

# The Tidings

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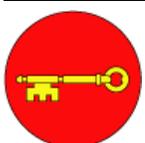


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# Event Calendar

## April 2024

- 1 Deadline for May Tidings
- 6 Ice Dragon, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Batavia, NY)
- 13 Sock Burner, Stronghold of Greyfells (Odessa, ON)
- 20 Paardenbloeam 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 Memorial Tournament, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)
- 17-20 Fruits of Our Labours, Canton of Byrniau Twynnog (Drumbo, ON)
- 25 Spring Crown Tournament, Canton of Monadh (Caledon, 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)
- June 28- July 1 Trillium War, Canton of Ard Chreag (Havelock, 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)

## August 2024

- 1 Deadline for September Tidings
- July 26- August 11 Pennsic War 51, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)
- 2 - 4 Murder Muster, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merline, ON)
- Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)

## September 2024

- 1 Deadline for October Tidings
- Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)
- 14 Stone the Crows, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)

<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

## *From Their Majesties*



Unto the wondrous people of Ealdormere does Baldric and Breyla send greetings.

What delightful weather we have been experiencing, making traveling in our fair kingdom much simpler than past years. Thus, we have had the joy of watching the exceptional combat at Tournoi du Couer de Glace in Bastille du Lac. We would like to thank the event staff for a great day and the many good gentles who ensured we were escorted and looked after. We then sped off to visit with our friends in the Middle Kingdom enjoying a wonderful day with Their Majesties Wigthegn and Nessa at St. Valentine's Day Massacre. We were well looked after by Their Excellencies Hadley and Cadwgan for ensuring everything went extremely smoothly and we were well attended throughout the day. We also awarded Master Brisi with a King Favour in TRM Midrealm's court for his service at Pennsic for His Majesty.

A little closer to home was Practicum in Skraeling Althing which turned out to be a beginner skills type event for everyone that had a lot of fun stuff to enjoy. His Majesty enjoyed the games and Her Majesty enjoyed the company of everyone there.

We also enjoyed a wonderful time at Winter War this past weekend and it was wonderful for us to get a chance to fight/fence with the many combatants throughout the day. Celebrating the elevations of Master Dietrich to the Order of the Pelican and Mistress Kersteken to the Order of Defense respectively was the highlight of our day. Thank you to the Event Staff for a well run and timed event and for those who attended us throughout the day, thank you.

We look forward to traveling to the deep south as we prepare to attend Gulf Wars with a large Kingdom contingent. We leave the Kingdom in the capable hands of Their Royal Highnesses in our absence.

High King Baldric and High Queen Breyla

## *From Their Highnesses*

Prince Evander and Princess Marioun send greetings to all the people of Ealdormere.

In February We travelled to the south and were joined by a good contingent of Ealdormerians at AEdult swim. It was an interesting venue, full of armoured and rapier fighters of every skill level, as well as youth combatants. Ronin enjoyed fighting some of the young nobles whom he fought last Pennsic. His Highness thoroughly enjoyed the fighting and recommends this event for any who wish to challenge themselves or learn.

We look forward to Kingdom Arts and Sciences. We are noticing many people working on their pentathlon entries so it should be a good showing.

To follow, Our second publishing of Our requirements for Crown Tournament. Please make note of the deadline for submissions stated below.

TRH Evander and Marioun

We shall hold a tourney to decide the heirs to the Line of the North.

Tournament Format:

There will be two formats depending on number of applications received.

## Format 1

If there are 7 or less combatants, it will be a round robin single fight with weapons of choice. Once all combatants have completed the round robin the top four shall proceed to a single elimination tree with a random pairing. If there are ties to decide the final four, those combatants will continue a round robin until there are a clear final four. The final four pairings shall be best 2 out of 3 using weapons of choice. The winners of these two pairings will be the finalist. The final will be best 2 out of three with matched weapons for the first two fights. The initial weapon choice goes to the fighter with higher precedence, the second fight will be fought with the weapon of choice from the fighter with lower precedence. The third fight, if needed will be individual choice.

## Format 2

If there are 8 or more combatants, it will be a standard double elimination tree. With each fight being a single fight with weapon of choice. This will continue until there are two fighters on the winner's side (side A) of the tree and two fighters on the side with a single loss (Side B). A cross over will then be done with every effort to ensure fighters who have not already faced each other are paired. If this is not possible pairings shall be randomly carried out by Her Majesty. Each of these fights will be best 2 out of 3 using weapons of choice. The fighter from side A will need to win one 2 out of 3 matches. The fighter from Side B will need to win two 2 out of three matches. The final will be best 2 out of three with matched weapons for the first two fights. The initial weapon choice goes to the fighter with higher precedence, the second fight will be fought with the weapon of choice from the fighter with lower precedence. The third fight, if needed will be individual choice.

