

The Althing

To all the populace of the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands -- rejoice, for the party season continues! See herein the announcements for many of the upcoming events in our lands, including a Meeting with Robin Hood and his Merrie Band, our own well-beloved Agincourt and the teasers for the upcoming Rapier and Costuming Academy and BMDL Twelfth Night.

Herein continues the series of articles on the Tenth-Century Byzantine Field Armies as written by Dani of the Seven Wells. Also herein are court reports and other Tidings of Interest.



German musician sounding the military trumpet

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 October, in the chilly and wet reaches of the Barony, far above the Three Rivers.

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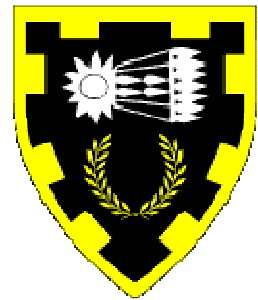
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send your contributions to Elss at chronicler@debatablelands.org for inclusion in the next issue.

Greetings from the Baron and Baroness!

Unto the populace do Liam and Constance send warm greetings;

The cold chill of autumn has taken hold of the land and many of us are taking in the last harvest. In a few weeks, we will celebrate the feast of St. Crispin and many from around the kingdom will come here to visit and celebrate the works of members of this great barony.

At Agincourt we will pick our Heavy Fighting Champion; this competition will be open to all Unbelted Heavy Fighters. Agincourt will also host the Kingdom Youth Championship. With the events of the day, we have planned a very special youth activity planned. The Baronial Youth Minister and Baron Liam would like all children who are able to join a quest to learn more about the society and its people. We welcome the entire kingdom and the known world back to the Debatable Lands to show all that our Barony has to offer.

Your hard work and dedication to the barony and to the dream makes us proud every day, we have had many award recommendations recently and we look forward to awarding many of those in the coming weeks.

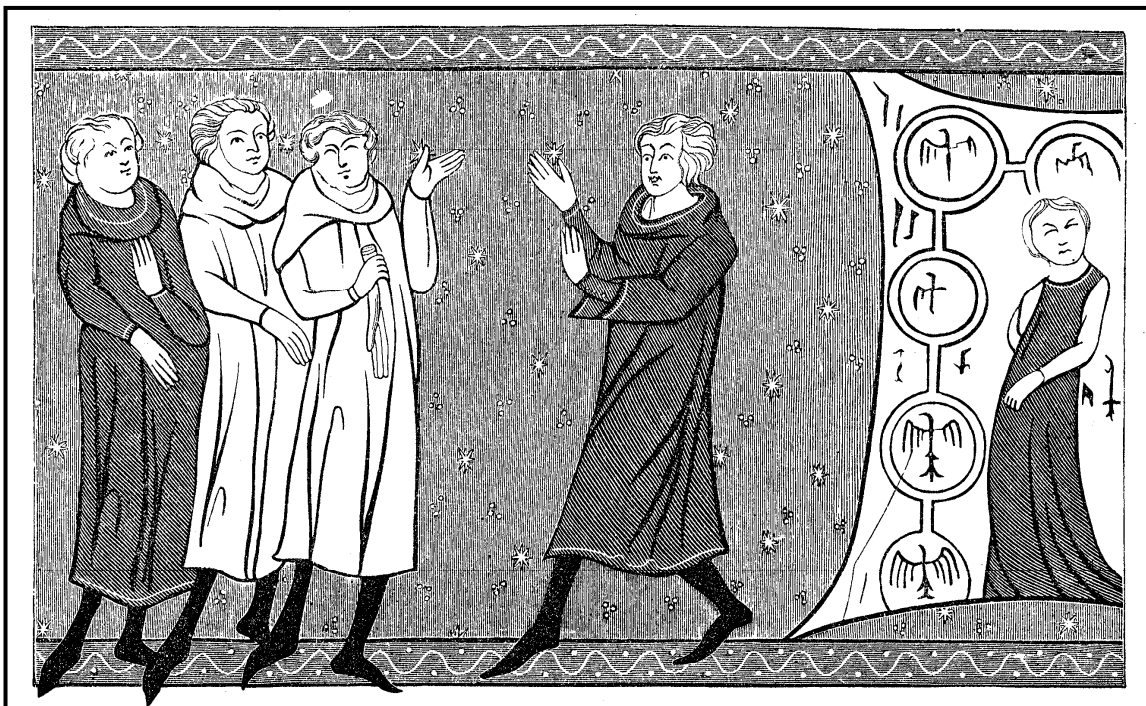
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Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir

