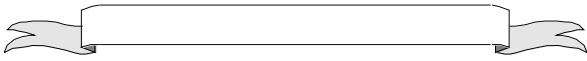


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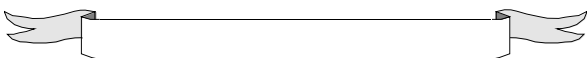
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The SCA prohibits bullying and harassment of all individuals and groups. Bullying is systematic and unwelcome behavior which involves the use of influence, threat, intimidation, or coercion to cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people. 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 seneschal, the President of the SCA, or that kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

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Æthelmearc Ombudsperson:

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[Seat E – October 2021 to April 2025]
pbainter@director.sca.org

For more information on board meetings go to:

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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.

2025 Quarterly Board Meetings (TENTATIVE)

~~January 25 and 26, 2025, Virtual~~

April 12 and 13, 2025 – Live

July 12 and 13, 2025 – Virtual

October 18 and 19, 2025 – Live

Æthelmearc Royalty

Their Royal Majesties

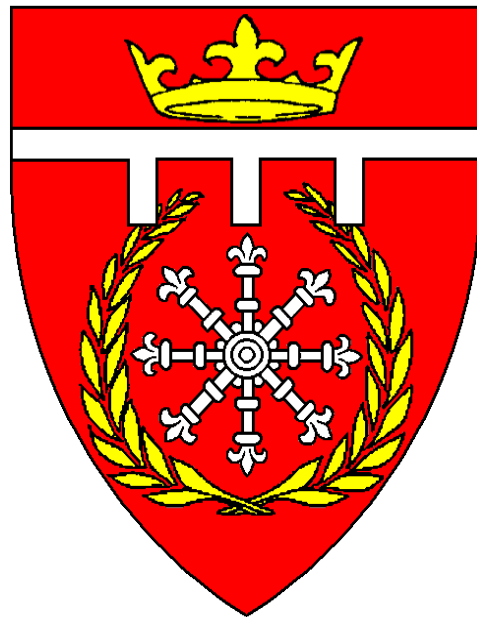
Timothy of Arindale & Gabrielle von Nijenrode



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Their Royal Highnesses

To Be Determined at Spring Crown Tournament



prince@aethelmearc.org - princess@aethelmearc.org

Æthelmearc Kingdom Champions

Queen's Rapier Champion:

Master Markus Skalpr Grimsson

Cut and Thrust:

Lærifaðir jörundr hinn rotinn

Regalo de las Rosas

Lady Kolfinna Jodisardottir

Heavy Weapons Champion:

Sir Aaron the Swift

Archery Champion:

THL Godzimir the Golden

Thrown Weapons Champion:

THL Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto

King's Equestrian Champion:

Shah Megis Elmanou

Queen's Equestrian Champion:

THL Azenari Basandere

Shield of Chivalry:

Lord Frey Gore

TRMs Bardic Champion

Lord Éadaoin Ruadh

TRHs Bardic Champion

Lord Reinaldr bjortappr

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champion:

Magister Casimir Zeleny z Strasna skala

Youth Arts and Sciences Champion:

John Robert

Youth Combat Champion:

Arinbjorn

Brewing Champion:

Magister Casimir Zelený z Strášaná skála

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Nicolo dei Gaetani and Magge Illfosterc



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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



Timothy of Arindale & Gabrielle von Nijenrode

Unto Æthelmearc does Timothy and Gabrielle send greetings,

We've just returned home from a spectacular day at Ice Dragon. Yesterday encapsulated so much of what we love about Æthelmearc, and it reminds us why we have enjoyed our time here so much.

As usual, the A and S area had dozens of projects, each more incredible than the last. The talent of our artisans is simply breathtaking. There is a reason our kingdom's artisans are renowned throughout the known world.

We had a chance to watch a bit of the fencing and the fighting. It was a busy day, so we didn't spend as much time at the lists as we'd have liked, but even that short time made it apparent; our kingdom's martial artists compete with chivalry and prowess, holding their honor more important than victory. That is what makes these tournaments so special for those who compete.

