

The Althing

Come the final days of Summer, and after come the quiet days of Autumn. As the Season for War draws to a close, so does the Season for Rest and Rejoicing begin.

Thus do we initiate the festive Peace Season with a Fireside Feast, followed by a Fun Day for Fiber Enthusiasts, and all details on such are herein.



Upper Panel of Valthjofstad Church Door (Iceland)

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, for the Month of August, under the sunny bright skies of our Lands far above the Three Rivers.

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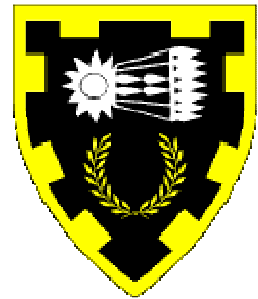
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From the Baron and Baroness:

Unto the glorious populace of the Debatable Lands do Liam and Constance send greetings!

The 41st Pennsic War is behind us and the excellence of the Barony sent ripples through the entire known world. We have received many comments about members of the Barony and their service to the crown and to the society at this Pennsic.

The Baronial Levy fielded 25 fighters on Monday of war week. Once we reached Friday, we had been joined by several households and numbered 52 fighters, becoming one of the largest units in the kingdom's army. There are great tales of heroism from the heavy fighters that will become legend. We thank every one of you for your hard work to get ready for war and your hard work on the field.

Our archers made up a large portion of the Champions sent forth by the kingdom; the Barony's archers shot so well that the King commented on our presence. Our fencers were strong on the field, and those in the know have said our fencers did particularly well in the woods battle.

The Queen chose several of our barony members to represent the Kingdom in the arts and sciences and we did very well. Some of those chosen have been members for less than a year: a great testament to the barony's skill and prowess in the arts and sciences.

The barony party saw a great many of our populace turn out for the amazing food and a quick court with a ceremonial pineapple being presented to the Baroness! What is Pennsic without levity?

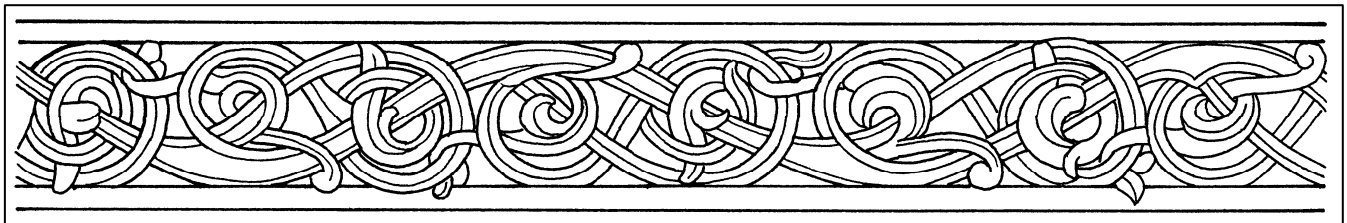
We had a wonderful time at the BMDL's choir performance and saw a great many of the barony members there to support the choir and enjoy the enchanting music. There is a clip of the performance on the BMDL's face book page if anyone didn't get a chance to see it. Following the choir was I Genesii, performing 'My Undead Concubine', a hysterically funny original adult comedy that had everyone gasping and laughing in delight.

In all we were very proud to call the BMDL our home, and our first Pennsic as the BMDL's Baron and Baroness showed us just how amazing our populace is. We can't say thank you enough to everyone who made this war amazing for our barony and our kingdom.

In service,

Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir
and
Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

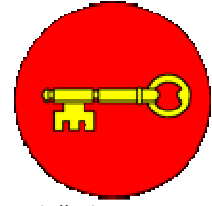


Carving from Thorpe Church (Hallingdal, Norway)

From the Seneschale:

Greetings, Debatable Lands! What an eventful summer we had!

Kudos to our friends in Steltonwald for throwing a lovely Roman Holiday event this June, complete with a fully-stocked fishing pond. And thank you to those people that helped make our Pennsic Prep July Barony meeting a success: Baron Liam and Baroness Constance for running the annual Garb Goodwill, Lady Alays for her excellent "New to Pennsic" class, Mistress Ts'vee'a and Baroness Constance for being our Garb Triage experts, and our marshals for being generous with space for non-martial activities. And let us not forget the amazing people we had preparing us for the War so thoroughly in the months beforehand: Baron Liam for his Army of 300 inspiration, Baron Shiro for heavy weapons (including an extra weekly practice), Mistress Irene for an exemplary Rapier practice, Mistress Arianna for youth combat, Masters Urho and Alaric for archery, and Lady Elss and Lord Cathain for thrown weapons, along with all their deputies, guest teachers and helping marshals. Thank you, too, to Mistress Ts'vee'a and Mistress Amaryllis for holding very fruitful sewing circles, and all others who held meetings and gatherings of the peaceful arts in preparation for War. You are truly the gems of our fair Barony and Kingdom!



Congratulations also to all those with successes this Pennsic, which are mentioned by Their Excellencies in this publication, but to name a few: I Genesii, the Debatable Choir, the Baronial fighting forces (heavy, rapier, youth), the folks in the Barony's camp who showed such hospitality to passers-by, Baroness Ariella for sponsoring two tourneys, everyone who taught classes in the Pennsic Academy (there were so many!), and those who stewarded Baronial functions, Lady Sumayya, Lord Markus, Lady Elss, and THL Katla, as well as all those who donated their time for our Royalty and the Kingdom encampment. I'd also like to congratulate Their Excellencies on a wonderful first Pennsic as Baron and Baroness, and a great first year!

