

Baronial Officers' Meeting, May 25, 2025

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- We attended Their Majesties' Crown Tournament, and congratulate Prince Tristham and Princess Anneke the Furious on their ascension as heirs to the lupine throne
- Many thanks to everyone who helped to make a rainy Lady Mary such a glorious event!
- It was a fun time at Fruits of Our Labour, though cooler than we'd like, and wet
- Camping/Summer event planning:
 - [Eoforwic's 50th anniversary](#) - May 31
 - [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)
- Call for recommendations for recognition
 - Baronial recommendations before April 25th in order to be presented at this Summer's Great Court
 - Kingdom recognition - <https://ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

Seneschal Report (Dmitri/Sam)

- Deadline for letters of intent for next landed baronage is due by June 2nd. Send letters/email to me and her Excellency

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- Need to have my warrant renewed with Kingdom Exchequer. I have downloaded the form, and will need Dmitri's signature before I can send it in to Exchequer Lady Catherine Rose Lamont
- Account balance: \$8,327.30
- I have ordered new cheques, and they have come in - yay!

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

- A&S Competition at Lady Mary (Scholar's Tournament), congratulations to Lady Yusuko on her success
- Lovely event tokens by Ren for Lady Mary
- Planning a resist dying workshop this Summer; HE Sciath has offered to do a painted silk workshop
- Lady Eydis requests that we consider making a banner to fly at Pennsic - bannersofwar.com
- Sciath commends the feast stewards for the Crown event, for their work to provide an indigenous meal

- Gema announces that she would like to retire from MOAS, and advertise for a replacement. Stepping out of the role at investiture. **Rhys to post advertisement for role on the website. Sciath to post it to the Cataract.**

Marshal's Report (Iustus/Jay)

- Results from Lady Mary to be submitted for the event report
- Practice site moved to Suzi's house (38 Deerfield Pkwy, Thorold) - rain weather backup at Jordan and Rowan's place.
- Trying to put together a five-man RW team for Murder Melee
- Needs to complete the Change of Office form (sent via Zoom)
- All youth marshal activities are on hold, until Police Checks for youth activities marshals can be completed

Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Congratulations to Ciarán Gunne on authorizing in rapier, including spear at Fruits of Our Labour. He has also joined the ranks of marshals in training. Good work!
- DSBN allows for school bookings through the Summer - Sir Richard recommends polling for the night for practices before registering for a gym booking. Sir Richard to schedule a gathering to plan for the schedule.

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- Don the Duckman has been holding regular practices in Ben Dunfirth - good attendance

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Practices are imminent - and depend entirely on the weather!
- Known World TW 15-foot Spear Experiment

1) This experiment is to determine the safety of changing the minimum distance for Spear from 10 feet at soft targets and 20 ft at hard targets to 15 feet at all targets. If doing so is determined to be safe, this SCA rule change will improve the thrown weapons program in the following ways:

- Make Spear throwing more accessible to participants who are not necessarily tall and strong and/ or have physical impairments.
- Increase participants' (particularly new throwers) success, joy, and fun. Therefore, they are more likely to throw more.
- Simplify range setup.
- Simplify rules marshals must implement
- Shorten (on average) the time it takes to throw and retrieve because there will be less steps in the process (currently throw, advance, throw, then retrieve. Proposed will result in throw, then retrieve).

The general plan is to offer participation to each Kingdom as determined by their Kingdom-level Thrown Weapons marshals, who would need approval up their chain of command to their Kingdom Earl Marshal. It will be administrated by the

Society Deputy Earl Marshal for Thrown Weapons, who will provide written (electronic) documents on how to run the experiment, collect the data, and report the data. Virtual or in person (when possible) explanations will be provided.

Kingdom Thrown Weapons marshals will determine if they want to limit participation to only some thrown weapons marshals in their Kingdom, using a Kingdom- level criteria (such as only regional marshals) or with a documented cause.

The goal of the experiment is to determine if there is a safety concern with changing the minimum distance for spear at hard target from 20 feet to 15 feet. This will be measured from different target types (traditional hard- rounds), traditional soft (haybales and foam) , wall targets, and “other “for both novice and experienced throwers. Results of the 2x3 matrix will be checked for statistical significance. The experiment will run for long enough to get statistically significant data for all 6 cells. The experiment will be considered a success if each category has unsafe throws 3% or less of the time. SCA rules will only be changed if the experiment is a success. (Kingdoms have the option of narrowing SCA rules; they can not broaden them.)

Herald's Report (Ren)

- Being Decided
 - Anne von Talstadt - Ealdormere: Device Change - *Vert, a horse courant, in base an embattle coronet, a bordure flory counter-flory argent.*
 - Elizabeth Scarlett of Warwick - Ealdormere: Name
 - Ciarán Gunne of Rising Waters - Laurel: Name

Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

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Webminister Report (Rhys)

- Baronial website is stable
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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.
- Group will advertise for a replacement
- Send posts for the [Baronial Cataract Blog](#) to risingwaters@gmail.com for now.

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys)

- Gained 6 new FB members
- 1 infractions, 37 posts
- Thank you to our top contributors: Andrew, Leslie and Don

- Encouraging new members to engage in conversation on the Discord channel
- Ren - comments on the need for the admin to monitor event pages. There were spam posts on the LM event page.
- Dmitri suggests creating a message chat group for the admins to better coordinate managing the FB group/events.

Chatelaine (Rhys)

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DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- Society has posted a call for applicants to a DEIB

Accessibility Officer (Stephan/Jotun-Bjorn)

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Old Business

1. Lady Mary Memorial Tournament
 - a. Attendance: 99
 - b. Financial Report: \$307.10 profit
 - c. Final Wrap-up:
 - d. Gema - did a pop bar, which was relatively successful. Loss of \$20, but some leftover inventory. Feast was poorly attended, unfortunately.
2. Baronial Investiture - the Process
 - a. The succession policy is now active.
 - i. Baronial Succession policy has been verified by Kingdom Seneschal
 - ii. Timeline:
 1. Deadline for candidate's submission of intent must be sent to Baronial Seneschal and Baroness by June 2, 2025.
 2. There will be at minimum two meet and greet sessions scheduled for the Baronial populace to meet with the candidates
 3. Baronial populace will be invited to cast ballots in support of the candidates
 4. Kingdom Seneschal will count ballot and report results to Their Royal Majesties
 5. The Successful candidates may 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; Richard may also submit a bid
- iv. Feast steward: Silas with support from Annabelle
- v. Royalty Liaison:

4. Kingdom Event Change

- a. 2026 Spring Crown: Rising Waters proposes to switch for 2026 Fall Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
- b. Propose to use the site from 2026 Spring Crown - Caledonia Community Centre (use Lion site, not arena side) at 100 Haddington St, Caledonia, ON N3W 2N4

Tentative next meeting date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 6pm the Crumphold, 161 Russell Ave., St. Catharines