

The Æstel



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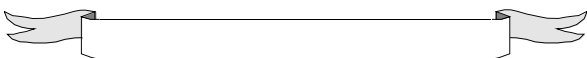
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THE SCA PROHIBITS HARASSMENT AND BULYING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.

The SCA prohibits bullying and harassment of all individuals and groups. Bullying is systematic and unwelcome behavior which involves the use of influence, threat, intimidation, or coercion to cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people. When the bullying behavior is based on a protected class (1), that behavior is defined as harassment.

(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:

- Single episodes of social rejection, dislike, tactlessness, or forgetfulness.
- Mutual arguments, disagreements, or fights.
- The termination, mutual or not, of a romantic relationship or friendship.
- 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 senechal, the President of the SCA, or that kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

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Æthelmearc Ombudsperson:

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For more information on board meetings go to:

<https://www.sca.org/board-meetings>

PLEASE NOTE:

Unless otherwise noted, virtual quarterly meetings are held on Sundays. Live quarterly meetings are held on Saturdays to accommodate necessary travel. Saturday meetings will still be both streamed live and recorded for viewing at a later date. All meetings dates are tentative and subject to possible change.

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.

2026 Quarterly Board Meetings (TENTATIVE)

January 25, 2026

April 25, 2026 – Hybrid – Location TBA

July 19, 2026

October 17, 2026– Hybrid – Location TBA

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL— TBD

Æthelmearc Royalty

Their Royal Majesties



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Their Royal Highnesses



prince@aethelmearc.org - princess@aethelmearc.org

Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

Queen's Rapier Champion:

Lord Gideon le Jars

Cut and Thrust:

Luminaria Salvadore de la Torres

Regalo de las Rosas

Lady Kolfinna Jodisardottir

Heavy Weapons Champion:

Count Bjarki Rikarðarson

Archery Champion:

THL Niall mac Rædwulf

Thrown Weapons Champion:

THL Meinolf Grimsom

King's Equestrian Champion:

Shah Megis Elmanou

Queen's Equestrian Champion:

THL Azenari Basandere

Shield of Chivalry:

Lady Edonea Kimball

TRMs Bardic Champions

Master Filippo de Sancto Martino & Lady Lisbet
Hoeffman

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

Lady Lartia Cerva

Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

Youth Combat Champion:

Dimitri & Vicky

Brewing Champion:

THL Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto

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Violeta de Valencia and Aurelia Argentia Prima



Baron@debatablelands.org, Baroness@debatablelands.org

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Andriú mac Domnaill and Nuzha bint Saleem



Baron@thescorre.org, Baroness@thescorre.org

Barony of the Rhydderich Hael

Magnus de Lyons and Thalia Papillon



Baron@wnysca.org, Baroness@wnysca.org

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Thorbjorn Inn Havi and Oðindisa Býkona



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Baroness@blackstonemountain.org

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Jean Phillippe Dit La Barbe Rousse and Caterine de Troyes



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Baroness@stswithinsbog.aethelmearc.org

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

Andreas Rex and Kallista Regina



Unto the Most Noble Populace of Fairest Æthelmearc, Greetings From Andreas and Kallista, Sovereigns of These Sylvan Lands

As Our reign draws to a close, We look back at the past year in awe and wonder. We have been fortunate to have journeyed the length and breadth of the Kingdom. We have seen with Our own eyes, the grand contests of arms, the fine works and teachings of Our artisans, the quiet work of so many people that devote themselves to our game. We are truly humbled and blessed. From the beginning of Our travels, We were met with kindness and hospitality everywhere We went. For that We are thankful.

Throughout this reign, We had the privilege to get to meet so many new people. It warms Us to see the Kingdom continue to grow. As We traveled, wherever We went, there was an outpouring of volunteers, folks looking for the things that needed done and seeing that those things got done. For this, We and our staff will be forever grateful.

As We step away and Our Heirs take their rightful places, We would entreat you to show them the same love and support that you have shown Us. The Kingdom will certainly be in good hands.

As Always In Service To The Dream,

King Andreas and Queen Kallista

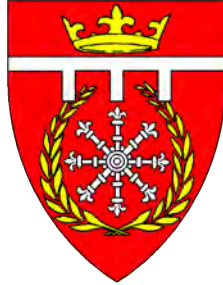


Officer Reports

From their Royal Highnesses

Unto Our Beloved Citizens of Æthelmearc do We send the warmest greetings,

As the strength of the mighty Ice Dragon wanes, let us turn thoughts toward renewal and growth.



