

The Althing

*Felicitations to all on the occasion of the birth of the Society for Creative Anachronism,
for now begins the year Anno Societatus 47, and
Felicitations also to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, whose birth we celebrate on May 26th.*

RESERVATIONS CLOSE ON MAY 11TH.

*Look forward to these Upcoming Events: the Barony Birthday Party and Queen's Rapier Championship,
War Practice, the Roman Holiday, Interrupted, and the fabulous Fireside Feast!*



i. German musician sounding the military trumpet

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relating to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, both past and to come,
in the middle of the changeable Month of May, in the northern reaches of our Lands, far above the Three Rivers.*

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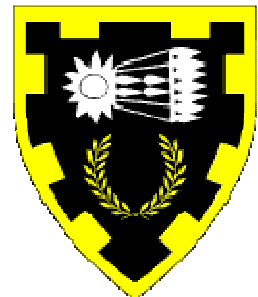
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The Althing's submissions deadline is fluid –
send your contributions to Elss at chronicler@debatablelands.org for inclusion in the next issue.

From the Baron and Baroness:

Unto the populace do Baron Liam and Baroness Constance send greetings!

We have entered into spring and as we plant the autumn's bounty, we also prepare for events where we will see friends and family from throughout our society. War Practice is just a couple of weeks away, and our Arts and Sciences Champion and our Heavy Weapons Champion will compete against champions from the other six baronies of Æthelmearc. Friday night at War Practice, We will also pick our Brewing Champion.

Just one week later, we will welcome fencers from throughout Æthelmearc for the Queen's Rapier Championship, where we will also celebrate the Barony's Birthday!

Pennsic also approaches and we again look forward to our annual Baronial Reception and Baronial Court at Æthelmearc Royal. We are currently looking for a good gentle or gentles to prepare food for the reception. If you are interested, please contact Her Excellency.

We look forward to seeing you at the many events coming up around the Barony and the Kingdom.

Yours in service,

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Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir

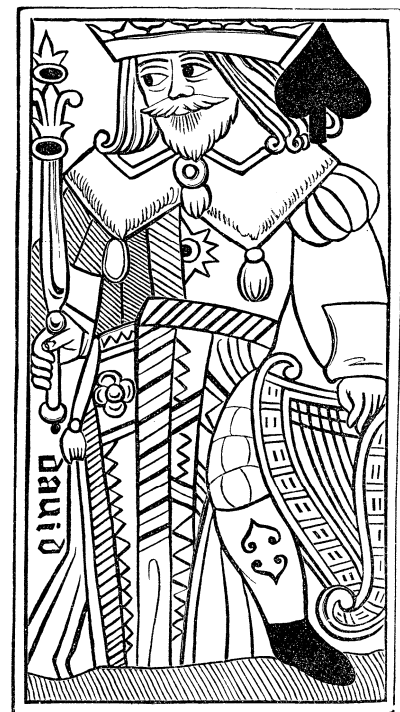
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ii. French Card for Piquet



Pennsic Camp Note

In the link below are the rules that were presented at the Camp Meeting on Sunday, May 6th. If you plan to camp with the barony, please read through them. If you have any questions, you can contact me at Baron@debatablelands.org.

<http://bmdlbandb.webs.com/bmdlpenmsiccamp.htm>

Thank you,

Baron Liam MacanTsaoir (SCA)

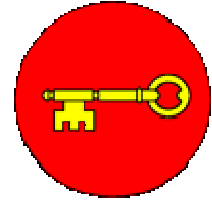
Baron of the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

Dean of Æthelmearc War College

In Omnia Paratus

From the Seneschale

Greetings on this fine May Day! I hope to see everyone at this month's Barony Meeting on Sunday, May 6th, for a fun-filled day of games! Martial practices start at their normal times, lawn games at 1pm, and announcements at 2pm. Come out and celebrate the warm weather with your friends! Rain date is May 13th, but it doesn't look like we'll need it (knock on wood).



Welcome to our Rapier Marshal, Mistress Irene, as she starts a full term, and thank you to her for filling in as Interim Marshal these many months. Also thank you to Master Alaric, our Interim Captain of Archers, and to THL Urho, our outgoing Captain of Archers. If anyone is interested in becoming an Officer, please let me know! We have several office terms ending in the next few months, and we'd love hear from any gentle interested in helping run the Barony. Becoming a deputy is a great way to see what an office is all about. An office not your cup of tea, but still want to help out? We may have other opportunities for you, like maintaining Gold Key, our loaner clothing, or maybe you're interesting in something else. Just contact me, and we'll talk.

