

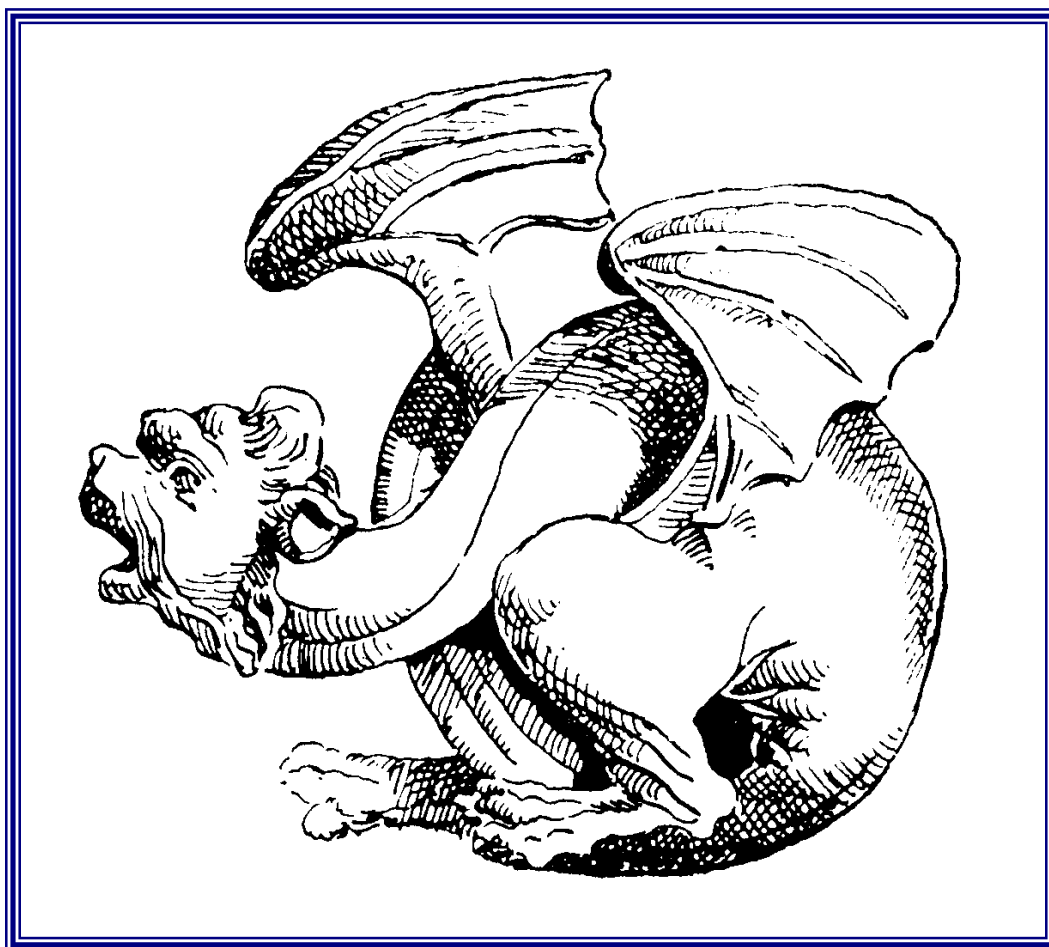
# The Althing

*Read herein the news of changes in the Barony -- not only has the Ice Dragon retreated, but the warmth and sun has finally returned to our fair Barony!*

*There are other changes as well, to the officers who serve the populace of the Barony -- Vivat to the new Interim Captain of Archery, and Grateful Appreciation to the Former Captain, who moves onwards to support the Kingdom!*

*There is again good news about Thrown Weapons -- Practices start on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Washington Boulevard!*

*Look forward to these Upcoming Events: the Barony Birthday Party and Queen's Rapier Championship, the Roman Holiday, Interrupted, and the fabulous Fireside Feast!*



*My lords and ladies, cease sitting on your tails -- come to practices on Sundays, bring your weapons and your arts and join us for training and camaraderie!*

*Being written and printed by the Chronicler, Elss of Augsburg, wishing to record and proclaim the events and activities relating to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, both past and to come, in the middle of this Month of April, in what might eventually be the Spring sunshine, far above the Three Rivers.*

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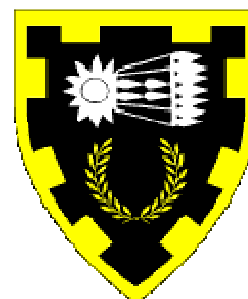
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## From the Baron and Baroness:

Unto the populace do Liam and Constance send greetings!

