

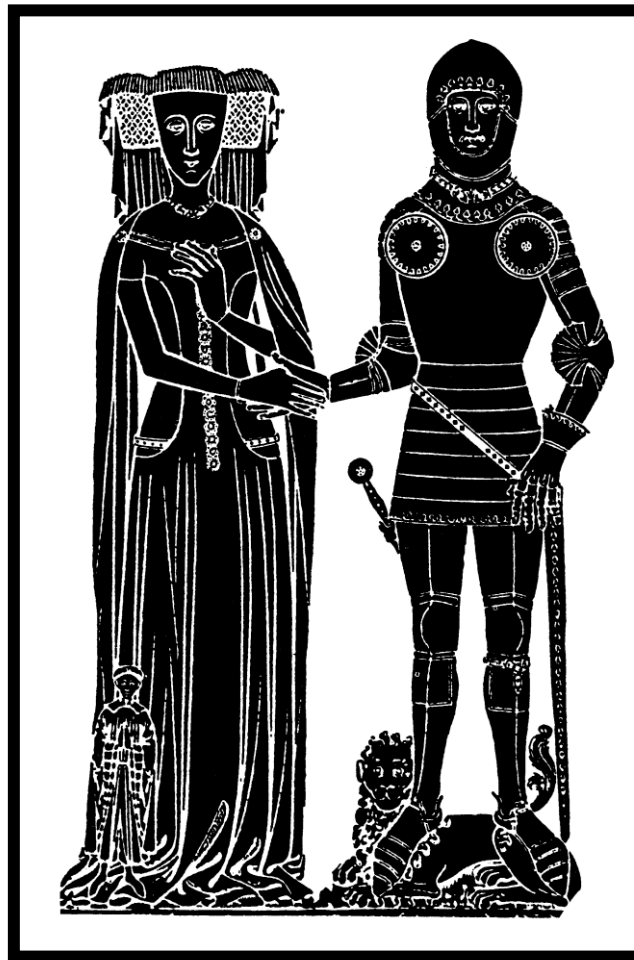
The Althing

Regarding the Election of the new Baron and Baroness for the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands – herein shall be found the Candidate Statements of those who would hold this important office.

Read and ponder, then make your decision and cast your Ballot.

Many Barony Meetings and Officers' Meetings are listed, and many of the upcoming Events of Importance are detailed for you as well.

In continuation of the instruction of the populace regarding the Awards and Honours that can be bestowed by the Kingdom of Aethelmearc, herein is contained the fourth in her series of lessons, by THL Hilda Hugelman.



Being written and printed by the Chronicler, Elss of Augsburg, wishing to record and proclaim the events and activities relating to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, both past and to come, in this Month of March, in the still-cold and unfortunately snowy reaches of the Barony, far above the Three Rivers.

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Greetings from the Baron and Baroness!

Unto all Good Gentles of our Fair Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands do Byron and Ariella send Fond Greetings!

This month's welcome Spring thaw has seen some welcome events. We wish to thank all who helped make the Castle Schola happen and our Barony should be proud that over a hundred gentles came to enjoy an Arts and Sciences event, learning much from our excellent teachers.

We also applaud those from our Barony who traveled far to Gulf Wars to shine in support of Sylvan Aethelmearc.

Finally, as we write these words, good luck and safe travels to those who will attend Ice Dragon.

Congratulations to Baron Master Langdon, our new Arts and Sciences Minister! Please let him know what you're doing in the arts and allow him to learn more about all in our Barony who create or learn about life in the Middle Ages.

Looking ahead to April, we wish to support our local Royal Highnesses, Christopher and Morgen, as they ascend the Thrones next month. Please talk to us about retaining or guarding for them if interested! We can tell you what's expected and the time commitment is flexible.

We appreciate the award recommendations we have received in the past month. As this is our last six months as your Baron and Baroness, please keep recommending gentles for awards so that we may use our last courts to recognize them.

Yours in Service,
Byron and Ariella



From the Seneschale:



March is a busy time for us here in the most beautiful Barony. We wish our comrades luck in their crusade to the Gulf Wars, we prepare our A&S entries for the Ice Dragon Competition, and we contemplate our decisions on voting for the next Baron and Baroness.

Those of you who are members of the SCA and live in the Barony's zip codes should have received a ballot in the mail by the time you read this. I urge you to read and follow the directions carefully so as not to invalidate your ballot. Your completed ballot must be in Baron Byron's hands, in its sealed envelope, no later than May 1st at 1pm, when the ballots will be tallied. Also, more information can be found on the Election webpage: <http://www.debatablelands.org/election/>, or a hard copy may be requested from our Chronicler. If you think you should have received a ballot but did not, please contact Baron Byron or me, preferably before April 1st.

