

The Althing



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Audi doctrinam si vis vitare ruinam.

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Dates to Remember:

Barony Meetings:

July Barony Meeting – 2nd or 3rd Sunday, 1 P M, to be held at the Martial Activities site.

Upcoming Events:

June 15 – St. Swithin's Bog Baronial Investiture, Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

June 20 – 23 – Known World Dance and Music Symposium, Kingdom of the East

June 22 – Army Muster and Equestrian Event, Shire of Stormsport

June 28 – 30 – Tournament of the Windmill II: For the Glory of Rome, Barony of Delftwood

June 29 – Aethelmearc Academy, Summer 2013, Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

July 5 – 7 – Pax Interruptus, Barony of Thescorre

July 6 – 7 – Battlements and Berserkers 6, Shire of Wynterset

July 19 – August 3 – Pennsic War XLII

June/July Weekly Meetings:

For Contact Information please refer to the calendar on the debatablelands.org site.

Tue June 18, 2013

- 8pm - 10pm Sewing Circle

Wed June 3, 2013

- 6:30pm - 9pm Scriptorium
- 8:00pm – 10pm Officer's Meeting

Sun June 23, 2013

- 2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice
- 2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice
- 11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice

Mon June 24, 2013

- 7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tue June 25, 2013

- 7pm - 10pm Brewers' Guild Meeting

Thurs June 27, 2013

- 7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Consort Practice
- 8pm - 10pm Dance Practice

Sun June 30, 2013

- 2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice
- 2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice
- 11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice

Mon July 1, 2013

- 7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tue July 2, 2013

- 8pm - 10pm Sewing Circle

Weds July 3, 2013

- 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Scriptorium

Sun July 7, 2013

- 2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice
- 2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice
- 11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice

Mon July 8, 2013

- 7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tue July 9, 2013

- 7pm - 10pm Leatherworking Guild Meeting

Sun July 14, 2013

- 2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice
- 2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice
- 11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice

Mon July 15, 2013

- 7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tues July 16, 2013

- 8pm - 10pm Sewing Circle

Sun July 21, 2013

- 2pm - 6pm BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2pm - 6pm Fencing Practice
- 2pm – 4:30pm Youth Combat Practice
- 11am – 2pm – BMDL Archery Practice

Tues July 23, 2013

- 7pm - 10pm Brewers' Guild Meeting

Thurs July 25, 2013

- 7:30pm - 9pm Debatable Consort Practice
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A Letter From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings from Baron Liam and Baroness Constance,

We would like to thank everyone again for all their kindness in the form of get well cards, notes, flowers and food. It means a great deal to us and we can only hope to repay the kindness we've been shown someday.

For those camping with the barony this year here are a couple of reminders:

- 1) You must pre-register by JUNE 9th. If you are not Pre-registered, you cannot camp with the Barony as space is limited to people who are pre-registered.
- 2) You will need to e-mail your Tent Size, and preferred neighbors if necessary to liamandconstance@gmail.com. The last day to email this info is July 1st (so that we can organize the map).

The Baroness is hoping to have one more Artisans Muster before Pennsic, it will be announced as soon as we have a space for it.

We hope everyone is enjoying the beginnings of summer, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Athelwald Muster!

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

From the Seneschale:

Welcome Summer! Let me first give a big CONGRATULATIONS! to our wonderful Canton of Steltonwald for throwing the best War Practice yet! The Honorable Lord Bovi and his staff did a marvelous job yet again, and I know that much fun and companionship was enjoyed by all! Many folks don't realize this, but War Practice, our Kingdom's biggest event (Pennsic doesn't count), is thrown by a small Canton. Thank you!

And a huge CONGRATULATIONS! to Lady Sumayya, our Chronicler, for winning First Place in the "Best Layout and Design" Category of the Sylvan Quill Awards, our Kingdom's yearly awards for best newsletters and features. Vivant to both Lady Sumayya and Lady Elss, our previous chronicler for winning Honorable Mention in "Best Overall Newsletter". We love this newsletter, keep it coming!

