

The Althing



Unknown, Vision of Thrones c. 1047

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Audi doctrinam si vis vitare ruinam.

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Unknown Artist, A houri standing in Paradise; 17th c.

Dates to Remember:

Barony Meetings:

- May Barony Meeting** – Sunday before Memorial Day, 1 P M, to be held at the Marshal Activities site.
- July Barony Meeting** – 2nd or 3rd Sunday, 1 P M, to be held at the Martial Activities site.

Upcoming Events:

- April 6th** – Artisans Muster, Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands
- April 6th** – Knights and Round Tables, Shire of Misty Highlands
- April 13th** – Is the Pen Mightier than the Sword, Shire of Angel's Keep
- April 13th** – Iron Comet 2013, Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands
- April 20th** – Spring Coronation, Shire of Herontir
- April 25th – 28th** – Blackstone Raid XXII, Barony of Blackstone Mountain
- April 27th** – Feast of Bacchus II: Penelopes Challenge, Barony of Endless Hills
- May 4th** – Crown Spring Tourney, Shire of Gryffyns Keep
- May 11th** – Heralds and Scribes, College of Silva Vulcani
- May 11th** – Defender's Tourney, Shire of Sylvan Glen
- May 16th – 19th** – Aethelmearc War Practice, Canton of Steltonwald
- May 31st – June 2nd** – Melee Madness, Barony of Endless Hills
- May 31st – June 2nd** – The Hornwood Guard Inn: Archery Festival, Shire of Hornwood

March Weekly Meetings:

For Contact Information please see the Dark Pages.

Mon Apr 1, 2013

- **7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal**
Contact Mistress Arianna for more information

Tue Apr 2, 2013

- **8pm - 10pm Sewing Circle**
Contact Mistress Ts'vee'a for more information

Wed Apr 3, 2013

- **6:30pm - 9pm Scriptorium**
Contact THL Odriana for more information
- **8:00pm – 10pm Officer's Meeting**
Contact Mistress Hilderun for more information

Sun Apr 7, 2013

- **2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park

Mon Apr 8, 2013

- **7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal**
Contact Mistress Arianna for more information

Tue Apr 9, 2013

- **7pm - 10pm Leatherworkers Guild**
Contact Lady Sumayya for more information

Sat Apr 13, 2013

- **9am - 9pm Iron Comet Event**
See page 9 for more information

Sun Apr 14, 2013

- **10am – 5pm Regional Archery Practice**
Contact Master Alaric for more information
- **2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
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Mon Apr 15, 2013

- **7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal**
Contact Mistress Arianna for more information

Tue Apr 16, 2013

- **8pm - 10pm Sewing Circle**
Contact Mistress Ts'vee'a for more information

Sun Apr 21, 2013

- **2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice**
Where: Sunderoak and Stormsport practice in Butler
- **2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park

Mon Apr 22, 2013

- **7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal**
Contact Mistress Arianna for more information

Tue Apr 23, 2013

- **7pm - 10pm Brewers' Guild Meeting**
Contact Master Brandubh for more information

Thu Apr 25, 2013

- **7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Consort Practice**
Where: Carnegie Mellon University, Porter Hall A19C, 4862 Frew St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
- **8pm - 10pm Dance Practice**
Where: Porter Hall A18A

Sun Apr 28, 2013

- **2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park
- **11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice**
Where: Washington Blvd Park

Mon Apr 29, 2013

- **7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal**
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Lucas Cranach, The Apocalypse – the 144,000 chosen; 1534





Unknown Artist, Buddha Akshobhya with myriad Buddhas; c. 1250 - 1300

A Letter From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the barony we bid you greetings and hope you are all faring well during 2nd winter.

The winter has been long and seemingly never ending, we hope you all are keeping warm and we trust spring will soon be here. While we wait for the sun and flowers, there are several things going on in the Barony we hope everyone can attend.

The first is Artisans Muster on April 6th. We will be gathering to share a day of arts and sciences projects. We welcome artisans of all skill levels to sit down, work on projects and get help where it's needed. I will have one 'group' project as well. I'll be making banners to fly at Washington Blvd or Iron Comet and other local tourneys/events to add to the medieval-ness and catch the eye, so anyone who wants can help with this project.

