

Skraeling Althing Chronicle

FROM THE QUILL OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES OF SKRAELING ALTHING

Greetings unto the virtuous populace of the Barony of Skraeling Althing from your just Baron Giovanni and prudent Baroness Lucia;

As is tradition, from Our days when Skraeling Althing was within Septentria's borders, We declared taxes for the coming year at 12th Night.

This is Our fifth opportunity to ask of the Barony for the taxes. We began with a request for 'Supplies', then came 'Song', 'Presents' and most recently 'Pilgrimage'. In all of these your generosity provided for Us far beyond what we expected. As a reward, this year we ask of you something we know you all have in abundance and which will be no hardship at all for you to provide to Us.

This year, Our taxes are 'Virtue'.

We request that your virtues be on display both throughout the year and also at this November's Feast of the Hare when the Cantons present their taxes to Us.

There were many lists of virtues known to the people who lived in our period: there were the 4 cardinal virtues listed in Plato's Republic, the seven heavenly virtues derived from the Psychomachia by Aurelius Prudentius, the chivalric virtues of the Knights Code of Chivalry described by the Duke of Burgandy in the 14th century, and many more.

We hope that you will find inspiration among these high ideals.

Please speak with your Seneschal with any plans or visions you have. Or perhaps write an article about a particular virtue that speaks to you for the Chronicle.

in your service,

Baron Giovanni and Baroness Lucia





ON THE VALUE OF A DEPUTY

Unto the fair and generous population of the Barony of Skraeling Althing do I, Lord Nathaniel Jonessone 'the Dane' send greetings.

It has been a quarter full of awe and wonder and personnel turmoil, and I have to say, that it is these times that one realizes that a support network can do wonders. That support network need not be just friends and family, but coworkers and associates that can help get the job done, when you can't. It is for this reason that I have come to appreciate the importance of having a deputy seneschal.

Life can sometimes place us in a position where we have to make a decision between what we want to do and what we need to do. That is when the deputy is invaluable. We as a barony had to fill a rather important position, and the officers meeting had been scheduled and was proceeding when I received word that I needed to be with family. The meeting had to proceed, but real life takes precedence. What to do? Easy, enter Mistress Rozalynd of Thornabee on Tees to help with the situation and take over for me. Crisis averted and problem solved.

I find the deputy officer is more than just a fill in when I am away, they are a great resource to help with the decision making process, and someone who you can bounce ideas off of. In my case, my deputy's knowledge and her experiences within the SCA make her a resource that I could not do the office without.

Deputies are also great for readying someone to take over when you step down, as in the case of my deputy pursuivant in Harrowgate Heath. Magnus of Harrowgate Heath is eager, learning and willing, to discover all the nuances of holding office in the SCA. His questions help me review the processes that we, as officers, sometimes take for granted.

In conclusion, a deputy, be they a new person who is there to take over for you when you step down, or an experienced person who is there to help you in the office, is a great asset in helping with the intricacies of the office.

In Service,
Nathaniel.

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NEWS FROM PRACTICUM

The following Baronial business occurred at Practicum:

- Sword of Vodnikov went to Dame Helen of Greyfells
- Bunny tails were presented to Amycia Harte, Nakahara Masako, and Tristan of Caldriithig
- Order of the Tantony to miss Grainne Fionn
- Maiden's Heart to Lord Galfrid the Tiny

Our Baronial Council decided upon three new members:

- Lady Giana Gabriella di Milano has agreed to take over as the Baronial Chronicler
- Jane Cadwell is our new official Scribe
- Lady Gina Dragoni has stepped down as the Seneshal for the Canton of Harrowgate Heath. Lady Gwendolyn of Aldburg has been elected as Lady Gina's replacement, official switch over TBA.

In your service

Baron Giovanni and Baroness Lucia





NEWS FROM HARROWGATE HEATH

A New Seneshal & Exchequer

We would like to thank Meisterin Siglinde Harfnerstochter for her service as Exchequer. We know she went to great efforts on our behalf. Jane Caldwell will be replacing her.