We had the opportunity to share in the celebration of so many good gentles being recognized by their Majesties and their Excellencies. There were smiles, there was laughter, and there were tears. But all of it was joyful, and our most heart-felt congratulations go out to all the recipients.

But it is the people who live here that make Æthelmearc the magical place it is. As usual, everywhere we looked, we saw acts of kindness. The SCA really is the antithesis of the mundane world. So many people in the mundane world are self-centered and only look out for themselves. Time is our most valuable commodity. In these lands, people's generosity is so prevalent that you almost become numb to it. Running troll. Marshalling. Running list. Making scrolls. Running vigils. Heraldry. I could go on, but it really is staggering once you sit down to think about it.

But there is more to it than just this. These are also the kindest, most welcoming people you'll ever meet in your life. Again, a welcome change from everyone's life. Mundane politics have scared people, and justifiably so. But yesterday, as at every event we've ever been to here, everyone is treated with kindness and courtesy. It is our fondest wish that Æthelmearc remain a refuge from the real world, where everyone feels welcome and knows they are amongst friends.

So, citizens of Æthelmearc, thank you for being just who you are. You are the greatest people we have ever had the pleasure of being around,

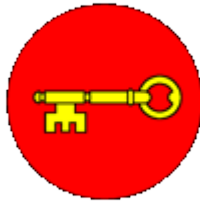
Timothy and Gabrielle



Officer Reports

From the Kingdom Seneschal

It has now been a year and a half that I have been serving Æthelmearc as its seneschal. It somehow feels both longer and as though I stepped up only yesterday. My mind apparently can't make its mind up.



This means that there are 6 months remaining in my initial term.

I will be applying for a third year to be the Æthelmearc Seneschal responsible for Pennsic in 2026 as per the three-year term cycle with East and Mid.

As per the latest changes to Kingdom Law passed at the Curia of Bjarki and Gabrielle, this will align us with the three-year cycle for future Kingdom Seneschals.

That said, it is an open call, so please feel free to throw your hat into the ring. Their Majesties, Timothy and Gabrielle, will use their discretion to determine the length of the term to match the three-year cycle. Please include in your letter if you would pursue a one or two-year term to assist them with that decision.

Please note that in order to serve as seneschal of Æthelmearc, you must pass a Society background check. That check will take place following Their Majesties' decision.

To apply please send a letter of intent along with your SCA-dian resume to resume.seneschal@aethelmearc.org by May 30. That address will forward your email to all necessary parties.

Please let me know if you have any questions, in person, via chat, or in email at seneschal@aethelmearc.org.

In Service to the Realm,
Barún Pádraig Ó Branduibh

From the Kingdom Chronicler

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.

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.

Life happens and we will always work to accommodate people, but if your group can meet and decide on information, and meet Æstel deadlines, that is appreciated (looking at you Kingdom officers as well).

YIS,
Baroness Thalia Papillon

Officer Reports

From the Kingdom Arts + Sciences Minister

Hello! It's your friendly neighborhood Arts and Sciences Minister here with an Æstel update.

Æthelmearc War Practice is hosting The Scarlet Apron Cooking Contest at War Practice 2025: Made to Last



This competition is open to all who have a penchant for medieval culinary arts. Whether you are new to period cooking or a full-fledged laurel, all are welcome at the table!

This year's theme is Made to Last, any kind of food item that is designed to stand the test of time, smoked meats, jerky, pickles, cheese, anything you can find that was made to preserve foods in a pre-refrigerator period. Anyone wishing to participate should create an example of such food from anywhere in the SCA-period. This could be an interpretation of a subtlety that has been described in a coking text, or an original creation that can be considered "period plausible" based on its design, construction and the materials used to create it.

All contestants should follow these guidelines:

1. The entry should be made and assembled prior to judging. This is not a competition at which contestants must cook their final product on site.
2. The use of period techniques is preferred and encouraged.
3. Contestants should provide a recipe and overview of technique. The winning recipe will be added to the Scarlet Apron Cookbook and preserved for prosperity. A complete list of materials used and any references to historical records

that are relevant.

