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This publication is only as interesting as its content. Please consider making a contribution in the form of photographs, articles, art work, event reports, medieval recipes, items of historical interest etc.

The next issue, Winter 2022, will come out in January 2022 so please send in any submission by the end of December 2021. Thank you!

Corrections, Submissions, Suggestions, please send to the Chronicler, Lady Bera Oddsdottir <u>chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com</u>

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The Barony of Rising Waters can be found online at: <u>http://baronyofrisingwaters.org</u>





Recent Historical News

Here are some of the lastest articles about historical studies and discoveries that might be of interest to our members:



<u>Ancient Crusades-era sword found by</u> <u>diver off coast of Israel</u>



<u>Rich medieval hipster was buried</u> with his fancy beard comb



Ancient Documents Suggest Italian Sailors Knew of America 150 Years Before Christopher Columbus



<u>Israeli archaeologists discover</u> <u>ancient winemaking complex</u>



Missive from Baroness Sciath

Greetings, Rising Waters Community!

We were able to attend Their Majesties Coronation and joined in a joyous celebration! Their Graces, Kaylah and Trumbrand held a regency court, after which Their Majesties were finally adorned with the crowns of Ealdormere. Wassail! I was particularly excited to see Lord Iustace di Cordoba recognized with an Award of the Scarlet Banner - I'm proud that the renown of Our armoured champion has come to Their Majesties' notice. Wassail!

Thank you to all who attended our picnic on September 26 at Fireman's Park.

We had a beautiful day, and I was fortunate to meet one of our newer members, Crespin!

Stone the Crows (in the incipient Shire of Champs des Corbeaux) on September 18 was a relaxing event, and I was fortunate to work with the Fencing MIC on my MIT duties.



Huntsman's Harvest, in our neighbouring Barony of Ben Dunfirth, was a beautiful day on October 2, I was able to participate in the fencing poker tournament.

The Brawl in the Fall - Pikeman's Pleasure was just this past weekend, and we were excited to celebrate Their Majesties' recognition of Lady Gelleia le Vintner, our very own Arts & Science Champion, with an Award of Arms. Wassail!

For upcoming events, Their Majesties will hold a tournament to determine their heirs, on October 20; Feast of the Hare, and Skraeling Althing Investiture is scheduled for November 13. I look forward to representing the Nobles of the Chalice in conveying congratulations.

The Queen's Prize Tournament is a go for this year! It is scheduled for November 27, and I encourage any interested in participating to check out this exciting event. I spoke with Duchess Adrielle this past weekend,



and the site and setup will provide for good spacing for all attending.

Find out more here: https://www.facebook.com/events/388175866316986

Youth Corps Update:

I have received reports that Sugawara Takamasa, son of Sir Richard and Baroness Annabelle, has engaged in activities related to the scribal arts. In support of our youth corps. Congratulations and welcome to our first member of the Baronial Youth Corps!

I know that many of us have been fortunate to attend events from around the known world, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to engage with so many old friends and new friends in the Society. As we head into the Fall, we are optimistic about our future. I look forward to seeing each of you again, so please take care of yourselves while we bide our time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me at risingwaters@gmail.com. Remember that I hold each of you in my thoughts and in my heart.

Yours in Service, Sciath Baroness of Rising Waters

Nobles of the Chalice Recognition:

Lord Iustas di Cordoba, our Baronial Armoured Champion, was recognized by Their Majesties on the occasion of Their Coronation, with an Award of the Scarlet Banner.



At Brawl in the Fall - Pikeman's Pleasure, in the Canton of Petrea Thule, Lady Gelleia le Vintner was recognized by Their Majesties with an Award of Arms.





At Huntsman's Harvest, in the Barony of Ben Dunfirth, Jotun Bjorn placed second in the thrown weapons tournament. Congratulations!

A Message from the Web Minister

There have been some developments in the Barony's online presence that are currently a work in progress. For quite some time now we've been planning on getting a searchable database of important information about our Barony's populace.

What this means is that when it is complete, users will be able to go to the website and search Heraldry, Awards, and the Order of Presedence. I'm fairly excited about the possibilities for this database of information and hope it will prove to be useful!

If there are any special features that you can think of that you would like to integrate into this system please let me know and I will see what I can do.

Thank you!

YIS, Bera Oddsdottir Webminister

A Message from the Chronicler

Due to health issues I will need to step down from the position of Chronicler. If anybody is interested in taking over this job please don't hesitate to reach out to me to ask questions. I will be here and available to assist the next chronicler with setting up their newsletter files if needed. Whatever I can do to make the transition as easy as possible.

