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(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:

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- Mutual arguments, disagreements, or fights.
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- 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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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.

### 2024 Quarterly Board Meetings

~~January 28, 2024~~ — Virtual

~~April 14, 2024~~ — Virtual (Tentative)

~~July 21, 2024~~ — Virtual (Tentative)

~~October 20, 2024~~ — Virtual (Tentative)

# Æthelmearc Royalty

## Their Royal Majesties

Bjarki Rikarðarson and Gabrielle de Winter



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## Their Royal Highnesses

Timothy of Arindale and Gabrielle van Nijenrode



prince@aethelmearc.org - princess@aethelmearc.org

# Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

### Queen's Rapier Champion:

Master Markus Skalpr Grimsson

### Cut and Thrust:

Lærifaðir jorundr hinn rotinn

### Regalo de las Rosas

Lady Kolfinna Jodisardottir

### Heavy Weapons Champion:

Sir Aaron the Swift

### Archery Champion:

THL Godzimir the Golden

### Thrown Weapons Champion:

THL Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto

### King's Equestrian Champion:

Shah Megis Elmanou

### Queen's Equestrian Champion:

THL Azenari Basandere

### Shield of Chivalry:

Lord Frey Gore

### King's Bardic Champion (Dexter):

Master Donnan MacDubhsidhe

### Queen's Bardic Champion (Sinister):

Maighstir Liam MacantSaoir

### Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala

### Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

### Youth Combat Champion:

Arinbjorn

### Brewing Champion:

Magister Casimir Zelený z Strášaná skála

# Landed Barons & Baronesses of Æthelmearc

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For more information on the Baronies of Æthelmearc, known as the "Seven Pearls" visit:

<https://aethelmearc.org/groups/local-groups/the-seven-pearls>





# From Their Majesties

Bjarki Rikarðarson and Gabrielle de Winter



Hello beloved populace!

Though we have been blessed by a gorgeous autumn, soon colder weather will sweep in, and we will turn our hearts to other things, to the joys of the hearth, to mending and improving our garb, our armor, our weapons. New arrows will be fletched, new swords forged, for even during the coldest parts of winter, the horns of war are never entirely silent. Gulf Wars is coming!

We will also have more time to turn to the arts, to celebrate the beautiful and practical things our incredibly talented populace creates. As we write this, we look forward to Fall Academy, FFF and Kingdom 12th Night which will give us opportunities to showcase these talents and teach others about these skills. Specifically in our Arts and Sciences Championship held at our 12th Night in the Shire of Copper-tree.



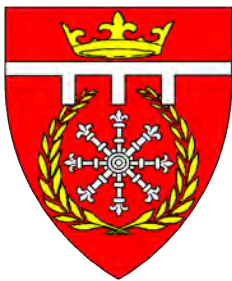
We would like to encourage all our populace to try something new -- to weave their own cords for laces, to draw with either pen or needle. To find joy in some new aspect of our society. Her Majesty intends to further explore jewelry making, and perhaps finally make use of the leather crafting items she bought a few years ago. His Majesty will once again pick up his lucet and wield his pen to practice his calligraphy skills. Regardless of what skill you are honing, we look forward to seeing your progress online and in person.

Everywhere we go we are met with the hospitality and warmth that Æthelmearc is known for. Thank you all for your kindness.

Their Majesties Bjarki and Gabrielle

# Officer Reports

## From Their Royal Highnesses



Greetings to the wonderful kingdom of Æthelmearc from Timothy and Gabrielle

We have been blessed with the opportunity to serve the people of Æthelmearc, our beloved home, once again.

In these short few weeks since Crown, we have started receiving correspondence from all throughout the lands, and this fills us with joy. As heirs, and eventually as sovereigns, it is our responsibility to keep these lands the magical place that they are. To this end, we would like to hear from you. What can we do to help make your event special? Who do you know who deserves recognition? What can we do to ensure that when you leave an event, you do so with a smile, and with an anxious heart to return to another one soon? We invite this correspondence in any format, but most especially by speaking with us in person. We intend to travel the kingdom from end to end and look forward to spending time with all of you. The SCA is an organization that has so many facets, and regardless of which one interests you, we want you to share your passion with us. Show us that project you are working on. Let us know what new book you've found. Spar with us, shoot with us, throw with us!

