



The Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing



Greetings unto the populace of Skraeling Althing from your newly invested Baron and Baroness, Shahid and Catherine.

We would like to thank the Barony for all of your support leading up to and during Our investiture. We truly could not have done it without you. We are deeply honoured to sit in the High Seats of Skraeling Althing.

Throughout Our years in the Barony, Our noble predecessors, Their Excellencies Giovanni and Lucia, have constantly inspired us with the joy, service, and dedication they showed during their tenure.

Service is the cornerstone of the SCA. Without it, nothing else that we do would be possible. Many of you have asked how you can help during Our tenure as Baron and Baroness. Knowing full well that We cannot succeed without the continued support and assistance of you, the populace of Skraeling Althing, We have compiled a list of suggestions:

- **Volunteer at an event as an in-waiting gentlewoman or valet.**
This is a great opportunity to get to know people, and to see what happens 'behind the scenes' when serving as entourage.
- **Assist with the maintenance of the Baronial presence.**
There are many items that go into creating a Baronial presence at an event. You can get a feel for what people can have in their own private presences while helping Us at an event. You could help by:
 - o Loading/unloading, set up/take down, or tidying Our presence at events.
 - o Between events, the regalia might need help with the cleaning, repairing or restoring of items.
- **Donate largesse.**
We would ask that all largesse items are tagged with your name and where you are from. Not only does this ensure that we know who to thank, but allows us to better show the work of Our artisans.
- **Join the Baronial Guard.**
It's not only for armoured combatants anymore! The Guard is open to all martial disciplines: rapier, armoured, thrown weapons, and archery. Our hope is that this will become a way for the rest of the kingdom to identify those who are part of the barony, and recognize and honour the skills of Skrael's martial community.

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- **Become an authorized marshal in your chosen martial activity.**
Martial activities are fun to do. Becoming an authorized marshal gives you the ability to help others share in this fun.
- **Help out at events – set up, take down and tidying up, washing dishes, serving feast.**
It takes a lot of people to make an event happen. As they say, many hands make light work.
- **Write in people for awards – for both the Barony and the Kingdom.**
Anyone can recommend anyone else for an award. If you are wondering if someone already has the award, do not be afraid to check the Order of Precedence (<http://wolfium.com/search.php>) or ask the nominee's friends if they know.
- **Volunteer as an officer or deputy.**
Every canton, stronghold, shire, barony and kingdom is made up of many individuals who hold offices to ensure things happen in accordance with the rules. Apply for one. Or volunteer to be a deputy by contacting the officer you wish to understudy. It is a great way to see how the society works.
- **Offer carpool or crash space.**
We all started somewhere. Many of us joined as starving students, washing dishes and minding children in exchange for rides to events or a couch to sleep on. If you have space, offer it up. The bonds we build when far from home help to strengthen relations throughout the Knowne Worlde. Share some of your SCA pride with others and help to maintain the beauty and the joy that the society offers.

As we begin a new chapter in Our adventure, We are reminded of Our beginnings in the SCA. As Baron and Baroness, We look forward to being a part of your journey as well - and encourage you to share that journey with others.



Illustration 1: Baroness Catherine and Baron Shahid smiling

Yours in Service,
Shahid and Catherine
Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing



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Baron and Baronesses of Skraeling Althing



Baroness Xristina Viaceslavibna, Sir Menken Brechen, Baroness Lucia de Enzinas, Baron Giovanni de Enzinas, Mistress Enid Aurelia of the Tin Isles, Master Henry of Linlithgow, Baroness of Skraeling Althing, Baroness Catherine Townson, and Baron of Skraeling Althing, Baron Shahid al-Hasan. Photo by Lord Dafydd ap Alan.



From the Seneshal of Skraeling Althing

Greetings,

I would like to take time to thank Lord Nathaniel for all his hard work at Baronial Seneschal. Unfortunately, due to personal commitments, he has stepped aside.

As his Deputy Seneschal, I have come forward and become Interim Seneschal until the position can be filled.

Also, Shahid al-Hasan has left the position as Armoured Combat Marshal due to his stepping up as our Baron of Skraeling Althing.

In light of these changes, several positions have come available on the Baronial Council: Seneschal, Armoured Combat Marshal and Arts & Sciences.

So, the position of Baronial Seneschal is open for applications. The duties include:

- Holding regular baronial meetings,
- Ensuring bids for Kingdom Events (Crown, Coronation and A&S) are taken care of when our turn in the rotation comes up,
- Domesday report is prepared annually,
- Reporting to Kingdom quarterly,
- And other assorted duties

You will need to be a paid member of the SCA, have access to email, organized, SCA experience (some council type work would be helpful) and willingness to ensure information is shared through all levels of the Kingdom.