What We appreciate most about Our Kingdom and Our society has always been its people, who care for and support each other in ways the mundane world may not always exemplify. In a world of tumult, now is the time to stand together as a Kingdom and reinforce these noble values and provide a haven for those looking for a place to learn, explore, and belong. We appreciate the efforts of so many people to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all who wish to participate. As the Ice Dragon retreats and leaves the unpredictable weather of spring in its wake, a new cycle begins. We beseech all of you to continue with this care and to provide shelter for all who seek it.

Let Spring also be a time to plant new seeds of friendship, knowledge, and excitement. We urge each of you to try something new that you have never tried before. We have so many knowledgeable and talented people in our kingdom who love sharing their passions and will help you along your path. Let us continue to introduce new people to the Society, and endeavor together to improve and grow for generations to come.

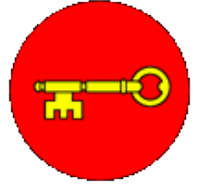
Finally, We implore the populace to bring Our attention to any worthy candidates for recognition in royal court by writing in these deserving gentles and sharing their deeds with Us. We look forward to hearing the counsel of the populace!

Yours in service to the dream,
Prince Oliver and Princess Grainne

From the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Æthelmearc!

Our governing documents and the rules they contain are a living thing. We're constantly updating them to reflect our current needs and values. It is part of our being a lively and prosperous organization.



Some changes take a long time to realize, and others happen so quickly it is difficult to keep track of everything that is happening. Sometimes we're well-informed, and others we must adjust with almost no notice. That's natural as we're a club of volunteers after all.

On top of that, we have a complicated hierarchy of documents, each layer dictating rules for the layers below, with the Society's Governing Documents at the top stretching down to the policies every local group and chartered guild uses to guide how they do things.

At our recent Curia Regis for Andreas and Kallista we had a spirited discussion concerning the possibility of adding a rule for cooking to ensure people are aware of the ingredients and can make good choices about what they eat at events. I was very happy to see so many people in agreement as to what needs to be done even though few agreed on how to implement it. But discussion is the first and most vital part of the process.

I will be revisiting that question soon in a public meeting once people have had time to consider the options.

Likewise, our Social Media office has had to make changes to how we run social media outlets to conform with new policies coming from Society, much in the same way as our Web ministry had to work on updating how our local group websites are run.

Officer Reports

I realize such changes can be distressing but consider that we're doing this both to remain in compliance with our regulations and to maintain a consistency of service that adapts with the changing environment of the digital world. Once the rebuilding is done and the dust settles, we will be in a much better place.

And as a reminder, if you enjoy being part of keeping our rules up to date and making positive changes in how we do things, please consider putting in for the position of Kingdom Seneschal! We will be accepting letters of intent and SCA resumes at resume.seneschal@aethelmearc.org through the end of March.

In Service to the Realm,
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

From the Kingdom Chronicler

First, I am happy to report that all group Chroniclers from Baronies submitted their annual reports by January 15th deadline for 2026. Thank you all for doing so!!



Please remember the deadline for the Æstel is the 5th of each month (unless a notice is sent to the Official Kingdom Mailing list indicating an earlier date).

It is important to note that this deadline is for the following month's issue. For example, the deadline for the June issue of the Æstel is May 5th.

I would also like to encourage more of the Kingdom officers to submit a missive regarding the news of their office. It would be great to have more officers to contribute to the Æstel!!

The finalized newsletter must go to Corporate by the 10th of each month. Why is this important? When submitting events to the calendar if you

submit event information after the deadline it is not going to make it into the Æstel for the proper month. Any updates to a current event submitted after the deadline will also not make it into the Æstel.

Another reminder when newsletters are published, please remember to send an email to the specified people with a copy of the newsletter. If any of the group Chroniclers have questions about who to forward the newsletter to, feel free to send an email to chronicler@aethelmearc.org

YIS,

Baroness Thalia Papillon

Kingdom Chronicler

From the Kingdom Social Media Officer

Good evening, Noble Kingdom!

