

The Skraeling Althing Chronicle

From the Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing

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

Volunteering is the heart of our Society. All of our activities, from the events and feasts, to the local fighter practices, business meetings, and workshops and classes, are all run by volunteers. Every job, from sitting the High Seats to taking notes at council meetings, is done entirely by volunteers.

Service is one of the best ways to get involved in the Society, and a great way to get to know the people around you. Everybody has something they can contribute. After all, many hands make light work.

There are many ways to serve the Barony. Here are a some of them:

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. It is a great way to see how the society works. Apply for one, or if you are interested in an office but aren't ready to take it on, why not volunteer to be a deputy? Most would be thrilled to have the help, and it's a fantastic way to learn the job. It is a great way to see how the society works.

Volunteer at an event

Help out at events – set up, take down and tidying up, washing dishes, serving feast, sitting gate, entourage, and more. It takes a lot of people to make an event happen.

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.

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 Known Worlde. Share some of your SCA pride with others and help to maintain the beauty and the joy that the society offers.

In Service,
Shahid and Catherine.





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To receive the Chronicle:

There will be a PDF posted on the Baronial web page, www.skraelingalthing.com, 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).

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Oyez! Oyez! Oyez....

For this edition, several important messages have reached my desk: each penned by a different member of our society. All three have my gratitude for bringing these matters to my attention. Here, as submitted, are their words.

From Her Excellency Baroness Catherine Townson:

I am seeking a contingency (drop dead) deputy for the position of baronial webminister.

The job consists of:

- being a paid member in good standing for the duration of your time as contingency deputy webminister.
- being listed on the kingdom warrant list
- stepping in to maintain the website if I become unable to do so (due to illness, serious injury, or other such contingency), until the time a suitable replacement can be found.

So, basically, I'm looking for someone who meets the requirements of holding a baronial office, with enough technical knowledge to muddle through if something happens to me until a new webminister can be found.

Applications will be happily accepted until Friday, July 15. Email them to web.minister@skraelingalthing.com.

From The Honourable Lady Constance Payne:

Job Title: Baronial Chatelaine

Proposed Step Up Date: Hare 2016.

The job responsibilities are as follows:

1. Facilitate new folks' entrance into the SCA. Direct them to local chatelaines, resources, events, gatherings/practices, etc.
2. Seek out opportunities for outreach (Conventions, festivals, etc), and coordinate with the organizers of said events to ensure our participation.
3. Solicit volunteers to work the various outreach events (aka demos).
4. Prepare promotional materials for distribution to the public (at demos, practices, etc).

Please send your application to skraeling.chatelaine@gmail.com

From the Lady Song Zidie

Greetings dear Skraels! I come bearing some news, and some requests.

Firstly, currently only Harrowgate Heath has an active canton Pursuivant. While it is not required for cantons to have local heralds, it's very helpful to the local members who may prefer to work with a herald in person, and in many ways having a local herald can encourage a group to be more enthusiastic about heraldry, and to help bring pageantry to the group. The term of office is generally two years. If you are interested in being a canton Pursuivant, please apply to your seneschal. As a canton Pursuivant, your duties would be to:

help the canton and its populace further their heraldic interests

report the heraldic activities of the canton to the baronial Pursuivant once a quarter

A canton Pursuivant must:

be a current paid member of the SCA and hold a membership throughout their term of office

be 15 years of age or older (minors must obtain written permission from their parent or legal guardian)

Please do contact me at herald@skraelingalthing.com if you have any questions, and I hope to see heralds old and new take an interest in these roles.

Secondly, some happy news.

Some of you know of the difficulty the barony has had in the last 10 years since Laurel Sovereign of Arms issued an erratum returning the barony's name from the commonly used "Barony of Skraeling Althing" to the very first reference of the barony in 1979, "Barony of the Scraeling Althing". It has been a confusing process to try to figure out what happened, because we don't have any paperwork from back then, but everyone both in kingdom and on the Laurel staff has been extremely helpful and understanding. Mistress Cainer, as Trillium Principal Herald, and my predecessor, Lord Nathaniel, had made great strides to try to get it resolved.