If you wish to apply please send an email application to both the Seneschal Baroness Aibhilin kennari fra Skye <u>seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com</u> and Baroness Sciath ingen Chaennaig <u>risingwaters@gmail.com</u>.

YIS, Bera Oddsdottir Chronicler

Baroníal Calendar

As the situation in the world is still subject to a lot of changes I will keep information about Current Events in an online capacity only. The world, and our SCA world is opening up again but there are still a number of meetings and events that are still in Virtual Lands only, like our Barony Meetings.

To keep aprised of what gatherings you can attend, both physically and digitally please check out the following resources... and please stay safe everybody!

Bera

https://baronyofrisingwaters.org/event_calendar/

https://www.facebook.com/groups/BaronyOfRisingWaters/events/

Now Seeking

We are seeking applications for a few positions within our growing community.

<u>Chronicler</u>

Responsible for quarterly publishing of the Baronial newsletter, the Cataract

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Responsible for promoting the arts and sciences of the Middle Ages in the Barony.

Community Liason

Develop and strengthen relationshiops with the local community.

Minster of Children

Responsible for activities & supporting engagement with youth in the Barony.

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SCA Online

Virtual SCA Collective Calendar

http://research.fibergeek.com/virtual-sca-calendar/

Known World Entertainment Guide

https://www.facebook.com/KWEGuide/

Facebook Groups

The Honorable Clover https://www.facebook.com/groups/967942963341698/

SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display https://www.facebook.com/groups/virtualsca/

Ealdormere Internet Arts & Science Event https://www.facebook.com/groups/896001760844623/

Online Universities/Learning

Harvard University Free Humanities Courses <u>https://online-learning.harvard.edu/catalog?keywords=&subject[]=8</u>

Coursera Free History Courses <u>https://www.coursera.org/browse/arts-and-humanities/history</u>

edX Free History Courses https://www.edx.org/course/subject/history

My Mooc Archeology Courses https://www.my-mooc.com/en/moocs?search[query]=archeology

More?? big list of free e-learning resources

Virtual Pastimes

Every Tuesday @ 7:00 PM: <u>Ealdormere Eats</u> - Join them weekly for discussions on period spices, feasts, recipies and all things food.

Every Thursday @ 7:00 PM: <u>Ask the Knights - Live!</u> - Each week two guest knights answer questions submitted by unbelts from around the Known World!.

Every Friday @ 7:00 PM: <u>SCA Coaches Corner</u> Hosted by a partnership of coaches from several kingdoms on training, teaching and coaching for SCA combat.

Every Friday @ 8:00 PM: <u>Three Rivers Bardic Zoom</u> - Hosted by the Kingdom of Calontir's Barony of the Three Rivers.

Every Sunday @ 8:00 PM: Sunday <u>Evenings with the Scribes</u> - A weekly recurring scribal practise the West's Cynagua College of Scribes

<u>The Sisters Interviews</u> Real life sisters who play the SCA together and are now interviewing fascinating people, live

Meeting Minutes from Past Quarter

- 1. July 25th 2021
- 2. <u>August 19th 2021</u>
- 3. <u>September 16th 2021</u>

See All Meeting Minutes

Fight Practice



Fight practices are happening out of doors, weather dependent, at the home of Lord Michaelus, **22 Cunningham St, Thorold starting at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays.**

We have had upwards to a dozen people out with five in armour, which included three Knights, some out of armour trainees, and some along to socialize. We have construction lights to allow fighting and packing up after the sun has gone down. All are welcome but they must pre-register at <u>marshal.risingwaters@gmail.com</u> with modern name and telephone number.

Please bring your mask, and your own chair and water. Warning the mosquitos have come out with the cool weather so repellent is recommended.

We are not currently running rapier practices but those could be arranged in due course if there is enough interest.

Loaner equipment is available but please request that in advance. If anyone needs help putting together armour or rattan weapons please reach out to me.

We are looking at an indoor fighting site in the Greater St. Catharines area. If you know of a suitable space for rent please let me know. We do not know if the DSBN will be renting or not and inquiries are being made on that front.

The fighting forces of the Barony of Rising Waters are going to grow this year so come on out and take a chance to hit your friends.

Yours in Service Sir Richard Marshal Barony of Rising Waters So you're interested in becoming a fighter or a fencer?

