

The Tidings

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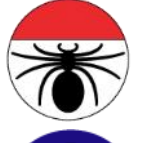
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Event Calendar

July 2023

1 Deadline for August Tidings
8 Step Sprightly, Canton of Monadh (Mississauga, ON)
21-23 Barons Brouhaha VI (Tiverton, ON)
July 28- Aug 13 Pennsic War 50, Aethelmearc (Slippery Rock, PA)

August 2023

1 Deadline for September Tidings
4-7 Murder Muster, Incipient Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)
26 Middle Ages on the Green, Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog (Tavistock, ON)

September 2023

1 Deadline for October Tidings
1-4 Gwly y Fflam: Ealdormere 25 th Anniversary (Havelock, ON)
1-4 Baron's Howe (Bonfield, ON)
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)

<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

From Their Majesties

Noble subjects of Ealdormere, bound by honor and united in unwavering kinship with the Kingdom of the Middle, heed the summons from your King and Queen!



In this momentous year, as Pennsic celebrates its 50th anniversary, and destiny beckons us against the Eastern threat, we summon our brave and indomitable warriors, to muster their strength and march forth to Pennsic's hallowed battleground. Let the spirits of those that came before us guide our steps as we wield sword and shield, for it is in unity that our true power lies.

Together, our Kingdom, a united force, our hearts ignited by the flames of honor, glory, and remembrance, prepares for battle. Let the fires of our mighty Kingdom burn brighter than ever before, as we inscribe our names upon the annals of Pennsic's 50th year.

Now, arise, valiant sons and daughters of Ealdormere! Let the battle cry of unity and valor echo across the land as we converge upon Pennsic one more time. Our banners shall soar high, our footsteps shall shake the earth, and our victory shall resound throughout the ages!

King Steinarr II
&
Queen Margraig



From Their Highnesses



Unto the populace of Ealdormere do Prince Baldric and Princess Breyla send Greetings,

It was wonderful to be able to spend some time in the Barony of Bendunfirth for Murder Melee in the Meadow XXXIV. Thank you to Their Excellencies of Bendunfirth for such beautiful weather! The Melees were lots of fun especially using a fencing spear. Thank you to the event staff who made this a delightful event!

His Highness had a wonderful time at Les Beltainnes. He has been working on making a stronger bond with our friends to the East! He is looking forward to future conflicts between Ealdormere and the East at future events. We are looking forward to the summer months and all the fun that it entails.

We would like to reassure those who are considering competing in Crown that should you be successful, the Kingdom will offer aid and support, should you need it (and you will). You do not need to be a peer, a 10 year veteran or wildly rich to reign. If you are considering this and have doubts about your readiness, please take the time to speak to us or any other royal peer for help.

As is always necessary, we are preparing for an eventful day on the 14 th of October, as it is important to ensure the Line of the North remains secure. Thus do we hereby announce those interested in competing in Crown Tournament, know we will require the appropriate paperwork electronically to both ourselves and the Kingdom Seneschal, no later than midnight on September 23rd 2023, as per her letter below.

We take competing in Crown very seriously, and hope to speak to all those planning on competing in-person, either before or after your paperwork is submitted. This is not a requirement, but it is our preference. We understand life happens and should this not be possible, it will not be looked upon as a failing when we consider your acceptance into the Crown list.

We also very much enjoy the ability for fighters to participate in Crown, who feel not quite ready to assume the responsibility of reigning in Ealdormere. We are going to repeat the Crown format of our previous reign and ask that an Honorable Opposition be established to help with seeding and encourage greater participation, in this, our Kingdom's greatest anvil of single combat. We ask all those interested in competing as Honourable opposition to email us at ealdormere.heirs@gmail.com

The format shall be as follows:

The first three rounds of the tourney shall be a random draw; one Crown fighter pitted against a member of the Honourable Opposition. Both fighters will choose weapons forms to suit themselves. Matches will be best two of three fights. Double kills will be refought. Wins and losses for each fighter will be recorded. If there are more Honourable Opposition than Crown fighters, they will be pitted against each other, so that everyone will fight at least three rounds. If there are more Crown fighters than Opposition, an Opposition fighter will be randomly selected to fight an additional time in that round. No one will be eliminated in this stage and any losses in these first three rounds will not be carried forward into the remainder of the tournament.