The second is Iron Comet, coming up on April 13th. There will be; Archery, Thrown Weapons, Rapier, Heavy Combat, and Arts and Sciences. To win the Iron Comet, you must compete in at least four of five categories. There will also be a Consort's gallery and a Baroness' Bower for arts and sciences projects or just to sit and visit. I will have tea and cookies for the bower, and look forward to seeing everyone not fighting!

To summer! For those planning on camping with the barony at Pennsic this year, we're planning the first camp meeting for just after War practice. To camp with the barony at Pennsic you must attend one of the 3 meetings planned before Pennsic. This is just a reminder that soon we will be planning!

We would also like to remind everyone that we need award recommendations. You can make these easily online by visiting our web page. <http://bmdlbandb.webs.com/awardrecommendation.htm> Surely you know someone who is deserving of an award?

Please remember our email and ears, are always open to suggestions and comments, we are here for you.

Yours in service,
Baroness Constance and Baron Liam
Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

From the Seneschale:

Hello again, from Hilda! Welcome home to those staunch Gulf Wars adventurers; I hear your exploits were legendary! And good luck to those entering the Ice Dragon!

I'd like to thank our outgoing, award-winning webminister, THL Cai o'r Llyn, for all his work over the past four years. Thank you!! On that note, you'll notice the links on www.debatablelands.org to our Facebook and G+ pages. Nifty! (See my letter in the February Althing for more information about our Barony and social media.)

Have a great Medieval or Renaissance class to teach, but not sure where to do it? There are lots and lots of opportunities!

- Lady Kolfinna Thorgrimsdottir is looking for folks to go up to Sunderoak on some Monday to teach an A&S class. They're looking for any topic at all, any skill level. Please find her on Facebook, or through <http://sunderoak.aethelmearc.org/>.
- Pennsic University is looking for people to teach classes at Pennsic! If you want your class guaranteed to be in the site book (and you do!), please remember to register online before April 15th: www.pennsicuniversity.org (scroll down on that page).
- Aethelmearc Heralds' and Scribes' is on May 11th, just an hour south east of here in the College of Silva Vulcani! See http://www.silvavulcani.org/SilvavulcaniIndex_files/Page298.htm for details on how to register to teach, or for more info on the event.
- If you'd like to teach at Aethelmearc War Practice at Cooper's Lake, May 17th or 18th, contact Countess Aidan. See <http://warpractice.steltonwald.org/> for details.

I'm stepping down from being Seneschale in Feb 2014, and I'm looking to train a replacement! If you're interested in learning how to be a Seneschal, please let me know. April officers' Meeting is on Wednesday, April 3rd at 8pm at CMU, and it's our budget meeting. If you need to have a line item in this year's budget, make sure to let Lady Hara know soon! Thanks to everyone who has given me feedback, please keep it coming. You can reach me in person, by phone, by email, on

Facebook, or on G+. See you at Iron Comet and Barony Meeting!

In Levitate et Caritate,
~Hilda, Seneschale

From the Comet Pursuivant:

Greetings noble populace,

I would once again like to bring your attention to the humble art of heraldry. During the upcoming (or recent depending on how soon after publication you read this missive) March Barony Meeting the theme for discussion is tournaments. The purpose of this focus is to allow the populace as a whole understand how tournaments work so that we all might derive greater pleasure and understanding from the many tournaments that go on around us. In light of our newfound knowledge we as a Barony will be having a grand tournament full of all pomp and magnificent displays that we can possibly fit into it for our May Barony Meeting. For this purpose I would like to invite any who want to try out heraldry in a fun and entertaining situation to join me in calling the lists during the day as well as assisting in making the opening ceremony a better experience for all involved. Not feeling up to talking in front of that many people? Well we will also need list runners to transport information back and forth between the heralds and the MoLs, all ages are welcome, and its a great, low stress way to be involved with what is going on.

The May Barony Meeting Tournament isn't the only upcoming local tournament of significance, the Iron Comet Challenge will be held on April 13 in the Barony, and Spring Crown Tournament will be held in Gryffyns Keep on May 4.

Also in upcoming heraldic news AEthelmearc Heralds and Scribes will be held on May 11 in the College of Silva Vulcani, so come on out to that as well to support one of our local small groups and learn more about the heraldic and scribal arts.

If you are looking to submit a name or device let me know or attend one of the regularly rescheduled heraldry meetings hosted by Dame Elsbeth, and we can assist you with making your dream of personal heraldry a reality.

In Service,

Jorundr hinn Rotinn

From the Webminister:

Greetings from your Webminister!