Now, as always, we remain in service to our kingdom and society, our friends!!

Timothy and Gabrielle

## From the Kingdom Seneschal

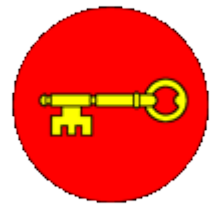
Greetings Æthelmearc!

The fair harvest weather is swiftly leading us into colder and darker times. It is always important to remember both in period and the modern medieval times it is only through the support of the community do people make it through the harsh winter months. Please join us at any of the many events we have planned across the entire kingdom so that we may keep warm in each other's company and avoid the sense of dark isolation that accompanies this time. This is a very important time for your seneschal as I get to play an important part in making Pennsic a reality: signing the mayor's warrant. It reminds me of the great number of people who made Pennsic happen. Since Pennsic is in its way a local event for us, and hence the need for my signature, please consider volunteering to help with the event. It takes a great many people to make Pennsic happen, and though we indeed contribute greatly, we can always do more to form a more commanding presence in the Pennsic Staff.

We will soon announce the date for the Curia for King Bjarki and Queen Gabrielle. If you have any suggestions for changes to the Laws of the Kingdom of Æthelmearc, please let me know. My team is busily working on fine-tuning the language and making sure our rules are clearly written.

And lastly, please keep an eye on the calendar of events as listed in Kingdom Law for available kingdom events for your local group to host. These events bring people from across the kingdom to your local area and are a benefit to both the kingdom and your local group.

In Service to the Realm,  
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh



# Officer Reports

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## From the Kingdom Exchequer

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Greetings from the Kingdom Exchequer's Office!



For Kingdom Officers - With the end of the year fast approaching, it is time to start planning for the new year. Please review your expenses from the year and forward your next year's budget requests for review/discussion.

For Group Exchequers, please take some time to make sure your books are in order to make your end of year reporting easier. Also, when submitting your NMR payments, please do not combine it with other payments. NMR checks are sent to the NMR deputy. Profit share payments are sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. As a reminder, NMR checks need to be sent within 10 days of the event. Several groups have been habitually late in getting NMR payments sent. This puts extra work on the NMR Deputy having to contact groups. If this continues to be a problem, the Exchequer office may be forced to consider financially suspending groups who do not send their payments in on time.

Should you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc., please contact the Exchequer Office at [exchequer@aethelmearc.org](mailto:exchequer@aethelmearc.org)

Sincerely,

Tigernach mac Cathail

Kingdom Exchequer

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## From the Kingdom Chancellor Of Youth

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Greetings and Salutations everyone!

It is getting closer and closer to my 2-year anniversary! Unfortunately, due to life and life with school-aged children, I will not be submitting a letter myself to continue with the office. If you are interested in being the next Kingdom Chancellor Minor...

Please submit your letter of intent to [resume.youth@aethelmearc.org](mailto:resume.youth@aethelmearc.org) by

February 1st, with a start in office of April 1st

To hold this position, you will need to be able to pass the federal background check completed at the BOD level, and if you live in Pa, pass the state and state police background checks as well as the FBI fingerprinting (if you have lived in the state for less than 10 years).

The office entails approx. 1-3 hours of office time a week, depending on when warrants are due. You are in charge of collecting and making sure our youth officers are up to date on clearances depending on the state they live in. Having access to Microsoft Excel is highly recommended.

Please let me know if you have any questions in regard to this office.

Always,  
Baroness Antoinette DeLorraine

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## From the Kingdom Equestrian Marshal

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Greetings from the Mounted Warriors, We want to inform everyone about upcoming changes for our mounted warriors in 2025. With the support of our Crown and their Heirs, we are excited to announce that we will include virtual submissions for the Kingdom Equestrian Championship.