On the fields at War Practice, we will fight the Battle of the Barony: Syr Bear has challenged the King's Word that we are the rightful governors of this land, and we share meet him and his allies with vengeance. That said, we need the hands of all of the Heavy Fighters in this Barony to do so. Rumor is that we will have some allies in this task from throughout the kingdom. Please join us on the field whether or not you are fighting to show Syr Bear what he faces.

Also at War Practice, we will choose our Brewing Champion. There will also be a prize for Populace Choice. We invite you to enter your best Spirits in the Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic variety.

The spring and early summer will be a busy time as we prepare for Pennsic. THL Rufina is again preparing our regular Demo at the Pittsburgh Zoo on Father's Day Weekend, June 16 and 17; we hope to see many of you come out to the demo, it is a great event, and an excellent opportunity to show people the grace of the society.

We will have our first Baronial Camp meeting at the May Barony Meeting. If you plan to camp with the Barony, please plan to be at the meeting. Also, if you plan to camp with the Barony, you MUST preregister. Please let me know you tent size as soon as possible so we can plan tent positions in camp.

Thank you all and we will see you soon.

In Service,  
Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir and Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr

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## From the (Former) Captain of Archery

I have a few announcements...

I have accepted the position of Archer General for the Kingdom of Aethelmearc. Thank you, Fintan, for your service of the past four years. With my move to the office, there are a number of changes to archery officers and positions.



Maestro Jacopo di Niccolo has accepted serving as my deputy at the Kingdom level. We can all benefit from his experience for what figures to be a very interesting transition year. Thank you, Deryk, for serving in this position in the past.

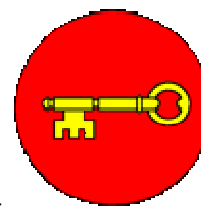
Lord Ruland Burckhart of Ballachlagan has accepted serving as my replacement for the Region 2 Deputy.

Master Alaric MacConnal has accepted the position of Captain of Archery for the Barony-Marche to serve out my term. More information from him will be coming out shortly. I'll still be at the practices when I can with stands, mats, and loaner gear, but we will try to redistribute some of the equipment between us.

In Service to the Barony-Marche, THL Urho Waltterinen

Per valde mustache adveho valde officium

## From the Seneschale



Greetings on this fine April day! The Ice Dragon has passed, and we look now to the warm season ahead. I hope to see you all at our Barony Birthday (and Queen's Rapier Champs) event on May 26th - the day promises to be a great one! Also at Aethelmearc War Practice in Steltonwald on May 17-20. I hear they're still looking for teachers, and you still have time to register! See the event website ([warpractice.steltonwald.org](http://warpractice.steltonwald.org)) for more info. And see you at our weekly martial practice, which have now moved outdoors for the season.

I'd like to thank all those gentles who participated in March Barony Meeting. It was a very unique meeting, indeed! Thank you especially to Lady Mary and Lady Buggah (Katherine), our Baronial Bard, for very interesting presentations, and to all the folks who came out to display their arts items and projects. Thanks, too, to the Choir and the members of the Ask-a-Laurel panel.

If you missed the March Barony meeting, never fear! Come to May Barony Meeting! It will be held on Sunday, May 6th, in conjunction with the martial practices at Washington Blvd. The meeting itself will be held at 2pm, but come early for fencing, archery, and thrown weapons! Stay for heavy and youth fighting and games! Yup, I said games! Last May, as the Baronial ballots were tallied, much lawn game fun was planned, but alas, was mostly rained out. This year, Take Two for games! Come on down - it'll be fun! There's a rain date of May 13th if there's poor weather.

