

The Tidings

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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 Caldrihig (Bells Corners, ON)
- 22 Masque by Moonlight, Canton of DerWelfengau (Guelph, ON)

March 2025

1 Deadline for April 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)

April 2025

1 Deadline for May Tidings

- 12 Lencten Cyrcuyte, Barony of Ramshaven, (West Perth, ON)
- 26 Spring Coronation of Gann and Maegwynn, (Lombardy, 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 50 th Anniversary, Canton of Eoforwic, (York, ON)

June 2025

1 Deadline for July Tidings

- 5-7 Murder Melee in the Meadow, Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Hamilton, ON)
- 13-15 Baron's Brouhaha, Canton of Northgeatham (Tiverton, ON)
- 20-22 Murder Muster, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)

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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

From Their Majesties



Greetings unto the glorious People of Ealdormere,

First and foremost, We hope you all enjoyed a joyous holiday season. The winter is a slower season that sees many of us staying closer to our homes. The next event that Her Majesty and I will attend is Tournoi de Cour des Glace. We look forward to running our Baronial Council meeting. It will take place at 9:45 am in the royalty room.

Tournoi de Cour des Glace will also host the final leg of the triple tournament challenge. Sponsoring the triple tournament challenge has been a great pleasure for us and We look forward to witnessing the final leg of the challenge and invite anybody and everyone to as well.

We would also like to remind everyone of a law change that We are proposing. 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)

In Service,
King Crispin and Queen Anne



From Their Highnesses

As we sit around our hearth fires in the quiet of our halls while the winter weather blows wild outside our sturdy doors, we take the time to make and mend, spin stories and sing songs. The long dark will very soon be behind us.



Now is not the time for thoughts of War, now is the time for building things with our hands, creating art and reveling in the warmth and good smells of food made and harvest shared.

Rest and look towards the spring. A new year is upon us, and for now we light candles against the dark and be at peace.

HRM
Dame Maegwyn
Sir Gann



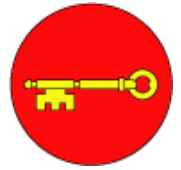
Photos of Queen Anne, Duke Trumbrand, (over) Princess Maegwyn and Price Gann by Noble Fischer of Ben Dunfirth



From the Kingdom Seneschal

Hello Sunshines!

As we venture into 2025, I want to say I certainly appreciate the volunteers who made our kingdom better through this past year – thank you very much for all your hard work and dedication, supporting our hobby.



By the time this letter reaches you, we will have emerged out of the holiday lull and back into the swing of events and gatherings again, and also in the heart of cold and flu season. As frustrating as it is to have to cancel plans, please be considerate to yourself and everyone around you and if you're not feeling well, stay home and rest.

I look forward to seeing people soon at events!

In Service,
Lucia de Moranza

From the Desk of the Kingdom Chronicler



Greetings Ealdormere

I would like to announce that the Kingdom Calendar Secretary is no longer a deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal. CalSec is now a deputy officer to the Kingdom Chroniclers office.



All events need to be registered with the CalSec before they can be published in the Tidings. The registered event needs to be published in the Tidings to be an official event. An official event can be insured and can have royal courts.

Please register your events using this link: <https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/> This will generate an email to the CalSec.

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 Minister of Arts and Science

Greetings to all from Siglinde Harfnerstochter,



The depths of winter are upon us, which is a perfect time to nest at home and prepare your entries for Kingdom A&S, which will be here just as the days become longer than the nights.

The event will take place March 29 in the Shire of Trinovantia Nova at Trinity Lutheran Church 746 Colborne St, London ON. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for details that will be linked to the Ealdormere calendar on the Kingdom website.

Anyone and everyone can enter A&S. You can enter a single project; you can enter Pentathlon; you can bring completed or in-progress items for display (and comment if you wish). Entry forms and judges forms (yes, we need judges too) will be available when the event details are posted.

Enjoy your next few weeks of creativity in your shop, your kitchen, or huddled over your needlework tools. I look forward to seeing you in March.