With the inclusion of virtual entries come a few additional changes. First, the competition will run throughout the calendar year instead of being held as one in-person event. The competition will start every year in January with a Letter of Intent. There is no deadline for sign-up; however, all entries must be submitted by December 1st to the Championship Coordinators (CC). The new Kingdom Equestrian Champion will be announced during the first Kingdom Event of the following year.

Second, this competition format will include riders, drivers, jousts, mounted archers, and other mounted fighters to showcase their skills. This new format is not meant to diminish future equestrian events, but we hope it also allows riders without transportation to participate.



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If you are interested in including horses at your next event, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will make it work. Having multiple events with horse activities in different corners of our kingdom will also help increase overall participation.

If you are interested in participating or hosting an event, please check out the 2025 Æthelmearc Equestrian Championship Rules in our Facebook group.

In Service  
THL Gesa van Wellenstein  
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## From the Kingdom Arts + Sciences Minister

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Their Majesties, King Bjarki Ricardarson and Queen Gabrielle De Winter, are pleased to announce that they will choose their Arts & Sciences Champions at the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship to be hosted at Kingdom 12th Night in the Shire of Coppertree this January 11th, 2025. More events and site details will become available on our kingdom event calendar posting.



Link: <https://aeans.aethelmearc.org/kingdom-arts-sciences.../>

We encourage entrants to join us in-person at a wonderful site for a day of sharing and celebrating all the wonderful things that our Arts & Sciences community has to offer. There will also be room for Arts & Sciences displays! However, we do understand that traveling is tough for many, particularly in winter, so we will accept virtual entries upon request. The in-person competition will be held along the same lines as in the past. Candidates with their entries will be judged face-to-face and the scoring will be based on the Kingdom A&S rubrics. In order to reduce the indoor face-to-face time for candidates and judges and to give everybody a chance to enjoy the many other activities at 12th Night, we will limit this year's competition to twonute judging sessions with a panel of 2 or 3 judges. Although not a requirement, we ask that candidates register their entry

online ahead of time, to make planning for us a lot easier!

Candidates who are not able to join us at the event can submit their entry online. Use our online form to upload some photos, your documentation, and some basic info. The virtual part of the competition will be held much along the lines of last year's competition. Each candidate will meet face-to-face with a panel of judges over Zoom for one 45-minute judging session during the week leading up to the event and their presentation and entry will be judged with the same rubric used at the event.

The site is dry. Accommodation for alcoholic entries is in the works, so please bear with us. If your entry is alcoholic in nature, please reach out and we'll see how best to work with you.

As mentioned above, judging will be performed with the help of the Kingdom A&S rubrics that will be shared with entrants and judges ahead of time. Judges will be able to sign up online shortly; please provide us with the area(s) you're comfortable with judging so that we can match entrants and judges ahead of time. Right now, we are planning to spread out virtual judging between Monday, January 6th and Thursday, January 9th.

With that in mind, the deadline for virtual entries is midnight, Sunday, January 3rd. Although we really appreciate pre-registration for the in-person event, candidates can sign up until 9:30am on the morning of the event.

We want to emphasize that we totally love to see partial projects! It doesn't have to be a finished entry to be eligible. As usual, you may also enter up to three related objects as a single entry. Prior entry in another competition or display does not disqualify you from entering, we love to see continued progress on existing projects.

The scores will be tallied once all judging is completed (the combined online and in-person entries) and relayed to Their Majesties who will choose their champion(s) and announce them at the event during court.

Their Majesties and the Kingdom Office of Arts & Sciences are very much looking forward to seeing what our Kingdom has to offer!

We are also looking for Sites for the

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2025 Æthelmearc Arts & Sciences Faire and Queen's Prize Tourney! Generally held in April, the A&S Faire has two components: an A&S display for anyone to share their amazing work with our populace and the Queen's Prize Tourney, where, in addition, entrants are offered an opportunity to meet face to face with a panel of advisors. The intent of the Queen's Prize Tourney is to provide a platform for anybody to receive constructive feedback on their work in a friendly and non-competitive environment and to stimulate enthusiasm and motivation within our A&S community by sharing our art. The Site needs to be one large room with plenty of table-space, handicapped accessibility, and suitable changing rooms and royalty rooms.