Let's turn now to upcoming fun! September Barony Meeting will be held on Tuesday Night, September 18th (special thanks to Mistress Ts'vee'a for rescheduling sewing circle!), on CMU's campus in the University Center. We will be in Rangos Ballroom 1 on the second floor. Parking is free in the garage on Forbes Avenue (you take a ticket and validate, but the charge comes up \$0). The gathering will start at 7pm. Feel free to bring projects to work on or show off. This will be a purely social meeting, with short announcements, with the added bonus of being our traditional Newcomers' Social! Anyone who's new or maybe just new to the area, or just wants to be more involved, come on down! We'll have some folks there to talk to and introduce you, one-on-one. If anyone's interested in being one of these Newcomer Envoys, let me know. Since we'd like to show off to the new folks a little, wearing garb is encouraged, but not required. It promises to be a fun, relaxing evening, and I hear there may just be a surprise....

November Barony Meeting is just a couple months away, too, and will be another Harvest Revel at the Castle in Wexford, complete with Pie contest, pumpkin tossing, and a special performance by the Debatable Choir! Mark your calendars for November 11th (no Steelers' game). More details later. October Officers' Meeting will be Wednesday, October 3rd in Porter Hall (room TBD) at CMU at 8pm. Agenda will include policy proposal vote. See elsewhere in the Althing for the policy proposal.

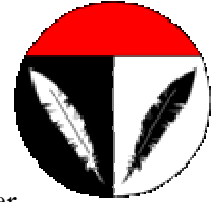
Thank you also to Baron Shiro as he steps down from an excellent three years as our Knight Marshal as he takes on Region 2 marshal, and welcome to Lady Cynewyn as she steps into the role as Baronial Knight Marshal. Welcome to Elizabeth Arrowsmyth as she takes on Gold Key, and thanks to Anna Leigh for keeping it well.

As always, please don't hesitate to come to me with any feedback, questions, comments, or just to say "hi" - my door, virtual and figurative, is always open.

In Levitate et Caritate

~Hilda, Seneschale

From the Chronicler, Greetings:



It has been my very great honor and pleasure to create and produce the Althing for the benefit of the people of the Barony for these last three and a half years. At the end of this year, in December, I will relinquish this responsibility to the next Chronicler.

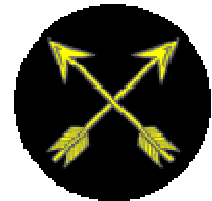
That person will have an eye for detail, know how to spell (or use spell-checker!), and be comfortable producing documents on their computer. If you spell out all the words in text messages and use punctuation, then this is a position that will fit you like a glove!

Contact me by email at chronicler@debatablelands.org or drop by the thrown weapons range so we can talk. If you are looking to serve the Barony, this is a perfect way to get started.

In service to the Barony,

Elss

From the Archery Marshal



Greetings from the Interim Captain of Archers,

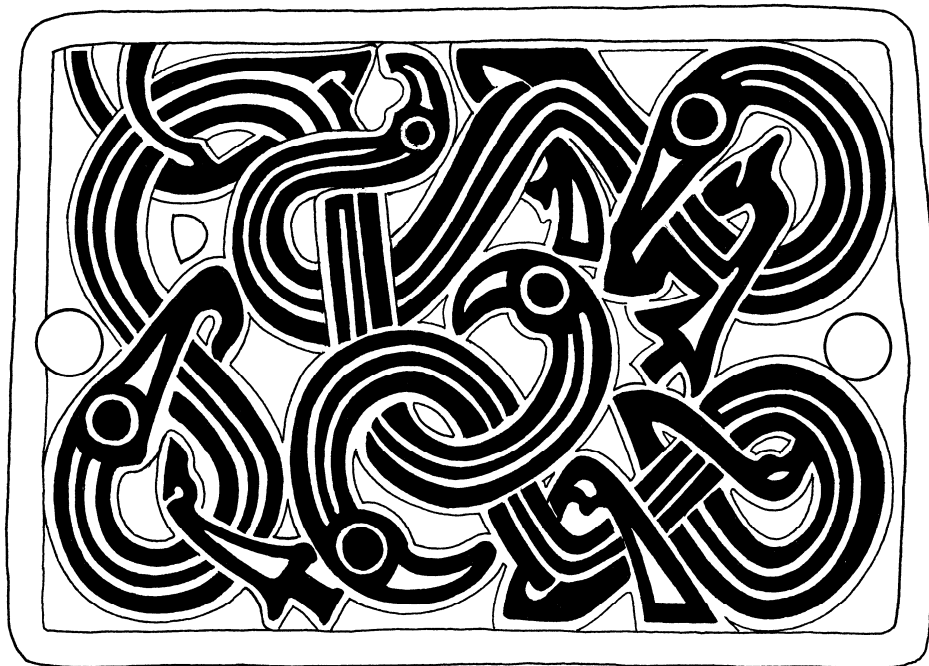
I would like to thank all the archers and marshals who shot and helped run the range at Pennsic. We had a great presence that helped things run smoothly. Vivant!

Also, as my interim term ends at the end of October, I am putting in a call for letters for those who might be interested in serving as Captain of Archers for the Barony. Please send them to me at archerymarshal@debatablelands_dot_org and to our Seneschale at seneschal@debatablelands_dot_org

Sunday practices resume on August 26th at the Washington Blvd practice site. Come out and shoot. Loaner gear is available.

In service,

Alaric



Gilt-bronze harness mounts (Gotland, Sweden)

From the Interim Knight Marshal

Many thanks to Busho Shiro, who has served us excellently as the Knight Marshal these last three years. Through his organizing of melee drills at practice, and through his building relationships with other nearby units, including Stormhaven and Sunderoak, the Baronial Levy operated as a unit, and did their job on the field of Pennsic. The extra training time readied at least 6 new fighters to join the 300 and the core of the baronial fighting unit. Not to mention the many newcomers who were able to try out fighting, and receive training, due to Shiro's willingness to sacrifice his own fight time in order to teach others. Vivat!

