

The Tidings

Official Newsletter for the Kingdom of Ealdormere - January 2025



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Event Calendar

January 2025

1 *Deadline for February Tidings*

18 Blue Dragon Symposium, Canton of Ard Chreag (Oshawa, ON)

24-26 Known World Heraldic Symposium (virtual)

February 2025

1 *Deadline for March Tidings*

1 Tournoi du Coeur des Glace, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Belleville, ON)

15 Practicum, Canton of Caldritchig (Bells Corners, ON)

22 Masque by Moonlight, Canton of DerWelfengau (Guelph, ON)

March 2025

1 *Deadline for May Tidings*

8 Winter War, Shire of Trinovantia Nova (Paris, ON)

8-16 Gulf Wars XXXIII, (MS, USA)

29 Kingdom Arts & Sciences, Shire of Trinovantia Nova (London, ON)

May 2025

1 *Deadline for June Tidings*

10 Lady Mary Memorial Tourney, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)

16-19 Fruits of Our Labours, Canton of Bryniau Twynnog (Drumbo, ON)

24 Spring Crown Tournament, Barony of Ben Dunfirth

31 Eoforwic 50th Anniversary, Canton of Eoforwic, (York, ON)

June 2025

13-15 Baron's Brouhaha, Canton of Northgeatham (Tiverton, ON)

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



Kingdom Event Rotation

2025

2025 Spring A&S: Shires
(assist from Ramshaven)
2025 Spring Coronation: Rising Waters
2025 Spring Crown: Ben Dunfirth
2025 Fall Coronation: Septentria
2025 Fall Crown: Skraeling Althing

2026

2026 Spring A&S: Ramshaven
2026 Spring Coronation: Shires
(assist from Skraeling Althing)
2026 Spring Crown: Rising Waters
2026 Fall Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
2026 Fall Crown: Septentria

2027

2027 Spring A&S: Skraeling Althing
2027 Spring Coronation: Ramshaven
2027 Spring Crown: Shires
(assist from Septentria)
2027 Fall Coronation: Rising Waters
2027 Fall Crown: Ben Dunfirth

2028

2028 Spring A&S: Septentria
2028 Spring Coronation: Skraeling Althing
2028 Spring Crown: Ramshaven
2028 Fall Coronation: Shires
(assist from Ben Dunfirth)
2028 Fall Crown: Rising Waters



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From Their Majesties



Greetings unto the People of glorious Ealdormere!

That harvest has been completed and its bounty has been stored away to last through the cold winter. We would like to start by congratulating Baron Cesare for being placed on vigil for the Order of the Pelican and Baroness Lassarfina for the Order of the Laurel. Baron Cesare will sit his vigil at Wassail and Baroness Lassarfina at a yet-to-be-determined date.

In November, we travelled north to the Queen's Prize Tournament, where we were impressed with the many talented artisans of Ealdormere. The breadth of projects on display was truly something to behold and will be a high point in Our memories.

The chill has set in and soon the vicious white snow will start to pile up. This brings a time of less activity to the Kingdom. We look forward to seeing you all after the winter break at Tournoi du Coeur de Glace. Tournoi will mark the final leg of the triple tournament challenge and will again highlight the talents of an artisan of Ealdormere who produced the prizes.

We would also like to take this chance to bring forward a law change. We had a unique unforeseen situation that ended up with someone inadvertently ending up with two Kingdom offices. When our Crown tournament was won by Our Earl Marshal, his emergency drop-dead automatically became the new Earl Marshal, and when that drop-dead deputy was chosen, he was not holding a kingdom greater office, but then Kingdom Chatelaine became a greater office through a law change. We would like to prevent this from happening in the future to ensure that we do not over-extend anyone.

VI-500 Officers of State may not hold any other Corporate or Kingdom office, ***nor may they serve as a drop dead deputy of another Kingdom Office of State.*** Officers of State may hold a local office provided that office does not report to the Kingdom office they hold.

(changes are in italics)

Happy Holiday
King Crispin and Queen Anne



Photo by Sir Bes

From Their Highnesses

WASSAIL EALDORMERE!



This is truly the season for it! A dusting of snow covers the land...well maybe a bit more than a dusting. The Holiday Season looks to be off to a roaring start. Perfect weather to be sitting in front of a hot fire, partaking of your favorite warm beverage. For Feasting and Merriment as the cold winds blow across our Northlands! As we sit around our fires and feast tables, sipping and supping, the songs of our people raising the rafters of our halls, let us not forget to raise a mug to remember those who have come before and those who are no longer with us. Celebrate their time with us and the good memories they left behind them. Let us also not forget those less fortunate than ourselves, those who may be struggling this Season, for one reason or another. Check in on them, a kind word and a warm hug can make all the difference to those who feel the cold more keenly in these days of snow.