Entries have three potential categories to win: Youth (ages 5-12), Populace Choice, and Overall Winner. Cooks of all skill levels are encouraged to enter! Youth and Scarlet Apron Overall winners will be announced at court. The Overall winner will receive the Scarlet Apron (to be returned the following year), the ability to choose next year's theme and be a judge for 2026, and a scroll of recognition. All entrants will receive a one-of-a-kind pewter token specific to this year.

Any questions can be directed to the competition coordinator, Tara Bai, willowmoonmal@gmail.com, Willow Malbrough on Facebook. We are so excited to renew this competition and are looking forward to tasting all the wonderful entries.

In addition, alongside the Scarlet Apron there will be an Apothecary Guild-hosted drink competition for non-brewed alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages. This is mostly unofficial, but there will be prizes for the top three competitors in non-fermented alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic brews and beverages.

There are several monthly crafting socials throughout our kingdom, so check out the local groups like Endless Hills, Blackstone Mountains, BMDL, Myrkfaelinn, and Thescorre to see who is hosting gatherings—join in on the fun. In addition, I will continue hosting the monthly A&S Get-Togethers at 7 pm through Google Meets. Keep track through the Æthelmearc Arts and Sciences FB page or contact me for the Zoom link at ans@aethelmearc.org.

Looking forward,

Rue

Kingdom + Other Events

Spring Crown Tournament 2025

May 3rd, 2025

Hosted by the Barony of
Thescorre

Additional notes on Wheelchair

Accessibility: This is a public park that is relatively flat. The lodge and lodge bathrooms are handicap accessible.

Additional Notes on Pet Policy: Only service animals are allowed in the Lodge.

Additional Notes on Flames: No smoking or open flames on site.

Timothy and Gabrielle have ascended the Sylvan Thrones, and now is the time for their Heirs to be determined. The Barony of Thescorre invites you to witness this glorious tournament, on May 3rd, 2025.

Date: May 3rd, 2025

Time: 9 AM to 7 PM

Location: Ginegaw Park 1980
Walworth Penfield Rd Walworth,
NY 14568

Adult Member Fee: \$15

Adult Non-Member Fee: \$25

Under 18: Free

Event Stewards: Baroness Elizabetha da Venezia (Sabrina Sardella) and Baroness Bronwyn nic Gregor (Wendy Sardella). Contact Venezia

at 3goldroses@gmail.com or (585) 967-4441 and Bronwyn at 3catssejant@gmail.com or (585) 967-2298.

Important Site Rules:

No tents above 10' x 10' will be allowed. A Google Form will be provided for Combatants and Spectators to reserve day shade

space. You can set up more than one (1) 10' x 10' but you must include the tent space required on the form. If you are setting up more than one 10' x 10', this must be included in the form.

There is no smoking, alcohol, or open flames on site.

This is a public park. Please respect these rules and be aware that members of the public will be present. Please be kind and aware that you are representing the SCA.

No parking on the grass. Ample parking will be available.

Merchandising is not permitted at this site. The park has strict rules on the sales of merchandise. Pets must be leashed, and the owner is responsible for cleaning up after them. Pets are not permitted in buildings. This restriction does not apply to Service Animals.

Reservations can be submitted via Google Form that will be available soon. Please contact the Autocrats with any reservation questions. We will not be accepting pre-paid reservations. Please make checks payable to SCA NY Inc, Barony of Thescorre.

A Day board will be included in the event fee. Please keep an eye out for updates.

There are gas stations, a grocery store, and a couple of food options within a mile. Additional food options can be found about 15 minutes away in Penfield. There are hotels in the nearby towns of Henrietta and Penfield.