A quick reminder: if you're contacted by the media about the SCA, please let me know. As always, my door is always open to anything you'd like to talk about. Thank you all for making the SCA the Barony a most fantastic place!

In Levitate et Caritate,  
~Hilda, Seneschale

## From the (Incoming) Captain of Archers

As The Honorable Lord Urho has stated, I will be filling out the remainder of his term, which ends in October 2012. I do plan to apply for a term of my own but also encourage those interested to also consider submitting a letter. I will be repeating my call for letters in a future issue after Pennsic.

Many thanks to Urho for his dedication over the past years and for his continued service at the Kingdom level. Vivat! He and I will be transitioning the office over the coming weeks.

And, speaking of Pennsic, you have heard from Their Excellencies that our skills will be needed to turn back the invading Tygers and Dragons. Come and hone your skills at both our Sunday practices and the Wednesday practices in Steltonwald.

In Service to the Debatable Lands,

Master Alaric  
[archerymarshal@debatablelands.org](mailto:archerymarshal@debatablelands.org)

Mi lema temporal hasta que inventar algo



## Opportunities in the Barony

### From the Interim Baronial Rapier Marshal

I have been the interim Rapier marshal for the past year, and my term in office is up in April. I have decided that I am willing to take on a term as Baronial Rapier Marshal. If anyone else is interested in taking on the office please send a letter to me and to the Barony Seneschale.

Thank you, Mistress Irene von Schmetterling

### Greetings from Your Baron and Baronial Chirurgeon

It has come to pass that I have been serving as the Baronial Chirurgeon for two terms, and now is the time to call for letters to fill this position. To become the Baronial Chirurgeon, you must possess the following:

- ❖ A current CPR Certification (American Heart Association or American Red Cross)
- ❖ A current Basic First Aid certification (or Higher Healthcare Certification)
- ❖ A warrant as a Chirurgeon from the Current Kingdom Chirurgeon

All candidates who possess the above are welcomed to submit letters to me or to the Baronial Seneschal by the June Officers Meeting.

In Service, Baron Liam

### Greetings to the BMDL Populace

Nearly two years have passed since I accepted the Chatelaine Office, and the time to call for letters is upon us. I encourage any gentle who wishes to give of their time and energy to welcome our society's newcomers to apply, and I offer my assistance if needed.

Most interested persons contacting the office prefer email. The Chatelaine helps target what aspect of the SCA the person is most curious about, and contacts members to assist them in getting started. At events, you greet new attendees and help introduce them to the society. The more people they meet, and feel comfortable around, the higher the likelihood of retention.

Occasionally, we are contacted for demonstrations (demos) or to speak about the middle ages at schools. The position does not require you to attend every event or demo, but to assist in finding volunteers to make the activities happen.

Quarterly reports are filed online, as any official office in the Kingdom requires. It doesn't take much time, especially if you keep track of contacts as you go. Most months the officers meetings fall on the first Wednesday night on CMU's campus. You'll learn about the happenings in the Barony and report on any information relevant.

If you are interested but nervous about the responsibilities of the office, I offer two solutions. The first is that you jump in anyway, knowing I'm a phone call away for assistance (email is difficult due to my work), or, contact me about being a deputy.

Yours in Service, Lady Anna Leigh

## Youth Fighting Schedule:

The BMDL Youth Combat practice schedule for the next month is as follows:

April 22 - Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

April 29 - NO YOUTH COMBAT PRACTICE, no youth marshals available this weekend

May 5 - Practice in the park at Washington Blvd.

It's time for our move outdoors for the season: on April 22, we'll be at the park at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Allegheny River Boulevard in the East End of Pittsburgh. Map at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/7qgcfcq>. Youth fighting runs from 2-5pm on Sunday, BUT if you show up at 11 am, you'll be able to give **target archery** and **thrown weapons** a try. The marshals for those activities have loaner gear, and they're loads of fun, so I encourage you to check them out.