I have held the office of Webminister for almost four years, and my term will come to an end in April. As such, I am issuing a call for letters for anyone who might be interested in replacing me. The Webminister's job includes updating the Baronial web page with new events, court reports, editions of the Althing, and other news. Knowledge HTML is helpful.

If you're interested, send letters to me at webminister@debatablelands.org and to our seneschal at seneschal@debatablelands.org, before the April officer's meeting. Also feel free to contact me to find out more about what the job entails.

In service,

Cai o'r Llyn

From the Captain of the Archers:

Greetings from the Captain of Archers!

With the winter hopefully behind us we'll be starting our regular outdoor practices on Sunday, April 7th at the Washington Blvd. site. The next few months will have many opportunities to shoot, both at practices and at events.

Iron Comet (April 13th)
Regional Muster at the Castle (April 14th)
Blackstone Raid (Blackstone Mountain, April 25th - 28th)
Defender's Tourney (Sylvan Glen, May 11th)
War Practice (Steltonwald, May 16th - May 19th, including the Kingdom Archery Championship)
The Hornwood Guard Inn: Archery Festival (May 31st - Jun 2nd)

The Regional Muster is extra special as we get to shoot off the parapets of the castle. It will also be the final opportunity to submit scores for this year's Gwyntarian Winter Challenge. Speaking of which, our Barony is doing quite well this year. Of the 168 scores submitted to date, we have 19, including two of the top 5, and 4 of the top 10.

Our top-ten scorers are:

Brandubh O'Donnghaile
Jacopo di Niccolo
Urho Walterinen
Muirghean Gealbhain

Vivant!!

Hope to see many of you on the range. And for those of you who are marshals, we can always use the help at practices and events.

In Service,

Alaric

From the Knight Marshal

As a band of Æthelmearc fighters returns victorious from battle in the south, having successfully aided our allies of the Kingdom of Trimaris, we prepare for future battles to come. The Iron Comet Tourney, April 13th, where fighters test their skills in all martial areas, as well as in the Arts and Sciences. Blackstone Raids, April 26-28, where we defend one of our Baronies from the aggression of the Midrealm. Join us as we practice and hone our skills.

- March 31 - last practice at Pittsburgh Chinese Church
- April 7 - first practice at Washington Blvd park
- April 14 - practice at Washington Blvd park
- April 21 - practice with Sunderoak and Stormsport in Butler
- April 28 - practice at Washington Blvd park

See you at practice.

-Lady Cynewyn

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences:

Greetings Baronial Populace!

February's Artisans Muster was a great success, and the Baroness is running another one at the beginning of April! Please make plans to attend, as the group project will be banners for the Iron Comet event. Don't underestimate how much this pageantry will add to our event.

Speaking of the Iron Comet event, get your projects ready for the A&S competition. The theme of the competition is "Cherries", to match the event's theme. Bring your finest cherry cordials, pies, embroidery, woodworking, paintings, calligraphy, songs, music, etcetera. All martial combatants must enter a project, I'm told, so there should be quite a few things on display.

Speaking of A&S competitions, Their Highnesses have announced that they will also be holding the competition for the Kingdom A&S Championship at their coronation in April. The theme is "Largesse", and They are hoping entrants will contribute either a part of their entered project, or items similar to their project, to the Kingdom. Our Barony is always so generous, I know this is a surmountable challenge for us.

Hope to see all you Artisans and Scientists at Ice Dragon,

Ishiyama roku-i

From the Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings Most Talented and Creative Kingdom in the Known World,

That time has come again where I call for your contributions of articles, poems, songs, recipes, event reviews, news, announcements, trivia, quizzes, little know medieval facts, art, tom foolery, shenanigans, instructionals, yips, cool medieval links and etc..... Please send them to me at ae.chronicler@aethelmearc.org

... TY, Phil



Giusto Di Menabuoi, The Last Judgement (detail); 14th c.

Enhance Your Medieval Vocabulary!



Pavage

A toll to pay for upkeep of the streets, paid by visitors.



Buttery

Storage for wet goods, such as ale, wine, or beer.



Armiger

A person who has been granted and is entitled to bear a coat of arms.

