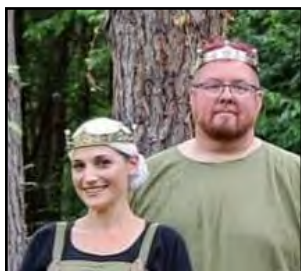
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Æthelmearc, known as the "Seven Pearls"
visit:**

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



From Their Majesties

Murdoch & Rioghnach Rex et Regina



As many of us prepare for Pennsic, we look forward to this gathering that tests our skill on the battlefields, accuracy at the ranges, and accomplishment in the A&S forums. We come together as a Society to serve the Dream and create those moments of magic that will sustain us in the months (or years) we are apart. And for those who do not or cannot make the pilgrimage, know that at least once during War, we're going to be a little envious of you, all cool and dry and with access to indoor plumbing.

This year, Pennsic is a "Purple War" which means that Æthelmearc is allied with Atlantia and the East is allied with the Middle. While most of the other attending kingdoms' armies may align with us, we're still likely to be outnumbered on the field. Our goal is to demonstrate honor, model safety, and have fun in such a target rich environment! To pull from the lyrics of "Banners of Scarlet" by Gwendolyn the Graceful, "Honor comes before victory. Honor! Let no one question your Honor. Remember, my friend: 'Tis Æthelmearc's honor you bear in the end."

For those attending Pennsic, we would ask that you each do one thing this War that helps the volunteer staff accomplish the Herculean task of running this event. Be it a shift at the Watch, time at Information Point, reminding your campmates to hydrate, or simply reading and following the site rules, everything that each of us can do to make this Pennsic a safe and fun time for all helps our community.

In Service,

Murdoch & Rioghnach
Rex et Regina, Æthelmearc



Officer Reports

From their Royal Highnesses

Unto the Noble Populace of Sylvan
Æthelmearc, Greetings
From Prince Andreas and
Princess Kallista,



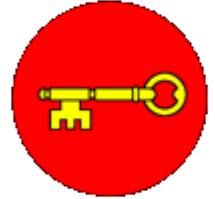
As this is our last missive as Heirs, we want to thank you all for the love and support you've shown us these last several months. It has truly been a joy to have traveled and spent time with so many of you. This Kingdom is made up of some very spectacular people. Through all your hard work and amazing skills, you very much embody the spirit of the SCA and add so much Glory to Æthelmearc.

Soon our parents will retire, and we will assume the duties as Sovereigns of these fair lands. We are looking forward to the task at hand and the opportunity to work and play with all the wonderful people across this Kingdom. Hopefully we will see many of you at Our Coronation which will mark the beginning of a fun filled and exciting reign. While we will be in many places during the reign, our eyes do not see all, we strongly encourage all of you to send us your reports of folks doing and creating amazing things so that we may recognize them appropriately.

As Always In Service To The Dream,
Prince Andreas and Princess Kallista.

From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Æthelmearc!



War is upon us yet again, and though there are grim days of battle before us, so too there will be great opportunities. I please ask that everyone going to pay special attention to the site rules and be on your best behavior.

And I will remind you yet again that Pennsic isn't something that happens on its own. Countless volunteers help keep the mad machinery of the event going, and if you could find some time to join their ranks it will make a better experience for everyone. There are numerous opportunities both with our Kingdom and the event itself. Even one more person helping at event check-in can make a world of difference for many others.

I also encourage people to try new things. Take a class. Learn a new weapon. Join a bardic circle or take in a show. Learn about some new aspect of how the war works behind the scenes. It is difficult to express how much is going on throughout the two weeks of war, but the more you look the more you will find.

And for those playing the home game, please take care of yourself and see if you can take some time to work on a project, do some research, watch a medieval-themed movie, or do something to keep the spark alive.

Be good to each other, take care of yourselves, and protect the Queen at all costs.

In Service to the Realm,

Officer Reports and Announcements

Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

From the Kingdom Arts + Sciences Minister

Greetings from Rue, your friendly
Kingdom A&S Minister

It has now been a year and a half
since myself and my Deputy, Mai-
rin O Cadhla, started serving
Æthelmearc as the Kingdom A&S
Ministers. This means that there are six months
remaining in our initial term.