A hearty congratulations to Lord Cai, our Webminister, for being nominated for a prestigious Blackfox Award! Our website was nominated for the "Best Use of Technology" category for the slideshow on the "About Us" page. Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope provided the slideshow, and Lord Cai used his expertise to embed it, still functioning, into our website. It's very nice; you should see it! <http://www.debatablelands.org/about.html>

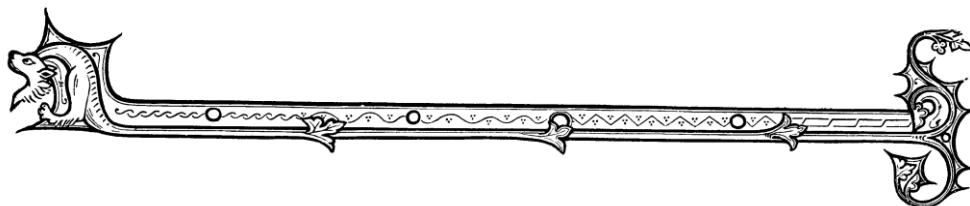
I'd like you also to join me in welcoming our new Minister of Arts & Sciences, Baron Langdon. He was the third Baron of the Debatable Lands, and while he has a Laurel for armoring, is also proficient at or familiar with nearly any other art or science we do. Thank you to him for stepping up to the task, and thank you also for the service of Lady Pavla, who is stepping down from the office. I'd also like to thank Countess Aiden for her long service as Baronial Signet, and to the Officers who have recently agreed to take second terms: Lady Elss, our Chronicler, and Lord Pavel, our Herald.

I would also like to thank again Lady Elss and also Edelachtbaar Odriana for organizing A&S activities in conjunction with the winter martial practice. Thank you, too, to the teachers of the Spring Schola Series held on six Thursday evenings at the University of Pittsburgh: Lord William Parris, Lady Rosalia Andere, THL Kieran MacRae, Lord Cai o'r Llyn, Freifrau Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen, and Baron Langdon of Greymorne. And as the winter draws to a close, thanks to those who enabled us to have our martial practices through the winter: Lady Cynewyn (especially, as she is the winter practice site liaison), Lord Shiro, Mistress Arianna, Lord Liam, and Her Excellency Ariella. Also to Steltonwald and Silva Vulcani for welcoming our archers and rapier fighters to their practices.

I look forward to seeing you at our next events and practices. As always, feel free to contact me with any feedback at all.

In Levitate et Caritate,

Hilda, Seneschale



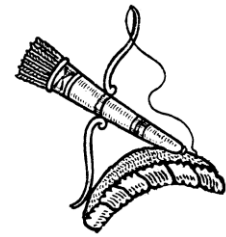
From the Captain of Archers:

There are a few announcements for upcoming archery and one special event.

Practices will continue at the Steltonwald indoor site on Wednesday evenings. Please see the Steltonwald site for more information and the schedule. <http://www.steltonwald.org/calendar.shtml>

Weather permitting, outdoor archery practice will resume at the Washington Boulevard/Allegheny River Boulevard on Sunday, April 3rd. Starting at the usual time of 11:00 and continuing to 1:00 or 2:00. I will be bringing the loaner gear for this.

On Sunday April 10th, the day after Coronation, by the generosity of Baron Byron and Baroness Ariella, we will have a Regional Archery Muster at the castle from 10 in the morning to 5 in the afternoon. This will be our last chance to shoot rounds for the Gwyntarian Winter Challenge. THL Deryk Archer has already promised some interesting things for the turret shots. Space permitting, we may also have thrown weapons there. Youth fighting will also take place that day at the Castle. The event-which-is-not-an-event will be potluck and Their Excellencies have asked that we dress in garb for the day. Watch for more details as we get closer.



The following week we will return to the outdoor site.

In service to the Barony-Marche,

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On Thrown Weapons:

Finally, the cold weather is moving on, and brighter skies, drier ground, and warmer breezes are coming in. Time at last for thrown weapons again!

Join us for fun with pointy objects on Sundays at 11 AM:

April 3rd – Washington Boulevard Park site

April 10th – At the Regional Archery Muster at the Castle in Wexford

April 17th – Washington Boulevard Park site

April 24th – Easter Sunday, practice to be determined

Kingdom of Aethelmearc Awards and Honors

Part IV: Landed Titles, Royal Peerages, and Royalty-Related Awards

By Hilda Hugelmann

This is the fourth in a series of five articles about awards given out to the populace by the King and Queen of Aethelmearc:

- Peerage Level Awards (Bestowed) were defined in the February 2011 Althing.
- GoA Level Awards were described in the December 2010 Althing.
- The Award of Arms awards were described in the November 2010 Althing.

Baronial awards were described in an article in the October 2010 Althing.