From the Trillium Herald

Greetings Ealdormere,



With half my term as Trillium Herald done it is time to start looking for a successor and so I seek applicants to be the next Trillium Herald.

The Trillium Herald is the head of the Ealdormere College of Arms and, as such, supervises deputies and territorial heralds to ensure the smooth functioning of heraldry in Ealdormere with responsibilities and restrictions governed by kingdom law and custom. This includes the responsibility for the warranting and training of appropriate heraldic officers for all necessary positions and sufficient to ensure that the customary range of heraldic services is easily available in all parts of the kingdom.

If interested, please submit a letter of interest and a resume of relevant SCA (and appropriate mundane) experience to trilliumherald@gmail.com. The deadline for applications is March 1st, 2025.

In service,
Matthäus



Photo by Noble Fischer of Ben Dunfirth

History of FOOL

Fruits of Our Labours is a hands on Arts and Science event. It was first envisioned (2007) by Mistress Eleanor and Master Garread Galbraith. It was held at Blue Springs Scout Reserve that first year. Because of their bardic contacts, Eleanor and Garread had an amazing tavern, with a variety of musicians; some from out of kingdom. However, they ended up moving to the Seattle area shortly after.

Fruits of Our Labours (FOOL) was then handed over to Mistress Odette, rather than ending what turned out to be a very successful and fun event. Duchess Rylyn joined the team the next year when we had to change event sites due to dramatic increases in site costs. Because of this, we also changed the event slightly as the new site didn't have the same amenities as the old one, but the site cost was affordable, and the management friendly and willing to work with us. We also brought Baron Percival and Baroness Christiana, Countess Lyda, and Mistress Catriona and Baron Daniel into our team. These great people had been helping us already, so it was a no brainer to make them official event team members. This odd group of people work well together, with everyone having input and areas of their own expertise, which luckily mesh well with the rest of the team.



All the major event planning is done by the staff group as a whole, and the details of each job tend to be planned by the person in charge of that particular part of the event. Teacher's Tokens are designed and made in work parties and site tokens are always a snack due to the time that gate opens.

This year's FOOL will be held on May 16, 17, 18, 19, at Camp Impessa, near Drumbo. We are looking forward to another great event this year.



Photos provided by Mistress Odette

Gift Basket

Greetings good gentles of Ealdormere!

Her Majesty has asked me to be the Gift Basket Co-Ordinator for Gulf Wars (March 8-16, 2025). We have been paired with the Kingdom of Avacal also in the Northern lands. (Alberta, Saskatchewan and parts of BC).

At this time, we are unsure how their Majesties, King Vik Vikingsson and Queen A'isha Rayhana al-Karim, will be attending Gulf Wars, whether by land or air.

Meanwhile, here are their Majesties likes and dislikes. <https://avacal.org/avacal-royals/>

An Tir's wiki has a wonderful explanation of what Largess is.
<https://antir.sca.wiki/index.php?title=Largesse>

Regardless of age, skill or length of time in the SCA, anyone that is interested in making something period for donation can do so. With your item, please include a tag with your SCA name and group name.

For health and safety reasons do not include anything scented, or food/drink that has an expiration. Any items that have the Kingdom of Avacal heraldry on it, becomes regalia and property of the kingdom versus a present for their Majesties.

With few events remaining before Gulf Wars for collection, please contact me on Discord or email Isabeau.sca@gmail.com.

Yours in service,
Isabeau la Rôdeuse
Gulf Wars Gift Basket Co-Ordinator
The Shire of Trinovantia Nova



Photo of a gift basket by Baroness Lucia de Enzinas

Ipocras

These are from a book I got from eebo.com called "The Booke of Carving and Sewing" (1613) printed by printed by Edward Allde for Sara White (in London). I dug around but I was unable to find more on this 40 page (20 pages in pdf) receipt book.

I started reading the manuscript because I was interested in the discussion of different feast days between the different versions of Ipocras.