**This practice site is primitive.** There is a portajohn, but that's about it - no seating and no running water. Bring a water bottle! I will have a jug of ice water for refills. If you want somewhere to sit other than the grass, bring a folding chair. We'll have loaner gear for any new fighters who need it.

IF YOU NEED YOUTH RATTAN, please let me know. I have 9 ft. staves of youth dimension rattan for \$11/stave. Please let me know BEFORE fighter practice if you want me to bring some for you on Sunday, as I will not be transporting it unless there is a demand.

I hope to see you all next Sunday, Arianna

## Regarding Thrown Weapons

If you have been reading these pages and the various missives that have come from the Kingdom, you will have heard amazing news about the state of thrown weapons in Aethelmarc, to wit:

- ❖ There will be a Thrown Weapons War Point at Pennsic this year, most likely to be determined by a champions' tourney
- ❖ Their (Previous) Royal Majesties Isenwulf and Rosalinda have granted the Thrown Weapons community our own grant level award: The Order of the White Horn is strictly Thrown Weapons!
- ❖ A discussion has been started regarding adding Thrown Weapons Marshal to the Kingdom Officer List as an equal to Fencing and Archery. Curia approved this move. At this time, the Kingdom is looking into the ramifications of the move and ensuring compliance with Corpora and Society Policy



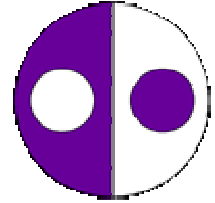
The best news of all is that Thrown Weapons practices will be starting up at the Washington Boulevard site this coming Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 11 AM and continuing as long as there is interest, or until 2 PM, whichever is later! There will be at least two targets and loaner gear for those of you who have never thrown or who can't find where they hid their axes last fall. As always, instruction and heckling are always available and freely offered.

Now that war approaches, we must sharpen our weapons and our skills -- come and join us!

Elss, Thrown Weapons Marshal

## To the Youth in BMDL!

I am sure a lot of you have heard of the challenge that our King and our Baron have issued for Aethelmearc and BMDL. Now are exciting times. But you are wondering what can you do, you think you're just a kid, right? There is no "just a kid!"



We want you to join the Youth fighting ranks!

Join the archery ranks!

Start throwing weapons!

If you are old enough to want to, then you are old enough to try! If my six year old Kaeden can sink in that arrow into the bull's-eye, you can too.

Just look at our Youth Champion: Lord Robert MacEwin of Thornhill has a Silver Alce for archery and youth combat, a Silver Buccle for service, and an AoA, as well as two Purple Comets!! Vivat!

I have a challenge for those of you who don't know what to do! BE YOURSELF! Find what you are good at. Find what you have a passion for, and DO IT!

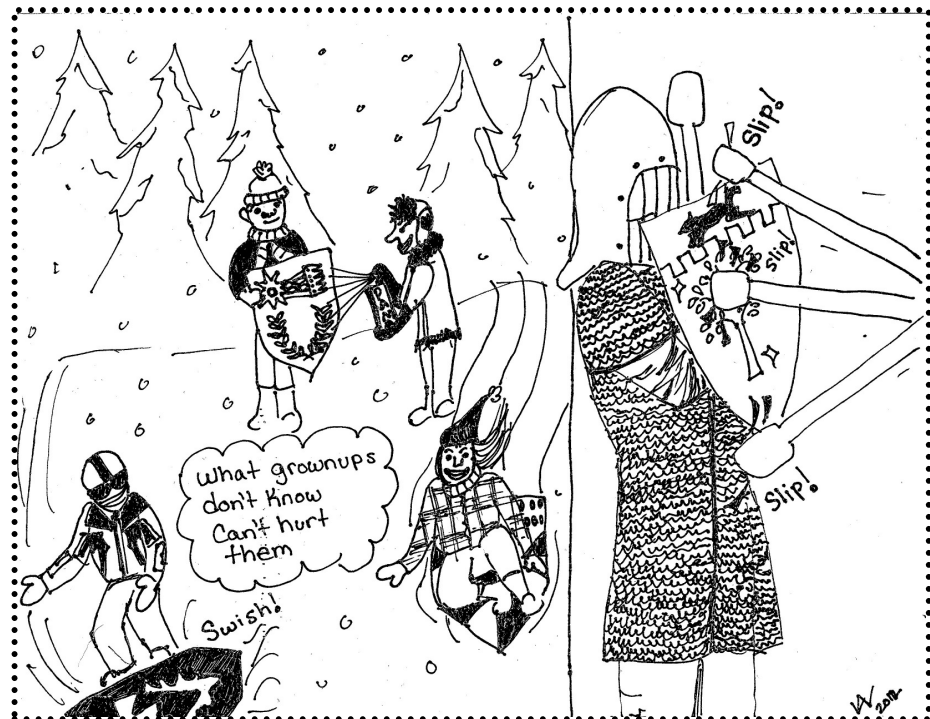
Those of you who like arts: make something that you can put into the Ice Dragon, War Practice, or Pennsic itself. Perhaps something wonderful to take to all three! Did you know that children usually have their own categories? If there is something you want to learn, take the classes, or ask someone about it. If you can not find information, ask me and I will help you out! There is so much to learn about the medieval ages that there is no reason that you should ever be bored at an event or activity!

