



The Cataract

The newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters, the SCA chapter for the Niagara Region <http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/>
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Baronial meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace! 39 George Street, St. Catharines.

Mini-events at Finally Oaks: come in garb, bring fighting equipment and snacks to share. 1468 Krick Road, Smithville. finallyoaks.ca

November

20: Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
21, 28: Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
29: Wassail, Bryniau Tywynnog (Shakespeare)

December

5, 12, 19: Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
6: A&S Day & potluck at Lady Yllaria's, 122 Dufferin E, St. Catharines. Making Tamari balls with #5 perle cotton. 10:00-5:00
7: Dessert Revel and Baronial meeting at Finally Oaks. Noon-5:00

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January

9, 16, 23, 30: Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
?: A&S Day & potluck at Lady Yllaria's, 122 Dufferin E, St. Catharines. Felting re-visited. 10:00-5:00
15: Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00
17: Septentrian Twelfthnight, Ard Creag (Bowmanville)
31: Tournoi de Couer de Glace, Bastille du Lac (Belleville)

February

6, 13, 20, 27: Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
7: A&S Day & potluck at Lady Yllaria's, 122 Dufferin E, St. Catharines. Repoussé. 11:00-3:00
Step Sprightly at the Carnival of Venice, Monadh (Mississauga)
19: Scribal Night at THL Sciath's, 39 George St, St. Catharines, 7:00-9:00

March

6, 13, 20, 27: Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30

April

10, 17, 24: Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30

May

1: Happy SCA New Year! A.S. L (50)
1, 8, 15, 22 (?), 29: Fight practice, Alexandra School, Henry Street, St. Catharines, 6:30-9:30
May 23: Spring Crown Tourney, New Hope Church
June 26-28 Known World Heraldic Symposium, Eoforwic (Toronto)

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Baron & Baroness

Winter Greetings, to the Populace of Rising Waters from your newly-minted Baron and Baroness, Dmitri and Gema.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Dessert Revel at Finally Oaks. It will be a day of warmth and friendship (with a number of treats as well). It is almost time for a new year, one that will be filled with events, meetings, practices and gatherings. We ask the people of the barony to think of a few things over these holidays. If you have seen someone doing something that you feel deserves recognition should it be helping out, doing artistic or marshal activities, please let us know. We would love to recognize our Baronial Members for their hard work.

We cannot thank everyone enough for all the efforts that went into making Lady Mary a success. We would like to once again thank Baron Richard Larmer and Baroness (still, see!) Annabelle Makmyllane for their efforts as the Baron and Baroness of Rising Waters over the last five years. With sadness we have to report that Baroness Rosalinda Margarita de la Fuentes announced at the last meeting that she would be stepping away from the SCA. Rosie is one of the rocks that forms the foundation upon which the barony is built and she has touched all of our lives in a positive manner. The barony will be lesser without her presence,, but she has indicated that she will continue to help the barony in a number of matters.

Please, as we have mentioned before, feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or just to say hello. We hope to have some informal get-togethers at the Fine Grind in the near future and remind everyone that you are welcome to come out to the fight practice site on Friday nights to say hello or socialise.

Yours in Service
Dmitri and Gema

Seneschal

Greetings good gentles!

Congratulations to Their Excellences, Baron Dmitri Kievskoi and Baroness Gema Krasil'nikova! Wassail to the autocrat, feast steward, and all of the event volunteers for their efforts during the Lady Mary Memorial Tournament!

I would also like to express my appreciation for Baroness Rosalinda, for her generosity in opening her home to the Barony for our meetings and her long-standing support.

Our next meeting will be at the Dessert Revel, hosted by John and Morna at Finally Oaks on December 7th, noon to 5pm. Please bring your delicious dessert contribution in celebration of the holiday season.

Meetings in the New Year will take place at our home at 39 George St., in St. Catharines. I encourage everyone to come out to the Baronial meetings; they are an excellent way to learn what happens in the Barony, and are not just for officers. We frequently discuss things that are important to every member of the Barony. So please come, find out more about what your Officers are doing for you, and how you might get more involved.