Please send your letters of intent to myself and our wonderful new Excellencies. They will be due February 15th, 2014. We will review all applicants and decide at the next Baronial Council meeting at Practicum (February 22, 2014).

In your service

Mistress Rozalynd of Thornabee on Tees

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Message from Baronial Armoured Combat Martial

Greetings to the Barony from your Baronial Armoured Combat Marshal!

Great to see so many new fighters out there from amongst the Cantons authorizing and fighting! Keep up the great work.

This coming year poses to be a busy fighting year. There are many fighting events already scheduled, starting with Tournoi de Couer de Glace.

As a Barony, I (as both Marshal and Baron) would like to have us field a team of 10 fighters for Murder Melee this June. This will be one of our focuses for the coming months, so please plan ahead, carpool as needed to attend. We are hoping to start having Baronial Melee practices in the coming months to strengthen us as a cohesive fighting Baronial unit.

Also, we are in need of Marshals. Easy to become one. Talk to your local Marshal or the Baronial Marshal to get the process started. Much of the Marshal in Training time need not interfere with your own fighting (ie Armour inspections and Combat Marshaling when not fighting). Remember the more people able to pitch in to Marshal, the less time for everyone away from fighting.

On a final note, I will be stepping down as Baronial Marshal in order to focus on my role as Baron of Skraeling Althing. The council is currently accepting applications for a new Armoured Combat Marshal. I will be willing to act as a deputy and help the successful applicant as needed to execute the role.

Lets go Fight!

Baron Shahid al-Hasan

Baronial Armoured Combat Marshal



Illustration 2: Our Baron wants to fight!



Message from the Baronial Minster of Arts & Sciences

Greetings unto the creative Barony of Skraeling Althing.

I would encourage the people of Skraeling Althing to attend our upcoming Baronial events, Practicum and Break the Back of Winter. Practicum is a day of classes in diverse topics, and is an amazing opportunity to learn a new skill or enhance an old one. Break the Back of Winter is well known for its wonderful A&S competitions.

Sadly, I have stepped down as the Minister for Arts & Sciences, and a call for applications has gone out. I would encourage those who are interested in the position to seek me and ask questions. The duties consist of quarterly reports to Kingdom, assisting in A&S activities at events, and encouraging A&S within the Barony. It is a wonderful job, and I have enjoyed my time as A&S Minister greatly.

Yours in Service,
Catherine Townson
Baroness of Skraeling Althing and acting Baronial Minister of Arts & Sciences



Illustration 3: Photo of Baroness Catherine judging A&S photoby Alex Sears

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Letter from Baronial Chatelaine

Greetings to the assembled Skraels.

At Feast of the Hare, I took over the position of Baronial Chatelaine. I would like to thank THL Eluned for all of her efforts to lay the ground work for a shrewd engagement strategy. I hope to continue to build upon her good work, and am counting on every Skrael join in. We hope, that by casting a wide net, we can both, increase our public profile and attract new members, all while having fun in the process.

Looking forward to working with you all in the future.

The Honorable Lady Constance of Caldriithig

Pictures from Feast of the Hare





Letter from Baronial Pursuivant

Unto the populace of Skraeling Althing, greetings,

As your new Baronial Herald I have some good news, the name of our beloved Barony has been corrected. It may seem as a shock to some of you, but the Barony's name was Scraeling Althing for the last few years (since 2006) due to an administration error. Recently Trillium informed me that the situation has been corrected, and better than that, the Barony now has the rights to both spellings of the name, so we are both Scraels and Skraels and can raise our heads high. On a similar line of thought it will be my goal to get the Baronial badges and the badge names passed and verified, and I hope to work with their Excellencies on a populace badge and a new Baronial Tabard. I will miss being Seneschal, I will admit, but I truly look forward to working with the Barony and the populace in researching their names and arms. I can't wait to see the presence we can make.

In Service,
Nathaniel Jonesone, The Dane

Badges for comment

Rendered by Lady Elsbeth Ffarybryn for the Skrael Scribes.