Largess from the Barony:**The Frick Presents: Medieval Persian Ceramics, A Kind of Alchemy, now through June 16th**

From http://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org/collection_exhibitions/exhibitions_current.php:

A Kind of Alchemy: Medieval Persian Ceramics, on view through June 16, 2013, a beautiful and fascinating look at the diversity of ceramics made in ancient Persia (what is now present-day Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan). Produced for both the luxury and middle-class markets, these vessels, bowls, pitchers, and bottles reflect numerous cultural and artistic influences and an aesthetic sensibility that seems startlingly modern.

From 10th-century splashware, buffware and slip-painted ware to lusterware and 14th-century fritware, the objects illustrate the influence of Chinese porcelains, as well as typical Islamic abstraction, calligraphy, and imagery inspired by forms in nature. The works exemplify the sophistication of an urban culture that prospered from the Silk Road trade between the far and near east, and beyond to Europe.

The Frick has a history of staging beautiful exhibitions of artistically important ethnographic material, and this show will be a visual delight. It also provides an opportunity to connect the influence of Islamic and Moorish design to interior decoration and decorative arts in the collections at Clayton and The Frick Art Museum.

A Song Written by His Excellency Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir**Once More, Æthelmearc!**

The call went out from the Sylvan King,
Our soldiers to defend,
We travel to the south lands,
To help Trimarin friends,
We met them on Glen Abhan's fields,
With shield and spear and bow,
We joined Trimarin allies,
Our honor we will show.

Once more into the battle,
Once more into the breach,
The soldiers come from Æthelmearc,
An army to defeat!

We entered into battle,

Fighting to save the town,
We pushed across the bridge there,
We could not be struck down,
With every soldier pushing,
The Escarbuncle rose,
The army moving forward,
And throwing deadly blows.

Once more into the battle,
Once more into the breach,
The soldiers come from Æthelmearc,
An army to defeat!

Atlantia on our left side,
And Northshield on our right,
We headed to a great field,
Ansteorra for to fight,
The armies traveled forward,
Calontir showed their flank,
The Escarbuncle charged them,
Cutting straight through their ranks.

Once more into the battle,
Once more into the breach,
The soldiers come from Æthelmearc,
An army to defeat!

We chased them to the bridges,
And met them at half way,
The Sylvan soldiers charged one bridge,
And took all three that day,
They fell back to the ravine,
Begging us to cross,
We took each banner one by one,
And dealt another loss.

Once more into the battle,
Once more into the breach,
The soldiers come from Æthelmearc,
An army to defeat!

They fell back to the castle,
Ansteorra sealed their gates,
The order came from on high,
Our ballista would seal their fate,
We lined up at the castle wall,
Our archers shooting well,
Each arrow falling down like rain,
The enemy's castle fell.

Once more into the battle,
Once more into the breach,
The soldiers come from Æthelmearc,
An army to defeat!

And now this war is over,
Æthelmearc stood strong,
The words of friend and foe alike,
Will stand for years to come,
With honor for our enemy,
We left the field as friends,
Each one of us that fought those days,
Would live to fight again!

Once more into the battle,
Once more into the breach,
The soldiers come from Æthelmearc,
An army to defeat!

Once more into the battle,
Once more into the breach,
The soldiers come from Æthelmearc,
An army to defeat!



Unknown Artist, A ritual of angels in heaven; Turkish, 16th c.

Past Barony Officers Meeting

December Officers Meeting – 12/5/12

- Officers Attending: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); Herald (Pavel); Knight Marshal (Cynewyn); MoAS (Langdon); Chronicler (Elss); Exchequer (Hara); Chirurgeon (Liam); Marshal of Fence (Irene); Capt of Archers (Alaric)
 - Officers Proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Alaric for Muirgheal); MOL (Hilda for Katherine); Webminister (Pavel for Cai); Chatelaine (Liam for Anna Leigh);
 - Other Gentles attending: Jorundr, Sumayya, Bugga, Elizabeth A., Lydia, Cathain
 - Minutes recorded by Hilda
1. Open Meeting
 2. October Officers' Meeting Minutes Approved unanimously.
 3. Officers' Reports
 - Baron/ess: Things are going well. We had a big turnout for Agincourt. We're looking forward to the upcoming 12th Nights.
 - Seneschale: Commend staff of Agincourt for a very lovely event. Commend Her Excellency Constance for going back to site later that week to take care of something we overlooked – she saved the Barony \$100 in deposit money. Hilda would also like to personally thank Elss and Pavel for their assistance and support to her these past 4 years.
 - Herald: It's been a pleasure working with you and serving the Barony.
 - Knight Marshal: We've started a MIT program with 2 marshals-in-training and could accept more. Our indoor site is working well. We're with Youth Fighting and Rapier.
 - Thrown Weapons: We've concluded our season and scheduled a workshop to fix up the targets. It'll be on Dec 15th.
 - MoAS: Quarterly report was submitted.
 - Chronicler: I need everyone's words as early as possible, since we'll need a little extra time for the Dec issue. It's been a pleasure working with everyone.
 - Exchequer: Quarterly report was balanced and on time. I have many inventories, but not all. Those who haven't turned in inventories, please do so. We are still waiting for the site deposit back from Barony Birthday.
 - Chirurgeon: Still looking for deputy. First Aid and CPR class in Jan, members of the Barony can take it at cost.
 - Chatelaine: King's Crossing will be contacting us to assist with a demo in the spring.