And thanks to THL Caellin who provided our Knight Marshal with transport. And thanks to Lady Sumayya who continues to serve as our Iron Key, helping newcomers get in armor, and so enabling new fighters to join the 300. Vivant!

I am honored by the opportunity to serve as your next BMDL Knight Marshal. I welcome your ideas and suggestions for our practices, especially as we head into tourney season, but also know that war is always on the horizon.

There will be regular heavy fighting practices, 2-6pm at the Washington Blvd site on the edge of Highland Park, until about the November Barony Meeting at the Castle, after which we shall move inside.

-Lady Cynewyn



On Thrown Weapons

Here is the schedule for the next month of throwing:

Sunday, September 2	LABOR DAY weekend -- NO PRACTICE.
Sunday, September 9	Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.
Thursday, September 13	Thrown weapons practice in Sunderoak (http://sunderoak.aethelmearc.org/Officers/TW.html)
Sunday, September 16	Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.
Sunday, September 23	Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.
Thursday, September 27	Last Practice in Sunderoak (http://sunderoak.aethelmearc.org/Officers/TW.html)

We have until the end of October (or so) to get our Royal Round scores up as high as possible!

In service to the Barony,

Elss

Proposed Policy Change

We have a Baronial policy change proposal. Full current policies can be found here (http://www.debatablelands.org/policy/bmdl_policies_2012-02.pdf), or let me know if you need a hard copy. The proposed changes are indicated by *red italic font*.

The commenting period for the following policy change proposal has been extended. Please send comments to the Seneschale (seneschal@debatablelands.org, or 412-606-6258) by October 1st. Voting will be at the Officers' meeting on Wednesday, October 3rd:

[current] II.A. The Officers of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands are those required by Kingdom Law, the office of the Baron/ess, the Seneschals of the Barony's non-dormant subsidiary groups, the Captain of Archers, the Marshal of Fence, the Chirurgeon Liaison, and the Webminister. These officers constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities.

[proposed] "... These officers, *excluding the office of the Baron/ess*, constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities. *No present or proxied individual may have more than one vote on the financial committee.*"

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to seek me out in person, by phone, by email, or by social media (I'm on Facebook, G+, and Twitter).

In Levitate et Caritate,

~Hilda, Seneschale

Important Dates Coming Up!

September Barony Meeting – September 18, 2012

September Barony Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7:30 pm in the University Center at CMU, Rangos Ballroom 1. This meeting is our Newcomer Mixer meeting, so garb is encouraged. I hope everyone can come out to socialize! We'll be trying something a little different this September, so if you're interested in being a newcomer "envoy", please contact Hilda at seneschal@debatablelands_dot_org.

October Officers' Meeting – October 3, 2012

Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 8 PM at CMU, Porter Hall, Room TBA. Agenda will include a vote on the Policy proposal (in the June/July Althing). This meeting is a business meeting, but it open to all interested gentles.

November Barony Meeting – November 11, 2012

The November Barony Meeting is our annual Harvest Revel at the Castle, and will be on Sunday, November 11th. (No, there is no Steelers game that day!) Break out those pie recipes! More details will be forthcoming closer to November.

December Officers' Meeting – December 5, 2012

Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 8 PM at CMU, Porter Hall, Room TBA.

Current Thrown Weapons Royal Round Rankings

I have the honor to inform the populace of the Barony that Alaric MacConnal attained the ranking of Caster by achieving a royal round score of 60.33.

These throwers have achieved a rank of Verfur:

Cathán O' Dubhagáin	57.33
Andros Duran	57
Rosalinda of Castile	54
Hilda Hugelmann	47.67
Violante de Luna	42
Ardghal O'Breaslin	41.33



Finally, Kieran MacRae has scored 21.67, which entitles him to a rank of Thrower.

In Service to the Kingdom,

Elss of Augsburg,

Region 2 Deputy Thrown Weapons Marshal

Court Report – Barony Birthday Celebration

Here begins the record of the Court of their Excellencies Liam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of these Debatable Lands, on May 26th, Anno Societatis 47, at the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands Barony Birthday Celebration, Lord Pavel Dudoladov reporting herald.

Their Excellencies requested grievances from Their officers, in the tradition of Their ancestors. Baron Ogami Arashimoto no Shirou, Their Knight Marshall, stepped forward and noted with great force how his people had been ignored in this land. Their Excellencies considered this and agreed, they therefore called forward Lord Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'ie and Lady Hara of the Debatable Lands. They spoke of his great knowledge and skill with braiding and her continuing service to the Barony and thus did award him a Blue and Silver Comet and her a Gold comet, presenting both with scrolls by Lady Isabel Fleuretan and THLord Kameshima Zentarou Umakai.

Then the presence of Mistress Ts'vee'a bas Tseepora Levi was requested. Their Excellencies spoke of her service to the Barony, including helping many with garb. Thus they awarded her a Gold Comet with a scroll by THL Odrianna van Brugghe.

The Household of Stormhaven was invited forth by Their Excellencies. Their Excellencies spoke of their frequent appearances at baronial events and their service at such. These acts of friendship were to be acknowledged and reciprocated by the awarding of the Green Comet with a scroll by THL Keiran MacRae.

THL Charles de Cayeux was then called forward, and he proceeded to thank all those who had challenged him that afternoon in his role as Baronial Fencing Champion.

Their Excellencies then called forward Elsa Taliard. They thanked for her service to the barony, notably always lending a hand where needed at events and awarded her a Gold Comet with a scroll by Hrefna fruiþkona Þorgrímsdóttir.

Next, the presence of Baron Will Langdon of Greymorne 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 Meisteren Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen, remarking on her marvelous skill.

