



The Cataract



The newsletter of the Barony of Rising Waters, the SCA chapter for the Niagara Region <http://baronyofrisingwaters.org/>
January/February 2014, A.S. XLVIII

Baronial meetings for the foreseeable future will be held either at the home of Baroness Rosalinda, 346 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, or at Finally Oaks, 1468 Krick Road, just outside Smithville. These meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace!

Mini-events (summer): come in garb & bring food to share. finallyoaks.ca

January 2014

- 4 [A&S](#)
Septentrian Eleventh Night, Vest Yorvik (TBA)
- 11 Baronial Twelfthnight—A Family Celebration,**
St. Columba Church, 7 St. Columba Drive, St. Catharines
- 17 [A&S: making lanterns for Coronation](#)
- 18 Tournoi du Coeur de Glace, Bastille du Lac (TBA)
- 19 Baronial meeting, 2-5, at Baroness Rosalinda's**
- 24 [A&S](#)
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February

- 1 Step Spritely, Monadh (TBA)
[A&S, noon-5: painted banners](#)
- 8 1587 A Game of Queens, Cear Draeth
- 9 Baronial meeting, 2-5, at Baroness Rosalinda's**
- 22 Practicum, Caldrithig (TBA)

March

- 1 Winter War, Trinovantia Nova
- 2 Baronial meeting, 2-5, at Baroness Rosalinda's**
- 9 Daylight Savings begins—lose one hour of sleep
- 15 Break the Back of Winter, Greyfells
- 22-23 Late Winter Shoot, Petrea Thule
- 29 Spring Arts & Sciences, Ben Dunfirth

April

- 6 Baronial Meeting, 2-5, at Baroness Rosalinda's**
- 26 Spring Coronation, Arpad Park, Rising Waters**

May

- 1 Happy SCA New Year! XLVIX
- 4 Baronial meeting/mini-event at Finally Oaks, noon-5**

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Baron & Baroness

Season's Greetings to the people of the Barony of Rising Waters.

We were so pleased to see you at the Dessert Revel; it was a great time, and as usual Lord John and Lady Morna were lovely hosts. Thank you so much for your generosity. We hope to see you all again at 12th Night in January. [We expect Royalty to be there.]

We issued a challenge at the Dessert Revel and we remind you now: we will be entering Spring A and S (March 29, 2014) as a family, and we issue the challenge to you to enter something however humble (unless you are judging, of course). Let us show the Kingdom what fantastic artisans we have here in Rising Waters.

We look forward to the New Year in the Barony we are proud to be able to call home.

Yours in service,

Richard and Annabelle

Seneschal

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of Rising Waters.

In the New Year we have many great and wonderful things happening! 12thnight looks like it will be lots of fun, we are hosting Spring Coronation, and the Lady Mary Memorial Tourney will be in the Fall this year.

Lady Mary will also be the Baronial Investiture. To that end, please start thinking about whether or not you would like to run in the Baronial elections! The time will fly quickly. If you have questions about anything

related to being a Baron/ess, please speak to a current or former holder of that position. I'm sure they would be happy to answer any and all questions.

In addition, we still need folks to step up and either take over positions or act as deputies and learn the job.

Since it can be daunting to step into a role you are not familiar with, we will be having several Q&A sessions in the upcoming months that will help everyone become more familiar with what various jobs entail. In the meantime, if you think you might like to do something, please don't hesitate to ask the person currently in that office.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed Yule!

Ysabeau de Comport

Chatelaine

Greetings Barony,

The Coffee and Chat nights seem to be going well. We determined at the last meeting that we should continue with a rotating schedule of days so we can get maximum participation. The owner of The Fine Grind will save the room for us if we call ahead so I will do that in future.

12th Night is fast approaching and it will be an awesome event to bring new people to as it will be chock full of fun. So bring a friend, I will have something special for those who do :)

In Humble Service to the Barony,

Annabelle Makmyllane

Chronicler

I am putting together this issue on Yule/Solstice, so I hope your holiday festivities will be/will have been happy and your travels safe.

