

## Baronial Officers' Meeting, July 20, 2025

### Officer's Reports

#### Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Gathering all baronial regalia for review by nexcellencies
- TRM has communicated Their decision to me, confidentially
- Kudos to Baron Dmitri for successfully running the election. Wassail!
- 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 has drafted a letter in support of the event, with RW members to sign to endorse.
- Camping/Summer event planning:
  - [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)

- Election has concluded
- Thank you to the candidates and all who assisted with the election

#### 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. Sciath has been acclaimed as the incoming exchequer, after investiture in September.

#### Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

- Abhilin has been accepted as the next MOAS, after investiture in September

#### Marshal's Report (Richard/Andrew)

- Andrew is not attending the next three weeks of practice, as he is attending Pennsic War. If an armoured marshal is available, practice can continue.
- Have spoken with Sciath regarding site booking for indoor practices in the Fall
- Need to put out a poll to determine the night for fight practice
- Leslie, is there a space for A&S activities? answer: Yes, there is a stage.
- Trying to work on loaner kit.

#### Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Practices remain well attended
- Ciaran is Rising Water's newest fencing marshal, wassail!

### Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- Don the Duckman has been holding regular practices in Ben Dunfirth - good attendance
- Sciath will look into sponsoring an archery tournament at Calling Crows
- **Suggestion - Seek out a coordinator (deputy to Seneschal?) for mega practices, coordinate interested individuals through chat group.**

### Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- We have held several practices, including running the extended distance spear experiment. Built a new stand to replace one that fell apart in practice.
- Congratulations to Ciaran for his authorisation as a TW marshal, wassail!
- 1 MIT for TW (Jotun-Bjorn), nearly finished
- 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 administered 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.

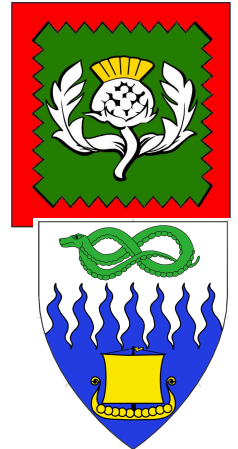
Kingdom Thrown Weapons marshals will determine if they want to limit participation to only some thrown weapons marshals in their Kingdom, using a Kingdom-level criteria (such as only regional marshals) or with a documented cause.

### Herald's Report (Ren)

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



- Anne von Talstadt - Ealdormere: Device Change - *Vert, a horse courant, in base an embattle coronet, a bordure flory counter-flory argent.*
- Cathal Mor - Device - *Per bend sinister gules and argent, a badger's head cabossed argent marked sable and a beer stein sable*
- New submissions
  - Ciarán Gunne of Rising Waters
    - Device
    - Badge
- In development
  - Sigrithr



#### Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

- No report
- Looking at planning some scribal get-togethers in the Fall (coordinated with Sciath) during fight practice

#### Webminister Report (Rhys)

- Baronial website is stable, after resolving the issue with the calendar
- There is an issue with the award recommendation form. Will work with Sciath to implement a new form.

#### Chronicler

- Group has advertised for a Chronicler. We have received an email from Gaspar Calico inquiring about the role. Unanimous vote for Gaspar Calico to become the Baronial Chronicler. Wassail!
- Send posts for the [Baronial Cataract Blog](#) to [risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:risingwaters@gmail.com) for now.
- Sciath has put together a mid-year issue, and Rhys has published this to the Baronial website.

#### Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys)

- Gained 5 new FB members
- 0 infraction (1 false positive), 37 posts
- Thank you to our top contributors: Andrew, Stephan, and Mihko Ren
- Established a new TikTok account. Ren will monitor the account
- Encouraging new members to engage in conversation on the Discord channel
- 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)

- Ongoing conversations with new members, new videos from Ansteorra
- Rhys Talks - one-on-one with newcomers, planning to open these up more in the future
- Lots of gold key.
- Recommendation - Put feast gear sets into Baronial storage for events

- Interest in having a demo steward. Good idea to post that the group is seeking a demo steward for the barony.

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- No updates to report. Please contact Sabrina if you have any questions or wish to discuss DEI.

Accessibility Officer (Stephan/Jotun-Bjorn)

- Nothing to report.

## **Old Business**

### 1. Baronial Investiture - the Process

- a. The succession process is no longer active. The election has been completed. Please send feedback on this process to the Seneschal, at [seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com)
  - i. Timeline:
    1. Kingdom Seneschal have counted the ballots and reported the result to Their Royal Majesties
    2. Their Royal Majesties have notified the successful candidates, and Kingdom Seneschal, Duchess Breyla, has informed Her Excellency of Their decision. This information is not public knowledge until after the successors are presented by Their Majesties at court.
    3. The Successful candidates will be publicly announced at Calling Crows court on Saturday, August 9th.

### 2. Baronial Investiture - the Event

- a. September 13, 2025
- b. Location: Grantham Optimist Club, 188 Linwell Rd, St. Catharines, ON L2N 6N3
- c. Site Cost: \$950
- d. Gate: \$20 (members), \$10 surcharge for non-members; Feast: \$20; Under 17 is free
- e. Insurance: Dmitri to coordinate with Andrew
- f. Event steward: Sir Richard Larmer
  - i. Feast steward: Silas, with support from Annabelle
    1. Head Server
  - ii. Head Gate/Reservation: Genevieve
  - iii. Lunch steward:
  - iv. Royalty Liaison: Crispin
  - v. Merchant Liaison
  - vi. MiCs
    1. Armoured: Iustus
    2. Fencing: Albrecht?

- 3. Archery: Nika (needs equipment transport)
  - 4. TW: Sciath
  - vii. Ren is putting together site tokens
  - g. Further details once the successful candidates are announced
  - h. Andrew will look into the availability of wifi to livestream court
- 3. Mega practice
  - a. Need to schedule with all marshals
  - b. The 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
- 4. Call for event bids
  - a. 2026 Lady Mary (by December)
    - i.
  - b. 2026 Spring Crown (preferably by September)
    - i. Gema/Dmitri may put in a bid
- 5. Sciath will present a bid (co-hosted with Trinovantia Nova, Amelye) for a 12th Night in 2026.

#### New Business

- 1. Gema - would like to organise a Feast of Bacchus
  - a. Adult event, site/food fee: \$30 for members
  - b. Location tentative (Thorold Seniors Centre), and need to confirm date in November (29)
  - c. Genevieve - hall coordinator
  - d. Dimtri - day-of event steward
  - e. Gema - mid-day feast steward
  - f. Activities: Scavenger Hunt (Dimitri); Dancing (Sciath to coordinate)
  - g. Proposing less traditional merchants, Ren to look into indigenous merchants

#### Open Discussion

- 1. Gunther suggests starting a mega practice for archery and TW at Alister and Ann's place in August.
- 2. Gunther - propose a gaming/social day
  - a. Sciath and Ieuan are happy to host
  - b. Ren can also host

Tentative next meeting date: Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 6pm at the Crumphold, 161 Russell Ave., St. Catharines.