Landed Royals

The Landed Royals in Aethelmearc include the King and the Queen, and the Landed Nobility are the Territorial Barons and Baronesses of the seven Baronies. You also might include the Royal Heirs (the Crown Prince and Crown Princess) as royalty who will soon have land. Other Kingdoms that have Principalities (a group reporting to a Kingdom that is made of up smaller groups) have rulers that are also known as Princes and Princesses, except they actively rule instead of being Heirs. Aethelmearc was once a Principality of the East, before we became a Kingdom in our own right in 1997. So Aethelmearc once had landed Princes and Princesses, but no longer does. Our King, Queen, Crown Prince, and Crown Princess are collectively known as the Royalty.

Kings and Queens of Aethelmearc rule for about 6 months, and They are chosen at a twice-yearly Crown Tournament. The combatants fight for the honor of their consort (also known as their lord or lady). Whichever set of combatant and consort wins is crowned Prince and Princess that day. They remain Heirs for about 5 months (so They may learn how to rule and to prepare for Their reign), and then are crowned King and Queen. Kings and Queens are the embodiment of the Kingdom and so may use the Kingdom's heraldry. Queens sometimes choose to use a variant with a wreath of roses surrounding the arms. Princes and Princesses may use a variant of the Kingdom's arms with a heraldic charge known as a label (a horizontal bar with three vertical bars emerging from the bottom side) that mark Them as Heirs and not the Reigning Sovereigns. Only Royalty may use the Kingdom's arms (with the crown and the laurel wreath), though all are welcome to use the populace badge. Kings and Queens are generally addressed as "Your Majesty", and Princes and Princesses are generally addressed as "Your Highness". Sometimes the Herald may add more flowery language when announcing Them in Court. You may recognize our Royalty by the Crowns that They wear, and also by the retainers and guards they have following Them (Plus, they're the people in the thrones at Court!). The Royalty preside over Curia Regis (where Kingdom business is conducted), give Awards and Honors to those They deem worthy. They also have many other duties and honors, but that is outside the scope of this article.

Landed Nobility

There are seven Baronies in Aethelmearc, and each is presided over by their Landed Barons and Baronesses. The Barons and Baronesses are the ceremonial heads of their groups. They may not make laws or preside over neighboring smaller groups (Shires), but they do have the honor and responsibility to give out awards specific to that Barony to the Baronial populace. They report to the

Crown on the state of their Baronies at Coronation. Landed Barons and Baronesses also have a seat on the Curia, along with the Kingdom Officers, the Peers of the Realm, and the local Seneschals. Landed Barons and Baronesses are chosen by polling the populace of the Barony. The King and Queen have the final say-so, though, as Territorial Barons and Baronesses are the Crown's representatives in their barony. They hold their lands in fealty to the Crown, and serve at the pleasure of the Crown.

Each Barony has its own procedure and schedule for choosing the next Baron and/or Baroness. The Debatable Lands is the only Barony in Aethelmearc that has chosen not to impose term limits. Unlike Kingdom Royalty, Baronies may either have a couple or a single person as the Baron and/or Baroness. When they step up, they are automatically Granted arms (See Part II). These are the only people that may use the full Baronial arms (with the laurel wreath), though anyone may use the Baronial populace badge. When someone steps down as Territorial Baron or Baroness, it is customary (though not required) that the King and Queen bestow a Court Baronetcy on him or her in recognition of the service they have done for their populace. You can recognize Barons and Baronesses (Court and Landed) by the Coronet (small crown) they wear adorned with six pearls. Both Territorial and Court Barons and Baronesses are addressed as “Your Excellency.”

When the King and Queen step down from a complete Reign, they are awarded Royal Peerages by the next King and Queen (formerly the Heirs) for their 11 months of service. If it was their first reign, they are created a Count or Countess. Some Counts use the title “Earl”. Counts and Countesses are addressed as “Your Excellency” and wear coronets with crenulations (a lot of little rectangles emerging from the top of the band, like embattlements on a castle tower). If it was their second reign, they are created a Duke or a Duchess. Dukes and Duchesses are addressed as “Your Grace” and wear coronets adorned with strawberry leaves arranged in groups of three. Other Kingdoms have different sumptuary laws. Because Aethelmearc was once a Principality, we also have some Viscounts and Viscountesses. These are people that have reigned as Landed Prince or Princess (not just Heirs) of the Principality of Aethelmearc. They are addressed as “Your Excellency” and wear coronets (there’s no standard type of coronet, but some here wear one with a single upward-rising point at the front). Dukes outrank Counts, and Counts outrank Viscounts, as do their female counterparts. All of these people are known as Royal Peers. They are not automatically given a Patent of Arms, as are people with Bestowed Peerages. However, it is customary to do so (if they don’t already have one), after the other Royal Peers residing in Aethelmearc (even if they moved here from another Kingdom) are polled. In order to receive a Patent with the title, the recipient must meet the general requirements listed for peerage in Corpora (see Part III).

