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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/

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 pluralism 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/>.)

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Upcoming Events



Baronial Martial, A&S and Social Gathering

March 8, 2026

1-5pm

Rosedale Hall

657 Rosedale Rd. S.

Smiths Falls, ON K7A 5B8

Donations accepted to cover site cost.

SOCK BURNER

March 21, 2026

Maitland Education & Recreation Centre

120 E. McLean Blvd.

Maitland, ON K0E 1P0

Site opens at 9:30 am;

closes approximately at 9:30 pm

Adult Registration: \$25; Paid Members: \$15

Lunch: \$7; Feast: \$15



A message from the Stewards, THL Morag Taylor and Lady Catherine Rose Lamont: A “sock burner” symbolizes the end of winter and the return to barefoot sailing days, celebrating Spring, freedom, and a spirit of adventure. The tradition involves gathering with friends, lighting a fire, and tossing socks onto the flame, often accompanied by beer and conversation about the upcoming sailing season. This event will feature Armoured Combat, Fencing, and Thrown Weapons (outdoors unless Mother Nature turns nasty), a Maritime/Mariner-Themed A&S Competition, and a Simple Maritime/Mariner Feast. There will be a bar operated by the venue’s staff.

In addition, the Vigil and Elevation will be held for Baroness Pesha of Little Egypt to the Order of the Laurel.

Elsewhere in Ealdormere

- **Winter War: The Baron's Revenge** in the Shire of Trinovantia Nova (Paris), March 14th
- **Kingdom A&S** in the Canton der Welfengau (Guelph), Barony of Ramshaven, March 28th
- **Archery War College** in the Canton of Petrea Thule (Codrington), April 11th
- **Coronation of Their Royal Highnesses Crispen II and Laura I**, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Lindsay), April 18th
- **Fruits of Our Labours** in the Barony of Ramshaven (Drumbo), May 15th-18th
- **Spring Crown Tournament** in the Barony of Rising Waters (Grassie), May 23rd

Other News

Come Dance and Play in the Kingdom That Sings!

Known World Music & Dance Symposium, Carleton University, Ottawa, July 11-18, 2027
Registration opens September 1, 2026

The Society for Creative Anachronism has officially approved the bid for KWMDS XV in the Kingdom of Ealdormere! This four-day event will be co-hosted by the Barony of Skraeling Althing and the Canton of Caldrihtig.

KWMDS will be an immense event and planning is already underway—if you're able to lend a hand, please contact the Event Stewards (Cecilia the Sinister and yours truly, Sadb ingen Uí Fhaoladh) at kwmds2027@gmail.com.



Event Reports

7 FEBRUARY 2026: Our noble Barony was well represented at the **TOURNOI DU COEUR DE GLACE** in the Shire of Bastille du Lac. There were 27 combatants in the rapier lists, of which 7 were of the Althing: Countess Breyla La Viennette, His Excellency Joffr Rodson, THL Sebastian de Sandoval, Master Wilhelm von Pottruff, Lord Rodrigo Berenguer, Lord Andre Dubois, and Amalia of Caldrethig. While ultimately the rapier prize was claimed by Lord Arcill beg mac Ruadrí big mic Sithig of Monadh, we are proud to note that our Baronial combatants conducted themselves with chivalry and honour.

The combatants were well-attended by a large contingent from the Althing who traveled to Belleville in the early hours of a biting cold morning to cheer on our fighters and witness the elevation of His Highness Crispin Gildensted to the Chivalry, as a Master of Arms.

14 FEBRUARY 2026: The following weekend saw the Barony gather informally together to, as Duke Sir Baldric put it, “visit, smack, stab or prick our friends.” In attendance were 29 from across the Althing, with 6 Rapier and 7 armoured participants, 10 dancers, and 17 working on the gentler arts. We even welcomed Sir Hector of the Black Height at day’s end to regale us with tales of yore and deliver a relic for Ealdormere’s friends in Tir Righ.



Pictures by Duchess Breyla La Viennette

21 FEBRUARY 2026: A most memorable **PRACTICUM** was held this year. Despite the previous night's blizzard, 86 attendees braved the blustery road to Kemptville to celebrate the love of learning.

This year's Practicum featured a new format devised by Mistress Cristabel Wensleydale, Event Steward, with four longer courses and more intimate tables allowing for a number of learning styles.

For the long-form courses, our fair Baroness rolled up her royal sleeves to teach a hands-on class in soap making. She was joined by Lady Matilda La Zouche, who led a class in hand-stitched Norse hoods based on the Herjolfsnes Greenland archaeological finds; Dame Helen of Greyfells, who taught us to make smocked aprons; and Elsebeth Ffarberyn, who introduced her class to gessoed panels and egg empera painting.

In the Hall of Learning, scholars and learned folk had the chance to explore divers crafts, from paint making to sprang and nalbinding, gourd carving to wool spinning, arrow repair to forestry and dance skills, and much more.