I challenge all of you children and teens out there! Find something you like and do it! Enter your art or talent into this Pennsic. Start showing of your works at BMDL events and gatherings. Ask for classes you want to go to. Speak up! Create! Show the Kingdom what the children of BMDL can do!

Those who take up my challenge and write me about what they did, learned, and achieved will be honored in the Althing in the youth section so that everyone out there can learn of the great and wonderful talented young people we have in BMDL!

Lady Aibell ingen Chernacháin - Chancellor Minor

Cartoon by  
Lady Aibell ingen  
Chernacháin







A flavor of the people and the times may be gleaned from excerpts from a contemporary chronicle:

“Almost all the people live upon the produce of their herds, with oats, milk, cheese, and butter; eating flesh in larger proportions than bread<sup>1</sup>.”

“Both sexes exceed any other nation in attention to their teeth, which they render like ivory, by constantly rubbing them with green hazel and wiping with a woolen cloth.”

“In war this nation is very severe in the first attack, terrible by their clamour and looks, filling the air with horrid shouts and the deep-toned clangour of very long trumpets; swift and rapid in their advances and frequent throwing of darts. Bold in the first onset, they cannot bear a repulse, being easily thrown into confusion as soon as they turn their backs; and they trust to flight for safety...<sup>2</sup>”

“In their musical concerts they do not sing in unison like the inhabitants of other countries, but in many different parts...”

“There are four cathedral churches in Wales: St. David’s, upon the Irish sea, David the archbishop being its patron: it was in ancient times the metropolitan church...”

“This nation is, above all others, addicted to the digging up of boundary ditches, removing the limits, transgressing landmarks, and extending their territory by every possible means.”

“The crime of incest hath so much prevailed...they are not ashamed of intermarrying with their relations, even in the third degree of consanguinity<sup>3</sup>.”

- Assorted entries from the Description of Wales, written c.1200

#### References:

A combined set of references will appear at the end of this series of articles.

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<sup>1</sup> Welsh history is shaped by Welsh geography. Much of Wales is mountainous, which is to say that it is at altitudes at which wheat cannot be cultivated, and oats and cattle are prevalent.

<sup>2</sup> The Welsh continued to rely upon local levies, stiffened by small numbers of men at arms. The Northern Welsh were mainly spearmen. Those of the south tended to use bows but, disappointingly, these were elm bows used at short range, not yew longbows.

<sup>3</sup> Geraldus is being precise but misleading. “Third degree of consanguinity” means that the Welsh considered it legal for second cousins to marry.

