

# Skraeling Atching Chronicle



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## THE SCA IS A WELCOMING AND DIVERSE SPACE

The Barony of Skraeling Althing fully supports the ideal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Our membership is open to people from all backgrounds. See more at [skraelingalthing.com/wp/diversity/](https://skraelingalthing.com/wp/diversity/)

*Our Core Values, which guide us in even these darkest of times, include the following tenets: to “act in accordance with the chivalric virtues of honor and service”, to “value and respect the worth and dignity of all individuals”, and to “practice inclusiveness and respect plural-ism and diversity”.*

*If we are to live by our core values then there is only one path forward: we must both fight against systemic injustice and support those that do.*

*As the unique educational organization that we are, we have the opportunity to leverage our greatest resource: our community. It is our community that makes us who we are. That is the true value of the Society for Creative Anachronism. We treasure the rich diversity of our community as a reflection of the rich diversity of history..*

This quote is from a statement published by Baroness Zahra Tesfaye, SCA Corporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer on June 2, 2020 (Read the full statement at [https://www.sca.org/news/from-the-sca-office-of-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/.](https://www.sca.org/news/from-the-sca-office-of-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/))

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# Event Reports

**Sockburner** was a fresh day to start the Spring/Summer Eventing Season. Many good friends were welcomed, though the rain and cold kept us from having too much fun. Much Kingdom Court was had. A Morning Court ensured three worthies began their Vigils. An Afternoon Court was convened to read in a Law change regarding the Earl Marshal position. At Evening Court, King Baldric II and Queen Breyla II presented Frithugyth Spreg'c (known as Frith) with an Award of Arms and Lord Cheddar de Brie with an Award of the Orion and Lady Claire de Lyon with an Award of the Scarlet Banner. Many generous folk were added to the Scroll of Honour for their aid during the Reign. Next THL Mjoll Úlfsdóttir was elevated to the Order of the Laurel. After an intermission, THL Laurenz Tonnemacher was elevated to the Order of Chivalry. Another intermission before THL Ana Yanka was elevated to the Order of the Laurel. After this abundance of joy, Newcomers were called into Court to receive their cups after attending their first event.



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**Paardenbloem Festival** being slightly warmer and drier, permitted many a tournament both inside and out. The day commenced with a Court wherein Their Majesties commenced the Vigils of Edler Herr Willhelm von Pottruff and THL Cristabel Wensleydale. Evening Court saw the traditional Run for the Toy Bag by the Children, and then Their Excellencies were invited to hold Baronial Court for The Althing.

During Baronial Court, Their Excellencies welcomed Giana Gabriella di Milano, Noble Avis and Lord Nicola Canis with Bunny Tails. The Tournament winners were announced, and Their Excellencies declared David Taylor as their Armoured Champion, having won the tournament for said honour, and Lord Nicola Canis as Fencing Champion as winner of that Tournament. Their Excellencies Laura Battista & Cesare Ambrogino di Salvazzi were named Friends of the Hare, and Baronial Court was closed.

Royal Court resumed with more Nobles added to the Scroll of Honour for their good works. Edler Herr Willhelm von Pottruff was then brought forward to be elevated to the Order of the Laurel. After an intermission, three awards were read into Court while couriers awaited to transport the scrolls to absent recipients. Their Majesties then welcomed THL Cristabel Wensleydale to be elevated to the Order of the Laurel. Newcomers received their cups, Event Staff were lauded and Court concluded.



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# Articles

## There is a magic in it...

I felt the first glimmer of such magic when I found myself seated in a cushy old chair in a charming old sitting room surrounded by those known as the Greyfells. These kind-faced, enthusiastic souls eagerly welcomed and intrigued me with vast descriptions of of personas, interests and skills as I attempted to put together in my head - what is this thing, the SCA and how does it work??

After declaring that I indeed possessed a sewing matching and could likely procure some old bedsheets or the like, off I went after this first meeting, sketched T-tunic pattern in hand, to contemplate and prepare for my first “event”- a Crown Tournament taking place not far from my home.

Approximately two weeks, much mad googling and haphazard sewing (a skilled seamstress I am not) later, I arrived at said event, coiled braids tucked under a filet and my resolve tucked under my thrifted-curtain overdress. As I smiled and tried to blend with others who were putting finishing touches on their (amazing!) garb in the parking area, I fully appreciated how obviously I must have stood out as New. In an attempt to embrace this fact I somewhat nervously announced myself as such at each introduction..but it was of no matter to anyone I encountered - warm, friendly greetings and faces abounded, and I felt truly welcome!

Since these early days last year I have attended several events and meetings, each with its own flavour and charm and so many things to learn about! The vast underlying theme is always the generosity of the people - generous with their time, their skills, their resources..it really has been like nothing I’ve had the privilege to be a part of ever before. I’ve never worried about showing up alone to anything, there is always a friend to be found.

The most difficult part, as I was forewarned, is that the SCA is the hobby of many hobbies - and wanting to try them all is so tempting but can be overwhelming! I was wisely advised to choose a few areas of interest and slowly expand, sound advice I’ve tried to follow! So far I have found great satisfaction in trying new things for the sake of them (like throwing axes and tablet weaving) while reigniting old passions like painting and archery. I’ve had the immense honour and pleasure of creating a number of things for the Kingdom, and have also been the gracious recipient of several things myself which I will treasure always.

All of this is solely due to the hearts, minds and generosity of the great people of Ealdormere who breath the life into this magical other world that I am grateful to be a part of. Thank you to everyone I’ve met so far and to those I have yet to have the pleasure! I cannot wait to continue developing skills and trying new things and I hope in future I can somehow be of service and return to all of you the feelings, experiences and things I have been granted by this rare and special community.

This brief account written by Your Faithful Servant, Lady Frith

# Official Pages

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## **Baronial**

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2334791875/>

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## **Cantons**

*Facebook pages:*

Caldrithig: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/caldrithig/>

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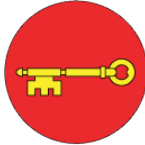
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