My term as Kingdom Social Media Officer for Æthelmearc is coming to an end, and a replacement must be chosen. I will be accepting letters of intent through March 31st, 2026 -- please email [socialmedia \[at\] aethelmearc \[dot\] org](mailto:socialmedia[at]aethelmearc[dot]org) with a resume and your letter of intent. The selected incumbent KSMO will shadow me in routine tasks and ongoing projects through the spring and summer until they step up in August at a time to be coordinated with the Royalty and Kingdom Seneschal.

This job comes with a fair share of challenges and moves at a faster pace than almost any other in the Kingdom. You will be expected to maintain the Kingdom accounts on several different platforms and appoint deputies to assist, as well as the creation of Kingdom-level Facebook events, groups, and pages. Frequent communication with your many supportive and incredible deputies, other Kingdom and Society officers, Royalty, and the populace is an expectation. Frequent online presence is also an expectation.

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Hours spent weekly are entirely variable and sometimes possibly dependent on the moon's phase.

I am happy to answer any other questions regarding the job -- just send me a private message or an email.

In Service,
Mästarinna Astridr vígaskegg
KSMO

From the Kingdom Webminister

Good Evening Beloved Populace,

Kingdom Webminister here! Just a few updates that I announced during curia that I'd like to broadcast a bit wider.



First, I'm officially looking for deputies! I am looking for anyone with experience or who is able and willing to learn. There are opportunities with the website, Google, policy, general infrastructure/systems admin. If you are willing to help, I will find a spot for you! Send a resume to webminister@aethelmearc.org if you're interested.

Secondly, email accounts! Every seneschal, exchequer, chatelaine, and webminister of a local group has an email account already created plus some. If you think you should have an email account as part of your office, contact your seneschal and have them reach out to helpdesk@aethelmearc.org to get you squared away.

Third, if you need any assistance with anything outside of basic questions directly for the webminister, please reach out via helpdesk@aethelmearc.org. That is by far the best way to get your issue fixed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Finally, if you are a webminister for a local group,

or you manage any official website please ensure you are submitting reports regularly. According to policy, after 2 missed reports your warrant should be revoked, and I really don't want to have to do that.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Very Respectfully,

Syr Rhys of Myles Ende
Webminister, Kingdom of Æthelmearc

From the Kingdom Combat Archery Marshal

The end of my term as Kingdom Combat Archery Marshal is approaching. I am calling for letters so that my successor can shadow this year's events through Pennsic. This is a position that rotates with the Kingdoms responsibilities as event staff. A multi-year commitment is suggested.

To apply, please send a letter of intent along with your SCAdian resume to combatarchery@marshal.aethelmearc.org. I will be taking letters through March 1. If you have any questions, please see me at your local event or contact me at the above email.

In Service,
Mistress [Zoe Akropolitina](#)
Æthelmearc Combat Archery Marshal
Pennisic CA1

Kingdom & Other Events

Tournament of the White Hart XVI March 5-7, 2026 Hosted by the Shire of Port Oasis

In the days leading up to the legendary hunt for the White Hart, the populace of Port Oasis prepares a feast and celebration in their local lodge. These festivities meant to prepare them for the long days ahead, tracking the ever elusive and elegant White Hart, will take place over several days. It will begin on Friday, March 6th, A.S. LX, by welcoming travelers from far and wide with some warm and filling food and drink, and a good night's rest. Early morning on Saturday, March 7th, the day's events will begin with a hearty breakfast and lunch intermingled with tournaments and activities for all. A magnificent feast will be had in the evening, followed by more merriment. On the morning of Sunday, March 8th, we will send forth our hunters until next year.

Baroness Ascillia Attebroke, the second Lady of the White Hart by her own hand, her consort, Hüsfreyja Aine ny Allane, invite the Known World to join them in a celebration of love, friendship, courtesy, and chivalry at the 26th Tournament of the White Hart in the Shire of Port Oasis. There they will host a tournament of swords and pageantry amongst a day of festivities for all.

Join the Shire of Port Oasis March 6th, 2026, at 5pm thru March 8th, 2026, at 12pm at the Barboursville 4-H Camp, 6040 Booten Creek Rd, Barboursville, WV 25504.

