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Submissions

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from the Baron and Baroness

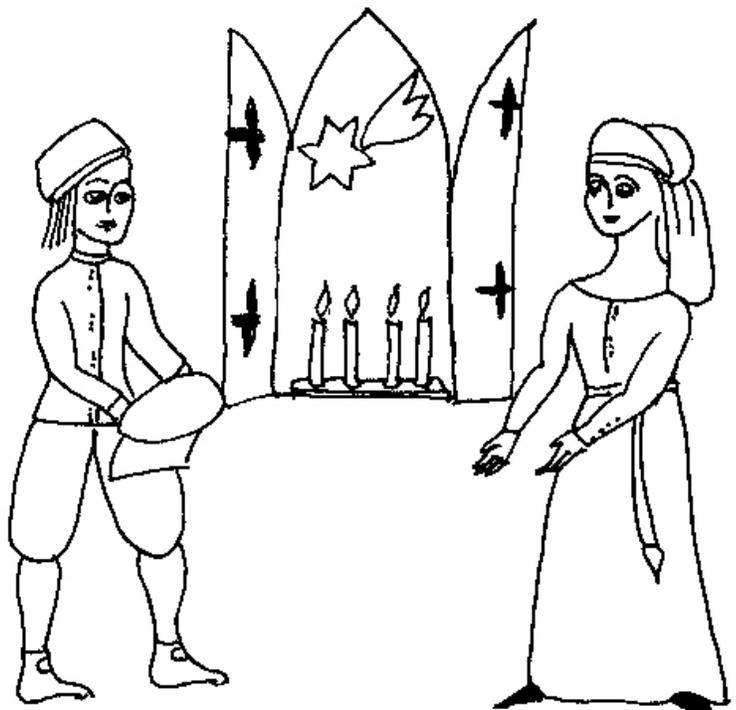
Unto the good Gentles of our Barony Marche of Debatable Lands do Byron and Ariella send warm Holiday Greetings! This month will see us at no formal SCA events, but holding fighting practice and fencing practice Sunday the 14th in our house. Thanks to all fencers who came for a special practice and gave Duchess Dorinda a wonderful weekend in our Lands on the 7th. And thanks to those seamstresses, Mistresses Ts'vee'a, Amaryllis, and Aleea, who labored long and hard to make patterns for Her Royal Highness Liadain that same weekend. Our Barony will be hosting a sewing day at our home for Their Royal Highnesses, announced when the date is chosen. Vivant for the hospitality and skill of our Barony!

Looking ahead to early January, please join us at Kingdom Twelfth Night on the 10th and our Barony Twelfth Night the next day at Dorseyville Fire Hall. We look forward to our Bardic competition at the event; our current Bard, Lord Liam, has chosen the theme of "Love". Please enter!

Should anyone be interested in running a Baronial Birthday event, including most of our Championships, please talk to us. We will fit the Championships into other events but appreciate a special event for them if possible.

We wish all in the Barony good cheer and good health for the holidays!

Written this tenth day of December,
Byron and Ariella, Baron and Baroness



from the Outgoing Chronicler

Greetings!

Due to personal reasons, I am stepping down as chronicler. Unfortunately, non-SCA life has overwhelmed me, and I can no longer perform the duties of the office as I should and as the Barony deserves. I have greatly enjoyed the time I've spent as chronicler, and wish to thank all the contributors to the Althing for their continued service.

Please welcome Ells of Augsburg as the new Debatable Lands chronicler! I'm sure she will do a splendid job. Please give her all the support and art and articles (hint hint!) you can.

In service,
Anna Malakina

from the Incoming Chronicler

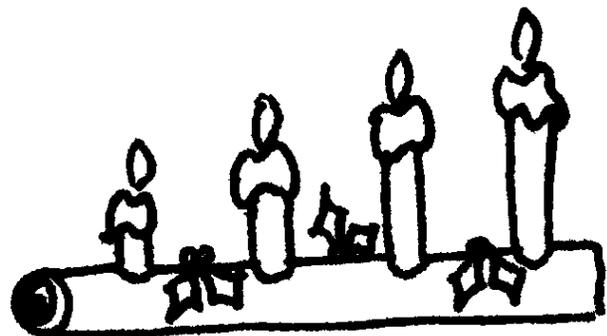
Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that I assume the duties of Chronicler of the Debatable Lands. I am looking forward to getting to know more of the members of our esteemed community as I chase you down for articles, announcement, drawings, and other worthy contributions to the Althing.

