

Baronial Officers' Meeting, June 22, 2025

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- We held court at Their Majesties' Great Court at Murder Melee. With TRM's approval, I announced the names of the candidates for the Baronial seats of Rising Waters. Congratulations to Honourable Noble Rhys for their induction into the Order of the Wain.
- Commendations to Lord Iustus for leading a 5-man melee team at Melee this year, wassail!
- Camping/Summer event planning:
 - [Trillium War](#) (June 27-July 1) - Baronial camp next week!
 - [Pennsic War](#) (July 25-August 10) - attending for a day to support set up
 - [Calling the Crows](#) (August 8-15) - TRM will announce the successful candidates for the Baronial Seats
- Call for recommendations for recognition
 - Kingdom recognition - <https://ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

Seneschal Report (Dmitri/Sam)

- Hoping to attend Trillies (Friday-Sunday)
- Challenging availability for the election meet and greet dates
- The next quarterly report is due August 15th

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- Account balance: \$8,327.30
- The next quarterly report is due on August 15th
- I would like to step down as Exchequer at investiture. **Need to post 'seeking exchequer' to the website**

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

- Received one applicant for MOAS - Leslie Falzone. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimous. Leslie will be the new MOAS, as of Investiture. Gema will put the officer transfer paperwork together
- Planning a resist dyeing workshop this Summer (pending until the weather is cooler)
- HE Sciath has offered to do a painted silk workshop for the July 22 A&S gathering
- Baron Henry - big box project

Marshal's Report (Richard/Andrew)

- Practice site moved to Suzi's house (38 Deerfield Pkwy, Thorold) - rain weather backup at Jordan and Rowan's place.
- Excellent work by our five-man melee team to represent Rising Waters at Melee
- Youth marshal activities are now possible; the Kingdom seneschal has begun to receive updated background checks for youth marshals (for armoured and fencing).

Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Congratulations to Ciarán Gunne for becoming our newest fencing marshal!

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

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

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- We have held several practices, including running the extended distance spear experiment.
- Two MITs for TW
- Known World TW 15-foot Spear (distance) 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 the rules that marshals must implement
- Shorten (on average) the time it takes to throw and retrieve because there will be fewer 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.

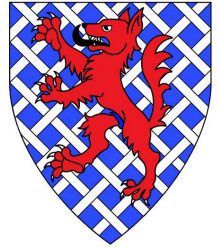
Kingdom Thrown Weapons marshals will determine if they want to limit participation to only some thrown weapons marshals in their Kingdom, using a Kingdom-level criteria (such as only regional marshals) or with a documented cause.

Herald's Report (Ren)

- Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium (virtual)
- Being Proofread (LoAR)
 - Anne von Talstadt - Ealdormere: Device Change - *Vert, a horse courant, an embattle coronet, a bordure flory counter-flory argent.*
 - Elizabeth Scarlett of Warwick - Ealdormere: Name
 - Ciarán Gunne of Rising Waters - Laurel: Name



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- New submissions
 - *Ciarán Gunne of Rising Waters*
 - Device
 - Badge
- In development
 - Sigrithr
 - Ren
 - Device



Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

- No report

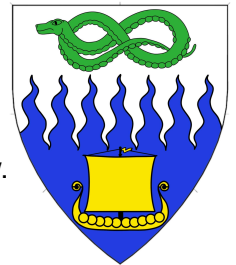


Webminister Report (Rhys)

- Baronial website is stable
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- 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 infraction, 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. Sciath to speak with Rhys about coordinating the chat

Chatelaine (Rhys)

- No news for this role.
- Lots of gold key
- Interest in having a demo-crat. Good idea to post that the group is seeking a demo-crat for the barony

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- Society has posted a call for applicants to a DEIB

Accessibility Officer (Stephan/Jotun-Bjorn)

- Nothing to report

Old Business

1. Baronial Investiture - the Process

- a. The succession policy is now active.
 - i. Baronial Succession policy has been verified by the Kingdom Seneschal
 - ii. Candidates have been approved by TRM, announced in court (melee), on the Baronial website, and Cataract blog
 - iii. Timeline:
 1. Meet and Greets/Polling
 - a. Thursday, July 3, 6pm – 9pm at our regular Fight Practice (38 Deerfield Pkwy, Thorold, ON L2V 4B4, Canada)
 - b. Sunday, July 6, from 3pm – 5pm at an A&S/Social activity at Her Excellency Sciath's home (161 Russell Ave., St. Catharines)
 - c. Final polling opportunity - Sunday, July 13, from 1pm – 3pm at Firemen's Park (2275 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2J 4L6) for a Picnic.
 2. Baronial populace will be invited to cast ballots in support of the candidates at the end of each session. We will record a list of individuals who are voting in person. The ballots are anonymous and will be sealed after each session.
 3. Email polling is available - send a request directly to Seneschal Dmitri (seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com). We will record a list of individuals requesting polling via email. The ballots are anonymous.
 4. Kingdom Seneschal will count the ballots and report results to Their Royal Majesties
 5. The Successful candidates may be announced at Calling Crows court on Saturday, August 9th.

2. Baronial Investiture - the Event

- a. September 13, 2025
- b. Location:
- c. Event steward: Richard may also submit a bid
 - i. Feast steward: Silas, with support from Annabelle
 - ii. Royalty Liaison:
 - iii. Ren is putting together site tokens
- d. Further details once the successful candidates are announced

3. 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

4. Mega practice

- a. Need to schedule with all marshals
 - b. Event should have an event steward
 - c. Gema has offered to make a map of the site
 - d. Ann to look into longer-term portajohn availability out of Hagersville
- 5. Call for event bids
 - a. 2026 Lady Mary
 - b. 2026 Spring Crown
- 6. Richard would like to open a conversation about booking a site for year-round fight practices
- 7. Sciath will present bid (co-hosted with Trinovantia Nova, Amelye) for a 12th Night in 2026.
- 8. Open Discussion

Richard mentioned how wonderful Les Beltaines was as an event. Sciath mentioned that TRM have asked landed nobles to put forth a statement of support. Sciath will draft a letter in support of the event, with RW members to sign to endorse.

Tentative next meeting date: Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 6pm the Crumhold, 161 Russell Ave., St. Catharines