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Heraldic Offices of Ealdormere



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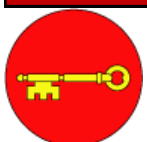


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# Event Calendar

## February 2024

24 Practicum 2024: Back to Basics (Ottawa, ON)  
25 Winter Wonder Wack (St Catherines, ON)

## March 2024

1 *Deadline for April Tidings*  
2 Winter War XXV, Shire of Trinovantia Nova (Parkhill, ON)  
9-17 Gulf Wars 30, Gleann Abhann (Lumberton, MS)  
23 Kingdom Arts & Sciences, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)

## April 2024

1 *Deadline for May Tidings*  
13 Sock Burner, Stronghold of Greyfells (Odessa, ON)  
April 20, 2024 Paardenbloem Festival, Barony of Skraeling Althing (Lyndhurst, ON)  
27 Spring Coronation, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Lindsay, ON)

## May 2024

1 *Deadline for June Tidings*  
4 Mayhem on May 4 th , virtual event, Stronghold of Greyfells  
11 Lady Mary, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)  
17-20 Fruits of Our Labours, Canton of Byrniau Twynnog (Drumbo, ON)

## June 2024

1 *Deadline for July Tidings*  
6 - 9 Murder Melee in the Meadow, Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Hamilton, ON)  
21-23 Barons Brouhaha, Canton of Northgaethum (Tiverton, ON)

## July 2024

1 *Deadline for August Tidings*  
4-7 Knowne World Dance & Music Symposium, Middle Kingdom (Danville, IN)  
July 26- August 11 Pennsic War 51, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)

<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 the Kingdom Chronicler



Lady Katrina and Baroness Lucia at Blue Dragon photo by Lucia

## Hello Readers

This is a bonus issue that Herr Matthäus Lindenhayn von Schaffhausen, Trillium Herald, put together for our education and very short order. I owe him a great thanks.

As are most of the Vox issues, this one focuses on another aspect of Ealdormere Culture. The Heraldic Officers in this Kingdom have unique names. This issue is a job description of each of the very important jobs.

If you have ideas for the Vox Borealis please email me.

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Photo of Lord Matthäus by Baroness Sybilla

# Heraldic Offices of Ealdormere

The Ealdormere College of Heraldry (ECoH) is dedicated to the support of heraldic activities in the kingdom, including submitting names, devices and badges, providing training in heraldry, voice heraldry, court heraldry and ceremonies, heraldic display, and heraldic research. Like any part of the Society for Creative Anachronism it takes a group of dedicated people volunteering their time so here is a little introduction to the staff offices of the College of Heraldry plus some background on the positions.

**Trillium Herald - Herr Matthäus Lindenhayn von Schaffhausen** [trilliumherald@gmail.com](mailto:trilliumherald@gmail.com)

The Principal Herald of the Kingdom of Ealdormere is the voice of the Crown to the populace and the voice of the populace to the Crown and is the head of the College of Heraldry in Ealdormere. Trillium Principal Herald supervises deputies and territorial heralds to ensure the smooth functioning of heraldry in Ealdormere. The responsibilities and restrictions are governed by kingdom law and custom and 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.

This title originally was held by the regional herald of Pentamere in the Midrealm (which included Michigan and Ontario at the time), and the first recorded person to hold this office was Duke Finnvarr.

Since then the title was passed to the regional herald for Ealdormere, then the Principality of Ealdormere, and then the Kingdom of Ealdormere as principal herald. They are responsible for all heraldic activity in the kingdom and oversee our College of Heraldry.

**Inland Seas Herald - Duchess Rylyn Buchanan**  
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The Inland Seas Herald is the deputy supporting the Trillium Herald. Initially as the emergency back up during the early part of the Trillium Herald's term with the chosen successor to the Trillium Herald taking over the position as a learning opportunity in the later part of the term.

Created while Ealdormere was a Principality, and named after the Great Lakes, called the Inland Seas in many of Hector's tales of our Northern Lands, the role was intended to be a personal herald to Their Highnesses, and later became the title for the drop-dead deputy of the Trillium Herald. Registration of this title caused some consternation in Aethelmarc, as their Princes and Kings have sometimes claimed the rights to the Inland Seas. The first person to hold this position was Lord Erick of Longacres.



Photo by Fisher of Ben Dunfirth. Ash holding populace of Ealdormere banner for opening ceremonies at Pennsic War 2023

## Silverwolf Herald - Magistra Nika Dmitrieva doch'Zvezdina

Silverwolf Herald is the title given to the last person who was Trillium Herald, and also becomes Trillium Emeritus for having held the office in the past. They are an advisory role to the new Trillium Herald.

## Green Mantle Herald - Baron Jorgen Lennertson ([greenmantle.herald@gmail.com](mailto:greenmantle.herald@gmail.com))

The Herald responsible for submissions of names and armory from the Kingdom of Ealdormere by receiving submissions, entering them in the Society College of Heralds submissions computer system and guiding the submission through the process based on commentary.

Originally the Green Mantle position was a pursuivant's office, acting as a deputy to Fiona Averylle O'Connor, who had been given the White Mantle Herald Extraordinary title during our Principality days. They acted as a personal deputy to Fiona, who specialized in name and armory research. After Fiona passed away, and Ealdormere achieved kingdom status, the title of Green Mantle was transferred from the Midrealm to Ealdormere, and became the submissions herald position. In later years the position was divided into two offices, sharing the workload with the Seblatt Herald's office. The first person to hold this office was Lord Mark FitzRoy.