There is much to enjoy in the Barony and the Kingdom, and my hope is that the Althing will become the place to find information on events. Other things should be included as well, and I am hoping to include articles by and about our people, photographs, and any other news.

Please join me in thanking Anna for her work on the past Althings, and join me in making the future Althings even better!

In service,
Elss of Augsburg



Baronial Court Reports

Archers to the Wald: The report of the Court of Their Excellencies Byron and Ariellam Baron and Baroness of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, court held by the leave of His Majesty Christopher King of Aethelmearc at the Archers to the Wald event in the Canton of Steltonwald on the 27th day of September AS 43, THLord Brandubh O'Donnghaile reporting herald Vocal assistance by Lord Pavel Dudoladov.

Their Excellencies opened court and invited her Ladyship Gianna di Aurelio to attend them. They thanked her for all her hard work as Autocrat of the event, she in turn thanked all those who helped her accomplish the fine event that it had turned out to be, from the Cooks to the marshals, and all the other crews who helped to make the event.

His Excellency then addressed the populace, he said that there had been a heavy weapons tournament that morning and that Lord Gabriel Hawkes had proven the victor in that tournament. His Excellency then presented Gabriel with an invitation to the upcoming Amethyst Tournament for his proven valor on the field.

The Baron and Baroness then called for Lord Bovi Farmadr, They commended him for his fine metal working skills, and for his leather working skills, and his garb making, and for hosting so many arts and Sciences functions at this home, and for being named the newest companion of the Comet Azure-Argent, Scroll by Countess Aidan ni Lier.

Their Excellencies saw that there were indeed more worthy gentles in the crowd and called forth Lady Madeliene de l'Este. They noted that she had been spending much time of late sitting at troll, and that They were very pleased by her service to the Canton of Steltonwald and the Barony-Marche as the Seschale of Steltonwald and so They awarded her a Comet Or, Scroll by Brianna of Steltonwald.

Their Excellencies being wise, know that a court cannot happen without the skilled scribes that contribute the scrolls that commemorate awards given, and this is indeed a high service, even more so is the thankless job of sending out scroll assignments. Their Excellencies invited Countess Aidan ni Lier into Their Court. They noted that this woman has served the barony for years as signet taking scroll assignments from Their Excellencies and distributing them to the scribes of the Barony, reminding Their Excellencies when when assignments are due, and insuring that scrolls are present at court when awards are given, additionally she had proven to be one of the most prolific scribes our barony has known, contributing personally more scrolls to the baronial courts than can be counted. For this Their Excellencies did

produce a beautifully figured black scroll from Aidan's Apprentice THLady Gianna di Aurelio and so award her a Comet Azure-Argent for all that she does for the Barony.

Lord Deryk the Archer asked for a moment of time in 'Their Excellencies' Court and was invited to come forth and address the populace. Deryk said that he could not do so alone and asked if he might invite another to join him. Their Excellencies encouraged him to do so, and Deryk invited Bethany Archer to join him before Their Excellencies. Deryk then drew a wooden box from his pouch and opened it for her, showing its contents of an emerald ring which he did offer her as a sign of their entrance into a handfasting. Bethany took the ring and agreed that she would be very pleased to proceed on this course and be handfasted to him.

There being no further business, the court of Their Excellencies was closed.

Agincourt: The report of the court of Their Excellencies Byron and Ariella Baron and Baroness of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, court held by the leave of Their Majesties Christopher and Morgen King and Queen of Sylvan Aethelmearc at the Agincourt event on October 25th as xxxiii, reporting herald THLord Brandubh O'Donnghaile, assisted by Lord Pavel Dudoladov.

Their Excellencies opened court and invited Lord Liam Mac an Tsaoir, the Autocrat of the Event to attend them. They thanked Liam for hosting such a lovely event. Liam in turn invited Lady Constance Glyn Dwr, THLady Odrianna vander Brugghe, Lady Ruaidrí Mac Aoidh and Lady Sarab bint Alima to join him in court as without the aid of these ladies he could not have put together this event.