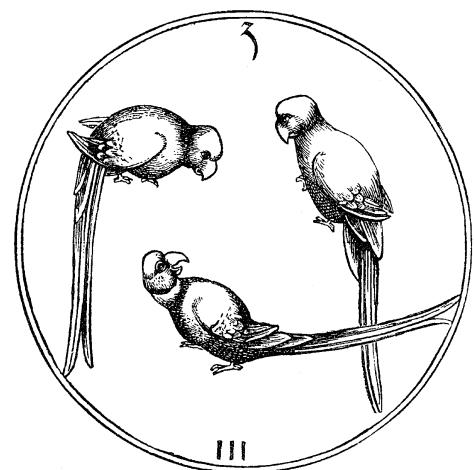
I'd like to say a special "thank you" to our Exchequer, Baron Tofi, and our Steltonwald Seneschale, Lady Muirgheal, for acquitting themselves very well during the society-wide monetary situation a couple months ago - we all appreciate your work. The next Officers' Meeting will be on Wed, June 6th, at 8pm in Porter Hall at CMU, and the next Barony Meeting is a Pennsic Planning Party on Sunday July 8th at Washington Blvd. Look here in the Althing or on the Debatable Lands' Facebook group in the coming months for more information. Also, August's Officers' Meeting has been moved to after Pennsic: Wed, August 15th, at 8pm in Porter Hall. Officers' Meetings are always open to the general public - we'd love to see you there!

WANTED: Autocrats! If you're interested in running an event this winter or next spring, now is the time to start thinking about planning. Let me know if you'd like to try an event, or are thinking about planning one. Also, a nice way to get your feet wet at event planning without actually planning an event: run the Baronial Party at Pennsic. We're still looking for someone to organize this year's festivities.

As always, my door is always open to any comments or questions or concerns. If the Officers don't know what you think, how can we help make our little corner of the SCA the most fun it can be? If you have any questions about any of the Offices, Positions, or Guilds, please don't hesitate to contact that Officer, Position holder, or Guild Master (or me, if you prefer) - we're all here to facilitate the best hobby in the world, so we want to hear from you.

In Levitate et Caritate

~Hilda, Seneschale



iii. Three of Parrots

Opportunities in the Barony

Greetings from the Baronial Chirurgeon

It has come to pass that I have been serving as the Baronial Chirurgeon for two terms, and now is the time to call for letters to fill this position. To become the Baronial Chirurgeon, you must possess the following:

- ❖ A current CPR Certification (American Heart Association or American Red Cross)
- ❖ A current Basic First Aid certification (or Higher Healthcare Certification)
- ❖ A warrant as a Chirurgeon from the Current Kingdom Chirurgeon

All candidates who possess the above are welcomed to submit letters to me or to the Baronial Seneschal by the June Officers Meeting.

In Service,

Baron Liam

iv. Eight of Bells

Greetings from the Chatelaine

Nearly two years have passed since I accepted the Chatelaine Office, and the time to call for letters is upon us. I encourage any gentle who wishes to give of their time and energy to welcome our society's newcomers to apply, and I offer my assistance if needed.

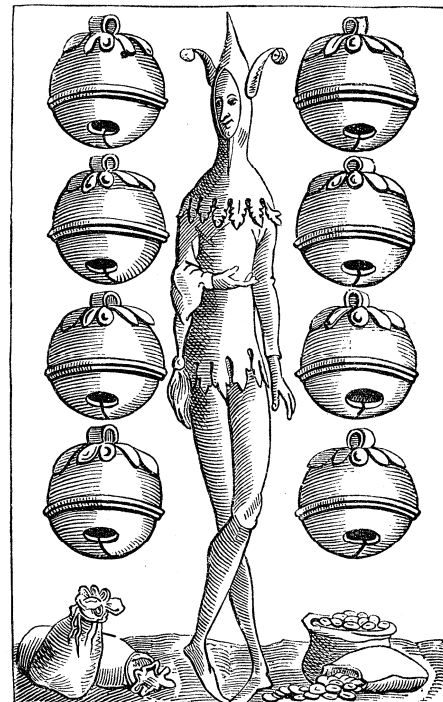
Most interested persons contacting the office prefer email. The Chatelaine helps target what aspect of the SCA the person is most curious about, and contacts members to assist them in getting started. At events, you greet new attendees and help introduce them to the society. The more people they meet, and feel comfortable around, the higher the likelihood of retention.