Their Excellencies report from the latest Kingdom Moot includes the advice to put event announcements on all social media. We have the Baronial Yahoo, a Facebook page, and a Google+ page that I will try to keep current. However, I am not on Twitter or the other assorted media, so someone else will have to cover those.

Please note that, in accordance with Kingdom procedure, the e-mail addresses of the officers have been changed away from personal to transferable addresses on gmail (which I continue to dislike, as it wants to be the default for everything). The new listings are on the back page Baronial Officium.

I have now invested in a PDF converter, which will allow me to import files into Word, whence I can pull them into Publisher. Mostly. Please do not pre-format flyers. It makes a lot more work for me. Plain text is preferred. For this issue, at least, I am reverting from booklet form.

Ariadne



Arts & Sciences

Planned are lantern-making, silk banner painting, scribal day, and garb.

Yours in service,

Yllaria de Comport

Herald

Hael and Well-Met!

Heraldry in Rising Waters is healthy and active! As I begin to put together our domesday report for Trillium Herald, I look back on my first year as your Herald. This year has seen over a dozen consultations on names and devices/arms, as well as workshops on painted banners and wearable heraldry. We have also had more open deliberations on the Baronial Order of Precedence, updating details of the awards and commendations our residents have received.

In the New Year, I hope to continue urging Baronial residents to submit their names and devices/arms – and then, to create your own banner. Let's show the pageantry of Rising Waters at this Spring Coronation in April!

As ever, contact me if you have an interest in heraldry, or would like to develop your own SCA name and device. There is much to explore in the world of heraldry!

Your Humble Herald,

ban teirna Sciath ingen Chaennaig

Current Heraldry Submission Status Report

In Development –

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

Jareth Etty: Name still in consideration

Jareth Etty: Device - *Gules, two spears crossed argent, over a cooks pot argent, within a bordure rayonny argent*

Susana Thomson: Device – *Sable, an orle argent, a fox sejant gardant argent*

Yvette de Sancler: Name

Theodericus Bracsis – Name

Theodericus Bracsis: Device – *Argent, two demi-eagles joined displayed sable*

In Commentary

Sciath ingen Chaennaig: Device - *Or, a quatrafoil azure, a tierce indented azure*

Susana Thomson: Name

Da'ud al-Basir: Name

Being Decided

Rising Waters, Barony of: Household Name - *Abbey of Rising Waters*

Rising Waters, Barony of: Order Name - *Order of the Blessed Chalice*

Rising Waters, Barony of: Badge - *Gules, on a cross Or five goblets sable*

Yllaria de Comport: Name

Yllaria de Comport: Device - *Argent, seven sprigs of lavender proper, and in a chief azure a dove volant argent*

Ysabeau de Comport: Device - *Gules, three chevronels braced and on a chief argent, two wolves' heads erased adorsed gules*

Pended for 3-months further commentary

Jowan nyn Ranell: Name

Jowan nyn Ranell: Device - *Vert, a domestic cat couchant and on a chief argent a feather reversed vert*

Returned

Sciath ingen Chaennaig: Device - *Per fess argent and vert, three mascles vert and a badger's head erased sable marked argent*

Accepted

Alice de Lyng: Name

Heavy Weapons

Alexandra School is being contracted as our indoor site. Details to be announced.

Richard & Annabelle

Archery

[copied from our Facebook page]

Hi everyone... I have opened up an archery only business in Beamsville called [Top Flight Archery](#). We are also located in the same building as Mackie's Archery. We provide 2600sq ft indoor range (20M) with a brand new backstop. Perfect for your indoor shooting practice to keep your skills sharp... I can also offer recurve and longbows of varying price ranges (mild to wild), wooden arrow parts (fletchings, arrow shafts etc) but I would like to know the demand for that.

Lenth of Arrows

Bow weight (number of lbs# the bow draws at)

Blunts or field points

feathers (fletchings)

Please come to our FB Page and say hi, and come by the range to practice. Please let us know how we can help better serve your Archery needs.