Hare Salient



Black Hare



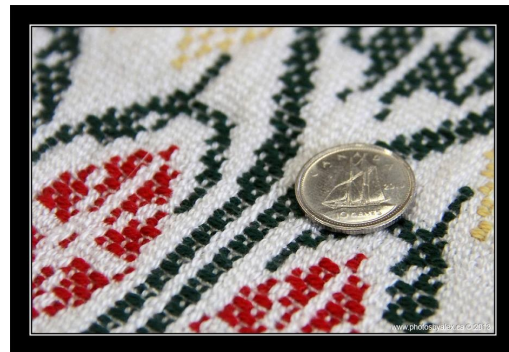
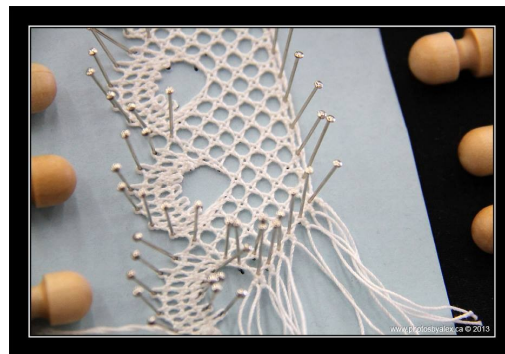
Friend of the Hare



Hare Valiant

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Pictures from Kingdom A&S



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Comics

SJsez...

THE OTHER MORNING I WAS ALL DRESSED UP IN MY VIKING GARB AND HAD TO POP INTO A TIM HORTON'S TO GRAB ME AND MY GIRLFRIEND A COFFEE BEFORE WE HIT THE ROAD. I REALIZED SOMEWHAT BELATEDLY WHAT I MUST LOOK LIKE...



FASTEST COFFEE SERVICE EVER.



Winter Event Flyers

Caldrithig & Area Holiday Party - December 22nd

Not a SCA event.

This will be an in-garb A&S focused potluck dinner party (garb is strongly encouraged).

We welcome in particular dancing, singing, music, and other portable A&S projects.

Time: 3:00pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Temple Israel Synagogue, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa

Potluck Info: Please bring a dish for the potluck. At the request of the site, please respect the basic rules of keeping kosher and do NOT bring dishes that contain: pig (e.g. pork, ham, lard, bacon) or non-fish seafood (e.g. shrimp, crab, mussels, lobster, clams)

Cost: A donation of \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families is requested, this money will go to the site to cover the cost of our rental.

Skraeling Althing 12th Night - January 11th

Come enjoy a day of games, merriment and dancing. Please feel free to wear your silliest garb. We will have a soletie competition, judged by the King and Queen of Misrule, and a dessert revel. The appearances of the Krampus and Black Peter are anticipated.

The site is dry. Lunch Steward is Magdalena of Caldritig.

Contact Autocrats, Jane Greenhill (ladyjanegeenhil@gmail.com) and Marguerite Gingraix (margueritegingraix@gmail.com) if you have questions or want to run a game.

Time: 9:3- am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$10 + \$1 KET. (NMS for non-members) **Children 0-17 FREE**

Lunch is \$5 please reserve with: Judith the Quiet Seeker judy@magma.ca

Location: Beecroft Hall, Rideau Park United Church 2203 Alta Vista Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1H 7L9

Practicum Seeks Teachers

Practicum 2014 is now in the midst of planning our class list, if you are interested in teaching this year we have developed a Registration Page for teachers. <http://www.skraelingalthing.com/caldrithig/practicum/classes.html>



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Baronial Gatherings

Practices and Meetings

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

<u>Caldrithig</u>	<u>Greyfells</u>	<u>Tor Brant</u>	<u>Harrowgate Heath</u>
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 A&S Meetings Monthly. See canton website for dates	Canton Meetings Held at the Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day, monthly Please contact the group to confirm.	A&S meetings in Deep River on the second Sunday of each month, from 2 pm to 4 pm, in the Seniors' Drop-in Centre at the North Renfrew Long Term Care Centre. Please contact the group to confirm.	Canton Meetings First Sunday of the month Scribal nights 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of every month Sewing Nights 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month Armouring & General A&S 7:30 to 9:30 pm every Monday Armoured Combat Practice Thursdays at 7 pm
			

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Send me your content!

The Skraeling Althing Chronicle is the newsletter for the Barony of Skraeling Althing.

Published quarterly, the Chronicle is a source of information about news and activities from across the Barony.

We're always looking for stories and content for upcoming issues of the Chronicle. Ideas for stories could include:

- Historical pieces about people or events from the early days of Skraeling Althing and our groups
- Details on A&S projects you've been working on or research you're doing
- Persona profiles
- Reports from events and demos you've attended
- Artwork (illumination, etc.)
- Photos from events or of SCA activities

The ideal article length is between 200 and 400 words, although for special issues longer articles may also be needed.

Send it all in!

Getting the Chronicle

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You can join our Facebook group - Skraeling Althing Chronicle - to stay in touch and find out when new issues are published.

A limited number of hard copies are also available at events - just ask the [Chronicler](#).

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Baroness Lucia