Autocrat:

THL Verena von Talhain (Vicki Martin)
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Email: vmartin2304@gmail.com

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Phone: 304-416-5248

Facebook Messenger: Debbie Serrianni Preston (Máirin Ó Nialláin)

Feast:

Mástarinna Astridr vigaskegg (Kelly West)

Phone: 304-444-7635

Email: astridrvigaskegg@gmail.com

Pre-registration/Reservations must be received no later than February 14th, 2026,

to allow for processing in time for the event
Event Fees (Includes Saturday Dayboard):
Adult Member Discount Registration:
Pre-registration – \$15; At the Door – \$20
Adult Registration:
Pre-registration – \$25; At the Door – \$30
Children Site Fees:
Under 5 – Free; 5-12yrs – \$5; 12-17yrs – \$10

Lodging:

Single bunks are available on a first come first served basis in the Women only & Co-Ed dorm rooms off the main hall for \$10/weekend – there are limited reservations available for the bunks.

4 Cabins are available for \$200/each for the weekend and sleep up to 18 – Email the Autocrat about cabin availability PRIOR to sending reservation money.

Free Camping space available upon request.

Assorted local hotels nearby.

Feast:

The Feast menu is TBD and will be updated as soon as we have more details available. There are only 80 seats available for feast, so please reserve early – Flat cost is \$15

[Dry](#), [No Flames](#), [No Weapons](#), [R1](#), [Service Animals Only / No Pets](#)

Dance the Cold Winter Away March 7th, 2026 Hosted by the Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

Additional Notes on Flames: Due to the building being older construction, open flames are expressly forbidden.

The Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais welcomes you to our resplendent great hall for an enchanted evening of dining, music, and dancing. With live music from The Bhakaili Branslers, our Dance Masters, Syr Lorimer MacAltin and Brehyres Gwendolyn the Graceful, will lead us through the dances of England, Italy, and France, accompanied by sumptuous, coordinating feast courses from each culture prepared by Baroness Oddkatla. Our dance masters will provide dance instruction, and no experience is necessary.

Event is limited to 60 people. To ensure we can welcome everyone comfortably within our space and parking limits, we're asking guests to register via our online form (form closes at 11:59 PM on February 26th) and prepay.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/3DVAqPC8YaRpHkhc9>

Payment must be received by Monday, March 2nd, along with your modern name and proof of current SCA membership.

Send payment to:

Mistress Alicia Langland

Della Hutchison

1194 Marshall St.

Milton, PA 17847

Please make checks payable to "SCA PA Inc, Shire of ACG."

Your registration will be confirmed via email to the email address you provided in this form when your payment has been received.

Event Steward: Meister Friderich Swartzwalder

Assistant Event Steward/Social Media:
Brother Valentine Garnett

valentinegarnett1524@gmail.com

Feast Steward: Baroness Oddkatla

Jonsdottir oddkatlajonsdottir@gmail.com

Dance Masters – Syr Lorimer MacAltin &

Brehyres Gwendolyn the Graceful

Music: The Bhakaili Branslers [https://](https://www.facebook.com/Branslers)

www.facebook.com/Branslers

Event cost is \$35, with a member discount cost of \$25.

Dance the Cold Winter Away

Saturday, March 7th, 2026

Site opens at 2:30, PM and closes at 10:00 PM

Home of Duke Timothy and Duchess Gabrielle

55 North 3rd Street

Lewisburg, PA 17837

Follow our Facebook Event for Updates and Information at <https://tinyurl.com/dancethecoldwinter>

Please Refer Event Questions to Brother Valen-

tine valentinegarnett1524@gmail.com

[No Flames](#), [R3](#), [Service Animals Only / No Pets](#), [Weapons Allowed](#), [Wet](#)

Gulf Wars XXXIV March 14-22, 2026 (Out of Kingdom)

For more information, please see:
<https://gulfwars.org/>

Kingdom & Other Events

Bears Event XXVIII

March 14th, 2026

Hosted by the Shire of Hunter's Home

An early Spring has roused the bears from their slumber, and they are ready to rumble! Please come and join the Shire of Hunters Home for the 28th Bears Event. To be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the Saint Francis Xavier Social Hall. 8880 Main St, McKean, PA 16426. Door Open at 9:00 am, event ends at 6:00 pm. We will be holding the annual Syr Bear double elimination tournament, followed by our "fight until no ones left" bearpit.

There is room for fencing, updates to follow.

