

Baronial Officers' Meeting, April 13, 2025

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Next Events:
 - War College & Feast of the Expeditus (April 19) in Sterling
 - Coronation (April 26) in Lombardy
 - Lady Mary (May 3) at home
 - Crown (May 24) in Caledonia
 - Eoforwic 50th Anniversary (May 31) in York
- Camping/Summer event planning:
 - Fruits of Our Labour (May 16-19) - Baronial camp
 - Murder Melee in the Meadow (June 5-8) - Baronial camp
 - Trillium War (June 27-July 1) - Baronial camp
 - Pennsic War (July 25-August 10)
 - Calling the Crows (August 8-15)
- Congratulations to Sir Richard for being placed on the Scroll of Honour, for his service as Ealdormere's war general at Gulf Wars!
- Call for recommendations for recognition
 - Baronial recommendations before April 25th in order to be included in the Lady Mary court.
 - Kingdom recognition

Seneschal Report (Dmitri/Sam)

- Will try to get to LM court, is due on the range with the military. Gema may need to discuss the investiture business at court at LM
- Trying to get to FooL and Crown, but schedule has many conflicts at this point.

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- Account balance: \$8,527.30
- 2025 - Q1 Report is due on May 15th

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

- Preparing for LM, Scholar's Tournament, A&S Presentation at LM (floral theme)

Marshal's Report (Iustus/Jay)

- Richard - continued successful AC practices, 3-6 people, Duke Evander came with many others from Ben Dunfirth, past week - Trumbrand and Kaylah came to practice
- We are now out of the school - moving to Michaelis' place in Welland for the future
- Iustus has asked Richard to consider taking over the role of Marshal after LM
- Alistair - Their farm is also available - need to know 24 hours in advance, might be useful for an indoor practice in the barn, if the outdoor site is wet/rain
- Richard - discussion coming offline for timing for future practices

- Motion: Sam/Dmitri to reach out to Iustus to confirm step down from office at LM, and for Richard to act as successor. Richard to complete the paperwork.
 - Motion has passed

Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Good participation every week, attendance has been higher than AC consistently
- Ben Dunfirth fencers have been attending
- Discussion coming regarding whether to continue having fencing practices with AC practices over the Summer.

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- No practices yet in RW, but Don the Duckman has been holding regular practices in Ben Dunfirth - good attendance

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- New peerage is now official!

Herald's Report (Ren)

- In commentary:
 - Elizabeth Scarlett of Warwick - Ealdormere: Name
 - Ciarán Gunne of Rising Waters

Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

- 2 scroll assignments given in preparation of Lady Mary

Webminister Report (Rhys)

- Updates to Ealdormere web-space - pending at this time.
- Baronial website is stable
- Lady Mary page has been kept updated (any more information should be sent either to myself or HE so we can put it online)

Chronicler

- Noble Crespin/Corcran has been unresponsive to email and Discord PMs. Kingdom Chronicler has been attempting to communicate with them to put them on the warrant.
- Discussion regarding Chronicler - confirm whether Corcran has capacity, or should we advertise for a new Chronicler
- Send posts for the Baronial Cataract Blog to risingwaters@gmail.com for now.

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys)

- Gained 5 new FB members
- 0 infractions, 27 posts
- Thank you to our top contributors:
 - Sir Richard
 - Matthew (new member)
 - Alistair

- Encouraging new members to engage in conversation on the Discord channel

Chatelaine (Rhys)

- Received reply from Ontario Welsh Festival - Apr 25-27, conflicts with Coronation. Prefer a Welsh focus. Open to doing a facilitated seminar in the future. The timing is too short for this year, unfortunately.
- Grape and Wine festival - theme, it's grape and wine time! Fee is \$45 + hst - September 27th (2 weeks after investiture) at 11am. Minimum of 20 participants, over the age of 10.
 - If we have a float, we need to provide a description of it and materials. Safety railing needed if there are riders.
 - Rhys is planning to reach out to Kingdom Chatelaine, Brand, for support and organization/planning.

