



The Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing



Greetings unto the salient populace of the Barony of Skraeling Althing from your harnysed¹ Baron Shahid and fulgent² Baroness Catherine.

Taxes for the coming year were announced at Twelfth Night. This year, Our taxes are 'personal heraldic display.'

Nothing enhances the pageantry of Our Current Middle Ages like heraldry. Banners can hide modern walls or enhance encampments. Painted shields identify you to your friends and opponents on the field. Items with your arms tell people who they belong to, and heraldic garments tell people who you are.

We encourage Our populace to consult Our heralds to design unique and suitable heraldry if they have not already done so, and to display it proudly.

In the spirit of this, we have resurrected the 'Hare'aldry tree. We would encourage all members of the Barony to pick up a shield blank from Us, or from your local herald, to display at events you attend.

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

1: Harnysed: clad in armour.

2: Fulgent: with shining rays.

Did You Know?

Anyone may register heraldry. Until they receive an Award of Arms from the Crown, it is called a "heraldic device" instead of a "coat of arms". The two are registered and displayed identically; only the terminology changes when you become armigerous.

~ <http://heraldry.sca.org/wrong.html>



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Baron and Baronesses Photobombed!



Our Baron and Baroness photobombed by The Honorable Lord Tiberius of Warwickshire. Retweeted by the Official feed for the SCA Society. Photographer Lord Daffyd Dafydd ap Alan.



From the Baronial Seneschal

Greetings from your Interim Baronial Seneschal,

As our Baronial lands are locked in the deep colds of Winter, I know the artisans are working hard by the warmth and light of their fires for the Spring Art & Sciences Event coming in March.

Several positions have come available on the Baronial Council: Seneschal, Armoured Combat Marshal, Chronicler and Arts & Sciences Officers.

I would like to share the duties for the Baronial Seneschal position at this time:

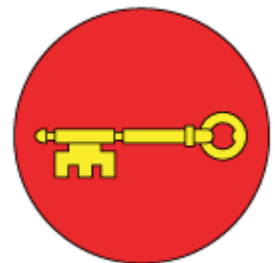
- Holding regular baronial meetings,
- Ensuring bids for Kingdom Events (crown, coronation and A&S) are taken care of when our turn in the rotation comes up,
- Domesday report is prepared annually,
- Reporting to Kingdom quarterly,
- And other assorted duties.

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

Please send your letters of intent to myself and our gloriously new Excellencies. All letters of intent are due February 15th, 2014. We will be accepting more applications until February 15th and reviewing them at the Practicum Baronial Council meeting on February 22, 2014.

On a very important note, Fall Crown Tourney rotation has fallen onto Skraeling Althing lands. Bids for this event are due quickly (read immediately). Please contact me if you are looking for more information on this process.

In your service
Mistress Rozalynd of Thornabee on Tees





Letter from the Baronial Web Minister

Greetings, good Gentles all, from your baronial Web Minister.

I stepped into this position last fall at Feast of the Hare and I have spent the long, quiet winter thinking about what the future for Skraeling Althing's web site should look like. I think it would a good time now that spring will soon be upon our doorstep to do some site cleanup. After all, our web site is our face to the world and it too should be something this barony looks at with pride.

So fellow Skraels, do you have a good idea of what should be on our site? Have a vision for what kinds of content you would like to see? I'd love to hear from you, on details such as colour, look, wording, new pages, and perhaps even structure. We are limited in some areas in what we can do but I am always open to suggestions. If you have some ideas please share them with me at Web.Minister@skraelingalthing.com. Thank you!



Illustration 1: Both deadly and webbly

Speaking of structure, I am seeking a deputy to help me make some changes. I am looking for a candidate with experience specialized in coding (HTML, PHP, etc.) and other web functions to help me implement the ideas that come in. Ideally, the candidate would have the resources and software at home to do the work. Experience with Photoshop or other graphics programs would be an asset. If you would like to volunteer for this assisting position please contact me to discuss.