The next stage of the tourney will be a seeded double elimination tree. The seed for each Crown fighter will be based upon their performance in the first three rounds. First, every Crown fighter with three wins and no losses will be randomly placed into the top seeds of the tree. Next, everyone with two wins and one loss will be randomly placed into the next seeds of the tree. And so on, until all Crown Fighters are placed upon the tree. Any remaining spaces will be BYE fights. Any BYE fights will be selected by random draw from the Honourable Opposition.

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In the elimination stage, both fighters will choose weapons forms to suit themselves. Matches will be best two of three fights. Double kills will be refought. This will continue until we have two fighters on the undefeated side and two fighters with one loss each. At this point each undefeated fighter will cross to face a fighter with one loss. Every effort will be made to pair one undefeated fighter with a fighter with one loss in such a way as to avoid a match up that has already occurred. If this is unavoidable, a random draw will match one undefeated fighter with a fighter with one loss. The fighter with one loss must win twice, each two out of three in order to advance to the finals. The undefeated fighter need only win a single match, best two of three to advance.

The finals shall follow the following format. Best three out of five matches with matching weapon categories, each best two of three fights. The lowest ranking fighter makes the first selection of the weapon category from the following list: Weapon and shield, Polearm, Two weapon, Great Sword, 6' Spear, and Sword and Buckler. The other finalist will then choose from the weapon forms remaining. Then the lowest ranking fighter may pick from the remaining three forms. This trend will continue, if necessary, until a victor is declared. For this tournament a "buckler" will be defined as a shield with a maximum dimension no more than 15" in any direction. Great weapons will be limited to 6 feet.

We would also request ALL participants, Crown fighters and Honourable Opposition, to do the following: Present a reasonably period appearance.

Please cover or disguise ALL modern sporting equipment and Logos (this is Society policy).

Please freshly tape all weapons.

All armour and shields will be in good repair. Shields will be of appropriate tourney size for the combatant's stature. If you have any concerns as to the size of your shield, please see His Royal Highness for a ruling, preferably prior to the day of the tournament to avoid disappointment. We expect both Combatants and Consorts to attend the event and sit feast, regardless of the results of the day.

Letters of intent for Crown entrants and all the necessary supporting documentation pursuant to Kingdom Law (see the Kingdom Seneschal's letter for more details) should be submitted to Us and the Kingdom Seneschal no later than midnight on September 23rd 2023 . Electronic submissions will be the only format accepted – please don't give us a hard copy. PDF is the preferred format. Both the Kingdom Seneschal and Ourselves will be acknowledging receipt of applications within 24 hours of receipt. Acknowledgment of receipt does NOT imply entry in the Crown Lists.

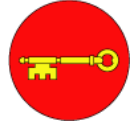
Crown entrants are to include, along with all other required paperwork, a list of events that the Combatant and Consort have each attended in the past year AND a list of what service you each have done for your Kingdom, Barony, or local group in 2023.

Members of the Honourable Opposition will need to supply a copy of their authorization cards. In advance is preferred, but on the day is acceptable. They will also be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that they are not participating to become Royalty.

If there are any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Prince Baldric and Princess Breyla
Heirs of Ealdormere

Hello Sunshines!



While most of us have our minds firmly on preparations for Pennsic, and other gatherings here in Ealdormere, it is also time to look ahead! 2024 is not as far away as it feels in these hot hazy days of summer, and it is time to submit event bids for next year. Something to look forward to is always welcome, and planning early takes the stress off everyone.

Their Highnesses have published their requirements for entry into their Crown Tournament in this newsletter. Please review those requirements carefully, as well as the relevant laws included below. Crown Tournament documentation must be submitted electronically (pdf preferred) to both the Kingdom Seneschal as well as their Highnesses. You will need to include a copy of your authorization card, the membership cards of both the entrant and the consort, a completed Crown Declaration form (as found in the library on the kingdom website), proof of residency for both the combatant and the consort, as well as all requirements set out by their Highnesses. Those documents are required to be submitted complete and on time.