Occasionally, we are contacted for demonstrations (demos) or to speak about the middle ages at schools. The position does not require you to attend every event or demo, but to assist in finding volunteers to make the activities happen.

Quarterly reports are filed online, as any official office in the Kingdom requires. It doesn't take much time, especially if you keep track of contacts as you go. Most months the officers meetings fall on the first Wednesday night on CMU's campus. You'll learn about the happenings in the Barony and report on any information relevant.

If you are interested but nervous about the responsibilities of the office, I offer two solutions. The first is that you jump in anyway, knowing I'm a phone call away for assistance (email is difficult due to my work), or, contact me about being a deputy.

Yours in Service, Lady Anna Leigh



Youth Fighting Schedule:

Greetings to all Youth Fighters and their parents!

This Sunday's Debatable Lands youth fighter practice will include a Barony meeting, with lawn games and other fun activities! The site is the park at the corner of Washington Blvd. and Allegheny River Blvd. in the East End of Pittsburgh. Map at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/7qgcfcq>

I will be out of town on May 6th, but THLady Zoe Akropolitina has graciously agreed to run youth fighter practice. Thanks also to James' dad, John, for agreeing to bring the loaner gear and weapons to practice for me.

This practice site is primitive - there is a portajohn, but that's about it - no seating and no running water. Bring a water bottle! If you want somewhere to sit other than on the grass, bring a folding chair.

Youth fighting runs from 2-5pm on Sunday, BUT if you show up at 11 am, you'll be able to give **target archery** and **thrown weapons** a try. The marshals for those activities have loaner gear, and it's loads of fun, so I encourage you to check them out.

The BMDL Youth Combat practice schedule for the next month is as follows:

May 6 - Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

May 13 - Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

May 20 - NO PRACTICE, tourney at [AEthelmearc War Practice](#) on Saturday @ 9:30 am

May 27 - NO PRACTICE, tourney at [Baronial Birthday](#) on Saturday @ 11am

June 3 - Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

Have a great practice, and I'll see you on the 13th -- Arianna

Important Dates Coming Up!

May Barony Meeting – May 6, 2012

Sunday, May 6, 2012, 2 PM, at the Washington Boulevard practice site, come early for archery or thrown weapons, and stay for fighting and May Day Games! Also, for those camping with the Barony, please attend the Pennsic Barony Camp Meeting.

June Officers Meeting – June 6, 2012

Wednesday, June 6, 8pm at CMU, Porter Hall, specific room to be announced.

Zoo Demo – June 16-17, 2012

Father's Day Weekend at the Zoo -- fighters, fencers, artisans of all types are needed to show off the depth and breadth of activities in the Society! See announcement and email coming soon.

July Barony Meeting – July 8, 2012

Sunday, July 8, 2012 at 2 PM, at the Washington Boulevard practice site, come early for archery and thrown weapons, and stay for fighting and the Barony meeting for Pennsic Prep and the fabulous Garb (and Fabric) Exchange!

From the Rapier Marshal

We had seven individuals participating in practice on Sunday, April 22nd.

Don Christian de Launey ran the lesson from our developing curriculum and I ran a lesson for our newest participant. I taught intro to footwork and point control.

Don Christian taught:

Brief review of Parries 1 and 2 with movement.

Introduction to Parry 3 - Middle outside line. (Hand position seconda)

Introduction to Parry 4 - Middle inside line. (Hand position quarta)

Parry 3 on advance, lunge seconda.

Parry 4 on advance, lunge quarta.

Discussions on angulation, intent and targeting.

Partner drill

Both fighters same hand, presented.

Agent: Lunge seconda to hollow under partner's arm.

Patient Agent: Advance lead foot 45 degrees inside while binding in parry 3 and thrusting in opposition to hollow under Agent's arm. Off-hand fills over or under sword arm depending on height.

We ran out of time before doing any partner work on Parry 4.

We then had the authorized fencer take some passes while the others critiqued what they saw. This encourages seeing the action of the fencing and highlights points taught in the lessons.