In Service,
Lady Avelyn Wexcombe of Great Bedwyn



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Visit to Winter Feast in False Isle

In the Kingdom of An Tir across the great land mass from Ealdormere in the Principality of Tir Righ, where the Prince and Princess are currently His Highness Ulfgar and Her Highness Juahara there is a small and wondrous Shire, across from the Shire of Hartwood.

The privilege of being greatly welcomed as guest from afar for their tasty winter potluck supper was an honour I was grateful to receive while away from the lands I've called home for the last ten years.



There was a Christmas carol themed filk competition that was delightfully entertaining. It included participants within a vast age range and with an impressive diversity of personas, interests and experience.

I expressed Greetings on behalf of the Canton of Caldritig and regret at being both too shy and too rusty of recall to share Ealdormerean song with them, though I did reassure them of my likely return when pressed.

To further friendly relations once they conceded that it was possible that Ealdormere was not sending spies, I was given a lovely oval wooden box painted with a mermaid who has two tails in her hands. They host an event named the Stranded Mermaid in July that sounds like a delight should any of you have occasion to journey that way. For my part, I shall continue to recommend visiting the Shire of False Isle.

Yours truly

Lady Aelswitha of Caldritig



False Isle is a Shire in the Principality of Tir Righ, Kingdom of An Tir.



The Quest

The Quest is to fight one hundred belted knights in single combat from across the known world within the turning of one calendar year. After a lengthy discussion with my liege-lord, the venerated Viscount Sir Menken Brechen, it was decided that the quest would be one of arms. Make no mistake; fighting one hundred knights will be no small task. In Ealdormere there are currently only around twenty active knights, this means the bulk of the Chivalry that I fight will have to be from outside of the realm. I hope to accomplish most of this at Pennsic War. In days of yore, quests were undertaken to test ones mettle. I hope to test my body, my spirit and my courage.

My inspiration for this quest are all those who take up arms for the very first time. I have a particular fondness for the newbies in our game. They stand in the lists, in front of folk whose opinions mean the world to them, and risk pride and body for nothing more than the honour of combat. Their courage has inspired me, and for them I will fight.

I remain, in service to the realm,

Lord James Edgarson





Letter from Caldrethig's Seneschal

Greetings

As you may know, my term for seneschal is up. I took on this job in late January 2012, shadowed Lord Michael, and then officially stepped up at Practicum that year. I **need** to step down by Break the Back of Winter. I have another job to do and I must bow out by then.

Please send you applications to caldrethigseneschal@gmail.com

As many of you know that the Canton business meetings are now a new locations.

Upcoming:

- * Thursday, February, 6, 8-8:30: Jack Purcell Centre, first 30 minutes of rapier practice
- * Sunday, February, 23, 4-5:30: Galfrid Thynne's in house A&S and Games Day
- * March 9, 4-5:30: A&S Day at TE Catherine's and Shahid's home

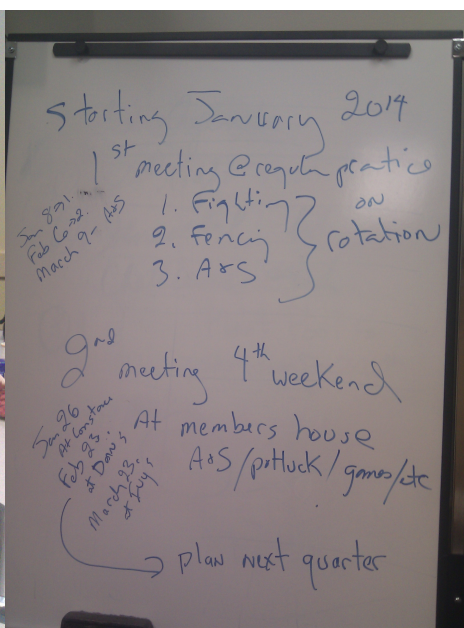
Later dates to be discussed.

In your service

Lady Marguerite



Pictures from last meeting at Plant Bath





Letter from Greyfell's Seneschal

Greetings unto the Populace of the Barony of Skraeling Althing from the Canton of Greyfells!

Although nestled under our winter blanket of snow, the gentles of Greyfells have been diligently working to make ready for the year ahead.