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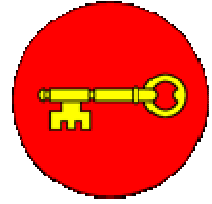
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From the Seneschale:

*Demetre in hir wysdom
Fro earthlee Lips did spake,
“O’er al the Sylvan Kyngdom,
Octobre Wynds, Awake!”*



Greetings in this, the beginning of Harvest season; I hope it is bountiful for you all. I’ve been seeing lots of new faces this fall at various practices and activities. A hearty “Welcome” to you!! Please don’t hesitate to approach someone doing something you’re interested in, either in person or by phone or email – we’re a friendly, helpful bunch.

For those who receive the Æstel, the Kingdom newsletter, you will notice that the Debatable Lands has sponsored the October issue, with the theme of Agincourt. Vivat! Thank you to our Chonicler, Lady Elss, and Baron Liam for providing the Kingdom Chonicler tidbits and trivia about the Battle of Agincourt.

Speaking of Agincourt, I know we’re all looking forward to our favorite mid-October event, with fighting and archery and fun galore! Reserve your space early, as feast is limited, and all event fees are raised by \$2 at the door. The event is now housing the vigils of Master Huon Damebrigge and THLord Brandubh O Donnghaile as they contemplate elevation to the Order of the Pelican. Also this fall, at Queen’s Rapier and Bardic Championship in St Swithings Bog on November 5th, is the vigil of Frefrau Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen as she contemplates elevation to the Order of the Laurel. Vivant to you all!!

I hope also to see some of you at our next meetings: October 5th is Officers’ Meeting at CMU, Porter Hall A19, 8pm (Agenda includes event updates, Knight Marshal term voting, and policy discussion); October 8th is the Aspinwall Demo; and the November Barony Meeting Harvest Revel on November 6th at the Castle in Wexford. More info elsewhere in this fine publication.

In Levitate et Caritate,
Hilda, Seneschale

Greetings All from the Interim Rapier Marshal

Rapier practice will continue to be held at 11 am at the Washington Blvd site as long as the weather holds. The 1st hour of practice is specifically designated for teaching and lessons, after that, sparring or other activities will occur.

Loaner gear is available.

On November 6th, practice will move to the Castle for the Baronial meeting held there. More information on the time of that practice will be coming soon

Many thanks to Don Christian for acting in my stead as marshal when I have been unavailable.

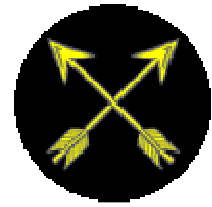
December 3rd is the Rapier and Costume Academy. There will be many classes and instructors from near and far. It will be a great learning opportunity.

See you on the field,

Mistress Irene von Schmetterling, Interim Rapier Marshal, BMDL

From the Captain of Archers

It's time to schedule our fall site cleanup at the Washington Boulevard practice. We didn't have to do this last fall, since we kept the site clean enough every week, but with the flooding of this summer, garbage has accumulated. It's not serious, but it is unsightly. Remember that maintaining the site is one of the ways to prove that we can keep the site.



I'd like to schedule this for Sunday, October 16, starting about 10:30 AM. This is the weekend between Crown Tourney and Agincourt. Saturday is the Gryffyns Keep event but we won't be conflicting with that. We should have it done by the start of regular practice.

I'll bring the trash bags, but every one should bring work gloves for safety. I'll also bring treats and suggest that others may want to bring something too. Let's make this a bit of a party.

All volunteers are welcome.

Once archery practice starts, I have a request from Brandubh that we shoot an IKAC score. This consists of twelve rounds, four at each distance, two timed, two untimed. (A timed round at 40 yards is a real challenge.) This does a while to get through so we should start once everyone is warmed up. This shoot has not been very popular in this Kingdom, but is more common elsewhere and is often used for seeding purposes at competitions.

In service to the Barony-Marche,

Urho Waltterinen

Per valde mustache adveho valde officium

Fall Fighting Schola

Greetings!