Region 4 Muster

May 4th, 2025

Hosted by the Barony of
Thescorre

Hosted by the Barony of
Thescorre

Sunday May 4 – 12:00 Noon – 5
PM

(This is the day after Crown Tournament)

Red Shield Hall
936 Exchange Street
Rochester, NY 14608

Sir Angus the Bull is in charge of
this Muster

Melee Madness

May 9-11th, 2025

Hosted by the Barony of
Endless Hills

The Great Wheel of the seasons turns and Their Excellencies Niccolai and Magge prepare to retire to their estates, Come bid them quiet enjoyment and welcome Lady Kolfinna and Lady Revna as they step up onto the Thrones that are Endless

This event will take place at Camp Lackawanna, 1219 Vosburg Road Tunkhannock, PA 18657. Site will open at 6 PM Friday May 9th and will close at noon May 11th. List field Lunacy will reign on the heavy field with our own Count Murdoch Bayne. Madness will ensue on the fencing field with Lord Daven MacKeannaugh. The Feastocrat for the day is Baron Perote Gormal Campbell. He and his team will provide a tasty day board along with a fabulous feast later in the evening. Seating for

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the feast is limited.

Autocrats for the day will be Baroness Maggie Illefooster (Mary Knight, 570-903-3654 Texts preferred or Facebook Messenger) 5 Christian St Nanticoke, PA 18634 and THL Tufa Cognomento Guntha Mundus (Josh Rigelwood, 570-498-4623 or Facebook Messenger) 2 West Sunrise Drive Jenkins Twp, PA 18640

Pets are welcome but must be leashed at all time and wear license tags. Waste must be removed and disposed of properly. The Camp prohibits pets from being inside the building. A portable ADA accessible restroom will be on site, adjacent to the main hall.

Adult Event Registration \$35
Adult Member \$25
Children under 18 are free
Feast \$15 (This is a separate cost)

Make checks payable to SCA PA, Inc – Barony of the Endless Hills
[Contained Flames](#), [Damp/Discreet](#), [Not Wheelchair Accessible](#), [Pets Allowed](#), [R3](#), [Tied Weapons Only](#), [TRM Royal Progress](#)

Knights + Round Tables May 10th, 2025 Hosted by the Shire of Misty Highlands

Before they were Laurels, peers of the arts had to pick up a pen. Before they charged forth a Knight or a Master of Defense, martial peers had to pick up a sword. In that spirit does the Shire of Misty Highlands call all to its lands to continue the cycle of sharing knowledge with the populace of these Sylvan Lands!

Knights and Round Tables returns after a long hiatus to encourage those of any age and experience to learn something new. Classes will be offered to introduce people to the arts that glorify our lands, and martial skills will be shared, with a focus on teaching those looking to travel that path.

And, to honor those beginning their journey in the Society, a tournament will be held on the day, when the junior combatants will receive honors akin to those who fight for the crown.

The event will return after a decade on May 10 with troll opening at 9 AM and the site closing at 6. We will gather at Battler's Knob, the former site of Alderson Broadus University, 101 College Hill Road, Philippi, WV 26416.

Entrance to the site, including a light day board is \$10 for members, and \$20 for non-members. Those under 18 are welcome as guests of the Shire. Make checks payable to "SCA West Virginia Inc – Shire of Misty Highlands"
The autocrats for the day are Baron Arias Beltran del Valle, mka Alex Hines, 301 Arthur Ave. #1, Clarksburg, WV 26301 (724) 944-6547 and Husfreyja Aine ny Allane, mka Lori McKinney, 2213 Nilan Road, Point Marion, PA 15474 (304) 640-6887.

DIRECTIONS: Make your best route to WV Exit 115 on Interstate 79. Travel east on WV Route 20

towards Philippi for about 4 miles, then bear left onto WV Route 57 for another 11 miles, following signs for the city. Turn left onto US Route 119 for approximately three miles, then turn left on John Street and immediately go left again to arrive at Battler's Knob.

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

Æthelmearc War Practice May 15-18th, 2025 Hosted by the Barony of Blackstone Mountain

Rumblings of War have reached our borders, to help prepare, Steltonwald invites all to gather at Cooper's Lake Campground, (205 Currie Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057) for Æthelmearc War Practice XXXIv, May 15-18, 2025.

For updates as they become available, please visit our website <http://www.steltonwald.net/warpractice.html>

The site opens Thursday at noon. Troll closes promptly at 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 17, 2025, No admittance after 3:00 pm without event registration receipt or site token.

