

The Tidings

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Event Calendar

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 – (Ottawa, ON)
- 25 Baldric & Breyla's Barroom Brawl, Bastille du Lac (Lindsay, ON)

December 2023

- 1 Deadline for January Tidings
- 2 Wassail, Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog (Shakespeare, ON)

January 2024

- 1 Deadline for February Tidings
- 6 *Knowne World Colour, virtual event*
- 20-21 Blue Dragon Stadium 3.5, Canton of Ard Chreag (Oshawa, ON)
- 27 Masque by Moonlight, Canton of Der Welfengau (Guelph, ON)

April 2023

- 27 Spring Coronation, Bastille du Lac (Lindsay, ON)

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



From Their Majesties



Greetings to the mighty populace of Ealdormere from Your grateful Majesties, Baldric and Breyla.

We would like to wish Duke Steinnar and Countess Margraig a restful peace in their retirement and our thanks for their counsel and the opportunities they provided for us to serve our great kingdom.

We would also like to thank the staff at Gwylyfflam Ealdormere's 25th Anniversary event. It was a magical time and we had the pleasure of also hosting Their Royal Highnesses Wigthegn and Neassa. We enjoyed the social times and the tournies throughout, especially the Rose Tournament. Congratulations to Countess Margraig on inspiring an incredible, victorious team.

We then had a great time at Icelandic Althing, for our last visit at the farm. The site was lovely, the weather cooperated and the feast was incredible. Seldom does one not get excited when Corwyn's name is associated with any food, but his team created an amazing experience that will be recounted for years. Thank you to them and the event staff for an amazing day.

Wow, Coronation, what a day. We cannot even come close to expressing our appreciation and thanks to everyone who made yesterday so special. It was a magical day and we truly appreciate all the people that showed up to celebrate with us. The feast was epic and the box game looked well received. We're definitely going to have to work on our flexibility if we want to have any chance of defeating the younger generations. Thank goodness the Youth of our Kingdom were there to preserve our Crowns for us when the evil Usurper tried to sneak in there. Again, thank you everyone.

Lastly, it is our intent to travel to the south lands, as we've heard rumours of war in Gulf. As Ealdormere loves glory in battle, we would seek those who would wish to travel down to join us on the battlefields of Gulf Wars. Please reach out if you intend to travel down so that we can properly coordinate space/cabins for us. ealdormere.crown@gmail.com

With our deepest appreciation,
Baldric and Breyla
High King and High Queen

From the Kingdom Senschal



Hello Sunshines!

As I write this, summer is making a final hurrah before autumn weather truly takes hold, giving us glorious weather to enjoy at events. We're very much looking forward to seeing the line of the North secured at the upcoming Crown Tournament.

Looking ahead to upcoming events, I want to encourage not only groups to consider kingdom events, but smaller events as well! I've included an excerpt of the upcoming event rotation. The groups listed for each event are the fallback groups. Any group is welcome to make a bid for any kingdom event, but if there are no bids, we will look to the group in the rotation. Is it an inconvenient time for your barony or shire? Trade with another group! Kingdom event bids should be received by me no later than six months in advance of the event, although more time is better!

Not every event is a kingdom event! Smaller niche events round out and add glorious diversity to our kingdom calendar. Events do not have to be a giant festival of all the things! They can be focused on a very specific topic, or just a casual event in the park, only expecting locals! Having trouble finding a site at a reasonable cost? Consider a virtual event! Especially as the weather gets colder and driving becomes less appealing, the ways to connect that we learned in the pandemic can serve us well again.

Questions about events are welcome. If there's interest, a class about running smaller niche events may be offered this fall.

In service,

Lucia de Moranza

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

Law Change From the Crown

Currently, only an armoured combat marshal can hold the Earl Marshal position in our Kingdom. We are looking to change this law so that any Marshal discipline may have the opportunity to hold this position. To open this up, we needed to make some key changes, the biggest being the language used in our laws for the Earl marshal. Also, the Kingdom armoured marshal must be the Marshal in charge of crown tournament if the Earl marshal is not a senior armoured Marshal. The changes being made to Kingdom laws are in blue. Comments can be sent to ealdormere.crown@gmail.com

VII-300 The Earl Marshal shall supervise all approved martial activities within Ealdormere. The Earl Marshal, in cooperation with the Kingdom Marshals, shall set standards for the safe conduct of the same, consistent with the Rules of the List and Conventions of Combat for each of the martial activities within the SCA.

