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Introducing Their Excellencies

Baroness Dubhessa ni Uilliam and Baron Joffr Rödson

Good tidings to all nobles within the lands of Skraeling Althing.

Winter is nearly upon our Barony! The wily hare changes its coat from brown to snow white as the season changes. As seasons change, so do those that sit upon the Lapine seats of our grand Barony of Skraeling Althing. But fear not for we have sent ambassadors, retainers and good nobles to assist our Mother and Father, Avelyn and Daffyd as they move into their new castle.

Feast of the Hare

By the Grace of their Majesties King Rattanicus and Queen Isabel and their Highnesses Prince Roak and Princess Hyyrokin We held our first court!

We renewed the Pact of Friendship betwixt Skraeling Althing and Septentria by exchanging gifts and words of friendship.

We accepted gifts, both from the populace and from our Cousins from other Baronies. We even received the gift of Bacon which shall be shuttled to their Majesties as soon as weather permits.

This year's Hare Court was filled with the theme of service.

The Great Chalice was bestowed upon Baroness Þorfinna gráfeldr as she exemplified, deep in the Trying Times, what it is to serve one's Barony and fellow noble.

We inducted our Mother and Father, Baroness Avelyn and Baron Dafydd, into the Order of the Friendship of the Hare. Rest assured that they will always be welcome in the Althing. Their service to the Barony was crucial to getting Us through the Trying Times as well as in The Before Times.

We renewed Dame Siglinde Harfnerstochter into the Order of the Hare Salient for her long standing work serving the Barony in many capacities.

Sir Aelfwyn Langanwuda was inducted into the Order of the Hare Argent. Her deeds of service are too numerous to count.



Their Excellencies Baroness Dubhessa Ni Uilliam (left) and Baron Joffr Rödson at Feast of the Hare. November 13, 2021. Photo by THL Dafydd ap Alan.

There was also an Arts and Sciences competition held whose entries were wondrous. We noted the artistry and love placed in each entry. Let us all celebrate Baron Duncan's clock as winner of this contest. It was most ingenious.

Fencing and Armoured Combat tournaments were held by our esteemed Marshalate. Know that Wilhem and Manic were proclaimed winners of their respective tournaments by Count Baldric Leeman

Bunny tails were awarded to Elysia Valliere and Roul Valliere. Their service in recent months has not gone unnoticed and it was delightful to proclaim these two as one of us.

Wassail to them all!

We would also share with you the words that Baron Joffr spoke regarding taxes:

"We are all one barony, together, again and united. These plague times have been hard on all of us. While we were all on the same sea, not all of us were on the same boat.

Some of us have lost loved ones, friends or coworkers. Others fell ill and some are still unwell.

We have all felt the trauma of being apart from one another and our gatherings are going to be filled with many emotions.

What you feel is valid.

What we ask in taxes for this year is service to each other. Do your level best to be gentle. Ensure you have consent. Our collective duty this year is to show the love and grace that is in our hearts as best we can.

You do not need to show us, or tell us a tale, or write us letters, though you may if you wish.

We will all feel it together, for we are one barony."

We hope to see many of you soon, either at events around the Knowne World, at practices, both virtual or in person, or at Practicum on Saturday, February 19th 2022. More details about Practicum may be found here: <https://beable.ca/practicum2022/index.html> . We are incredibly excited for Practicum!

Until then, rest easy in your feast halls.

Baroness Dubhessa and Baron Joffr

Getting to Know Their Excellencies

Joffr Raudrson

Between Etretat and Le Havre, near the coast of Normandy, there is a small commune, and the estate is called Kaerbrok - fortress of the badger. This area is named after a companion of Jarl Hroflr Ganger (Rollo, Duke of Normandy) who was only known as The Badger. His descendants, of whom Joffr is one, built fortified towns up and down the coast to harvest the rich bounty that is Normandy. There you will find Joffr, with his motte and bailey castle and world class apiary, overseeing the farming and works to keep his Captain's lands well kept. The 10th century is one of upheaval - still in the midst of settling his lands wrought by his father, there are threats from Flanders, putting down rebellions in Bretony, and help strengthen Richard the Fearless' control over the territory.

Joffr joined the SCA during the reign of Roak V and Elizabeth I. His first event was War of the Trillium on one of the last times in Whitby. Joffr's SCA interests span many arenas - from archery, both from the ground and from horseback, to brewing cider, the keeping of bees, goats, horses and other fauna, stoneworking, and woodworking. He enjoys weird and intricate arts and sciences. He revels in the mysteries of the past. His one great project is to recreate all artefacts found in one 11th century dig (at Lake Paladru) some 700km away from his home.

Dubhessa ni Ulliam

Dubhessa's persona is the daughter of a 13th C Irish noble from Ulster under Norman rule. The story of how Joffr and Dubhessa ended up together is this.

Dubhessa's family married her to a Norman lord to cement their political position under the Norman rule of Ireland. It turned out to be a happy alliance however, as Dubhessa and Joffr (at this point Joffr the third) found common ground in their mutual love of horses and the land. Joffr won Dubhessa over with a splendid wedding gift of a beautiful white palfrey. Joffr and Dubhessa live happily ever after at Kaerbrok raising horses, tending bees, making cider, and hosting weary travellers. Dubhessa especially loves tales of adventures in distant lands and eagerly feasts travelling merchants and nobles.