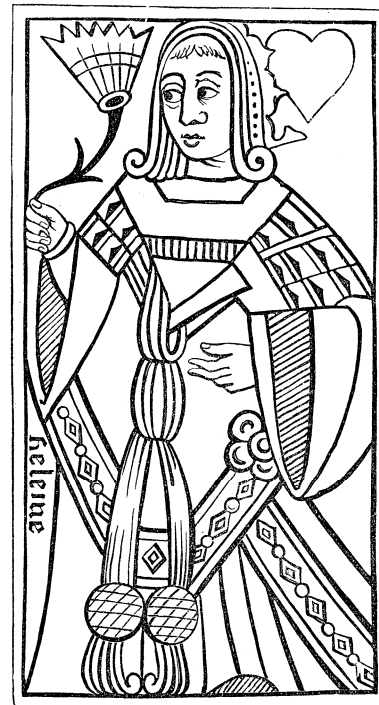
There were a few free play passes at the end of practice.

There will be practice at 11 am this Sunday at the Baronial Meeting, and we will have a pairs tourney. The pairs are one fencer and one armored fighter to make a team. Next to the armored field there will be a combat archery bow and arrow. Next to the fencing field there will be a RBG. The winner of the field that finishes first can help their teammate. But they only have one shot and beware of shooting your teammate.

I will be out of town on the 13th of May, so, unless I get a volunteer marshal to run practice that day, there will be no fencing practice. There will be no practice the weekend of War Practice.

Irene von Schmetterling
Rapier Marshal, BMDL

v. French Card for Playing Piquet



Greetings to the Youth in BMDL!

I hope to see everyone at War Practice! There will be Family Activities in the Barn on Saturday, from 1:30pm - 4pm:

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| 1:30 - 2:00 | Batik 1 (Make a batik bag to take to Pennsic) |
| 2:00-3:00 | Mask Workshop (Learn about masks and make one of your own) |
| 3:00-3:30 | Game time (Various games including Morris, Mancala, and Settlers of Catan will be available to play) |
| 3:30-4:00 | Batik 2 (Finish Batik project) |

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A maximum of twelve children can participate.

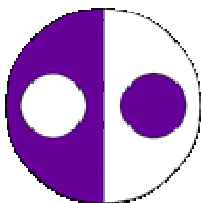
We should have a great time! All ages are invited. If you are a teen, there will be more challenging batiking and masks. Or you could come and help out!

Also, we hope to see everyone at the Queen's Rapier Championship & Baronial Birthday on Saturday, May 26, 2012. Sadly, I will not have children's activities at this event BUT, as a birthday present to our youth, we will have BMDL coloring books and crayons set out! These books will have pictures of BMDL activities. Who knows, you may spot yourself! So make sure you pick one up!

And remember the challenge I gave you in the last Althing! Let me know what your achievements are and we will feature you in the Children's area of the Althing! Draw me some pictures even!

Hope to see you soon,

Lady Aíbell ingen Chernacháin - Chancellor Minor



*Cartoon by
Lady Aíbell ingen Chernacháin*



Court Report - BMDL Twelfth Night Celebration

Here begins the record of the Court of their Excellencies Liam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of these Debatable Lands, on January 14th, Anno Societatis 46, at the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands 12th Night Celebration, Lord Pavel Dudoladov, reporting herald.

First, the presence of Lady Elss of Augsburg, the autocrat of the event, was requested. She proceeded to thank all those involved in running the event.

Baron Thomas Byron of Haverford and Lord Eckhart von Insterburg were invited forth by their Excellencies. As Baron Byron would soon be ineligible to be the Baronial Heavy Weapons Champion, Their Excellencies transferred the title to Lord Eckhart and thanked both men for their service.

Their Excellencies then called forward Comtesse Elena d'Artois le Tailleur and Lady Kathryn. They thanked Comtesse Elena for her work as Baronial Bardic Champion and transferred that title to the winner of the day's Bardic Competition, Lady Kathryn. They then thanked both women for their service. Scroll illuminated by a member of the Wednesday Night Scriptorium, and calligraphed by THLady Odriana vander Brugghe.

Next, Baron Will Langdon of Greymorne's presence was requested. Their Excellencies remarked upon the Arts and Sciences competition he had run that day and its many fine entries. They called up its winner, Doña Sasha Gray, and transferred to her the title of Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion, thanking both for their past and future contributions to the barony. Scroll illuminated by an artist of the Barony, and calligraphed by Odriana vander Brugghe.