We have been having so much fun that we will
be reapplying for a second term as the Æthel-
mearc A&S Ministers. That said, we know that
enthusiasm is itself a great motivator in this posi-
tion; therefore, we encourage anyone who feels
that they would like to stand for Æthelmearc as
the Arts and Sciences Ministers to write in their
bid. Their Majesties will use their discretion to
determine what will be best for the Kingdom and
the Society.

Please include in your letter anything you feel
would assist Their Majesties and us with that de-
cision. Please note that, although not necessary,
I chose to get my youth background checks to
work with children, as I feel that working with the
kids of our Kingdom in A&S is very important. I
hope you consider this option should you be-
come the next Minister.

To apply, please send a letter of intent along with
your SCAdian resume
to ans@aethelmearc.org by August 31; it will be
distributed to all appropriate parties. Please let
us know if you have any questions—in person,
via chat, or in email at ans@aethelmearc.org.
Looking forward,

Rue and Mairin



Call to Action: SCA 60th

Memorial Display

Hail and Well Met!

My name is Ragna stórráða Úlfisdóttir, and I am part
of the team working on the history hall for the SCA
60th display. I am, to that end, focused on collecting
submissions for the Memorial display. As with the
50th display, we intend to display the names and her-
aldry of those who have passed as part of the history
hall, and to do that, I'd like to open submissions to
the general public.

It is my hope that you'll be able to share the submis-
sion link (a Google Form<[https://forms.gle/
YNfPe5PbuDkGbzzq7](https://forms.gle/YNfPe5PbuDkGbzzq7)>) with the various Kingdom
Chroniclers to share in their newsletters.

I have included a brief below, which also works for
posting:

"As the Society's 60th year dawns, we are reminded
of those who have walked before us and live on in
our memories, and to that end, we wish to represent
them within the hall of history at the 60th Year Anni-
versary. Send in those we've known and loved, those
whose spirits honored the SCA and whom we will
now honor in return. The submission process is sim-
ple, you will simply need to fill out the following
Google form<[https://forms.gle/
YNfPe5PbuDkGbzzq7](https://forms.gle/YNfPe5PbuDkGbzzq7)> and include some basic in-
formation about the person. (Their name, heraldry, a
little about them, etc.) Do not worry overmuch about
submitting someone who may have also been sub-
mitted by someone else, as we will be thoroughly re-
viewing submissions to make sure we don't end up
with duplicates in the end display."

I very much appreciate your assistance with this pro-
ject. I will likely reach out, in three to four months, to
make this request again and refresh it in the minds of
the populace.

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Yours In Service,

Ragna stórráða Úlfisdóttir
Hostilia Lupa of Vito's Minions
Incunabula Pursuivant

Kingdom + Other Events

Seven Pearls

August 22nd-24th, 2025

Hosted by Barony of St.
Swithin's Bog

The horn has been blown! The Champions of the Seven Baronies have been called. It is time to test their mettle in their chosen activities at the New German Grove in the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog. This year, 7 Pearls will take place from Friday August 22 through Sunday August 24. Our Site will be at the New Germany Grove Hall, located at 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill, Pa 15958. The site will open on Friday August 22, 2025 at 5:00pm and close on Sunday, August 24 at 12:00pm.

There will be ample space for camping, however there will be no shower facilities available. The site is discreetly wet and above ground fires are permitted. Service animals only please.

Event Fees:

Adult Registration: \$30.00

Adult Member Registration:
\$20.00

Children 17 and under: Free
Preregistrations can be sent to Mistress Aelfra Long at 1284 Killiwhat Street, Johnstown, Pa 15902. We will accept preregistrations up to August 16, 2025.

*The price reflects a day board Saturday and light refreshment.