- 1. Read the handbook for your area of combat. These are available on the Kingdom of Ealdormere, Library site:
- 2. <u>ealdormere_armoured_combat_rules_2011.pdf</u>
- 3. Ealdormere Fencing Handbook v7.pdf
- 4. Gather your gear armour, weaponry, shield/buckler, and off-hand tools. Many new fighters are able to use loaner gear, maintained by the Barony's Marshal. This can be useful in allowing you to test out different gear, and determine what you might like to invest in for your very own armour and weapons. Not all armour is the same, and so it is a good idea to check out the range that is available, both for your persona and for your budget. Second-hand gear is sometimes available, and there are groups on Facebook focused on
- 5. Spend some quality time at fight practices, both local and in neighbouring groups. You may be able to carpool with other fighters who are interested in travelling to practice.
- 6. Consider doing a practice authorization with the fighters and a marshal that you've been training with, and ask a friend to act as your 'coach's corner.' Having a friend provide support, constructive feedback and keep you hydrated is just going to help you to do better in fighting whether getting authorized or fighting in a list.

Authorization Process - Armoured Combat (Section C of the Armoured Combat Handbook)

- 1. A copy of the Rules of the List and the Combat Conventions of Ealdormere must be available at any official event at which authorizations may be conducted. Note that this includes a group practice if authorization is to be attempted there.
- 2. All participants who enter the list area must have an authorization card or execute a temporary waiver before participating at an official event.

- 3. Two (2) warranted marshals are required to authorize a fighter, a third is preferable, and, in any case, at least one should be unfamiliar with the fighter authorizing.
- 4. A marshal cannot authorize someone in a weapons style that they are not or have not been authorized in.
- 5. No unpracticed novices should be allowed to attempt to authorize. This includes combatants coming from the Youth Combat program. They must have a period of training with rattan weapons before attempting to authorize.
- 6. Ealdormere authorization cards shall be valid for a period not to exceed 2 years. At any point before the expiration date, the fighter must communicate with the Minister of the List, or a designated deputy. Upon confirmation that their contact and authorization information is up to date, and that the fighter has fought since the card was issued, the card may be re-issued for an additional 2 year period and stamped with the new expiry date.
- 7. Normally a successful authorization bout for a single-handed weapon and shield will reactivate all the previous authorizations held, but the person may attempt to reauthorize in another weapons style instead of a single-handed weapon and shield if they prefer.
- 8. Authorizations at practices are allowed with the permission of the Earl Marshal.
- 9. The opponent of the authorizing fighter should be experienced and known to the marshals. (This is so the warranting marshals have a standard reference by which to judge the authorizing fighter.)
- 10. All fighters, unless excused by the Kingdom Marshal of Armoured Combat for good and sufficient reason, must authorize first in single-handed weapon and shield
- 11. A primary authorization bout shall, at a minimum, consist of:
 - a. Sparing, calling all blows
 - b. More sparing, with the opponent 'pressing' the candidate.
 - c. Candidate on their knees, fighting a standing opponent.
 - d. Candidate with a weapon in their off-hand with no shield, fighting a fully armed opponent.

- 12. The following shall be the authorization categories for Ealdormere;
 - Single-handed weapon and shield (W/SH) All single-handed swords, axes, maces, or war hammers and shield. Thrusting, including face thrusting, is included in this authorization. Combatants authorizing will need to show that they are safe with both slashing and thrusting.
 - Great Weapon (GW) All two-handed slashing, crushing, and thrusting weapons, including Polearms, Great Swords and Spears. Thrusting, including face thrusting, is included in this authorization. Combatants authorizing will need to show that they are proficient with both slashing and thrusting.
 - Two-weapon (TW) Fighting with one weapon in each hand (a shield is not a weapon).
 - Combat Archery (CA) Bows and Crossbows with tubular arrows.
 - Siege weapons (SW) Catapults, trebuchets, ballistae, etc.

Authorization Process - Fencing (Ealdormere Fencing Handbook)

