

The Althing

Changes are coming to these Debatable Lands! The weather grows colder, and forces us more and more to stay inside near our fires, surrounded by the warmth of family and friends. As the cold comes and our Lands are turned from green and lush to red and gold and orange, so too do our habits and activities change, martial activities cease or move indoors, and our hands turn to the Arts and Sciences.

Herein you will find the schedules for the remaining outside practices of the martial arts, and which ones will be moving indoors for the winter.

The last BEST outdoor practice of them all is the Harvest Revel at the Castle on November 11th! There will be heavy fighting, youth fighting, archery, thrown weapons, a PIE contest, pumpkin pitching from the parapets, a garb swap, a concert by the Debatable Choir, and a food drive challenge from Their Excellencies! This ridiculously full and gloriously FUN day is open to all, thanks to the generous hospitality of Sir Byron and Baroness Ariella.

Also for you are herein event announcements with directions for the Kings Crossing Birthday B(r)all, Agincourt, and Fall Æthelmearc Æcademy and War College.

Make your travel arrangements soon, as all these are worthy of your attendance!



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(Skåne, Sweden)*

Created by the Chronicler, Elss of Augsburg, who is always happy to tell all Who will listen of the great things that come to pass here in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, living as she does north of the Three Rivers.

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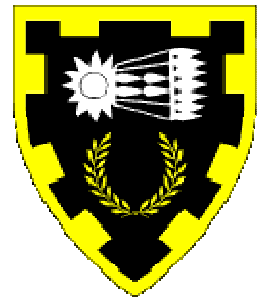
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Important Dates Coming Up!

November Barony Meeting – November 11, 2012

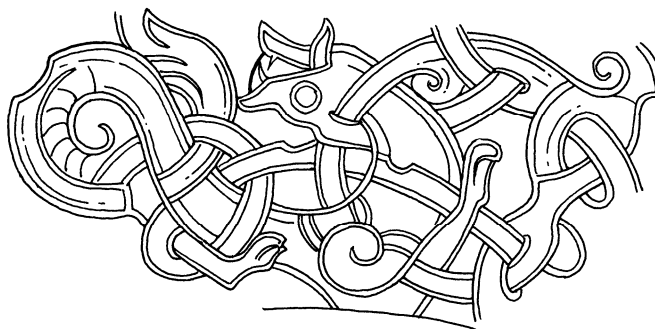
The November Barony Meeting is our annual Harvest Revel at the Castle, and will be on Sunday, November 11th. (No, there is no Steelers game that day!) Break out those pie recipes! More details are below.

December Officers' Meeting – December 5, 2012

Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 8 PM at CMU, room TBD. This meeting is a business meeting, but it open to all interested gentles.

January Barony Meeting – January 12, 2013

January Barony Meeting will be on Saturday, January 12th, at the BMDL Twelfth Night Celebration at the Lodge in North Park. More details will be forthcoming closer to the day.



Ornament from penannular brooch (Skaill, Orkney)

A Change in Baronial Policy

Effective immediately, there has been a change in the Policies of the Barony. Full current policies can be found here (http://www.debatablelands.org/policy/bmdl_policies_2012-02.pdf)

Section II.A. now reads:

“The Officers of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands are those required by Kingdom Law, the office of the Baron/ess, the Seneschals of the Barony's nondormant subsidiary groups, the Captain of Archers, the Marshal of Fence, the Chirurgion Liaison, and the Webminister. These officers, excluding the office of the Baron/ess, constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities. No present or proxied individual may have more than one vote on the financial committee.”

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to seek me out in person, by phone, by email, or by social media (I'm on Facebook, G+, and Twitter).

In Levitate et Caritate,

~Hilda, Seneschale

From Their Excellencies

Unto the Populace do Liam and Constance send greetings during the harvest. We had a great time at Archers to the Wald and we have three new champions!

- ❖ Our new Archery Champion is Master Brandubh O' Donnghaile
- ❖ Our new Youth Archery Champion is Lady Alyssa von Stahlgeist
- ❖ Our new Thrown Weapons Champion is Sir Thomas Byron of Haverford

At Agincourt, we will select Our new Fencing, Heavy Fighting and Youth Fighting champions. To fight in these tourneys, you must live within the Barony or the Canton of Steltonwald (Allegheny and Beaver County). To fight in the Heavy tourney you must be an Unbelted Fighter.