## Officers' Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2012

- ❖ Officers Attending: Baron Liam; Seneschale (Hilda); MoAS (Langdon); Exchequer (Tofi); Chronicler (Elss); MoL (Aileen); Capt of Archers (Urho); Knight Marshal (Shiro); Chirurgeon (Liam)
  - ❖ Officers Proxied: Steltonwald Seneschale (Alaric for Muirgheal); Herald (Elss for Pavel); Chatelaine (Shiro for Anna Leigh); Marshal of Fence (Tofi for Irene); Webminister (Tofi for Cai)
  - ❖ Other Gentles attending: Katherine Sinclair, Alaric MacConnell, Isabel Fleuretan. [Minutes recorded by Hilda, and Alaric for point 8.]
1. Open meeting
  2. December Officers' Meeting Minutes Approved unanimously.
  3. Officers' Reports
    - ❖ Baron: The Barony is doing very well. Fighter and fencing practices are increasing greatly.
      - Signet: Odriana commended 18 scribes who've created 37 Baronial scrolls recently: Aidan ni Leir, Alaric MacConnell, Alethea Cowle, Alexandra dei Campagnella, Alexandra of Corofin, Alime bint Yorgi, Anna Leigh, Avanelle Ravensdottir, Elss von Augsburg, Gianna di Aurelio, Hrefna in heppna Þorgrímsdottir, Kameshima Zentarou Umakai, Kris Gilibari, Raven Whitehart, Zhang Ming Li, Isabel Fleuretan. Also, those gentles who acted as Signet-of-the-Day at events: THL Kameshima Zentarou Umakai, Baroness Alexandra dei Campagnella, and Mistress Gianna di Aurelio. New Deputy Signet is Lady Isabel Fleuretan. The Officers also wish to enthusiastically thank these gentles for their contributions. Vivant!  
[Read the Signet's letter to the Officers in the March 2012 issue of the Althing. - ed.]
    - ❖ Seneschale:
      - Corporate is looking for comments about possibly allowing Crowns to allow same-sex couples into Crown Tourney lists. Comments are due April 1st. Full announcement and update is on the email list and should be in the Althing.
      - We are actively looking for a Gold Key.
      - Cour d'Or Schola Series will happen in the spring semester. Organized by Cynewyn and Sigrith
      - Hilda got a little behind in updating the calendar online, but it should be good now. Asked officers to please check it and make sure nothing is missing.
      - Also, Officers should check to make sure they renew their memberships in a timely manner.
    - ❖ Herald: no report
    - ❖ Knight Marshal: Practice proceeds apace. Iron Key Position is about to be filled – Megan O'Shea. A couple regional musters are coming up, and heavy practice at the PCC will canceled. Looking at visiting Ballachlagan's practice on March 11th.
    - ❖ MoAS: A&S Competition at 12th Night was marvelous with a broad spectrum of entries. Staffordshire Hoard exhibit in DC trip is Feb 24-26. A number of people have already gone, too, and have lots of great things to say.
    - ❖ Chronicler: Beginning to start efforts to find a deputy.

- ❖ Exchequer: We still have money. Online approval of two items: Majority of financial committee approved \$144 to transfer to Steltonwald as a 12th Night gift – one month of Archery rental; \$110 for youth rattan; youth fighters to purchase staves from us; one “no” vote.
  - ❖ Chirurgeon: Is putting out notice that we need a new Chirurgeon. We have one almost-warranted candidate.
  - ❖ Chatelaine: Anna Leigh has Gold Key. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested in taking the position, please let her know.
  - ❖ MoL: nothing to report
  - ❖ Webminister: nothing to report
  - ❖ Marshal of Fence: We have had more interest in practice lately. Will be putting a proposal together for more gear. No practice on Feb 5th. Rapier muster on the 19th will feature Society Rapier Marshal. Will be trying to get more guest instructors this year. Motion to move \$200 for guest instructors from Heavy budget to Rapier budget. Motions carried unan. Shiro proposed that Irene be commended for the excellent job she is doing as Interim Marshal. The Officers agreed.
  - ❖ Captain of Archers: Archery continues at Steltonwald on Wednesday nights.
  - ❖ Steltonwald Seneschal: Nothing to report.
4. Next Meetings/Gatherings
- ❖ March Barony Meeting: Discuss March 11th vs March 7th. Theme is Artisans’ Row. Pros and Cons were discussed. March 7th was decided would be the best choice.
  - ❖ April Officers’ Meeting will be Apr 4th – Budget Meeting.
  - ❖ May Barony Meeting: May 6th in conjunction with Martial Practices. Short discussion on the practice site. Possible Guild Wars type theme. Possible picnic potluck.
  - ❖ June Officers’ Meeting will be Jun 6th.
  - ❖ July Barony Meeting: tentatively July 8th.
5. Past/Upcoming Event Updates:
- ❖ Rapier & Costuming : Autocrats request that a portion of the profits go toward fencing gear. Officers agreed it is a good idea.
  - ❖ 12th Night: Spent about \$300, received donations totaling \$60.01. The event went very well, and many people said they had a blast. The Officers commended Elss and her staff for a job well done.
6. Event bid: Barony Birthday and Queen’s Rapier Champs, May 26th, 2012. Autocrat’s blue card verified. Bid passed.
7. Vote on Minister of Lists:
- ❖ Officer only vote requested. New MoL is Katherine Sinclair. Term to end Feb 2014. Thanks to Aileen for her years of service.
8. Vote on Seneschal:
- ❖ Hilda’s request for a second term was approved with acclaim. Term to end Feb 2014.
9. Policy Proposal Vote:
- ❖ Proposal as published in the January 2012 Althing passed. New policies will be published in Feb 2012 Althing, at which point they will take effect.
10. Meeting closed. Beer ensued.