- MoL: We held Baronial heavy and rapier champions and a youth tourney at Agincourt. I was MOL, assisted by Suilleán, Rynea, Elizabeth, and Anna. Everything went fairly smoothly.
 - Marshal of Fence: Practices have been going well. The smallest practice has been 5 fencers. We've had interest in loaner gear. Don Christian will be giving us a sword. We'll likely need to buy loaner gear.
 - Webminister: no report
 - Steltonwald Seneschal: no report
 - Captain of Archers: Thank you to Urho for running Nov practices while I was out of town. In the Gwyntarian Winter Challenge, our Barony has more participants than any other group. Inventory is done.
4. Next Meetings/Gatherings/ Event updates
 - Feb Officers' Meeting: Feb 6th. Apr Officers' Meeting: Apr 3rd.
 - Jan Barony Meeting will be at 12th Night, Jan 12th, 2013, 11am.
 - 12th Night – Site has changed from the Lodge in North Park to the Rose Barn in North Park. It's a different set up, but we are managing. Liam says there's plenty of parking, but we will have a drop-off/chariot marshal. The new site is \$25 cheaper. No carrying chairs up and down stairs, but gentles may want to bring their own chairs.
 - Iron Comet is now a Royal Progress and will be on April 13th.
 - March Barony Meeting discussion pended.
 5. Event bids: Siege of Harlech III, August 24th. Questions about fees. Tentatively approved, with final vote to be held on Feb 6th. Motion passed unanimously.
 6. Additional mid-year budget items.
 - Cynewyn (KM and PCC liaison): The fighters are asking for an extra \$200-\$300 to use the other room at the PCC for practices. If we need it every week, we'd need a maximum of \$300. Discussion ensued, including a discussion of fund-raising. Sumayya said that Iron Key is significantly under budget for the year. Motion to move \$300 line item in the budget from Iron Key to room reservations

for fighting. Motion carried unanimously.

- Elss (Thrown Weapons): We'd like to find a place to throw during the winter. Elss found a horse barn – dirt floor, huge, not heated. It may be big enough for a small archery or atl atl range. It's available in the evenings – the price is \$15-\$20 an evening or an hour. We'd like to hold winter TW practices at this or another barn. Barn is in Sunderoak zip code. Elss will talk to their Seneschal about permission.
 - 12th Night will be running a silent auction. Elss proposes that we use the auction to pay for a winter TW site. The practices would not start til after 12th Night. Pavel so motioned, Langdon seconded, approved unanimously.
- Discussion on how much we have in the Baronial bank account. Alaric asks how much do we want to have in the Baronial account? He suggested remand any discussion to Feb, and so we did.

7. March Barony Meeting discussion ensued. No final decision. Further discussion remanded to online.
8. Vote on Herald. One letter received from Jorundr hinn Rotin. Jorundr voted in (Hilda abstained), term to end Dec 2014. The Officers commended Pavel for 4 years of a job well done.
9. Vote on Chronicler. One letter received from Sumayya al Ghaziya. Sumayya voted in, term to end Dec 2014. The Officers commended Elss for 4 years of a job well done.
10. Liam: Baronial coronets are in the process in re-plating, and we'll have them back before 12th Night. Officers approved up to \$26 for shipping.
11. Cathain has tennis balls available for free if anyone needs them.
12. Cynewyn and Sumayya would like to do an armor refit day at the PCC. She proposes that we move \$30 line item from Iron Key budget to room rental budget. Motion approved unanimously.
13. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.