Lady Cynewyn is hosting a Fighting Schola at Carnegie Mellon on several Wednesdays this fall, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. If anyone is interested in learning more about the basics of fighting, please join us (students will have priority in borrowing loaner armor). Much of the class will be unarmored, so feel free to come to learn more, even if you are hesitant to hop into armor. Experienced fighters, please join us to teach and spar with newcomers (bring armor, and extra weapons).

For those not so martially inclined, we also have folks doing fiber arts concurrently with the fighting instruction.

Location and Directions:

We will be meeting outside at Carnegie Mellon University, between Baker and Doherty halls (map: <http://bit.ly/pN751N>). You can park (at the pay meters which are enforced until 10 PM) on Frew street just after the library, or for free at the Phipps Conservatory (as it's closed at that time).

We had two excellent classes in September already, and here is the rest of the schedule:

- ❖ 10/12 Japanese fighting styles - Baron Shiro
- ❖ 10/26 Spear fighting in singles and melee - Lord Bors
- ❖ 11/9 Melee tactics and shield work

Contact Lady Cynewyn with questions.

Important Dates Coming Up!

October Officers Meeting – October 5, 2011

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 8 PM at CMU, in Porter Hall, room A19.

November Barony Meeting and Harvest Revels with PIE! – November 6, 2011

Sunday, November 6th, thrown weapons and archery starting at 11am, barony meeting at 2pm, fighter practice at 2:30pm, plus bring a pie to share and enter into the pie contest!

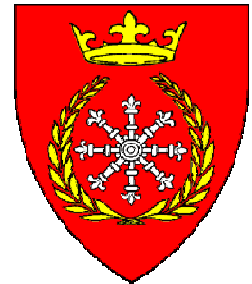
The calendar on our website has been updated: <http://www.debatablelands.org/calendar.html>.

Important Dates from Their Majesties!

Unto the people of Aethelmearc do Isenwulf and Rosalinda, your sovereigns, send greetings!

A list of events where Our champions will be chosen will appear in the October Aestel. As a few of those events are happening in the near future, below is a summary of the hosting events, and the championship to be held there:

- ❖ Archers to the Wald: Archery
- ❖ Agincourt: Youth Combat
- ❖ Autumn Artisan Challenge and Gold Chain Tourney:
Arts and Sciences
- ❖ Queen's Rapier: Rapier, Bardic



We look forward to witnessing first-hand the talent the people of this Kingdom have to offer.

Isenwulf and Rosalinda, King and Queen

Demo: October 8th at Aspinwall's Fall in the Wall:

Come one, come all! The Borough of Aspinwall has generously invited us to hold a demonstration of our medieval activities at their "Fall in the Wall" celebration on Saturday, October 8th. We need fighters of every kind (heavy, youth and rapier) to showcase our martial skills, and are looking to showcase the other groups throughout the day. Whatever your group would like to do would be welcome. We'd also like to share any Arts skills we can, so if you sing, dance, play an instrument, spin, or do any other activity that translates well to demos, please join us.

Volunteers are also welcome to simply distribute print materials and attend in garb to increase presence. The community celebration runs from 11am to 4pm, but we only ask a couple hours of your time. Food and Beverage is being supplied by the Aspinwall Civic Association as a courtesy to our volunteers.

Aspinwall is just across the Highland Park Bridge from our Sunday practice site, and the borough has generously offered a donation to the Barony. Here is an excellent opportunity for a recruitment demo, and I hope you can come out for just a little while to show the world what a fun place the SCA is. To volunteer, and for more details:

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and

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Barony Meeting and Harvest Rebels -- with PIE!

Join us on Sunday, November 6th, for our annual Harvest Revel Barony Meeting! Come on down to Byron and Ariella's Castle (755 Stonegate Dr, Wexford, PA 15090) for fighting, arching, throwing, pumpkin-flinging, and PIE!!

Regular Martial practices will run from 11am – 5pm (starting and ending at various times – see our Marshals for details). There will be a short break at 2pm in the Great Hall for Barony Meeting announcements. And sometime during the afternoon... pumpkin-flinging! Yes, we fling, we toss, we chuck our pumpkins off of the castle ramparts to the ground below. Splat! (No rotten ones, because...ew) It is a sight to see!