The members of this Barony are incredibly talented and have such a range of abilities. We would like to provide you with opportunity to use and develop those talents and abilities. If you know of members who have not been playing lately, encourage them to come out again. Every person is a valuable resource and we need every single one of you. There is an updated calendar of events, activities and A&S days in this issue of the Cataract, as well as on the website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of your Baronial Officers.

Jean ap Gwilym, Seneschal of Rising Waters

Herald

Hael and Well-Met!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a beautiful Autumn - I know that I always enjoy the changing colours of the leaves. Are you considering going to the 2015 Known World Heralds and Scribes Symposium? This is a great opportunity to attend a fantastic event, and it'll be about an hour away in Eoforwic, June 26-28, at the Sheraton Four Points Toronto Airport. I'll keep you updated on the program, and let you know when registration opens. There will be something for everyone, and I know that the Baronial Signet is particularly looking forward to the classes, too!

Do you know that we have an Order of Precedence? The best way that we can ensure that

the OP remains accurate is to continue recognizing Rising Waters residents for their efforts and abilities. Send in your Baronial Award recommendations to Their Excellencies at risingwaters@gmail.com, and Kingdom Award recommendations via online submission: <http://www.ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form.html>. You can also send an email directly to Their Majesties at thronesofthenorth@yahoo.ca.

Check out the current status of our local residents' heraldry devices, and learn to recognize your neighbours through their heraldry. When you feel inspired to put pen to paper and put together a submission for name or device, feel free to contact me, or Jowan nyn Ranell, Deputy Herald. You can reach me via email at herald.risingwaters@gmail.com, and we'll get to work.

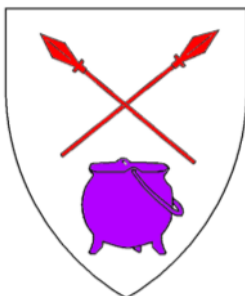
Your Humble Herald,
ban teirna Sciath ingen Chaennaig

Heraldry Submission Status Report

In Commentary (November LOI)

Rorikr Himmel: Name

Rorikr Himmel: Device - *Argent, two spears in saltire gules and a cauldron purple*



In Commentary (August LOI)–

Sciath ingen Chaennaig: Badge - (Fieldless) A quatrefoil azure within and conjoined to an annulet Or.



In Commentary (July LOI)–

Da'ud al-Basir: Device - *Per pall inverted sable, argent and gules, two crosses of Jerusalem counterchanged and a falcon striking argent*



Susanna Thomsoune: Device – *Gules, a chevron and in base a fox sejant regardant argent.*



Rohaise de Guildford: Name

Accepted (September LoAR)

Alice de Lyng. Device. *Per fess Or and azure, two rabbits sejant erect addorsed regardant sable and a daffodil in profile bell to chief Or.*



Gema Krasil'nikova. Device. Vert, two knitting needles in saltire, overall a maple leaf, and on a chief Or a spoon and a spoon reversed vert.



Signet

Greetings to the Wonderful People of Rising Waters from your Baronial Signet. I would like to thank Her Excellency, Baroness Gema Krasil'nikova, for all of her work as Baronial Signet. Her dedication to supporting local scribes and painters in developing their skills, and in producing beautiful work has set the bar high, and I will do my utmost to continue her efforts.

We can take great pride in the quality of scrolls our illuminators and pensmiths have been producing. I received several compliments at the Lady Mary Memorial Tournament on your behalf, and I think this indicates that we have become a strong team. I would like to begin scheduling a regular, monthly scribal gathering – every third Thursday of each month, starting November, 20th at 7pm at my home (but not including December). I'm hoping to invite guest artists to provide inspiration and guidance to advance our knowledge and expertise. If you are interested in Calligraphy and/or Illumination, or if you're interested in making scrolls please let me know. If you want to get in touch with me, send me an email at signet.risingwaters@gmail.com or call me to be added to my list of contacts.