THLord Cai o'r Llyn was invited forth by Their Excellencies, who spoke of his skills as a dancer and teacher, and thanked him for the dance practices he runs on behalf of the Barony, and for this made him a member of the Order of the Blue-Silver Comet. The illuminator of the scroll was an artist of the Barony, and the calligrapher was THLord Kameshima Zentarou Umakai.

Their Excellencies then called forth Fiachna mac Cennétig. They spoke kind words of his friendship with the Barony and inducted him into the Order of the Green Comet. The illuminator of the scroll was an artist of the Barony, and the calligrapher was THLord Kieran MacRae.

The presence of Lady Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill was then requested. Their Excellencies commended her on her great work with the Canton of Steltonwald, and her tireless work at events, and for this and countless other services did they induct her into the Order of the Gold Comet. She was presented a scroll illuminated by Lady Raven Whitehart, and calligraphed by THLord Kieran MacRae.

Next their Excellencies called Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope forward. They spoke of her outstanding and dedicated work in running the Debatable Choir, and in running a successful youth fighting program, and therefore they presented her with the Baronial Award of Excellence. Her scroll was illuminated and calligraphed by Mistress Kris Gilibari.

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

In service,

Павел (Pavel)

P.S. - My apologies to the scribes of the scrolls handed out at this court; I was not able to record your names. Please know your service is greatly appreciated and I will endeavor to prevent this oversight from happening in the future.

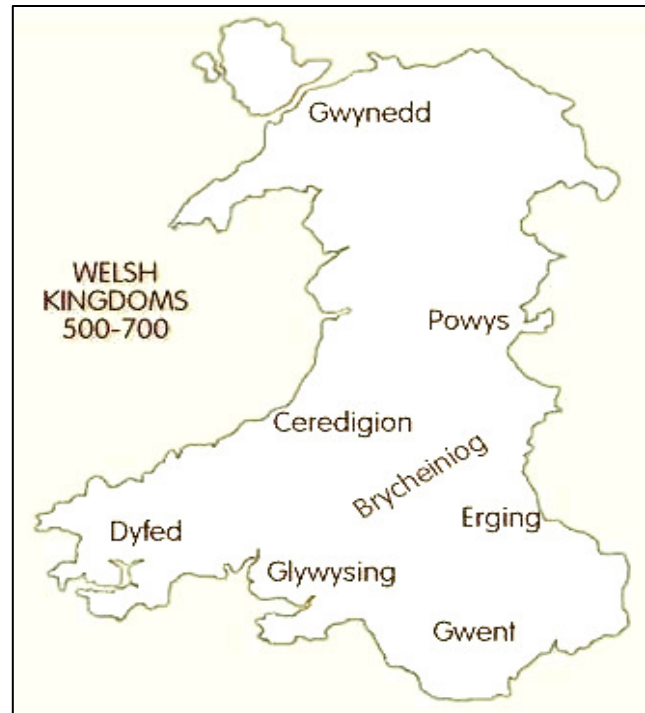
Medieval Welsh Law

2. Wales

This piece continues a short series of articles on medieval Welsh law by Dani of the Seven Wells.

There are three weapons for the king's peace; and those three are the three rods of compulsion of the king: to wit, a cross, a summons, and a prison¹.

Welsh kingdoms didn't tend to have clear borders. They ebbed and flowed with the strength and influence of each prince. At times, a single king would gain control of most of Wales. In the middle of the tenth century, Hywel Dda (Howell the Good in English sources) ruled Dyfed, Powys, and Gwynedd, and the codification of Welsh law is attributed to him.



Map of early-medieval Wales

“As bad customs and bad laws existed before his time, he summoned six men from every cymwd in Cymru, and assembled them at the White House upon the Tav, together with seven score crosiers, between bishops, and archbishops and abbots, and good teachers, to form wholesome laws, and to abrogate the bad ones before his time, and to give them stability in his own name.”