Lord Liam then turned his attentions to the deeds on the field, and presented prizes to those individuals who the marshals had chosen as the most chivalrous in the day's contests. Liam presented prizes to Lord Kaminari no Shiro for his chivalric comport on the Heavy Weapons field, to Lord Clewin Kupferhelbelinc and Jorundr hinn Rotinn for their deeds of chivalry on the fencing field, and to Lady Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen for her chivalry on the Thrown Weapons range.

Their Excellencies then turned Their attentions to Their champions as this day had been filled with tournaments to select new and qualified individuals to become the next generation of martial champions for the barony.

Lord Gabriel Hawkes was called forward as the Heavy Weapons champion, Gabriel held a tournament to find a successor, and the tournament had selected Sir Graedwynn mab Teyrnnon to be the next Heavy Weapons champion of the barony. Gabriel passed the sword of his office to Graedwynn, and Their Excellencies invited Sir Graedwynn to join Their court.

Gabriel was presented with a black and gold pearl beaded cross as a thank you for his service as Champion, and Graedwynn was presented with a scroll by Countess Aidan ni Lier upon a text composed by Master Michael Alewright.

Lasher was called forward as the Youth Boffer Champion of the barony, he was presented with a pilgrim's badge as thanks for his service to the barony. Their Excellencies then called Jake of the Debatable Lands forward as he had proven the victor of the tournament that day. Their Excellencies presented Jake with brownies baked into the the shape of the arms of the barony as a reward for winning the title of Youth Boffer champion.

THLord Brandubh O'Donnghaile was called forward as the Archery Champion of the barony. Brandubh apologized that he had been unable to conclude some business as champion until this time, he had issued a challenge to the populace of the barony to compete in the Gwyntarian Winter Archery Challenge over the past winter, and had some individuals to recognize for it. Brandubh invited forward THLord Fintan na Coiled who submitted the highest Longbow score of 194, being ranked #3 of all archers across the known world, THLord Urho Walterinnen who submitted the highest Crossbow score of 193, being # 4 ranked of all archers in the competition, and Lady Muirghein Gealbhain who submitted the highest Recurve score of 149. To these 3 gentles who produced the highest scores in each form Brandubh gave them a bodkin arrow point for their own war arrows. Brandubh next invited Robert of the Debatable Lands forward, Robert had submitted the highest Youth score for the barony of 24 and for these Brandubh gave him a pair of horn dice. Brandubh recognized the achievements of Jorundr hinn Rotinn who submitted the highest score of any novice archers of 121, and was rewarded with one dozen arrow heads with which to repair his arrows. And Mistress Arianna of WInthrope was invited forward for the most improved score, Arianna started the season with a score of 66, and worked her way up to 124 with her recurve bow, for this Brandubh gave her a brass candlestick and candle as she was lighting the way.

Finally Brandubh returned to the topic of the day, he had held a tournament that day to determine the next archery champion of the barony, and the winner of the tournament was Lord Giovanni di Lupo, Brandubh handed over his baronial quiver full of arrows of past champions and added his bolt to it. Their Excellencies presented Brandubh with a beaded cross as thanks for his service, and Giovanni was presented a scroll by THLady Gianna di Aurelio upon a text composed by Master Michael Alewright.

Their Excellencies next called for Ian of the Debatable Lands, Ian had served as Youth Archery Champion of the barony for the last year, and had helped to design a tournament to decide the next champion, after all the arrows were shot, Robert of the Debatable Lands stood the victor on the archery field. Ian then paced one of his arrows in the baronial quiver and

passed this regalia on to Robert. Their Excellencies presented Ian with a Pilgrims Badge to thank him for his service as Youth Archery champion and presented Robert with Brownies baked into the shape of the arms of the barony.

Lady Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen was called forward as Fencing Champion. Fredeburg had held a tournament and selected Lord William Paris as the next Fencing Champion of the barony. Fredeburg then passed both swords of office to William, the sharp on and the list legal once, as the regalia of the office. Their Excellencies presented Fredeburg with a beaded cross as thanks for her service, and William was presented a scroll by THLady Allesandra d'Avignon upon a text composed by Master Michael Alewright.