In addition, we are looking for a site for Spring Æcademy: Preferred date June 21, 2025. The rotation is Region 5.

We are looking for sites with a minimum of 5 rooms suitable for classes, Wi-Fi capability, if possible, An area (indoors or out) for martial classes, A large commons area and suitable changing rooms, royalty room, and bathrooms, and Handicap-accessibility

I want everyone to know that the A&S Championships, Arts and Sciences Faire and Queen's Prize Tourney, and Æacademies are ALL very important events for our kingdom, for where would we be without our artisans? In addition, the Arts and Sciences events are very easy to autocrat and are perfect for smaller shires and cantons to use for bringing people to those regions of the kingdom. If you or someone you know wants to try autocrating/feastocrating a smaller event, these events are perfect because a lot of planning is performed by the A&S offices. Any questions? Please reach out to us

at [ans@aethelmearc.org](mailto:ans@aethelmearc.org) and see if we can work out such an event in your neck of the woods!

Rue and Mairin

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## From the Kingdom Rapier

### Marshal

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Greetings all,

As we move into colder temperatures and indoor practice spaces, please remember that hydration is just as much a friend as it is when fencing or marshaling outside.



Æthelmearc continues to participate in the East Kingdom-led reduced torso armor experiment. We are also now working with the Middle Kingdom on the grappling experiment in cut and thrust fencing. In summary, this is an experiment that allows authorized participants to agree to different levels of body contact or control of their opponent. This ranges from a push of the opponent's hand all the way up to grabbing them and to taking control of their balance. This must all be explicitly agreed upon ahead of time and is only allowed with and by people authorized in the experiment by grappling experiment marshals. For more details, please email the kingdom Cut and Thrust deputy at [cutandthrust@aethelmearc.org](mailto:cutandthrust@aethelmearc.org).

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Clewin Kupferhelbelinc,  
Æ Rapier Marshal

Help recognize the hardworking people of the Kingdom!

Please consider submitting an award recommendation!



A complete listing of the awards and orders of Æthelmearc can be found here:

<http://heraldry.aethelmearc.org/resources/armory.html>

The award recommendation form can be found here:

<https://aethelmearc.org/award-recommendation-form>



# Kingdom & Other Events

## Yule

December 7, 2024

Hosted by The Barony of Delftwood

**Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility:** Site is all one level with ample parking.

**Autocrat Notes:** The event site prohibits confetti. Hard cap of 100 participants.

Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 10am to 7pm. The Barony of Delftwood invites you to our annual winter festival and Peace Tournament. This year, the theme will be the Dutch tradition of Sinterklass. This is a family friendly day where we hope to entertain you with games, bardic performances, and maybe even dancing. In addition, our Baronial Bardic and A&S Champions will be chosen.

The event will be held at the Dewitt Community Room, 148 Sanders Creek Pkwy, East Syracuse, NY 13057