Thanks!

Brian Caballero

Highlights of the Meetings

Baronial Meeting, December 8, 2013, at Finally Oaks. The meeting began at 12:30 and was attended by 19 gentles, with 2 children providing counterpoint.

Excellencies: attended investiture of the new baron & baroness of Skraeling Althing, plus Wassail. Their Excellencies recommend sending recommendations on Kingdom law to the privy council, who are now receiving. Standardization of A&S is being looked into across the kingdom, and will probably be added to a wiki. [Pictures of scrolls should be part of the Ealdormere wiki when it reboots, to give the scribes ideas of what has been and what can be done.]

Chatelaine: there will not be a coffee-chat this December. The coffee-chat day of the week is being moved around to see what garners most attendees (old & new). [Reynard has given the phone number of The Fine Grind to Her Excellency Annabelle so that she can reserve the back room for us in future. It was amusing that, quite by chance, a man who had attended some of our archery practices at Richmond Street School was at Fine Grind with his family. His wife was attending the knitting club in the back room, and his child and L'lyn had a fine time together. We hope to see this family again.]

Archery: nuffin. [Some members are shooting at Mackies, but this does not yet include the Archery Marshal.]

Chronicler: The subscriptions of those desiring paper copies sent by mail are now due in order to cover the next 6 issues. See calendar page for details.

[Web Minister: Lady Briend is changing the server that our web page is on, and our renewal for that page is due. She will be sending the invoice to the Exchequer. There has been a suggestion that we need to put more pictures on the web page, not just on the Yahoo and Facebook groups.]

Fighting: will Memorial or Alexandra school be feasible sites, price-wise? Children's non-profit organisations get a discount; otherwise this might not be feasible. [It looks like we will be at Alexandra School in St. Catharines starting in January for martial activities and whatever else we can manage, like dance practices.]

Signet: scroll supplies are now available. {Scrolls are needed for 12thnight. Thanks to Baron Caleb of the Hael for the four scroll blanks he donated to us on Scroll-making day.}

Exchequer: Aibhilin is chasing up money owed from the Kingdom, from Dafydd. [He has been very helpful to us in the past. We should have the money before January.]

Herald: Alice de Lyng (Alicia Comi) - name accepted. Jowan (Joey Hillier) awaiting further commentary. All gentles, please check the Kingdom Order of Precedence for any necessary update to your awards. [The Wolfium is missing some essential details in spite of updates sent in the past.]

A&S: Scroll day went well, thanks to Baron Caleb. 17th December: lantern making. Garb night in January? [We should make more silk banners for display at Coronation. Sciath suggests the Common Room of her apartment building as a venue.]

Seneschal: Ysabeau's Kingdom report is in. Please, gentles, send the rest of the reports in.

12th Night: Bring games! Can Gema get help from the barony with wood-burning numbers on wooden cubes? Simian will need to get feast gear from Rosalinda before Xmas. Reservations for feast will absolutely close one week before the event. [Rosalind Pax is again our reservations clerk extraordinaire.]

Coronation: Sciath/ Aibhilin/ Annabelle had a Skype meeting to set the staff list. Their next meeting is in January. The Hael have been made aware. Lady Selwyn will run the commissary, but will need helpers. Solar lanterns (from Dec. A&S night) will demarcate the ditch. Valdr is going to make banner stands.

New Business:

* Please make little gifts for the Barony to give as largesse, that's always in demand. Possibly, this could be accomplished at an A&S night.

*German Village is being demolished and will therefore not be a possible venue for the Lady Mary Memorial Tourney this autumn.

*New Year meeting schedule.. Jan. 11th (14:00-17:00, Rosie's) will be event post-mortem meeting, not all are expected to attend. More help for the kitchen staff *might* help that.

March 2nd. April 6th. May 4th (Finally Oaks!) May 7th is Murder Melee. June 15th. July 6th. August: no meeting (mini-events act as such).

