

The Althing



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Audi doctrinam si vis vitare ruinam.

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Dates to Remember:

Barony Meetings:

November Barony Meeting – Sunday November 10th at the Castle in Wexford. This will be our traditional Harvest Revel.

Upcoming Events:

November 2 – Aginecourt A.S. 48 – Barony March of Debatable Lands

November 8 – 10 – Vikings on the River 4 – Hard Core – Shire of Riversedge

November 9 – Kings Crossing Birthday B(r)all – Shire of Kings Crossing

November 9 – Fall Aethelmearc Academy – Shire of Coppertree

November 16 – Queens Rapier Championship – Barony of Endless Hills

November 16 – Steltonwald Costuming Symposium – Canton of Steltonwald

November 22 – 24 – Fabric, Fiber, and Fighting XI – Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

December 7 – Royal competition of Arts and Sciences – Dominion of Myrkfaelinn

December 14 – Aethelmearc Kingdom Rattan Champions Tourney – Barony of Thescorre

October Weekly Meetings:

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

Saturday, November 2

- Agincourt

Sunday, November 3

- 11:00am - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 11:00am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 11:00am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, November 4

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 6

- 6:30pm – Scriptorium

Sunday, November 10

- 11:00am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice
- November Barony Meeting and Harvest Revel

Monday, November 11

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 12

- 6:30pm – Basketweaving

Wednesday, November 13

- 7:00pm – Garnet Decision Meeting

Sunday, November 17

- 11:00am - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 11:00am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 11:00am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, November 18

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21

- 6:30pm – Basketweaving

Sunday, November 24

- 11:00am - BMDL Fencing Practice

- 11:00am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 11:00am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, November 25

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 26

- 7:00pm - Brewers' Guild Meeting

Thursday, November 28

- 7:30pm - Debatable Consort Practice
- 8:00pm – Dance Practice





A Letter From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the Populace of the Barony Marche do Liam and Constance send greetings;

The autumn harvest has been fruitful with an influx new people to the Barony. We have seen an increase numbers at all the martial practices and time taken to teach by members of the Chivalry, The Gage and the Golden Alce. We look forward to seeing this crop grow into a strong army here in the barony.

We have been very happy to see more and people teaching arts and sciences classes. We are hoping to have a return of the Artisan's Musters in November, and we look forward to having new teachers teaching new arts.

We would also like to remind everyone that we will have our Baronial Youth Championship as well as our Baronial Brewing Championship at Agincourt. Our Arts and Sciences Championship and Bardic Championship will take place at Baronial Twelfth Night.

We look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events!

In service to the dream,
Baroness Constance and Baron Liam
Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

From the Seneschale:

Award recommendations are usually most welcome while Their Majesties are planning Their dockets for Their upcoming reign. And of course Their Excellencies of the Debatable Lands always welcome award recommendations. Hint Hint. Not sure who to write in? Look around! There are wonderful works of art and service and skill all around! You are all remarkable. If you're looking for names, you could always look in the Dark Pages, our contact information list for the people of our Barony. It's found at www.debatablelands.org under the Resources & Links section. Not sure which award? Ask a Herald, or a gentle experienced in award-writing, or just write about someone's good works and let Them decide. You can write in for Baronial Awards here <http://bmdlbandb.webs.com/awardrecommendation.htm>; and Kingdom awards here <http://www.Aethelmearec.org/onlineaward/>.

I hope to see everyone at Agincourt on November 2nd. NOTE THAT THE EVENT SITE HAS CHANGED to a location in South Park. See the event announcement later in this fine publication for details. And TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

I also hope to see everyone at the November Barony Meeting and Harvest Revel on Sunday, November 10th. Join us for a celebration of the autumn at Baron Byron and Baroness Ariella's castle in Wexford: 755 Stonegate Dr, Wexford, PA. A big thanks to them for opening their home to us again! And what better way to celebrate than thwacking, tossing, singing and PIE! That's right, we'll have the martial practices, throwing pumpkins from the parapets (BYOP, no rotten ones!), and a glorious mini-concert by the talented Debatable Choir. Schedule is still tentative - see the website, email list, Facebook page, and G+ community, or ask me, for details on times.

Wait, Hilda, aren't you forgetting something? What would the Harvest Revel be without the pie contest? Bake your best, Debatable Lands! The competition is fierce and the pie fantastic! Please bring any pies or pie-like thing (Cookies? Crustless mini-pies. Cheesecake? Dense custard pie. Pasties? Savory wrap-around pie. You get the idea!) The categories this year are: Traditional, Period, and Pie You've Never Tried. As always, the entrant picks the category they want to enter their pie or pies into, with the interpretation largely left up to you. Traditional could be a pumpkin or apple pie. Period pies are best served with a touch of documentation, but it's not necessary. Pie You've Never Tried could be a new recipe for you, or an unusual pie that most people haven't tried, or heck, something else. Be creative! How do you win your category? Voting is populace favorite, so bring enough for everyone. Each attendee at the Harvest Revel gets three markers. They put their marker into their favorite in each category. The pie or pies with the most markers wins! Ties will be broken by a panel of experts. The prize is being names the PIE-MASTER-SUPREME-O for the next year. The GLORY! Oh the GLORIOUS GLORY! And probably a little something else I can dig up. We'll also have a very special

bonus prize I'll announce online later. Bring on the PIE!