In service to the Barony,
ban teirna Sraith ingen Chaennaig

Minister of Horse (Ride Co-ordinator)

Greetings from Lady Rosalind Pax of Castle Rising.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank everyone for their kindness and support in what has been a very trying month. Now that I'm home, and things have

calmed down a bit, my mind turns toward the Barony. We are diverse and spread around the region. If you would like to attend a practice, meeting, or event and require help with transportation, please do not hesitate to contact me. Should you have space available to go to a meeting or event, please let me know. I will endeavour to connect those offering rides to those needing them. The best way to reach me is via e-mail. roxpax@hotmail.com

Cheers,

Rox

Chronicler

Many thanks to m'lady Rohaise of Guildford for offering to take over this office. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve the Barony as Chronicler these past five years. While I am stepping down as an officer, I intend to be as active as possible in the Barony, especially in the area of A&S. I may even find time to write an article or two. For now, I leave you with Lady Yllaria's recipe for Manchet Bread, as made for the Lady Mary Tourney/Investiture.

My Bread-maker Version

Into bread-maker put 1-1/2 cups water, 3 tbs melted butter, 4 cups unbleached flour, 2 tsp brown sugar, 2 tsp salt, and 2 tsp dry yeast. Do on dough setting.

Punch down, divide in two, shape into loaves, and let rise again on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375F for 30-35 minutes, until golden brown. Brush with butter for a softer crust. Goes well with honey butter.

Yllaria's Version

Mix 2 tbs dry yeast with 3 cups unbleached bread flour.

In a separate bowl mix 2 cups warm water, 1/4 cup melted butter, 1 tbs sugar, and 1 tbs salt. Pour into yeast/flour mixture and stir together. Add 2-3 cups additional flour a cup at a time until a soft mass is formed.

Turn out on a floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic. Invert bowl over dough and let rest 15 minutes. Knead for 30 seconds until air bubbles are driven out. Divide into the number of loaves required and shape as desired. (May be frozen at this point.)

Place on baking sheet and cover with waxed paper. Place in warm, draft-free spot until double in size, about 1-1/4 hours.

Preheat oven to 425F. Bake 35 minutes or until bread has a hard, hollow sound when tapped on the bottom.

Lady Mary Memorial Tourney/Investiture

Greetings unto the all who attended Lady Mary Memorial Tournament and Investiture of Gema and Dmitri.

I would like to thank all those who helped to make the event such a success.

Set-up: Ysabeau, Yllaria, Caleb, Govindi, Gema, Dmitri, Richard, Yvette, Ariadne, Jared, and a few others whose names have escaped me.

Kitchen: Yllaria, Padraig, Alianor, L'lyn, Dagmar, Ariadne, Rurik, Richard, Annabelle, Widow Kate, Genvieve, Michael, Darius, Kirsti's two daughters Jenny and Kendra.

Event: Ysabeau, Yllaria, Caleb, Gerrard, Ryan, Callidus, Govindi, Maynard, Liadain, Reynard, Jared, Darius, Morna, Susanna, Rohaise, David, April, Rosalinda, Roz, Liadan, Caitlin, and of course their Royal Majesties Trumbrand and Kaylah.

Break-down: pretty much all of the above plus the four or five good gentles who were so willing and helpful in moving all the tables and helping me load the bus late into the night. (I'm sorry none of your names were shared with me.)

I would also like to thank Beatix who was very upset that she could not be present to perform the job she had promised and prepared to do. You were missed.

Finally! There is no possible way that this event could have been accomplished without the shared brain and assistance by Lady Ysabeau! This is a limited list and to be honest it would be easier to list those members of the Barony who were not able to help, for this was a true Baronial effort and all of you should be very proud of what you accomplished.

YJS,

Augusto Giuseppe da San Donato and the entire event staff

P.S. I wanted this event to honor one of my greatest inspirations in the SCA, and I hope I did just that. Tancred, you are sorely missed, my friend.

Greetings to Event Steward Augusto and the staff of Lady Mary,

Please post this missive for your group, as We are well pleased with Our southernmost barony.

Thank you for hosting Us this past Saturday. As you know, Lady Mary tournament is very important to Us. Historically it was THE prestige tournament for the entire territory, then Principality, and finally the Kingdom, of Ealdormere.

This 26th Lady Mary attracted the highest caliber of heavy fighters yet! The list tree featured:

Her Majesty	His Highness
4 Dukes	1 non-royal-peer knight
1 Count	3 Barons

The quality of the bouts was simply amazing!

We were amused with the coffee themed archery shoot, which also was of incredible caliber. The fencers did not disappoint, being both skilled and enthusiastic. And apparently throwing inter-dimensionally. Those whose joy is in throwing sharp pointy objects, from knives and axes to spears were truly fierce and passionate.

