

The Althing



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Any gentle wishing to submit articles, artwork, poetry, etc, to the Althing is invited to do so. Please send your work to the chronicler. All material in the Althing is copyrighted to the individual contributors. The chronicler reserves the right to edit, refuse, or reprint any submissions. The submission deadline for the Althing is the first Wednesday of the month.

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From the Baron and Baroness

U nto the Good Populace of our Barony Marche of Debatable Lands do Byron and Ariella, Baron and Baroness, Send Warm Greetings!

In the midst of the bitter winter months, there comes a reminder of renewal: our calendars change, and we look forward to what the new year has in store. So we ask our populace: what does this new year hold for the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands? What riches lie dormant within each of us that might spring forth over this coming year? Will you try a new art? Will you learn about a medieval technique that others will want to share? Will you pick up a sword or foil or bow or knife?

The riches of this Barony are in the joy that we feel when we gather together to enjoy each others' company and to share what we have learned about medieval life. Make it a New Year's resolution to add something new to your medieval experience.

In January of this new year, we shall attend Kingdom Twelfth Night (not far north from us in Riversedge), our Barony's Twelfth Night the next day at the Dorseyville Fire Hall, and Steltonwald's Twelfth Night at the month's end.

Some time in the next few months, we will host a sewing weekend for Their Royal Highnesses, Maynard and Liadain. To stretch Their Royal muscles after hours of fitting, heavy fighting practice will be held at our home that same weekend. Please watch for further announcements about which weekend they choose.

On Sunday, the 15th of February, our Barony hosts a Southern Regional Army Muster less than two miles from our house. Even if you are not intending to fight, you are welcome to join us for this occasion.

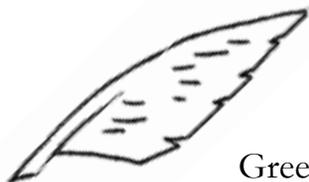
We send our congratulations to THL Roana Devreux and Lord Charles de Cayeux on their engagement, and also to Sharon and Elliott on their New Year's wedding!

As always, we ask that you send us word of the good deeds performed in our Barony that we may know of the works of the populace.

Written on the 2nd day of the Gregorian New Year, AS XLIII

Byron and Ariella





From the Chronicler: For the Children of the Barony

Greetings to the Populace of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, especially the Children of the Barony!

There will be a Competition, especially for the Young! A Challenge to the Youth of BMDL!

Look carefully at the Knight on the cover of this Althing. Look carefully at the little Pictures scattered on these pages. Some were drawn long ago, some were drawn quite recently.

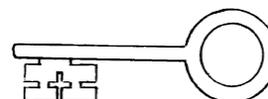
In the next few issues of the Althing, there will be Symbols of Heraldry, Drawings of Animals both Real and Imaginary, Weapons, items from daily Life and other drawings. Also in the next issue will be Details and Rules on how the Competition will run, and last but not Best, the Prizes that your Hard Work and Effort can earn for You!

If it is Your Desire to enter the Contest, your entry will be a copy of one of the drawings in the next few Althings. The Drawings in this Althing are for the Competitors to use as practice subjects, so as to be prepared for the Contest to come in the February Althing!

Many of the details for the Competition are being worked out right now, and all will be revealed in February. These details are being divulged early so that our Young Contestants can use the images found herein to Practice their Skills.

Best Wishes for Success to All who Enter!

Elss of Augsburg



From Gold Key: Seeking a New Steward

Greetings! All should be aware that the Gold Key is an important resource for new members of the Barony, providing loaner garb for their first forays into the SCA. I have been the Gold Key steward for almost four years, and I am looking for a successor.

The requirements are straightforward:

Storage space for the Gold Key inventory, currently contained in nine good-sized Rubbermaid tubs.

Regular attendance (arriving early and staying late) at Baronial events.

If you are interested in helping newcomers in a very concrete and vital way, please contact me! We can discuss the position in greater particulars. Please, consider taking a turn managing this important Baronial resource.

Yours, Roana Devreux, Gold Key steward. (goldkey@debatablelands.org)

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From the Marshall of Fence: An Introduction

Greetings! As some of you are aware, Charles de Cayeux has stepped down after serving his term as BMDL Rapier Marshal. I have taken over the position, and Will Parris has agreed to be my deputy. My thanks to Charles for running the program, as well as to Will for agreeing to assist me.

My plans for the BMDL practices include adding a few items that I hope most people will find as interesting as I do.

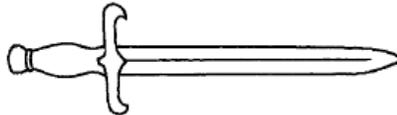
First, I am going to implement a "traveling practice" every month or every other month. This will allow us to carpool to other practices in the vicinity and gain exposure to other rapier fighters. This should broaden our collective fighting knowledge, and help us grow as fighters. Plus, it is always fun to visit friends in other places.