The autocrats for the event are:
THL Aaliz de Gant (Severina Berg) Wpauto-crat@steltonwald.net , (724) 300-3181 No calls or texts after 8:30
Mistress Alessandra d'Avignon (Colleen Kardasz) sene-schal@steltonwald.net (724) 300-3181 No calls or texts after 8:30

Merchant Liason for the event is Master Bovi Farmor (David Black). He prefers calls at 724.312.9364. Wpmerchants@steltonwald.net
ALL MERCHANTS please fill out

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the form at <https://forms.gle/zKDDb35UerQC6ijY7>

MIC for the event is Syr Gwydeon ap Arden (Shane Phipps) gwydeonaparden@hotmail.com

If you are interested in teaching a class at War Practice, please contact Vika vikavyborgskaia - vikavyborgskaia@gmail.com or please use the following link. Æthelmearc War Practice - Teacher's Form <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScy3a.../viewform>

There is no pre-reservation. Please make checks payable to SCA-PA, Inc. Shire of Steltonwald. There are no credit cards or bank cards taken at troll.

Those arriving on Thursday:
Adult event registration – \$55.00
Adult member discount registration – \$45.00
Child* event registration – \$17.00
Those arriving on Friday:
Adult event registration – \$46.00
Adult member registration – \$36.00
Child* event registration – \$12.00
Those arriving on Saturday:
Adult event registration – \$35.00
Adult member event registration – \$25.00
Child* event registration – \$6.00 *
*Child 6-17 years of age.
Children age 5 and under are free.
RV camper registration – \$10.00 per night RV's must park on the Serengetti.

Late Arrivals Troll will be closed between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am. Those arriving between those hours must park on the battlefield in designated areas and may not enter the site until the paperwork has been completed. Late arrivals will be responsible for following this protocol, however, any individual found to have violated this requirement will be asked to leave the site and will not be able to at-

tend the event.

Troll will close at 3pm on Saturday, if you have not trolled in by that time you will not be admitted to the event

Academy of St. Clare of Assisi VIII: Embroidery Sleepover!

May 30-June 1st, 2025

Hosted by the Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

Additional Notes on Pet Policy: If you wish to bring your Service Dog, please contact the Autocrat at hutchnsn@bucknell.edu by May 10, 2025.

Additional Notes on Flames: Per the site: No open flames are permitted in tents.

Whether you are new to the needle arts or well on your way, the "Academy of St. Clare of Assisi VII: Embroidery Sleepover!" is for you!

This single-focus event offers small specialized classes on single topics, long detailed "kit" classes on beloved styles, and a chance for embroiderers to spend time with others who love embroidery and its myriad possibilities.

The event is held at Camp Ka-roondinha, 225 Thomas Dam Road, Millmont PA 17845-9448 (GPS Coordinates: 40.85630, -77.2547) Site opens at 5 PM on Friday, May 30, and closes at noon on Sunday, June 1.

Your autocrat for this event is Mistress Alicia Langland (mka Della Hutchison, 1194 Marshall S., Milton PA 17847; 570-742-4567). For more information or to register

for the event, please visit <https://forms.gle/5ZfhetX2kRq7GadS8>

Adult Event Registration:
— \$45.00 (includes 4 meals)
Adult Member Discount Event Registration — Include proof of current SCA membership with payment
— \$35.00 (includes 4 meals)

Those wishing to stay on-site in one of the cabins will pay an additional fee based on choice of lodging. Bunks will be allocated on a first-paid, first-served basis, so reserve early to avoid disappointment. There is no charge for tenting.

Make checks payable to "SCA PA Inc. — Shire of ACG." Send reservations to Maistresse Marguerite d'Honfleur, c/o Dawn Maneval, 922 College Court, Lewisburg PA 17837.

The event is limited to 80 attendees. Additional registrants will be added to a waiting list. If we have cancellations, open slots will be offered to gentles on the waiting list in the order in which they were received. Contact the autocrat before sending in your registration.

QUESTIONS? Contact the autocrat, Mistress Alicia Langland, at hutchnsn@bucknell.edu.

We hope you will join us!