VII-301 The Earl Marshal shall be a person warranted as a marshal for armoured combat activities. Current law

VII-301 The Earl Marshal shall be a person who is warranted within the Kingdom in a martial discipline and shall be the chief administrative officer for martial activities within the Kingdom. [Law Change](#)

VII-302 The Earl Marshal shall be the chief administrative officer for martial activities within the Kingdom and shall be responsible for the conduct of armoured combat activities within Ealdormere. Current Law

VII-302 The Earl Marshal shall be the Kingdom Marshal for one martial discipline for which they are warranted and shall ensure there are Kingdom Marshals for the remaining disciplines listed in VII-305. Where the Kingdom Earl Marshal is not an Armoured Combat Marshal and/or is not the Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat, the Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat shall be the Marshal responsible for the running of Crown Tournaments. [Law Change](#)

VII-303 The Earl Marshal must consult with the appropriate, warranted Kingdom marshal before ruling on any martial activity in which they are not personally warranted. Each Kingdom Marshal will be responsible for the administration of duties pertaining to their specific area however the Kingdom Marshals will work closely with the Earl Marshal in the conduct of their duties. In the event of a dispute between Earl Marshal and Kingdom Marshal, the Crown shall arbitrate. Current Law

VII-303 The Earl Marshal must consult with the appropriate, warranted Kingdom marshal before ruling on any martial activity in which they are not personally warranted. Each Kingdom Marshal will be responsible for the administration of duties pertaining to their specific area including maintaining and updating the handbooks and procedures for their specific discipline, however the Kingdom Marshals will work closely with the Earl Marshal in the conduct of their duties. In the event of a dispute between Earl Marshal and Kingdom Marshal, the Crown shall arbitrate. [Law Change](#)

VII-304 The Earl Marshal shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill requirements of the office.

Deputies to the Earl Marshal may include but shall not be limited to:

Deputy of the Lists — responsible for maintaining all records of authorized martial participants, issuing all martial-related authorization cards and, in consultation with the Crown, and with the Earl Marshal, the organization of the Crown Lists. Current Law

Minister of the Lists — responsible for maintaining all records of authorized martial participants, issuing all martial-related authorization cards and, in consultation with the Crown, and with the Earl Marshal, the organization of the Crown Lists. [Law Change](#)

Law Change continued

VII-305 The Kingdom Marshals shall be:

Kingdom Marshal for Archery - responsible for the conduct of archery within Ealdormere

Kingdom Marshal for Thrown Weapons - responsible for the conduct of thrown weapons activities within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal for Thrown weapons shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal of Fence - responsible for the conduct of rapier combat within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal for Rapier Combat shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal for Youth Armoured Combat - responsible for the conduct of Youth Armoured combat within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal for Youth Armoured combat shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office.

Kingdom Marshal of Fence for Youth - responsible for the conduct of Youth fencing combat within Ealdormere. The Kingdom Marshal of Fence for Youth shall appoint deputies as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the office. [Law Change](#)

VII-306 The Earl Marshal and Kingdom Marshals shall adhere to the laws governing financial accounting and contracts (Article XVI) and the Kingdom Operating Policies, Section One – Financial, when administering the financial aspects of the office. The Earl Marshal and Kingdom Marshals shall report to the Kingdom Exchequer regarding all financial matters pertaining to the office.

VII-307 The Earl Marshal and all subordinate officers will provide to the appropriate branch seneschal a copy of those reports necessary to maintain branch status by a date mutually acceptable to the officer and the branch seneschal.

General Operating Policies:

3.1.4 Officers Required for Crown Tourney

(ii) The Kingdom Earl Marshal is required to ensure that the lists are properly marshaled and the Tourney is conducted in a fair and chivalrous manner. Current Law

(ii) The Kingdom [Marshal for Armoured Combat](#) is required to ensure that the lists are properly marshaled and the Tourney is conducted in a fair and chivalrous manner. [Law Change](#)

Should the Earl Marshal, Herald, or Minister of the Lists be participants in the Tourney, they must have another responsible person perform their official duties on the day of the Tourney, as well as any duties which fall prior to, or after the Tourney and may affect its outcome. This does not include the preparation of a blank tourney tree. Current Law

Should the [Kingdom Marshal for Armoured Combat](#), Herald, or Minister of the Lists be participants in the Tourney, they must have another responsible person perform their official duties on the day of the Tourney, as well as any duties which fall prior to, or after the Tourney and may affect its outcome. This does not include the preparation of a blank tourney tree. [Law Change](#)

From the Trillium Principal Herald

Greetings, Ealdormere!