Their Excellencies called forward Their Thrown Weapons Champion Jorundr hinn Rotinn. Jorundr had also held a tournament to determine the next champion to follow him for Thrown Weapons. After all Axes and Knives found their marks, Lord Giovanni Magrino was the victor, and so Their Excellencies called him too into Their court. Jorundr passed the axe of his office to Giovanni. Their Excellencies invited Giovanni to join them in Their court, and presented Jorundr with a beaded cross in thanks for his services, and presented Giovanni with a scroll by Countess Aidan ni Lier upon a text composed by Master Michael Alewright.

THLady Myfanwy ferch Rhiannnon was invited before Their Excellencies. Their Excellencies said that they had noticed her working throughout the barony, she had worked in the kitchens preparing feasts, worked at many troll tables, working at heraldic consult tables and commenting sessions, teaching about her fiber arts and working at demos, for all these things Byron and Ariella awarded her a Comet Or, Scroll by Fruthikona Hrefna inn heppma.

Their Excellencies called forward Lady Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen, they had noted her many artistic endeavors, especially her wood block cuts and wood block prints that had been admired by so many, for this They awarded her a Comet Azure-Argent, scroll by Lady Brianna of Steltonwald.

Their Excellencies then said that they had one more piece of business but that they needed Their herald for it, so they called forward THLord Brandubh O'Donnghaile, they said that they wished to thank him for the many things that he has done for the barony, for his services as herald, brewer, performances in commedia and at dance They awarded him a Comet Or, scroll by the hand of Lady Lara Sukhadrev.

Their being no further business, the court of Their Excellencies was closed..



Events

Kingdom 12th Night

January 10, 2009

Shire of Riversedge (Meadville, PA)

Greetings Noble populace of Aethelmearc! Autumn is upon us! Yule season approaches with haste! Make your plans now to gather and celebrate Kingdom Twelfth Night in the Shire of Riversedge, on January 10th, 2009! Make your reservations now!

The site, Seton Catholic School (385 Pine St, Meadville, PA 16335) is wet, handicapped accessible, there is ample parking, and plenty of room to gather and for merchants. Meeting rooms will be available for Orders wishing to schedule a time.

A wondrous feast for the first 96 gentles with paid reservations will follow the activities of the day. The feast will be prepared by Her Excellency, Baroness Marsi of Hadley. Any dietary concerns should be addressed to Baroness Mars. Also! A subtleties contest will be held, judged, and the entries served at feast for all to enjoy!

Autocrat for this event will be Lord Angus MacDubh.

The site will open at 11am and will close at 8pm. The site is handicapped accessible, wet, and allows for enclosed flames during feast. The fees for the day are as follows: Adult site fee \$8.00, Teen (13-17) site fee 7.00, Child (12 and under) site fee \$4.00. Adult feast \$7.00 Child (12 and under) feast \$4.00. Babes in arms (under 5) are free. There will also be a 3.00 NMS fee in place. A side board is included in the site fee and will be available most of the day.

All reservations may be sent to Lady Moira Reasgach. Please make all checks payable to the SCA Inc - Shire of Riversedge

For contact information, please see: <http://www.scatoday.net/node/12715>

Directions: From the North and South: I-79 to the Meadville exit (147A). The off ramp will take you onto US 322 East. Continue for approximately two miles, remaining on the 4-lane, until reaching the sixth traffic light. Turn right onto Arch St. (the Downtown Mall will be there). Go four blocks and turn right onto Main St. Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Pine

St. The site and parking will be on your left immediately behind Saint Agatha's Catholic Church (a very large whitish stone church).

Debatable Lands 12th Night

January 11th, 2009

Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands (Pittsburgh, PA)

Come celebrate Twelfth night with the citizens of the Debatable Lands on Sunday January 11th, 2008. The Autocrats of the event are Liam Mac anTsaoir (Shawn Mac Intyre) chirurgion@debatablelands.org and Fredeburg von Katzenellenbogen (Karen Canne) fredeburg@gmail.com, 412-983-5984.

The site will open at 2pm and close at 8pm. It is a wet site. There will be many festivities, including a bardic competition and Baronial Court.