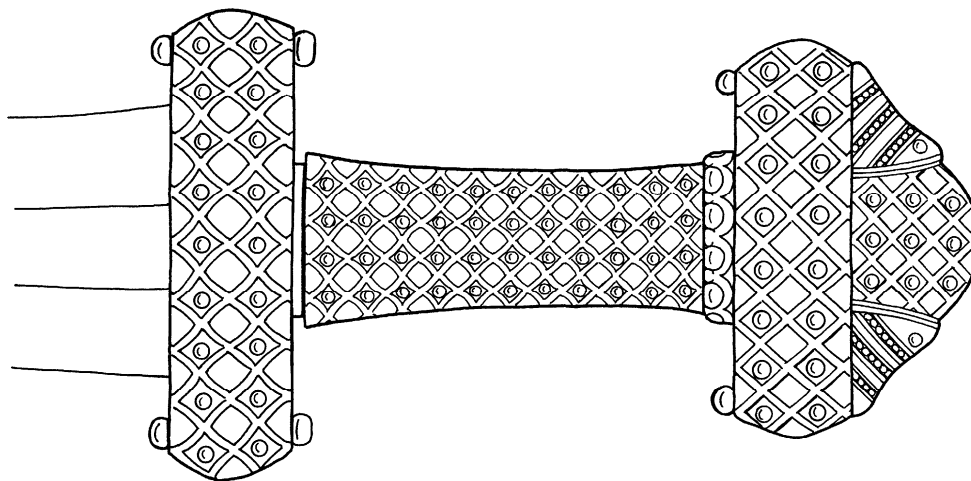
At the November Barony meeting, there is sure to be a busy day! There will be a Pie Contest with Prizes. Her Excellency is organizing a Garb Exchange, so remember to bring that garb that isn't quite right, or doesn't fit the best anymore. There will be the annual Launching of the Pumpkins from the Castle roof. Finally, we are challenging everyone to bring non-perishable food to "Fill the Baronesses' Wagon". What better way to celebrate the harvest but by Charity to others! All donations will be given to the food bank at North Hills Community Outreach to help those who are having a difficult time right now. Our Goal is to fill Her Excellency's wagon (a Subaru station wagon) with food.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events and at the other baronial activities and practices.

In Service,

Baron Uilliam Mac-an-tSaoir
and
Baroness Constance Glyn Dwr

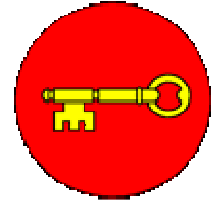
Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands



Hilt of double-edged sword (Norway)

From the Seneschale:

Greetings to you on this glorious fall day! The autumn colors have been particularly dazzling this year, have they not? And yet still not so wondrous as the rainbow of people that make up our fine Barony! Your generosity, service and all-around awesomeness takes my breath away far more than mere leaves ever will.



This month, I'd like to thank particularly Master Alaric MacConnall, who organized the clean-up of the Washington Boulevard parklet where we hold our martial practices in the warm weather, and all who came out early and helped, as they followed the tradition started by Master Urho. This is not only a service to the people of the Barony, but also to the Pittsburgh East End community in general. Thank you, too, to Mistress Arianna who also undertook to improve the facilities at the parklet. We will all enjoy a clean practice area these last few weeks before the chill forces us inside.

Event News: Congratulations go out to our friends in Steltonwald for hosting a lovely Archers to the Wald event. It was a beautiful day, and everyone had a great time! Vivant to the autocrats, Lady Ingunn and Lord Nicholas, and their staff! I look forward to seeing everyone at Agincourt on November 3rd - it promises to be a full and wonderful day. Be sure to send in your pre-registrations to receive the discount on the fees! Also, looking further in the future, I'm also looking forward to the second Iron Comet Challenge! Note that the event date for that has been changed to April 13th. I'll also see you all at our November Barony Meeting Harvest Revel at the Castle in Wexford, on Sunday, November 11th. See below for more details.

Barony News: We need you! Elss has done an excellent job as Chronicler lo, these past four years, but her second term is up in December. We need a volunteer to take on the Office of Chronicler! If you're interested, send a letter (email) to me and her. Please see Elss with questions. The Office of Baronial Herald is coming up in December, too, and interested folks should send letters (emails) to me and Pavel. In other news, welcome to Master Alaric as he takes on a regular term as Captain of Archers, and welcome to Elss as she officially takes the post of Baronial Thrown Weapons Marshal.

In still other news, the Officers approved a Baronial policy change that's effective as of now.

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Thanks again to you all for making this hobby the best one in the world, and for making my job as Seneschale a very rewarding one! If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm available by phone, email, in person, and on Facebook.

In Levitate et Caritate,

~Hilda, Seneschale

Notes from the Captain of Archers!

On October 7th, we held our annual site cleanup at the martial activities site. I would like to extend a thank you to the following gentles who helped out: Ayla, Arianna, Robert, Rachel, Ian, Elizabeth, Urho, Will, Milka, Melodia, Irene, Cathan, and Vryce. If I missed anyone who helped, the fault is mine.