## Important Dates Coming Up!

### Regional Archery Practice – April 15, 2012

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10 AM, archery practice moves to the Castle for the Regional Archery Practice. Also, Youth Fighter Practice will be held at the Castle, as will Thrown Weapons practice.

### May Barony Meeting – May 6, 2012

Sunday, May 6, 2012, 2 PM, at the Washington Boulevard practice site, come early for archery or thrown weapons, and stay for fighting and May Day Games! Also, for those camping with the Barony, please attend the Pennsic Barony Camp Meeting.

### June Officers Meeting – June 6, 2012

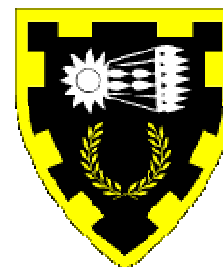
Wednesday, June 6, 8pm at CMU, Porter Hall, specific room to be announced.

### Zoo Demo – June 16-17, 2012

Father's Day Weekend at the Zoo -- fighters, fencers, artisans of all types are needed to show off the depth and breadth of activities in the Society! See announcement and email coming soon.

### July Barony Meeting – July 8, 2012

Sunday, July 8, 2012 at 2 PM, at the Washington Boulevard practice site, come early for archery and thrown weapons, and stay for fighting and the Barony meeting for Pennsic Prep and the fabulous Garb (and Fabric) Exchange!



## Barony Birthday & QRC

## Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills

### May 26, 2012

The Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands invites one and all to help celebrate the epic battle to find the next Queen's Rapier Champion and...our Baronial Birthday! In store is a day filled with fencing, fighting, throwing, and painting capped off with a sumptuous Scottish feast in honor of our Scottish Baron. Bring your best displays of pageantry to decorate the fields in a glorious array fit for a Queen!

Join us on May 26, 2012 at The Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, 2359 West Ingomar Rd., Franklin Park, PA 15237. Site opens at 9am and closes at 9pm.

Fighters, prepare yourselves for a 3 on 3 tournament and choose a Laurel or Pelican team sponsor to provide a favor for each combatant. Artisans, please bring your finest to enter the A&S Competition. Let our glorious barony provide the inspiration for your entry! Throwers, look forward to bringing your best for our birthday inspired range. Need a break from the martial fun? Come inside and make yourself a BMDL belt favor to wear with pride.

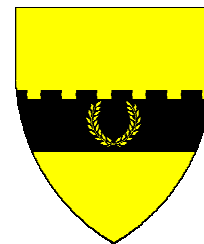
Questions can be directed to the autocrat for the day, Lady Isabel Fleuretán (Jackie Lockhart) at [isabellemaurienne@gmail.com](mailto:isabellemaurienne@gmail.com) or 724-448-3269.