Lord Jorundr hinn Rotinn was invited forth by their Excellencies. Their Excellencies spoke of his skill as a cheese maker and cook, and thanked him for the food he has provided to the Barony and for this made him a member of the order of the Comet Blue-Silver, presenting him with a scroll by Countess Aiden ni Leir.

Baron Ogami Arashimoto no Shirou was summoned forth to remark on the three-man sponsored tourney of the day. He congratulated the winners, Team Ts'vee'a (consisting of Sir Isenwolf, Sir Koredono, and Baroness Ariella), and noted the chivalric participation of Team Robert, which consisted of only two members (Sir Ariell and THL Ariadne).

Their Excellencies then called forth Mistress Maria Christina de Cordoba. They spoke kind words of her friendship with the Barony and inducted her into the order of the Green Comet, presenting her with a scroll by Fa Ren Zhang Ming Li.

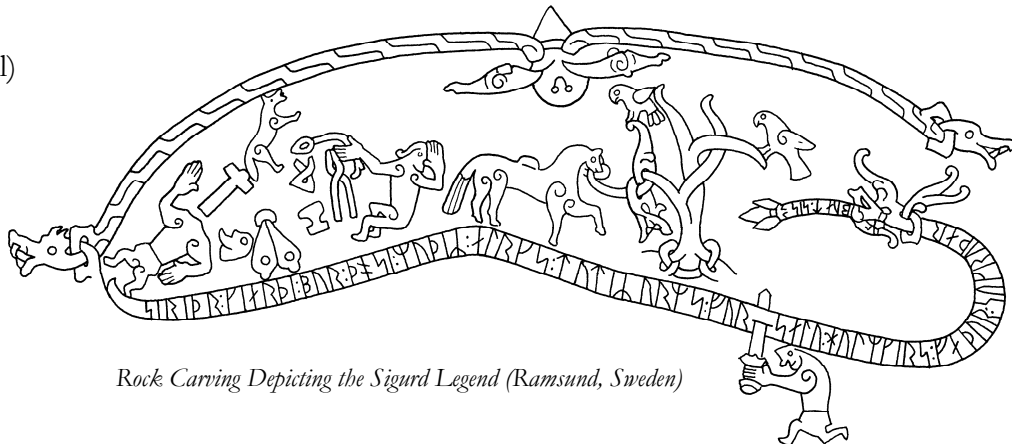
The presence of Lady Anna Leigh was then requested. Their Excellencies commended her on her great work as Baronial Chatelaine and for this did they induct her into the order of the Gold Comet, presenting her with a scroll by Fa Ren Zhang Ming Li.

Finally, their Excellencies called Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope forward. She spoke of the Youth Tourney which was held that day and of the valor of those youths who did brave the heat of the day to fight in it. Its victor, Lord Robert MacEwin of Thornhill, was called forth and congratulated by Their Excellencies and the populace.

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)



Rock Carving Depicting the Sigurd Legend (Ramsund, Sweden)

Court Report – Pennsic War

Here begins the record of the Court of their Excellencies Liam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of these Debatable Lands, at the 41st Great Pennsic War, Anno Societatis 47, Lord Pavel Dudoladov, reporting herald.

Their Excellencies enjoyed the hospitality of the Chalkman Pub and finding it good, called forth its proprietors, the Ten Pint Burly Men. Their Excellencies remarked on the friendliness and willingness to serve all comers and thus did make them friends of the Barony, awarding them a plaque bearing the emblem of the Barony's friends, the Green Comet; the Plaque was made by Baroness Alex.

Then, at Their Baronial Reception, was the presence of Lady Sumayya al Ghaziyah requested. Their Excellencies spoke of her fierce determination and rapid progress on the field. Thus they awarded her a Red Comet with a scroll by Fa Ren Zhang Ming Li.

Her Lord, Lord Markus Saalpr Grimmson was invited forth by Their Excellencies. Their Excellencies remarked how he had similarly progressed on the field and how they both had represented the Barony on the Fields of Pennsic. Thus they awarded him a Red Comet, presenting him with a scroll illuminated by Master Alaric MacConnell and calligraphed by Lady Rachel Dalicieux.

THL Charles de Cayeux was then called forward, and he proceeded to thank the Baroness for Her help with preparing the reception on behalf of the staff, presenting Her with a refreshing beverage. However, before he could resume his place behind Their Excellencies as Baronial Fencing Champion, Their Excellencies remarked on his prowess with the sword and awarded him a Red Comet with a scroll illuminated by Alime bint Yorgi and calligraphed by THL Odriana vander Brugghe.

Their Excellencies then called forward Elizabeth Arrowsmyth. They thanked for her service to the barony, notably always lending a hand where needed at events and awarded her a Gold Comet with a scroll illuminated by Master Alaric MacConnell and calligraphed by THL Keiran MacRae.

Next the presence of Deryk Archer was requested. He announced that he would be taking on Donubhan MacUltain as his student and presented Donubhan with his favor to signify their new relationship. Their Excellencies praised Deryk for sharing his knowledge and advised Donubhan and Deryk both to be faithful in their duties.

Lady Violante de Luna was invited forth by Their Excellencies. Their Excellencies spoke of her service in kitchens and around events awarding her with a Gold Comet, presenting her with a scroll illuminated by Lady Isabel Fleuretan and calligraphed by THL Lord Kameshima Zentarou Umakai.

The skill of the Barony's throwers was then remarked upon by Their Excellencies. They noted that Alaric MacConnell had reached the rank of Caster and that Rosalinda of Castile, Cathan O'Dubhagain, Hildarun Hugelman, and Violante de Luna had reached the rank of Verfur.

Their Excellencies then called forth Lady Cynewyn Æthelweardesdohter. They spoke of her prowess on the field and her service to the Barony's marshal program by securing practice sites. Thus They inducted her into the order of the Red Comet, presenting her with a scroll illuminated by Lady Isabel Fleuretan and calligraphed by THL Lord Kameshima Zentarou Umakai.