On a more technical note, you may have heard that we experimented with using Google Plus Hangouts at the last Officers' Meeting to allow people to attend via the internet from home. I'm interested to hear any feedback from you on this in practice and/or concept, whether you attended or not.

As always, let me know of any questions or comments you may have. Thank you all for all you do.

In Levitate et Caritate,
~Hilda

Announcements from the Society Seneschal:

Over a year ago the office of the Society Seneschal began a complete revamp of the sanction process. The Grand Council assisted in this mammoth project as did past society seneschals, kingdom seneschals, members of the royalty and past board members. Special thanks to the feedback from individuals that have gone through the sanction process in the past and the subscribers to the society seneschal's unofficial Facebook page.

The new sanction guide cannot exist without changes to corpora therefore both of these documents are being put up for commentary as they are matched pair. You can find PDFs of those documents on the society seneschal's webpage at <http://socsen.sca.org/>. Commentary will be open for 60 days and should be sent to comments@SCA.org. The commentary period concludes December 28, 2013. If sending in commentary it will be helpful to reference specific page number and section number.

The plan is to hopefully put this project in front of the board for approval at the January 2014 board meeting. If you have questions for me directly please contact me at seneschal@SCA.org. Members may also request a hard copy of these changes by mail or email at membership@sca.org. Hard copy requests must include modern names, membership numbers, and full mailing addresses in order for requests to be filled."

Sir Modius von Mergentheim
Society Seneschal

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences:

Welcome to autumn in these Debatable Lands!

As we begin putting away some of our summer activities and outfits, and pulling out our autumn colors and occupations, we can begin planning our winter work and wardrobe.

This October we have a display at Crown ournament up in the Hael, dancing and story telling at Fractured Fairy Tales in Gryffyn's Keep, and a

Slavic University just a few hours away in ACG.

Just one month from now we have a wealth of arts and sciences to choose from. There will be a display at Agincourt here in the Barony, as well as a cooperation between Aethelmearec and the Middle to provide a Royal University in the Cleftlands. Aethelmearec's own Aecademy is just a week after that. The week following that is the Costuming Symposium in our Canton of Steltonwald. Finally, the eleventh Fabric fiber and Fighting event in ACG.

A busy fall to be sure, but you have to get started now if you're going to be ready to compete for the Baronial A&S Championship at our 12th Night event in January.

Locally, there have been classes in basketry and braiding, and there can be more classes if you want them. Our newly reactivated College of Cour d'Or has a room scheduled weekly to host classes, so let me know if there's something you'd like to see. We already have one request for a class on herbal medicine in period, so if you can help out with that, please contact me!

I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed right now with everything that is going on and is coming down the pike, but I'm sure I will be impressed with what results from the brushes, pens, chisels, needles, throats, instruments, and other tools of our Barony.

Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'ie roku-i

From the Knight Marshal:

As my term as Knight Marshal has come to an end, I am excited that our own Baron Liam MacantSaoir is now our Knight Marshal!

Liam has served as a Deputy Knight Marshal for the past 3 years, and we all know his readiness to serve and his care for others. He has run multiple regional musters and has encouraged and fostered work to expand the baronies fighting program and relationships with neighboring groups, growing us as an army to be reckoned with. He will continue to bring these strengths to his leadership of weekly practices. This demonstrates his commitment to help us grow as an army, and through the renewal of monthly tournaments, we will also continue to grow as individual fighters (and he brings some other ideas to that effort as well).

I'm an honored to have had the opportunity to serve our great barony as Knight Marshal for the past year (and as a deputy before that), and am glad to see the role taken up by one who is so committed to serving well by leading well. Join me in welcoming Baron Liam as our Knight Marshal!

Yours in Service,
Lady Cynewyn Aethelweardesdohter

Largess From the Barony:

W.W.W. (Websites We're Watching)

Hi, folks! This is a new column from your friend Webminister, highlighting some danged cool website (or websites) that some barony folk are currently checking out. Got some especially-loved research site? Got a funky, medieval(ish) site you frequent? Share it! Write me (Webminister@DebatableLands.com), and I'll toss it in this column, so all our friends can groove on it, too. It doesn't have to have general appeal - you know how geeky SCAdians are; there's NOTHING too specialized for our interests!

This month, I bring you two odd, fun websites. First, an incredibly cool website specializing in Weird. Often medieval, but not necessarily, "The Museum of Ridiculously Interesting Things" seems to have been invented *just to waste time!* Seriously!

While it tends to track Victorian & Eduardian things more than medieval, I found one reason to include them here: a preserved Pompeian bread loaf! OK, OK: pre-medieval, but still!