The event site is at the Dorseyville Fire Hall located at 100 Charles St, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238. From the South, Follow I-79 toward Pittsburgh. Take exit 59A to merge onto I 279, and follow for 7.2 miles. Take exit 7C to merge onto Rt 28 N toward Etna/Chestnut St./E Ohio St. Follow 28 N for 4.7 miles to exit 5B, Rt PA-8 N. (this is a LEFT Exit) toward Butler. After 1.4 miles, turn right onto Saxonburg Rd., and follow from ** below.

From the North, Follow your best path to Rt 8. Following highways, take rt 79 S and get onto rt 76 E (Pennsylvania Turnpike). Get off onto Rt 8 S at exit 39. Follow Rt. 8 South for 7.7 miles to the intersection of Saxonburg Rd and Rt 8. Turn left onto Saxonburg Rd and follow from ** below.

From the West and East, either follow the Turnpike to exit 39 or make your way Rt 79 and follow from above.

**The road forks immediately after the turn, If you bear to the right (aka stay straight) you will remain on Saxonburg Boulevard.. Dorseyville firehall is on the corner of Saxonburg and Charles St, about 6 miles after the turn off of Rt. 8. Parking is in the rear.

See <http://www.debatablelands.org/> for most up-to-date information!

MONTHLY BARONIAL MEETINGS

Barony meeting - second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at CMU

Officers meeting - first Wednesday of odd months at 8 p.m. (January, March, May, July, September, and November) near Porter 125B at CMU

REGULAR WEEKLY PRACTICES AND WORKSHOPS

Sunday

Fight practice – contact Bors of Rouen, knightmarshal@debatablelands.org

Fencing practice – contact Charles de Cayeux, fencingmarshal@debatablelands.org

Archery practice – contact Urho Waltterinen, archerymarshal@debatablelands.org

Monday

Steltonwald archery practice - 6 pm at Beaver Valley Archery Club, contact Finton captainofarchers@steltonwald.org

Choir practice – contact Arianna

Tuesday

Fencing practice – 6:30 p.m. at Frick Environmental Center (Beechwood Boulevard), contact Charles de Cayeux fencingmarshal@debatablelands.org

Thursday

Instrumental music – 7 p.m. at CMU's Porter A19, contact Roana.

Dance practice – 8 to 10 p.m. in Porter Hall A18B at CMU contact Cai

Steltonwald A&S – contact Bonita of Steltonwald

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Exchequer
Ysabell Graver

Captain of Archers
Fintan na Colled

Castelain
Bóvi Farmaðr

Web Minister
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Minister of Youth
Tomasia da Collina Ventuso

Canton meeting
Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Beaver
County Courthouse

A&S - Every Thursday
Bonita of Steltonwald

Archery - Mondays at 6 p.m.
Finton
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Fight practice - Every Tuesday at the Economy
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Sewing
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open

Deputy Thistle
Arslan ibn Da'ud

Four Towers (Pitt) Liaison to Cour d'Or
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Armoring Guild

Langdon of Greymome

Brewers Guild

4th Tuesday of the month
Brandubh Ó Donnghaile

C.H.A.T. Guild

5th Wednesday of the month
John the Artificer
Achren

Chandlers' Guild

by appointment
Filip of the Marche

Choral Music Guild

Mondays at 7:30 pm
Arianna of Wynthrope

Culinary Guild

Michelina Cenomani da Trento

Dismal Players

Achren

Heraldic Commentary

3rd Wednesday of the month
Cadell Blaidd du

Instrumental Music Guild

Every Thursday at 7 pm in Porter Hall A19A
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Jewelers Guild

Karl von Elfstein der Schmuckmaker

Jongleurs Guild

Esperanza Halevi of Venice

Medieval Dance Guild

Every Thursday at 8 pm, Porter Hall A18B
Cai o'r Llyn

Needleworkers and Lace Guild

Aerin Teine

Poetry Guild

Michael Alewright

Scribes' Guild

Kris Gilibari

Scribes workshops

Every Tuesday
Antoinette de la Croix,

Every Thursday
Anna Eisenkopf,

1st Friday of the month with gaming
Arianna of Wynthrope

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Ts'vee'a bas Tseepora Levi (

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