All applicants shall submit written request to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal through e-mail before Our Deadline for applications by end of day on April 25th.

It is important to Us that our heirs satisfy all aspects of Kingdom Law and have prepared themselves for the heavy responsibilities of Royalty should they win. As such we have created the conditions by which We will consider applications to fight in Our tourney:

As stated in Kingdom Law combatants and consorts must have demonstrated a clear level of involvement in the Kingdom over the last year prior to Crown. We define this by requiring a list of events attended between the dates of April 20, 2023 and April 20, 2024, to equal at least ten events. As well we require a list detailing service to Kingdom, or at Pennsic, or for local groups within Ealdormere during that same time frame.

Once an application for Crown is received, We will reply by e-mail with three questions: one from the Laws of the Kingdom of Ealdormere, one from The Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and the last from Ealdormere's history. Applicants will have 48 hours to reply, by e-mail, with their answers.

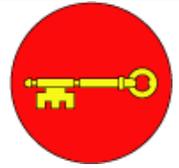
This is an open book test. We ask that the questions and answers are kept in confidential correspondence only between the Crown and the applicant. To satisfy the people's curiosity We will release the questions publicly after all submissions are received and responded to.

We look forward to receiving all submissions and welcome those who meet the requirements and wish to bear the weight of the Crown.

TRH Marioun and Evander

## *From the Kingdom Seneschal*

As I write this, the lull of winter hibernation is shaking off, and the excitement and busyness of spring is gearing up into full swing! The prospect of War far to the south, and of seeing all of the awesome that our Kingdom has come up with at Kingdom A&S.



The position of Lawspeaker has nominees! The term for Lawspeaker is three years and the final details of confirming the nominees are still in progress. Keep an eye on social media for that announcement soon. Once we have the nominees confirmed, the voting will be as follows. All warranted branch Seneschals of Ealdormere shall be allowed one vote that shall reflect the wishes of their branch. I will be calling for those votes to be sent to me at [ealdor-mere.kseneschal@gmail.com](mailto:ealdor-mere.kseneschal@gmail.com), with the due date to be determined once the nominees have been finalized.

Their Highnesses have published their requirements for entry into their Crown Tournament in this month's newsletter. Please review those requirements carefully, as well as the relevant laws included below. Crown Tournament documentation must be submitted electronically (pdf preferred) to both the Kingdom Seneschal as well as their Highnesses. You will need to include a copy of your authorization card, the membership cards of both the entrant and the consort, a completed Crown Declaration form (as found in the library on the kingdom website), proof of residency for both the combatant and the consort, as well as all requirements set out by their Highnesses. Those documents are required to be submitted complete and on time.

Crown Tournament submissions will be accepted until 11:59 PM EDT on April 25, 2024. That deadline is firm, 12:01 AM is too late. Save yourself the stress and get your submissions in early.

Please review the current laws of Ealdormere as they apply to Crown Tournaments and ensure you follow them in your applications.

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Please review the current laws of Ealdormere as they apply to Crown Tournaments and ensure you follow them in your applications.

III-400 All prospective combatants and consorts must be paid members of the SCA and must maintain that membership through to the end of Their reign. Proof of membership must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament.

III-500 All prospective combatants and consorts in the Crown Tournament must meet the following requirements:

III-501 They must be subjects of Ealdormere as defined by Corpora and must remain subjects of the Kingdom through to the end of Their reign.

III-502 They must be at least 18 years old.

III-503 They must have been subjects of Ealdormere and have demonstrated a clear level of involvement in the Kingdom over the year prior to the Crown Tournament.

III-504 They must be armigerous.

III-505 All prospective combatants must be authorized to fight as an armored combatant in the Kingdom of Ealdormere and must present proof of authorization when submitting their letter of intent.

III-600 Any person who does not meet the requirements of Section III-503 or 504 may make an application to the Heirs under the "Rule of 12" as outlined below:

The Prospective combatant and consort shall submit a request to participate in the Crown Tournament pursuant to Section III-200. Their request must be accompanied by a letter addressing why they seek dispensation from Section III-503 or III-504. This letter must bear the signatures of 12 subjects of Ealdormere, all of whom are armigerous. By signing the dispensation request, the signatories vouch for the worthiness of the candidates. Due weight will be given to this request.