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Here followeth the names of Wines, Red wine, White wine, Claret wine, Osey, Caprick, Cam-polet, Renish wine, Malmesey, Bastard, Eyre, Romney, Muscadell, Clary, Raspis, Vernage, Cutz, Piment, and Ipocras

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*For to make Ipocras,
Take Ginger, Pepper, Graines, Canel, Cinamon, Suger, and tornsole, than looks ye have five or sixe bags of your Ipocras to run in, and a pearch that your renners may ren on, then must ye have six pewter basins, to stand under your bags, then looke your spice be ready and your Ginger well pared, ere it be beaten to powder, than looke your stalkes, of Sinamon be well coloured, and the sweet Canel is not so gentre[??]n operation, Cinamon is hot and dry, Graines of Paradice be hot & moist, Ginger, Graines, long Pepper and Suger be hot and moist, Sinamon, Canell, and red Wine colouring.
Now know yee(?) the proportions of your Ipocras, then beat your Powders each by them selves, and put them in bladders, and hang your bags sure that no bagge touch other, but let each Basin touch other, let the first Basin be of a gallon, and each of the other a pottle(?), than put in your Basin a gallon, of redde Wine, put there to your powders, and stirre them well, then put them into the first bagge, and let is ren, than put them into the second Bagge, than take a peece in your hand and assay if it be strong of the Ginger and alay it with Sinamon, and if it be strong of Sinamon, alay it with sugar. & look ye let it ren through six renners, and your Ipofras shall be the finer : than put your Ipocras into a close vessell, and keep the receite, for it will serve for sewes, then serve your Sovereign with wafers and Ipocras.*

Very serious and then we find on page 20 something much simpler:

To Make Ipocras:

Take a gallon of wine, & an ownce of Sinamon, two ounces of ginger, & a pound of sugar, twenty cloves bruised, and twenty cornes of pepper grosse beaten, and let all those soak one night, and let it run through a bag.

and

To make Ipocras,

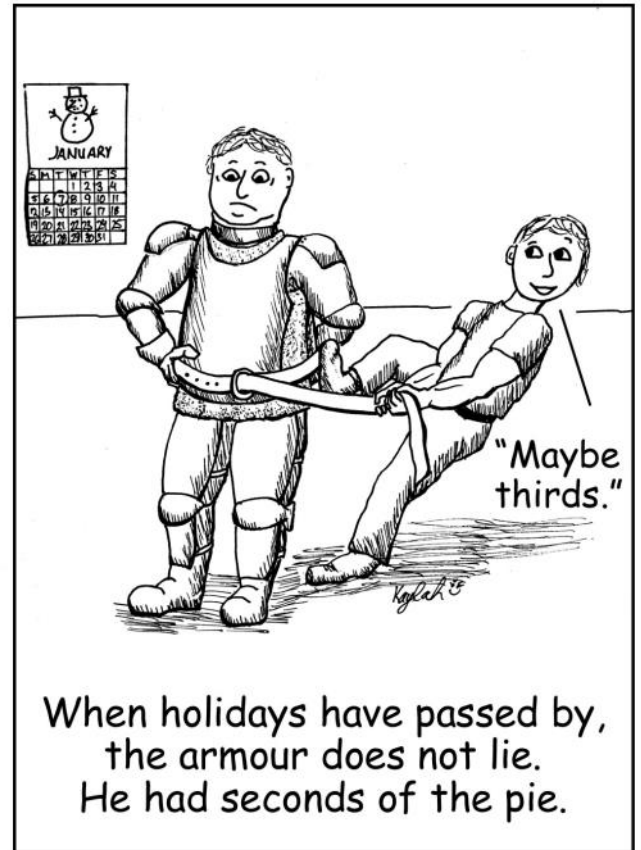
Take of chosen Cinamon two ownces, of fine ginger one ownce, of graines half an ownce, bruise them all, and steepe them in three or 4 pyutes of good odifferous wine with a pound of suger, by the space of foure and twenty howers, then put them into a Ipocras bag of wollen, and so receive the liquor. The readiest and best way is to put the spices with the halfe pound of suger and the wine into a bottle or a Bone(?) pot stopped close, and after twenty foure houres it will be ready, then cast a thinne linnen cloath and a piece of a beulter cloath in the mouth, and let it so much runne through as yee will occupie at once, and keep the vessell close, for it wilso well keep both the sprite odour and vertue of the wine and also of spices.