The Canton has been preparing for Break the Back of Winter, taking place on March 15th at the Seeley's Bay Community Fire Hall, and scheming as to how we can surpass last year's 'A Day of Firsts' and THL Edhan's feast of subtleties. As the event is being held on the auspicious Ides of March we have decided on a Roman theme. We are organizing various Roman activities such as gladiatorial matches and challenges for the fighters, chariot races for the kids, the creation of a mosaic, various competitions, a sumptuous feast, and much more. Her Excellency Catherine is hosting the Dirty Dozen Donation Derby, and the Canton is hosting a Blind A&S Competition as well. We are also looking for teachers to present classes. If you are interested in teaching please email Pesha at nbgypsycat@gmail.com. Join us as we follow Caesar, cheer on your favourite gladiator, see if you can win a seat on the Senate, and, if the auguries are correct, perhaps an Egyptian queen will roll in for a visit!

We will be submitting our local Fight Practice and A&S Days dates for 2014 to CFB Kingston soon and look forward to announcing those dates in the near future. We look forward to seeing our fighters enjoying their sport and our artisans sharing their skills. We always welcome submissions from any gentle who would like to teach a class or give a talk (either on some aspect of A&S or fighting). Please contact either Xristinia or Pesha to schedule a date.

In Service,
Lady Pesha the Gypsy
Seneschal, Canton of Greyfells



**Picture from
Greyfells Fight Practice:**





Letter from Tor Brant's Seneschal

Greetings!

The stronghold has been hosting bi-weekly A&S meetings at the Petawawa Public Library, 16 Civic Centre, Petawawa, organized by one of our new ladies, Kate. Contact group for next meeting date.

Business meetings take place the 2nd Sunday of every month at the North Renfrew Long-Term Care facility, 27 Ridge Rd, Deep River. Meetings are from 2-4 pm.

We are planing a new archery themed event called 'Feast of Beasts' which we are excited about. Details to follow about this new fall event.

In your service,

Lady Brennait Bellfluer



Picture from Tor Brant's Candidates Meeting





Letter from Harrowgate Heath's Seneshal

Greetings from Harrowgate Heath!

Harrowgate Heath is pleased to announce two recent officer changes. Magnus Strykwind is now our Canon Pursuivant. Having served as deputy to Lord Nathaniel Jonesone, and then as interim Pursuivant when Lord Nathaniel stepped into the Baronial Herald position we are confident that he will excel in this role. Christine of Cornwall has stepped up as Canton Chatelaine, replacing Lord Sean Campbell. We are grateful for Lord Sean's years of service, and we look forward to the energy the Christine is already bringing to her new job. On the Canton

After weathering a difficult six months, the members of Harrowgate Heath are glad to be focusing on a new year. The winter is being spent working on projects and fixing armor in preparation for the busyness of Summer.

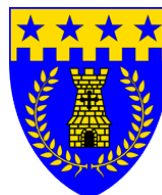
Although armored combat practice has had a small turnout as of late, we have one new fighter who joined in January. The small practices have allowed for some more focused evenings with fighters working on things such as combat archery and longsword. We have also had some of our members attending the Caldritigh fencing practice on a regular basis and are looking forward to one day having an active group of fencers to complement our armored combatants.

One way we have been encouraging Arts and Sciences in our Canton is by holding a Canton A&S competition at the December meeting. The theme was "Something you have never made before", and we had a large turn-out from Canton members. First place went to Lord Michel du Maine who made a 15th century Gems Horn. Members have been working on a wide array of projects on their own, and at regular Scribal and Sewing nights.

In your Service

Lady Lady Gwendolyn of Aldburg

Pictures from Canton Meeting/Christmas Party
by Lady Bridget of Cornwall.



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Comics by SJ Sez





Baronial Event Flyers

Practicum Seeks Teachers

Please join us in the Canton of Caldriþing for a day of classes, merriment, and friends. Medieval garb is not required for the classes, however, and an attempt at pre-seventeenth century clothing is required for the evening festivities.