<http://ridiculouslyinteresting.com/2013/07/22/preserved-loaf-of-bread-discovered-at-pompeii/>

But, friends... pre-medieval often leads to the medieval, too. Bread stamps, like the one used to form the top of that loaf, are used throughout and after our period, as you can find out from a link on that page:

<http://www.cookieboard.com/Home%20Pages/Related2.html>

So it goes: a little curiosity about something, and the next thing you know, you're accidentally doing real research on a topic!

The second website is more generally useful to our period interests: www.AskThePast.com. From a poultice to help grow your beards (powdered honeybees and olive oil, of course!), to advice on attracting women at the dance (don't fart - words to live by), advice on swathing a babe (lest he bespise himself), and 15th-century college rules on hazing freshman (tl;dr: Don't!)... this site has it all!

Contributed by Master Emrys Eustace

Who was Saint Crispin?

The Battle of Agincourt was fought on the Feast of Saint Crispin October 25, 1415. So who was Saint Crispin?

The day was better known in the middle ages to be the Feast of Saints Crispin and Crispianus. The twin brothers were born to a noble Romano-Britain family in the Third Century. During their childhood, their father had been killed having incurred the displeasure of the Roman governor living in Canterbury.

The boys' mother was concerned for their safety from

persecution when they were near adulthood; so she sent them off for apprenticeships. The brothers found apprenticeship with a shoe-maker in Faversham and began their training. It is in Faversham that they became heavily involved with the Christian faith and the Soissons Christians who preached Christianity to the Gauls.

The brothers were fascinated by the Soissons and became devout followers of their work, eventually leaving their apprenticeship to proselytize to the Gauls by day and continue to make shoes at night. The brothers would give shoes away during their travels and mission.

Because of their success as teachers of the Christian faith, they attracted the attention of a Gaulic governor. The Governor had them captured, they were brought before him and were carried to a riverside where they were apparently thrown into the river with millstones tied around their neck. Both brothers, according to Catholic teaching, survived this attempt on their lives. After having survived, the governor had them beheaded in October 25, 286 A.D...

The brothers were canonized in the early 300's and relics of the brothers were said to be carried by Charlemagne, Henry IV, Henry V and Elizabeth I. The brothers are the Patron Saints of Leatherworkers and Shoemakers.

The Brothers were removed from the Great List of Saints during the Vatican II conferences after it was decided that the miracles surrounding their death could not be proven. They are now considered "Black Letter Saints" and the celebration of their Feast is no longer recognized by the Catholic Church.

Sources:

Acta SS., Oct., XI, 495-540; BARING-GOULD, *Lives of the Saints*, XII, 628; BUTLER, *Lives of the Saints*. 25 October; *Bio-Bibl.* s.v.

The New Advent: Catholic Encyclopedia (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04491a.htm>)

Contributed by His Excellency Uilliam Mac an Tsoair

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



This is a 12 month series of medical herbs used in the middle ages. I'll discuss one herb a month. I am focusing on Wales, as that is where my persona is from.

Medical activity in Wales has a long history: although no primary sources now exist as they have been lost to time. We can however find good proof that around 430 BC, the laws of Dynwal Moelud acknowledged and protected the art of medicine in Wales.

In particular, the Myddfai, a rural area in eastern Carmarthenshire with a beautiful and fertile land has become famous for its physicians. Rhiwallon of Myddfai, physician to Rhys Gryg, Lord of Dinefwr and Llandovery in the thirteenth century, was one of the most well-known. We know this, for the care which was taken to write down the quantities and methods of preparation involved for each treatment and because they form the earliest written records of plant remedies in Wales. These are to be found in the Red Book of Hergest.

"The goal of life is living in agreement with nature."

---Zeno (335-263 B.C.)

Plantain, Great; Plantago Major

Also known as; Waybread; Ribwort Plantain, *Plantago lanceolata*.

Family: Plantaginaceae

Parts used: Root, leaves, flower-spikes.

Action: Refrigerant, diuretic, deobstruent and astringent

Historical Notes:

From the days of Chaucer onwards we find reference in literature to the healing powers of Plantain. Gower (1390) says: 'And of Plantaine he hath his herb sovereign,' and Chaucer mentions it in the *Prologue of the Chanounes Yeman*. Shakespeare, both in *Love's Labour's Lost*, iii, i, and in *Romeo and Juliet*, I, ii, speaks of the 'plain Plantain' and 'Plantain leaf' as excellent for a broken shin, and again in *Two Noble Kinsmen*, I, ii: 'These poore slight sores neede not a Plantin.' Again,

Shenstone in the *Schoolmistress*: 'And plantain rubb'd that heals the reaper's wound.'

For intestinal worms, let the patient drink a cupful of the juice of the plantain, and apply the same herb to the navel. Another way is to take milfoil in wine, once whilst fasting, and they will be expelled that day. (*The Medical Book of the Physicians of Myddfai*)

It has been used in inflammation of the skin, malignant ulcers, intermittent fever, etc., and as a vulnerary, and externally as a stimulant application to sores. Applied to a bleeding surface, the leaves are of some value in arresting hemorrhage, but they are useless in internal hemorrhage, although they were formerly used for bleeding of the lungs and stomach, consumption and dysentery. The fresh leaves are applied whole or bruised in the form of a poultice. Rubbed on parts of the body stung by insects, nettles, etc., or as an application to burns and scalds, the leaves will afford relief and will stay the bleeding of minor wounds.