We would also like to thank Lady Gina Dragonifor her service as Seneschal who also put in great efforts to grow and organize our club. Lady Gwendolyn of Aldburg was elected at our March meeting as the new Seneschal starting April 1st, 2013.

Upcoming events in Harrowgate Heath:

Summer Siege

June 15th and 16th,

New location with camping on Saturday night.

Contact Lady Morag Taylor for more information.

Coronation

September 23rd

Contact Lord Cennedig of Flichesburg for more information or if you wish to volunteer your time and services.

Arts, Sciences, and Combat in

Harrowgate Heath:

Six members of Harrowgate Heath have been authorized in Combat Archery. We tested our newly acquired skills at East Kingdom's Winter War. While our arrows were not overly deadly we did

harry the enemy enough to allow the Northern Army (made up mostly of Ealdormere and Canadian East Kingdom Warriors) to prevail in most battles.

Cennedig of Flichesburg has embarked on a new project. He is currently prototyping combat crossbows. Once he has a working prototype he will begin construction for members of Harrowgate Heath who wish to use their new skills, and toys, at upcoming events. The most recent rendition of his prototype has registered a whopping 660lbs. His goal is to get the finished product up to 700lbs, well within the Combat Rules of Ealdormere.

Harrowgate Heath is privileged to be home to many talented people who are most willing to share their knowledge. We have been having demos, workshops, and lectures, after each Canton meeting this year. The last two meetings included a workshop on Gilding led by Lady Catherine Rose Lamont and a box building demo by John Morin. At this time we have many more such events scheduled for the rest of this year and beyond. Anyone who wishes to attend these classes are more than welcome to do so. Anyone who wishes to volunteer their services as an instructor please contact the Minister of Arts and Sciences moas@harrowgateheath.com with a topic and a preferred time frame.



OTTAWA COMICCON – MAY 10-12, 2013

A missive from our Baronial Chatelaine:

This year, the Barony of Skraeling Althing will be hosting a booth at the Ottawa ComicCon, May 10-12, 2013 at the Ernst & Young Centre. The Barony is paying for the booth and we are hoping to offset the cost with some fundraising. To that end, I am hoping that the Barony can show its generosity by donating items that we will sell at ComicCon. Our focus will be on preparing people for their first SCA event and a selection of items that show off the skills of the Barony (there will also be opportunities to show off your work without donating for sale).

Specific items we are looking for are:

- Fabric (cotton/linen blend or linen)
- Gently used feast gear
- Books (Historical/reference/how to)
- Copies of the Complete Anachronist or Tournaments Illuminated
- Wool (for weaving belts)

As always, colours for yarn and fabric should be those best suited for garb.

We would also be seeking people willing to turn the donated fabric into tunics, coifs and hoods.

I am available via email if anyone wishes to discuss other ways to help the Barony prepare for Ottawa ComicCon.

Yours in Service
Lady Eluned verch Angor
Barony of Skraeling Althing Chatelaine

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THATCHING, OLD WAYS, MODERN DAYS



Lady Lerthan ingen Chormaicc maicc Morgaind's neighbour re-thatching their roof in Cambridgeshire, Molesworth, England photo taken by Lady Lerthan.

Thatching is the craft of building a roof with dry vegetation such as straw, water reed, sedge, rushes, or heather. The vegetation is layered to push the water away from the inner roof.

Thatching is a very old roofing method, used a lot in developing countries that have tropical or temperate climates.

Thatching methods have traditionally been passed down from generation to generation, and numerous descriptions of the materials and methods used in England over the past centuries survive in archives and early publications.

Thatching had begun to fall out of favour, due to the difficulty in insuring it. The perceived fire risk created a negative perception. However, it is making a comeback, becoming a symbol of wealth rather than poverty, due to the renewed interest in preserving historic buildings and using more sustainable building materials.

In a time when we move further and further from traditional to modern construction, it's always a pleasure to see the more traditional methods being used once more.

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thatching>



GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHRONICLER

It is with great pleasure, excitement (and not a little nervousness) that I take on the office of Baronial Chronicler.

