



From the Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing

Unto the knowledgeable populace of Skraeling Althing do Baron Shahid and Baroness Catherine send greetings.

Though the snows still rage, the light is returning – hinting at the promise of Spring. It is at this time that We announce Our taxes for the coming year, to be presented to Us at Feast of the Hare in November.

Rather than leave things until the fall, We prefer taxes that can be done throughout the year.

We are, at heart, an educational organization – and one of the most amazing aspects of the SCA is the amount of knowledge that is freely shared.

The theme for this year's taxes is 'Teaching and Learning'. We request that all members of Our populace both teach a skill they know, and learn a new one.

In Service,
Shahid and Catherine.





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From the Seneschal

Greetings, gentle populace.

Inspired by the great creativity and skill shown by my fellow Scadians at Break the Belt of Winter and Kingdom Arts and Sciences, I have turned my thoughts to the Baronial taxes this year.

Last year I found it easy to present what is due their Excellencies; acquiring knowledge and serving my fellows is dear to my heart. This year, my challenge is to find what I can share. I have some small skill in many areas, however, I see around me great skill in all these areas and am humbled.

Is my meager offering worth the time of those I hold dear? Shall I share what I know, or will I research and share my journey? Do I stay with my familiar interests, or strike out in a new direction? These questions trouble my heart, and I shall seek the answers with the help of my friends.

In the next edition of the Chronicle, I will share the path this seeking has set my feet upon.

Yours in service,

Lady Sorcha of Kilmongan.



From the Chatelaine

Greetings to the Barony:

I've been asked by our Baronial Seneschal to write this little blurb to inspire some folks to run an event. We've got three events for which we are seeking bids.

I'll start with Border Spat. Border Spat is a friendly contest between Skraeling Althing and the Barony of L'ile Dragon Dormant. The loser gets Hull! In the past it has been a marshal focused event, but an A&S component can certainly be added. The last time it was in Skrael, it was hosted by Harrowgate Heath. It was a Royal Progress event and everyone had a great time on a beautiful day, ordered especially for the event. This event is "hosted" by the Barony. That means that, more than any other, this event can and should draw staff from all the cantons. There are no constraints on location. And the money raised goes to the Barony to cover our expenses, such as Regalia and Outreach. This bid would not have to be vetted by a Canton council, and can go right to the Baronial Seneschal. Some time this fall is suggested for the date, but this is flexible given the need to coordinate the calendars of Ealdormere, the East, and Aethelmaerc.

12th Night is typically held in early January. This is a Canton hosted event, and traditionally has been hosted by all the different Cantons each in turn. The Barony has not seen a 12th Night celebration in a couple of years, leading to the full rotation order becoming long since lost. I know that January seems a long way off, what with us finally getting some temperatures in the +s, but if this is going to fly, it needs to be on someone's radar before December 19th. This is a super chill event, with silly games and silly Court: perfect for a first time autocrat.

A bigger fish is Spring Coronation. Spring Coronation, 2017. The traditional weekend for this event would be April 22, 2017. This means, by Kingdom Law, that the bid has to be to Privy Council in July of this year. Before it gets sent to Privy council, it must be approved by our own Baron and Baroness. Which means it should be in their hands at the beginning of June. And before it goes to them, it must be approved by a Canton Council. Think May. It's March now. Kingdom events are amazing opportunities to see and been seen. To earn beaucoup bucks for your Canton - Privy Council requires a \$500 profit share for Kingdom, and traditionally the profits are shared 50-50 between Kingdom and the hosting group, meaning \$500 for your Canton. If anyone is curious, or even interested, I am happy to answer any questions on these events in particular, running events in general, Kingdom Bids, bid tips, guidance on the process - you name it!

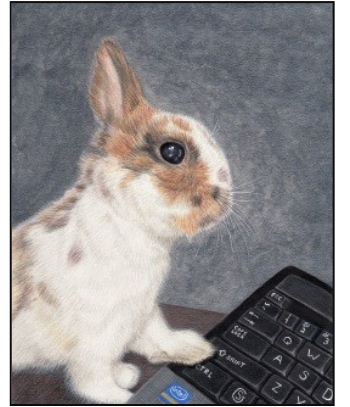
In Service
TH Lady Constance Payne

From the Web Minister

Barony seeks new Web Minister

Greetings Gentles of Skraeling Althing,

My term as the Baronial Web Minister is complete and I am seeking an immediate replacement to join the Baronial Council in this position. Could you be the ideal volunteer for this office? If you are interested in filling this role please contact me to apply. Some recent web development experience is a strong asset. Candidates comfortable with both coding and content writing are cheerfully welcomed! The term for this office is typically two years.