Laurel staff has expressed that they're happy to issue an erratum officially correcting our registered name to "Barony of Skraeling Althing", as everyone had known it for many years. Since we wish to avoid this kind of situation in the future, we have only one last step to make sure that all possible paperwork to support this erratum is properly obtained and filed. To achieve this, we need to poll the populace to show evidence that "Barony of Skraeling Althing" is the name the people want, and a petition of signatures by members to seal the deal.

Any person of the populace who holds a current Sustaining, International, Associate, or Family membership in the SCA may sign the petition and participate in the poll. Non-members may participate in the poll as your response would be valuable to help get a pulse of the populace, but these votes will not have an effect on the poll results.

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To respond to the poll, please visit <http://www.skraelingalthing.com/namepoll>. Please do not vote more than once per person! If you wish to change your answer, you will be presented with an Edit link after a response is submitted. If you have any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact me for help.

The petition will be available at Trillium War for folks to sign. I will also distribute petition sheets to canton seneschals to bring around to local meetings and practices. Please endeavour to make it out to one of these to help sign the petition! I hope to close this off in the next 30 days to send it up as quickly as possible.

As always,

Yours in Service,
Song Zidie

From the Seneschal's Pen

Dear Gentles all,

As promised in the last edition of this fine publication, I have consulted far and wide regarding the matter of payment of Baronial Taxes. Their Excellencies have set us the task of both learning and teaching as a tax which will leave both the Barony and ourselves enriched.

My conundrum lay in the payment. Do I teach a thing I know, or learn a new skill to share? The consensus was that teaching a class, lecture style, requires an expertise which allows one to correct error, whether in fact or technical skill (e.g. ship types of the Spanish Armada (fact) or Naal-binding (technical skill)).

A class which is an exploration can be led by a facilitator, a guide on a journey which, novice or expert, we all take. I have therefore chosen the latter style, and am teaching/ facilitating a class on the journey of a group of eager Scadians of various levels of expertise. The voyage of discovery led by Countess Arlette of the Rosaki, was both exciting and daunting, and I look forward to sharing with you all at the Trillium War in July.

In service,
Lady Sorcha of Kilmongan.

A Message from the Webminister:

Unto the savvy populace of Skraeling Althing does Baroness Catherine send greetings. As you may know, I have been accepted as the new Baronial Webminister. I would like to take this moment to thank The Honourable Lady Avelyn Wexcombe of Great Bedwyn for her hard work and service over the past two years. Your hard work behind the scenes has kept everything running smoothly. Thank you for all that you have done.

And now, a request to you, the people. As the baronial website is meant to serve the people of the Barony, I'd very much like to hear your ideas and comments relating to it. Is there something on there you really love? Something you would like to see? Something that could be worded better? With new blood comes change, and my hope is to update and modernize our current digital home. With that in mind, I would very much like to hear your opinion. Please email comments to web.minister@skraelingalthing.com.

In Service,
Catherine.

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:

The SCA is seldom a quiet or passive place as a glance at the upcoming events calendar will ably prove. Behold a brief summary of events yet to pass (as of the time of this writing) from around the Kingdom of Ealdormere. For any omissions I extend regrets; one learns by doing....

Trillium War: will be conducted between June 29th and July 3rd of 2016. The Canton of Ard Chreag will be host to this event. The location is at 3421 Concession Road, Orono Ontario. Please consult the event website here for more details.

Barons Brouhaha: July 15- 17 2016. The Incipient Canton of Northgeatham presents the event, which is sponsored by the Barony of Ramshaven. Full directions to the event can be found on the Skraeling Althing Website events page. This event offers a weekend of camping, A&S events and Marshallled combat activities. This is third annual Baron's Brouhaha. Saturday night will feature a pot- luck feast for all who wish to take part. Both nights will feature Bardic circles. This event will host the Settlers of the Ram game. Prizes for that event will be awarded on Saturday after the feast. Dry spaces for inclement weather will be provided, as will fire pits and wood.

July 29th to August 12th: Pennsic War 45. For more details see the Event Calendar notations.

August 26th- 28th: Summer Siege. Location for the Siege is Maple Ridge Center at 12820 County Road 43, Chesterville, ON. For more details on directions and prices please see the Event Calendar on the Skraeling Althing website. Archery, Thrown Weapons, Heavy Fighting and Fencing events will be featured.