Court Reports

PAX Interruptus

July 6th, 2024

Murdoch I Rex and

Ríoghánach I Regina

Their Majesties then declared it time for Baroness Bronwyn nic Gregor to present herself once more and give her answer whether she wished to accept the accolade of Peerage. Hearing Her Excellency's assent, They requested words of support from individuals who could speak to her qualities. Sir Tigernach mac Cathail, representative of the Order of the Chivalry, spoke of Her Excellency's hours spent on the Thrown Weapons range, her service as a mistress of lists, and more, and that Her Excellency serves without seeking the spotlight or any glory. Whether creating largesse or serving as class coordinator for College of Three Ravens or Known World Heralds and Scribes, serving as Baroness and as Seneschal of Thescorre, she is a fierce advocate for her Barony and her family. Baroness Nuzhah bint Saleem spoke as a representative of the Order of the Laurel, as well as a "proud Baroness and grateful friend." Her Excellency called to mind the pouches and beadwork which Baroness Bronwyn has created, but dispatched them quickly, saying that all know they are exquisite and beautiful, and that Her Excellency's other talent was in finding the right words, balancing difficult conversations with a sense of whimsy, often in the face of adversity. Her Excellency also cited passion and heart as important traits of an artist and attested that she had never seen either falter in this candidate, having watched her for decades. Lastly, Her Excellency noted that often the mark of an artist is that they

forget or disbelieve how important they are, but that this lady is so important that she leaves a piece of her heart in everyone else's as well. Dame Edith of Winterton conveyed a message from Mistress Cori Ghora, who quoted John Donne: "All mankind is one volume. When one man dies, a chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language," and added that the best of us are those who gather chapters into books and make them available to others, for such a one is Baroness Bronwyn. Baroness Rosamund von Glinde, speaking on behalf of the Populace, recounted a 30-year friendship in which she and Her Excellency recognized kindred senses of humor, of helpfulness, and of the spirit with which Her Excellency makes things work. "If she has lemons, she'll make lemonade; if she has coconuts, she'll trot to Camelot." She further declared that she had always known it was not a question of if Her Excellency would be made a Peer, but a matter of time. Finally, Baron Caleb Reynolds, speaking for the Order of the Pelican, eschewed listing her service, for, as he challenged, "Does anyone doubt?" His Excellency continued that though she has an Award of Arms, a Keystone, a Millrind, and a Coronet, all of which attest to her service, she was not being elevated to the Peerage for her service. The Peerage was not about work, but the inspiration to others, and that she has inspired many to work at the gate, to help in kitchens, to take up offices, and more. With these testimonials laid before the Court, Their Majesties heartily agreed and called for the accouterments to mark Her Excellency a Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Pelican: two medallions, a hood, and a cap of maintenance. Their Majesties then received her oath of fealty and

named her a Peer by Letters Patent. Scroll by Dame Zosia Kowalewska.

Her Majesty Rioghach gifted Their Avian Excellencies, Andriú and Nuzhah, with her tokens of inspiration, for the hard work of leadership that they have exhibited.

Their Majesties then thanked all scribes, wordsmiths, and regalia wrights with a selection from the scribal goodie basket as well as charms to ward off Titivillus, patron demon of scribes.

Their Majesties gave leave to Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, on behalf of the siege community, to invite all to a game to be held on the middle Saturday of Pennsic (August 3), approximately 9am-12pm, called "Duke Hunt." Based on the popular arcade game, this activity will give siege engineers a chance to practice before the battles and interested populace members a chance to try shooting siege equipment in a non-combat context. Most especially sought are Peers to don armor and serve as moving targets, as well as unbelted fighters willing to wear armor as "interference." (All fighters who volunteer will also have opportunities to shoot.)

There being no further business, Their Majesties' Court closed.

Faithfully Submitted,

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May 4th, 2025	Region 4 Muster Hosted by the Barony of Thescorre
May 9th, 2025	Melee Madness Hosted by the Barony of Endless Hills
May 10th, 2025	Knights and Round Tables Hosted by the Shire of Misty Highlands
May 15-18th, 2025	Æthelmearc War Practice Hosted by the Shire of Steltonwald
May 30th-June 1, 2025	Academy of St. Clare of Assisi VIII: Embroidery Sleepover Hosted by Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

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