* Checks can be made out to SCA-PA, Inc. Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

Autocrats:

Questions regarding the event can be directed to the Autocrat Dame Caroline of Burgundy (Caroline Felesky)

at wildrose4@verizon.net or by phone at 814-629-5794. You can also contact the Co-Autocrat for this event, THL Arvik Hyttainen

(Timothy Johnson)
at timothyjohnson1978@gmail.com or by phone at 814-631-2138.

We please ask that no call be made past 9:00pm.

Feastocrat:

The Feastocrat for this event will be THL Arvik Hyttainen (Timothy Johnson). If there are any Dietary or allergy concerns please get in contact with him

at timothyjohnson1978@gmail.com or by phone at 814-631-2138.

We please ask that no calls be made past 9:00pm.

Directions:

From the West: Make your way to US-22E/William Penn Hwy via the exit on the left

toward Murrysville (56.5 mi). Take the ramp toward Ebensburg (0.4 mi). Turn slightly right onto W High St/US-219 BR (0.5 mi). Turn Right onto New Germany Rd/ PA-160.

Continue to follow New Germany Rd (5.3 mi.). The New Germany Grove is on the Right.

From the South: Make your best way to US-219 N. Take the exit toward New Germany (0.3 mi). Turn Right onto Tower Rd (0.3 mi). Turn left onto New Germany Rd-(0.3 mi). New Germany Grove is on the Left.

From the East: Make your best way to US-22W/William Penn Hwy. Take Exit 28 toward Ebensburg/Holidaysburg. Take the exit toward Loretto (0.4 mi).

Merge onto Admiral Peary Hwy (0.1 mi). Admiral Peary Hwy becomes Rowena Dr (0.5 mi). Rowena Dr becomes E. High St (0.6 mi). Turn slightly left onto W. High St/US-219 BR (0.3 mi). Turn left onto New Germany Rd/PA-160. Continue to follow the New Germany Rd (5.3 mi).

New Germany Grove is on the Right.

From the North: Make your best way to US-422 E. Take the US-422 E Exit toward Indiana. Turn slight right onto US-422/Indiana Rd/Benjamin Franklin Hwy. Continue to follow Benjamin Franklin Hwy (50.5 mi). Turn right onto W High St/US-219 BR (0.3 mi). Turn left onto New Germany Rd/ PA160. Continue to follow New Germany Rd (5.3 mi). New Germany Grove is on the Right.

[Damp/Discreet](#), [No Weapons](#), [Open Flames](#), [R3](#), [Service Animals Only](#) / [No Pets](#)

Upstate Renaissance

Faire

August 22nd-24th, 2025

DEMO

Autocrat Notes: This is a Demonstration event where your participation is needed. So, if committed to coming is an issue, please do not put your name forward for a pass if you have the 'maybe I'll attend.' thinking. That pass can go to someone who will attend. I understand that sometimes it's unavoidable. But I do not wish to have what happened last year when 30+ people messaged me the day of and backed out.

Unto the Noble and Glorious Populace of Æthelmearc, does Riddari Gwydeon ap Arden send warm and heartfelt greetings.

Like last year and the year before, the Upstate Renaissance Faire has asked for the SCA to be present once again. The call for Heavies and Fencers, and Artisans goes out to you all. There will be a place to camp for those distant travelers. To get in for free please contact myself on FB or email gwydeonaparden@hotmail.com for your performers pass. We

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have 4 slots available for Vendors. So please if you are a vendor and wish to sell your wares, don't hesitate to put in an application inquiry first before doing so so that I have the correct number. If you wish to have a weekend of fun. By all means join us. You won't be disappointed

Semper Servus
Riddari Gwydeon ap Arden MIC
and Autocrat of the Upstate Renaissance Faire

[Cash Bar](#), [Open Flames](#), [R5](#), [Service Animals Only / No Pets](#), [Weapons Allowed](#)

Line of Fire

August 29th-31st, 2025

Hosted by the Barony of
the Delftwood

Additional Notes on Pet Policy:

Service animals and well mannered leashed pets are welcome

As the SCA season of war between man draws to a close the beasts of Dunlochs Wyldewood forest stir. Join The Canton of Dunloch and the Barony of Delftwood for Line Of Fire: Wilderwood. Join us for a weekend of singing, fencing, throwing, shooting and defending the Canton of Dunloch from the beasts of the Wyldewood. But most of all join us for the camping, comradery, and fun!