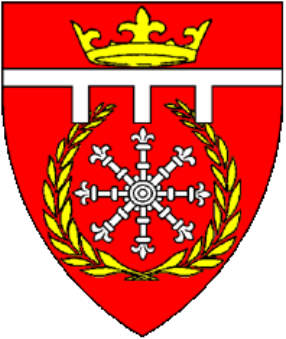
The Order of the Rose is a Society-level order, and consists of former Royal Consorts of a kingdom. In Aethelmearc, members are known as the “Ladies of the Rose”, since they are currently all women. The Order is specifically charged with encouraging chivalrous and courteous behavior among all members of the Society, and it is non-armigerous in our Kingdom. The Ladies of the Rose are consulted before a new member (someone who has just stepped down as Queen) may be inducted. They often are called upon to choose the most chivalrous fighter in a tournament, notably Crown tourney, who then bears the honor of holding the Shield of Chivalry. Ladies of the Rose may choose to wear a cloak with a single heraldic rose on it; our Kingdom has an “ancestral” cloak like this that is passed to the newest Lady (or Lord, possibly) of the Rose at her induction.

When Aethelmearc was a Principality, those who had served as Princess were inducted in to the Order of the Garnet, which is very similar to the Order of the Rose. The Order of the Garnet is

now closed since Aethelmeare is now a Kingdom, but the Ladies of the Garnet often work in conjunction with the Ladies of the Rose to fulfill their duties.

Next time: Orders of Distinction and Other Honors

KINGDOM ARMORY

		
Kingdom Arms	Heirs Arms	Populace Badge



Special Notice --

Apologies from the Chronicler AGAIN:

To the gentle readers of the Althing and especially to Master Dani of the Seven Wells does the Chronicler, Elss of Augsburg, offer humble apologies AGAIN. Due to an annoying bug of REALLY REALLY epic proportions, my computer and its files are still unavailable. Thus the next installment of the series on English Land Tenure will not be published until next month. I hope.



Baronial Election Information

Unto the populace of the Debatable Lands, does Byron, Baron, send Greetings.

By now you have probably received in the mail the ballot to vote for the next Baron and Baroness. If you have not received it, and expected to, let me know so that we can troubleshoot what went wrong. The most frequent reason is when people forget to renew their SCA memberships, but other things can go wrong, including lost mail.

I am pleased to announce that the pictures and statements from the Baronial candidates are available on the Barony's web site <http://debatablelands.org/election/statements.html>. I hope that this helps you in deciding how to rank the candidates.

The ballots need to be returned to me before the start of the May Barony meeting; details on how to return the ballots are included on the ballots themselves.

If you have ANY questions about the rules of the election, or any concerns about how it is being run, please feel free to contact me at your leisure.

In Service,
Byron

NOTE: As a public service, the candidate statements are reproduced here.

Candidate Statements

Sir Maghnus de Cnoc an Iora

I propose that people vote for me and make me Baron. I'd be doing this by myself, but I think I can carry it through in my usual plodding-but-determined way. I certainly would not be as well-dressed, well-mannered and well-equipped as Byron and Ariella have been. My sense is that the Barony has a less well-mannered side, though, and hopefully the people of the Barony can forgive a tired and grouchy but well-intentioned old guy. One reasonable concern would be that I don't know enough about the arts side of what the Barony does. It's true, I don't, but I know whom to ask, and I know that it's the Baron's job to pay attention. Another concern is that I tend to be kind of obsessed with work and thus wouldn't have as much time for the job as some others. Well, that's true, but I hope to compensate for it somewhat with my charming personality and general ability to accomplish things with a minimum of fuss. I will say that I tend to think of the Barony as it was in its 'Barony Marche' days; a little bit rustic, a little bit disobedient, kind of disorderly and a lot of fun. Some may think this attitude is a relic of bygone times, but I am a relic of bygone times. And the Barony and I have made it through so far.

Master Alaric MacConnal and Dame Elsbeth Anne Roth

Greetings All!

We hope you are looking forward to the upcoming election and are pleased with the excellent slate of candidates. What a wonderful Barony we live in!

For those of you who might not know us too well, here's a brief synopsis of our SCA history. Alaric started in the Barony of Three Rivers in Calontir and moved to the Debatable Lands in 1989. Elsbeth started in the College of Boethius in Caid and moved to the Debatable Lands in 1988. Since then we've participated in many different activities but are presently active in the following: Debatable Choir, Debatable Consort, Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Heraldry. We are both companions of the Laurel & Pelican, as well as the Barony's own Order of the Comet.

We hope to have the opportunity to meet everyone and learn about all the great things going on in the Barony!

In Service,

Alaric & Elsbeth

THL Fintan na Coilled and Maestra Gianna di Aurelio

Greetings unto the Populace of the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands.

Long have we been in awe of the wonderful, talented, and gracious people of the Barony. You welcomed and taught us when we first joined the Society many years ago. And now, we would like to have the opportunity to give back and represent you as your Baron and Baroness.