This fall has been a busy time for archery, as we have had around 15 archers out most practices. Also, on September 30th, Lord Robert MacEwin of Thornhill achieved the rank of Junior Grand Master, with an average of 101. Vivat!

Here's the upcoming schedule for the rest of the season:

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| October 21 st | Practice at Washington Boulevard, 11 AM |
| October 28 th | Annual Halloween Shoot and Practice at Washington Boulevard, 11 AM |
| November 4 th | Practice at Washington Boulevard, 11 AM. Note: On this day, Urho will have targets available for the Winter Challenge if anyone wants to get started on the competition earlier. |
| November 11 th | Practice at the Castle (Gwyntarian Winter Challenge) 11 AM
The schedule for archery (and other) practices can also be found at:
http://debatablelands.org/calendar.html |



I ran a "shape shoot" at Archers to the Wald with two components: An individual shoot and a team shoot. The winner of the individual shoot was Master Urho, and he and Lord Robert won the team shoot. Kathryn Tantzel came in second for the individual shoot and the team of Master Jacopo and Martin Lewis came in second on the team shoot. Vivant!

In Service

Alaric, Captain of Archers

Position Announcement from your Baronial Herald!

The end of my tenure as Comet Pursuivant is fast approaching. I am putting out a call for letters to step up to the office of Baronial Herald. The duties for this position include: ensuring there is a herald present (perhaps yourself) at every Baronial Court or official function, writing and posting Court Reports, maintaining the Order of Precedence of the Barony, attending Officer's Meetings, and fostering heraldry in the Barony. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please send me and the Seneschale a letter of intent stating your desire to fill the office and your qualifications. My term will be up in December and my replacement will be voted in at such time, so please make sure I receive your letter before then.

In Service,

-Павел (*Pavel*)

Pavel Dudoladov, Comet Pursuivant



Position Announcement from your Chronicler!

Shall we play a game?

A panda walks into a bar. He eats shoots and leaves. Is the panda still in the bar or not?

Are you looking at your dinner or the dogs? How many dinners are there? How many dogs?

The people in the line who got tickets were very satisfied. Did everyone in line get tickets?

When only a small girl, my mother took me to the city. Who was small, my mother or me?

Other questions:

Do you blog a lot?

Do you have an active Facebook or email correspondence?

Do you want and need to know what is going on?



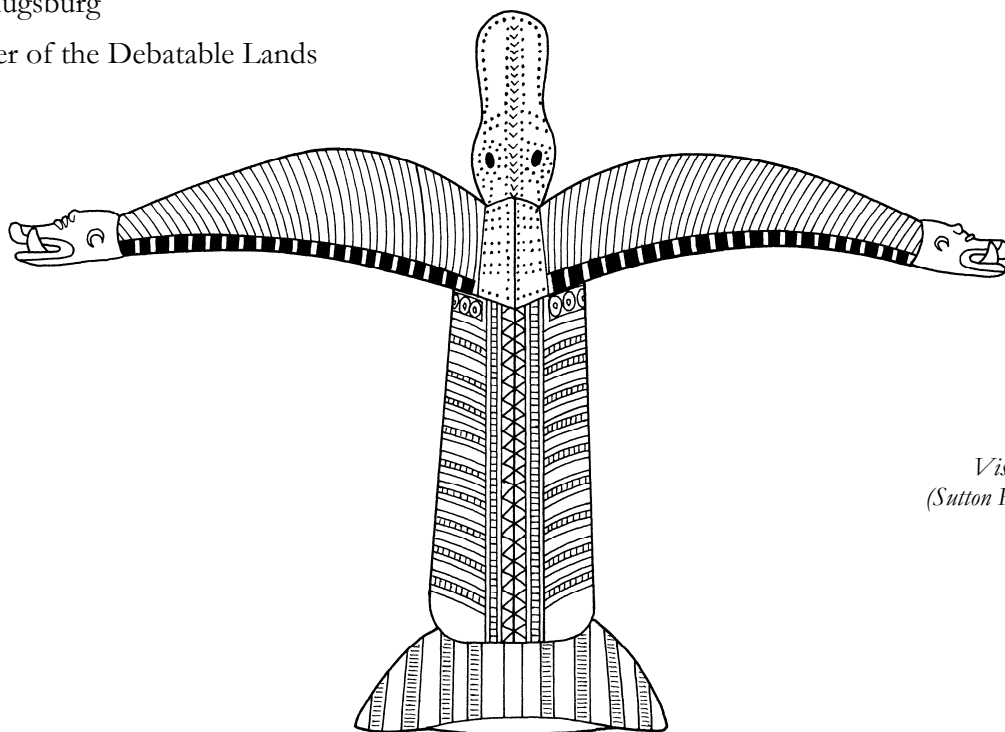
You know what this means, don't you? These are signs of someone who likes to read, who likes to write, who likes to know things – and who could be the next Chronicler!