* Lady Gema expressed her thanks for the support of the Barony during her family's time of loss and health issues.

The meeting ended at 1:30 and the revelry commenced. A good time was had by all.

Report submitted by Lord Ieuan, with additions by Baroness Ariadne.

Needed: an accompanist for a poetic recitation

This musician must combine great skill with a willingness to be second fiddle on this occasion. The job is accompanying a recitation of a troubadour poem, which is meant for Her Incoming Majesty at the next coronation [April 26 in Rising Waters]. Musician must either find or compose suitable music, and play it in such a way as to evoke 12th-century musicianship. If you are interested, please contact Finnvarr:

Steve.Muhlberger@gmail.com

Report from Kingdom Moot

The Ealdormere Moot was held at Wassail this year, and the discussion was lively and the topics wide-ranging. Here are a few of the points in the discussion that we have brought back to Rising Waters. Hopefully, these points will raise discussion locally, as well.

The Queen's Prize Tourney (QPT)

The QPT was a great initiative. Queen Adrielle is prepared to run it again so we may see it again in the Spring. There was a discussion on the perhaps changing the criteria in the Pent division, particularly in terms of how categories are defined and how many entries could be included in single categories to qualify to enter in the Pent. One speaker suggested that there should be more discussion to redefine the categories, specifically studio arts. Therefore input is requested from the Kingdom. It is key to remember that the objective of Pent is to show a breadth of work.

Webminister on Privy Council

With the proposed addition of the webminister to the Privy Council, the council will consist of 8 members and a concern was raised about tied votes. We were advised that the Crown breaks ties.

Local Fundraising

There was a discussion that did not reach any specific conclusions about fundraisers. Some of the points raised included:

- Look to fund raise outside the SCA so we have a large source of revenue to access rather than just ourselves.

- Need to follow the SCA rules.

- Any Corporate sponsorship needs to be reviewed and approved at a SCA Corporate level.

Use of Social Media

TRM have been posting an awards list on Social Media after events and it is enjoyed. There were suggestions to expand the amount of material on awards on social media such as photographs of scrolls. There would have to be a provision to ask the artist and recipient for permission to post the image, and for an artist to ask for a scroll be taken down if they are not happy with their work. One individual commented that the recipient, now owner of the scroll, has the right to post on their own social media account. One participant praised the practice of posting scrolls, citing the practice from the Kingdom of Atlantia – citing that it encourages those interested in scribal work to take their skills to the next level, and to celebrate the work of local scribes.

It is requested that there be a one stop shop for social media content for events. Currently there are inconsistencies between e-mails, website, and FaceBook.

Further to the social media comments it was suggested that we not create too many special little Face Book or electronic mail lists as it sub divides the Kingdom too much.

Changes to Kingdom Law

Read the posted law changes and respond. Also members can suggest law changes too.

Witnessed on November 30th, 2013, thereof,

His Excellency Baron Richard Larmer

Ban tierna Sciath ingen Chaennaig

Lord Ieuan ap Gwilym

Rising Waters presents
Baronial Twelfthnight

January 11, 2014, A.S. XLVIII

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

St. Columba Church, 7 St. Columba Drive, St. Catharines

L2N 3G4, 905-935-4473

Site is all one level and wheelchair accessible.

Gate fee: Adults \$9 (includes KET, not NMS)

Children (1-15) \$0, zilch, nada, nothing, free



Head Gatekeeper & reservations:

Rosalind Pax of Castle Rising, (Cheryl Hobley)

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Feast is currently set at 40 people. Reservations close Saturday, January 4th. Firm.

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Feast Apprentice: Simian of Rising Waters

Directions: From Hamilton: Take the QEW Niagara to the Lake Street exit, turn right onto Dunlop Drive. Turn right onto Lake Street and go over the overpass.

** Turn right onto Scott Street. Turn left onto Geneva Street. Turn left onto St. Columba Drive. The church is on the left side. Driveway to the parking is on the right side of the church.