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/caldriþing/practicum/classes.html>
Classes TBA Early February.

Date: February 22, 2014

Location: Rideau Park United Church, 2203 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 7L

Break the Back of Winter

Roman Theme!

Small feast, Blind A&S tournament, Dirty Dozen Donation Derby, fighting and fencing!

Date: March 15th, 2014

Location: Seeley's Bay Fire Hall, Kingston Ontario

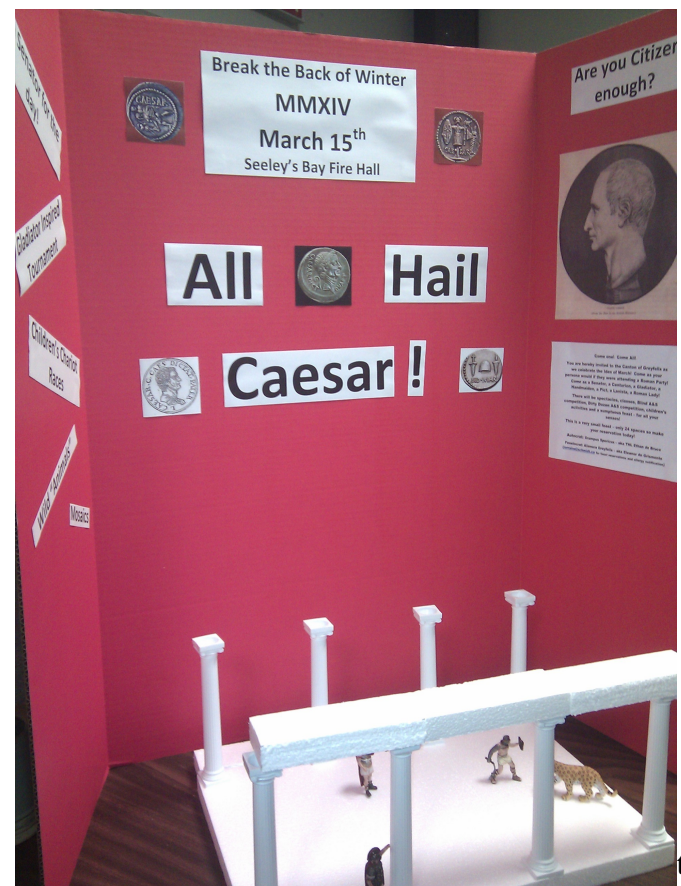
Summer Siege

June 21st-22nd

Theme: The Celebration after the Siege

Autocrat: Lady Kaðlín of Harrowgate Heath

We are at the same site we were last year, and once again there is camping Saturday night. The Baronial Fencing Championship Tourney and the Baronial Archery Championship will both be held at the Siege year.



New this fall: **'Feast of the Beasts'** archery event in **Tor Brant**. Details **TBA!**



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Local Meetings and Practices

Caldrithig	Greyfells	Tor Brant	Harrowgate Heath
<p>Armoured Combat Practice Wednesdays at 7 pm</p> <p>Rapier Practice Thursdays at 8 pm</p> <p>Canton Meetings February, 6, 8-8:30: Jack Purcell Centre February, 23, 4-5:30: Galfrid Thynne's March 9, 4-5:30: A&S Day at TE Catherine's and Shahid's home</p> <p>A&S Meetings Feb 1 & March 6</p> <p>Please contact the group to confirm.</p> 	<p>Canton Meetings Tues Feb 4 at 7pm. For future meetings please contact Pasha the Gypsy at nbgypsyat@gmail.com</p> 	<p>A&S meetings at Petawawa Public Library, bi-weekly</p> <p>Business 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.</p> <p>Please contact the group to confirm.</p> 	<p>Canton Meetings Second Sunday of the month</p> <p>Scribal nights 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of every month</p> <p>Sewing Nights 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month</p> <p>Armouring & General A&S 7:30 to 9:30 pm every Monday</p> <p>Armoured Combat Practice Thursdays at 7 pm</p> <p>Please contact the group to confirm.</p> 

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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!

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In your service
Baroness Lucia de Enzinas