And a big ol' CONGRATULATIONS to Maistir Brandubh O'Donnghaile as he steps down from the Kingdom Herald Office of Silver Buccle (Welcome Home, Darling!) and our own THL Kameshima Zentarou Umakai, as he steps up as Silver Buccle.

By the time you read this, our May Barony Meeting is past. I want to thank our Marshals, Baron Liam. Baron Shiro, Mistress Irene, Don William, Mistress Arianna, Lady Ceindrich, Master Alaric, Lady Elsa, Lady Elss, Ardhal, and of course our MOLs, Lady Katherine and Lady Elizabeth A., for running the tournaments for Tournament Day! Thanks to everyone I missed (I know there are some)! Congrats to the winners of the tourneys as well: Lady Melodia (TW), Maistir Brandubh and Otto (Archery), Eiiden (Youth), and team "Beauty and the Beast" - Sir Aengus and Lady Fiora (Heavy and Rapier), with special recognition to "Steak and Sushi" - Sir Koredono and Sir Graedwyn - for switching between Heavy and Rapier for each round! It was a lot of fun, and thanks to the spectators, too!

Our next Barony Meeting is Sunday, July 7th, at the Washington Blvd practice site. The theme is again Pennsic Prep! We'll have the Pennsic schedules available for perusal, possibly another Garb Swap, and it'll be one of the last dates to authorize before the War, I believe.

News from the Kingdom: we are in the middle of transitioning all Pennsylvania SCA bank accounts to the subsidiary. Let me know if you

want details, but what does this mean for you? When writing a check to an SCA account (event fees, or herald fees, usually), you will write it to SCA [state], Inc - [group name]. So our account is now "SCA PA, Inc. - Debatable Lands".

As I mentioned last month, if you're interested in learning more about Seneschaling, let me know. I'm doing some online training over the next few months. As always, any comments, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. Contact me, too, for any updates that are needed on our online Baronial Calendar.

In Levitate et Caritate,
~Hilda, Seneschale

From the Comet Pursuivant:

Greetings noble populace,

This month has been an eventful one for the heraldic community of Aethelmearc, more specifically for those who live in these Debatable Lands.

Maistir Brandubh O'Donnghaile has stepped down as Silver Buccle Herald, the principle herald of Aethelmearc, and Kameshima-roku-i Zentarou Umakai has taken the position. Furthermore Maistir Brandubh has been named a Herald Extraordinaire for his service and has been granted the personal heraldic title of Tabor Herald. As such I would like to thank Brandubh for all he has done these past 4 years and wish Kameshima all the best as he begins his term.



Dame Margaret Macafee has stepped down from her position as Keystone herald, which is the kingdom's education deputy, after many years of great service from which all have greatly benefited. I would also like to thank Margaret for all she has done and wish her successor, THL Malcolm fitzWilliam the best of luck.

In more heraldic news Mistress Elsbeth Anne Roth holds regular meetings in her position as Garnet Herald, which is the kingdom's submissions deputy. Any who are interested in attending and learning more about submissions or in getting a submission submitted should contact either myself or her to get more information about these meetings.

For any who are interested in learning about heraldry in any of its forms, whether book or vocal get in contact with me and I will be glad to get you started down the path of a herald, we have cookies.

In Service,

Jorundr hinn Rotinn

Comet Pursuivant

From the Arts and Science Minister:

Greetings Baronial Artisans and Scientists,

We are just back from War Practice, and as always it was a tremendous time. The Artisan's playtime attracted more than a dozen exhibitors, who presented the fruits of their research and helped others see how their work is created. The class schedule had about two dozen classes on it, though of course it was difficult to squeeze attendance in around martial events, meetings, and shopping (I declare shopping to be an art.)