Autocrat for the day is: THL Hafdan Rauthkin aka Drake
3320n Raspberry Street
Erie, PA 16508
814-572-2544
halfdanrauthkinn@gmail.com

Please note: the site is handicapped friendly but is not ADA compliant.

There is space for classes, and we will once again be holding the Kids Kitchen! Under the tutelage of Mistress Ottilige Rappoltsweiler. We invite the children of the kingdom to come and assist in preparing the event sideboard. Ages 6 and up and accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Adult nonmember registration fee is \$20. Adult member fee is \$10. All children 17 and under are free.

Please make checks payable to: SCA-PA, Inc-Shire of Hunters Home. Reservations are not necessary, but if desired, please send them to the autocrat.

And questions about the kids kitchen, please contact :
Mistress Ottilige Rappoltsweiler
Tracie Whitney
1022 West 8th Street
Erie, PA 16504
814-218-9865
ottilige4sca@gmail.com

The Investiture Feast Part of The Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins – a De- layed Celebration of Glut- tony and Pride March 21, 2026 Hosted by the Barony of Delftwood

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: NO alcohol is permitted on site. Full sentence
Additional Notes on Flames: Creatively anachronistic flames (aka, battery candles) are encouraged.

The Investiture Feast Part of The Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins – a Delayed Celebration of Gluttony and Pride

Welcome to the FEAST part of the Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins! The NY State Fair's food/catering policies can't stop us from celebrating our new Baronage with a sumptuous Investiture feast... only delay us a little.

Please come back to Delftwood and join us to celebrate! The focus of the event will be to enjoy a feast prepared by the incomparable Master Perote Campbell in honor of Their Excellencies, Baron Ixac ben Simone and Baroness Amalie Reinhardt, with such gentle entertainments as our guests may bring with them to accompany the day and the meal. If anyone can still speak or move after dinner, there can be time and space available for music and dancing.

There is limited off-board space available within the confines of the site's maximum occupancy of 100 people.

Event Details:

When: March 21st, 2026, 1:00pm – 9:00pm (full schedule will be posted)

Where: the Dewitt Community Room: 148 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse NY 13057.

How Much – Event Fee Structure & Registration:

The Feast's capacity is limited to 80 lucky diners, and pre-registration *will be re-

quired*
\$40: Adult (Age 18+) Event Entry Including Feast
\$30: Adult (Age 18+) Event Entry Including Feast *with SCA Member Discount*
\$20: Youth (Ages 6-17) Event Entry Including Feast
\$ 5: Children (Ages 0-5) Event Entry Including a Seat at a Feast Table (Children in high chairs next to the table won't incur any fee! Please bring your own for safety.)

\$10: Adult (Age 18+) Event Entry WITHOUT Feast (Off-Board/Day visitor, SCA members and non-members))
\$ 5: Youth (Ages 6-17) Event Entry WITHOUT Feast (Off-Board/Day visitor)
\$ 0: Children (Ages 0-5) Event Entry WITHOUT Feast (Off-Board/Day visitor, or not taking up a feast seat at table)

Please make reservations out to "SCA NY Inc, Barony of Delftwood" and mail them to: Barony of Delftwood, PO Box 6694, Syracuse, NY 13217. An online unpaid registration form may be posted closer to the event, but the only guaranteed feast seat is a PAID feast seat – we promise it'll be worth the effort!

Who:

Hosted by the Barony of Delftwood Event Stewards: Lady Filippa Forti (Rowena Morgan-Forte, 843-901-2141, filippaforti@gmail.com) and Dame Jennet the Gentle (Jennifer Green, 315-751-8919 jen@twcny.rr.com)
Head Cook: Master Perote Campbell (Peter Lee, perotefromae@gmail.com). Please reach out with any questions or dietary restrictions.

Special Site Rules:

NO alcohol is permitted on site. Full Sentence.

Creatively anachronistic flames (aka, battery candles) are encouraged.

The selling of items on site is prohibited. The site's maximum occupancy is limited to 100 people, including diners, guests, servers, and staff

[Dry, No Flames, R5, Service Animals Only / No Pets](#)

<https://delftwood.aethelmearc.org/the-feast-of-the-feast-of-the-seven-deadly-sins/>

Kingdom + Other Events

Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon

March 28th, 2026

Hosted by the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: No alcohol whatsoever, not even in the parking lot. The Pentathlon's brewing category will be judged off-site.