Speaking of snow, be safe out there on the roads this season, Ealdormere. There's nowhere we have to be that can't wait til we get there. I would like to see all my friends happy smiling faces around my feast tables this winter, even if it's later rather than sooner.

So from our family to yours, have a Happy Holiday. Hope to see you around the fire.

TRH Princess Maegwynn Skautibrok
TRH Gannicus the Hibernian

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

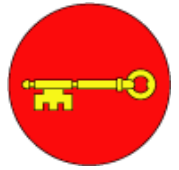


From Oscar to the Populace
(and TRH too)

From the Kingdom Seneschal

Hello Sunshines!

Winter has descended upon us and it is a quiet time in the Ealdormere Calendar of events which makes it a wonderful time to get together with friends and loved ones. I would remind everyone to be cautious and travel safely during these winter months, we want to see you safe and sound in the new year! On those cold and blustery days when staying close to home is ideal, consider trying a new project, finishing up a work in progress, or renewing an old interest. Kingdom Arts and Sciences is coming up in the spring and is a fabulous place to share what you've been working on. We want to share in the excitement!



To the Seneschals, my Deputies and all of the good gentles who volunteer for so many things in our Kingdom, I would like to thank you all for your hard work over the past year. Without all of you, we would not be the wonderful Kingdom that we are.

As we head into the Festive Season, I wish for you a time of peace and finding sparks of joy and so much love. From my family to yours we wish you a Happy Holidays!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

In service,
Lucia de Moranza

From the Desk of the Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings Ealdormere

The reason articles and letters for the Tidings are due on the first of each month is because we are on a publishing on paper schedule. I need to get our issue to Society in time for them to mail it out in time for the start of the next month. Volunteers do not like to pull overnights to get the Tidings finished.

If you are interested in having a full colour edition of the Tidings (and Vox Borealis) arrive in your email inbox, I have a mailing list. Email me and ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com to get on the list and receive your copy early. A lot early. Practically a month early.

Joyfully Yours
Lucia de Enzinas



From the Interim Earl Marshal



Photo by Dame Augusta

Hello everyone, greetings from your emergency drop-dead Earl Marshal,



This is the second Tidings notice advertising for a permanent replacement for the position of Earl Marshal. We have some applications in so far, but more is better! The deadline is February 1st. Please send a copy of all applications to both myself and Mistress Lucia, the kingdom seneschal. Please enclose in your application your membership number, membership expiry date, your marshalling experience, and any compelling reasons you feel like including that will help the Privy Council want to pick you.

What does this job entail? It's a two year commitment, and the position of Earl Marshal is responsible for the good conduct and safety of all martial activities in the kingdom. The Earl Marshal is only directly responsible for one of those disciplines (armoured combat, rapier, archery, throne weapons, equestrian, combat archery, and/or siege), and has deputies to serve in the others. They are also supported by the Minister of the Lists. They are responsible to ensure Crown Tourney is overseen by an armoured combat marshal (if not themselves), that authorizations are

kept up to date (through the Minister of the Lists), that other local marshals and marshals-at-large in the kingdom are supported (and they are reporting as they should), and that everyone who wants to can play safely in whatever martial activity they are doing. As a Greater Officer, they also participate in the business of Privy Council, approving kingdom event bids, discussing law or rule changes, and supporting the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal in the governance of the kingdom. This position could require anywhere from 1-5 hours a week in commitment (emails, meetings, reports, and the like)

A reminder -- ANY fully warranted marshal of ANY martial discipline can apply for this kingdom office. I look forward to taking any applications to Privy Council to select a permanent Earl Marshal for the kingdom.

Cheerfully slaving for my feudal masters,
Brand Thorwaldsen
earlmarshal.ealdormere@gmail.com

The Scroll of Honour



Herein is a record of worthy deeds of the people and friends of Ealdormere. Such worthy deeds may include, but not be restricted to, the receipt of any Kingdom awards. The names of those accomplishing such worthy deeds shall be entered fittingly on the Scroll of Honour at the discretion of the Crown.

The Scroll of Honour is maintained by:
Privy Seal
Baroness Christiana Macnamara
(Carol Crawley)
wingedsnail@sympatico.ca



The Scroll of Honour (Physical Book) is brought to Crown Tournament and Coronation. If you would like to arrange a viewing, please contact the Privy Seal.