Crown Tournament submissions will be accepted until 11:59 PM EDT on September 23, 2023. That deadline is firm, 12:01 AM is too late. Save yourself the stress and get your submissions in early.

Please review the current laws of Ealdormere as they apply to Crown Tournaments and ensure you follow them in your applications.

III-400 All prospective combatants and consorts must be paid members of the SCA and must maintain that membership through to the end of Their reign. Proof of membership must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament.

III-500 All prospective combatants and consorts in the Crown Tournament must meet the following requirements:

III-501 They must be subjects of Ealdormere as defined by Corpora and must remain subjects of the Kingdom through to the end of Their reign.

III-502 They must be at least 18 years old.

III-503 They must have been subjects of Ealdormere and have demonstrated a clear level of involvement in the Kingdom over the year prior to the Crown Tournament.

III-504 They must be armigerous.

III-505 All prospective combatants must be authorized to fight as an armored combatant in the Kingdom of Ealdormere and must present proof of authorization when submitting their letter of intent.

III-600 Any person who does not meet the requirements of Section III-503 or 504 may make an application to the Heirs under the "Rule of 12" as outlined below:

The Prospective combatant and consort shall submit a request to participate in the Crown Tournament pursuant to Section III-200. Their request must be accompanied by a letter addressing why they seek dispensation from Section III-503 or III-504. This letter must bear the signatures of 12 subjects of Ealdormere, all of whom are armigerous. By signing the dispensation request, the signatories vouch for the worthiness of the candidates. Due weight will be given to this request.

Note: This dispensation request must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament and is not a method of recourse after a combatant or consort has been disallowed from the Crown Tournament.

III-700 Neither the Sovereign or the Consort of Ealdormere, nor any person who has served as Sovereign or Consort of Ealdormere within three months prior to the Crown Tournament, may participate as a combatant or consort in that Crown Tournament.

III-800 No prospective combatant may have more than one declared consort. No prospective consort may be fought for by more than one combatant.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

In service,

Lucia de Moranza

From the Trillium Principal Herald

Greetings, Ealdormere!



Just a couple of short updates this month. First, I'm happy to report that all five tabards for the Kingdom have been sponsored. Thanks go to Master Percival de la Rocque, Duchess Rylyn Buchanan, the Barony of Rising Waters, the Barony of Ben Dunfirth, and the Barony of Ramshaven. I have the first test tabard ordered, and if all goes well we will have all five ready in the next couple of months.

Second, thanks to all who attended the College meeting at Trillies. We talked a little about organizing a bid for an upcoming virtual Known World Heralds and Scribes Symposium; stay tuned for more on that.

I also mentioned that applications are open for the position of Green Mantle Herald. This is Ealdormere's submissions herald, and the main duties are administrative (you do not need to be a good book herald). Being able to adhere to strict deadlines is absolutely vital. I will be accepting applications through the end of August, and the new person will hopefully then start three months as a deputy before assuming the office at the same time Mathaus does at Wassail. Mathaus will also be involved in selecting/confirming the person selected for the position.

My best wishes for everyone attending Pennsic!

Magistra Nika Dmitrieva doch' Zvezdina
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From the Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings Readers



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 hosting the newsletter on the Kingdom website. <https://ealdormere.ca/kingdom-chronicler-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

To submit art, articles or letters for both publications, please email ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com and include your SCA name with your submission. Deadline is August 1st for September Tidings.

Baroness Lucia de Enzinas (she/her/they)
Kingdom Chronicler

From the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Science

Greetings unto the Populace of Ealdormere,



It was great to be at the War of the Trillium: A Walk Through the Garden of Chivalry with William Marshall and see so many people enjoying all the activities. And the activities!! Wow! What a fantastic set of classes and other art events. Sadly, I was not able to attend all of them. I tapped into some great conversations about people's arts and/or sciences. So very inspiring.

Speaking of conversations, I want to thank everyone, and my notetakers, who attended the A&S moot. I am in the process of transcribing all the notes and will combine these with the notes from the A&S roundtable held at Practicum in February and will make sure that they are available for all to read.

Remember to track all the items you are researching or making and the classes you are taking. More importantly remember to send those details onto your Canton, Shire and Baronial A&S officers for their September 1 st reports.