Second, I am going to purchase and offer loaner equipment for cut-and-thrust (CnT) fencing. For those of you not familiar with CnT, please refer to the AEthelmearc rapier website (www.aerapier.org) and look under the "Kingdom Rapier Policies". There you will find the detailed rules for the cut-and-thrust program. Simply put, blows are struck by thrusting with the point of the blade and by cutting with the edge or the tip. The idea is to help those people interested in this style of rapier combat get started in it.

If you have ideas, suggestions, thoughts, and so on regarding our baronial rapier program, please feel free to share them with me via email (fencingmarshal@debatablelands.org). You can also approach either Will or me in person, if you prefer.

Yours In Service,

Clewin Kupferhelbelinc



Greetings From Brandubh O'Donnghaile, Comet Pursuivant

I come to you today to say thank you. I have come to the end of my term, having served for four years as the Baronial Herald, and I wish to thank all of you who have lent support or enjoyed my performance in this role. I have very much enjoyed my time serving in this office. But the years have passed and the time has come for me to pass this office on to the next herald. I feel secure that, pending the officers' approval, my successor will acquit the duties of the office of Herald of the Barony-Marche with grace and flair. Thank you for making my term as Comet Pursuivant a pleasant one, and farewell.

In Service,

Brandubh O'Donnghaile, Comet Pursuivant



From the A&S Minister:

Greetings from Margretha!

My term ends this month and I am not seeking a second term. My office is one of those necessary by Kingdom Law to maintain our status as a Barony. Letters of Intent by gentles interested in this office, whose goal is to facilitate and encourage the Arts and Sciences within our Barony (something very easy since we are blessed with Artisans in terms of both quality and quantity!), must be sent to myself and the Seneschal. If you'd like to know more about the office, feel free to email me at [ansminister at debatablelands.org](mailto:ansminister@debatablelands.org)

In Service,

Margretha La Fauvelle

From the Exchequer: A Request

My term of office is up this July, and I am currently looking for a replacement. Even if you're not sure if you might like it or not, please contact me or talk to me in person if you'd like to learn more about being an exchequer.

Yours in Service,

Hildarun Hugelman

[exchequer at debatablelands.org](mailto:exchequer@debatablelands.org)

Event

Steltonwald Twelfth Night
January 31, 2009
Canton of Steltonwald
Sewickley Hill Borough Building



Twelfth Night is a time to celebrate with feast and merriment. A time to join together before the hibernation of the cold winter. Come and celebrate the season and the accomplishments of the year that's passed.

Steltonwald Twelfth Night will commence at 12 noon on Saturday January 31, 2009 with visiting, a fine luncheon side board and stories of the past. We are also pleased to host the Vigils of our own Canton members, Geoffrey fitz David and Gianna di Aurelio. Court will be held at 4:00 pm.

After court, we will continue with our tradition of an elegant catered dinner at 6:30 pm followed by a merry gift exchange (suggested gift cost of \$20.00). The site is damp. Feast must be pre-registered by January 23, 2009 and is limited to 50 gentles. There are still some seats available!

The event will be held at the Sewickley Hill Borough Building, 349 Magee Road, Sewickley Pa, 15143. The fee for the event is \$6.00 on board, and feast is \$30 per person. The Autocrats for the day are TH Lady Alessandra d'Avignon (Colleen Kardasz 176 S. McCoy Place Road, Sewickley PA 15143 (412)-741-8537 kardasl@pitt.edu) and Lord Bovi Farmaor. Please contact Bovi with any dietary questions at Dave Black, david_black42@yahoo.com. Please send your reservations to Lady Muirgheal inghen Dubhghaill, mka Heather Hupp, 509 Hillcrest Avenue Beaver Falls PA 15010, katlyne_macroth@hotmail.com

Directions From Pittsburgh:

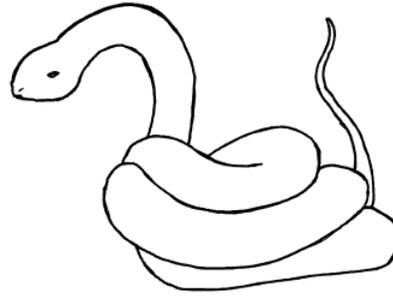
Take **I279 North** to **Exit 15 - Camp Horne Road**. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Perrysville and merge onto **Camp Horne Rd** (.05 miles). Turn Left on **Mt. Nebo Road** (3.4 miles), you will cross over I79. The road becomes **Blackburn Road** : see below

From North or South:

Take **I79** to **Exit 68 - Mt Nebo Road**, from the exit go West on **Blackburn Road** (.05 miles). Make a slight right on **Magee Road**. (.05 miles) on the right is the Borough Building.

Event

Mi-no-Hi Festival
February 28, 2009
Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands
The Lodge at North Park
Allison Park, PA



When the harsh Lady of winter, Yuki-Onna, lays her bleak mantle over the land, join Their Sylvan Majesties, Christopher and Morgen, as they celebrate Mi-no-Hi, the Japanese midwinter Festival of the Snake.

Come one, come all as the year and the fervor of warriors and artists are renewed in friendly competition. Fighters and fencers, bring your blades and purify them in the cold fire of battle and be rewarded with treasures from the Silk Road and beyond.