The presence of Donovan, Icile, Talyn, Melodia, Will, Lydia, Master William, Mistress Irene, and Deryk Archer was requested. Their Excellencies remarked on their assistance with the setting up of the baronial encampment and as retainers and otherwise around Pennsic, and thus did Their Excellencies distribute Their favors among them.

Finally on the field, their Excellencies encountered Sir Graedwyn mab Teyrnnon. Their Excellencies spoke of his chivalry, and of his dedication to the training of new fighters, and therefore did Their Excellencies grant him the Baronial Award of Excellence, presenting him with a scroll by Aiden ni Leir.

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)

Report of the Meetings of the Officers of the BMDL

The Officers Meetings are held to discuss and decide upon the business matters of the Barony, and these are the minutes of the meetings held recently.

July Officers' Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2012

- ❖ Officers in attendance: Baron Liam; Baroness Constance; Seneschale (Hilda); MoAS (Langdon); Exchequer (Hara); Chronicler (Elss); MoL (Katherine); Herald (Pavel); Chirurgeon (Liam); Chatelaine (Anna Leigh); Steltonwald Seneschale (Muirgheal).
- ❖ Officers proxied: Captain of Archers (Muirgheal for Alaric); Marshal of Fence (Hilda for Irene).
- ❖ Populace/Positions present: Elizabeth Arrowsmyth; Elizabeth Parker; Arianna of Wynthrope (Dark Pages Editor); Sigrith Biornolfsdottir.

1. Open meeting
2. Bid for 12th Night passed.
3. Introduction of Elizabeth Arrowsmyth as Gold Key and Elizabeth Parker as Deputy Seneschal for non-traditional media.
4. Meeting closed. Fun ensued.

August Officers' Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2012

- ❖ Officers in attendance: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); MoAS (Langdon); Exchequer (Hara); Chronicler (Elss); MoL (Katherine); Captain of Archers (Alaric); Knight Marshal (Shiro); Herald (Pavel); Chirurgeon (Liam); Webminister (Cai).
 - ❖ Officers proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Alaric for Muirgheal); Marshal of Fence (Hilda for Irene); Chatelaine (Liam for Anna Leigh); MoAS (Jorundr for Langdon).
 - ❖ Populace/Positions present: Elizabeth Arrowsmyth, Jorundr hinn Rotinn
- [Minutes recorded by Hilda]

1. Open meeting
2. June and July Officers' Meeting Minutes Approved unanimously.
3. Officers' Reports:
 - Baron: The Barony had a very good Pennsic. Total dedication was about 500 hours of service, likely more. The Baronial camp went very well. The camp has firewood enough for next Pennsic.
 - Seneschale:
 - Autocrats now have to be warranted through the Seneschal's warranting process.

- Thank you the stewards for the Pennsic Reception – Lady Summaya and Lord Markus
- We have no update for the request from King's Crossing for a loan of \$500.
- New policy comment period has been extended to October 1st. We will vote on them at October Officers' Meeting.
- Herald: Have two Court reports coming out. We had eight people from the Barony submit things at Herald's Point at Pennsic, which is less than average, meaning we're doing well during the rest of the year.
- Knight Marshal:
 - Pennsic was good, all preparations made really paid off. The Baronial heavy fighting unit received accolades from the Æthelmearc command staff and the Royalty. Had 25-50 people fighting with us.
 - Thursday practices will not be happening until further notice.
 - Starting 8/16, Cynewyn Æthelweardesdohter will be Knight Marshal, as Shiro is dropping dead to take over as Region 2 Deputy. Meeting attendees voted to approve Cynewyn Æthelweardesdohter to serve the remainder of Shiro's term, to end Oct 2013. Shiro will be her drop-dead.
 - Seneschal commends Shiro for a job well done, to the applause from the Officers.
 - Thrown Weapons (via Elss): bought some axes at Pennsic (funds pre-approved). Atl atl activity is picking up, so we'll see more of that around the Kingdom.
 - Shiro commends Elss and Cathain for their service to the TW community.
- MoAS: People have been preparing for Pennsic, and it went really well.
- Chronicler: Acquired some clip art at Pennsic at much less than current prices. Request for additional \$24.25 for clip art. Approved unanimously. Call for reports from Pennsic for the Althing.
- Exchequer: Mid-year report was sent to Kingdom on time and in balance. Seneschal officially commends Hara for a job well done at short notice, to the applause of the attendees. At July meeting Urho donated a bow to the Barony – thank you to him for that. At Pennsic, Exchequer and Seneschal approved up to \$60 extra for Pennsic Baronial reception food.
- Chirurgeon: Liam may have a deputy soon, and we may have 3 warranted Chirurgeons in the Barony soon.
- Chatelaine: no report
- MoL: no report
- Webminister: no report
- Marshal of Fence: will report at next Officers' meeting
- Captain of Archers: Pennsic went very well, with quite a few marshals and archers, including three from the Barony who shot in the Champions' Team. Lord Robert

won his division of the Youth Champions. Elizabeth Wilbur came in 3rd in the same division.

- Steltonwald Seneschal: no report
2. Next Meetings/Gatherings
 - October Officers' Meeting: Oct 3rd.
 - December Officers' Meeting: Dec 5th.
 - September Barony Meeting: Sept 18th, meeting to start at 7:30 pm. Liam requests ice cream.
 - November Barony Meeting (Harvest Revel with PIE at the Castle): Nov 11th (no Steelers game)
 3. Event bid: Iron Comet for 04/20/12 (not Passover, not Easter, not Blackstone) Bid passed unanimously.
 4. Past/Upcoming Event/Activities Updates:
 - 12th Night date has been moved to January 12th, 2013.
 5. Additional budget item from Liam: Proposal for up to \$325 for Baronial maintenance. The Coronets have never been maintained, and they should be every 5 years. Liam and Constance contacted the woman who made the coronets. They need re-plating, tightening the pearls, settings, and pins. Actual price would depend on the price of gold at the time of maintenance.
 - Approved with one abstention.
 6. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.