Dubhessa joined the SCA during the reign of King Malik and Queen Genevieve d'Anjou. Her first event was Break the Back of Winter in Kingston. Her SCA interests include equestrian, archery, thrown weapons, as well as soapmaking and various and sundry fiber arts. She makes all her and Joffr's garb and has dabbled in many different cultures and centuries. One of Dubhessa's favourite things to do is to host general A&S days on their farm and invite anyone who wishes to bring a craft and a friend and a drink to spend the day in good company.

As a couple Joffr and Dubhessa try to be a force for good in this world. Mundanely they both work for a provincial not-for-profit. They are used to working as a team in the 13 years they have both worked for the same company, as well as in the SCA where they strive to support their local group, as well as each other.

Baronial Awards

Bestowed unto the Populace by Avelyn and Dafydd

Carrots of Excellence

Bestowed upon the Line of the Hare for lifetime commitment, at Feast of the Hare 2018

Bestowed upon Baron Duncan and THL Morag for fabricating and carving a stand for Master Naon's "Golden Singer" harp, at Feast of the Hare 2018

Bestowed upon Dame Helen and THL Galfrid for a feast accommodating Dafydd, at Feast of the Hare 2018

Bestowed upon THL Laurenz Tonnemacher for Surveyorship of Pennsic, at Baronial Muster 2019

Bestowed upon Lady Ilsebet Jeghersche for running the Ealdormere commissariat, at Pennsic 2019

Bestowed upon THL Emelote of Calais as an Ealdormere entrant at Pennsic A&S war point, at Pennsic 2019

Bestowed upon THL Giana Gabriella di Milano for creating site tokens for Hare, at Scribal practice in the fall 2019

Bestowed upon Lady Osc of the Harbour for the songs of Greyfells, at Trillium War 2019

Bestowed upon Baroness Augusta Wayfare for a thrown weapons class, at Feast of the Hare 2019

Bestowed upon Baroness Matilda of Swynford for support of fabric stamping, at Practicum 2020

Bestowed upon Mistress Marina Anastasia Ozeroski for being the museum keeper and for general helpfulness, at Feast of the Hare 2021

Bunny Tails

Bestowed upon Isavel of Caldrithig at Practicum 2019

Bestowed upon Runa Blesasdóttir at Baronial Muster 2019

Bestowed upon Collin of Caldrithig at Baronial Muster 2019

Bestowed upon Caitlin also known as Bernice at Baronial Muster 2019

Bestowed upon Lady Ada Corbett & Ingram of Caldrithig at Baronial Muster 2019

Bestowed upon Jeanne Rasdóttir & Ricardo Colombo at Feast of the Hare 2019

Bestowed upon Vargo of Tor Brant at Feast of the Hare 2019

Bestowed upon Askill of Caldrithig at Break the Back of Winter 2020

Bestowed upon THL Kurushima Yoshiatsu (AKA Yoski) at Break the Back of Winter 2020

Bestowed upon Master Colyne & Baroness Thorfinna at Break the Back of Winter 2020

Bestowed upon Ian of Greyfells at Break the Back of Winter 2020

The Aware of the Hare Valiant

Bestowed upon TH Herr Wilhelm von Pottruff at Feast of the Hare 2018

Bestowed upon Lord Ulric the Lawless (on behalf of Shahid & Catherine) at I'Île du Dragon Dormant Investiture 2019

Bestowed upon THL Laurenz Tonnemacher at Baronial Muster 2019

Bestowed upon Sir Shahid al-Hasan at Feast of the Hare 2019

The Award of the Hare Salient

Bestowed upon Lady Cecilia the Sinister at Practicum 2020

Bestowed upon Lord Joffr (now Baron Joffr) at Break the Back of Winter 2020

The Award of the Black Hare

Bestowed upon THL Estienne de Nantes at Practicum 2019

Bestowed upon Mistress Siglinde Harfnerstochter at Practicum 2019 (renewal)

Bestowed upon Lord Giovanni Orseolo at Feast of the Hare 2019

Bestowed upon Lady Cecilia the Sinister at Practicum 2020

Bestowed upon Mistress Marguerite Gingras at Practicum 2020

Bestowed upon Lady Osc of the Harbour at Break the Back of Winter 2020

Bestowed upon THL Emelote of Calais at Feast of the Hare 2021

Tantony

Bestowed upon Margaret Taylor at Feast of the Hare 2021

The Aware of the Hare Argent

Bestowed upon Kniaginia Xristina Viacheslavova at Feast of the Hare 2019 (Premier)

The Award of the Great Chalice

Bestowed upon Lady Dubhessa ni Uilliam (now Baroness Dubhessa) at Feast of the Hare 2018

Bestowed upon Sir Varakhii Varenko Vikovich at Feast of the Hare 2019

Friends of the Hare

Bestowed upon the Barony of I'Île du Dragon Dormant at Feast of the Hare 2018

Feast of the Hare 2021 - Photos



Photos submitted by HE Dafydd ap Alan.

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- Web page: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/>

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- Facebook pages:
 - Caldritig: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldritig/>
 - Greyfells: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/225292100927968/>
- Web pages:
 - Caldritig: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/caldritig/>
 - Tor Brant: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/torbrant/>
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For details on Kingdom events see the
Kingdom of Ealdormere web page at
<http://www.ealdormere.ca/>