It's time now to start getting all your spiffiest projects finished up for Pennsic. Don't forget about the A&S display in the brand new Great Hall, the many Artisans' Row activity days, entertaining performances, more classes, and more shopping.

THL Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'ie

From the Chronicler:

Greetings most noble barony,

As always I am looking for new, interesting content to include in future articles of the Althing. Rumor has it that there are more than a few interesting, passionate, creative and inspired people in the barony who love to talk about things they find interesting. I'm not generally the type to buy into vicious rumor mongering, but I have my suspicions that this rumor can be easily confirmed.

So, if you are one of those interesting, passionate, creative and inspired people, or even if you only have one or two of those traits, please send me something to include in the Althing! Articles, recipes, pictures, stories, useful/less trivia that just fun to know, poetry, sketches, jokes, crosswords, almost anything you can think of has a place in the Althing.

Did I mention that you can win awards for your submissions yet? Because you can! Just ask our Seneschale, Mistress Hilderun Hugelman, who just won 2nd Place in the Sylvan Quills 2013 Best Series in a Kingdom Publication category.

In Service,

Sumayya al Ghaziyya

Largess From the Barony:

A link from the wonderful Lady Elss:

Here is a link to a digital copy of a gradual (a psalm book used by a group of choirboys) that is known as the Geese Book.

This wonderful manuscript has some very interesting illuminations, one of which gives it the name. The digital representation has been enhanced to be a multi-media experience, so that you can listen to 23 chants performed by the Scola Hungarica, watch videos, and read blogs.

<http://geesebook.asu.edu/>

If you have never seen a medieval song book in person, you may be surprised by its size or its contents. (It is the songs sung at Mass, organized by date in the liturgical calendar.)

If you have never seen a medieval book in person, you may be surprised by the beauty and detail (and humor) in the illustrations.

Zooming in on these pages is not really like being there in person. In some ways, it is better -- no one will yell at you to step away from the manuscript before they hurt you because you get too close!

Enjoy!
Elss



Enhance Your Medieval Vocabulary!