Authorizations

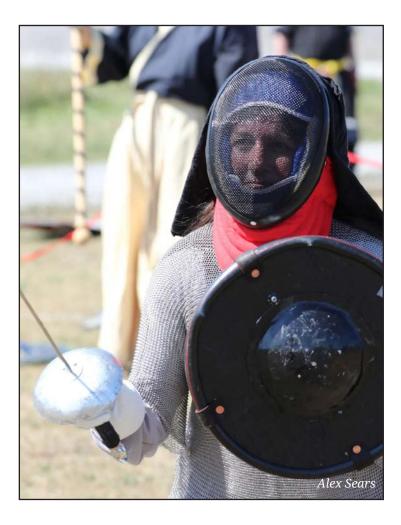
- A. The following primary fencing authorization categories shall exist in Ealdormere. The combatant may choose either for their first authorization, but authorization in one does not grant authorization in the other:
 - a. Rapier (R was HR) Fighting with a single Rapier.
 - b. Cut and Thrust (CT) Fighting with a single Cut and Thrust weapon.
- B. The following secondary fencing authorization categories shall exist in Ealdormere. Once a combatant has authorized in a secondary form, they may use that form in conjunction with any primary authorization they have.
 - a. Parry Device (PD) All parrying devices that comply with the guidelines set out in section 6 (e.g. buckler, baton, cloak, etc.)
 - b. Two-Weapon (TW) Fighting with one weapon in each hand.
- C. An authorization will be run by at least two marshals and may take place at events or practices. The authorizing marshals must be authorized in the form being attempted. For all primary authorizations, at least one and preferably both marshals will be unfamiliar with the candidate. For advanced authorizations, at least one of the marshals will be unfamiliar with the candidate.
 - a. An unfamiliar marshal is one the authorization candidate does not practice with, in the form being attempted, more than once every two months.

- b. As well, the unfamiliar marshal does not live in the same region or municipality as the authorization candidate.
- D. The following procedure shall be used for a primary authorization:
 - a. The candidate will be asked between 2 and 4 of the questions found in Appendix 1, with an answer similar to the ones in Appendix 1. These questions will take place off the field. Questions can be asked at the end of the procedure, at the marshal's discretion.
 - b. The candidate will fence against an experienced and authorized fencer, who may be one of the marshals running the authorization. The experienced fencer will provide many opportunities for the candidate to demonstrate their skills, they will not try to trick the candidate.
 - c. The two will fight as if in a typical bout, acknowledging blows received and responding by losing the use of appendages, as appropriate to the goals of the authorization. The marshals may direct the candidate to fence in a certain manner to facilitate the demonstration of the required skills.
 - d. The candidate will demonstrate both thrusts and cuts with appropriate control.
 - e. Non-valid blows which might have appeared good should be acknowledged verbally.
 - f. The candidate shall show good control, whether being energetically pressed, or on the attack.
 - g. The candidate shall demonstrate good calibration with both their primary and their off-hand.
 - h. The candidate shall demonstrate good calibration against an opponent who is fighting from the ground.
 - i. The candidate shall demonstrate the ability to respond properly to a hold.
 - j. The marshals and authorized fencer shall discuss the candidate's progress at several points during the authorization. If they agree that the candidate has shown sufficient skill and control to be able to participate safely in fencing tournaments, then the candidate shall be considered authorized.
 - k. The candidate shall submit the necessary paperwork to the appropriate people to receive an authorization card. At this point the candidate shall be allowed to participate in all fencing activities in Ealdormere, using only the weapon forms in which they are authorized.

- E. An authorization in Parry Device or Two-Weapon shall follow the authorization procedure in H., with the following stipulations:
 - a. Authorization in a secondary form grants the use of all devices allowable for the secondary form, regardless of the particular device used to authorize (e.g. authorizing in Two-Weapon with a dagger allows the fencer to also fight with two rapiers, and authorizing in Parry Device with a buckler allows the fencer to also fight with a cloak or baton.)
 - b. It is necessary to show safety with only a single type of device during the authorization. It is incumbent on the fencer to become familiar with other devices covered by the authorization category before using them in outside of practice.
 - c. Questions are not part of the authorization procedure, as the understanding of the rules should be demonstrated.
 - d. The parry object a fencer brings to their authorization should be a rigid object, such as a buckler or baton, except under unusual circumstances, at the discretion of the authorizing marshal.
 - e. No reporting of secondary authorizations is necessary, they shall be reported when the fencer renews their authorization card.

Newly Authorized Baronial Members

At Their Majesties' recent coronation, We were delighted to witness Lady Margarete de Mey successfully authorized in rapier combat, and fight in the bear pit. Wassail, Lady Margarete!

























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Entries by: Aibhilin, Bera, Lucia, Nika, Sciath, Runa, & Rhys

















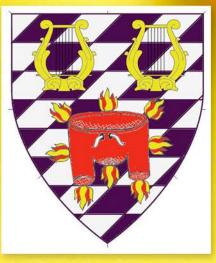






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Rapier Combat: Lord Hamish MacLeod

Arts and Sciences: TBD

Bardic Arts: TBD

Archery: TBD

Youth Champion: TBD



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