- from preface to Gwentian Code

We don't actually have Hywel Dda's laws, and these articles will not attempt to reconstruct them. We have manuscripts from the thirteenth century and later, each typically beginning with an assertion that it contains the law of Hywel Dda. Scholars identify three bodies of Welsh law – the Venedotian code (laws of Gwynedd), the Dimetian code (laws of Dyfed), and the Gwentian code (laws of Gwent). These would have evolved to suit different customs (Welsh law explicitly states that it may be overridden by local custom) and different circumstances. They would also have evolved as what was left of Wales became more centralized and more feudalized over two centuries of fighting the Normans. This series of articles will attempt to present a composite picture of Welsh law in its latter days.

¹ This is a triad. Triads are mnemonics – reminders about laws, arranged in groups of threes – that were used by lawyers or law students. Triads can give us hints or insights about laws which did not survive in a complete form. They can also be wrong: Consider them to be as reliable as a modern student's notes.

As we look at the laws, we also see a composite picture of a society that was at the fringe of the medieval world in more ways than geographical:

Wales does not have a cash economy. Payments such as fines and taxes are paid in kind (most often in kine). Smaller payments are sometimes specified in pennies, but they were probably paid in kind most of the time, because there were no mints in Wales. The king and his household would move from village to village to receive the food and hospitality which were part of the villages' taxes.

- ❖ Welsh society included a large stratum of slaves, and a larger one of half-free, both with diminished legal rights.
- ❖ It was a land of collective action and collective responsibility. Families held land in common, and were collectively responsible for fines. Villages had collective responsibilities for taxes and public works.
- ❖ Lawsuits were a national sport.

References:

A combined set of references will appear at the end of this series of articles.

The quote from the Gwentian Code was taken from: Owen, Aneurin, *Ancient Laws and Institutes of Wales*, George E. Eyre and Andrew Spottiswoode, London 1841, online at <http://books.google.com>.

The map of post-Roman Wales came from <http://www.britainexpress.com/wales/history/kingdoms.htm>.

vi. Knave of Columbine



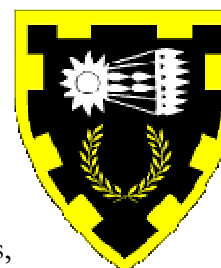
Barony Birthday & ORC Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills May 26, 2012

The Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands invites one and all to help celebrate the epic battle to find the next Queen's Rapier Champion and...our Baronial Birthday!

Please take note that preregistration will close on May 11! We look forward to celebrating with you so please preregister that we may have ample party supplies!!!

In store is a day filled with fencing, fighting, throwing, and painting capped off with a sumptuous Scottish feast in honor of our Scottish Baron. Bring your best displays of pageantry to decorate the fields in a glorious array fit for a Queen!

Join us on May 26, 2012 at The Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, 2359 West Ingomar Rd., Franklin Park, PA 15237. Here is a brief overview of the schedule for the day:



- ❖ Site will open at 9am.
A&S competition drop-off will run from 9am to noon. Let the glorious Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands provide you inspiration for your entry!
- ❖ Queen's Rapier Champion tournament will start at 10am. Fencers, bring your best regalia to display around the tournament lists to make this day truly spectacular for our Queen!
- ❖ The Regalia workshop will start at 10am and close at 3:30pm. Stop by to make a BMDL belt favor to wear with pride or donate to the barony!
- ❖ The 3-on-3 heavy tournament and the thrown weapons range will open at 1 PM and close at 3:30 PM.
Fighters, choose a Laurel or Pelican team sponsor to provide a favor for each combatant.
Throwers, look forward to bringing your best for our birthday-inspired range.
- ❖ Youth fighting will have a mentoring session from 11 AM-12 PM, take a break for lunch, and will resume with a tournament from 1-3:30.
- ❖ Baronial court will start at 4pm.
- ❖ Feast will start at 6pm.
- ❖ Site closes at 9pm.

Included in the day's fee is a tasty lunch side board, but save room! Capping off this glorious day will be a sumptuous Scottish feast prepared by THL Zoe Akropolitina. There are only 60 feast seats available so reserve early! Dietary concerns can be directed to zoeakropolitina@aol.com. Please note that this is a dry site.

The charges for the event are as follows:

- ❖ Adults (18 and up) with lunch & feast: \$15.00, adult event and lunch only: \$8.00
- ❖ Youth (6–17) with feast: \$12.00, youth event and lunch only: \$5.00.
- ❖ All children under 6 are free, as guests of the Barony.