Good gentles come display your talents in venues of costuming, bardic and artistic contest. Indulge in the ceremony of tea and view Asian fashions on display. Bring the whole clan to rejoice in the warm heart of Aethelmearc's oriental splendor whilst winter spends her fury outside.

The Festival will be held February 28, 2009 at North Park Lodge Facility, North Rd, Allison Park, PA in the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands. The site opens at 10:00 am and closes at 9:00 pm. The site is damp and open flames are permitted.

Warriors, cry your death poem for entry, and prizes, to the Shieldless Tourney. Muster your comrades in arms for the Three Man Spear Unit Tourney, with a Royal prize for the best unit heraldic device. There can be only one in the Cut to Kill Fencing Tourney. Youth fighters demonstrate your prowess in a Shieldless Tourney.

Artisans show your skill in the Arts and Sciences Competition with a concentration in Japanese calligraphy. Seamstresses, present your finest creations to TRM in the Silk Road Garb Show with a concentration in Japanese garb. Bards bring your nimble wit 'n wiles to a Bardic Bear Pit, form to be announced in the morning, theme to be chosen by TRM. Learned Sensi and students: A&S classes await you. Families, throughout the day there are activities for all ages. Marvel as I Genesisii stomps the boards in a traditional Kyogen performance.

Fees and Reservations:

Fees for the day are \$7.00 adults.

Feast fees are \$8.00. The feast will be prepared by Odzu Kintarou Nagamasa, mentored by Mistress Aoibheil of DunHolen. Children's discounts: under 18 half price, 5 and under free.

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Please make check or money order payable to "SCA, Inc. - BMDL". Reservations are taken by Hilda Hugelmann - Send to: Krista Cogan, 3815 Baytree St, Pittsburgh, PA 15214. Reservations must include payment. Include modern names of all people you are paying for with the reservation. Trolldag will close at 3pm. Any feast spaces paid for but not claimed by 3 pm the day of the event will be sold to those on the waiting list. Please let the reservationist know ahead of time if you will be arriving after 3pm. Refunds requested before the day of the event will be honored. Refunds requested the day of the event or after will be considered but not guaranteed.

For this Day of Festivities your Autocrat is Lord Ogami Arashimoto no Shirou, mentored by THL Allesandra d' Avignon (kardasl at pitt.edu). Please direct any questions to shironokaminari at gmail.com. Please include "MinoHi" in the subject line.

Mi no Hi Website: <http://yamakaminari.com/minohi/>

Directions from Pittsburgh:

279 N to exit 11 for McKnight Rd/US 19 N

Merge onto McKnight Rd (4.5 mi). Take a slight right toward Babcock Blvd.

Stay right on Babcock Blvd, pass La Roche College on the right.

TURN LEFT onto Pierce Mill Rd.

TURN RIGHT onto N. Ridge Rd. (or listed as North Rd)

This will be the FIRST RIGHT off of Pierce Mill Rd.

(You will see a sign directing you to the Lodge). N. Ridge Rd. is a long and winding road. The Lodge entrance will be on your RIGHT.

If you miss the turn onto N. Ridge Rd., STAY ON Pierce Mill Rd. and make the FIRST RIGHT AFTER Marshall Lake. This is also N. Ridge Road and will loop you back around. The Lodge entrance will be on your LEFT.

Directions from the North and East:

Take Route 8 N to Wildwood Road and turn left.

2.9 mi. Turn right at Babcock Blvd.

0.2 mi. Turn left at Pierce Mill Rd.

0.2 mi. Slight right at North Rd. Watch for Lodge signs.

Turn right toward N Ridge Dr.

Directions from the South and West:

Take 79 North to the Wexford Exit.

At the end of the ramp, turn right/East on Route 910/Wexford Bayne Road.

Turn right at Pearce Mill Rd.

Sharp left at North Rd. Watch for Lodge signs. Turn right toward N Ridge Dr.



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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Knight Marshal

Gabriel Hawkes

Arts & Science

Bonita of Steltonwald

Exchequer

Ysabell Graver

Captain of Archers

Fintan na Colled

Castelain

Bóvi Farmaðr

Web Minister

Gianna di Aurelio

<http://www.steltonwald.org/>

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

captainofarchers@steltonwald.org

Fight practice - Every Tuesday at the Economy

Grange. Contact Geoffrey

Sewing

Aoibheil of Dun Holen

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Roana d'Evreux (Sara Gryger)

Knight Marshal

Maghnus de Cnoc an Iora

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open

Deputy Thistle

Arslan ibn Da'ud

Four Towers (Pitt) Liaison to Cour d'Or

Brandubh O'Donnghaile

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Filip of the Marche

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Pitt Medievalists Club meeting

vacant

CMU Rooms Reservationist

Margaret Makafee

To make changes to this information, please contact

Els of Augsburg

BARONIAL GUILDS AND GROUP MEETINGS AND CONTACTS

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
Margretha La Fauvelle (Margarita T. Rankin)
ansminister@debatablelands.org

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

Sewing Circles

In Debatable Lands, contact
Ts'vee'a bas Tseepora Levi

In Stelton Wald: Most weekends.

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