A "wollen" ipocras bag amuses me greatly. I picture some poor apprentice using a sock. Reprinted from <https://meddlingmedlars.wordpress.com/>

Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



We like to fool around sometimes.. Photo b Baron Dafydd ap Alan



Comic by Adnar Dionadair :



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



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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/>



Lencten Cyrcuyte: A Lenten Banquet Honouring the Royal Progress

When: April 12
Site opens: 4pm Site Closes: 10 pm
Where: Brodhagen Community Centre,
6708 Perth County Line 44, Brodhagen, ON, N0K 1B0
Hosted by the populace of Afon Araf, sponsored by the Barony of Ramshaven
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/lencten/>
Fees: Members \$30 including feast, Non-members \$40
*There is a cap of 30 guests for this evening.
Servers receive \$10 discount.
Event Steward: Avelyn Wexcombe Avelyn.Wexcombe@gmail.com
Reservations: Hrovje Mihaljilovic Lord.Hrvoje.Mihajlovic@gmail.com
Online reservations open March 1st



An afternoon and evening of fellowship, feasting and fun. Bardic storytelling, song, dance, music!

Events Continued

Spring Coronation 2025

When: April 26
Site opens: 10am Site closes: 8pm
Where: Lombardy Agricultural Society,
6 Kellys Rd, Lombardy, ON K0G 1L0, Canada
Website: <https://ealdormerecoronation.blogspot.com/>
Event fees: \$20 adult members, \$30 non-members; Youth under 18, free of charge
Lunch : \$10 per lunch ticket
Feast by THL Constance of Caldrithig: \$20 (servers \$10)
Event Stewards: Baroness Dubhessa ni Uilliam pishkeen@gmail.com
Maister Colyne Stewart todd@todd-fischer.com
Reservations : Maister Colyne Stewart



The stronghold of Greyfells hosts Ealdormere's Spring Coronation, the Coronation of Gann and Maegwynn at the Lombardy Fairgrounds. Come see the Line of the North secured. There will be dancing indoors, while outside there will be armoured combat, fencing, and if weather permits, archery as well.

Murder Melee in the Meadow

When: June 5-8
Where: Germania Park, 4221 Trinity Church Rd, Binbrook, ON, L0R, 1C0
Hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth.
Melee fighting, fencing, archery, thrown weapons. Stay tuned for details.



Baron's Brouhaha

When: June 13-15
Where: 973 Concession Rd. 8, Tiverton, ON, N0G 2T0
Presented by the Canton of Northgaetham, Barony of Ramshaven.
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/canton-of-northgaetham/barons-brouhaha/>
Event fees: Weekend \$20 members, \$30 non-member
Single day \$10 members, \$20 non-members
Youth 16 and under free.



Event Steward: Lord Wulfric of the Blackwood trweirmeir@gmail.com
Reservation Steward: Baroness Sibylla of Glyndmere tamara.pasley@gmail.com
Baron's Brouhaha is a three day camping event at the Northgaethum Great Hall near Underwood. Camping, armoured and fencing combat, thrown weapons. Traditional potluck feast. Bardic circle on Saturday night!

Les Beltaines XXXVII

Hosted by Barony of Havre des Glaces - Saint-Mathieu-du-Parc, QC
Event date: June 12th, 2025 - June 15th, 2025
website: <https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4363>



Murder Muster

When: June 20-22, 2025
Where: Merlin Community Hall, 150 Aberdeen, Merlin, ON, N0P 1W0
Site opens: 1pm Friday, Site closes: 4pm Sunday
Fees: Weekend camping \$50 adult, \$40 adult member
Day trip \$30 adult \$20 adult member; youth (under 18) free
Event Stewards: Mistress Laura Battista and
Master Cesare di Salvazzi shewhomeasures@gmail.com



The Shire of Champcorbeau hosts a weekend camping event on Ealdormere's western lands.

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

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