Photos of Christiana by Baroness Lucia, scroll pages by Baron Alex from ealdormere.ca

To write someone in for this recognition or others use this link: <https://ealdormere.ca/awards/>

Cesare's Elevation Song

by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful, with interpretive dance by Duchess Hyrokkin

(singing to the tune of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer)

You know Trumbrand & Kaylah & Roak & Hyrokkin.
Rattanicus & Isabel & Margret & Crispin,
These royals recall, the most steadfast entourage of
all.

Cesare the stealthy entourage,
Travelled with us far and wide
And he did ever see us.
From Cesare we could not hide.

All of the other royals,
Gratefully we give our praise.
We all thank trusted Cesare,
For his very patient ways.

Then one cold event Saturday,
The King and Queen came to say,
"Cesare, you're a helpful man.
We'll make you a Pelican"

Then how the Pelicans loved him,
And they shouted out with glee,
Cesare the tireless entourage,
You are really quite help-y.



Photos by Sir Elizabeth

Trumbrand the Wanderer: Order of Defense Scroll

Scroll by Patrika Asa Gormsdottir
Wording by Meister Dietrich von Sachsen

I speak in praise of Trumbrand:
A duke who's kind, not crabby;
But when he takes to the fencing list,
He gets a wee bit stabby.

Trumbrand has many virtues-
Of his wisdom I should harp;
But when he takes to the fencing list,
His insight's a bit more sharp.

His Grace is a patient teacher,
And everyone's his friend.
But when he takes to the fencing list,
You gets the pointy end.

King Crispin says of Trumbrand,
And Queen Anne declares it hence:
For when he takes to the fencing list,
He's a Master of Defense.

Thus did King Crispin and Queen Anne raise and
elevate Duke Trumbrand the Wanderer to the
Order of Defense, upon the 7th day of
December, AS 59, in their Canton of Bryniau
Tywynnog at the Feast of Wassail.



Scroll photo by Sir Kayla, action shots by Sir Elizabeth

For Trumbrand, Love Kaylah.

Upon the Occasion of Trumbrand's Elevation
The Order of Defense, Wassail AS 59

Prose borrowed from Elizabeth Barret Browing, Sonnet 43, because only poetry can express the depth of my feelings today.

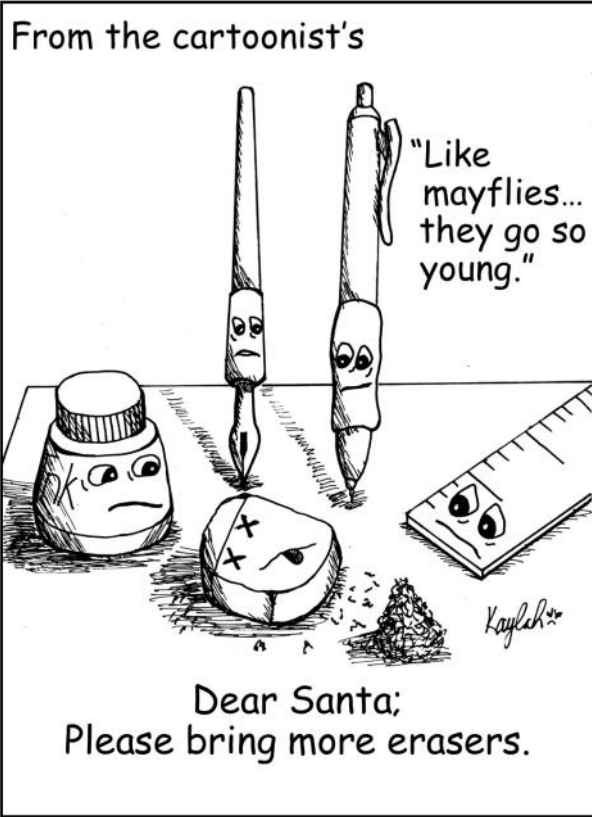
How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my swords and spear can reach.
I love thee with the quiet need of fight practice in the backyard
The two of us, together, each week for 18 months of Pandemic on-guard.
I love thee with the passion you put to use shovelling January snow from the backyard patio,
And I still love thee with a love that isn't lost despite being pushed into the resulting banks of snow.
I love thee with sword and shield, and with case.
I love thee with spear, and yes, even with a mace.
I love thee with all of my life, smiles, tears and breath.
And because our combat is magical, I shall but love thee just as well after each death.



Photos and wording provided by Dutchess Kayla

Comics

Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



Comic by Adnar Dionadair :



Call for Applicants for Tournaments Illuminated Editor



December 3, 2024 |

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. is seeking candidates for the position of Editor for Tournaments Illuminated. This is a part-time stipend position with a three-year warranted term of service.