Alas, my term is coming to an end, and I will be passing on the pleasures and duties of this position to a new chronicler as of the end of December, though I would like to begin the transition with next month's issue. The person who takes on these duties should be willing to spend about eight hours a month collecting information, combining it into a single, nicely formatted and illustrated document, and sending it out to the Debatable Lands community by email (and in a few rare instances, on paper).

You know who you are. Send your email of interest to me at chronicler@debatablelands.org and to our Seneschale at seneschal@debatablelands.org

Els of Augsburg

Chronicler of the Debatable Lands



*Visor from helmet
(Sutton Hoo, England)*

Heavy Weapons Fight Practice:

Vivat to our new BMDL thrown weapons marshal! Elss of Augsburg will continue to serve our Barony and the thrown weapons community as our Baronial thrown weapons marshal! Many thanks to Elss for her service over the past years, not only as the Regional Marshal for thrown weapons, but also as she has ensured the presence of a marshal at practices, carried loaner gear and targets, communicated with the TW community, and kept practices exciting and growing. I am confident in her skills, her love for throwing axes, and her care for the thrown weapons community, and excited to see where she will take things. In addition to your congratulations, feel free to offer Elss your help in serving all who love throwing pointy things.

Also, thanks and vivat to Elsa Taliard and Cathan who have also helped with carrying targets, marshaling practices, as well as the many marshals who have run the line at BMDL practices.

For heavy fighting, here is the upcoming schedule:

- October 21 - practice at Washington Boulevard, 2PM
- October 28 - practice at Washington Boulevard, 2PM
- November 4 - practice at Washington Boulevard, 2PM (and Agincourt on November 3rd!)
- November 11 - practice at Harvest Revel Barony meeting, at Byron & Ariella's castle in Wexford, more info below
- November 18 - practice moves indoors for the winter, to the Pittsburgh Chinese Church in the North Hills at 2PM

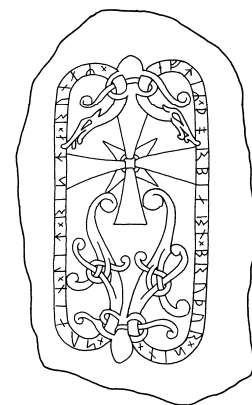
We will also be running a marshal in training program for heavy fighting over the next few months, at our regular practices Marshals enable us to play our game (and to continue playing it) by helping keep us safe, legal, and having fun. Marshals are also needed at practices, events, and wars so that fighting can happen. Many others have served to enable us to fight - this is a great opportunity to give back and to take on more leadership. If you are interested in training to become a marshal, please let me know so I can include you in the program. Email me at knightmarshal_at_debatablelands_dot_org, or talk with me at practice.

See you at practice!

In service,
Cynewyn

BMDL Knight Marshal

Stone with runic inscription (Uppland, Sweden)



Thanks to All!

Our Knight Marshal reminded me! I want to say THANK YOU to those fencers, archers, throwers and friends that participated this Sunday in our yearly clean-up of the Washington Boulevard parklet, our outdoor practice site. I'm sorry to say that I couldn't make it, so I can't thank you individually.

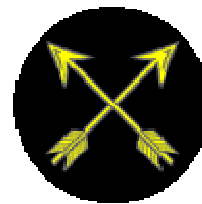
But a special THANKS goes out to our Captain of Archers, Master Alaric, who organized it this year (in the tradition of Master Urho). Not only is this clean-up beneficial to us, it is a great community service to all that use the parklet.

~Hilda, Seneschale

For Youth Combat:

Greetings to all youth fighters and their parents!

There is NO YOUTH COMBAT PRACTICE this Sunday, October 21st, since I will be out of town. We will resume youth fighting practice on October 28th.



In the mean time, our current youth combat champion, Tiberius, is planning an interesting Roman-themed tournament format for the Baronial Champion's Tourney at Agincourt on November 3rd. I hope you'll all be there!

YOUTH COMBAT PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

- October 21 - NO PRACTICE
- October 28 - practice at Washington Boulevard, 2PM
- November 4 - NO PRACTICE, youth champion tourney at Agincourt on Saturday November 3rd!
- November 11 - practice at Harvest Revel Barony meeting, at Byron & Ariella's castle in Wexford, more info below
- November 18 - practice moves indoors for the winter, to the Pittsburgh Chinese Church in the North Hills
- November 25 - NO PRACTICE, Thanksgiving weekend

In service,

Arianna

On Thrown Weapons



All are welcome to thrown weapons practice at the Washington Boulevard site on Sundays at 11 AM to throw axes and knives and spears! Remember to wear closed-toe shoes, and bring a refreshing sport beverage or water, a chair and a snack, and you can stay to watch the whole day of martial fun. Alas, our throwing season is fast coming to an end, as there is no indoor site that can accommodate our sport.