As Baronial Web Minister you will be responsible for:

- Care and feeding of the [Skraeling Althing website](#) to keep it current.

- Fulfilling requests from Council and citizens for web updates, new content posts, etc.

- Providing guidance and support to the canton-level web ministers.

- Ensuring all corporate websites in the barony comply with the [Society's requirements](#)

- Gathering reports from the canton web ministers and forwarding them with your own online report periodically to the Kingdom Web Minister.

- Monitoring the use of the barony's other web accounts (Yahoo group lists/email, Facebook accounts, etc.) and acting as Administrator.

- Attending all Baronial Council meetings and participating in votes and decision making.

The incoming Web Minister will also have the task of assisting the barony with renewing its URL registrations, server provider arrangements, and a potential redesign of the site's look and structure. If you have ideas to improve our site this could be your chance to implement. If you think this position sounds like a great way to serve the barony, you're right!

Please apply today! Applicants should email their letter of interest and include any web experience they have to Web.Minister@SkraelingAlthing.com, attention THL Avelyn. "SCA resumes" also encouraged. Applications will be accepted until April 3. I can be reached for questions at (613) 841-1958.

Yours in service,
THL Avelyn Wexcombe

Report From the Kingdom Arts and Sciences event

This years Kingdom A&S event was a wonder to behold. So many fine and magnificent works were presented, honouring the talents of the artisans whose work was displayed and the society that gives them such a venue to be displayed.

In addition to the judging and artistic reveries, we were privileged to a display of many relics of our societies past. I felt honoured to have seen such artifacts of our storied past, ranging from the words of the event that marked the birth of Ealdormere, to a magnificent shield used in battle at the earliest Pennsic Wars!

Here, courtesy of the artistry of our Minister of Arts and Sciences Lord Dafydd ap Alan are some photographs capturing just a hint of this majestic day.

YiS, Lord Constantin Breathnach



Events

For all events and gatherings, please contact the local group to confirm specific information.

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

Around the Kingdom:

Forward into the Past: held Saturday April 2nd, 2016. A demo presented by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog.

Spring Coronation: Saturday April 23rd. Located in the Incipient Canton of Northgeatham. Come one, come all to witness the Coronation of Nigel and Adrielle. The days celebrations will include armoured combat, rapier, thrown weapons and archery.

Lady Mary Tournament: Saturday, May 7th. Presented by the Barony of Rising Waters.

Fruits of our Labour: Friday May 20th– Monday May 23rd. Hosted by the Canton of Bryniau Tywynnog.

Spring Crown Tournament: Saturday May 28th. Hosted by the Shire of Bastille Du Lac.

Pikeman's Pleasure: Saturday, June 4th. Details TBD.

Murder Melee XXXIII: Thursday June 9th– Sunday June 12th. Hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth.

SCA Fiftieth Anniversary: Friday, June 17th– Monday June 27th. The Society celebrates its Golden Jubilee. For full details: see the event web site: <http://www.sca50year.org/>

Trillium War: Wednesday, June 29th– Sunday, July 3rd. Further details TBA.

From our Barony:

Currently the Barony is enjoying a brief rest, but will be celebrating the many Kingdom events that we are blessed with this busy season.

Baronial 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

Currently the Tor Brant combat practices will take place in 3 RCR building on base. Please contact the local group for more information. Armoured combat practices will take place every other week. Rapier practice will continue to be held every week.

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: March 29th, April 26th; May 24th; and June 21st, 2016.

Canton Fight Practice and A&S Day

Sunday 2:00-6:00pm

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays at 7 pm



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The Chronicle will be published and released to the worthies of our Barony quarterly. Please send your submissions by May 30, 2016. As always I would be honoured to publish your words, art and pictures 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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