Note: This dispensation request must accompany the request to participate in the Crown Tournament and is not a method of recourse after a combatant or consort has been disallowed from the Crown Tournament.

III-700 Neither the Sovereign or the Consort of Ealdormere, nor any person who has served as Sovereign or Consort of Ealdormere within three months prior to the Crown Tournament, may participate as a combatant or consort in that Crown Tournament.

III-800 No prospective combatant may have more than one declared consort. No prospective consort may be fought for by more than one combatant.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

In service,  
Lucia de Moranza

## *From the Chancellor of the Exchequery*

Greetings Readers

Thank you for all the local Exchequery officers who worked so hard on the end of year reports last month. Your role in your local group is very important.



I am currently looking for a person to take over as my deputy and then take over the role of Kingdom Exchequer in March 2025. A year is recommended for overlap because parts of this job are technical. You will also sit on Their Royal Majesties' Privy Council. Reach out with any questions if you are interested in the position at [ealdormere.exchequer@gmail.com](mailto:ealdormere.exchequer@gmail.com).

Arlette of the Rozakii,

# Tiding Submissions

Greetings Readers!



This month's Vox Borealis is about the Barbarian Household and they knocked it out of the park. Its both a delightful exploration of what they and their members are accomplishing, its also written, somewhat, in persona. I am thrilled that they took the project on.

If you have any ideas about Ealdormerian people or our culture for future issues, let me know. I can work with you are use your idea as a launching off point. For example, I can even explore questions that came up in the new comers corner discussions if someone requests it.

Also, have an event announcement? A short story, art, news, or a research article that you would like to share? The Tidings sometimes has room for submissions! To submit, please email [ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com](mailto:ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com) and include your SCA name with your submission. I have I ncluded "ads" for events in the past, which I think is fun.

If you are very prolific, your local Baronial newsletter would also like articles from you. These local newsletters can really reflect the personality of your Baronies.

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

They need approval from calendar secretary, Dutchess Kayla, to be included here.

Joyfully Yours,  
Lucia de Enzinas



Selfie of Dame Asa and Baroness Lucia at Winter War

Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



"Good job, Squire. Way to step outside your comfort zone!"



His Majesty watching Lord Scalli Wegg play cards. Photo by Lord Kit.



Noble Ash at Practicum. Photo by Lady Howael

Selfie of His Royal Majesty and Sir Bess at Winter War



Picture of Marshal, Dutchess Jolicia, at Winter War

His Majesty fences at Winter War photo by Rozi



Sewing Day in Ben Dunfirth was amazing! Photo by Baroness Lucia



## Mayhem on May 4th



Join us on May the 4th, 2024 at 9am EST as an entrant, judge, sponsor, or spectator - perhaps all 4!

This event is a virtual Arts and Science competition in which you show off an item you've created or a paper you've written in the past 2 years that may fit in the category. You must convince the judges of that category that your submission fits. The judges then choose the item that fits best. You may enter your item in more than one category. This event is for fun and for you to flex your creativity and imagination.

Prizes worth no more than \$20 will be available for each category's winner.

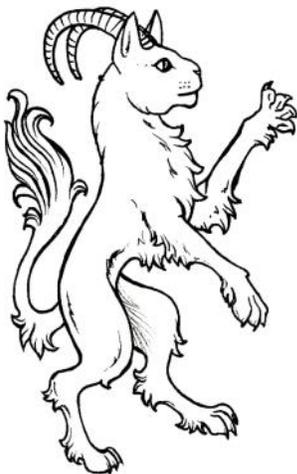
As is tradition, we have selected 13 fun and varied categories! They are:

- A New Hope
- Golden
- The Spooky Medieval Ages
- Raven(s)
- 50 Shades of Blue
- Things that go bump in the (k)night
- Fail!
- All things dirty
- Punnery
- Things with Horns
- Crime
- Rabbits
- Genitalia

Those interested in judging, please contact Maister Colyne (He/They) ([todd@todd-fischer.com](mailto:todd@todd-fischer.com)) with which category you wish to judge.

If you are interested in Sponsoring a prize, please contact Baron Joffr (He/Him) ([joffrodson@gmail.com](mailto:joffrodson@gmail.com)) to get setup. There are 13 categories available to sponsor available on a first come, first served basis. Sponsorships are open to any Royalty, Household, or Noble. Entrants with questions may contact either Maister Colyne or Baron Joffr at the emails listed above.