Here is the schedule for this month's throwing:

- Sunday, October 21 Practice in the park at Washington Boulevard, at 11 AM
- Sunday, October 28 Practice in the park at Washington Boulevard, at 11 AM with special Halloween targets!
- Sunday, November 4 Practice in the park at Washington Boulevard, at 11 AM
- Sunday, November 11 Last practice, at Harvest Revel Barony meeting, at 11 AM, at Byron & Ariella's castle in Wexford, see below

See our webpage for directions to the site: <http://www.debatablelands.org/activities/thrown-weapons.html>

In service to the Barony,

Elss, BMDL Thrown Weapons Marshal

November Barony Meeting and Harvest Revel

November is the Barony Meeting you've been waiting for! Join us once again for our annual Harvest Revel! We'll again be enjoying the hospitality of Sir Byron and Baroness Ariella as they open their castle home to our revels.

When? Sunday, November 11th, starting at 11am

Where? The Castle in Wexford - 755 Stonegate Drive, Wexford, PA 15090
(Please park diagonally at the curb, like at events there.)

Martial activities include Archery practice and Thrown Weapons practice beginning at 11am, followed by Heavy Weapons and Youth Combat at 2pm. Rapier practice will not be held (KWAR that weekend). Pie Contest starts at Noon. Other activities include the ever-popular Pumpkin Parapet Toss! Bring a pumpkin, watch it splat! (No rotten ones, 'cuz...ew.) Barony Meeting announcements will be around 1:45pm in the main hall.

New this year! The Debatable Choir will be presenting a FULL performance in the main hall in the afternoon! You won't want to miss it! After the choir's concert, we'll announce the pie contest winners. What's that? Did I say... PIE CONTEST??

What is the Harvest Revel without the annual Pie Contest? A pie-less revel, that's what! And who wants that? Not I! By the very special request of His Excellency of the Debatable Lands, Baron Liam, the categories for the Pie Contest are: 1. Sweet, 2. Savory, and 3. Period Recipe. The entrant picks the category their pie fits into when they get there, and the populace decides the winner by token vote (ties broken by the judges). Everyone who wants to eat pie gets three tokens, and you pick your favorite in each category, then put your token in that pie's cup, one for each category. Keep in mind that the "rules" are quite..ahem...lax... when it comes to exactly what qualifies as a pie. There will be a winner in each category, and they will win... GLORY!! Also, maybe a little something something else. Have fun, folks!

And in that spirit, I officially present to you the super-special-bonus-Hilda-category for the pie contest: QUANTITY. That's right, enter your pie into one of the three regular categories, and it's automatically entered to win the special category of QUANTITY. What does that mean? I'm not really sure...what can you come up with? Interpret away! There will be a special surprise for the winner of QUANTITY...a special surprise, indeed... hee hee hee.

Note that this meeting is garb-free, unless you feel like it. Also, the Steelers game does not conflict. I look forward to seeing you all at Barony Meeting!

A Special Note from Her Excellency:

The meeting might be garb free, but we'll be doing another GARB GIVEAWAY!!

That's right, bring the garb that no longer fits you, isn't your period, or just doesn't suit your fancy any more! Fabric, accessories and general craft items are welcome as well, it's a bit like an SCA swap meet, only everything is free! This is a great time to find something to retrofit, alter or wear as is. Just remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure!! (or woman's). Please contribute; this is a great way to help new people get into garb.

If you have any questions just email me or message me on Facebook. I look forward to seeing everyone there!! And BRING PIE!



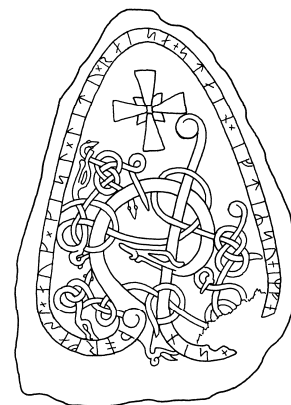
Food, Glorious Food

The Cooks' Guild invites anyone with a love of Good Food, whether that be cooking it, reading about it, experimenting with it, taking photos of it, feeding it to appreciative diners, or just tucking in and eating it, to the October 27th meeting, which will be on Sausages! For information, see <http://www.debatablelands.org/activities/cooks.html>, or the posting on Facebook, and then look in the Dark Pages for my contact information if you need details or directions.

In Service,

Michelina Cenomani da Trento

Stone with runic inscription (Uppland, Sweden)



Court Report: Archers to the Wald

Report of the Court of their Excellencies Uilliam and Constance Baron and Baroness of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, at Archers to the Wald, in the Canton of Steltonwald, on the thirteenth day of October anno societatis forty-seven, Lord Jorundr hinn Rotinn reporting, with the assistance of Lord Markus Skalpr Grimsson.