September 1st – 5th: Baron's Howe. Hosted by the Northern Shire. For details see Skraeling Althing Event page.

September 10th 2016: Feast of the Bear: presented by the Canton of Eoforwic. Located at St. Simon the Apostle, 525 Bloor Street Toronto. More details TBA.

September 17th: Fall Coronation. Hosted by the Barony of Rising Waters. Location: New Hope Church, 2360 First Louth; St. Catherines, ON.

October 22nd 2016: Fall Crown Tournament: Hosted by the Barony of Ben Dunfirth. Location: Rockton Fairgrounds, 812 Old Highway 8, Rockton ON. For more details: <http://greyscalestudios.com/fallcrowntournament.html>

From Our Barony:

The following events are yet to come here at home in the Barony of Skraeling Althing. Wassail the Barony!

July 2nd: Baronial Council Meeting to be held at the Skrael encampment at Trillium War, Saturday morning at 9am. All welcome.

July 8th- 10th: Osgoode Medieval Festival. This is one of our Demo opportunities, and a critical part of the Baronies year. Need I point out it is a lot of fun, as well? All those who are interested in participating are asked to contact the Chatelaine: THL Constance Payne.

November 5th 2016: Feast of the Hare: more information to come later.

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

Gatherings vary from month to month.

Please contact the group to confirm

Caldrithig

Armoured Combat Practice

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Rapier Practice

Thursdays at 8 pm

Choir Practice

Sundays at 2 pm– 4 PM (on hiatus for the camping season; will resume in September).

Canton Meetings

Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 4 pm

Instrumental Practices

Sundays at 12 pm– 2 pm (on Hiatus for camping season; will return in September.)

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

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Request for Content Submission

As many will know, the Skraeling Althing Chronicle is the newsletter for the Barony of Skraeling Althing. This fine and noble periodical is to be published quarterly. In part, this Chronicle is a repository of information about upcoming events, activities and tales of interest: in short, of the news and activities from across our Barony. With only the facts of our fine events and noble challenges, however, the chronicle will become rather dry reading. I believe that the Chronicle is ennobled by personal contributions. And that is where you come in...

I remain as eager for submissions of all kinds: tales or stories; recipes; whatever creative contributions reflect your passion for this amazing game we've all agreed upon. I invite you: to bring to the pages of the chronicle your lessons, your wisdom; the tale of your discoveries of the SCA. Here are a few notions of what we'd be looking for in the days to come:

*Histories: I am still a talented amateur exploring the shores of the Known world. There are so many great deeds I didn't witness; so many inspiring tales of courage, largesse and skill that I've yet to hear. Tell me more about the people, events or even the great land wars that shaped the Barony and even the Kingdom we know and love today. Help me learn more, and I'll share what you send.

*A&S Projects: do you have a project you've been all about lately: something you've worked hard on? Let us know some of the details. Have you just cleared a set back that was holding you back from making the next dream project a reality? Share the triumph and we'll share it on the page...

*Persona: who are you "really?" Many of us have so much more to our persona than a name, a date and a lovely set of fine clothes. So introduce yourself to the kingdom. Tell us the tale of how your persona reached these shores. You're done the research, you've written a history. So please consider sharing it with us.

*Events, demo's, battles and other successes: there are so many amazing events that we share, but no two are ever alike. And sometimes we can't all see everything. So if you had a great time at an event, if you were at a demo and have a clear memory of what happened, do let us know. Share your adventures.

*Artwork: with so many of our fine citizens blazing such trails in their arts, it would be hard to imagine that there are no lovely pieces waiting to be shared. Do you have a scroll that you made as a labour of love?

An original bit of art? Send it in; tell me the tale behind it; and I'll do my best to share it with the Known World (or likely with the Barony). I'd only ask that you explain how to properly spell your Persona name so I can properly attribute your pieces authorship.

* Photography: Events just come to life when you have photographs to capture the joy, the camaraderie, and the adventure. If you have pictures you are willing to share, send them in; help me make our Chronicle that much more vibrant.

I look forward to seeing what you have to share.

Lord Constantin Breathnach.

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