



The Althing

A quarterly publication of the
Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands
in the
Kingdom of Æthelmearc

Located in these modern times in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas

Upcoming Events

Next Business Meeting
Policy Meeting

August, 2023
mid September, 2023

*See debatablelands.org
for exact dates*

Pennsic 50 (Society-level event)

7/28-8/13, Slippery Rock, PA.

7 Pearls (out of Barony)

8/26, North Rose, NY.

Agincourt

10/28, Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, PA.

Masked Ball and Baronial Investiture

12/16, North Park Lodge, Allison Park, PA

From the Baronage

A missive from Their Excellencies of The Debatable Lands

Hello Debatable Lands! Salve Accolens!

We had a delightful time at Iris Festival this summer, and many congratulations to Mistress Muirgheal inghean Dubhgail who was elevated to the Order of the Pelican there, and to Hara-shonagon and her staff. It has been our joy to welcome new champions to the Heavy Weapons, Thrown Weapons, Fencing, and Archery arenas throughout this summer as well.

Pennsic 50 comes, and we are ready for our Final War as Baron and Baroness. We are proud to sponsor our new champions as they enter the Known World Baronial Champions Tourneys at Pennsic, and then again as they travel with us to the 7 Pearls Championships hosted by the Barony of Thescorre on August 26th this year. We welcome all to join us at the Debatable Lands Baronial Reception on Middle Sunday August 6 in the Aethelmearc Royal Camp from 2PM to 5 PM. The Baronial Court will open at 2:30 PM, a light supper (the triumphant return of walking tacos!) at about 3 PM, and Their Majesties will join us at 4:30 to hold Kingdom Court and elevate Don Jorundr to the Order of Defence and other fabulous business so be sure to join us. We welcome all to join us for the procession to Opening Ceremonies at 5PM on Middle Saturday August 5th, muster at Royal Camp at 4PM to borrow flags and Baronial Bling! Kingdom Court will be 6PM Tuesday August 8. I Genesii performs 9PM Tuesday August 8 and the Debatable Lands Choir Concert is 7:30PM on Monday August 7. Don't forget the Kingdom party Monday at Aethelmearc Royal Monday night at 8pm!

Remember to check the Barony Storfrettir Blog <http://debatablelands.org/blog/> and Kingdom Periscope <https://aethelmearc.org/ae-pennsic-50-l-periscope/> for more happenings at Pennsic.



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We will be joined by Our Heirs to the Baronial Thrones, Baronessa Elect Violeta de Valencia and Praetoria Elect Aurelia Argentia Prima at these upcoming events. They will be invested as the 9th Baronage of the Debatable Lands on December 16th this year at a grand Masked Ball held at the North Park Lodge.

With many thanks!

In Levitate et Caritate, and Cheers,

Baron Brandubh & Baroness Hilda

From the Seneschal

Good Populace,

The news from the Seneschal is minimal. The BOD has removed all COVIDSafe policies from our requirements across the Society. That is not to say that you should not continue to exercise precaution for yourself and Your Noble Cousins. If you don't feel well, please keep the potential crud to yourselves.

The Silver Buccle Herald and his staff have created a new position in conjunction with Social Media Officer for Ætherial Heralds; Those people that assist in streaming or recording courts for publication to the Kingdom Media outlets! If you are interested in becoming an Ætherial Herald, please fill out the warrant request at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG1RmGMpdM8xv3VFgp70yx3i-mXVXGKzqyP1XLHQkpncuWew/viewform>

A big shout out to our Baronial Web Minister, Lord Niall Mac Raedwulf, for being the 1st warranted Ætherial Herald!

Thanks to THL Elss of Augsburg for assisting in obtaining the site used for the July Social Meeting and Garb Swap! Thanks to Mistress Constance Glyn Dwr and her staff for running the Newcomers Garb Swap!

Don't forget to write award recommendations for upcoming events like Agincourt which is scheduled for October 28, 2023.

Our Baronial Investiture is scheduled for December 16, 2023; Please save the date. More Information will be forthcoming.

In Service,

Muirgheal, Seneschal Debatable



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Event Announcement: Agincourt XV

*"This story shall the good man teach his son;
And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,
From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered—
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition;
And gentlemen in England now a-bed
Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here,
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day."
~Shakespeare, Henry V*

Nobles! Welcome Back!! The feast of St. Crispin is upon us and the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands wishes you to celebrate with us at the Fifteenth Agincourt event!