Something to note. Did you know that any group can host Kingdom A&S? If your group was thinking about hosting this Kingdom event, please think about getting your bid in as soon as possible. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me at ealdormere.kmoas@gmail.com. Even if you are not thinking of 2024 you are welcome to start working on a bid for 2025.

For those heading out to Pennsic, have a wonderful time. I look forward to hearing all about all the things, classes and general A&S'ing.

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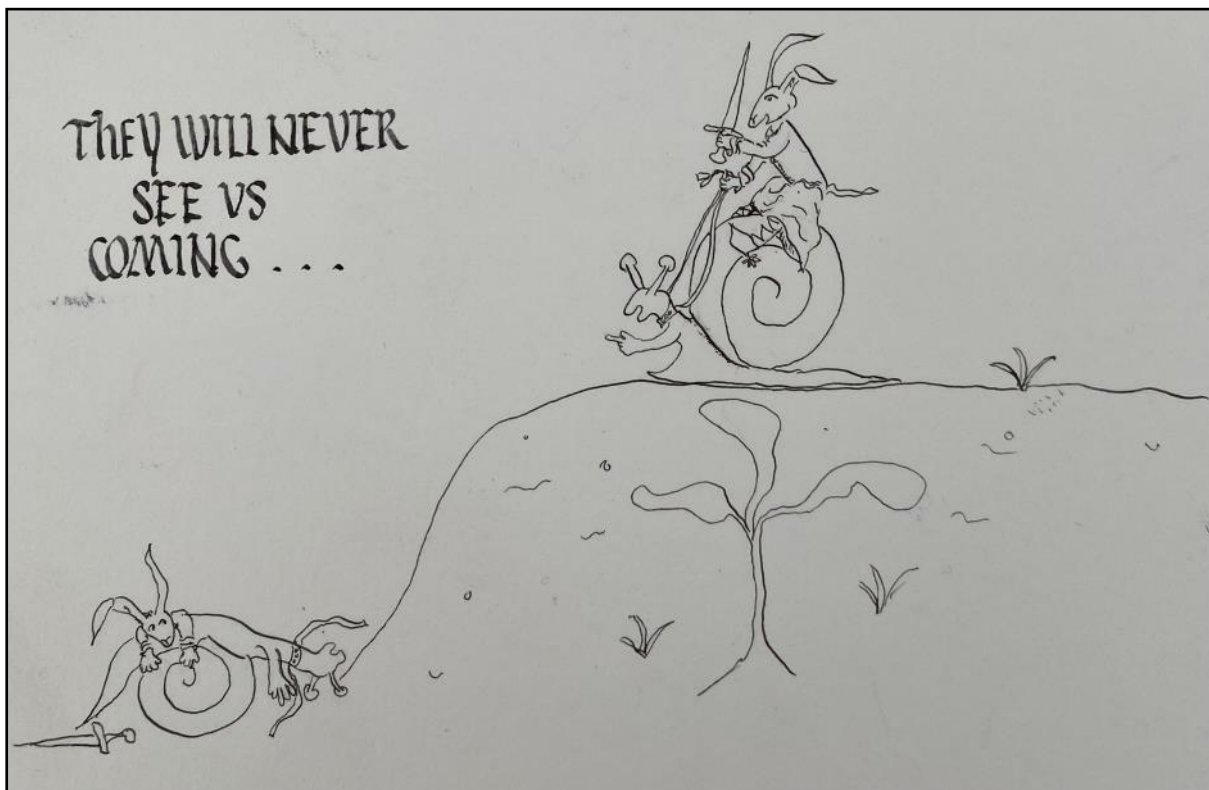


Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



Battles attract both
astronomers and ornithologists.

Adnar's Latest Doodles





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:

July 1st - August Tidings

August 1st - September Tidings

September 1st - October Tidings

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



Come one come all to Step Sprightly!
Join us for a day of dance and music classes followed by an evening ball!



When: July 8th, 2023
 Site opens: 9:30 am
 Site closes: late
 Fee: No fee, but we will be collecting donations at gate
 Where: St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church
 6945 Meadowvale Town Centre Cir, Mississauga, ON L5N 2W7, Canada
 Event Stewards: Emma Danskona (maondh.ealdormere@gmail.com) and
 Cecilia the Sinister (cecilia@beable.ca).