Meanwhile the Speakers Series entertained and informed with a variety of topics, ensuring there was something for everyone:

- *Map Making as Persona Development* with Lady Tshaya of Little Egypt
- *Christina of Markeyate—Almost a Saint* with Lady Lydia of Tylden
- *How Peerage Meetings Work* with Sir Brand Thorwaldsen, OL
- *Camino de Santiago—History and Modern Pilgrimage* by Eluned Verch Angor, OL



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- *Tapestry 101: A History of Weaving Up to the 16th Century* with Jhone of Woodcote, OL
- *Capturing the Known World: Photography in the SCA* by Kit of Caldrithig
- And a special mention for Master Wilfrid of Sweflingham, who stepped in at the very last moment to prepare an impromptu presentation on *The Boxes of Haddon Hall*

After the day's classes, our most gracious Baroness Dubhessa held a brief court and welcomed Their Highnesses Prince Crispin and Princess Laura to share the dais. There was a single order of business: honouring two members of Ealdormere's Page program, Lynden and Lizabeth of Caldrithig, who have participated in 40 hours of SCA activities since the 2025 Trillium War and thus achieved the Messenger level. They are the first in the Kingdom to receive this honour. Although their scrolls were unsealed, His Highness somewhat seditiously suggested a possible regime change in the not-too-distant future and the chance to rectify this oversight.

The event culminated with a small Roman dinner and an ancient drinking game. Using calexes (drinking vessels crafted by HE Baroness Constance of Caldrithig), those sitting with Their Highnesses competed in flinging grapes at Magnifico Cesare Ambrogino di Salvazzi. His Highness' table emerged victorious. Meanwhile, those who did not sit feast enjoyed dancing and singing until it was time to make their way homeward.

Mistress Cristabel notes that the experiments with reformatting were mostly successful, and she has lots of good ideas of how we can improve it in the future. She also thanked all of the dedicated teachers and hardworking staff, with special thanks to Mark, the custodian at the Kemptville Campus Community Center, who went above and beyond to keep the floors clear of snow and ice and even asked about attending future events in the Barony. A hearty wassail for Mark and everyone else involved in creating this remarkable Practicum!



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A Missive from Their Excellencies

Joy and Celebration, my fellow Hares!

You may notice outside your warrens that the weathers are getting warmer and the snow melts. The turning of the seasons is upon us and we are glad to see the sun return.



Baroness Dubhessa at Feast of the Hare/Picture by Lord Kit of Caldritig

The winter brought with it a Hare to remember. The theme of bringing Her Excellency the stars was a sight to see – from star-themed tournaments to decorations, to a zodiac-themed feast and so much more. It has brought so much joy into our lives to see our people working hard.

At Tournoi de Coeur de Glace the Barony had an excellent day of fighting, including the induction of a new warrior: Dan. Thank you to all who fought for Our Honour and the Honour of the Barony that day, you did us proud. We also heard tell that Les Beltaines will come again this year.

As this is printed, we are at Practicum! We hope to see you there!

At Hare, we made two announcements:

The selection for the next in the Baronial seats will come in Anno Societatis LXI. The selection process will be run by the Baronial Seneschal and will begin soon. More information will be available as it develops.

We also wish to reiterate this year's taxes. We desire largesse for the next to sit The Lapine Seats. If you have not provided largesse in the past, seek ye out those who provide largesse



His Excellency Joffr at Feast of the Hare/Picture by Lord Kit of Caldritig (MKA Chris Jodoin)

regularly to us: Dame Helen and Baroness Gina Dragoni. We also provided a retelling of the laws of largesse in the Barony at Hares. We also challenge you to bring us something novel (but no books).

We are looking forward to seeing you at the following events:

- Sock Burner – March 21
- Coronation – April 18
- FOOL – May 15–18
- Crown Tourney – May 23
- Les Beltaines – June 11–14
- Bunny Ball – June 27
- War of the Trillium – June 30–May 5

May the spring melt your worries away and bring forth a bountiful summer.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Dubhessa ni Ulliam and Baron Joffr Rodson



Their Excellences Resplendent at Tournoi du Coeur de Glace/Picture by HE Baroness Eleanor of Bonwicke

From the Desk of the Seneschal

Greetings to the Citizens of the Althing,

The cold months of winter are finally passing and the light growing each day. The cold also brings to our Barony time to dedicate to Arts and Sciences including my favorite evening in the Kingdom, Practicum in the Canton of Caldritchig.

There is much to look forward to in the coming Spring and Summer in the Barony. Firstly, however, the Kingdom is in the process of selecting a new Lawspeaker.

The Lawspeaker is a unique position to our Kingdom, and is not beholden to the Crown, but the people. They act as a facilitator to help resolve conflicts and concerns outside of officer-oriented roles.

The Lawspeaker also organizes the Kingdom Moot, to be held each reign, where members of the Kingdom can stand and speak their minds on any matters that concern them.