Up in the northern reaches of Dunloch, within the Barony of Delftwood, the event will be held at the home of Ana and Wolfgang at 393 Fort Leazier Road, Mexico NY 13114. This will be a 3 day event with camping starting at 5PM of Friday August 29th and lasting until noon on Sunday August 31st. The site is damp and fire is ok (it's in the name for peats sake). Boxed lunch options will be provided by Lady Ana Sirena de Valbuena herself and there are plenty of nearby offsite

stores and eateries for those looking to get food after the event. As this event is set outside in the woods near a creek, bug spray is highly recommended.

We will be having plenty of fun on the range, including the baronial champion shoot and throw, an all day shoot and throw, a novelty shoot, and the return of the Medieval Brutality Competition (this time bring your fencing kit).

In addition, there will be room for fencing activities provided with meelees run by Daidh Amoury.

For those more interested in A&S there will be a class on Commedia dell'arte done by our very own Ixac, a bardic circle, and a bardic duet competition (work together if you want to win). For any little ones running around there will be fun activities happening all day long, including defending the castle, the return of the monster shoot, and a childrens bardic circle.

Lunch Options

Saturday lunch box -honey chicken thighs and drumsticks, Spanish Farmers Rice (rice, carrots, onions, chickpeas) served room temperature or cold, raw vegetables with a yogurt based dip, bread and butters (or dipping oil-I have not decided) and dried fruit cups.

Sunday breakfast box – eggs with cheese and veggies (baked-with the possibility of cottage cheese in the mix too!), ham slices and apple fritters, coffee and hot water for tea and hot cocoa. Various meat and vegetable based sausages, spinach and feta hand pies, a type of cookie or small cake of some sort, and any leftovers from Saturday.

Reservations & Site Fees

Site will be limited to a total of 175 participants on each day, Camping will be available – at the time of this

writing there are 15 camping sites throughout the “woods” this side of the creek. Each of these 15 sites can accommodate a family/group of 4-6 persons (one 10×20 ish sized tent). There are several areas that can accommodate smaller 1-2 person tents throughout the woods as well. Camp fires will be limited to 2-3 designated places in the woods and yard. There are no shower facilities available. Please note if you are camping on your registration as camping is on a first come – first served basis, as we are limiting the number of campers to 50.

Adult Registration:

Day Fee \$20.00 per day (Saturday and Sunday)

SCA Member Discount \$10.00 per day

Camping Fee \$5.00 per person for 1 or 2 nights (Friday & Saturday)

Children 0-14 No Fees charged for Site Fees or Camping.

Food:

Saturday boxed lunch \$5.00

Sunday Breakfast \$5.00

Sunday Boxed Lunch \$5.00

Please Make Checks Payable to “SCA-NY Barony of Delftwood” and mail to SCA NY – Barony of Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse, NY 13217.

To contact the Autocrats, Hiro Himoura AKA Brian Spadaro 4178 Oakledge drive, Liverpool NY 13090, (315)679-7699 OR Aron Snaethrima AKA Aaron Spadaro 225 County Rte 23 Constantia NY 13044, (315)560-3073

[Open Flames](#), [Pets Allowed](#), [R5](#), [Weapons Allowed](#), [Wet](#)

Court Reports

Coronation

First Court (Morning) of Timothy and Gabrielle, 4/12/2025

Here begins the Report of the First Court of Timothy and Gabrielle 54th King and Queen of Æthelmearc, on the day of Their Coronation in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, April 12, AS 59, jorundr hinn rotinn, Silver Buccle Herald, with the assistance of Meisterin Helena Mützhazenin Sigil of Æthelmearc Herald.

The rolls of the Royalty of Æthelmearc were read.

Their Majesties called for Sir Bjarki Rikarðarson. They thanked him for his service to the Kingdom and named him the 21st Count of Æthelmearc. Scroll by Christina Mary Lowe with words by Chaghagan Ghunan.

