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Baron and Baroness

Salve Accolens, Debatable Lands! Hello Neighbors!

We are writing this missive to you from our home, as most of you are, right now, in your homes. The modern coronavirus wends its way across our country, and appear here, in our medieval lives as well. Meetings, gatherings, events of all kinds have been cancelled for the safety of the people. But take heart! Online activities have begun to flourish - classes, meetings of all types. The Kingdom and Baronial officers have been hard at work looking for solutions to events and meetings and gatherings that will ensure social distancing and safety! We will all have our SCA in the coming weeks and months - it just might look a little bit different for a while.

We would like to thank all the "essential personnel" who are also hard at work, making sure our communities can continue - health care workers, store workers, bankers, and so many more! They risk their own health for the good of all. Truly, from the bottom of our hearts, we are grateful!

On a more SCA-related note, we would like to congratulate and thank the autocrats, cooks, and staffs of Baronial 12th Night, Grand Tournament, and A Day of Story and Song! All these Debatable Lands events were incredibly fun and successful! The days were merry, the company was great, and the food was absolutely delicious! Thank you all! VIVANT!



Eorl Byron and Countess Ariella hosted A Day of Story and Song at their Castle in Wexford. As most of you know, just days later, they had a heartbreaking fire in the library tower. Many priceless handmade items were lost, the tower suffered devastating structural damage, and the entire castle has been water damaged. But all residents and fire fighters survived the fire unharmed. We are eternally grateful! Byron and Ariella have stated they intend to rebuild and are gaining their bearings, but the Barony stands ready to support them in whatever they may need. There will more communication on that coming, should they need our help.

A final thought: A lot of things in our real lives are changing rapidly and in ways that are unprecedented in our lifetimes. There will be hardships and heartbreaks. But we have each other. Our special, amazing hobby is only one community, one family. Reach out to each other, or to other families and communities... Reach out to help. Reach out for help. Reach out to and for support from each other - physically and emotionally. Keep talking. Have patience. We will all do the right thing. We will come out the other side of this together. We love you all very much.

Wash your hands.

In Levitate et Caritate and Cheers
Baron Brandubh & Baroness Hilderun





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Greetings from the office for the Exchequer. The financial year is coming to an end and the officers will be approving a new budget during their meeting on April 8th.

The kingdom has offered to purchase cleaning supplies for any meetings that are needed to help to battle COVID-19. Please reach out to me if this is something that you might need.

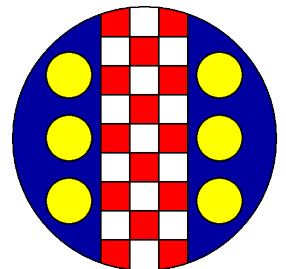
We have had three successful events tis quarter; 12th Night, Aethelmearc Grand Tournament, and A Day of Story and Song. Troll at the events was headed by Lord Robin O'Connell, Lord Owen Taeg and THL Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill, who each did a fantastic job.

There are no baronial events currently planned for the rest of the year. If you are interested in setting up an event, please reach out to any of the officers, and we will be glad to help you succeed.

On Service

Lady Arthes of the Debatable Lands

Exchecquer





Chronicler

Good morning, good day, and good evening Debatable Lands!

It has been a busy start to the new year for all of the world and I wanted to say that I hope everyone is safe and secure with the current happenings in the mundane world. I have been rather busy myself and I hope everyone else is able to keep busy during these trying times.

Secondly, I was elected into a second term for the position of and in the last publication of the Althing I had stated that I intended to step down from my position. That is no longer the case due to some things changing both inside the SCA and on a personal level. That being said I am looking for deputy. This is my second and final term as chronicler and I would like the chance to teach someone (or someones!) else how to serve in the position. It isn't hard or particularly time consuming and if you are looking for a way to get into the inner machinations of the Barony it is a good way to start without jumping into the deep end of the pool.

As always please send all content and reports to Chronicler@debatablelands.org and while you're at it you should totally ask how to become a deputy!

Meanwhile make sure to keep an eye on the blog and social media for online meetings such as the April 2nd online sewing circle.

Drottin Skjoldbjorn

Chronicler Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands



From the Blog!

From the Royalty:

Unto home bound Aethelmerac do Timothy and Gabrielle send greetings,

Things in the world around us are filled with chaos and uncertainty. We have all seen the horror stories of people hoarding things and price gouging things, not caring for their fellow man. However, here in the SCA, we see, hear and read story after story of people looking after the people in their community, whether scadian or mundane. It is very reassuring to be shown time and time again the quality of people who make up the circle of friends we call Aethelmearc and indeed the Society.

While there is a small part of us that is sad that the remaining royal progress events we had scheduled have all been canceled or postponed, We would much rather do what is in the best interests of all our members, and indeed the mundane world around us. We have had a phenomenal time serving this kingdom, and know that these decisions are for the best.