Picture Stone Depicting the Odin Legend (Gotland, Sweden)

Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands

Financial Statement for Year Ending 12/31/2011

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THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM, INC. FINANCIAL REPORT

Branch: Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands

Period: 1/01/2011 to 12/31/2011

COMPARATIVE BALANCE STATEMENT

For **Cumulative** Quarterly Reports, use **last year's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.For **Sequential** Quarterly Reports, use **last report's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.

For **Year-end** Reports, the (Start) numbers will be provided to you by the Kingdom Exchequer. The numbers may have changed from what was submitted last year because of transfer reconciliation between your account and other accounts. The Year-end Report must be signed by the person preparing the report.

(START) FIGURES MAY NOT BE CHANGED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!

		USD \$	USD \$
		Start	End
I. ASSETS	(from page)		
a) Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash	(3,5a)	10,579.69	9,708.86
b) Cash Earning Interest	(3)	0.00	0.00
c) Receivables	(5a)	387.00	387.00
d) Inventory For Sale (Major Inventory)	(6)	310.50	144.90
e) Regalia & Non-Depreciated Equipment	(7)	1,000.00	1,000.00
f) Depreciated Equipment	(8)	900.00	900.00
g) MINUS Accumulated Depreciation	(8)	(817.64)	(882.16)
h) Prepaid Expenses	(5a)	0.00	200.00
i) Other Assets	(5a)	200.00	300.00
j) TOTAL ASSETS	Add a through f, subtract g, then add h and i	12,559.55	11,758.60

II. LIABILITIES

a) Newsletter Subscriptions Due	(15)	0.00	0.00
b) Deferred Revenue	(5b)	0.00	0.00
c) Payables	(5b)	0.00	0.00
d) Other Liabilities	(5b)	0.00	0.00
e) TOTAL LIABILITIES	Add a through d	0.00	0.00

III. NET WORTH	Line Ii minus Line II.d	12,559.55	11,758.60
Proof:	Change in Net Worth	III(End) - III(Start)	(A)
	Net Income	Income Statement Line 32	(B)
			(800.95)
			(800.95)

(A = B) ? If NO,
the report is
incomplete.

Legal Names:	Print	Sign	
Exchequer:	Paul Placeway		Date:
Seneschal:	Krista Cogan		Date:

Signatures below certify that the information on this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge.



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INCOME STATEMENT

USD \$

INCOME		(from page)	Gross	Cost	Amount
1a	Fund Raising: Non-medieval activities to earn income (raffles, car washes, bake sales, etc.)	(11a)		INTERNAL	308.00
1b		(11a)		EXTERNAL	320.00
2	Direct Contributions/Donations: No activity	(11a)			83.00
3a	Activity Related: Medieval activities to earn income (events, demos, heraldry fees)	(11a)	Income from Demos and Activity Fees		0.00
3b		(11b)	Adjusted Gross Event Income		11,666.00
4a	Funds Transferred In from Another SCA Account	(9)	WITHIN KINGDOM		0.00
4b		(9)	OUTSIDE KINGDOM		0.00
5	Interest Earned				0.00
6	Net Inventory Sales Income	(6)	Gross-Cost=Net	80.00	165.60
7	Other Sales Income	(7)			(85.60)
8	Adjusted Gross Newsletter Income	(15)			0.00
9	Net Advertising Income	(11b)	Gross-Cost=Net	0.00	0.00
10	Other Income	(11b)			0.00
11	TOTAL GROSS INCOME		(Sum of Lines 1 through 9)		12,914.40

EXPENSES		(from page)	Office & Admin.	Activity Related	Fund Raising	Total
12	Advertising (NON-SCA)	(12a)		0.00		0.00
13	Bad Debts	(12a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Bank Service Charges		17.99	0.00	0.00	17.99
15	Depreciation	(8)	0.00	64.52	0.00	64.52
16	Equipment Rental & Maintenance			120.00		120.00
17	Fees & Honoraria	(12a)	411.99	0.00	0.00	411.99
18	Food			5,462.60		5,462.60
19	General Supplies		1,316.58	346.98		1,663.56
20	Insurance (NON-SCA)	(12b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Occupancy & Site Charges			3,300.00		3,300.00
22	Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental		472.18			472.18
23	Printing & Publications		175.47	5.14		180.61
24	Released Equipment	(7)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Telephone					0.00
26	Travel (Gas, Tolls, Airfare)					0.00
27	SUB-TOTAL (Lines 12-26)		2,394.21	9,299.24	0.00	11,693.45
28	Other Expenses				(12b)	0.00
29	Donations to SCA, Inc. Subsidiaries and Other 501(c)(3) [Nonprofit] Organizations				(12b)	0.00
30a				WITHIN KINGDOM	(10)	1,398.90
30b	Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account			OUTSIDE KINGDOM	(10)	0.00
31	TOTAL EXPENSES			(Line 27 TOTAL + Lines 28 to 30b)		13,092.35
32	NET INCOME (MUST MATCH Change in Net Worth)			(Line 11 Minus Line 31)		(800.95)

Legal Names: Print Sign

Exchequer:	Paul Placeway	Date:
Seneschal:	Krista Cogan	Date:

Cub Scout Demo – Boyce Park, July, 18, 2012

The Cub Scouts of the Tecumseh District held their summer Day Camp at Boyce Park in Plum, Pennsylvania. This year's camp had a medieval theme, "The Sword in the Stone". 53 Cub Scouts (2nd to 5th grade boys) along with their adult Leaders (about 30, mainly moms) and around a half dozen sisters who got dragged along because they were too small to leave home alone or big enough to be useful comprised this year's group.