Their Majesties called for Mistress Gabrielle Winter. They thanked her for her service to the Kingdom. They called the Order of the Rose forward, who invested her with the regalia of their Order. They then named Gabrielle 25th Countess of Æthelmearc and inducted her into the Order of the Rose. Scroll by Nikolai Vasiliev.

The officers of the Kingdom of Æthelmearc renewed their oath of service.

The Order of the Chivalry renewed their fealty.

The Order of the Pelican swore their oaths

The Order of Defense renewed their vows

The Royal Peers spoke their oath

The Order of the Laurel renewed their oaths.

His Majesty spoke to the Order of the Laurel and told them that he felt their Order was lacking, and so THLady Agnella locapi was called forward and served a writ to contemplate entry into the Order of the Laurel. Scroll illuminated by Caleb Reynolds with calligraphy by Umbriana Campana.

The Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands renewed their fealty to the Crown.

The Baronage of the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael renewed their fealty to the Crown.

The Baronage of the Barony of Delftwood renewed their fealty to the Crown.

The Baronage of the Barony of St Swithin's Bog renewed their fealty to the Crown.

Their Majesties invested Their Reign Staff, Their Reign Coordinator, Baroness Elena de la Palma, Their Captain of the Guard, Don Leo Dietrich and the members of the Queen's Guard, and Their Chief Retainer, Baron Tassin Treseoul and the Royal retainers.

jorundr was granted permission to perform a piece of Heraldic business. He called Master Dagonell Collingwood of Emerald Lake and asked if he would be willing to serve as Jewel of Æthelmearc Herald. Upon hearing Master Dagonell's assent jorundr invested him with the regalia of that office.

There being no further business this ended the First Court of Timothy and Gabrielle.

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In Service,
jorundr
Silver Buccle Herald

Coronation

First Court (Evening) of Timothy and Gabrielle, 4/12/2025

This is the report of the First Court of Timothy of Arindale and Gabrielle van Nijenrode, King and Queen of faire Æthelmearc, held on the 12th day of April, Anno Societatis LIX at their Coronation in Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands, submitted by Master Dagonell Jewel with assistance from Baronessa Umbriana Campana.

Their Majesties welcomed all to their court and invited all the children present to come forth. They then summoned Lord Casimir to take possession of the Royal Toy Box and offered him a ten-second head start. Lord Casimir stated that he only needed five seconds. He left the hall at great speed followed by the children five seconds later. Minutes later, he was spotted running without the toy box pursued by the children who each had a toy sword. Their Majesties invited all good gentles who were attending their first event or first Royal Court to come forth and Their Majesties gifted each with a cup or tankard so that they would feel welcome within our kingdom.

Maighstir Uilliam MacantSaoir, the event steward, was invited to speak in court. He thanked his staff for helping to put together an excellent event on short notice after a previous event site became unavailable at a late stage. He also summoned Lord Giovanni Alberici and his entire kitchen staff for putting together a magnificent dayboard and cookie ta-

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ble. Maighstir Uilliam also thanked THL Eleanor Walden for her work to put together an amazing Arts & Sciences display for the Glory of Æthelmearc. He also thanked Baron Christian Goldenlok and Master Cyrus Augur for running a chess tournament with over 20 entrants! The winner of the chess tournament was THL Robert pour Maintenant.

Gerschon de Gervoi l'Amiot was summoned into Their Majesties court. Word had reached them of their frequent service in the kitchen in both preparing and serving food and for this they were awarded Arms. Scroll illuminated by THLady Emilia Mazzo de Novella, and calligraphed by Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope.

Their Majesties requested that Giuseppi Mangiacavoli di Luna appear before them. Giuseppi sings in the BMDL choir, assists with the youth choir and has directed the choir at Pennsic 51 and 52. For his musical talents, he received an Award of Arms. Scroll by Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope.

Joshua of Debatable Lands was summoned to appear before Their Majesties. Joshua performs with the BMDL choir and often leads the bass section. He helps prepare for Pennsic and is officially joining I Genesii, the BMDL multimedia troupe. For his accomplishments in the performing arts, he was given an Award of Arms. The scroll was not presented in court, as it was still in transit.