Let us tell you some of our history for those who may not know us well. We were both born and raised in the 'Burgh and have been married for 28 years. Although we have lived in other areas of the country, we have spent the majority of our lives here. This is where we call home. We have three children, Lord Marcus, Lord Halldorr, and Lady Brianna. They are all active members of the Society. We heard about the SCA at a friend's wedding and showed up at the very next meeting and have been hooked ever since.

It's been over a decade now. In that time we have continually held local, regional and kingdom offices. We value the educational aspect that the society provides and we enjoy giving back. We regularly participate in Arts and Sciences, Service and Martial activities. Both of us have and are currently representing the Barony as your Archery Champion. We have autocratted, worked as event staff, retained and served where we can. We participate in the Arts and Sciences and support them by teaching.

In choosing us to represent you as Baron and Baroness, we vow to be open, honest and fair. We shall stand firm when required, yet be gentle always. We still remember the excitement and passion we had when we were new, and we want you to remember that excitement and passion as well. We want our barony to grow and will work to find ways to encourage this. We love the Society and all that it stands for and should remember to have fun along the way.

We encourage you to get to know us better, and seek us out if we can be of assistance.

THL Fintan na Coilled and Maestra Gianna di Aurelio

THL Robert Marston and Mistress Alessandra d'Avignon

Mundanely, we are Larry and Colleen Kardasz. We have been married 14 years and have four children. Melissa, 24; Daniel (Roland of Foxes Glenn) 22; Lauren 11; and Sean (Bubba or Leon) 10. Larry is a Paramedic, and Colleen is an Office Manager for a restoration company.

In the Society, we are The Honorable Lord Robert Marston and Mistress Alessandra d'Avignon. Robert has been in the society for 27 years. His first Pennsic was 13. He is Protégé to Mistress Amaryllis Coleman and Squired to His Royal Highness Christopher Rawlyns. He is a heavy weapons fighter and a Mentor Chirurgeon. Robert's persona is an illegitimate son of an English lord. He is traveling around studying medicine and spending his father's money. Robert introduced Alessandra to the society shortly after they started dating, so she has only been here about 16 years. Alessandra was Proteged to Mistress Aoibheil of Dun Holen and is Squired to Sir Matthis Sean Cameron. She has autocrated a few events and hosts semi-regular sewings. She also has been known to do a scroll or two. Alessandra's persona is not as well defined, she is from Avignon, but has been known to time travel for beer or really cool clothes.

THL Cadell Blaidd Du and Isabel Fleuretan

Unto our friends and compatriots, the noble populace of the Barony Marche, greetings from Cadell and Isabel. We ask your indulgence, that we may impress upon you not only our willingness, but also our ability and qualification, to serve as your Baron and Baroness.

As a couple, we offer a powerful combination of original thought, and adherence to tradition. Cadell has been a part of this Barony for 16 years, and has served in capacities including Castellan of Cour d'Or, heraldic offices in both Barony and Kingdom, and several positions on Pennsic Staff. He knows the traditions and personalities not only of our beloved Barony, but also of our glorious Kingdom, and has resources that are indispensable when serving not only as Baronial leaders and motivators, but also as liaisons between the Barony and the Crown. Isabel is still relatively new to the SCA, having only been involved for about a year, and yet she has immersed herself completely in who we are and what we do. Becoming heavily involved in the artistic communities of both the Barony and the neighboring Shire of Sunderoak, she has embraced the spirit of our Society, while still being new enough that she can see things with the eyes we all had when we first joined. In addition, having participated in service organizations for many years, she has an instinctual knack for getting the best out of everyone she works with, and she can bring her background in public relations and event organization to bear in serving our Barony, Kingdom and community.

When considering whether to present ourselves as candidates, we asked ourselves what we wanted to accomplish. Foremost among our goals is to rejuvenate the spirit of Baronial unity that Cadell felt so strongly when he first joined the SCA. With a populace whose interests and focuses are as diverse as ours, it is sometimes easy to find ourselves feeling separated from, and sometimes even at cross purposes with, each other. But in the years we have all been part of this Barony, we have seen ourselves capable of truly remarkable things, never more so than when we move as one. Secondly, crucial to the health of our Barony is the revitalization of the influx of newcomers. The fall into dormancy of Cour d'Or is a great loss: the energy and enthusiasm for which the College has been known for years is integral to the continued growth and vitality of the Barony, and we seek to work to restore Cour d'Or to prominence Also in pursuit of that goal, we wish to lead the Barony, in

concert with the other regional groups, in bringing our considerable talents and knowledge not only to the Kingdom, but also to serve the community at large.

Your Baron and Baroness must stand not only as leaders, but as servants of both Barony and Kingdom. We bring the experience, enthusiasm, and drive to serve; all we ask of you is the opportunity.

