

The Skraeling Althing Chronicle

From the Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing

Greetings to the Barony of Skraeling Althing from Their Excellencies, Baron Shahid and Baroness Catherine,



Winter is here upon us. It is a time when there are few events to attend and weather can make travel difficult. It is a time when we often focus on the home hearth and reflect upon our firsts in life and the SCA. This could be your first event, first time in armour, first dance, first time you truly felt you had made the journey to the past.

We would encourage everyone to think about what new things they would like to do and learn in the coming year. Perhaps you want to learn a new art? Teach a new class? One will often find that activities within the SCA are complimentary and ultimately, enhance the overall medieval experience. Why not bring in a newcomer and show them around; introduce them to what the SCA has to offer? There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the wonder in a newcomer's eyes.

We wish you all a great season, happy holidays, and may you find a new activity that enhances the society and rekindles the spark within you.

In Service,
Baron Shahid and Baroness Catherine



The joy and celebration of the season!

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Getting the Chronicle

So how do I get the Chronicle? Here are some ways to accomplish that, depending on your own styles.

There will be a PDF posted on the Baronial web page, ranging as far back as the May 2010 issue. Any member who wishes can subscribe to receive an e-mail when the latest issue of the Chronicle becomes available.

In order to do so, please send an email to the Chronicler. As well consider joining the Skraeling Althing Facebook group (Skraeling Althing Chronicle).

That will let you stay in touch and find out when the new issues are published.

If you require a hard copy - just ask the Chronicler.

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A proud moment for Skraeling Althing!

We are proud to announce that His Excellency Baron Giovanni d'Enzinas has been selected by His Royal Majesty to become Ealdormere's Premier Master of Order of Defense. The Order of Defense is a new peerage order of chivalry specifically for those who fight with rapier rather than the heavy weapons of the Knighthood. This exciting development opens so many new opportunities for both those who fight with rapier and watch these duels.

The Elevation is to take place at Practicum in Skraeling Althing on February 20, 2016 in court. His Excellency will be placed on Vigil during morning court and will be available for advice and supportive comments for the duration of the event. Please come to ensure that you are a part of this once in a lifetime event - oh, and the classes will be very worthwhile, too.

Lady Widow Kate



Announcement Bunny!

Events

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

More details on Kingdom events can be found on the Kingdom of Ealdormere web page at <http://www.ealdormere.ca/>

Around the Kingdom:

12th Night: Saturday January 16th. Hosted by: the Canton of Hardcraeg. The event will take place at the Tyrone Community Center, 2716 Concession Road 7, Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. L1C 3K6.

Step Spritely: held Saturday, February 27th, 2016. Event to be hosted by the Canton of Monadh. Held at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 6945 Meadowvale Town Center Ci, Mississauga, ON L5N 2W7.

Winter War: Saturday, March 5th, 2016. Hosted by the Shire of Trinovantia Nova. The site is Wilfrid Jury Public School, 950 Lawson Road, London, ON N6G 3M2. By royal request of Their Majesties Quilliam and Domnhail is to be the English vs. the French during the Tudor Period.

From Our Barony:

Tournoi du Coeur des Glaces (Hosted by the Shire of Bastille du Lac). January 30th Trenton Ontario. "The Shire of Bastille du Lac would like to invite all Armoured and Rapier combatants to compete in the first tournament of the year!" The Event will take place at the Trenton Knights of Clumbus Hall 57 Stella Crescent Trenton, ON K8V 1W6. Excellent directions are available on the Skraeling Althing web page events calendar. According to the posting on the web site, the day shall start with a procession of fighters and consorts. If you do not have a consort, you are encouraged to feel free to fight for your King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Baron, Baroness, Family, or Friends. The tournament is planned to alternate between Armoured and Rapier Combat. A shield tree shall be used to track the tournament. There will be a limitation on the use of great weapons due to ceiling height at the site. Prizes will be provided to the First, Second, and Third place competitors for both the Armoured, and Rapier tournaments. There will be a feast for 40 by The Lady Jehanne de Bretagne (Annie Malouin).

Practicum: a day of A&S classes and learning. February 20th, Ottawa Ontario. Hosted by the Canton of Caldrithig. The event is located at the Rideau Park United Church, 2203 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. K1H 7L9. All are invited to join the Canton of Caldrithig for "a day of classes, merriment, and friends." All should be reminded that Medieval garb will not be required for the classes. As well, an attempt at pre-seventeenth century clothing will be required for evening festivities. All are asked to bring indoor shoes. This year the Practicum will also Vigil of His Excellency Giovanni de Enzinas, said Vigil being the first of its kind throughout the Known World of the SCA.

Break the Back of Winter: Saturday, March 12th, 2016. Hosted by the Canton of Greyfell.

Skraeling Althing Baronial A&S Championship Tourney. Date: Saturday, March 19th, 2016. Further details including site location to be announced later. This Event will be the very first Skraeling Althing Baronial A&S Tourney!

Baronial Gatherings

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

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

Archery

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

Held at the Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day, monthly on the following dates: September 15th, October 13th, and November 10th, 2013.

Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day

Sunday 2:00-6:00pm

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays at 7 pm

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Friends, Skraels, Gentles: Send me your content!

The next edition of the Chronicle will be published and released to the worthies of our Barony in the early part of March 2016. As always I would be honoured to accept submissions to be published within these pages. Please, send me your tales of daring, your reminiscences, your songs and your poems. Send me your upcoming events, or the lessons that living in this glorious era has taught you. If you have a new project you have been very proud of, share that as well. Send me your tales of the Society. I would only ask that you make such tales brief (perhaps 200 words) so as to help your often long winded Chronicler keep the issue of a comfortable size.

Yours in Service

Consaidin Breathnach

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