In addition, Baroness Constance will be holding her Baroness' Bower in the library - a cozy place to spend time with the Baroness and work on A&S projects, have conversation, snacks, and good fun!

And what is a Harvest Revel without PIE!? We'll be hosting our Third Annual Pie-Baking contest, winners by populace vote. Contest starts around noon-ish and ends around 3-ish, or whenever we're really full. Same rules as last year, but with new categories: PIE, "pie", and Pye. Here are the rules:

1. There will be three winners, one for each category. Bring on your best!

- ❖ PIE – Best Traditional Harvest Pie. Regular pies with crusts and harvest-style fillings (pumpkin, apple, etc).
- ❖ "pie" – Best Non-Traditional Pie. Use your imagination! As long as you can justify your entry as a Harvest "Pie", you can enter it. Pumpkin roll? A spatially-challenged pie! Apple bars? Crust-less mini-pies!
- ❖ Pye - Best Period Pie. Any kind, but it must be period. You have to name your source on the index card, but full documentation isn't necessary. Just entering this category wins you kudos.

2. Winners will be chosen by popular vote, so bring enough, or cut it small! Write the name of the pie, the category, and your name on an index card when you enter it. Everyone at the meeting gets three markers, one for each category. They vote by placing their markers at their favorite pies.

3. In case of a tie, an expert panel of judges will decide the winners.

4. Prizes will be bragging rights for an entire year! And the adulation of the populace! GLORY! (Plus maybe some other goodie I can drum up.)

No Officers' Meeting is currently planned. Doesn't conflict with Steelers game. No garb required. Contact the Seneschale if you have any questions.



Queen of Carnations

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BMDL Court Report -- August 27th, A.S. 46

Here begins the record of the final court of their Excellencies Byron and Ariella, Baron and Baroness of these Debatable Lands, on August 27th, Anno Societatis 46, at the Baronial Investiture, Lord Pavel Dudoladov reporting herald.

First, the presence of Alethea Cowle was requested. Their Excellencies commented on her growing skill on the field and with the arts, as well as her service in the kitchens, and thus they made her a companion of the Comet Purple, presenting her with a scroll illuminated by Aibell ingen Churnachain and calligraphed by Aiden ni Leir.

Next their Excellencies called THLord Keiran MacRae forward. They spoke of his skill as a musician, and artist and therefore made him a member of the Order of the Comet Azure-Argent, presenting him with a scroll illuminated by Pavla de la Satu Mare and calligraphed by Aiden ni Leir.

Lina in Danska was invited forth by their Excellencies. They remarked upon her unceasing service to the Barony and thus inducted her into the Order of the Comet d'Or, presenting her with a scroll illuminated by Violante de Luna, calligraphed by Alethea Cowle, with words by Odrianna vander Brugghe.

Their Excellencies then called forward Dame Elsbeth Anne Roth. They recalled her countless hours of service to the Barony and the heraldic community; therefore they would induct her into the Order of the Comet d'Or and presented her with a scroll illuminated by Anna Leigh and calligraphed by Kameshima Zentarou.

The presence of Caelinn of the Debatable Lands was then requested, their Excellencies remarked on her service to the Barony at events and practices, and thus inducted her into the Order of the Comet d'Or, doing thus with a scroll illuminated by Odrianna vander Brugghe and calligraphed by Keiran MacRae.

Several representatives from the Shire of Ballachlagan were invited forward. They congratulated their Excellencies on their successful tenure as Baron and Baroness and presented them with a gift basket.

They were followed by THLord Urho Walterinen who presented them with a gift on behalf of the archers of the Barony.

Next Lord Liam macan tSaoire and Lady Constance Glyn Dwr presented themselves as their Excellencies' heirs and offered their Excellencies a basket of gifts for their impending retirement.

Then THLady Hildarun Hugelman came forth and spoke to their Excellencies on behalf of the Populace. She thanked their Excellencies for their service and called forth Baron Langdon who on behalf of the populace had made their Excellencies a gift, wooden boxes for their coronets, which could be attached or carried separately, as well as buttons and fabric which were neither black nor gold.

Their Excellencies graciously accepted all these gifts.