Garderobe

A toilet in a castle



Achievement

A full display of an entire coat of arms



Murage

A toll to pay for upkeep of the town wall paid by visitors

Past Barony Officers Meeting

April Officers Meeting – 4/3/13

- Officers Attending: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); Herald (Jorundr); Knight Marshal (Cynewyn); MoAS (Ishiyama); Chronicler (Sumayya); Exchequer (Hara); Chirurgion (Liam); Marshal of Fence (Irene); Capt of Archers (Alaric); Chatelaine (Anna Leigh)
 - Officers Proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Jorundr for Muirheal)
 - Not attending: Webminister (Cai)
 - Other Gentles attending: Elizabeth A (Gold Key), Emrys
 - Minutes recorded by Hilda
1. Open Meeting
 2. February Officers' Meeting Minutes Approved unan.
 3. Officers' Reports
 - Baron/ess: Busy couple weeks, our Barony had a good showing at Gulf Wars, and we kicked some serious butt. Good showing for our Barony at Ice Dragon, lots of entries, including from our Champion. Artisans' Muster on Saturday, Her Excellency will be there. Looking forward to Iron Comet Challenge on the 13th.
 - Seneschale: March Barony meeting went well. Hilda thanks the presenters: Baroness Constance, Lady Katherine, Mistress Irene, Lady Cynewyn, Lord Jorundr, and Lady Elss. Hilda also thanks the panel of experts: Duke Christopher, Duke Titus, Sir Koredono, and Mistress Irene. Looking for someone to run the Baronial reception, which will be the middle Sunday of Pennsic at Aethelmearc encampment. We are not having the Zoo Demo this year.
 - Herald: no report
 - Knight Marshal: Heavy and TW (along with archery, youth and fencing) are moving outside as of April 7th. We'll all be preparing for Iron Comet!
 - MoAS: The muster on Feb 10th went well. Much food and activity and fun was had by all. Artisans' Muster is coming up on Saturday, April 6th. There were many entries from Baronial folks at Ice Dragon, including: Meisterin Fredeburg, Countess Elena, Lady Fiora, Duke Christopher, THL Ishiyama, as well as Steltonwalders. Langdon will be running A&S at Iron Comet. There is an Artisans' Playtime at War Practice. If you want to teach a class or participate in Artisans' Row, or the A&S display, they should register with Pennsic staff.
 - Chronicler: the new Althing is out! Please send content! Recipes, pictures, content of any kind!
 - Exchequer: We have information for the budget meeting. Budget will be done later in the meeting. The money that we gave to Kingdom for the lawsuit was refunded - \$1890.06. This is the full amount. We had had one anonymous donation for \$189, which we cannot refund, but the donor has requested that that amount be earmarked for the furtherment of arts & sciences. Officers voted on such an earmark. Passed unan.
 - Chirurgion: no report
 - Chatelaine: no report
 - MoL: no report
 - Marshal of Fence: We had fewer than usual fencing practices lately due to a shortage of marshals. Anticipate better attendance once we are outside. Youth fencing is starting up, to be concurrent with regular practice.
 - Webminister (via email): Term is up tonight, we do have one letter of intent. Cai is willing to stay on as deputy. Vote on webminister will be later.
 - Captain of Archers: First outdoor practice is Sunday, then the Regional Archery Muster is Sunday, April 14th. We have 4 of the top 10 scores in the Gwyntherian Winter Challenge
 - Steltonwald Seneschal: War Practice is coming up.
 4. Next Meetings/Gatherings/ Event updates
 - 4/6/13 (Saturday) – Artisans' Muster at Mr. Smalls
 - 4/13/13 (Saturday) – Event: Iron Comet Challenge II. Need help to set up.
 - 5/26/13 (Sunday) – May Barony Meeting – Theme is Tournament Day! Discussed Shooty Shooty tourney, which everyone agreed sounded fun. Discussed incorporating Youth Fighting with Archery and Thrown Weapons.
 - 6/5/13 (Wednesday) – June Officers' Meeting
 - 7/7/13 (Sunday) – July Barony Meeting, Theme of Pennsic prep, and there will a garb giveaway.
 5. Agincourt (2013). Looking at sites and dates. Motion by Baron Liam to set a date for the event on Oct 26th or Nov 2nd – whichever the hall is available for. Passed.
 6. Vote on Webminister. One letter was received from Master Emrys Eustace, yclept Broom. Broom confirmed as webminister unan., term to end April 2015.
 7. Event bid form discussion.
 8. Budget Discussion. The following items were approved
 - Exchequer (checks/stamps/misc for new Tax ID) - \$160
 - Seneschale (postage/envelopes/thumb drive) - \$50
 - Althing (stamps/printing) - \$50
 - Webminister (webhosting/name reg) - \$70
 - Pennsic, Trailer Storage - \$120
 - Pennsic, Baronial Reception - \$450
 - Steward (pots, supplies) - \$250
 - Archery (3 new mats/supplies/ equipment maintenance) - \$500
 - Thrown Weapons (knives/ax/supplies/equipment maintenance) - \$190
 - Fencing, equipment (weapons/armor) - \$ 325
 - Fencing, enrichment (gas reimbursement)- \$ 300
 - Heavy, enrichment (gas reimbursement/beau geste) - \$ 200
 - Heavy, Iron Key (armor/shields/equipment maintenance/supplies) - \$ 1,105
 - Heavy, Ballista Bolts - \$ 400
 - Winter Practice Site Rental - \$ 1,200
 - Youth fighting (armor/supplies) - \$ 75
 - Chatelaine (printing/business cards/supplies) - \$100
 - Chirurgion (replace supplies) - \$ 150
 - Baron/Baroness (heraldic submission fees) - \$ 36
 9. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.

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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- 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.



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