*Pictures of banners at  
Tournoi by Peter Burke*

## Seblatt Pursuivant - Lord Jótun-Björn ([seblatt.herald@gmail.com](mailto:seblatt.herald@gmail.com))

The Pursuivant responsible for communication with members regarding their heraldic submissions, contacting submitters to inform them if their submission has been registered or not. The office was originally responsible for heraldic armory research and consultation, either to assist the Green Mantle Herald or to act as a resource to heraldic clients attempting to submit arms. The first person to hold this position was Baron Dathi Thorfinnson.

## Caleygreyhound Herald - Master Brand Thorwaldsen ([calygreyhound@gmail.com](mailto:calygreyhound@gmail.com))

The Herald responsible for the maintenance of the Ealdormere Order of Precedence. The position passed from the Midrealm to Ealdormere when Ealdormere became a kingdom, the Caleygreyhound Herald has also been responsible for occasional protocol and ceremonies. The first person to hold this office was Lord Brennain O'Ross Murchada.



## **Pentland Herald - open ([pentland.herald@gmail.com](mailto:pentland.herald@gmail.com))**

The Pentland Herald was originally a Midrealm office, used for field heraldry, and later taken up by the Principality of Ealdormere, and the Kingdom of Ealdormere, and has become the chief field herald responsible for field and tournament heraldry, primarily being responsible for the organization of the contenders in the Crown Tournament and ensuring sufficient heralds to cry the tournament. The first person to hold this office was Lord Osric Caerfynn.

## **Bucina Herald - Duchess Rylyn Buchanan ([bucina.herald@gmail.com](mailto:bucina.herald@gmail.com))**

Another heraldic office inherited from the Middle Kingdom, the Herald responsible for developing and fostering heraldic education in the Kingdom of Ealdormere. It was originally a Midrealm office passed to Ealdormere when we became a kingdom. The first person to hold this office was Lord Justinian Clarus.

## **Afon Fawr Pursuivant - Nika Dmitrieva doch'Zvezdina ([afonfawr.herald@gmail.com](mailto:afonfawr.herald@gmail.com))**

A heraldic office that originated during our Principality Days, Afon Fawr is welsh for 'big river', and is meant to be a reference to the Ottawa River. The Afon Fawr Herald is responsible for assisting with and fostering education in name research for Ealdormere. The position was first held by Lord Gwilym ap Alun.

## **Rouring Pursuivant - Lady Isabella von Sachsen**

This is a relatively new office created in recent years of our Kingdom, and is the Pursuivant in charge of assisting with and fostering education in voice heraldry. While technically being based on an English surname the name plays on how it would sound to the modern eye and the nature of the office.

## **Red Escutcheon Pursuivant - The Honourable Lord Dietrich von Sachsen ([redescutcheon.herald@gmail.com](mailto:redescutcheon.herald@gmail.com))**

The Pursuivant in charge of assisting with and fostering education in armoury. An escutcheon is a shield or emblem bearing a coat of arms, and thus representative of the office's purpose.



Photo by Master Colyne

**Stave Pursuivant - Master Percival de la Rocque** ([stave.herald@gmail.com](mailto:stave.herald@gmail.com))

The Pursuivant responsible for fostering and responding to questions/inquiries regarding heraldic display. First used as a title for the Trillium Herald's aide-de-camp, when Ealdormere was a principality. The implied joke was the pursuivant was the Trillium Herald's 'staff', to replace the title of Gopher Pursuivant (also a joke, meant that they would 'go for this, go for that'). The first gentle to hold this position was Lord Brand the Black, assisting Lord Artair Mac Artair of Orkney.

**Bee Herald - Baroness Sciath ingen Chaennaig** ([bee.web.herald@gmail.com](mailto:bee.web.herald@gmail.com))

The heraldic position responsible for maintaining the website of the College of Heraldry. It is named after the retired principality Order of the Bee. This position was first held by Lord Elrik.

**Plein Chemin Pursuivant - open**  
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The Pursuivant responsible for developing and supporting DEIB and accessibility for the Ealdormere College of Heraldry. This French title is a motto in origin, meaning "open road" or "right path". There is a Plein Chemin Herald historically; "he served Louis de Bourbon, Admiral of France, according to Froissart."



Epic Pride Flag at Crown. Photo by Edric Crowe

**Bonne Signe Herald - open**  
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The Pursuivant responsible for developing and supporting silent heraldry for Ealdormerean courts. Bonne Signe is a translation of 'good sign' and plays upon the purpose of the office.

**Trillium Signet - Dame Matilda of Swynford** ([trillium.signet@gmail.com](mailto:trillium.signet@gmail.com))

While not a titled Herald or Pursuivant, the Trillium Signet, as the head of the Ealdormere Scribal College, is a senior member of Trillium staff.

**Privy Seal - Baroness Christiana MacNamara** ([privyseal.herald@gmail.com](mailto:privyseal.herald@gmail.com))

While not a titled Herald or Pursuivant, the Privy Seal is responsible for maintenance of the Scroll of Honour and the Boke of Reigns.

In addition to the college staff there are two other important groups of heralds. First off are the many land-based heralds. These are the heralds serving the baronies, cantons and shires of the kingdom. Secondly are the heralds/pursuivants-at large. These are the heralds who are not in a dedicated heraldic office and operate independently on heraldic pursuits.





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