Their Excellencies thanked the assembled populace for attending the event held this day. They further remarked on the good time They had at the event.

Their Excellencies summoned Master Jocopo di Niccolo to attend Them. Jocopo had won a certain tournament at this event last year, which made him the archery champion of the barony, and Their Excellencies inquired of him if was ready to relinquish that position. Jocopo replied that he was ready and that today he had run a tournament to choose Their new champion. That individual, Maistir Brandubh Ó Donnghaile, had won the day in an hour long bear pit style tournament with ten total competitors, eight of whom were eligible for the position of champion. Jocopo added his arrow to the baronial quiver and passed the regalia to Brandubh, and Brandubh was invited to join Their Excellencies' Court, which he accepted. Scroll illuminated by Elizabeth Arrowsmyth with calligraphy by THL Kieran MacRae.

Their Excellencies then requested Lord Robert MacEwen of Thornhill and Elizabeth Wilbur, Their youth archery champions, to attend Them. Robert and Elizabeth had also run a tournament to choose their successor this day. The tournament pitted six shooters against each other over a series of rounds at various targets that the duo had designed. The victor in the end was chosen, Lady Allyssa von Stahlgeist, who had been shooting a crossbow for the second time. The regalia was passed to Lady Allyssa and she was invited to join Their Excellencies' Court. Scroll by Zhang Ming Li.

Their Excellencies called Their thrown weapons champion THLord Kieran MacRae to Their Presence. Kieran had also held a tournament this day to choose his successor. From a field of eleven competitors, with the forms of knife, axe and spear in which all scored, there was a clear victor: Sir Thomas Byron of Haverford with a score of 41. The baronial axe was passed on to Byron and he was asked to join Their Excellencies' Court. Scroll illuminated by Master Alaric MacConnal and calligraphed by THL Kieran MacRae.

Ingunn Halldorsdottir was invited to appear before Their Excellencies. As the autocrat, Ingunn had sponsored a marshal's choice award, and the category was "Most Likely to Appear in an ESPN Highlight Reel." Today, on Juan Miguel's roving range, there was one target where the archer was to sit on a barrel and turn around to shoot a target behind them to simulate shooting from horseback. The archer in question instead chose to bend over backwards and shoot the arrow upside down, scoring a hit. THLord Deryk Archer was invited into court in recognition of this feat.

Ingunn was bade to stay a moment longer. Their Excellencies had heard much of the good works that Ingunn has been doing lately. She has taken the position of deputy exchequer of the Canton of Steltonwald, and autocrating this event, all with two young children at home, and for this Their Excellencies inducted her into the Order of the Gold Comet. Scroll by Mistress Alessandra d'Avignon with words by Master Robert Marston.

Their Excellencies invited Odriana vander Brugghe to Their Court. Odriana wished to recognize those scribes who had done work on baronial scrolls in the past year, without whom Odriana's job as Signet would have been impossible.

Master Robert Marston asked leave of Their Excellencies to perform some business in Their Court, which They granted. Robert announced that he had taken Ingunn Halldorsdottir as a protege just a month ago. He would also like to announce that at War Practice he had asked an individual to become his protégé and man at arms and that today he was pleased to make that relationship known to the Barony at large. Lord Aiden Gunn was invited to court where he agreed to wear Master Robert's yellow belt, the end of which can be used as a bottle opener. Aiden's lady Cionaodh Gunn was invited to place the belt around Aiden's waist. Master Robert thanked Their Excellencies for Their time.

Their Excellencies called Nycolas Sparrowe to Their Court. They spoke of the many good things that They had heard of Nycolas' fencing, such as that he had been fencing for over four years and had long been a defender of the Kingdom at the Pennsic War. He had been working on training new fencers, as well as developing period styles from the German and Italian masters. For this They inducted him into Their Order of the Red Comet. Illumination by Lady Isabel Fleuretan and calligraphy by THLord Kameshima Zentarou Umakai.

Their Excellencies invited Lady Muirgheal inghean Dubhghail to come before Them. Their Excellencies spoke of Muirgheal's long years as an archer and an archery marshal, and that she had recently learned to fence and had defended the Kingdom's honor at The Great Pennsic War. For this They inducted her into the Order of the Red Comet. Scroll with illumination by Master Alaric MacConnell and calligraphy by Lady Rachel Dalicieux.

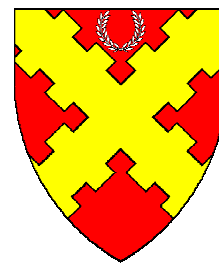
THLord Bóvi Farmaðr presented a collection of desserts for the populace to enjoy, the centerpiece of which was a cake in the form of a slain dragon made by the skilled hands of Lady Cionaodh Gunn.