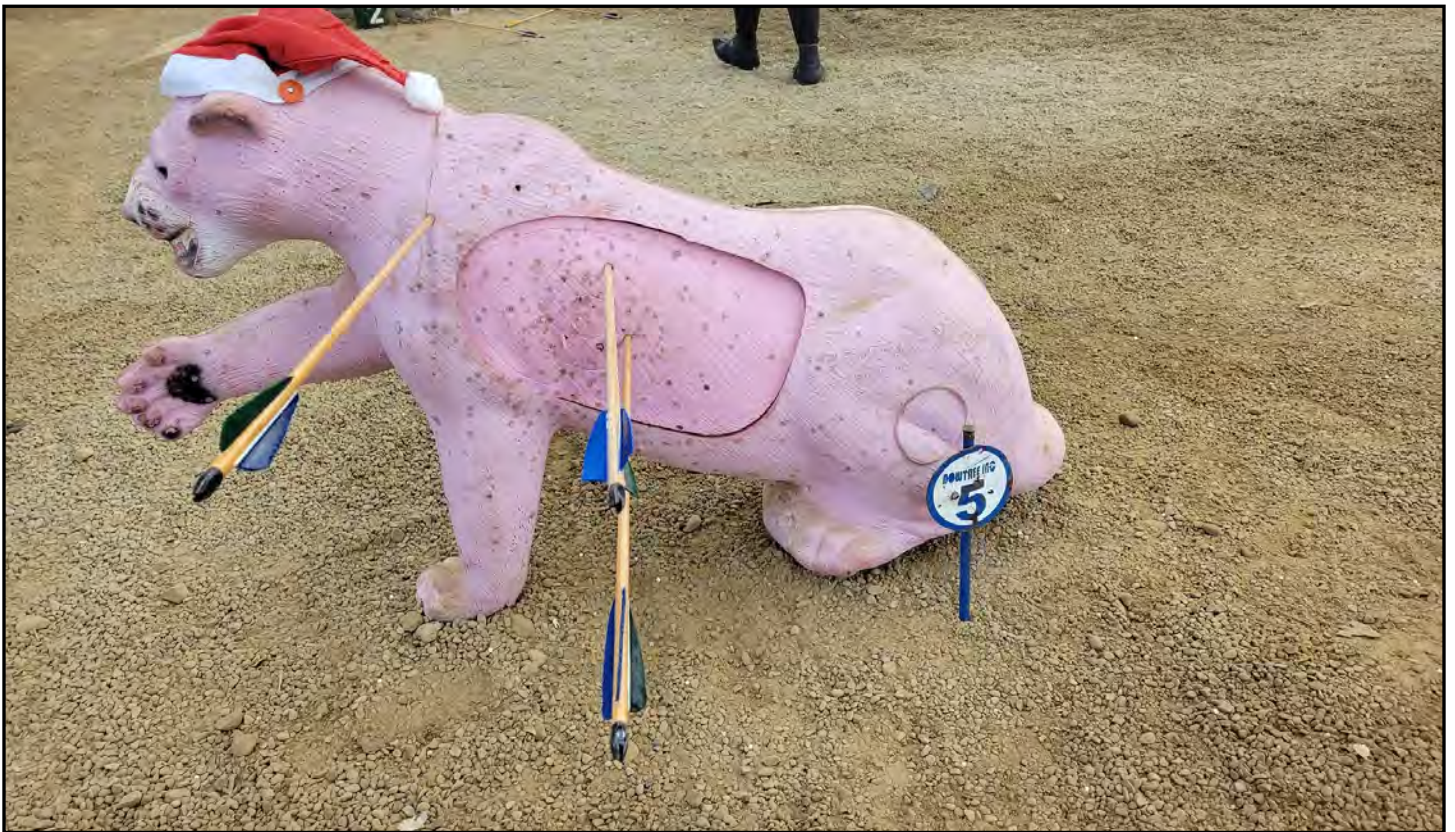
Event Autocrat- Lady Muirenn Bhal-lach of Delftwood. If you have any questions about the event, please email (Denise Braun) at [Dmbraun81@gmail.com](mailto:Dmbraun81@gmail.com) or text her at 315-430-6077. Home address is 204 Carlton Dr, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

A luncheon will be served from 12pm-2pm, prepared by Lord Finnian. There will be a late afternoon tea with a selection of traditional Sinterklass desserts. A full menu will be posted prior to the event, complete with allergen list. Please contact Lord Finnian at [p.braun113@gmail.com](mailto:p.braun113@gmail.com) with your dietary restrictions.

Troll will be open from 10am to 1pm. Please make checks payable to SCA-NY Barony of Delftwood and mail to SCA- NY Barony of Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse, NY 13217.