By the time you read this, the new Kingdom tabards will have been officially presented at Crown Tourney. These tabards will allow Ealdormere to up our heraldic tabard game by providing new, easy-to-care-for, lightweight herald's tabards for TRM's reign heralds and anyone who conducts a Royal Court, for Pentland to herald Crown, and for Trillium to have a lightweight alternative to the very heavy tabards currently in Ealdormere's collection. There are also now heraldic baldrics available so that those assisting Pentland at Crown or anyone assisting in heraldry for TRM at events can be identified.

I want to thank the following people and groups who donated funds to make these tabards possible: Duchess Rylyn Buchanan, Master Percival de la Rocque, the Barony of Rising Waters, the Barony of Ben Dunfirth, and the Barony of Ramshaven. Most importantly, I want to thank Master Cormac Mor from An Tir, Beare Herald Extraordinary, for creating the artwork for the tabards. He did so not just for Ealdormere, but for all Kingdoms that wanted to up their tabard game. The artwork was then uploaded to Spoonflower and then printed on high-quality medium-weight cotton, trimmed, and then lined and finished by me. What's more, they can be cleaned by simply laundering them, and since the design is printed, they should not bleed.

I am also making the design available for purchase for any senior herald that would like to purchase one, so you may see a few more of them around the Kingdom. They are appropriate for any occasion in which a herald is acting as the Voice of the Crown (but not for Baronial Courts--that's what the Baronial tabards are for!) Best yet, we can always order more!

Tabards are important. They add to the pageantry of our Royal Courts and Crown Tourney, and they help to denote the person whose words carry the authority of the Crown. The Kingdom has unfortunately gotten out of the habit of using them as much as we should because we simply did not have enough of them available, or the ones we had were of older designs, bulky, or require special care. Now that we have plenty of them available, it is my hope that we will see them at every Royal Court.

In other news, my term is coming to an end. Next month's letter will be my last as Trillium. I am still looking for a group or groups to donate funds to the Kingdom to fund our free Heraldic Submissions. I can't begin to enumerate what a difference having the Kingdom pick up the fees for these submissions has made--not only for the populace, but for the office of Green Mantle as well in not having to deal with handling funds. As always, contact me if you'd like details.

Nika Trillium

Cartoons

Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



New Shire



Congratulations to the new full shire status for the **Shire of Champcorbeau**, (Municipality of Chatham-Kent).

Wassail!

<https://www.ealdormere.ca/champcorbeau/>

From the Law Speaker

Moot – War of the Trillium

Siglinde read out the new sumptuary law regarding gold on coronets for court baron/ess who formerly held the position of territorial baron/ess.

The discussion began with seeking views on how to get newer people to participate more, and what do we need to change as a kingdom, with the Kingdom reopened but costs going up significantly. Lucia d'Enzinas said she was seeing young people jumping in, so perhaps not as big a problem as it seemed to be at the last moot. Isabella von Sachsen, who grew up in the SCA said that the challenges are: many people don't have cars; work is precarious; and taking time off really affects their income, so getting to events outside their home groups is difficult. Siglinde suggested we hold more small, local events. Eryny noted that she keeps a list of roles required/volunteers. We could all do a better job of explaining those roles. Toymaker said 2 college-age folk in his area found the cost too expensive, and recommended a college price. Lexi recommended a 6 month shadowing for larger positions, discounts in order to learn the ropes. This could also apply at the canton level. It's not easy to step into jobs without help or training. Mentoring, teaching step-by-step via Zoom, have an identified person to call for help. Tech can also be an issue. Have a support system set up both inside and outside of group and let people know it's available. Xristina explained the kingdom financial policy and requirement that any discounts (eg for those who work at events) must be explicit in the local group's financial policy. In addition, any such discounts must not contravene what it is in the kingdom financial policy. Jhone reminded folks that there is a long tradition of swapping rides for work. People should not be afraid to speak up and say they want to car pool.

The second discussion point was a question about ways to handle the situation of peers who come to events just to attend meetings and don't pay. This may happen due to an oversight (eg gate already closed, or multiple access points) but it takes away fun from volunteers who feel they need to police entry (so related to first discussion about encouraging volunteers). This was identified as a longstanding though not widespread problem, and one where it does not appear there are serial offenders, but it does cause issues because there is a perception of peer pressure. Isabella was very clear that not paying is not allowed. It leads to perceptions of elitism and is not peer-like behaviour. Various suggestions were made on how to lighten the financial burden but at the end of the day there was consensus that we all pay to play in a volunteer organization. Xristina reminded everyone that meetings are optional. If you can't afford to go, don't go. The insurance liability is huge and Ealdormere cannot afford this, nor can we ask gate staff to police this (assuming someone refuses to pay – which was not actually identified as an issue in the discussion). If gate staff do notice a problem, they should be clear on who to go to who will take action (likely the autocrat or seneschal). If the gate is closed when someone arrives very late, it is the responsibility of the latecomer (peer or otherwise) to make best efforts to find someone who can take their money and verify that they have signed the appropriate waivers for insurance purposes.