While most of the camps activities were coordinated by the Scout leaders, several members of the Debatable Lands were invited to help provide authenticity with the medieval theme. Four of us showed up at 8 AM to provide our expertise.

The arms of Lord Daniel Orion the Fletcher

THLady Myfanwy ferch Rhiannon and THLady Michelina da Trento were assigned a carport tent near the main shelter and charged with helping the Cubs with designing their own personal "Coat of Arms" for their cardboard shields. The Scouts listened to the heraldic rules and learned never to put a color on a color or a metal on metal. They learned all about charges and divisions. Then they placed all their new found knowledge to work and made the shields that they carried the remainder of the day. A few of the boys listened well and made arms that would make a herald proud. They however were the minority and many fell short of the authenticity mark with dragons being one of the most popular charges. One of the boys proudly displayed Bowser and the Super Mario Brothers. My favorite was the boy who proudly showed me his shield. I asked him what he drew and was told that it was a "Pegasus with wings".



Remus, the Serpent, and the arms of Lord Daniel Orion the Fletcher



My son, Lord Daniel Orion the Fletcher and I were relegated to the tent at the far end of the Scouts area across the ball field from everyone else. Apparently, prejudices against Loud Band Instruments exist in the mundane world as well as the SCA. We unloaded the van and set up our table of instruments that included six sizes of recorders, gemshorn, flute, pipe and tabor, crumhorn, cornamuse, curtal, corentti and a serpent. Our personal banners were then displayed on the side of the tent and the music stand for the Scouts to see as they approached from the Heraldry station.

Left to Right: Tabor Drum, Garkline (real little recorder), Tabor Pipes, Cortol, Rauschpeife, Shawm, Glastonbury Pipe, Flute, Crumhorn, Gemshorn Recorders (Garkline though Tenor)

Lord Orion is really good at keeping the little guys entertained. He started them off by setting ground rules. They had to raise their hands to ask or answer questions. Orion gave out points for correct answers. The points could be redeemed for prizes at the gift shop. "A balloon is 20 points.", "The gift shop is in the park behind the polar bears.", "If you don't know where the polar bears are, there is a map at the park office." The Scouts (and a few moms) were happily competing for points. Each instrument was explained and played. The Scouts guessed their names, answered questions, and points were awarded. The most common answer was "Awesome". We think a couple of the moms didn't quite get it that the points were imaginary and are still trying to find the polar bear exhibit and gift shop in the park. I am personally going to avoid the park office for the near future.



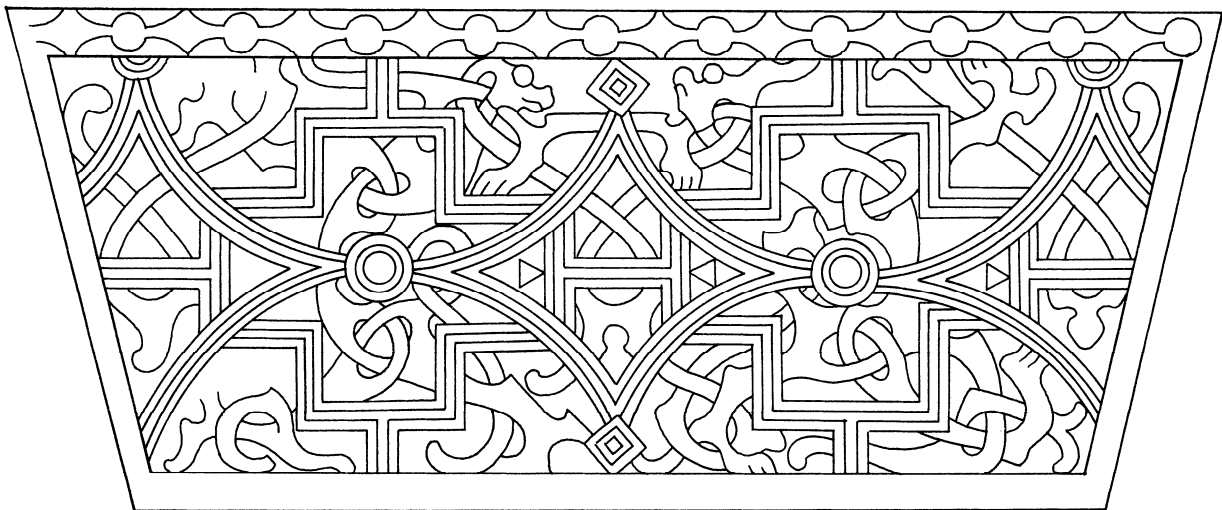
Uncle Remus and his Toys

They shut the event down a little early at 2:30 PM because of an approaching storm. We managed to get all of our gear stowed and packed in the cars while the storm held off until we were driving home from the park.