Since so many of you have asked, as of now, the plans for Coronation are still fluid. As of now, Coronation still is planned for April 4th, but it will be very limited, but plans may change, so that the event and ceremony can be a grand celebration worthy of them. They have both always served our Kingdom in with every ounce of energy once could ask for, and we hope their special day can be glorious and memorable.

Most of the items on our court dockets will be absorbed by TRHs, but there are a few that they have graciously allowed us to do as regency courts in their name once things return to normal.

Keep doing those things that make Aethelmearc a model of kindness and generosity that we only wish the world around us would follow. We have been honored and privileged to count ourselves amongst your numbers for many years, and will continue to do so until we no longer walk the earthy,

Timothy and Gabrielle



From Baroness Hilda:

Today, Their Majesties held an Æthereal Court – Kingdom Court via Zoom, a video conferencing program. Over 250 people attended, and Their Majesties recognized many worth people. But here, we give our hearty congratulati`ons to the Debatable Landers (and former Debatable Landers):

THL Guillaume le Noir – 48th Jewel of Æthelmearc... Vivat!

Lady Sorcha McKenzie – Order of the Cornelian... Vivat!

THL Gesa von Wellenstein – Queen's Award of Excellence... Vivat!

Master Illadore de Bedegrayne – Augmentation of Arms... Vivat!

THL Sumayya al Ghaziyyah – Golden Escarbuncle... Vivat!

Baroness Hilderun Hugelmann – Golden Escarbuncle

Congratulations, All!

Note that this Æthereal Court was held on the Kingdom's new Zoom account, which has 8 channels able to hold simultaneous meetings. Anyone wishing to hold an eSCA activity (personally-hosted or branch-hosted) can request a Zoom Room online here:

<http://aethelmearc.org/zoom-room-availability-sign-ups/>

If you're hosting an eSCA activity (personal or official), on ANY platform, and want to be on the Kingdom calendar, use the form here:

<http://ae.scaforms.org/view.php?id=53679>

See yinz in the Æther!



From the BOD:

To the Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals of the Known World

From the Board of Directors, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

Good Greetings,

The Board continues to monitor the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) spread across the world. Given the suggestions by various health organizations, including the CDC and Public Health England the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. recommends that all Kingdoms cancel, suspend or postpone all events, practices, meetings, and other SCA sponsored in-person activities through April 30, 2020.

The SCA is a Kingdom-based organization. The various Kingdoms have state, provincial and national governments either recommending or mandating responses to COVID-19. The Board asks that the Kingdom leadership follow the recommendations of the governments of the modern areas making up that Kingdom.

The Board recognizes that many Kingdoms have their Coronations and/or Crown tournaments in April and that canceling these events may cause a hardship. The Kingdom Seneschals should discuss this with the Society Seneschal for recommendations and suggestions. In addition, with every Kingdom being affected, the other Kingdom Seneschals may have advice and recommendations for you. The SCA may need to waive part of Corpora for these suggestions and recommendations to be put into place, and the Society Seneschal stands ready to issue waivers as necessary and appropriate, recognizing that some plans may need refining before a waiver could be issued. This is an unprecedented situation. The Board continues to monitor the responses and will assist Kingdoms as it can. At this time, the Board's closure recommendations are just that, recommendations. It may be necessary in the future for the appropriate Corporate and Society officers to require postponing all SCA functions, but we are not there, yet.

Source: <https://www.sca.org/news/recent-board-letter-to-the-crowns-and-kingdom-seneschals/>



From the Kingdom Seneschal:

Dear Aethelmearc –

First off, remember United We Stand, Divided We Fall. Also – Wash your hands. Be kind.

Obviously, things are moving somewhat fast. The most important thing you can do is remember to follow the guidance of your local health officials. If they tell you to stay home, then stay home. Be safe. All of you are the best part of Aethelmearc.

I have seen the missives from the Board of Directors and I am in contact with the Royalty and the Society Seneschal. We're discussing what to do next. I am going to ask for a bit of patience while we work few a things. As always, if you have questions, please contact me directly and we will help you.

I am also terribly excited to see all of the online discussions, classes, get togethers. Please keep that up. We are trying to work on a few technical solutions too – but again, please give us a bit of time to get things going.

Love,

Illadore

Aethelmearc Seneschal



From Lady Arthes:

Last month, I cooked my first period lunch for Aethelmearc Grand Tournament. I had three goals while preparing this menu:

1. Don't go over budget
2. Nobody goes home hungry and everything tastes good
3. Stay as close to period as possible

There were many steps I took to meet my goals, but I wanted to share the research that I did for the menu, especially after having several requests for various recipes. If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out; I will be happy to tell you more about the steps I took or what I would do differently with each recipe next time. I look forward to making lunch at the upcoming Day of Story and Song at the castle as well; if this menu sounds good, then please join us next week!

<http://debatablelands.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Aegrandtourney.pdf>

Editors note: Go to that link, make some of that food while you're stuck inside its GREAT!