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- Rhys has talked with Society DEI - who is re-organizing how it will look given the current policy.
- Sciath will reach out to folks working on the incorporation question.

Accessibility Officer (Stephan/Jotun-Bjorn)

- Did a walkthrough of the Lady Mary site, posted on event page, barony page, and kingdom page with basic walkthrough and information for those who might have accessibility issues. I have posted a map of the site to the event page on FaceBook.

Old Business

1. Lady Mary Memorial Tournament

- a. Date: May 3, 2025 (already on the Kingdom calendar!)
- b. Event steward: Abhilin fra Skye
- c. Deputy Event Steward: Ren (day-of Steward)
- d. Feast Steward: Abhilin & Gema
- e. Lunch Steward: Countess Josephine of Ben Dunfirth
- f. Royalty Liaison: Annabelle and Richard
- g. Reservation: Gema - no reservations received yet. Cap is 60 for feast
- h. Head Server: Leslie to confirm
- i. Merchant Liaison: Abhilin
- j. Scholar's Tournament: Sciath
- k. TW MiC: Rhys
- l. AC MiC: Iustus
- m. Need a list - Sciath to reach out to Elizabeth for this.
- n. Rapier MiC: Alistair
- o. Archery MiC: Nika
- p. Archery update from Nika: Iustus will not be able to deliver the butts to the event (his wife will have the truck) but I have checked with Michaelis and he can do it. We will just need to get someone who can take the butts to Alister and Anne's

place afterwards (or, if we can't get someone right away, to take them somewhere temporarily until we can). I would check in with Alister to find out whether he can do it.

- q. Alistair will coordinate transfer list gear to the event.
- r. Fundraiser: Eydis
 - i. Donations can be dropped off at Sciath's place before the event.
- s. Sciath to drop off autocrat box to Leslie this week

2. Baronial Investiture - the Process

- a. Baroness Sciath's tenure will end in Autumn 2025.
 - i. Baronial Succession policy has been verified by Kingdom Seneschal
 - ii. Timeline:
 - 1. Publicly announce HE's step-down at Lady Mary, May 3, 2025.
 - 2. Letters of intention will be accepted after that time by the Baronial Seneschal.
 - 3. There will be at minimum two meet and greet sessions scheduled for the Baronial populace to meet with the candidates
 - 4. Baronial populace will be invited to cast ballots in support of the candidates
 - 5. Baronial Seneschal will report on the ballot results to Their Royal Majesties and the Kingdom Seneschal
 - 6. The Successful candidates will likely be announced at War of the Trillium

3. Baronial Investiture - the Event

- a. We are looking for a bid for the investiture event (Sept, Oct or Nov)
 - i. September 13, 2025, is held in the Kingdom Calendar for the investiture
 - ii. Location:
 - iii. Event steward: Rhys to submit a bid, Ren is happy to support
 - iv. Feast steward: Silas with support from Annabelle
 - v. Royalty Liaison:
 - vi.

Open Discussion

- 1. In the Kingdom event rotation, Rising Waters will have the 2026 Spring Crown (May 26, 2026) - approximately 2 weeks after Lady Mary (May 9, 2026, if using the usual timing). Fruits of our Labour happens between the two events (normally). Recommend putting the bid together for RW baronial council approval asap, and submitting it to the Privy Council in September 2025.
 - a. Sam/Dmitri and Ren to discuss switching for Fall Coronation 2026
- 2. Richard - some frustration with using DSBN schools, since bookings can be cancelled due to school events. We are looking for a site that can be used year-round - it may be more expensive, and we haven't been collecting donations at practices. Richard is going to explore options to discuss at future meetings.

Next meeting date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 6pm the Crumphold, 161 Russell Ave., St. Catharines (the day after Spring Crown)