Modernly, is one of the most abundant and widely distributed medicinal crops in the world. A poultice of the leaves can be applied to wounds, stings, and sores in order to facilitate healing and prevent infection. The active chemical constituents are aucubin (an anti-microbial agent), allantoin (which stimulates cellular growth and tissue regeneration), and mucilage (which reduces

pain and discomfort). Plantain has astringent properties, and a tea made from the leaves can be ingested to treat diarrhea and soothe raw internal membranes.

What this means to us, as SCAdians, as re-enactors, is that when we have an insect bite, or scratches, minor bleeding we have a quick fix. Plantain grows in the US, and you can find it in most yards. Make sure your plantain is clean and simply crush the leaves and rub them onto the affected area. (please be aware of your own allergies before trying this). What once worked for our forefathers, can still work for us.

I plan on holding a small class on making a period medieval salve with plantain and beeswax very soon, we'll gather the herbs ourselves, and by evening's end have a period and potent salve.

Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr
Æthelmearc Kingdom Chirurgion

To read some of the Red Book of Hergest, please visit:

http://www.maryjones.us/ctexts/meddigion_myddfai.html

An image of plantain is below so that you can easily identify



Rubrication

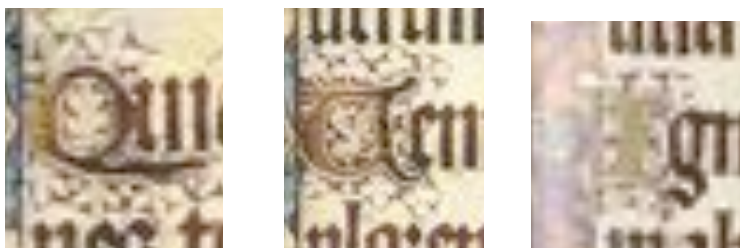
By Arianna of Wynthrope

Rubrication is the art of adding emphasis or decoration to letters, usually initial capitals, in a contrasting colored ink for emphasis. The word “rubrication” comes from the Latin rubrico, “to color red”. The most common color for rubrication was red, though you will find letters rubricated in pink, blue and gray or lavender in the Luttrell Psalter.

Rubrication was a less elaborate form of illumination, usually involving pen swirls surrounding an initial letter. It is usually done with a fine point nib called a “crowquill” that allows the scribe to create very thin lines. In most manuscripts, the capital letters usually appear along the left margin of the calligraphy and butted against an illuminated border. You can buy inexpensive crowquill pens at better craft stores like Pat Catan’s or online at Dick Blick, John Neal Booksellers, or Paper & Ink Arts.



There are many styles of rubrication. The Luttrell Psalter, an early 14th c. English manuscript commissioned by Sir Geoffrey Luttrell, contains two distinctive forms of rubrication. The first style, shown below, is made of leaf shapes formed from the background parchment color. The “negative” space around the leaves is colored in instead of the leaves themselves. These seem to have all been executed around capitals that have been gilded, and the rubrication is made with grayish or lavender ink.



The second type of rubrication found in the Luttrell is more typical of rubrication found in other manuscripts of the period. It’s comprised of loops, whorls and flourishes that outline and surround a capital that has been painted rather than gilded, usually in pinkish-red or blue.



Images courtesy of the British Library website, <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/results.asp>

Some illuminated manuscripts contain large amounts of ornate rubrication. Here are some samples



Biblia latina (Venice, 1475)



Johann Mentelin, Strasbourg, 1463



Windmill Psalter, 13th-Century English

Images courtesy of the British Library website, <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/results.asp>

Sometimes rubrication was done in two different colors on the same capital:



Registrum Prioratus Ecclesiae Christi Cantuariensis,
Canterbury, 2nd half of the 13th century



Hebrew grammar, 15th c. Spanish

Images courtesy of the British Library website, <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/results.asp>

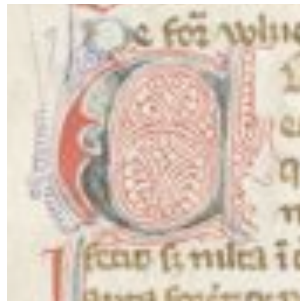
Most rubrication, however, is not nearly so complex. Here are some examples of fairly simple rubrication styles:



14th c. Bible



L'histoire del Saint Graal, N. France, c. 1316



Medical text, S. France, c. 1327 Medical text, S. France, c. 1327
German Vocabulary, 13th c.

