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Welcome! The goal of the Vox Magazine, under my time in this office, is to focus in on what makes Ealdormere special. Last issue was about what to expect when you join Ealdormere. If you have suggestions for topics I am glad to explore them.

This issue is a FAQ for using the Ealdormere Wiki. This is a fantastic resource for showing off your persona, or researching Ealdomerians for gift giving opportunities, like scrolls. I hope it clarifies a few things.

I would like to let you know we have a mailing list to receive the latest issue of the Tidings and Vox Borealis. To join the list on emaildodo email me at ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com. If you want past issues of Tidings, or Vox, please reach out to me.

Joyfully Yours,
Baroness Lucia de Enzians

All About the Ealdormere Wiki

https://wiki.ealdormere.ca/

How It Started and How It Is Going

This incarnation of the Unofficial Ealdormere Wiki opened to the public on May 16, 2016. It was set up by Baroness Catherine Townson and the tireless efforts of The Honourable Lord Dietrich von Sachsen, Lord Fulk Beauxarmes, and The Honourable Lady Gwendolyn of Aldburg, with encouragement/instigation of Sir Baldric, and the generous web hosting and technical help of Brother Guillaume.

Fulk left the team in 2018, and in April of this year the Unofficial Ealdormere Wiki became the Official Ealdormere Wiki and hosting was moved to the kingdom webspace.

The wiki started small, but we’ve been adding to it over the years to make it a helpful kingdom resource. The Ealdormere Wiki currently has 1027 pages, including 165 persona pages. To all of those involved, you have my heartfelt thanks. I couldn’t have done it without you all.

-Cate.
What Can I Find on the Wiki?

The purpose of the wiki is to provide a way for the people of Ealdormere to cooperatively collect and describe our history and culture. This includes information about the people of Ealdormere, the lineage of our peerages, stories about our history, information about awards, images of our heraldry, and even a handy glossary.

**Getting Started**
Need help? Start here. This section contains a number of how to pages for commonly asked questions.

**Activities**
This section contains a list of activities and interests within the kingdom. Within these links you can find handy links, any relevant kingdom guilds, and even a list of people who share this interest.

**Awards**
This section lists all awards in the kingdom and baronies, with details about them. Very useful if you are interested in which award is what and where it is from.

**Branches**
This section contains information about all of the branches within the kingdom, including a list of people who reside there.

**Groups**
This section contains information about all of the groups, guilds, clubs, and households of the kingdom.

**History**
This section contains articles about our history, including the Line of the North.

**Miscellaneous**
This section is for anything that doesn’t fit anywhere else.

**People**
This section is why people usually come to the wiki. A Who’s Who of Ealdormere. Find people by name, interest, location, and more. Each persona page provides a treasure trove of information such as persona details, history, interests, as well as photos and images of their heraldry. For those with privacy concerns, you can request a page lock so that only you and the wiki admins can edit your page.
Policies
This section contains links to various kingdom policies, including the Wiki Content Policy.

SCAism
This section provides details about some of the possibly unfamiliar words or phrases we use in the SCA.

Images
This section is subdivided into different galleries.

How Do I Create a Persona Page for Myself?

First off, you must have a wiki account. You can do this by clicking the link to do so on the front page and filling in the form. Please note, all account requests are manually approved, so there may be a delay between when you send the request and when you get the response.

Once you have your account and are logged in, head to the Getting Started section and click the link for the Persona Page Walkthrough. Everything you need is there.
Who Uses the Wiki?

All sorts of people use the wiki. Here are some examples:

**Scribes**
The scribes of the kingdom often check the wiki’s persona pages to find out more information about someone. Since awards are usually a surprise, having information about a person’s persona, pronouns, heraldry, or even posted scroll style preferences help our artisans craft the perfect award scroll for the recipient.

**Sneaky gift exchange people**
Trillium Exchange participants are also always looking to find out details about a person they have been assigned to customize their gift as much as possible for the person receiving it. Being able to craft something for someone that you know they will love is one of the joys of participating in this activity, and the wiki can help.

**Royalty**
When recommending someone for an award, I will often include a link to that person’s persona page in the recommendation. Not only does this provide Their Majesties or Their Excellencies with more information than can fit in the form, but they can also pass the information along to Their scribes.

**General populace**
For the above reasons, creating a persona page is a great idea. But the wiki is also a great resource for networking in Ealdormere. You can find people in your area, or by interest, or locate a guild or group doing something you want to learn about. You can learn about the history of the kingdom and why some of the things we do are the way they are. As the wiki grows and evolves, so does its possible uses.

How Can I Help?

The wiki is only as up-to-date and accurate as the populace keeps it. Create a persona page for yourself, update your branch information, or add stories to our collected history. Please be aware of the Wiki Content Policy.

**Wiki Content Policy**
All new users are required to request an account. This is a spam-fighting measure and we will try to be as prompt as possible in processing requests. Page-editing privileges are restricted to account-holders.

Users who create new content are encouraged to make sure the information is as accurate as possible; bibliographic references are always appreciated, especially if someone is using your article as a jumping-off point for a research project. All excerpted or quoted sources must be attributed.
We ask users to refrain from hot-linking images from other sites, especially SCA photo sites; We don't want to be bad net-neighbours and cause a drain on their bandwidth. Many of the images on this website are either public-domain or created by wiki contributors; when posting images to the wiki please give credit to the original artist. Materials under copyright must not be uploaded to the wiki.

All interactions on this wiki are expected to conform to the SCA's ideals of chivalry and courtesy: trolling or flaming is not acceptable and will result in an immediate ban for the offender. Deliberately posting inaccurate, inappropriate and insulting or harassing content is not acceptable and will likewise result in an immediate ban for the offender. Violating the content policies may result in a temporary – or permanent – ban from editing the Ealdormere wiki depending on the judgment of the moderators.

If you note something on the wiki that you feel violates the above policies, please contact a moderator (listed below) and we will do our best to correct the issue. This may take a day or two – we have busy lives with many commitments.

Remember: Ealdormere is a small Kingdom and we all have to live with each other; courtesy and good faith will take this wiki a long way.

Please note that all contributions to general Kingdom of Ealdormere Wiki pages may be edited, altered, or removed by other contributors. Persona pages or articles may be locked to prevent editing by other users (excluding the administrator, who will always have access) by requesting a page lock. That being said, please be aware that not everyone is comfortable putting their information on the web. We request that you do not add content to a persona page unless requested to do so by that person.

You are also promising us that you wrote this yourself, or copied it from a public domain or similar free resource.

Do not submit copyrighted work without permission - this includes both text, photographs, and artwork!

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Contact the wiki team at https://wiki.ealdormere.ca/doku.php?id=tutorials:contact_a_manager

I Have an Amazing Idea for the Wiki - How Do I Make It Happen?
A few things we’re required to say...

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