Their Excellencies then called forward the following to thank them for their service during their Excellencies' term: THLady Margery Kemp, head retainer, on behalf of all the retainers, THLady Hildarun Hugelman, Seneschal, on behalf of the officers, Mistress Aiden ni Leir on behalf of the scribes, Lord Pavel Dudoladov and THLord Brandubh o'Donnghaile for their service as herald, Marian Blackwater for the fighting tabards she made their Excellencies, Cassandra Theodosius for the numerous belt loop comet favors she made for their Excellencies to present, and Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope for her advice throughout their reign.

Next their Excellencies called forth their children Joshua, Leah, and Ian. They thanked them for their patience and support throughout their Excellencies' reign.

Finally their Excellencies thanked the Populace for their support and service, for their kindness and goodwill, for making their Excellencies' reign a truly wonderful experience.

There being no further business the final court of Their Excellencies, Byron and Ariella, 6th Baron and Baroness of the Debatable Lands, was closed.

BMDL Court Report -- August 27th, A.S. 46

Here begins the record of the first court of their Excellencies Liam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of these Debatable Lands, on August 27th, Anno Societatis 46, at their Baronial Investiture, Lord Pavel Dudoladov, reporting herald.

First, the presence of Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope was requested. She proceeded to thank all those who had made the investiture possible including Sir Bear.

Next their Excellencies called Lady Ceindrech merch Elidir forward. She spoke of the Baronial Youth Champion tournament which was fought that day announcing Tiberius as the new Baronial Youth Champion. Their Excellencies congratulated him on his skill, presenting him with a scroll illuminated by Odrianna vander Brugghe and calligraphed by Kieran MacRae. Lady Ceindrich also announced Gwen Telenomorous as most chivalrous and congratulated Devan for her first time fighting.

Dona Sasha Gray was invited forth by their Excellencies. She announced that she had run the Baronial Champion Fencing Tourney that day and that its victor was Lord Charles de Cayeux. Their Excellencies congratulated him on his skill, presenting him with a scroll illuminated by Odrianna vander Brugghe and calligraphed by Kieran MacRae.

Their Excellencies then called forward Lord Shirou. He announced the winners of the heavy fighting bearpit tourney that occurred that day. Sir Graedwyn was declared the victor and Lord Anias the most chivalrous. Their Excellencies congratulated them on their fighting prowess.

Next THLady Odrianna vander Brugghe was requested. She announced that she had run a scribal table and competition and that the winner was Leana. Their Excellencies congratulated Leana on her skill.

Lady Rufina Saavedre was invited forward. Their Excellencies thanked her for her service, especially in her organizing of the Zoo Demo and therefore inducted her into the Order of the Gold Comet, presenting her with a scroll by Aiden ni Leir.

Lady Elss of Augsburg and Mistress Kris Gilibari were called forward. Their service as co-signets was noted and appreciated by their Excellencies. Elss and Kris were asked if they had found a successor, they had and THLady Odrianna vander Brugghe was invited forward. Their Excellencies asked Odrianna to serve as their signet, she accepted. Their Excellencies then relieved Elss and Kris from their duties, and thanked all for their service to the Barony.

THLady Margery Kemp was then requested. Her service as head retainer was noted and appreciated by their Excellencies. Margery was asked if she had found a successor, she had and Lady Caelinn of the Debatable Lands was invited forward. Their Excellencies asked Caelinn to serve as their head retainer, she accepted. Their Excellencies then relieved Margery from her duties, and thanked all for their service to the Barony.

Their Excellencies then commanded that Sir Alonzio of the Peacemakers be brought before them. They noted that he had quite a "history" on the Barony and if he would like to make that "history" go away, then he would serve as their Baronial Sheriff. Alonzio agreed and thus was warranted as Sheriff of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands with all rights granted pursuant to that station.

The presences of their Excellencies Tofi and Genevieve were then requested, their Excellencies remarked on their constant service to the Barony, to the kingdom, to the society. Their work, a comet's tail reflecting back on the barony, showing the best the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands has to offer. Thus their Excellencies would create the Award of Excellence, making Master Tofi and Mistress Genevieve principle members, doing thus with a scroll illuminated and calligraphed by Gianna di Aurelio.

Finally, Lady Aobell ingen Churnachain and the children of the barony brought forth a banner made that day as a gift for their Excellencies. Their Excellencies thanked the youths for their effort and accepted the banner.