The third topic discussed was the idea of establishing an SCA Canada. Among the issues identified were the long delays to get verification of insurance coverage, higher costs for Canadian

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memberships with no explanation for the difference. Genevieve said that Drachenwald has five different affiliates that manage these issues well and could be a potential model for an SCA Canada. Other groups with contact sports or risky activities (Hema, Boy Scouts) have figured this out. Maybe we should start with pursuing becoming SCA Ontario, and bring on other provinces over time as they see reasons to join this. The following people volunteered to follow up on this: Joffr, Petronill, Duncan, Dietrich, Isabella, Lassarfina, Margareta, Alexandro, Henry, Mauricio(?).

Petronill felt that it made more sense to become SCA Canada, as we can cope with a federal system. We have a lawyer (Dubhasa) who understands tax law and the non-profit sector from her work at CRA. Joffr asked if we could hire our own lawyer, but Xristina said no – Corpora would hire one for us from outside the group. Margareta said she is the CEO of an international scouting organization based out of the US and wants to help. Dietrich questioned whether it is possible to have an overlap re insurance as we switch over to SCA Canada. That might be a question for Bess Mortimer, who works in corporate insurance. Isabella commented that we need our own insurance company and others have this. Joining with Avacal to pull together SCA Canada might pull in other groups as well. Rafe suggested that officers pull together a cheat sheet with pros and cons of SCA Canada. Genevieve, with Rylen, offered to take the lead on this. One con is that members of affiliates cannot sit on boards/committees, but Isabella pointed out that being on the BOD is already challenging: you can't be on it unless you "know a guy". Lassarfina spoke of her experience in not-for profits and asked how many others have this experience. Genevieve noted that as an affiliate, you can write better policies (ie financial payments for events). May not get a seat at the table, but current seat is not useful as we are not getting a voice.

His Majesty said it makes sense to start working on this and asked what are the broad steps required to get us moving in the right direction. Who are the people needed to help? Ray pointed out that planning on-line would be helpful. Xristina noted that SCA Canada would allow us to respond to the longstanding demand by exchequers to use on-line banking, which is currently stalled at Corpora. Emer noted that low-income people may not have access to on-line, so please don't eradicate cash. Lexi noted that options like visa debit also work well for on-line, and many use that.

4. Other burning issues: Eryny noted that anyone under 18 may not need to pay for events. This is in the financial policy (awaiting BoD approval). For those having troubles getting insurance for events, please speak to kingdom seneschal. Siglinde gave a brief overview of what her job entails, and reminded folks that her term ends early next year so start thinking about who you would like as the next lawspeaker.

500!

On September 26, 2023, Sir Edward the Red celebrated his 500th practice since he began tracking his local practices more than decade ago. Congratulations for this milestone!



Clockwise from top right Sir Edward (09/26/23); Squire Edward and Lady Rylan Buchanan (1996); Daffyd of Chalcewell, Sir Belgar, Sir Bess, Master Thevin, and Edward (Murder Melee, 1996)

SCA Inc Notice

CALL FOR APPLICANTS - LAUREL PRINCIPAL SOVEREIGN OF ARMS

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is seeking candidates for the position of Laurel Principal Sovereign of Arms (Laurel)



Laurel is the principal heraldic officer of the Society and the head of the College of Arms, and is responsible for fostering the study and practice of heraldry, supervising the processing of submissions, and overseeing the heraldic activities of the Known World.

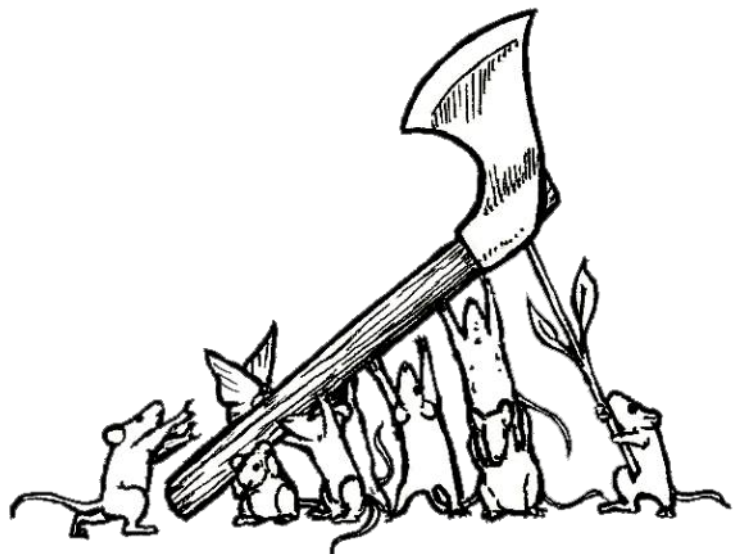
Laurel is an unpaid position, currently requiring approximately 20 hours a week. The position requires considerable tact and patience, armory and onomastic knowledge, supervisory ability, the ability to work within tight deadlines and coordinate closely with Wreath, Pelican, and other staff to produce a Laurel Letter of Acceptance and Return monthly, computer literacy and word processing skills, reliable e-mail and telephone access, and time and ability to travel.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications, hardcopy to:

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with courtesy copies to both resumes@sca.org<<mailto:resumes@sca.org>> and bids@heraldry.sca.org<<mailto:bids@heraldry.sca.org>>.

The deadline for applications is November 30, 2023 and is open to members of SCA Inc. and all affiliates.



Feast of the Hare

When: 11/4/2023
Hours: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Where: Bells Corners United Church,
3955 Old Richmond Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 5C5
Hosted By: Caldrihig
Event Steward: Lorette de Chasteauneuf
Fees: Adults: 25\$,
Adult Members: 20\$,
17 and under: free
Feast: 20\$ (10\$ for children 12 and under)
Lunch Counter: 8\$
Reservations: Elsebeth Faberyn — rhondaptr@gmail.com
Contact: Caldrihig Seneschal: Lady Cecilia caldrihigseneschal@gmail.com



Baldric & Breyla's Barroom Brawl

When: Saturday, November 25
Where: Lindsay Rugby Football Club 67 Vince Jones Rd, Lindsay, ON K9V 4R5
Description: Bring out your weird and unique weapons. It's time to get dirty in the barroom!
An event by "Brand and Friends",
the Shire of Bastille du Lac
Sponsored by
Site opens: 10am, Site closes: 8pm
Event fees: Adult members \$20,
Adult non-members \$25
Youth under 18: free!



Wassail

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023
Where: Shakespeare Optimist hall, 3976 Galt St, Shakespeare, ON N0B 2P0
Hosted by: Bryniau Tywynnog
Event Steward: Isabella Von Sachen—alixandrasimpson@gmail.com and
Aldwynn of Canterbury—aldwynnofcanterbury@gmail.com
Fees: Adults: \$25
Adult members \$20
12-17: \$10
11 and under: free
Feast: Feast \$15
Lunch counter: Lunch \$10
Reservations: Isabella Von Sachen—alixandrasimpson@gmail.com
Description: Come Join our end of year celebration
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/wassail/>



Known World Colour

When: January 6, 2024, 9am - 6pm
Where: Virtual event
Description: Free Virtual Event focused on the making of colour. From dye to pigments to stains, all are welcome to share their knowledge and experience here.
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/knownworldcolour/>
Event Steward: Magistra Nika Dmitreiva doch' Zvezdina knownworldcolour@gmail.com



Blue Dragon

When January 20 – 21, 2024
Where 151 Cadillac Ave N, Oshawa, ON L1G 6C3,
Hosted by Canton of Ard Chreag
Event Steward Johnna Jansen - BlueDragonSCA@gmail.com
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/blue-dragon/2023/10/01/blue-dragon-studium-iv/>



Masque by Moonlight:

Description: A dance revel with the Canton of Der Welfengau
When: Jan 27, 2024
Site opens: 5pm,
Site closes: Midnight
Where: Guelph Curling Club, 816 Woolwich St., Guelph, ON N1H 6J2
Event steward: Mistress Asa Gormsdottir
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/masque-by-moonlight/>
* Preregistration required *
Reserve your spot! Attendance is limited! use email subject "register" masquebymoonlight@gmail.com



Coronation

When: April 27, 2024
Site opens: 9:30am,
Site closes: 8:00pm
Description: Come celebrate the Coronation and continuation of the Line of the North.
Hosted by the Shire of Bastille du Lac.
Site fees: \$20 Adult Member, \$25 Adult non-member
Youth under 18: free
Lunch counter: \$10, limited to 60 tickets
Feast: 15.00
Event Stewards: Countess Isabel Atwyll isabel.atwyll@gmail.com
Kniagina Kristinia Viacheslavova mchestley@gmail.com
Reservation Steward: Master Brand Thorwaldsen
Website: TBA



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:
November 1st– December Tidings

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



Cover Art

Cover photo of King Baldric and Queen Breyla by THL Daffyd app Alan.

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

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