We would like to commend the kitchen for the ample lunch. Those hot meat buns were very much appreciated by those of us playing outside in the snow. The feast was fantastic! Fresh bread, rich stew, traditional Lady Mary lamb, tempting desserts.

His Majesty has never before enjoyed mushrooms. However for the first time ever he declared the mushroom-barley soup to be delicious! If the feastocrat could forward the recipe to Us, We would appreciate it!

We would thank the entertainers at feast: Mistress Marian's and Bianca's singing like angels and of course, Pankratz's magic. Although it might have been witchcraft... Feast service by THL Darius was delightfully light footed, with nary a morsel of food spilled while he danced the food to head table.

We look forward to Lady Mary 27.

Trumbrand, Rex

Kaylah, Regina

Greetings unto the people of Rising Waters, from the incoming Baron and Baroness of Rising Waters, Dmitri and Gema.

We are honoured to become the voices for our Barony, and we aim to show the wonder of the Barony in each corner of the Kingdom. There are so many working to make our Investiture a special day for us that it is difficult to place all their names in these pages. We would like to thank their excellencies Baron Richard Larmer and Baroness Annabelle Makmyllane for their years of service to the Barony. To the autocrat Augusto Giuseppe da San Donato, his advisor and muse Ysabeau de Comport, and the feastocrat Yllaria de Comport, we thank you for all your efforts. All who helped in the set up, running, or tear down of the event, know that we are thinking of you and appreciate all the hard work and time that you have given to make this event shine. We enjoyed watching The Lady Mary Memorial Tournament from our new perspective and hope that everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Archery Quarterly Report

Greetings!

The flame of the spirit of archery in the Barony of Rising Waters continues to burn. There has been some archery going on over these summer months, and I have actually been doing some marshalling, if not a lot of it.

I have indicated to Their Excellencies and our Seneschal at the last meeting I recall that I intended to resign as RW Archery Marshall as soon as someone appears who would care to replace me. So far, the crickets have been deafening. I am limping along, but would love to see someone with enthusiasm in my place.

There has been archery practice at each of the mini-events held monthly over the summer at Finally Oaks in Smithville. I have run these practices and have been assisted by several marshals and MITs. We have had both experienced archers and novices at all of our practices, and I have been making sure that novices are given range safety instructions as well as shooting basics. So far everyone has been having a lot of fun.

We still do not have a regular site for weekly archery practice in RW. We have had offers from both Ben Dunfirth and Rhydderich Hael archers to

join them when they shoot. There are 2 or 3 archery ranges that have invited us to try their locations for our practices and events, and some of our archers have joined them already, but nothing formally has been set up yet. As in, I haven't been able to decide what to do about a regular location, and have been letting our archers travel to wherever suits them. Hopefully I will have something arranged for when the summer shoots are finished. There is a rumour that our old site at the Queen Elizabeth Centre will become available again.

Rising Waters archers shot the War Points at Pennsic this year, including our Baron (he even told me what points he scored but of course I have forgotten...)

I hope this report will suffice. I know how hard it is to get any reports at all from Marshalls, having been in your position so very, very long ago. I wish I had some of the oomph that I had back then.

In service to the dream, I remain
Baron Reynard de Foch of Ravenglass

Web Minister

Aug 28/14 - New Google+ Calendar added to website. Now you have access to Canadian Holidays, Official Ealdormere Events, and to all local Rising Waters meetings and get-togethers (plus some from the Hael if our Calendar Secretary wishes to add them!). Please note that this calendar is compatible with iCal calendars on iphones, etc. for your convenience, and is the same one the Ealdormere website uses.

LOOKING FOR: Artwork from our Baronial artists to spruce up the website. Would prefer original scroll work, beasties, calligraphy letters and doodles. Not all artwork will be used, but looking for suitable items for various webpages and a new design to the website to make it look a little more in period.

Thank you for your attention to this.
Lady Briend Molyneux of Shana Cashel

Baronial Twelfth Night

Although there is nothing 'official,' there are plans afoot. More information will be forthcoming on our Facebook page and Yahoo group.
The Sisterhood of the Blessed Chalice

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