In Service,
Cadell and Isabel

THE Liam Mac an tSaoir and THE Constance Glyn Dwr

As you know, we are Lady Constance Glyn Dwr and Lord Liam Mac an tSaoir, and we live in the best Barony is the Society. Liam has lived in the Debatable Lands his whole Scadian life, and from his first event years ago when he volunteered to help, he has been entrenched in the inner workings of the barony. Constance is no stranger to service either, having held shire and baronial offices over her decades in the Society, including seneschal, chronicler, mistress of arts and sciences, marshal, and currently holds the Kingdom Chirurgeon office. Liam holds the baronial office of Chirurgeon and is a deputy knight marshal, and currently holds the Kingdom position of Dean of the War College.

We are fully aware that service to the Kingdom is different than service to the Barony; the roles of Baron and Baroness require an open heart and willing hands. We have received counsel from previous Barons and Baronesses, who tell us, that the key point of service in the office is to be the voice of the crown to the people, and the voice of the people to the crown. This is not something we take lightly, but we want this challenge because we feel we can hear the people's voice, having been a part of the Barony for many years on several levels. We hear the fighters and the artisans; we hear the kitchen workers and the newest members of the society here for their first event. The Barony is the sum of its people, all their skills and dreams, and we would like to help build on the glories that have made the Barony Marche the glorious jewel of Æthelmearc and the Society that it has become.

We know that being Baron and Baroness is a lot of work, and we feel we are prepared for this. We have been very active in the Barony and we know that having the high tolerance for craziness our mundane jobs and our Kingdom positions require will give us an edge in dealing with the slings and arrows that come with this form of service.

We hope to accomplish many things as Baron and Baroness, one of which is fostering a greater crossover between martial and arts activities at baronial events and practices. Another, being not only recruitment but retaining new members. Not simply from the college campuses, but from the community as well. The society's populace is aging, and with the infusion of new blood we can keep ideas flowing, and create a more strong and dynamic Barony.

Vivat the Debatable lands! In Glorias Æthelmearc!

Don Clewin Kupferhelbelinc and Freifrau Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen

Clewin first discovered the SCA in college the way many seem to at that age — by letting people hit him with sticks. In the following years his interests have broadened to include numerous activities that fall inside the scope of the SCA. Clewin finds commedia dell'arte, armored and unarmored combat, historical combat research, and Germanic history of particular interest. He has also been learning about cord braiding and pewter casting. Clewin has been a local baronial officer and is currently a regional rapier marshal for a section of western PA. As Baron, Clewin would like to assist with once again gaining participation at the local colleges and to continue the strong ties with the groups in the surrounding area.

Fredeburg is active in the rapier and arts communities, but also enjoys a variety of other activities. She is currently the Baronial rapier marshal and spends time teaching newer fencers both at local and nearby practices. With regards to her arts, she focuses mainly on European printmaking and late medieval and early Renaissance German clothing. When she finds the time, she likes to shoot archery and is determined to finally post a royal round score this summer. As Baronial seneschal from A.S. 40–44 she presided over the change of Barony Meeting from monthly evening meetings to a bi-monthly gathering including additional activities. As Baroness, Fredeburg would like to continue to facilitate the interaction and crossover between various communities within the Barony. Specifically she is interested in establishing better methods to connect newer members of the Society with those knowledgeable in fields of interest to these newcomers.

Clewin and Fredeburg's son Karl is almost two and is interested in swords, anything he can take apart, and catching the attention of ladies. He is a blue-ribbon award winning baby, having won his category in last year's Ice Dragon Pentathlon.

Lord William Parris and Lady Anna Leigh

We, William and Annaleigh, have been members of the Barony Marche for most of our lives, from the beginning when the land enjoyed Viking influence to the present wealth of mixed cultures. We have marched to war in the land's defense, supported the pursuit of art, and devoted efforts to help sustain the community and nurture further growth. If elected Baron and Baroness, we would focus more so on these matters. New interest in our Barony must be carefully encouraged, but the same efforts must be made to support our more veteran members who have carried the weight of responsibility for so long. We wish to see the Barony Marche return to days of glory and prosperity, as it enjoyed in times past when all knew our lands as the House of the Black Field. The BMDL is first among baronies in the Kingdom of Æthelmearc, and we wish to see it first among lands anywhere.

With activities including fencing, illumination, armored combat, tailoring, and cooking, we wish to reach out to all interests in the barony in hopes of accomplishing 3 things. Recruitment is the lifeblood of any activity, so we will make efforts to find and introduce prospective artisans and warriors to the corresponding group they will feel at home with. As this new interest increases, we will set out to recognize worthy pursuits and accomplishments, so that the growth never falter. And finally, as the new become seasoned, we will support transitions for those who bear the most responsibility, so that their years of service may be rewarded by even more years of relaxed enjoyment. The populace is the keystone of any barony, and we wish to support the populace during any part of their path.

To accomplish our goals, we wish to invoke our origins and encourage our Scandinavian heritage. This culture can be used as a welcoming template for new members of the populace to build upon as they develop their own identity. While we do not suggest more veteran members supplant their own persona, we only wish that all might enjoy paying some tribute to our past and perhaps exploring some of the varieties of culture our Barony houses. We will take the lead and approach our interests and activities with this perspective, and offer nothing but support to all who do the same.