Additional Notes on Flames: No flames inside the building, but we will have some fire pits going down in the fighting area.

Additional Notes on Weapons: ONLY Peace-bonded weapons allowed in sanctuary.

Ice Dragon
Hosted by the Barony of the
Rhydderich Hael
Saturday, March 28, 2026
Gowanda Free Methodist Church —
149 W. Main St., Gowanda, NY 14070

Hear the heralds cry across the land! As winter's icy grip begins to fade and the promise of spring stirs once more, the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael warmly invites one and all to gather for The Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon — a grand celebration of skill, valor, creativity, and camaraderie.

Cast aside thy winter's cloak and join us as we mark the turning of the seasons with tournaments of arms, displays of artistry, and the joy of shared fellowship. Let the songs of bards and the laughter of friends' ring through the hall as we welcome the dawn of spring together.

Highlights of the Festival
– A&S Pentathlon: Marvel at the works of artisans from across Æthelmearc! Entrants will present their finest creations in this prestigious competition of craftsmanship and creativity. Whether you are an entrant or an admirer, come be inspired by the beauty and skill of the Society's artisans.
– Martial Tournaments: Witness the

clash of chivalry and honor as heavy and rapier fighters take the field to test their mettle in friendly combat. A viewing gallery will be available (weather permitting), so all may cheer the valiant and celebrate their deeds.

– Bardic Delights: Throughout the day, the hall shall ring with song, story, and laughter as bards share their tales and tunes. Warm your heart with performances both stirring and merry and add your own voice to the harmony if you so wish!

– Merchants' Row: Peruse the wares of skilled merchants and craftsmen from across the realm! Discover treasures both practical and wondrous — fine garb, handcrafted jewelry, leatherwork, feast gear, art supplies, and more. Support our artisans and take home a piece of the Dream. Those wishing to merchant at the festival are asked to contact the Merchant Liaison to reserve space, as spots are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

– Festive Dayboard: A hearty dayboard shall be offered to gladden the belly and warm the spirit. Details of the menu will be proclaimed in due course — but rest assured, no traveler shall go hungry!

– Vigils: Three vigils will be held during the day. Details and times will be announced soon; all are welcome to share their words and well-wishes with the honorees.

– Paladin's Pantry: In the spirit of charity and good fellowship, all gentles are invited to bring forth offerings of non-perishable sustenance, that they may be bestowed upon those in need within our fair community. Let our generosity shine as brightly as our banners, and may kindness be the truest mark of nobility. As a token of gratitude for such goodwill, each gentle who donates shall receive a ticket for the door prize drawing — a modest boon in recognition of a gracious heart.

Site Information

Location: Gowanda Free Methodist Church, 149 W. Main St., Gowanda, NY 14070

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026

Site Opens to the populace: 8:30 a.m.

Site Closes: 8:00 p.m.

Site Fees & Registration

The site's capacity is limited to 350 gentles, and pre-registration is most heartily encouraged — not only to secure your place, but to earn a chance at rich reward!

All who pre-register shall be entered into a door prize drawing, and those who bring gifts for the Paladin's Pantry shall also receive a ticket for the drawing. Let fortune smile upon thee for their promptness and generosity! (A ticket for a Paladin's Pantry donation is not contingent upon pre-registration)

Site Fees:

– Adult Nonmember: \$30

– Adult SCA Member: \$20

– 17 and under: Free

Please make checks payable to "SCA NY, Inc – Barony of Rhydderich Hael."

Whether you come to test your skill, display your artistry, or simply enjoy the company of friends, The Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon welcomes you to celebrate the passing of winter's chill and the awakening of spring's promise.

Raise your banners, ready your crafts and blades, and come share in the Dream!

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Court Reports

Coronation of Andreas and Kallista

September 20th, 2025

Being a right and proper report of the Court of King Andreas Morgan and Queen Kallista Morgunova held on Æthelmearc Day, the 20th day of September, AS LX (2025) at Their Coronation in the Barony of Endless Hills, as recorded by Meisterin Helena Mutzhasen, Silver Buccle Herald with assistance by Gytha Oggdottir, Gwendolyn the Graceful, and Po Silvertop the Rogue.