Their Excellencies thanked all who attended and wished to bring special notice to the fact that this was Lord Markus' first time heralding in court.

Their Excellencies wished all who were in attendance to join them in singing "Happy Birthday" to Elizabeth Wilbur who turned 14 this day.

Court closed.

Kings Crossing Birthday B(R)All Barbush-Langeloth Municipal Center October 27, 2012



The Shire of Kings Crossing cheerfully invites you to come and celebrate our Birthday B(R)all on October 27, 2012 at the Barbush-Langeloth Municipal Center, 1421 Langeloth Road, Langeloth, PA 15054. The site will open at 10 am and close at 9 pm. Classes will begin at 11 am and continue until 8 pm.

The day promises to be filled with many activities and classes. Heavy Weapons and Fencing will have their own pick ups and tourneys. We would like to see the Youth Fighters as well. Medieval games and other games of intrigue, Dancing, Weaving and many other classes will be held as well. If you are interested in teaching a class or being a merchant, please contact Lady Nandi (Danielle Volkar) email: peasant_at_anykindawear_dot_com,

Site Fee per Person (Includes All Day Sideboard):

Adult - \$10.00*

Child (13-17) - \$5.00*

12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult

Family Plan - \$30.00*

*Non-member surcharge - \$5.00 per person

While you endeavor to exercise your body and/or mind, recharge with our all day side board. Lady Daria of Danegeld Tor mentored by Master Creador is going to delight you with their culinary skills. Sideboard will be from 12:00 until 7 pm. If you have any dietary concerns, please contact Lady Daria directly at Daria_Mcp_at_gmail_dot_com.

The Autocrats for this event are Willehalm Barenjager (Andrew Rosenberger) and Lady Nandi of Kings Crossing (Danielle Volkar). Willehalm Barenjager at 724-601-1059. No calls after 8 pm please.

Lady Nandi can be contacted by phone at 724-684-5797 or email sent to peasant at anykindawear dot com.

Reservations clerk is Katryn of Ayre (Barbara Dolan). Katryn can be contacted at 724-684-4642 No calls after 8 pm.

Directions from the north: Take the ramp onto I-279 S to merge onto I-376 W. Take exit 60A to merge onto US-22 W/U.S. 30 W toward Weirton. Continue to follow US-22 W. Take the PA-18 exit toward Florence/Burgettstown. Turn right onto PA-18 S, turn right onto W. Pittsburgh Street, then take the first left onto Race Street. Continue onto Langeloth Road. Destination will be on the right.

Directions from the south: Head north on I-79, keep left at the fork, follow signs for I-70 W/I-79 N/Washington, PA, and merge onto I-70 W/I-79 N. Continue to follow I-70 W. Take exit 17 toward PA-18/Jefferson Ave; turn right onto E Wylie Avenue. Turn right onto Jefferson Avenue. Take the third right onto PA-18 N/Henderson Avenue. Continue to follow PA-18 N. Turn left onto PA-18 N/Burgettstown Road. Turn left onto W Pittsburgh Street. Take the first left onto Race Street. Continue onto Langeloth Road. Destination will be on the right.

Agincourt

Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club

Saturday, November 3, 2012

**O! for a Muse of fire, that would ascend
The brightest heaven of invention!
A kingdom for a stage, princes to act
And monarchs to behold the swelling scene.**

On November 3rd, the grand army of the English and Welsh Archers will once again meet the French on the field at Agincourt. Join us for the Feast of St. Crispin, a day of Fighting, Food, Arts and Sciences. Events of the Day will include an A&S competition with Leather Work being the theme. Battles will all include Combat Archery, and the ever famous Tavern Battle. But, wait, what would the Battle of Agincourt be without Archery? Plan for a great novelty shoot as well as standard targets. Site opens at 10:00am and closes at 9:00pm. Agincourt will again host the BMDL Heavy Championship. All heavy fighters in the Barony and its Canton of Steltonwald should prepare to bring honor to the field this day.

A Glorious Lunch is being planned and prepared by the talented Jorundr hinn Rotinn and an Incredible Feast is being prepared by THL Odriana vander Brugghe that is sure to quell the largest appetite. The feast will be a "hunting feast" celebrating the bounty of the 14th century French countryside. Please contact her at odrianna_at_gmail_dot_com regarding dietary questions.

The event will be held at the Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club, 505 Mosside Boulevard, North Versailles, PA 15137. The Autocrat for this grand event will be Mistress Alexandra dei Campegnella (Amy Tujague) (2917 Brevard Street, Pittsburgh PA 15227).