We wish to thank the Barony Marche and its populace for being our home for so long and nurturing our growing participation. The very least we can do is place ourselves in a position to do the same in return. New, seasoned, focused, or dabbling in everything, encouragement and support are what you, the populace, can demand from your leaders. We, William and Annaleigh, merely wish to accomplish this before you can ask.



Important Dates Coming Up!

BMDL Officers' Meeting and Annual Happy Budget Meeting – March 30, 2011

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at CMU from 8 PM to 10 PM, Porter Hall room A19, and all are invited to attend, as always.

Barony Meeting and Election Results – May 1, 2011

Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 1 PM to 5 PM at the Washington Boulevard Park summer fighting site. All are invited to attend and the many fun activities planned, including ballot counting!

BMDL Officers' Meeting – June 1, 2011

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at CMU from 8 PM to 10 PM, exact room to be determined, and all are invited to attend, as always.

The calendar on our website has been updated: <http://www.debatablelands.org/calendar.html>. Please let the seneschale or web minister know of any changes, additions or deletions.

Coronation of Christopher and Morgen Beaver, PA April 9, 2011

Please join the Canton of Steltonwald on April 9th 2011, to celebrate the Coronation of Christopher and Morgen. Our celebration will take place at the Lodge in Brady's Run Park, 526 Brady's Run Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Site opens at 9:30 am, troll will close at 2:00 pm, and site closes at 9:00 pm. The site is discretely damp and is handicap accessible. There will be a sumptuous lunch and dinner sideboard provided by Lord Bovi Farmaor (Dave Black, david_black42 AT yahoo.com). The A&S Kingdom championship will be held and there will be a youth tournament to decide the new Kingdom Youth Champion.

As it is a day to celebrate our Kingdom, please help us adorn the hall in Kingdom and personal heraldry. Outdoor merchant space is available; merchants planning on attending must contact the autocrat for further information. There is outdoor area available for pick up fighting should any wish, no marshal is being provided.

Autocrat for the event is THL Robert Marston (Larry Kardasz, 176 S. McCoy Place Rd Sewickley, PA 15143, (412)741-8537 no calls after 9:30pm, kardasl AT comcast.net).

Site fees: \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-17, 5 and under free. Sideboard fee: \$7 for adult, \$4 for children 6-17 in advance, must pre-register by 4/2/11. The sideboard price will increase to \$9 for adult, \$6 for children 6-17 at the door. Children 5 and under are free. A \$5 non-member fee will be charged to all adults who cannot show proof of membership, non-member fee may be submitted with your reservation.

Reservations must be received no later than April 2, 2011. Reservations can be mailed to THL Hildarun Hugelman (Krista Cogan, 3815 Baytree St. Pittsburgh, PA 15214; (412)606-6258); checks should be made out to SCA, Inc.-Steltonwald. The only good reservation is a paid reservation.

Directions:

From The North or South: Take Route 79 North to Pittsburgh International Airport. After passing airport, follow Route 60 North to the Chippewa exit. At the traffic light, bear right onto Route 51 South. Follow Route 51 South until the 1st light. This is the entrance to Brady's Run Park. Make right at this light. Follow the road through the park until reaching the Lodge.

Alternate route from Pittsburgh: Take Route 65 North to Route 51 North. Follow Route 51 North to the entrance of Brady's Run Park (bear right just before the traffic light to the park). Follow the road through the park until reaching the Lodge.

From the East: Take Route 68 East to Route 60 North. Travel Route 60 North to the Chippewa exit. At the traffic light, bear right onto Route 51 South. Follow Route 51 South until the 1st light. This is the entrance to Brady's Run Park. Make right at this light. Follow the road through the park until reaching the Lodge.

Accommodations: There are Hotel accommodations available at a reduced rate. We need 10 rooms to be reserved to get the reduced rate and reservations need to be made by March 8th. Group name is Steltonwald for reduced rate. The hotel is approximately 8 miles from site.

Holiday Inn - Beaver Falls, 7195 Eastwood Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010, (724)846-3700,
<http://www.hibeaverfalls.com/>

Iron Comet Challenge at the Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmans Club Saturday, April 30, 2011

Warriors of Aethelmearc! Here is a chance to test your mettle with sword, rapier, axe, and bow! Are you up to the challenge of being the Iron Comet champion? If so, come join us on April 30th in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands at the Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmans Club (505 Mosside Boulevard, North Versailles, PA 15137-2552). Not entering the Iron Comet challenge? Fear not! There are competitions in all martial forms. Our own Lady Elss of Augsburg shall provide us with a sumptuous all-day sideboard.

The youth Iron Comet Challenge features competitions with sword, axe, and bow. In addition to the martial contests, entrants for both the adult and youth Iron Comet Challenge shall also provide an arts & science entry, in any medium, with the theme of "Iron Comet".