There are two candidates: Countess Lidr Lang-Akason and Valdr jarnsmiðr, OL.

If you are a member of the Barony who resides outside of Greyfells or Caldrithig and would prefer to express your preference at the Baronial level please contact me before March 7, 2026 at skraeling.seneschal@gmail.com

In service,
Eluned verch Angor, OL
Baronial Seneschal

Candidate Statement of Countess Lidr Lang-Akason

Unto the Noble Populace of the Kingdom of Ealdormere do I, Countess Lidr Lang-Akason (aka Lyda), send warmest greetings this frigid January day.

For over 23 years I have been an active member within our noble Kingdom. Despite nefarious rumors that I was once “not so innocent,” I have served the Kingdom in various roles ranging from Baronial Chronicler, Trillium Signet, Baronial Seneschal and A&S Minister, culminating with my successful reign as Queen.

I am excited by the prospect of being a Kingdom Lawspeaker. While all roles serve the Kingdom, this specific role is more than that. Lawspeaker is a bridge between Kingdom and Populace. A voice that brings education and knowledge to the people, and in turn, brings the people's voice to the Thrones. I can think of no nobler role in which to continue my service to the Kingdom and its populace.

Should I be the successful candidate, I assure you that I will serve with calm and patience. My years of experience will lend wisdom to any issue. My voice will be strong and speak for the Populace.

Candidate Statement of Valdr jarnsmiðr

Greetings people of Ealdormere.

I am Valdr jarnsmiðr, Order of the Laurel, and son of the Wolf-lands. I have called Ealdormere home for over 30 years. I have been privileged to be witness to the unfolding history of the Wolf-lands from its days as a Principality to its glory as a Kingdom. I have walked in the shadow of great Kings and Gracious Queens as well as great artisans and craftspeople and inspiring Bards. I have also shared in grief with this land during our greatest losses. I feel it is time that I step forward and serve my Kingdom

by serving its people as Law Speaker. To be the voice and the hand that speaks and acts in their service. Long have I benefitted from the long line of Law Speakers that have come before, now I seek to offer my service forward.

For any who have questions, they may seek me out and I will listen.

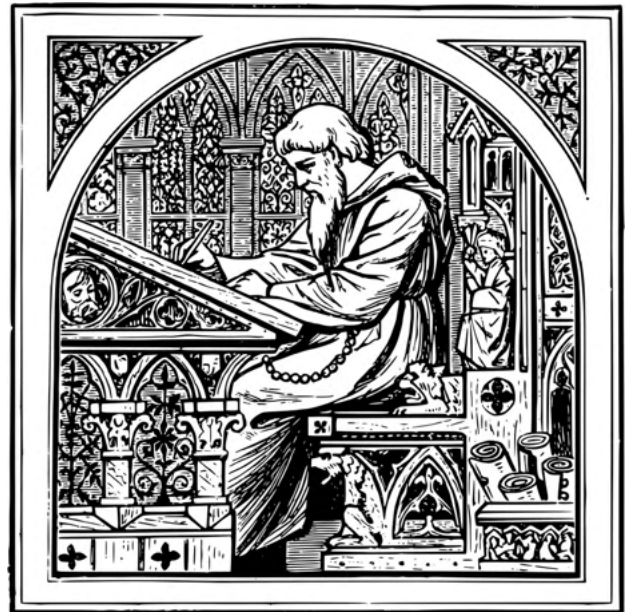
*In service to Ealdormere,
Valdr jarnsmidr. OL*

Chronicler's Corner

It is my honour to bring you this, my first *Skraeling Althing Chronicle*. I applied for this office because I love being part of this Barony and am enriched by the community I've found here. It is my aim to capture this community—through our news, our images, and our experiences—in the *Chronicle*. These next years will be a time of profound change. We will say farewell to our beloved Baron and Baroness and welcome new rules; we will potentially change our Baronial name and the identity that goes with it; with current discussions of a Canadian corporate body, we might possibly even change our Kingdom's allegiance to our parent organization. Throughout this time, my intent is for the *Chronicle* will stand as a record of who we were as well as who we hoped to be.

I won't be able to do this alone. To accomplish this, I am seeking articles, artwork, photographs, anything you'd like to share about your personal experience in the SCA. No item is too small or insignificant. Each brief glimpse from an individual's perspective may help a future reader learn about our lives here in our noble Barony. I welcome you to share your stories here.

Yours in Service,
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Official Pages

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You can find us at:

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

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

Discord: <https://discord.gg/snzvKxGr>

Cantons

Facebook pages:

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

Greyfells: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/225292100927968/>

Web pages:

Caldrithig: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/caldrithig/>

Greyfells: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/greyfells/>

Tor Brant: <http://skraelingalthing.com/wp/torbrant/>

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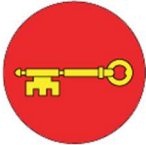
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