There being no further business the first court of Their Excellencies, Liam and Constance, 7th Baron and Baroness of the Debatable Lands was closed.



Personification of Music

Fractured Fairy Tales: The Tale of Robin Hood Saturday, October 15, 2011 Union Presbyterian Church

While King Richard is away fighting in the Crusades, Prince John, with the help of his evil henchman the Sheriff of Nottingham, has invaded our beloved Shire of Gryffyns Keep! We have fought the good fight and now with very tired voices, we call out to you, the populace of these great lands, in search of the heroes we so desperately need to rid our land of this evil scourge.

Yes, we are in need of heroes, those most wondrous of heroes that rob from the rich and give to the poor. We need a hero who is a master with the Bow. We need a hero who is sure with a Blade. We need a hero who is unstoppable with a Rapier. We need a hero who can defend our bridge from invaders. We are in need of Robin Hood and his merry men.

Who among you will come and participate in our day of tournaments in Archery, Heavy Combat, Thrown Weapons and Fencing? Also, fear not for the entertainment of our wee ones, as activities will be occurring for them. Hear our call; help us find our heroes so that we may put an end to the evil tyranny of Prince John!

This day will feature a Friar Tuck Pot Luck Dayboard/Cooking Competition starting at 11:30 AM, and our Shire will provide the meat course. Please bring a dish of your choosing to share. For those wishing to enter the competition portion of the lunch board, there will be a signup sheet and special section of the table. Please be sure to make any competition dish a period recipe, and bring a list of the ingredients in your dish so those who partake can avoid allergic reactions.

Before our scrumptious feast, prepared by Lord Thomas Le Strange, there will be a “swagger” competition (participants must be able to lift 40 lbs.), and Robin Hood and his merry men will be unveiled.

The site for this event is Union Presbyterian Church, 656 Route 380, Murrysville, PA 15668, on Saturday October 15, 2011. The site opens at 10:00 AM and closes at 9:00 PM. The site is dry.

The site fee for this event is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6 to 12 and children under 5 are free. There will be an evening feast by the hand of Lord Thomas Le Strange (Thomas Butts). The cost of the feast is an additional \$8.00, \$4.00 for children 6 to 12, and children 5 and under are free. Of course, the non-member surcharge of \$5.00 will apply for any gentle without proof of membership.

Reservations may be sent to Lady Siobhan MacDermott (Melissa Strobel) at 202 S. 4th St., Youngwood, PA 15697, (724) 396-2179, [theebonswan at gmail dot com](mailto:theebonswan@gmail.com). Checks can be made out to SCA Inc. - Shire of Gryffyns Keep. Please do not include your NMS with your reservation.

Your autocrats for the event are Lady Freya Ramsey (Heather Pollins (724)522-1019), and Zoe the Black (Amy Buckley (724) 980-7573). Be sure to mark this exciting event on your calendars, invite your friends and join us for some fun!

Directions from South and Pittsburgh area:

Take your best route to I-376 East (Parkway) to the end, and then bear left onto Route 22 East towards Murrysville.

******Go through three stop lights and bear right onto Route 286 East, Golden Mile Highway, Holiday Park. Proceed through eight stop lights and after the last one at the Dairy Queen, go straight, beneath the underpass on Route 380 East. From here, the church is approximately two miles on your right.

Directions from the North:

Take I-79 to Pa Turnpike, go east to the Monroeville-Pittsburgh exit after the toll booth bear right onto Route 22 East towards Murrysville. Follow directions from******.

Directions from the East:

Take either Route 22 or Route 30 West to Route 66 North through Delmont. Go approximately seven miles to a flashing yellow light and turn left onto Route 366 West towards New Kensington. Go approximately four miles to the interchange with Route 380. Turn left through median and bear right onto Route 380 East. The church will be approximately two miles ahead on your right.



Tapestry representing a hunting scene

Agincourt

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club

*O noble English! that could entertain
With half their forces the full pride of France,
And let another half stand laughing by,
All out of work, and cold for action.*

Heroes will be made upon the field this day, Archer and Knight alike shall make their mark. On this St. Crispin's day, We will also hold an arts and sciences display specializing in Leatherwork, as well as an arts and sciences Historic Combat feature.

This event will also play host to the Baronial Heavy Weapons Championship. Baronial heavy fighters should watch for details on rules for this year's Baronial Championship.