Right away I want to thank Eluned and Daffyd for all of the support they've already provided me in just getting the first edition up and running.

I hope that many of you will contribute to our Chronicle with photographs, articles and stories.

Upcoming events:

Are you the host of an upcoming event in our Barony? A copy of the event details would be greatly appreciated for inclusion in the newsletter. A brief description, a link to the website, and contact information are all welcome. The more details the better!

News stories

Did you attend an event recently and have photos to share or a story to tell? I'd be happy to include any tidbits or photos that you can provide of court, your experiences at the event, or humorous stories about goings on.

Arts, Sciences and Combat

Have you been:

- Working on a special project?
- Teaching a new combat technique?
- Encouraging newcomers to join in the fun?
- Do you know someone else who has been doing the same?

Share the tale!

Humour

Do you have:

- A good, or bad!, medieval joke? (Tasteful please!)
- A caricature or comic strip about our society?

Send it in!

Yours in service,
Giana Gabriella di Milano



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OPENING Office of the Baronial Exchequer

It has come to pass that our Baronial Exchequer is stepping down, and thus a position that is essential to the Barony is open. I would like for people who are interested in the position to please email their Seneschals, or myself (skraeling.seneschal@gmail.com) a short write up as to why they feel they would be a good fit for the position. All applications should be in by no later than Break the Back of Winter, April 13th. Any questions please contact me. I would at this time also like to thank Brayla for her service as exchequer. She has done a wonderful job and will be missed.

Lord Nathaniel Jonessone

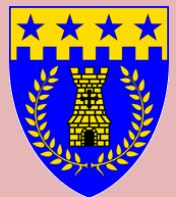
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6, 2013	Forward into the Past , Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog, Waterloo, ON
April 13, 2013	Break the Back of Winter Canton of Greyfells, Kingston, ON Details can be found at https://www.facebook.com/events/169927806492136/?group_id=0
April 20, 2013	Clancy Day of Tournaments , StarLeaf Gate, Pentamere Details can be found at www.midrealm.org/starleafgate/clancyday.html
April 27, 2013	Spring Coronation , Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog, Waterloo, ON http://www.ealdormere.ca/coronation/
May 11, 2013	Lady Mary Memorial Tourney , Barony of Rising Waters Details can be found at http://ladymarymemorial2013.weebly.com
May 17-20, 2013	Fruits Of Our Labours , Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog, Waterloo, ON
May 18, 2013	Spring Crown Tournament , Barony of Ben Dunfirth Details can be found at http://www.ealdormere.ca/crown/index.html
June 1, 2013	Pikeman's Pleasure , Canton of Petrea Thule
June 6-9, 2013	Murder Melee XXX Barony of Ben Dunfirth, Binbrook, ON
June 20-23, 2013	Known World Dance and Music Symposium X Universal Preservation Hall, 25 Washington St., Saratoga Springs, NY Details can be found at: http://kwdms.org
June 27-July 1	Trillium War , Canton of Ardchreag

More details on events can be found at the [Kingdom of Ealdormere Calendar](#)



UPCOMING GATHERINGS IN THE BARONY

Practices and Meetings

Please contact the local group to confirm details for specific scheduled gatherings.

Harrowgate Heath

Canton Meetings

First Sunday of the month

Scribal nights

7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month

Armouring & General A&S

7:30 to 9:30 pm every Monday

Armoured Combat Practice

Thursdays at 7 pm

Archery

Schedule varies month to month

Dance Practice

Schedule varies month to month

Tor Brant

Gatherings vary from month to month.

Please contact the group to confirm the next scheduled activity.

Caldrithig

Armoured Combat Practice

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Rapier Practice

Thursdays at 8 pm

Choir Practice

Sundays at 1:30 pm

Canton Meetings

Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 4 pm

Instrumental Practices

Sundays at 12:00 pm

Greyfells

Canton Meetings

Meetings held from 2:00-6:00 pm every Sunday (often includes A&S and other activities)

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays at 7 pm

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