Adult non-SCA members or those unable to produce a membership card will pay a surcharge of \$5.00. Reservations can be sent by **May 11** to Master Alaric MacConnal (Robert Smith), 1194 Firwood Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Reservations questions can be directed to alaric@pobox.com. Please make your checks payable to SCA, Inc. - BMDL.

Join us at The Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, 2359 West Ingomar Rd., Franklin Park, PA 15237.

Directions:

From the North: Take I-79 to Exit 73 (Wexford). At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Route 910. Get in the right lane. At the second light turn right onto Brandt School Road. Follow Brandt School Road approx. 2.6 Miles. Turn right onto West Ingomar Road and go 1/2 mile. The Unitarian Universalist Church is on your right. Please park in the lower parking lot. The upper lot is reserved for handicapped attendees and Royalty.

From the South: Take your best approach to I-279 Northbound. Take Exit 8 (Camp Horne Road). At the end of the ramp turn right, go 0.4 miles, and bear right onto Lowries Run Road. Go 1 mile and bear left onto Rochester Road. Follow Rochester Road approx. 3.8 Miles. Turn right onto West Ingomar Road. Go 0.3 miles and the Unitarian Universalist Church will be on your right. Please park in the lower parking lot. The upper lot is reserved for Handicapped and Royalty.

Questions can be directed to the autocrat for the day, Lady Isabel Fleuretan (Jackie Lockhart) at isabellemaurienne@gmail.com or 724-448-3269.

War Practice XXIII

Cooper's Lake Campground

Slippery Rock, PA

May 17 through May 20, 2012

It is time once again to prepare for the prospect of War, and to properly prepare the Canton of Steltonwald would like to invite all to join us for War Practice XXIII. We will be mustering once again at Cooper's Lake Campground, 205 Currie Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

The event will run from noon on Thursday May 17, 2012 through Sunday May 20 at 3:00 PM. Troll will close on Saturday at 3:00 PM; all participants must be registered before that time or access to the site will not be granted. The weekend will include many types of marshal activities, including Heavy Weapons, Combat Archery, Fencing Thrown Weapons, Archery and Youth fighting. Among the peaceful pursuits, we will include Classes, Meetings, Shopping and More.

No animals please, assist animals must contact the Autocrat prior to arrival. Information concerning Marshal Activities will be scheduled and coordinated through our Field Marshal. The Autocrat for this event is Lord Bovi Farmaor (Dave Black), 417 McKinley Rd, Darlington, PA 16117 (david_black42@yahoo.com), 724-312-9364.

There is no pre-reservation for this event.

COST				
	3 nights	2 nights	1 night	Day Fee
Adult	\$25.00	\$19.00	\$14.00	\$13.00
Children 6 – 17	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$4.00
Children under 5	free	free	free	free
There will be a \$5.00 Non-Member Surcharge. Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc. – Steltonwald. ALL RVs WILL BE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL \$10.00 PER NIGHT AND WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE SERENGETTI. Please your register your RV with the Head Trollner.				

Very important:

Troll will close at 3 pm on Saturday, May 19, and ABSOLUTELY NO ONE will be admitted to the site without a receipt after this time.

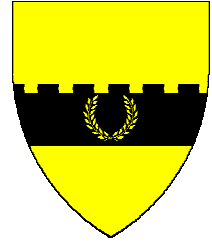
Because of construction, it is recommended that travelers check the event website here <http://warpractice.steltonwald.org/> for the most current effective directions to the site. Those without access to the web, may call the autocrat.

Roman Holiday, Interrupted

Beaver Falls, PA

June 9, 2012

Salve! Romans, and all you other people, join us to celebrate the day of Vesta! We take to the country to share bread and meat, to enjoy wine and song. We will celebrate the arts and prepare for War! Be warned there have been tales of Vikings lingering in the lands but there's nothing to fear with our gladiators on hand, ignore those pesky rumors. Thrown Weapons, Heavy Fighting, and Fencing skills will entertain our guests and make fine sport!



Steltonwald invites you to join us for a picnic in the country on June 9, 2012. The site opens at 10:30 am and will close at 10 pm, it is damp but recyclables must be removed from site. The address is a private family farm at 516 Old Blackhawk Rd, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the hospitality of our humble estates! There is no fee to join us nor will we be collecting a NMS.