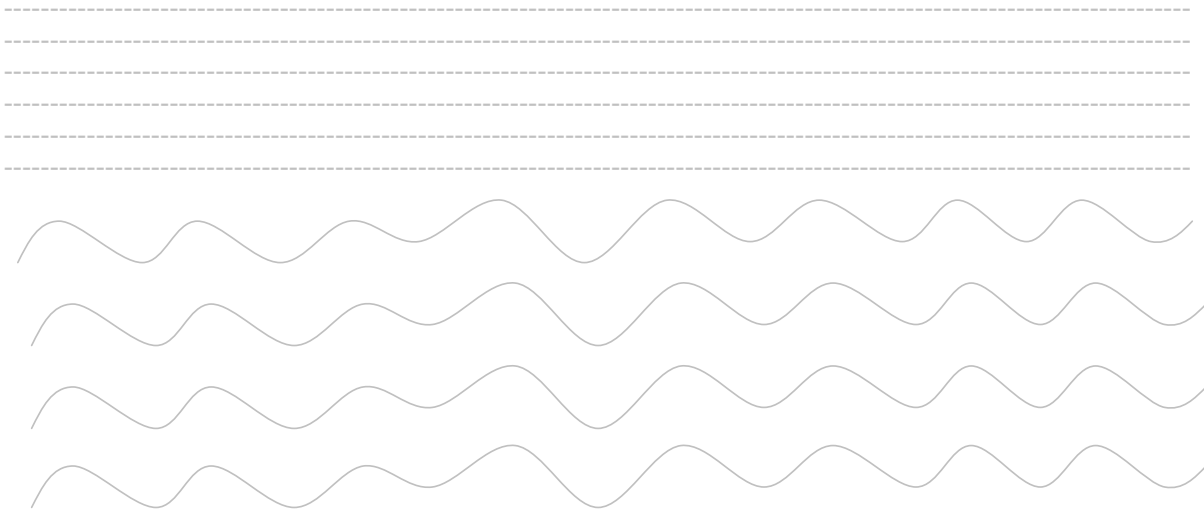
From Marco Polo, "Conditionibus et consuetudinibus orientalium
Howard Psalter and Hours,
regionum" England; 1st half of the 14th century
England, 1310-1320

Images courtesy of the British Library website, <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/results.asp>

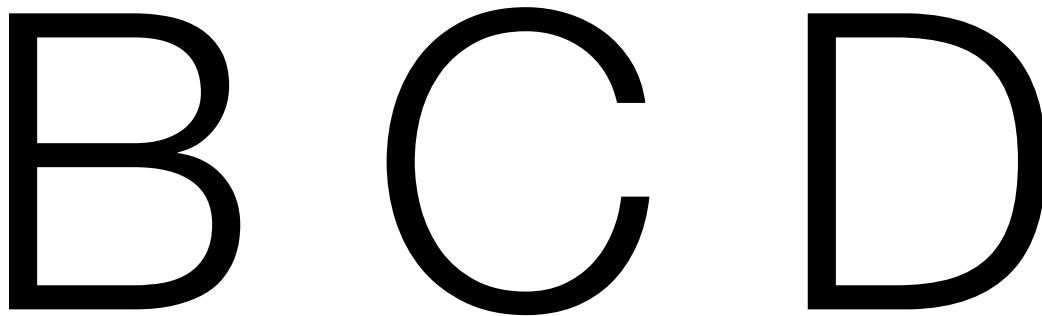
Rubrication is easier to do than it looks. The simplest method is to sketch the rubrication design with a pencil, and then ink it by tracing the pencil lines with your crowquill pen. Once the ink is dry, simply erase the pencil lines.

The most challenging aspect of rubrication is controlling the flow of ink from the crowquill nib. Just as with a paintbrush, to make fine lines, hold the crowquill pen vertically, perpendicular to the page, and apply very light pressure. Instead of flexing your fingers to move the pen down the pencil line, keep your fingers fixed and move your entire arm instead, from the shoulder. This helps keep your lines straighter, and less wiggly.

As with any other skill, the key to rubrication is practice. Practice tracing straight and curved lines with a crowquill pen.



Now try designing your own rubrication to fit around capital letters like the ones shown here.



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Court Report:

Here follows the court report of Uilliam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of the Debatable Lands, at Archers to the Wald, October 6 AS 48 in the Canton of Steltonwald. Jorundr hinn Rotnn, Comet Pursuivant, reporting.

Ingunn Halldorsdottir addressed the populace as Autocrat. She wished to thank everybody who attended the event today. She also wished to thank all the marshals who helped make the event happen. Ingunn also wished to thank the kitchen staff who came in and helped clean the kitchen and set up the day's food, which was planned by Lady Cionaugh Gunn.

Don Donnan MacDubhshidhe and THL Ruland Burkhart ran a combined archery and fencing roving range in which there were 14 entrants, either individuals or teams of one archer and one fencer. The winner of the competition was the team of Lord Markus Skalpr Grimmson and Master Jocopo di Niccolo with 47 points. Their prize was a pair of katanas to go with the theme of ninjas.

Master Alaric MacConnal also ran an archery roving range, his first roving range ever. There were 32 shooters who went through the course. The individual with the best score was Mestari Urho Waltterinen, and the team with the best score was Lady Phelippe "Pippi" Ulfsdotter and Countess Rosalinda d'Castille, for their performance they were awarded with tasty beverages.