Website coming soon.



Picture by Master Colyne



# Events

## Kingdom A&S



When: March 23, 2024  
Hosted by: Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)  
Where: Eden High School (535 Lake St, St. Catharines, ON L2N 4H7)  
Event Stewards: Lord lustus di Cordoba marshal, [risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:risingwaters@gmail.com)  
Baroness Mistress Sciath ingen Chennaig [risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:risingwaters@gmail.com)  
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/kas2024/>

## Sock Burner



When: April 13, 2024  
Where: Odessa Agricultural Society  
231 Main St, Odessa, ON K0H 2H0, Canada  
Event Fees: Adult member \$20, Adult non-member \$30  
Children free of charge  
Website: <https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/sock-burner>  
facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1EoYb3qh9>

## Paardenbloem Festival



When: April 20, 2024  
Where: Furnace Falls Farm  
504 Old Briar Hill Rd, Lyndhurst, ON K0E 1N0, Canada  
website: <https://ealdormere.ca/paardenbloem/>  
facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1MKh0AbUW>

## Coronation of Evander II and Marioun II



When: April 27, 2024  
Site opens: 9:30am, Site closes 8:00pm  
Where: Victoria Park Armoury  
210 Kent St W, Lindsay, ON K9V 2Y8, Canada  
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/spring-coronation-2024/>  
Site fees: \$20 Adult Member, \$30 Adult non-member  
Youth under 18: free  
Lunch counter: \$10, limited to 60 tickets  
Feast: \$15. Prepared by Duke Trumbrand and Duchess Kaylah

## Fruits of Our Labours



When: May 17-20, 2024, Friday 4pm Site Closes: Monday noon  
Where: Camp Impeesa 827559 Township Rd 8, Drumbo, ON  
N0J 1G0, Canada  
Website: <http://ealdormere.ca/fool>  
Event fees: \$10 member discount  
Weekend: Adult (18+) \$50, Youth (14-17) \$20,  
Day trip : Adults (18+) \$30 , Youth (14--17) \$10  
Children under 14 FREE  
Event Stewards: Duchess Rylyn [2fishycat@gmail.com](mailto:2fishycat@gmail.com)  
Class Registrations: Mistress Odette de Saint Remy [ladyodette@gmail.com](mailto:ladyodette@gmail.com)

# Events continued

## Spring Crown Tournament



Come witness Crown Tournament, as worthy combatants strive to ensure the continuation of the Line of the North, inspired by their Consorts.

When: May 25, 2024  
Site opens: 9:30 pm Site closes: 9:30 pm  
Location: Brampton Fairgrounds, 12942 Heart Lake Rd, Caledon, ON L7C 2J3  
Event steward: Emma Danskona [Monadh.Ealdormere@gmail.com](mailto:Monadh.Ealdormere@gmail.com)  
Event fees: Site Fee: \$35, members discount \$25, minors under 18 are free.  
Feast fees: \$20  
Feast Registration: Cecilia the Sinister ([cecilia@beable.ca](mailto:cecilia@beable.ca))  
Lunch fees: \$8  
Web site: <https://ealdormere.ca/crown-tournament-spring-2024/>

## Murder Melee in the Meadow



The Barony of Ben Dunfirth invite one and all to come camp, fight, fence, arch and throw weapons. **New location** this year: Germania Park Campgrounds! Yes, the same site at which we enjoy Huntsman's Harvest.

When: June 6 to 9th  
Where: Germania Club, 4221 Trinity Church Rd, Hamilton, ON L0R 1C0, Canada  
Event Stewards: Duchess Jocea Valente (Joleen DeMarco-Wettlaufer)  
Master Brand Thorwaldson (Blair Demarco-Wettlaufer)  
[grandduchyofbendunfirth@gmail.com](mailto:grandduchyofbendunfirth@gmail.com)

## Baron's Brouhaha



Enjoy a fun-filled camping weekend in Northgeatham at the Glyndmere Great Hall. There will be thrown weapons, rapier and armored combat. Saturday afternoon will end in a great hall potluck feast. Campfires with bardic circles and much merriment will occur on Friday and Saturday nights.

Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/canton-of-northgeatham/>  
When: June 21-23  
Site opens: Friday 3 pm Site Closes: Sunday 4pm  
Where: 973 Concession Rd 8, Tiverton, ON N0G 2T0, Canada  
Event Registration: 16 & under free,  
\$20 member/\$30 non-member weekend,  
\$10 member/\$15 non-member single day  
Event Steward: Lord Wulfric of the Blackwood [trweirmeir@gmail.com](mailto:trweirmeir@gmail.com)  
Reservations: Baroness Sibylla of Glyndmere [tamara.pasley@gmail.com](mailto:tamara.pasley@gmail.com)

## Trillum War: No Frillies Trillies



When: June 28- July 1 (Friday Noon to Monday Noon)  
Join us at Moxley Meadows, 611 6th Line, Havelock, ON, K0L 1Z0  
Event fees: Member Prices: \$45 camping, \$25 day trip  
Non-Members add \$10

War Practice including armoured combat, archery, rapier and thrown weapons. Also featuring A & S pursuits, merchants, bardic and children's activities.

Event Steward: Kaolin of Ard Chreag [seneschal.ardchreag@gmail.com](mailto:seneschal.ardchreag@gmail.com)

# Events continued

## Pennsic War 51

When: July 26 – August 11, 2024  
Where: Cooper's Lake Event Venue and Campground,  
205 Currie Rd, Slippery Rock, PA 16057, USA  
Website: <https://www.pennsicwar.org/>



## Murder Muster

When: August 2-4, 2024, Fri Aug 2 at noon, Site Closes: Sunday at 3pm  
Where: 5750 Talbot Trail, Merlin, ON N0P 1W0, Canada  
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/champcorbeau/murder-muster/>



The Shire of Champcorbeau invites one and all to Join us in "The Field". This is a camping event for those that aren't attending Pensic. We will be having Fencing.

\*\*\* The site is very raw and there is NO WATER ON SITE. All supplies must be carried in and packed out.

Event Steward: Chera Squirrel [kcadotte@gmail.com](mailto:kcadotte@gmail.com)

## Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames

When: August 29 - September 2, 2024  
Site opens Thursday Aug 29, 6:00 pm  
Site closes Monday Sept 2, 2:00 pm  
Where: Moxely Meadows, Havelock, ON.  
Site is accessed directly from Hwy 7, just east of 6th line.  
611 6 Line, Havelock, ON K0L 1Z0, Canada  
Website: <https://baronessmatilda.wixsite.com/-gwyllyfflam>  
Registration: Camping: \$45 Adult Member, \$55 non-member  
Day Trip: \$25 Adult Member, \$35 non-member  
Event Steward: Mistress Matilda of Swynford [baronessmatilda@gmail.com](mailto:baronessmatilda@gmail.com)



## Stone the Crows

When: September 14, 2024; Site opens: 10am, Site closes: 9 pm  
Where: Merlin Community Hall, 150 Aberdeen St, Merlin, ON N0P 1W0, Canada  
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/champcorbeau/stone-the-crows/>  
Event Fees: Adult members \$20, adult non-members \$30  
Youth 17 and under -Free  
Event Steward: THBaron Cesaer Ambrogino di Salvazzi [cesaresalvazzi@gmail.com](mailto:cesaresalvazzi@gmail.com)



## Lady Mary Memorial Tournament.

When: May 11, 2024  
Site opens: 9am Site closes: 10 pm  
Website: <https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/>  
Location: TBD  
Event Registration Fees: Adult member \$20, non-member \$25  
Children ages 5 -15: \$10  
Children under 5: free  
Feast: Adult \$25, Child \$15  
Event Stewards: Baron Dmitri [shardie@cogeco.ca](mailto:shardie@cogeco.ca) Baroness Gema [jimmelece@gmail.com](mailto:jimmelece@gmail.com)



# REQUEST FOR COMMENTARY



Currently approximately 8000 people around the Knowne World actively participate in target archery, combat archery, siege weapons, thrown weapons and equestrian martial activities. While no ultimate decision has yet been made the Board believes that a proposal of a path to peerage for these individuals is worthy of deep consideration.

Having received advice from the Peerage Committee, Directors have discussed the matter and following some minor amendments to language which align the proposed draft of Corpora wording to the existing patent orders, the Board feels that the proposal has matured to the point where commentary on the proposed Corpora wording from members is requested. This commentary will assist the Board in forming further decisions relevant to its consideration of this matter.