February Officers Meeting – 2/6/13

- Officers Attending: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); Herald (Jorundr); Knight Marshal (Cynewyn); MoAS (Langdon); Chronicler (Sumayya); Chirurgeon (Liam); Marshal of Fence (Irene); Captain of Archers (Alaric); Chatelaine (Anna Leigh);
- Officers Proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Jorundr for Muirgheal); Exchequer (Alaric for Hara); Webminister (Hilda

for Cai)

- Other Gentles attending: Bugga, Titus, Elss (TW Marshal)
 - Minutes recorded by Hilda

14. Open Meeting

15. December Officers' Meeting Minutes Approved unanimously.

16. Officers' Reports

- Baron/ess: It was a busy month of 12th Nights. Commends staff of Steltonwald and BMDL 12th Night. We have a new Bardic (Master William) and A&S Champion (THL Ishiyama). Very excited for the Artisans Muster at Mr Smalls on Sunday, Feb 10th. Commends Mr Smalls for their generosity in donating space.
- Seneschale:
 - Commend the autocrats and staffs of both Baronial 12th Night and Steltonwald 12th Night for wonderful events.
 - PA groups are starting the subsidiary process, FYI. This doesn't involve anyone other than the Exchequer and the signatories on the bank account. Only change for people is that, once the process is complete, checks will be made out to SCA-[state], Inc. [branch]
 - Society Social Media Policy is now official. Our groups on Facebook and G+ are both in compliance. Discussion of Facebook group vs page. Decision: remain a "group".
 - Held an Officers' Meeting at 12th Night at about 11:30am on 1/12/13. Having attained quorum, the Officers approved the following event fees for the Siege of Harlech III event on Aug 24th:
 - Adult/Child no food (out-board): \$0
 - Adult lunch only (off-board): \$5
 - Child lunch only (off-board): \$3
 - Adult lunch and feast (on-board): \$15
 - Child lunch and feast (on-board): \$8

- Herald: Inventory was sent to the Exchequer. Courts happened and court reports were submitted.

- Knight Marshal: Practices continue. We went to

Sunderoak once, and the regional muster is coming up. Our plan to ask for donations is working well. Thanks to Arianna for making a donations box. We've gotten about \$100 so far.

- Thrown Weapons: the site for practices we talked about in Dec has fallen through and I've not been able to find another site.
- MoAS: Artisans' Muster is coming up on Sunday, Feb 10th at Mr Smalls. The gentles in attendance at Officers' Meeting commended Langdon for his service of the past two years.
- Chronicler: the new Althing is out! Please send content! Recipes, pictures, content of any kind!
- Exchequer (submitted to Hilda previously):
 - Twelfth Night - \$249 in raffle already dedicated to Thrown Weapons site (alternate other martial activities site). But the \$111 in donations at the door, the reduced site fee of only \$175 and frugal spending by the wonderful autocrat means that the event cost the Barony ONLY \$100.23.
 - Year-end we started the year with \$9,894.73, and ended the year with \$7,648.17. That is a loss of \$2,246.56. However, recall that there was the Kingdom transfer of \$1890.06. If you discount that, we lost \$356.50 for the year.
 - Inventory nag, missing gold key inventory, larder inventory. What about iron key? Fencing? Please get inventories to Hara via email. List of items, relative condition, location should be included.
- Chirurgeon: Nothing to report. Still planning a CPR class in the near future.
- Chatelaine: No official report. We continue to get interest from new folks.
- MoL: no report
- Marshal of Fence: Fencing practice has continued, with lots of interest. Don Christian donated a weapon to loaner gear, a permanent gift to the Barony. I have several weekends when I can't run practices, and I'm looking for substitute marshals, but if I can't find one, the practices will be canceled. There will be no practice on May 5th due to the Pittsburgh Marathon.
- Webminister: no report
- Captain of Archers: Winter shooting goes apace. Currently 100 scores submitted for the

Gwynthaerian Winter Challenge. Out of the 100, our Barony and Steltonwald have 15 scores, including 4 of the top 20, with Brandubh taking the top space right now. There's a regional archery muster at Feb 24th from 11am -5pm at Beaver Valley Archery Club. Iron Comet and War Practice will be good archery event.