## Roman Holiday, Interrupted

### Beaver Falls, PA

### June 9, 2012

Salve! Romans, and all you other people, join us to celebrate the day of Vesta! We take to the country to share bread and meat, to enjoy wine and song. We will celebrate the arts and prepare for War! Be warned there have been tales of Vikings lingering in the lands but there's nothing to fear with our gladiators on hand, ignore those pesky rumors. Thrown Weapons, Heavy Fighting, and Fencing skills will entertain our guests and make fine sport!



Steltonwald invites you to join us for a picnic in the country on June 9, 2012. The site opens at 10:30 am and will close at 10 pm, it is damp but recyclables must be removed from site. The address is a private family farm at 516 Old Blackhawk Rd, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the hospitality of our humble estates! There is no fee to join us nor will we be collecting a NMS.

We are offering an optional purchase of authentic Roman Dishes prepared by the skilled hands of Lady Cionaodh Gunn and her famed staff for \$5.00 Please RSVP with the Head cook and let us know how many to expect; Cionaodh Gunn (Tracy Roboson) 1453 State Route 551 Enon Valley, PA 16120; Kenna\_Gunn@yahoo.com or 724-312-2283. The Autocrat for the day is Muirgheal inghun Dubhghaill (Heather Hupp), 509 Hillcrest Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010; muirgheall@gmail.com or 724-683-7558. Checks can be made payable to "SCA, Inc. - Steltonwald".

## Fireside Feast II

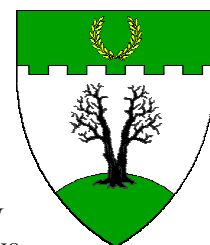
### Breakneck Campground

### Hosted by the Shire of Sunderoak

### August 31, 2012 - September 2, 2012

Brisk fall air, the sound of combat rings in the distance ... the smell of food mingled with wood smoke wafts through the air. It's not just fanciful imagery; it's the theme of the Shire of Sunderoak's upcoming event.

Ever wanted to try to cook over an open fire? See it done? OK, just eat some really good food? Here is your chance. The Shire of Sunderoak invites you to join us as we spend the weekend creating a Fireside Feast at Breakneck Campground, 1757 Cheeseman Road, Portersville, PA 16051.



Saturday will be filled with the opportunity to take open air cooking classes. Any who wish to join us for the evening meal may bring supplies and prepare your own gastronomical delight over an open fire or bring a prepared dish from home. Modern fare as well as period food is welcome. Fire pits and wood will be provided for those cooking on site. Limited ironware and spits will be available - please contact THL Katla Ulfhedinn (Kate Gurnsey), katla\_at\_zoominternet.net to inquire or reserve.

THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

(Beaver County)

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**Minister of Arts and Sciences**

Maestro Jacopo di Niccolo  
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**Exchequer**

THLady Ysabell Graver

**Captain of Archers**

Maestro Jacopo di Niccolo  
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**Castelain**

Lord Bóvi Farmaðr  
david\_black42 at yahoo.com

**Web Mistress**

Maestra Gianna di Aurelio  
giannadiaurelio at comcast.net

**Canton Meeting**

Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.  
Beaver County Courthouse  
madeleinedlest at yahoo.com

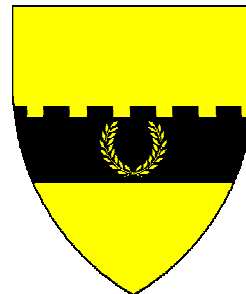
**Archery**

Wednesdays, 6 PM - 9 PM,  
except the third Wednesday of any month  
Beaver Valley Archery Club  
Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill  
captainofarchers at steltonwald.org

**Fight practice**

Every Tuesday, 5 pm, at the Hopewell  
Township Community Park, Pavilion 4  
Contact THL Robert Marston  
kardasl+@pitt.edu

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



THE COLLEGE OF COUR D'OR

The College of Cour d'Or is currently dormant. For information regarding local colleges and Universities, contact the Baronial College Liaison

**College Liason**

Rosalia Iuliana Andreere

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