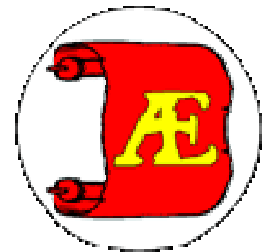
We are offering an optional purchase of authentic Roman Dishes prepared by the skilled hands of Lady Cionaodh Gunn and her famed staff for \$5.00 Please RSVP with the Head cook and let us know how many to expect; Cionaodh Gunn (Tracy Roboson) 1453 State Route 551 Enon Valley, PA 16120; Kenna_Gunn@yahoo.com or 724-312-2283. The Autocrat for the day is Muirgheal inghun Dubhghaill (Heather Hupp), 509 Hillcrest Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010; muirgheall@gmail.com or 724-683-7558. Checks can be made payable to "SCA, Inc. - Steltonwald".

Æthelmearc Æcademy

Salem International University

June 16, 2012

The Shire of Misty Highlands is proud to host a day long of learning at the Æthelmearc Æcademy on June 16, 2012 at Salem International University, 234 West Main Street, Salem, WV 26426. In addition to the many A&S classes you would expect to find, we are seeking service oriented gentles to share their skills, and martial classes for the War College. There is plenty of field for martial classes, so ready your weapons and skills. Teachers, you may register your class at <http://www.aecademy.org/> until June 4. Watch for class listings on the website. There will also be an A&S display so bring your finest projects to share.



The site will open at 9am and close at 7pm. The site fee is \$7, kids 12-18 are half price and those under 5 are free. There is a non member surcharge of \$5, collected at the door for those over 18 without proof of membership. Please make checks payable to "SCA, Inc. - Misty Highlands". Also please note that this is a dry site. Limited crash space is available in the area, please e-mail the autocrat for more information.

The autocrat for the day is Mistress Juliana Delamere (Debra Hofer) co-autocrat is Arias Beltran del Valle (Alex Hines) The head cook is Master Valgardr Gunnarsson (Scott Hofer) Pre-registrations should be sent to the autocrat.

Directions:

From the North:

Take your best route to Interstate 79 South. Proceed to Exit 119 and take route 50 West towards Clarksburg. * Travel 16.7 miles to the second Salem exit (Salem International University, JCT 23, flashing yellow light.) Turn left off of route 50 and ** make immediate right onto University Drive. Follow University Drive for .7 mile through one hairpin turn and turn right into parking lot. Class building is at far end of parking lot.

From the South:

Take your best route to Interstate 79 North. Proceed to Exit 119 and take route 50 West towards Clarksburg. Follow * above.

From the East:

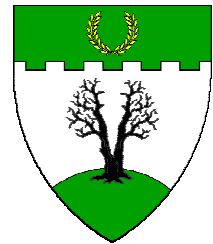
Take your best route to route 50 East. Go to the second Salem exit (Salem International University, JCT 23, flashing yellow light.) Turn right off of route 50 and follow ** above.

Fireside Feast II

Breakneck Campground

Hosted by the Shire of Sunderoak

August 31, 2012 - September 2, 2012



Brisk fall air, the sound of combat rings in the distance ... the smell of food mingled with wood smoke wafts through the air. It's not just fanciful imagery; it's the theme of the Shire of Sunderoak's upcoming event.

Ever wanted to try to cook over an open fire? See it done? OK, just eat some really good food? Here is your chance. The Shire of Sunderoak invites you to join us as we spend the weekend creating a Fireside Feast at Breakneck Campground, 1757 Cheeseman Road, Portersville, PA 16051.

Saturday will be filled with the opportunity to take open air cooking classes. Any who wish to join us for the evening meal may bring supplies and prepare your own gastronomical delight over an open fire or bring a prepared dish from home. Modern fare as well as period food is welcome. Fire pits and wood will be provided for those cooking on site. Limited ironware and spits will be available - please contact THL Katla Ulfhedinn (Kate Gurnsey), katla_at_zoominternet.net to inquire or reserve.

vii. The way to skin and cut up a stag



THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

(Beaver County)

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Lady Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill
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Castelain

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Canton Meeting

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

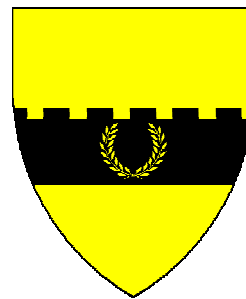
Archery

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
kardasl+@pitt.edu

<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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