For each attendee please include the following: Legal name, indicate any youth registrants, membership number, if applicable, and contact information. Adult registration:\$30

(includes lunch and tea)  
Adult member registration:\$20  
Children 6-17: \$10



# Court Reports

## Æthelmearc War Practice May 17-18, 2024 Murdoch I Rex and Ríoghnách

**Documented from the Rolls and Files of the Coram Regibus of Murdoch I Rex and Ríoghnách I Regina, King and Queen of Æthelmearc: Being a True Record of the Business of Their Royal Court at Æthelmearc War Practice, 17-18 May, Anno Societatis LIX, in the Shire of Steltonwald.** As recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Jewel of Æthelmearc Herald, with the assistance of Lærifaðir jorundr hinn rotinn, Silver Buccle Herald, The Honorable Lord Owen Tegg, Baron Salvadore de la Torres, Magdalena Txoperena, and Meisterrin Helena Mützhazenin.

On the evening of Friday, May 17, at the Royal Encampment, Their Majesties were attended by The Honorable Lord Casimir Zelený z Stráshná Skála and inquired if he was prepared to hear counsel regarding elevation to the Peerage. Upon receiving his assent, They invited Ípróttakona Elska a Fjarfelli to address His Lordship and take back his apprentice belt. Following this, They invited The Most Noble Order of the Laurel to conduct His Lordship to his vigil. Court suspended

Saturday, May 18, in the morning: Their Majesties attended the Pennsic Staff meeting to thank all the staff members for their efforts bringing the War to the Society. They further wished to be attended by Viscount Edmond Dracatorr. They spoke with His Excellency about all the service he provides, on a constant and consistent basis, and to make it clear that Pennsic service is service. Thus, they desired to be attended by all members of the Most Noble Order of the Pelican who wished to join Them at that time. They then enjoined His Excellency to return at a mutually agreed date to deliver the "correct" answer. Scroll by Mistress Ekaterina Volkova.

Next, Their Majesties invited Baron Oscar Goerij's Gorizoon to join them and confirmed him as the Mayor of Pennsic 53. Court suspended.

Later, upon the siege range, Their Majesties desired to meet with Fuji'na-dono Takako. Having just received instruction from her in the process of shooting a ballista, Her Majesty was glad to confirm the

reports They had received about her skill and dedication to siege weapons. For this reason, Their Majesties were pleased to induct her into the Order of the Golden Alce. Court suspended.

At the Archery Range, Their Majesties congratulated Lord Yakub al-Musafir for organizing an exciting and engaging Championship shoot. They thanked him for his service as Champion and were happy to welcome Ípróttakona Elska a Fjarfelli as Their new Archery Champion. They presented her with regalia of her office and a pouch made by Phoebus. Court suspended.

In the evening, Their Majesties welcomed Their Heirs, Prince Bjarki and Princess Gabrielle, as well as the assembled Baronages of Æthelmearc, to join Them in Their Court.

Their Majesties acknowledged that Their Realm was in mourning, as indeed, was the entire Society, for the loss of one of our legends, and a hero to many. They asked for a moment of reflection to honor Count Jehan de la Marche's passing.

Their Majesties then invited the children into Court and learned about their activities that day, including painting shields. They then sent the youth after Baroness Elena de la Palma to pick out toys.

Their Majesties invited forward all newcomers and presented them with mugs per tradition.

Their Majesties then shared with the Court that They had attended the Youth Fighter Championship earlier that day. They then called for the winners to attend Them. Division 1: Walter (scroll by Ruiadri man Faolan ui Chonail); Division 2: Jagged (scroll unsigned); Division 3: Ragnar (scroll by Catherine of Caithness); and invested Arnbjorn as Their new Youth Champion (scroll by Baron Caleb Reynolds).

Next, Their Majesties invited The Honorable Fool Dagonell the Juggler to invest Lady Tara Bai as the winner of the Scarlet Apron challenge.

Their Majesties recalled Ípróttakona Elska a Fjarfelli to present her with the scroll naming her Archery Champion, wording and calligraphy by Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope, illumination by Lady Elinor Walden.

Next, Their Majesties wished to be attend-

ed by Oyama Michiharu. With regard for the fervor which he has brought into the Society as a participant in many arts and by serving in various ways, including assisting his lady wife at events, They were minded to Award him Arms. Scroll by Lady Christina Mary Lowe (Jinx) upon words by Lord Chaghagan Ghunan.