I did receive a short email from the lady in charge of the camp that said, *"I am certain the boys enjoyed the activities today. The instruments were so cool to hear and look at. It was truly awesome that you and your friends could spend the day with us. Weather intervened which is sad but it is not under our control. Thank you for the wonderful addition to this activity."*

Respectfully Submitted,

Master Remus Fletcher



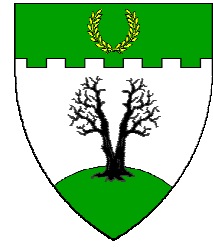
Ornament from the rear of a sled (Oseberg, Norway)

Fireside Feast II

Breakneck Campground

Portersville, PA

August 31 - September 2, 2012

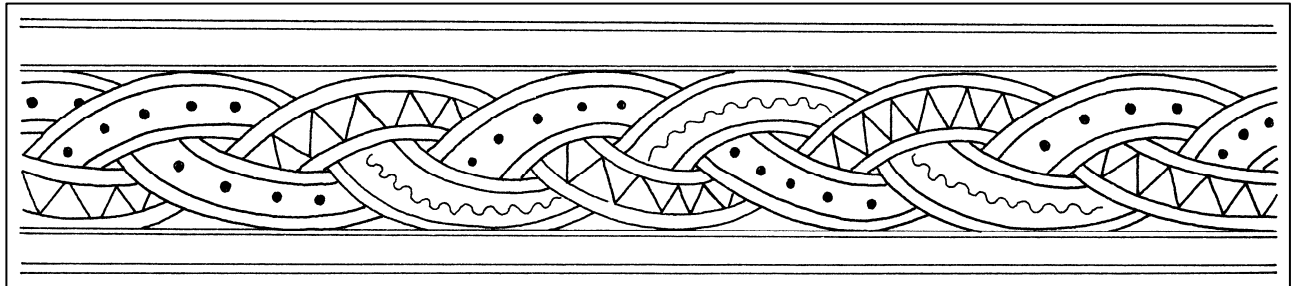


The Shire of Sunderoak invites you to join us as we spend the weekend of August 31 - September 2 creating a Fireside Feast at Breakneck Campground (1757 Cheeseman Road, Portersville, PA. 16051) Saturday will be filled with the opportunity to take open air cooking classes. Any who wish to join us for 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.

Saturday's evening meal will be served buffet style. There is no feast hall on site, so bring your own table and chairs or eat picnic style. All other offerings will be provided by attendees.

This year we have something new! An Iron Kettle Competition! This competition will consist of two teams: each person wishing to participate will bring a food item to contribute - please, no pre-planning - keep your ingredient a secret! The protein will also be a mystery. Each team will have 2-3 hours to prepare a dish to be served with dinner. The Shire will provide the equipment to cook over the fire, please bring knives, cutting boards, etc. Each team will be allowed salt and pepper - any additional spice will count as a contributed ingredient! Please contact THL Katla Ulfhedinn (Kate Gurnsey), katla_at_zoominternet_dot_net to inquire or reserve.

Hope to see you there!
Katla



Detail of Carving on Chair from the Church of Grund (Iceland)

Fun For Fiber Fiends

Now that Pennsic is over, I would like to remind all fiber enthusiasts of the upcoming World Wide Spin in Public Day. We have been invited to participate in this promotion of our hobby at Old Economy Village in Ambridge, PA.

Mary Malyszka posted to the list right before Pennsic and also provided me with the details. I will be attending and can offer some ride space to anyone who is interested. Please contact me off list (helewys_at_gmail_dot_com) for ride sharing.

I am planning on wearing garb and having some SCA materials available to hand out to people who might be interested in the SCA.

I will also be scheduling a Fiber Guild meeting in early October. Details forthcoming on when/where.

Yours In Service,
Helewys Spynner

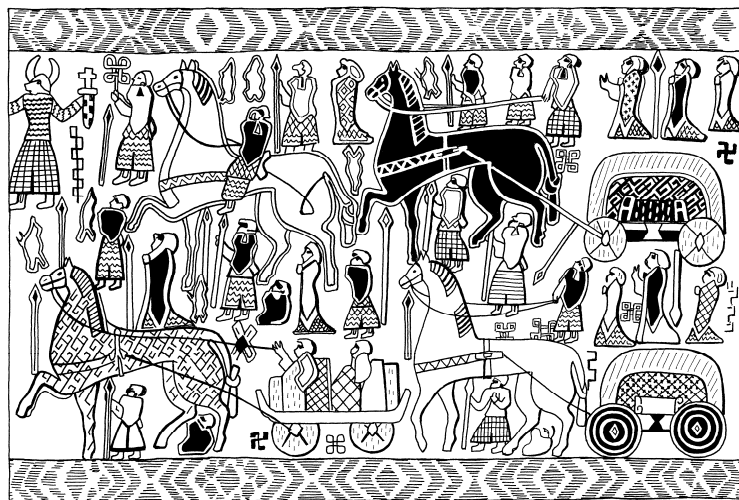
2012 Worldwide Spin in Public Day Old Economy Village, Ambridge, PA September 15, 2012

Join us on September 15, 2012 from 11 am to 2 pm, at Old Economy Village (OEV), a historic site in Ambridge, PA. *Admission to the SIP event is free to spinners* with a spinning wheel, charkha, or drop spindle. Re-enactors welcome! Come in Costume! (optional).

ABOUT OEV: Built in the 1820s by the Harmony Society, Old Economy Village is a beautiful historic setting, with formal gardens and numerous historic homes. It is a perfect location to spin!

DIRECTIONS: Since OEV is a multi-block/multi-building museum, for the best directions please enter the following address into your GPS or Google Maps/Mapquest: 1398 Church Street, Ambridge, Pennsylvania 15003. This is the address for St. John's Lutheran Church which is located directly across the street from the garden entrance. The 'official' mailing address for Old Economy Village at 270 16th Street, Ambridge, Pennsylvania 15003 is located two blocks away from the garden facilities.

Contact Info: Mary Malyszka
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Tapestry (Oseberg, Norway)

THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

(Beaver County)

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Canton Meeting

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

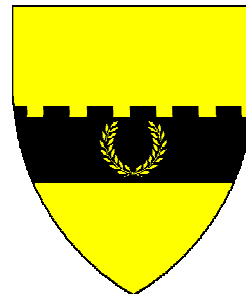
Archery

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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Find the Barony home page at <http://www.debatablelands.org/>.

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Need a ride? <http://groups.google.com/group/bmdlrideboard> is the Google group for ride sharing to events and practices.