Agincourt will be held at:

Camp Lutherlyn
500 Lutherlyn Ln
Butler, PA 16001

The site will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday 28 October 2023 and close at 9:00 p.m.

Agincourt returns after a one-year hiatus, and to celebrate its return, we are asking for a display of arms. Bring your banners, wear your heraldic clothing, arrive in your heraldic finery or bearing your arms on your shield! We will be displaying this in the outdoor pavilion where we will also be hosting court.

Heavy Weapons Combatants! Take the field and fight the battles as your ancestors did on this day. Noble combat shall rule the day until your arms ache from your weapons. What would Agincourt be without archery? Target archers get your bows! We have plans, just for you!

Archery

Lord Rónán Ó Conaill will be setting up a challenging shoot for all target archers!

Equestrian

There will be Equestrian activities coordinated by THL Gesa von Wellenstein.

Tavern Brawl

And never fear, we WILL be having our famous Tavern Brawl, please considering bringing a parrying item. In previous years, we've seen giant turkey legs, mugs etc. Be creative as there will be a prize for the best tavern themed parrying item!!

A Tourney at Agincourt

Sirs Guillaume le Noir du Bordeaux and Oliver Sutton will be holding a tournament for Heavy Weapons fighters.

Food

THL Dierdre Scot of Clan Scot will be making a return to the BMDL and will present a 14th century feast to remember. If you have dietary issues, please contact her at (deirdrescot(at)outlook.com or 585-596-9417, no calls after 10pm.)

Staff and Site Rules

Your autocrat for the day is Meesteres Odriana vander Brugghe (Jennifer Babor, jenn.babor@gmail.com, 412.486.0566).

The site is completely DRY.

The site does not allow pets but does allow service animals.

Registration

Adult Event Registration: \$15

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$10

Child (0 – 17): FREE

Feast: \$10

Checks should be made payable to SCA PA Inc – Debatable Lands. Please be sure to include the names and ages of the attendees that you are covering with your check.

Reservations

Sharon Booth

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Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Court Report: Debatable Lands, Iris Festival

Report of the Court of the Their Excellencies Brandubh et Hilderun, Baron et Baroness of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands held on the tenth day of June anno societatis 58 at Iris Festival Event. Lord Ronan O'Conaill, Comet Pursuivant.

Their Excellencies welcomed all to event who had attended and enjoyed the classes and activities of the day.

Their Excellencies Invited Hara Shonagon Kikumatsu to come forward and thank all of her staff, teachers, judges, marshals, and cooks for the day.

The Baronial Equestrian Champ Lord Yarden of Debatable Lands was called forth. Yarden had run a challenge to determine the next Baronial Equestrian Champion and Lady Jacklyn of the Debatable Lands proved the winner with the Highest score. Their Excellencies invested Lady Jacklyn with the regalia of the Champion, and presented her with a scroll by the hands of THLady Gesa von Wellenstein.

Their Excellencies also noted that Sarah had met Gesa the week before and brought her horse to the event to compete in her first ever SCA equestrian competition, and had performed admirably in that competition. For this They gave her a token as They hoped to see much more of her.

Duke Thomas Byron of Haverford has awarded an Iron Comet for his skills in the heavy Weapons Arena, displaying his prowess, and hosting practices to help others succeed. He has also been known to show his skills with crossbow, rapier and throwing axe. Scroll by Master Alaric MacConnal and THLady Rachel Dalicieux.

Duchess Ariella of Thornbury was awarded an Iron Comet for her skills in Heavy weapons prowess, hosting practices to help others succeed, while finding time to fence and shoot her bow. Matching Scroll by Master Alaric MacConnal and THLady Rachel Dalicieux.

THLord Robert pour Maintenant was awarded a Gold Comet for his service at events, most recently at our 12th Night Celebration, he went and procured curtains after we arrived at site to discover that the site had removed all the doors between rooms, and could not exercise our safety plan. Scroll by THLady Gesa von Wellenstein.

Their Excellencies were pleased to call forward Kit of the Middle and award her a Comettus Amicus. Though Kit is a resident of the Middle Kingdom, she is very enthusiastic and helpful member of the Barony Camp at Pennsic. She has taught classes on fire making and campfire cooking, served as retainer, and is developing her applique skills as she contributes to the Baronial Cloak project. Scroll by Lady Rose O'Tierrany.