Their Majesties then sought Sayyid Matthias di Lupo Corsi. Remarking upon his efforts to create a magical oasis for hospitality, as well as fostering musical performance for all to enjoy, They deemed it right to name him a Companion of the Howlings Wolf. Scroll by Lady Murdia Drusilla Vettia Portia upon words by Maestro Filippo de Sancto Martino.

At this time, Their Majesties welcomed Lord Daniel of Blackthorn into Their presence. In recognition of his skills upon the heavy weapons field, including in melee and tournament, They were pleased to induct him into the Order of the Golden Alce. Scroll by Lady Kolfinia Jodisardottir with words by "some guy in a hat" (Master Po Silvertop).

Their Majesties next wished to be attended by Lord Robert of Kyngesbridge. Noting that he has distinguished himself over many years of fighting on the heavy weapons field, They declared it proper to name him a Companion of the Order of the Golden Alce. Scroll by Dame Roberta McMorland upon words by "some guy in a hat" (Master Po Silvertop).

Next, Their Majesties requested the presence of Sir Joel de Grace. Her Majesty presented him with a Golden Escarbuncle (Red) for giving up much of his day at Blackstone Raids to guard Her. Their Majesties also noted that his skills with chain maille had not gone unnoticed, and that They desired to make those skills known to all by naming him a Companion of the Order of the Sycamore. Scroll by Baron Caleb Reynolds.

Their Majesties then asked The Honorable Lady Agnella locapi to attend Them. Their Majesties noted that although They had only known Her Ladyship personally a short while, They were impressed by her gentility and, not least, her grace under pressure at the "Project Promenade" competition at Blackstone Raids, and thus, They deemed it fitting to name Her Ladyship a Companion of the Order of the Cornelian. Scroll by Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt.

Following this, Their Majesties sought Baroness Thalia Papillon. Her Excellen-



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cy's skill with the bow was the topic of Their discourse, as well as the words that had been carried to Them by others: chiefly, The Noble Order of the Scarlet Guard, whose Companions They invited forward to greet Her Excellency as one of their own. Scroll by Baroness Katherine Kersey.

Next, Their Majesties wished to be attended by Lord Dalibor Vilcekovsyn. Their Majesties disclosed to him that They had in fact been attempting to catch up with him for some time, only to find on this day, that he was very much present and visible. That visibility included his skills in Thrown Weapons, about which others had had much to recommend to Their Majesties. Finding Themselves in agreement with The Noble Order of the White Horn, They called for that Company to join Them while They were pleased to name Dalibor a member of the Order, and to Grant him Arms. Scroll (forthcoming) by Duchess Branwen ferch Gwythyr.

Their Majesties then desired The Honorable Lord Casimir Zelený z Strášaná Skála to present himself and give answer whether he was prepared to undergo elevation into the Most Noble Order of the Laurel. His Lordship assented and Their Majesties received testimony from representatives as to the character and nature of His Lordship's worth. Master Madoc Arundel, representing the Order of the Howlings Wolf, spoke of the virtue of franchise. To demonstrate, he brought with him a bottle of krupnik he had purchased in Poland four decades ago, when, as he said, the only thing he knew about krupnik was that it was tasty and moderately alcoholic. He further explained that thanks to a conversation with His Lordship, many many years later, not only did he know more about krupnik, he wanted to learn even more. It was this quality, he said, that His Lordship brought to his research and his communication of that research. To seal Master Madoc's conviction that His Lordship was worthy of Peerage, he uncorked the bottle and the two shared a dram together. From Sir Beatrix Krieger, on behalf of the Chivalry, Their Majesties heard of the prowess His Lordship brings to his craft by means of doing the hours of work before the event, and after the event, to take the lessons, to incorporate them, and to make that work accessible to others, and building others up as well. Master Illadore de Bedegrayne, on behalf of the Order of Defense, spoke of stewardship, and of the way that His Lordship demonstrates stewardship by constantly seeking to make the Society better for others. For