From Fort Erie & USA: Take the QEW Toronto to the Lake Street exit. Turn left onto Lake Street.

Follow directions from **.

Please note that the circle parking in the front of the Hall is for Royalty and Event Staff. Feel free to offload any items at the front door and then park in the back parking lot. Thank you.

There is additional parking if needed at Parnell Public School, located directly behind the church at the corner of Linwell and Geneva.

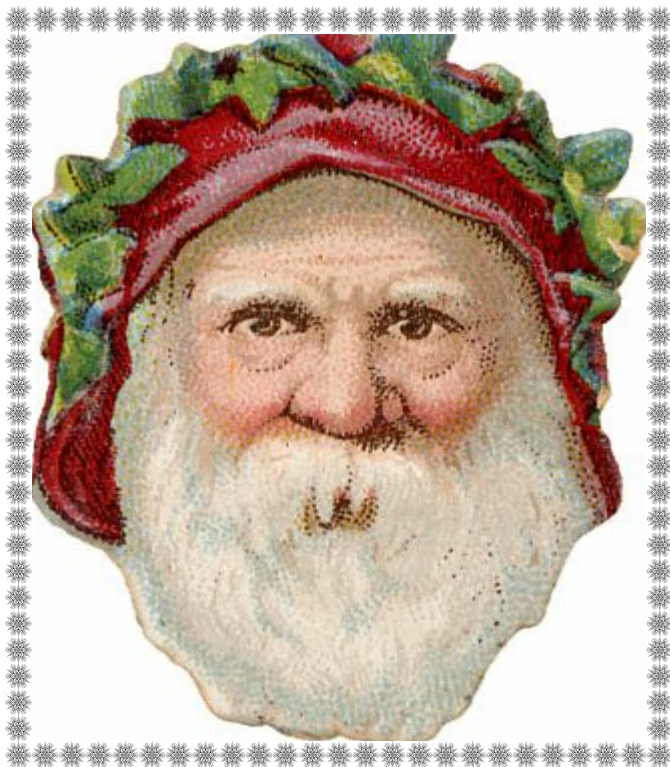
This is a relaxed event filled with family, friendship and gaming. Bring your favorite period game (or close to period) or enjoy one of the games provided. There will be tables and chairs set up in the halls for comfort. Dancing, music and bardic arts are always welcome. Share stories of our past & make memories for the future.

Feast:

Breads and Butters (plain and honey)
Spinach Salad with Cranberries, Walnuts (provided on side), Romano cheese
with Vinaigrette dressing
Honey Lemon Chicken
Mushroom Tarte
Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
Beef Pasty
Saffron Rice
Roasted Zucchini Bites
Apple Dumplings



If you have any allergies or restrictions please contact me at Jennifer_etty@hotmail.com. I personally have a nut allergy so all precautions will be taken with the walnuts.



January



February

*The Royal Coronation of Sir Siegfried Brandboern and Ragni Dzintara,
Prince and Princess of Ealdormere*

Hosted by the Barony of Rising Waters



April 26, 2014, A.S. XLVIII

Site opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m.

Location: Arpad Community Centre, 10215 Montrose Road,
Niagara Falls, ON L0S 1K0

Site fee: Adults \$10, youth \$5, children \$0. KET \$1

Feast: Adults \$15, youth \$7.50

A simple lunch will be available for \$3.

Pre-registration is required for feast as seats are limited.

Event Stewards: THL Sciath ingen Chaennig (Trudi Wright),
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Feast Steward: Lady Gema Krasil'Nikova (Jennifer Etty),
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Reservations: Lady Rosalind Pax of Castle Rising (Cheryl Hobley), rozpax@ymail.com

Directions: From the QEW take exit 21, then the ramp right for RR-47 toward Welland. Turn right onto RR-47W/Lyons Creek Road. The event site is behind the main building. Parking is in front of the feast hall.

Further details are available through the event website:

<http://ealdormerespringcoronation.weebly.com/>



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Looking towards
the future.