Reservations should be made to Mistress Hildrun Hugelmann (Krista Cogan) 3815 Baytree Street, Pittsburgh PA 15214. The only reservation is a Paid Reservation, and all reservations must be postmarked by Friday, October 26th. If you do not pre-register, you will incur a \$2.00 additional fee at the door. A \$5.00 fee will be added to non-SCA members. All entrance fees include lunch. Feast is limited to 80 people.

Troll Fee Schedule for advance reservations:

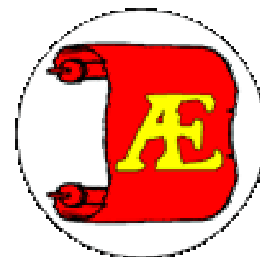
Adult: \$8.00
 Adult + Feast: \$17.00
 Child (6-17): \$5.00
 Child + Feast: \$13.00
 5 and under: Free

Directions from the north, south and west:

Take your best route to I-376 East. Take I-376 East to Exit 78a (US 30 — Forest Hills). Follow US 30 East approximately seven miles to PA 48 (Mosside Boulevard). The event site will be 1/2 mile on your left.

Directions from the east: Take your best route to US 30, and follow US 30 to PA 48 (Mosside Boulevard). Turn right onto PA 48. The event site will be 1/2 mile on your left.

**Æthelmearc Fall Æcademy
and War College
Asbury United Methodist Church
Saturday, November 10, 2012**



We invite everyone to join us at the Fall Æthelmearc Æcademy and War College in the glorious Barony of the Rhydderich Hael! It will be a day of learning and fun, with classes both A&S and martial. We will also have an Artisan's Row, a Research Library, and possibly a Mystery Guest keynote speaker! Mark your calendar now for the biggest and best Æcademy ever!

The site is the Asbury United Methodist Church, 850 Dodge Road, Getzville, NY 14068. The site will open at 9 and close after Court in the evening, with clean-up until 9 pm. This is a dry site, and only service animals are allowed. A hearty dayboard is included in the event cost, prepared by Baroness Morgan Elandris. The Æcademy website is www.aecademy.org/fall12/. Teacher registration is open now! We welcome teachers of all levels – if you have something to share, we urge you to sign up. Please contact the Æcademy Chancellor, THL Odriana vander Brugge at aecademy@aeans.org for questions about the Æcademy itself.

The autocrat is THL Ysabeau Tiercelin (Phoebe Waller-Sharp, 7132 Taylor Road, Hamburg, NY 14075, 716-662-2058, carnabyservices@yahoo.com). She is also the reservations clerk. Contact her with any questions about the event or the event site. The cost for the day is \$10 for adults, \$8 for 8-18 years old, and under 8 free. There is a family cap of \$28. The \$5 NMS fee applies to non-members. Please make checks out to SCA NY Barony of the Rhydderich Hael.

Directions from the East:

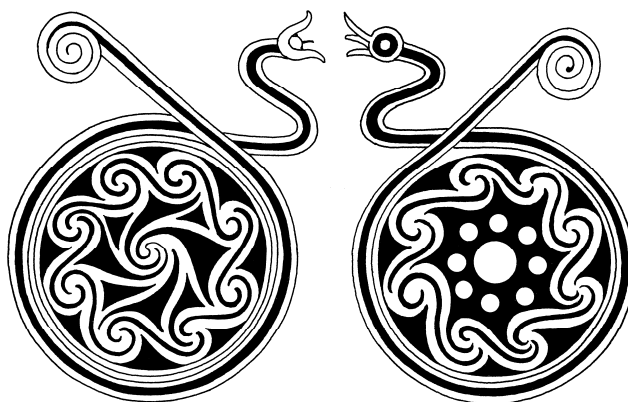
Take I-90 W/New York State Thruway W toward Buffalo (Portions toll). Merge onto I-290 W/Youngmann Expy via EXIT 50 toward Niagara Falls. Merge onto RT-263 N/Millersport Hwy via EXIT 5B. Turn left onto Dodge Rd. 850 Dodge Road is on the right.

Directions from the West:

Take I-90 E toward Buffalo. Merge onto I-290 W/Youngmann Expy via EXIT 50 toward Niagara Falls. Merge onto RT-263 N/Millersport Hwy via EXIT 5B. Turn left onto Dodge Rd. 850 DODGE RD is on the right.

The site also mapquests quite well.

*Memorial stone,
pre-Viking design
(Gotland, Sweden)*



THE CANTON OF STELTONWALD OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

(Beaver County)

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Lady Muirgheal inghean Dubhghaill
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Knight Marshal

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Canton Meeting

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

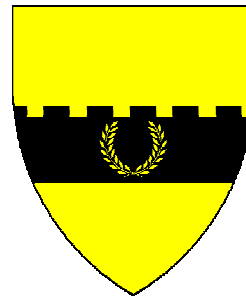
Archery

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+ at 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

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