This grand event will take place Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club, [505 Mossie Blvd., North Versailles PA 15137](#). Doors will open at 10 a.m. and anyone left at 9 p.m. will be part of the cleanup crew.

The Autocrat for this event will be Uilliam Mac an tSaoir (Shawn MacIntyre), ([medicmacintyre15219\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:medicmacintyre15219@yahoo.com)) assisted by Constance Glyn Dwr and Clewin Kupferhelbelinc. Your lunch and feast will be prepared by the very talented Elss of Augsburg ([elss_of_augsburg\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:elss_of_augsburg(at)yahoo.com)).

The charges for this event are as follows:

- ❖ Adults (18 and up) with lunch & feast: \$15.00 pre-registered, \$17.00 at the door
- ❖ Adults (lunch only), without feast: \$7.00 pre-registered, \$9.00 at the door
- ❖ Youth (6–17) with feast: \$11.00 pre-registered, \$13.00 at the door
- ❖ Youth (lunch only), without feast: \$3.00 pre-registered, \$5.00 at the door
- ❖ All children under 6 are free
- ❖ Non-SCA Members will pay a surcharge of \$5.00

Note that all Prices are \$2.00 more the day of the event at the door, so please pre-register. The deadline for pre-registration is Saturday, October 15th, 2011.

A portion of the event proceeds will be donated to the Æstel. Reservations can be mailed to Hildarun Hugelman (Krista Cogan), 3815 Baytree Street, Pittsburgh PA 15214 (412-606-6258). Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc — BMDL". The only reservation is a paid reservation. Please include all mundane names with your reservation, including those children under six that require a seat at the feast table. The troll will open at 10 am and close at 3 pm. Any bought-but-unclaimed feast spaces will be sold at that time, so if you're planning to arrive after 3 pm, please include that information with your reservation. Any gentle 18 and over that cannot provide proof of SCA membership at the gate will be charged the \$5 surcharge.

Directions:

From the North, South and West: Take your best route to I-376 East. Take I-376 East to Exit 78a (US 30 — Forest Hills). Follow US 30 east approximately 7 miles to PA 48 (Mossie Boulevard). The event site will be 1/2 mile on your left.

From the East: Take your best route to US 30, Follow US 30 to PA 48 (Mossie Boulevard). Turn right onto PA 48, the event site will be 1/2 mile on your left.

Rapier and Costuming Academy - December 3, 2011

The days grow ever shorter and Winter's chill draws nigh; therefore, we come together to share the light of our knowledge and fight the chill with cloth and steel.

Hone your skills at the Rapier and Costuming Academy in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, December 3rd at the Pittsburgh Chinese Church, 8711 Old Perry Hwy, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Gentles who wish to teach should contact the Class Coordinators, Mistress Irene von Schmeterling, for fencing, and Mistress Ts'vée'a bas Tseepora Levi, for costuming.



BMDL Twelfth Night - January 14, 2012

The Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands is pleased to announce that Twelfth Night Festivities will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Lodge in North Park, (no street number) Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. The site will open at 10 AM and close at 10 PM, so that all may have enough time to enjoy the day.

The populace will be happy to note that this is a FREE event -- there is no charge at the door and no non-member surcharge! No reservations are required. Because it is also a potluck dinner, each person is requested to bring a dish to share.

The autocrat for this event is Lady Elss of Augsburg (Rocky Hayeslip); all inquiries may be directed to the autocrat at elss_of_augsburg@yahoo.com or to Rocky Hayeslip, 221 Pine Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or by cell at 724.759.3333.

Please note that many, many activities are being planned for adults and children. More information and directions will be available in the November and December Althings.

Mark your calendars now for the BMDL Twelfth Night Celebration on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Lodge at North Park.



THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

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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
Beaver Valley Archery Club
Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill
captainofarchers at steltonwald.org

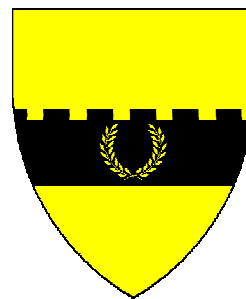
Fight practice

Every Tuesday, 5 pm, at the Hopewell
Township Community Park, Pavilion 4
Contact THL Robert Marston
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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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