

# Skraeling Althing Chronicle



## New Baron and Baroness Announced

Greetings unto the noble populace of Skraeling Althing

At the Coronation of King Evander and Queen Marioun, the next Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing were announced.

Please congratulation Avelyn Wexcombe of Great Bedwyn and Dafydd ap Alan, who will step up as Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing at the Feast of the Hare on November 3, 2018.

Details on the event can be found at:

<http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/caldrithig/feast-of-the-hare/>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Giana

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### **To receive the Chronicle:**

There will be a PDF posted on the Baronial web page, <http://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. To do so, please send an email to the Chronicler.

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# Letter to the Barony

## From the Quill of their Excellencies of Skraeling Althing

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Unto the most glorious populace of Skraeling Althing,

We find Ourselves in the waning few weeks of Our Baronial Tenure. The elections for the new Baron and Baroness are complete and We are waiting on the final decision of Their Majesties as to who will be the next Baron and Baroness of Skraeling Althing. The Barony is fortunate that there are 3 sets of strong and amazing candidates who put their names forward. We are warmed by the knowledge that whomever leads the Barony going forward, it will be in good hands.

This has been an amazing 5 years. This Barony has shown us so much love and support over Our tenure, through the ups and downs. You have been patient with Us as we learned and have been supportive of Our different ideas and projects. You have stepped up to support the Barony, the Kingdom and the Society when asked, and have often done it behind the scenes.

We have been fortunate to see many of Our members grow in their skills and be recognized at the highest level for these endeavors. We have seen you all give countless hours of time and effort to the betterment of yourselves and the people around you. We have watched you all grow and prosper over the last 5 years, both individually and as a Barony.

You are all strong individuals, and together, you create a strong Barony. We have seen many hardships within the Barony over the last 5 years and each time, rather than letting the events shatter your spirit, you have come together, supported each other and helped one another through the dark times to the new dawn. We have been privileged to be a part of this. Your resiliency and spirit are inspiring.

We ask one more thing from each of you. Please show the new Baron and Baroness all the love, support, counsel and respect that you have given Us. Please forgive them as they learn and help them to grow into the best Baron and Baroness they can be.

Once again, Thank You.

So long and thanks for all the fish.

With love and gratitude, in Service,

Baron Shahid and Baroness Catherine

# Why are we called Skraeling Althing?

The term Skraeling was used by Viking Age Icelanders to describe the people they met in Vinland and then by the Greenlanders to describe the Thule people who arrived in Greenland in about the 13th C. The term appears in the Book of the Icelanders (Íslendingabók). The Greenlanders' Saga and the Saga of Erik the Red, which were also written in the 13th century, use this term as well. The earliest source is the late 12th C Historian Norwegian “Beyond the [Norse] Greenlanders to the north, hunters have found small people whom they call Skraelings”. (Vinland Revisited, 368).

The word skræling is the only word surviving from Greenlandic Norse, the Old Norse dialect spoken by the medieval Norse Greenlanders. In modern Icelandic, skrælingi means "barbarian". However, its original meaning is unknown. It may be related to the word skra (or dried skin, and descriptive of the clothing the Skraelings wore). It may be derived from Old Irish. Although the term skraelingar might have been derogatory to the Norse, it, apparently, was not to the Thule. The most unexpected Norse loanword found in Greenlandic appears to be the term which Greenlanders applied to themselves: kalaaliq, which derives from the Old Norse term Skraelingar. (Vinland Revisited, 370).

Althing, of course, means Parliament.

The Barony of Skraeling Althing was originally the Canton of Skraeling Althing, based in Ottawa, the site of Canada's capital and Parliament. The name was chosen as a bit of mockery of our politicians, as bad behaviour on the Hill was well known even at that time.

Meisterin Siglinde Harfnerstochter

# Advertising in the Chronicle

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After some discussion at the Kingdom level, it has been decided that advertising in a Baronial Newsletter is acceptable.

The following rates have been decided on:

- Quarter page: \$15
- Half page: \$25
- Full page: \$50

These are half the price of the Kingdom newsletter.

All payments by cheque, payable to: SCA-Barony of Skraeling Althing

Please note that all advertisement should be SCA-related goods or services, suitable for any audience, and not containing any offensive images or language.

If interested, please contact [Giana](#) for more details.

The next Chronicle should go out by the end of December, beginning of January.

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# Events Around the Kingdom

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**Huntsman's Harvest**

Barony of Ben Dunfirth

September 29, 2018

[Event Website](#)

**Fall Crown Tournament**

Canton of Caldrithig

October 20, 2018

[Event Website](#)

**That Other Thing**

Septentria

October 26-28, 2018

[Event Website](#)

**Feast of the Hare**

Canton of Caldrithig

November 3, 2018

[Event Website](#)

**Baronial Birthday Bash**

Barony of Rising Waters

November 10, 2018

**Queen's Prize Tournament**

Skeldergate in the lands of Petrea Thule

November 17, 2018

[Event Website](#)

**Wassail**

Bryniau Tywynnog

December 1, 2018



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

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# Baronial Gatherings

## Practices and Meetings

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

### Caldrithig

#### **Canton Meetings**

Second Sunday of the month at 5 pm

#### **Dance Practice:**

Tuesdays at 8 pm

#### **Armoured Combat Practice**

Wednesdays at 7 pm

#### **Rapier Practice**

Thursdays at 8 pm

#### **Instrumental Practices**

Sundays at 12:00 pm

#### **Choir Practice**

Sundays at 2:00 pm

#### **Scribal Nights**

Varies from month to month

Subscribe to Facebook Group [Skrael Scribes](#)  
for up to the minute details

### Greyfells

#### **Canton Meetings**

Held at the Canton Fight Practice and A&S  
Day

### 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