Lord Kaen Karuson, known as "Cricket" was called before Their Majesties. In addition to baking tasty foods, Cricket makes custom thrown weapons, stamps and stencils, wire jewelry and many, many useful and beautiful things. For this, he was made a Companion of the Order of the Silver Sycamore. Scroll by Sir Tarl and Bar-

oness Kara, more commonly known as "Dad" and "Mom". Lord Kalen was a consultant for the scroll.

Their Majesties called THLady Elinor Walden to appear before them. Her Ladyship is a highly skilled archer and made the third highest overall score for the Æthelmearc team at Gulf Wars. For her great feats with bow and arrow, she was admitted to the Order of the Golden Alce. Scroll by Baroness Katherine Kiersey.

Their Majesties called before them, Lady Cadence of Debatable Lands. Cadence has become an accomplished fencer. She not only took second place in the novice tournament but has become a solid challenger to tenured fencers within BMDL. For these martial feats, their majesties made her a companion of the Order of the Golden Alce. Scroll Illumination by Master Caleb Reynolds, Calligraphy and Wordsmithing by Baronessa Umbriana Campana.

The Backlog Scribe, Mistress Shirin al-Susiyya, was summoned before their majesties. She was commanded to read the backlogged scroll of Ulrich von Baden for his Gage award, an honor that had been given ten years ago. When she was finished, their majesties said they had one more piece of business with her and the Companions of the Order of the Pelican were summoned into court. Her writ was illuminated by Master Angellio the Bookmaker and calligraphed by Baroness Umbriana Campana.

Her Majesty declared that the Queen's Inspiration for that day belonged to Catalina Diez, who had entered a beautiful embroidery piece in the A&S display. It was very finely stitched and detailed

and was utterly perfect. Lady Catalina was gifted with a Golden Es-carbuncle.

Brewing and Bacon

Bash X

Court Report

Timothy and Gabrielle

4/19/2025

Herein begins the Court Report of Their Royal Majesties King Timothy of Arindale and Queen Gabrielle van Nijenrode of Sylvan Æthelmearc, at Brewing and Bacon Bash X, in The Shire of Hunter's Home, April 19, AS 59. Reported faithfully by Master Dagonell Jewel and Baronessa Umbriana Campana.

Their majesties were processed in with song by Baroness Kara Ivarsdottir, the Great Sword of State borne by Sir Tarl followed them into court. Their majesties welcomed all into their court and to take comfort. It was their first time at Brewing and Bacon Bash, it would not be their last. The event was wonderful, the weather held off long enough for much rattan combat to occur, the fencing was enjoyed, the food was delicious and plentiful with a full pound of bacon in every BLT, the arts classes were inspirational, and the brewing competition a delight. With that, their majesties summoned the

Event Steward, THL Thorfinnr Y Elsford, into their presence. His lordship thanked all who assisted in holding the event, and thanked their majesties for attending, and was about to leave when they bid him stay and summoned the Companions of the Order of the Pelican! They have heard much of him, having been event steward for multiple Brewing and Bacon Bashes, service and more service, and a prolific producer of scroll blanks and medallions. The cheering was so loud, Jewel Herald was forced to wait multiple times for the cheering to stop to finish reading the writ. Writ by Baronessa Umbriana Campana and Lady Isabella da Loria.

Their majesties next asked that all the children of the kingdom present at the event

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come join them on the stage. Fleet-footed Casimir was given the box of toys and fled the hall with the children in joyous pursuit.

Their majesties then requested that all gentles attending their first event or first royal court please join them. Each was given a goblet or tankard that they may remember well and return to us often.

Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna Skala, Brewer Extraordinaire and current Brewing Champion, was summoned before their majesties. It had been Casimir's duty to hold the competition, naming their successor. The new champion, Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto was called into court and given the regalia of office. Scroll by Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala. Baroness Aranwen verch Rhys ap Gwalter was requested to appear before their majesties and presented them with many beautiful handmade beaded tokens.