The draft Corpora language approved for commentary is:

## **VIII.A.4:**

### **e. The Order of <Name>**

**(i) Members of the Order of <Name> may choose to swear fealty but are not required to do so. The candidate must have attained the standard of excellence in skill and/or knowledge equal to that of their prospective peers in a pre-17th century martial pursuit as practiced in the SCA, including, and limited to, target archery, combat archery, thrown weapons, equestrian activities, and siege engineers. The candidate must have applied this skill and/or knowledge for the instruction of members and service to the kingdom to an extent above and beyond that normally expected of members of the Society.**

**(ii) The duties of the members of the order are as follows:**

**(a) To set an example of courtesy and chivalrous conduct on and off the field of honor.**

**(b) To respect the Crown of the kingdom; to support and uphold the laws of the kingdom and Corpora.**

**(c) If in fealty, to support and uphold the Crown of their kingdom.**

**(d) To enrich the kingdom by sharing their knowledge and skills.**

**(e) To enhance the renown and defend the honor of the peer's Lady or Lord.**

**(f) To advise the Crown on the advancement of candidates for the Order of <Name>.**

**(other sections re-numbered as needed)**

Knowing exactly what the people who work, study, and play in the Society want a potential new peerage to achieve and do will be key to moving forward in this discussion. The Board welcomes any additional context that people feel may be of use to the discussion.

We are looking for your feedback – as you begin to type up your comments please feel free to include your thoughts on the following questions:

- *Does this language fill the gap I personally feel exists in the paths to peerage, why or why not?*
- *What is my ideal vision of a new peerage and its members? What virtue will they embody?*

EDIT: If you are a financial member of the SCA, please include the relevant information.

The expertise of our community is invaluable, and these responses will contribute significantly to an outcome that positions our Society to meet its goals and future opportunities.

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>.

Please email all commentary to [SCA-Comments@sca.org](mailto:SCA-Comments@sca.org) and use the title "Omnibus Peerage Proposal" in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

RE: Omnibus Peerage Proposal

P.O. Box 611928

San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, must be received by the Board no later than April 2, 2024.

# REQUEST FOR COMMENTARY



<https://www.sca.org/news/membership-fee-increase-effective-february-15-2024/>

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.) is announcing an increase in membership fees and non-member registration fees for events.

This decision comes after careful consideration and extensive discussion among the Board of Directors, office staff, and Corporate officers. The effects of inflation across all sectors of operation, as well as other factors impacting the organization's operational costs, including insurance premiums, legal expenses, and general business expenses, necessitated a comprehensive review of membership rates.

Annual membership fees have not been adjusted in over a dozen years, and non-member registration fees have not increased in over 15 years.

In response to the evolving financial environment, the organization streamlined operations during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and significantly reduced corporate expenditures. The relocation of the office to San Jose, CA resulted in an annual savings of over \$35,000, and upgrades to software and CRM systems have netted a further savings of over \$100,000 annually. While membership numbers have rebounded post-pandemic, operational costs continue to rise.

SCA, Inc. Corporate is solely funded by membership fees, including the Non-Member Registration fee, and does not currently seek operational funds from its Kingdoms or subsidiary organizations, including those overseeing Pennsic and Gulf Wars.

At the January 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved the following changes, effective February 15, 2024:

Raise the Sustaining membership price from \$45 a year to \$55 a year (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Associate membership price from \$30 to \$40 a year. (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Family membership price from \$10 a year to \$15 a year, per person. (This represents an \$0.42 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

No changes to Canadian or International memberships have been announced at this time.

Note: this change will take effect for all renewal transactions processed on or after February 15, 2024. Renewal transactions prior to that date will be processed at the previous rate, regardless of membership expiration date.

The Board also approved the following changes to Non-Member Registration fees, effective April 1, 2024:

- Raise the Non-Member Registration Fee from \$5 to \$10 per event. As always, this only applies whenever there is an actual event fee charged.

Both Sustaining and International Membership allow subscriptions to printed publications, as well as the ability to add Family memberships.

It should be noted that these increases remain less than the cumulative U.S. inflation increase of 36.5% which has occurred since 2011. (Data calculated using the US Inflation Calculator).

SCA, Inc. emphasizes its commitment to transparency and sustaining a vibrant community. These fee adjustments aim to ensure the organization's fiscal health, support ambitious initiatives in 2024 and beyond, and keep the Knowne World thriving and dreaming for years to come.

For more information, please contact John Fulton at [president@sca.org](mailto:president@sca.org).

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

SCA Inc.  
P.O. Box 611928  
San Jose, CA. 95161

You may also email:

[SCA-comments@sca.org](mailto:SCA-comments@sca.org).

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

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