King Andreas called for his Inspiration and placed the Crown of Æthelmearc upon Kallista's head, named her Queen, and heard her oath.

The rolls of the Royalty of Æthelmearc were read.

Their Majesties called forth the Officers of the Kingdom of Æthelmearc who renewed their oath of service.

Their Majesties called for Countess Riognach ni Rise and Count Murdoch Bayne to attend them. They spoke of how thankful They were for Their Predecessors, who left the Kingdom better than when they found it, and named them Duchess and Duke, and gave them gifts of a strawberry nature to commemorate their new status. Riognach's scroll was by Murdoch Bayne. Murdoch's scroll by Nikolai Vasiliev

Their Majesties then called forth their staff and took their oaths as follows: Sir Rouland of Willowbrook as Captain of the Guard, Master Robert O'Connor as chief of staff, Baroness Zaphira bint Benjamin ibn Ibrahim as Head Re-

tainer, Baronesses Caitriona Fhialinghean Ui Chonaill known as Kayley and Wilhelmina Marion Bodnar as Ladies in Waiting, Meisterin Amalie Reinhardt as Webminister and Baron Snorri skyti Bjarnarson as Treasurer.

Silver Buccle noted that Their Majesties had promised they would have a Jewel Herald, however the shipment had been delayed. Fortunately, a herald-sized package marked "Return to Sender" arrived, revealing their previously sacked Jewel Herald, Master Po Silvertop the Rogue. Delighted that a solution had been found, Silver Buccle queried if Master Po would be willing to serve again in the position. Upon eventually hearing an assent, Silver Buccle quickly invested him in the Office of Jewel of Æthelmearc Herald. Their Majesties also heard his oath of service.

The Order of the Chivalry renewed their fealty.

The Order of the Laurel renewed their oaths.

The Order of the Pelican swore their oath.

The Order of Defense gave their oath.

The Order of the Mark gave their oath.

The Royal Peers spoke their oath.

The Order of the White Scarf renewed their service to the Queen and presented her with a white scarf. They also called the Order of the Rose, presenting them with roses and reminding the Order that they were all still honorary White Scarves.

The Barony of Thescorre renewed

fealty to the Crown.

The Barony of the Rhydderich Hael renewed fealty to the Crown.

The Barony of Blackstone Mountain renewed fealty to the Crown.

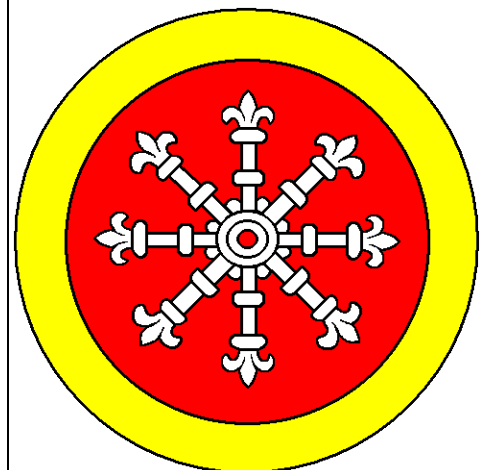
The Barony of Endless Hills renewed fealty to the Crown.

The Barony of St. Swithins Bog renewed fealty to the Crown.

Their Majesties called forth Sir Arden Scot of Clan Scot and spoke of his service both as marshal and as scribe. Being moved by his long-term dedication, they called forth the Order of the Pelican and issued Sir Arden a writ of summons to join that Order upon a mutually agreed-upon date. Scroll by Armiger Urraca Beatriz Botelho.

Their Majesties then announced that to celebrate Æthelmearc Day, there was cake in the main lodge where lunch and feast would be served.

There being no further business in the morning, the First Court of Andreas and Kallista was closed.



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March 5th-7th, 2026	Tournament of the White Hart XVI Hosted by the Shire of Port Oasis
March 7th, 2026	Dance the Cold Winter Away Hosted by the Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais
March 14th-22nd, 2026	Gulf Wars XXXIV (Out of Kingdom)
March 14th, 2026	Bears Event XXVIII Hosted by the Shire of Hunter’s Home
March 21st, 2026	The Investiture Feast Part of The Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins – a Delayed Celebration of Gluttony and Pride Hosted by the Barony of Delftwood
March 28th, 2026	Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon Hosted by the Barony of the Rhydderich Hael

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