Barons Brouhaha VI

Date: 7/21/2023, 4:00 pm to 7/23/2023, 4:00:00 PM
 Where: Penda & Sibylla's Farm
 973 Conc Rd 8
 Tiverton
 N0G 2T0
 Fees: \$20 adult member for weekend,
 \$25 non-member,
 \$10 adult member single day,
 \$15 non-member,
 17 and under free
 Feast: potluck, \$0
 Event Steward: Wulfric of the Blackwood (trweirmeir@gmail.com)
 Site reservations: Sibylla of Glyndmere (tamara.pasley@gmail.com)
 Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-ramshaven/the-barony/canton-of-northgeatham/>



Enjoy a weekend of A&S, Marshaled Activities, Camping, Potluck Feast and a really big bardic bonfire at night.

Murder Muster

When Aug 4 – 7, 2023
Where 5750 Talbot Trail, Merlin, ON N0P 1W0,
Description Hosted by the Incipient Shire of Champcorbeau. This is a camping event and what we like to refer to as the Pitty Party for those who are missing Pennsic.
Event Stewards Lord Renier do Champcorbeau and Lady Selewine de la Wode
corrinnewood@gmail.com
Website : <http://ealdormere.ca/murder-muster>
Cost is \$10 for members
\$15 for non members for the entire weekend.
Under 18 is free.



Middle Ages on the Green

Where Queen's Pavilion, 1 Adam Street, Tavistock , N0B 2R0
When 8/26/2023 10:30am—7:30pm
Event Steward Master Adnar Dionadair Erhardkruger@gmail.com
Fee Free event! Hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog
Website <https://ealdormere.ca/bryniau-tywynnog/mag-2023/>



This year we will have a Thrown Weapons range to add to our local “Just Play Day”! BYO lunch, optional potluck dinner. The day is a great chance to bring out family and friends to see what fun we have!

Murder Gwyl y Fflam : Ealdormere is 25!

When Fri, September 1, 2pm – Mon, September 4, 12pm
Where 611 6 Line, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0, Canada
Description Gwyl y Fflam - Ealdormere's 25th Anniversary
Hosted by House Arrochar, sponsored by Bastille du Lac
Location 611 6th Line, Havelock ON
Event Steward Matilda of Swynford baronessmatilda@gmail.com
Website <https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/-gwyllyfflam>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/682690726879123>



Baron's Howe

Description	Baron's Howe – Back To The Woods
Hosted by	the Shire of Ulfheim
Where	364 Development Rd, Bonfield, ON P0H 1E0 (Old Ravenhill Farm)
When	Fri, September 1, 2pm – Mon, September 4, 12pm Site opens Friday September 1 @ 14:00 and closes Monday Sept 4 at 12:00
Site Fees:	No Fee (Donations are appreciated) Cheques made payable to: “SCA – Northernshire”
Event Stewards	Head Steward: Lord Olaf Smeds of the North Wood 705-759-6315. Co-steward: Thorsteinn Svensson 705-206-5286 dan.charsley@gmail.com



Islandic Althing

A day of period arts and sciences, martial activities, the traditional law case, and a shared dinner (bring your own feast). Additional details will be provided on the event website.

Where:	6088 County Rd. 50, Campbellford, ON K0L 1L0
Fees:	\$20 non-members, \$15 members. Ages 17 and under are free.
When	September 16
Event Stewards:	THL Eeva the Restless (eevatherestless@gmail.com) and Magistra Nika Dmitrieva doch' Zvezdina (herissonycat@gmail.com)
Event website:	https://icelandicalthing.weebly.com/



Please note that this is a day event. Please contact the event staff if you have any questions.

Fall Coronation

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

When	Saturday, Oct 14, 2023
Where	2292 County Rd 30, Codrington, ON K0K 1R0, Canada
Description	Brawl in the Fall (Fall Crown)
Hosted by	the Canton of Petrea Thule
Event Steward	Valerie West (Mahhild de Valognes). vwest@nexicom.net
Website:	http://ealdormere.ca/fall-crown





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