Their Excellencies also called forth Jay of the Middle, though he be quieter than his Lady, Their Excellencies awarded him a Comettus Amicus. He resides in the Middle Kingdom, but yet is a very helpful member of the Barony Camp at Pennsic, assisted with set up and tear downs, always happy to help another carry their load, even adding his stitches to the Baronial Cloaks to assist. Scroll by Mistress Shirin of Susa.

Ishiyama Shonagon Gen'tarou Yori'ie was called forth and awarded a Silver Comet for his generous use of his skills at making banners, kumihimo cords, garb, event ambience, service as judge, and forming the woodworkers guild. Scroll by Lady Morikawa Rei

Lord Patrokles Athenaios was awarded a Silver Comet for his skills in researching a recreating Homeric greek poetry, composing tales and praise in the historical style. Scroll by THLord Sasson della Sancta Victoria.

Lord Dagon Wrathmonger was awarded an Iron Comet for his skills prowess and joy that be brings to the heavy fighting fields. Scroll by Master Christofano Vecchione.

Their Excellencies thanked the scribes who contributed to the grandeur of the court.

They wished all safe travels, and reminded all that the deadline to preregister for Pennsic swiftly approaches.

Court Closed.

Court Report: Debatable Lands, Baronial Social

Report of the Court of Her Excellency Hilderun, Baroness of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, court held at the Baronial Social Meeting upon the eleventh day of September anno societatis 56, THLady Nichola Beese, herald.

Her Excellency welcomed all who attended and presented tokens of thanks to THLady Muirgheal inghen Dubhghaill, seneschal for making the arrangements for the Social Meeting, to THLady Ceindrech verch Elidir for arranging the site, to Lord Reinhard Regenbogen for running the meeting, Lord Niall mac Raedwulf streamed the meeting as Aetherian Herald, to Master Emrys Eustice height Broom for rescuing Her Excellency from vehicle troubles, to Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr for running the garb swap, to THLady Elss of Augsburg for her efforts to Aetherially portal to Known World Cooks and Bards, and to Master Alaric MacConnal to providing decorations and water.

Her Excellency awarded THLady Ceindrech verch Elidir a Gold Comet for her labors as deputy seneschal, hosting Scribal East and creating award Scrolls. Scroll by Lady Rose O'Tierrany with words by Master Alaric MacConnal.

Lord Turlough Feolain was awarded a Silver Comet for his crafting of wood and leather while lending his voice to the Debatable Choir. Scroll by Lord Reinhard Regenbogen.

Her Ladyship Hara Kikumatsu was awarded a Gold Comet for her efforts as the most active guild mistress, keeping as many as would involved in the sewing community and continuing sewing guild zoom meetings all through the shutdown. Scroll by THLady Gesa von Wellenstein upon words by Master Alaric MacConnal.

Her Excellency awarded Lady Maire ni Cathai O'Connor a Gold Comet for her labors seeing to the youth at practices and events, amusing the children and youths, working with youth activities. Scroll by Lady Forveleth Dundie with words by Master Alaric MacConnal.

Her Excellency once again thanked all in attendance, especially the scribes who had given their artwork to the award recipients.

Court Closed

Court Report: Debatable Lands, Practice on May 14

Report of the Court of the Their Excellencies Brandubh et Hilderun, Baron et Baroness of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands held on the fourteenth day of May anno societatis 58 at Thrown Weapon's Practice. Lord Ronan O'Conaill, Comet Pursuivant.

Their Excellencies called forth THLord Meinolf Grimsson and thanked him for his service as Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion for the past year. Meinolf called forth the Finalists in the tournament that day, Lord Rhys Dunlop and Lord Ronan O'Conaill. Their Excellencies proclaimed Lord Rhys as the new Thrown Weapons Champion and Lord Ronan agreed to stand as his second. Scroll by THLady Rachel Dalicieux.

Court Closed.

Court Report: Debatable Lands, Practice on July 9

The report of the Court of Their Excellencies Brandubh et Hilderun, Baron and Baroness of the Barony-March of the Debatable Lands held at Baronial Fencing Practice on the 9th day of July anno societatis 58

Their Excellencies called forth Master Cyrus Augur, Their Fencing Champion, to come forward and thanked him for his skills and his service over the past year. Their Excellencies called forth Don Robert MacEwin of Thornhill and proclaimed him to be the Debatable Lands Fencing Champion. They also confirmed that Don Jorundr hinn rotinn was willing to stand as Don Robert's Second. Scroll limned by Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope and scribed by THLady Ceindrech verch Elidir.

Court Closed

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