- Steltonwald Seneschal: no report

17. Next Meetings/Gatherings/ Event updates

- Apr Officers' Meeting: Apr 3rd - Budget Meeting; Jun Officers' Meeting Jun 5th
- March Barony Meeting will be at CMU in the University Center in the Peter/Wright/McKenna Rooms at 7pm, Wed March 27th. Discussion about theme – Tournament Fun for non-combatants.
- May Barony meeting – Sunday, May 26th – Tournament Day!
- Iron Comet is a Royal Progress and will be on April 13th.

18. Short discussion on upcoming events and possible events.

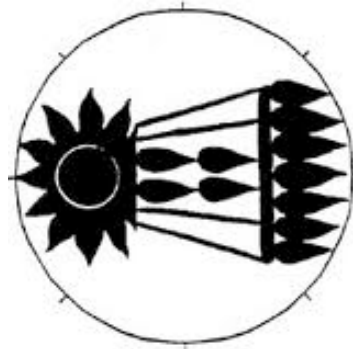
19. Discussion on Baronial Bank Account. A comfortable amount at the bottom end would be about \$7000 to \$8000. More would be good, but that's the bottom end.

20. Vote on A&S Minister. Two letters were received: Lady Bugga and THL Ishiyama. Hilda read a missive from Ishiyama. Bugga addressed the gentles in the room and answered some questions. Bugga and Ishiyama left the room during discussion. The attendees expressed a fervent wish that both candidates could hold the office. Ishiyama was voted in, in a very close vote, with 4 abstentions. Term to end Feb 2015.



Unknown Artist, Vaishnavana, god of wealth, and eight demon lords; 15th c.

Iron Comet 2013



The dust settles after the heated battle and only one rises victorious!

The Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands invites you to join them on April 13, 2013, for the Iron Comet competition. Like the Pentathalons of yore, you may test your skills at Archery, Thrown Weapons, Rapier, Heavy Combat, and only the fittest and finest shall prevail! A truly gifted combatant is also skilled at the Arts and Sciences. To win the Iron Comet, you will compete in at least four of five categories. Youth will also compete in their own division, and there will be martial activities for those not competing.

For those not engage in martial activities, join us in the Consort's gallery or the Baroness' Bower.

The theme of the event is Cherries, from the wonderfully creative Arts and Sciences entries to the sumptuous feast provided by our Elss of Augsburg. Lunch will be provided by Lord Bovi Farmaor.

The location of the event is the Pitcairn Monroeville Sportsman's Club located at 505 Mosside Blvd, North Versailles, PA 15137. The site will be open from 9am to 9pm.

Site Fee (includes lunch): \$11 for adults 18 or older, \$5 for youth 6-17, children 5 and under free.

There will be a family cap of \$32 for site fee only. Feast seats are \$8 per person (all ages) in addition to the site fee. The non-member surcharge of \$5.00 applies to adults 18+, which you may either include in the reservation or pay at the door. The feast is limited to 64 seats, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. Reservations can be made with Mistress Hilderun Hugelmann (Krista Cogan 3815 Baytree St, Pittsburgh, PA 15214 (412) 606-6258). Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. - BMDL. Please include full names of all gentles on the reservation.

For directions, details on the schedule, menu, and other information, see http://debatablelands.org/events/iron_comet/.

If there are any questions, please contact the Autocrat Elizabeth Arrowsmyth (Elizabeth Hogue 40 Union Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 (412) 999-8352 or ashearaatitd@gmail.com) or the Deputy Autocrat Lord Jorundr hinn Rotinn (Tim Cogan (724) 777-5554 or shinigamikirin@gmail.com).

The Canton of Steltonwald Officers and Meetings

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Canton Meetings:

Third Wednesday of the month at 7PM.

Beaver County Courthouse

Archery

Wednesdays, 6PM – 9 PM

Except the third Wednesday of any month

Beaver Valley Archery Club

Maestro Jacopo di Niccolo

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Fight Practice

On hiatus for the Winter

<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 Liason.

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- Download or read the Althing online every month at <http://www.debatablelands.org/althing/>.
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- Find the Barony home page at <http://www.debatablelands.org/>.
- College student?
Join the SCA-medieval-interest@googlegroups.com mailing list for announcements of campus and local activities.
- Need a ride?
<http://groups.google.com/group/bmdlrideboard> is the Google group for ride sharing to events and practices.



The Limbourg Brothers, *The Fall of the Rebel Angels*, from *Tres Riches Heures*; c. 1416

Blindur er bóklaus maður.

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