that reason, Master Illadore said, it was not that His Lordship was her Peer, but that she hoped one day to be his. From Mistress Hilderun Hügelman, as representative of the Order of the Pelican, Their Majesties heard it confirmed not just that Casimir serves with diligence, with enthusiasm, and with dedication, but with joy and with love, welcomes all to join him, and in doing so, leads them to their own passion. As with brewing, he takes many parts and combines them together, greater than their sum, with inclusiveness, the spirit of discovery, and again, joy. Duchess Dorinda Courtenay, representing Royal Peers and the Jewel of Æthelmearc, attested to the fact that His Lordship is already fulfilling one of the many jobs of a Peer, which is to see to it that recognition is bestowed upon deserving individuals. By serving as Clerk of an Order, by making recommendations for awards, and by speaking on behalf of candidates in Order meetings, retaining for Royalty and advising the Crown on the skills of other artisans, as well as mentoring others in their art, he has shown that he understands the responsibilities of the Peerage. And Íþróttakona Elska a Fjarfelli, representing the Most Noble Order of the Laurel, recounted how His Lordship kept searching for ways to bring the art of brewing to a larger audience, including applying for a one-day license to serve alcohol to ensure that brewing would have a place at sites. She attested that he taught himself to brew mead as well as the famous krupnik and has produced instructions for others, as well as teaching the finer points of medieval meads and educating the populace's palate. She further claimed that there is no better feeling that being surpassed by one's own apprentice, and that he was without question her Peer. Having heard this, Their Majesties deemed it imperative to continue, and thus called for the members of the Most Noble Order of the Laurel to join His Lordship, who added their assent, and witnessed while he was invested in the new trappings of his station: a personal medallion from Íþróttakona Elska a Fjarfelli; a family medallion from Baroness Elena de la Palma; a coat from Magnifica Fede di Fiore; and a hat becrowned in a laurel wreath, presented by Lady Elinor Walden, made by The Honorable Lady Rannveig Hrajshevelgsneys Alfvinsdottir, featuring a brooch from Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarson and feathers from the legacy of The Honorable Lord Rónán Ó Conaill. Their Majesties then received Magister Casimir's oath of fealty. Scroll illumination by The Honorable Lord Owen Tegg with wording and calligraphy by Posadnitsa Zaritsa Zavodchikovna.

Before releasing Magister Casimir, Their Majesties called upon Master Robert of Ferness to reveal that the newest Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Laurel had also won the Brewing Competition—both the blind populace choice and the judged selection. Their Majesties then installed Magister Casimir as Their Brewing Champion as well and commended him to his new Order. Scroll by The Honorable Lady Gwen Cooke.

Their Majesties next invited His Grace, Duke Maynard von dem Steine, into Their Presence. His Majesty told His Grace that he is, in His Majesty's estimation, an example of the kind of service that a Knight should provide, not just on the field or as a marshal, but in other ways, including in His Grace's counsel, in his support for events and to his Barony, to the kingdom, and to the Society as a whole. They then invited the Most Noble Order of the Pelican to attend them and issued unto His Grace a Writ of Summons to give the "right" answer regarding induction into that Peerage. Scroll by The Honorable Lady Sophie Davenport.

Their Majesties greeted The Honorable Lord Ragnar Ketilsson and The Honorable Lady Rowan Ashbrooke and named them both Their Inspiration for the day, for the many years of friendship and inspiration His Lordship and Her Ladyship had provided Their Majesties.

Their Majesties next thanked all scribes, wordsmiths, and regalia wrights with a selection from the scribal goodie basket.

Their Majesties further directed the Court to wish The Honorable Lord Angellino the Bookmaker and Her Grace, Duchess Dorinda Courtenay, each a happy birthday, and Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope led the kingdom in song.

His Majesty expressed the hope that They would see many of Their subjects next week at Melee Madness, most notably those fighters hoping to compete for the honor of being named Heavy Weapons Champion.

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

Faithfully Submitted,

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