On this day the youth archery champion Lady Alyssa von Stahlgeist relinquished her position and ran a tournament to determine her successor, which was run with the assistance of Baron Sogtungi Bataar. After shooting at cowardly lions, tiggers and care bears there was one whose performance stood out from the rest. Carl Brandubhson proved to be the best shot this day and so was declared baronial youth archery champion, with a scroll by THL Kieran MacRae.

Maistir Brandubh O'Donnghaile was called forward as outgoing archery champion. He too ran a tournament to determine who was to be the next to bear the title of baronial champion, however before that he presented to Constance the prize that was awarded to him when he won the 7 pearls archery championship, 33 pearls, one for every point he scored in that competition. The victor in our Archery Champion tournament was Ichikeiro Osoroshi, and as Brandubh turned over the baronial archery champion's quiver he placed in it one of his bolts to add to over 10 years of history of the barony's archery champions. With a scroll by THL Kieran MacRae.

There was yet one more championship that took place this day. Baron Sir Thomas Byron of Haverford ran a tournament to determine who was fit to bear the champion's axe as the thrown weapons champion for the next year. After going through an extremely difficult course there was a winner to this competition, Hanse Drachensohn won the day with a score of 59. However as Hanse is not a resident of the barony he was not eligible to bear the title of baronial champion, so Countess Rosalinda d'Castille was declared the champion with a score of 52. She received a scroll to commemorate by the hands of THL Kieran MacRae.

Their Excellencies wished to see Ulvyka Vyborskai. Vyka was awarded a gold comet at the Baronial Champions event in abstentia and wished to recognize her publicly for this.

It was brought to Their Excellencies' attention that today was Lady Alime bint Yorgi's birthday and so They invited the populace to join them in wishing her a happy birthday.

Liam wished to thank everybody for coming and and shooting, he also shot, and in three shots broke an arrow and lost a bolt, but killed a care bear. He also wished to announce that Agincourt is having a site change to South Park, and unfortunately there will not be archery this year due to sight constraints otherwise the schedule remains the same.

Court Closed.

Meeting Minutes:**June Officers Meeting – 6/5/13**

Officers Attending: Seneschale (Hilda); Herald (Jorundr); Knight Marshal (Cynewyn); MoAS (Ishiyama); Chronicler (Sumayya); Exchequer (Hara); Marshal of Fence (Irene); Capt of Archers (Alaric); Chatelaine (Anna Leigh); Webminister (Emrys aka Broom)

Officers Proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Jorundr for Muirgheal); Chirurgeon (Sumayya for Liam); Baron/ess (Sumayya for Liam/Constance – non financial votes); MOL (Koredono for Katherine); Chatelaine (Alaric for Anna Leigh)

Other Gentles attending: Koredono

Minutes recorded by Hilda

1. Open Meeting
2. April Officers' Meeting Minutes Approved unan.
3. Officers' Reports
 - Baron/ess: Nothing to report.
 - Seneschale: May Barony meeting went pretty well, with about 60 gentles attending. All martial activities held tournaments, and seemed to be well-received, though there weren't many spectators. We have a volunteer to host the Baronial Reception at Pennsic – many thanks to Lady Isabel Fleuretan. If anyone is considering putting in a bid for late