Their majesties, then requested that the husband-and-wife team of Tara Bai and Armand Jambe come before them. Word had reached their majesties of Tara Bai's many talents as cook, baker,

basket weaver, potter and bard. Thus, did they award her arms, naming her Lady Tara Bai. Scroll word-smithed by Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt, illuminated by Master Caleb Reynolds, and calligraphed by Sir Arden Scot.

The most frequent words of Armand Jambe have been, "What can I do to help?" In addition to assisting one and all, he is gaining proficiency as both a single combat and melee fighter, and for this he was awarded arms. Scroll wording by Master Po Silvertop with calligraphy and illumination by Armiger Urraca Beatriz Botelho

Catherine of Aksu was called before their majesties. She has successfully resurrected the shire newsletter and has never missed a deadline in 2 years and counting. She is a staple member of the shire. For this reason, she was awarded arms. Scroll wording by Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt, calligraphy by Sir Arden Scot, and illumination by Casimhe Conche Dhu Hulain of Hunter's Home were commanded to appear before their majesties. Both skilled as a blacksmith and leatherworker before

joining the shire, he has become a skilled fighter in both rattan and rapier and is working on becoming a rapier marshal. For this reason, their majesties awarded him arms. Scroll wording by Ixac Ben Simone & Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt, calligraphy by Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala, and illumination by Muirgheal inghen Dubhghaill.

Sonja the Wolverine and her father Draven Diufaioir, known as "Beast Father" were summoned to appear before their majesties. Sonja the Wolverine began as a youth fighter and has become a ferocious heavy combat fighter as an adult. Her infectious enthusiasm is obvious to all who know her. Thus, their majesties awarded her arms. Wordsmithing by Ixac Ben Simone, calligraphy by Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala, and illumination by AEdiva of Cratorne. The scroll was accepted on her behalf by her father and sister. Draven Diufaioir, known as "Beast Father" not only loves combat for himself, but has helped his children learn to fight, and creates armor for his family. Therefore, their majesties did award him arms. Scroll wordsmithing by Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt, calligraphed by Baronessa Umbriana Campana, and illuminated by Brick Window

Lady Diana Chandler was called to appear before their majesties. She has served as A&S minister, created clay cordial glasses and stamped cordial inn related coins. Therefore, their majesties created her a companion of the Order of the Sycamore. Scroll illumination by Baroness Katherine Kiersey with calligraphy by Baron William Freskyn Murry.

Their majesties asked that Lady Josyefne Rahel Nagy appear before them. Lady Josyefne, previously known as Rachel Mac Michael, is a talented cook, head cook and co-feast co-ordinator for feasts, who won't let an army run on an empty stomach. For her great service, she was admitted to the Order of the Keystone. Scroll wording by Chaghagan Ghunan, illumination & calligraphy by Jinx.

Lord Rollo Bastardson was commanded to appear before their majesties. A trusted warrior, who started fighting at age 16, he adapts to whatever weaponry is needed for field battles. He is well known to be both

good-natured and friendly off the field. Therefore, their majesties did proclaim him a companion of the Order of the Golden Alce. Scroll by THL Gwen Cook

Lady Emilie the Honey Badger, Shield-maiden of Borderwatch, was called forth into court. Known for her ferocity, martial skill, tenacious eagerness to both learn and teach, her ferocious charge has broken many shield walls. Thus did their majesties welcome her as a Companion of the Order of the Golden Alce. Scroll wording by Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt, calligraphy by Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala and illumination by Asa of Ossberg

Queen Gabrielle van Nijenrode said there was much about the event she admired, but the Queen's Inspiration with Golden Escarbuncle had to go Baroness Aranwen verch Rhys ap Gwalter for the sheer beauty of her beadwork.

Their majesties then requested that all the scribes at the event this day, the word smiths, the calligraphers, and the illuminators, come forward to receive a royal token and a gift from the scribal supplies box. Their majesties also announced that their largess box contained far more gifts than they could give away in ten reigns therefore they invited all the populace assembled to come to the royalty room after court and choose a present for themselves. There being no further business in their majesties court, royal court was closed.



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