Martial activities for those not participating in the Iron Comet Challenge shall take place throughout the day, so bring your best to compete against your opponents.

The Baronial History Project will feature a contest to showcase your photographs of baronial subjects past and present or of activities that occurred within the environs of our fair barony. There shall be prizes for best combat photo (any SCA martial activity), best story with photo (include story), "No seriously, that's really me," and best overall. Photos can be submitted in advance to Mistress Ts'veen at leftkowitzga@earthlink.net or brought to the event.

For questions about the Iron Comet Challenge, please contact the autocrat Lord Jorundr (shinigamikirin@gmail.com, 724-777-5554). Questions about other activities can be sent to either Lord Jorundr or Master Alaric (alaric@pobox.com, 412-306-0416, no calls after 10pm). Contact our Head Cook, Lady Elss (Elss_of_Augsburg@yahoo.com), with any questions about the sideboard.

Send reservations to Lady Muirgheall (Heather Hupp, 509 Hillcrest Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010, muirgheall@gmail.com).

Fees for the day shall be \$13 per person, which includes entry to the day's activities and the all-day sideboard. There is no fee for children age 5 and under. Gentles aged 6-17 pay a discounted fee of \$7 for the day. Make checks payable to "SCA Inc – BMDL." The \$5 non-member surcharge does apply, and may be either included with reservations or paid at the door.

Directions:

From Pittsburgh: Take your best route to I-376, heading towards Monroeville. (*) Take Exit 78-A onto US 30 East / Ardmore Boulevard. toward Forest Hills. Follow for about 7.2 miles and turn left onto Mosside Boulevard. Follow Mosside Boulevard for 0.9 miles. The site will be on the left.

From the North and East: Take your best route to I-76 (Pennsylvania Turnpike) and take Exit 57 (Pittsburgh / Monroeville). After exiting, keep left on US 22 Business West. Follow for about 0.5 miles and turn left onto Mosside Boulevard. Follow Mosside Boulevard for about 4.8 miles. The site will be on the right.

From the South and West: Follow I-79 North to Exit 59A and take I-376 towards Pittsburgh. After exiting the Fort Pitt tunnels continue on I-376 and follow the directions from (*) above.

Barony Meeting and Election Results

Washington Boulevard Park

May 1, 2011

All are invited to attend the May Barony Meeting! There are many fun activities planned including archery, thrown weapons, merrymaking and ballot counting! Be there on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 1 PM to 5 PM at the Washington Boulevard Park summer fighting site.

Remember, all ballots are due into the hands of the Selection Committee Chairman, Baron Byron, in the sealed envelope, by 1 PM on May 1, 2011.



Music and Dance Collegium

at the Pittsburgh Chinese Church

Saturday, May 7, 2011

When the winter winds blow and the days are short and dreary, what better way to shake off the doldrums than to play or sing a cheery tune and merrily dance about? The Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands invites one and all to a Music and Dance Collegium on May 7, 2011, at the Pittsburgh Chinese Church, [8711 Old Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237](#). Activities shall begin at 11am, and the site shall close at 10pm. In addition to classes to enrich the soul, there shall be an all-day sideboard prepared by the skilled hands of Master Alastar Scott MacCrummin, and in the evening we shall put the day's efforts to use with a Ball.

Gentles who wish to teach should contact the Class Coordinators, [Master Alaric MacConnal](#) (412-306-0416) or [Lord Pavel Dudoladov](#). Musicians wishing to play at the Ball can contact Lord Pavel.

Other questions can be directed to the Autocrats, [Mistress Ts'vee'a bas Tseepora Levi](#) (Gail Lefkowitz), or [Lady Cynewyn Æthelweardesdohter](#) (Amy Costello) at 420 S. Graham St. Apt 9, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Phone: 313-231-2511. Reservations can be sent to Mistress Ts'vee'a at Gail Lefkowitz, 5167 Rosecrest Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Home phone is 412-361-0718 between 6 – 9pm.

Fees for the day shall be \$15 per person, which includes entry to the day's events and the all-day sideboard. There is no fee for children age 5 and under. Gentles aged 6-17 pay a discounted fee of \$7 for the day. Make checks payable to "SCA Inc — BMDL." The Non-member surcharge of \$5 must be collected, and may be either included with reservations or paid at the door.

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Canton Meeting

Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Beaver County Courthouse
madeleinedlest at yahoo.com

Archery

Wednesdays, 6 PM - 9 PM,
except the third Wednesday of any month
Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill
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captainofarchers at steltonwald.org

Fight practice

Every Tuesday, 6pm, at the Economy Grange
Contact THL Robert Marston

Sewing

Aoibheil of Dun Holen

<http://www.steltonwald.org/>



THE COLLEGE OF COUR D'OR

The College of Cour d'Or is currently dormant. For information regarding local colleges and Universities, contact the Baronial College Liaison

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