The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for the publication of the quarterly SCA magazine, Tournaments Illuminated.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Editor include, but are not limited to the following:

- Working with the TI Art Director, staff and authors to produce the quarterly magazine on schedule;
- Answering queries in a timely, courteous, and professional manner;
- Developing and maintaining relationships with authors and other content providers;
- Developing manuscripts with authors based on the audience of Tournaments Illuminated, general readability and (where appropriate) historical accuracy;
- Developing and working with a volunteer staff of reviewers (TI Review Panel);
- Recruiting (as needed), overseeing, working and communicating with column contributors;
- Developing new coverage areas and varieties of content that reflect the interests and priorities of TI readers and the wider SCA community;
- Developing a program for close communication with Kingdom representatives to help determine interest areas and contributors;
- Establishing and managing a team to support TI ventures, such as gathering and disseminating information, promoting the publication, and SCA community outreach for reader involvement;
- Reaching out to potential subscribers and authors and generally raising awareness of TI and SCA publications via virtual events, podcasts, social media, and other online opportunities;
- Manage the Tournaments Illuminated Team of volunteers and deputies;
- Assess and meet the diverse needs of the readership, as TI is meant for all members and participants, at all skill and experience levels;
- Quarterly Reports to the Board of Directors through the Publications Manager.

This position requires approximately 10+ hours per week, except during the two to four weeks prior to publication, when more time is spent putting an issue together. Qualifications for the position include excellent written and oral communication skills, the ability to work independently to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines, strong computer skills, ability to organize a staff, and familiarity with SCA publications and social media programs and platforms. Professional experience in a modern editing environment and prior experience in an SCA Chronicler position are desirable, but not required. Successful candidates for this position must have easy access to phone, mail, internet, and reliable e-mail service. An applicant must be a paid member of the Society and must be able to meet publication and reporting deadlines in a timely manner.

Interested parties should forward copies of resumes (both professional and SCA related, including offices held and honors) to resumes@sca.org and pubmanager@sca.org.

The deadline for applications is 31 December 2024.

Events

Blue Dragon Studium

When: Saturday January 18, 2025
Where: Woodview Community Centre, 151 Cadillac Ave. N., Oshawa, ON.
website: <https://acbluedragon.weebly.com/>
Event Stewards: Anneke the Furious - Annekethefurious@gmail.com and
Eeva the Restless - Eevatherestless@gmail.com



Known World Heraldic Symposium

When: January 24-26, 2025
Where: Virtual event TBA
Website: <https://heraldry.sca.org/kwhss/>



Tournoi du Coeur des Glace

When: February 1, 2025
Where: Belleville & District Fish and Game Club,
170 Elmwood Dr., Belleville, On, K8N 4Z4
Site opens: 9am Site closes: 7pm
Wediste: <https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/tournoi>
Event Fees: Adult Members \$20, Adult Non-Members \$30, Youth under 18, free
Event Steward: Countess Isabel Atwyll isabel.atwyll@gmail.com



The Shire of Bastille du Lac would like to invite all Armoured and Rapier combatants to compete in the first tournament of the year!

Practicum 2025

When: February 15, 2025
Where: Bells Corners United Church
3955 Old Richmond Rd, Ottawa, ON K2H 5C5.
Site opens: 8:30am to 7pm. Classes begin at 9am, run until 5
Stewards: Yael bat Shiloh mibeit haMaayan and Constance of Caldrihig
Email: practicum.steward@gmail.com
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/practicum>
Fees: Adult Registration: \$30
Member discounted Registration
\$20



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



Events

Masque by Moonlight

When: Saturday February 22, 2025
Site opens: 4:30pm Site closes 11pm
Where: Guelph Curling Club, 816 Woolwich St., Guelph ON, N1H 6J2
Event fees: TBD, will include the famous Masque feast.
Event Steward: Lord Aldwynn of Canterbury masquebymoonlight@gmail.com
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/masque-by-moonlight/>
Site opens: 4:30pm and closes 11pm
Fees: \$30 for SCA members, \$35 for non-members
\$20 for Youth SCA members, \$25 for Youth non-members
(Site fee includes feast)



The Canton of Der Welfengau presents Masque by Moonlight, a dancing and feasting event that always exceeds expectations. More details to come.

Winter War: Battle at the Forks

When: March 8, 2025
Where: Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St. Paris, ON., N3L 1V5
Site opens: 9am, Site closes 8pm
Event Steward: Lord Rhisiart ap Meredudd
trinovantia.seneschal@gmail.com



Gulf Wars XXXIII

When: March 8-16, 2025
Where: 26 Kings Highway
Lumberton, MS 39455
Website: <https://gulfwars.org/>





Cover Art

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

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