- winter/early spring events, please let Hilda know, as they should be bid by August Officers' Meeting ideally. New event bid form will be up sometime in the next couple months.
- Herald: Several members of the Barony taught at Heralds and Scribes in Silva Vulcani. There was heraldic presence at the latest tourneys. Hilda asked about the Baronial Order of Precedence. There have been some technical issues, but the goal is to have it fixed before Pennsic.
 - Knight Marshal: First graduate of the Marshal-In-Training program – Sumayya. Liam will be covering practices while Cynewyn is out of town, with some help. Regional Musters have been going well. Irene mentioned she is now an Equestrian marshal.
 - MoAS: Report was in on time. Ishiyama offered to email others his quarterly report; Sumayya said yes, please, for publication in the Althing.
 - Chronicler: Send content! Sumayya would love to have Pennsic "class teasers" for the Althing. Hilda asked if there were any volunteers to do an A&S issue, and suggested Bianca might be interested. The Officers commended the Chronicler for winning the Sylvan Quill prize for best layout and design, and for receiving Honorable Mention for Best Overall Newsletter.
 - Exchequer: We are opening a new bank account under the new Tax ID, so any checks outstanding will need to be cashed, or checks exchange for uncashed site deposits. Iron Comet Challenge made \$431.
 - Chirurgeon: no report
 - Chatelaine: no report
 - MoL: tournaments happened, paperwork was handed in
 - Marshal of Fence: There were seven fencers at the last couple of practices. There is some interest in youth fencing. Irene is managing her time to be here for practice. We almost have a new marshal.
 - Webminister: Working on getting forwarding addresses changed and resolved problems with access. In process of updating the backlogged documents.
 - Captain of Archers: Iron Comet and War Practice were successful archery-wise. Kingdom Archer General says that we'll have to start having waivers signed. Looking at having one waiver sheet for all the Sunday practices.
 - Steltonwald Seneschal: War Practice happened. June Steak Meeting is in 2 weeks. The new Steltonwald Seneschale beginning July 1st is THL Bovi Farmaðr.
4. Next Meetings/Gatherings/ Event updates
- 7/7/13 (Sunday) – July Barony Meeting, Theme of Pennsic prep, and there will a garb giveaway, and a Pennsic newcomers' class.
 - 8/7/13 (Wednesday) – August Officers' Meeting. 8pm CMU Porter Hall A18A.
 - Sept Barony Meeting – will try to get the 2nd or 3rd Thursday in September – hard to schedule before late summer. Theme is newcomers' meeting.
5. Exchequer: Hara's term is up tonight; however, Hilda neglected to mention to her that she needed to solicit letters in the Althing. Hilda proposes that Hara be confirmed as interim Exchequer, pending solicitation of letters for Exchequer from the populace, voting to be at August Officers Meeting. The Officers agreed.
6. Event Bids:
- Agincourt. Adjusted bid finances. Bid passed, one nay vote.
 - Baronial Champs. Bid changed to a free event. Bid passed.
7. Information dissemination discussion – how should the Barony be presenting event and practice information, and what role should the Althing, the webpage, social media, etc. play? Should we rethink the Althing's role, possibly making it bi-monthly, with optional extra issues when needed? Is it possible to write a low-maintenance mobile app? Hilda suggests forming a committee outside of Officers' Meeting. Hilda, Broom, Sumayya volunteered.
8. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.
- August Officers Meeting – 8/7/13**
- Officers Attending: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); Herald (Jorundr); MoAS (Ishiyama); Exchequer (Hara); Marshal of Fence (Irene); Capt of Archers (Alaric); Chatelaine (Anna Leigh); Webminister (Emrys aka Broom); MoL (Katherine before 9pm); Chirurgeon (Liam)
 - Officers Proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Hilda for Bovi); Chronicler (Broom for Sumayya); Knight Marshal (Liam for Cynewyn); MoL (After 9pm, Hara for Katherine)
 - Other Gentles attending: Margaret, Bugga, Titus, Elss (Thrown Weapons Marshal)
 - Minutes recorded by Hilda
9. Open Meeting.
10. Officers' Reports
- Baron/ess: War went well, and we were astounded by the amount of volunteers for Pennsic from the Barony. We were everywhere. We were mainly responsible for manning Chirurgeon's

- Point on Tuesday, the Service Point Day. Camp was very organized. Champions is coming up – Heavy, Rapier and Youth at the Champs event. TW and Archery at Archers to the Wald. Brewing at Agincourt, A&S and Bardic at 12th Night. 7 Pearls Heavy Tourney will be at Blackstone Raids this year, and additionally, each Barony will be bringing a 5-man melee team.
- Seneschale:
 - June minutes will be approved in October.
 - July Barony meeting went well, with about 80 gentles attending. Special thanks to Their Excellencies Liam and Constance for holding the annual Garb Goodwill, which was extremely well-received.
 - Special thanks to Lady Isabel Fleuretan and her staff for running the Pennsic Baronial party. The food and party were excellent! The Officers also commend them heartily.
 - If anyone is considering putting in a bid for spring/summer events, please let Hilda know, as they should be bid by October or December Officers' Meeting ideally. We have a bid in the works for a 40th anniversary event in June.
 - News from the Youth Minister (via Hilda). She is available to run family activities at any event. If event stewards are interested, please make sure to talk to her and budget for supplies. Also, she needs to re-supply some, including buying totes, markers and other supplies. She requests \$75 from the Barony. Hilda so motions. Motion passed.
 - Herald: Baronial Court happened at Pennsic and there will be another at Siege of Harlech.
 - Knight Marshal: Practices begin this Sunday. Cynewyn will not be renewing her term, which ends October.
 - Elss (Thown Weapons): we bought a couple of axes and lots of replacement handles for the program, all previously budgeted. Went over by \$5. Motion to approve the \$5 passed. There will be a new at-large marshal soon.
 - MoAS: Ishiyama and Christopher participated in the A&S display at Pennsic. Ishiyama also attended a Society A&S Minister meeting at Pennsic and picked up some good ideas, including a possible all-childrens event. Hilda notes there has been interest in the past as well.
 - Chronicler (via Broom): Send content! Sumayyah and Broom are working on web adaptation options. Elss reports that she found an old receipt for a printer cartridge. The Exchequer and Alaric determined that some research needed to be done before considering reimbursement. Tabled til October.
 - Exchequer:
 - New account is open as of Monday 8/5. We missed the deadline (7/31), but only due to paperwork delays. The old account will be closed this weekend. We have starter checks and will be getting regular checks soon. Temporary checks will be used for time-sensitive purposes, and a couple people that need reimbursement have agreed to wait until the regular checks come in.
 - Q2 report was in on time and balanced, but an addendum with an adjustment was sent this week. This is still the old account. The new account will be on the Q3 report.
 - At Pennsic, on July 21st, a quorum of Officers voted to approve up to \$250 to replace the Baronial Pennsic water heater, which failed spectacularly the previous day. Liam was able to obtain one for \$152.87. Donations from the campers at the Baronial camp covered this expense completely.
 - Membership numbers must now be collected at troll. Hilda adds that it was a Society Seneschal policy interpretation recently.
 - Chirurgeon: see Baron/ess above.
 - Chatelaine: There are quite a few new folks, and they appear to be retained (about 6 people this quarter, which is substantial).
 - MoL: At Pennsic, Aethelmearc was responsible for a series of tourneys (Adult/Youth). Hara went up to MoL and had a good time. Katherine will be doing the tourneys are Harlech and Baronial Champs.
 - Marshal of Fence: We have a new marshal, David. He will be covering practice one August Sunday. We'll be getting a new SCA fencer who has moved into the area.
 - Webminister: A few

minor problems have been taken care of, and are in the process of fixing a few others. We are paid for our domain through Jan 11 of 2015.

Sumayya and Broom are working on web adaptation options for Althing content.

- Captain of Archers: One of the Kingdom Champions at Pennsic was Fintan from Steltonwald. Practices start Sunday. We currently have two marshals-in-training. Archery will be held on Sunday Sept 8th. Archery is going well.
- Steltonwald Seneschal: The Officers welcome Bovi, who stepped up July 1st.

11. Event Bids:

- 12th Night – January 18th. Will conflict with St Swithin's Bog 12th Night. We have received written approval from their Seneschal to conflict. The event sites are about 73 miles apart. Bid passed.
- World for A Stage Event: Theme is Kingdom Bardic Champs, plus music and bardic performance venue. Break even is 80 gentles. Youth fee is for ages 6-17, family cap is \$26 and does not include feast. All other are fees as written on the bid. Bid passed. Officers recommended a parking marshal.

12. Past/Upcoming Event Updates: There will be an A&S display at Agincourt. Siege of Harlech – only 19 feast spots left as of tonight! Liam says Court will be fun....

13. Next Meetings/Gatherings

- 9/12/13 (Thursday) – September Barony Meeting, newcomers' meeting. 7pm – 10pm.
- 10/2/13 (Wednesday) – October Officers' Meeting. 8pm CMU Porter Hall.
- 11/10/13 (Sunday) - Nov Barony Meeting and Harvest Revel. Thank you to Byron and Ariella for opening up their home again. There will be pie and pumpkins.

14. Exchequer: Hara is willing to take on a full term as Exchequer. No other letters were received. Hara confirmed for a two year term to end August 2015.

15. Cour d'Or: Hilda was contacted by Lady Fiora d'Artusio, a grad student at CMU. Fiora has revived the "SCA" club with the CMU administration (building on work by Lady Sigrith), and has been building interest in other students in SCA fencing. She has volunteered to revive the College of Cour d'Or fully. She has reserved a room for fencing this fall semester and plans to recruit heavily at the Activities Fair on Sept 4th, and hold practices outside in nice weather to interest passersby. The main tool to build currently is building a cohesive fencing unit (including uniforms based on existing Cour d'Or heraldry), with other activities following growth. There already about 4 students interested, some of whom have attended an event and Sunday Baronial archery practice. Fiora has experience building SCA College groups (her undergrad), a solid plan, and support from members of the Barony. The group will remain dormant for now, but Hilda is starting the process of getting her warranted as Seneschal.

- Before going dormant, the Barony held a dedicated fund for the College in the amount of \$158.90. These funds were absorbed into the general fund when the College went dormant. Hilda moves that \$160 be rededicated for the College's use. Motion passed.
- Via Hilda: Fiora has asked the Barony to support the revival of the College by purchasing loaner fencing kits for 4 people. In total, such gear for be about \$1500. However, she plans to solicit donations of gear. She asks the Barony for \$600 (above the dedicated fund) for Cour d'Or fencing equipment purchase. She stresses that she already had enough interested students to use all 4 kits, and anticipates more. Four kits would allow for instruction, and if they

don't have equipment, interest will fade quickly. If the equipment becomes unused by Cour d'Or, it would revert to the Barony for use or sale. Hilda motions to budget \$600 for Cour d'Or fencing equipment. Motion withdrawn after discussion:

- Discussion: The current budget is very full. Iron Key, Sumayya (via text), volunteered \$300 of Iron Key budget be re-directed to Cour d'Or. Chatelain also volunteered to have her \$100 budget re-directed as well. The Fencing Marshal volunteered 4 masks suitable for long-term loan. Titus and Liam volunteered leather and labor to make gorgets for free.
- Motion to re-budget \$300 of Iron Key and \$100 of Chatelain's budgets to the Cour d'Or budget. Motion passed.
- The Officers and all present gave a vote of confidence to Fiora and Cour d'Or, and comment Fiora's initiative.

16. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.

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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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