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THE BARONY OF RISING WATERS

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## Congratulations King Gann and Queen Maerwynn

April 30, 2025

Now that we're home and recovered from our travels, I write my hearty congratulations to King Gann and Queen Maerwynn as They have now joined in the royal lineage of the Lupine Thrones of Ealdormere!



It was a joy to see Their Majesties and Their Highnesses of Avacal joining the festivities! And much appreciation to Our Good Cousins Baroness Dubhessa and Baron Joffr, and all the people of the Barony of the Althing for such an amazing event! It is a magical moment when dance and music conspire to create such joy. Would you like to send Their Majesties a recommendation? Find about the awards of Ealdormere

here: <https://ealdormere.ca/awards/>

Make your recommendation here: <https://ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

You can also send Her Excellency your recommendation by email: [risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:risingwaters@gmail.com)

## Court Report for the Lady Mary Memorial Tournament

May 4, 2025

1. The Lady Mary Memorial Tournaments:
  - a. Armoured Combat – Duke Trumbrand
  - b. Fencing – Lord Fritz
  - c. Archery – Master Daffydd



- d. Thrown Weapons – Captain Pirate Jack
2. Baroness Sciath thanked Sir Richard for his service as her fencing champion, and accepted Ciarnan Gunn of Rising Waters into her service as champion
3. The Mistress Rachel Scholar's Tournament – Lady Yukiko Yamagata
4. Award of the Spider – Sugawara Takamasa
5. Warrior of the Chalice - Baron Alistair Kirk
6. Award of the Chalice's Crystal - Noble Mihko Pîsim called Ren
7. Award of the Chalice's Crystal - Baroness Gema Krasil'nikova
8. Order of the Golden Chalice - Noble Rhys of Anglesey
9. Order of the Protector of the Chalice - Lord Iustus di Cordoba
10. Order of the Protector of the Chalice - Crispin Gildensteed
11. Tancred's Tankard - Honourable Lord Ieuan ap Gwylim



The Order of the Golden Chalice is Rising Water's highest recognition for service. It is given for selfless, long term, exceptional and dedicated service unto the Barony rendered with courtesy, chivalry, loyalty and graciousness.

By tradition, the order members are brought into court with some theatrical elements. The recipient often may not know why they are being brought into court. The recipient is gifted with a 'golden' chalice, but not before a liquid (the nature of which is an order secret) is poured into it and shared among the order. We are thrilled that the order has unanimously agreed to admit Noble Rhys of Anglesey into the Order of the Gold Chalice this year. Wassail!

### Baronial Succession 2025

**May 4, 2025**

Greetings, yesterday during Court at Lady Mary, Their Royal Majesties gave permission to Her Excellency Baroness Sciath ingen Chaennaig to retire from the Baronial seat of Rising Waters. Thus begins the election process for the next gentle(s) to sit the seat(s). The timeline agreed upon at this time is as follows:

May 3: Her Excellency announced Her retirement at the Lady Mary Memorial Tournament, and invited prospective candidates to submit their intention to stand in the election process.

June 2: Last day for letters of intent to be submitted as per the policy.

June 3: Candidates' names and letters of intent will be submitted to Their Majesties, Their Highnesses and Kingdom Seneschal for review and acceptance.

Once the candidates are approved, we will inform the candidates and plan meetings for the Baronial populace to meet with the candidates. The exact dates will be confirmed, once the candidates are approved. Tentatively, these meetings will be for:

June 11-13: Meet the candidates meeting at a fight practice (TB Scheduled, currently Thursdays).  
June 14: Second meet the candidates opportunity.

## POLLING

June 16-20: Polling meeting at a fight practice (TB Scheduled, currently Thursdays).  
June 22: Second polling meeting at A&S/BBQ.  
June 23-24: Complete polling and submit to their Majesties for final approval.  
June 28: The successful candidates will be announced at court at War of the Trillium.

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Dmitri, Seneschal of Rising Waters

## It's the Season for Battle

May 15, 2025

We have received information about Murder Melee in the Meadow XL, scheduled for June 5-8, 2025 at the Germania Park Campgrounds in Binbrook.

**Armoured Combat:** For new fighters, authorizations are scheduled for Friday at 6:30 followed by a Novice Tournament. Anyone authorized three years or less and have never won a tournament are welcome to enter the Novice Tournament! Armoured Combat authorizations is also scheduled for Saturday at 1130, and at noon there will be a round robin 5-fighter melee tournament. I call on our fighters in Rising Waters to assemble and be counted in this tournament! After the 5-fighter melee tournament, there will be a round robin 10-fighter tournament. Teams of 5 from earlier are welcome to pair up any way they like, and duct tape of many colours will be available to mark helms to avoid any confusion on who to hit with a stick. After that there will be Grand Melees.... Fight until you can't any more!

**Rapier Combat:** Fencing will begin on Saturday at 10am with authorizations. A tournament of 10 on 10 begins at 11am, in a best of three battle. In the afternoon, the Ealdormere Academy of Defence (EAOD) will hold defense trials for those challenging prizes. Finally – pending confirmation – Master Giovanni de Enzinasis teaching a Harnessfecten Class – learn to fight in armour with spear, sword and dagger.

Rest assured, there will be plenty of time for **Archery** and **Thrown Weapons**!

The gate opens on Thursday night at 6pm for those wishing to stay for the whole event. Rising Waters will be there!

Find out more online: <https://ealdormere.ca/ben-dunfirth/murder-melee/>



## Candidates Announced for the Rising Waters Baronial Seats!

June 8, 2025

While we were pleased to announce that Their Majesties have approved two sets of candidates for the Baronial Seats of Rising Waters! Please keep an eye open as we confirm and post the dates for meet and greet activities, and polling opportunities. Every member of our community (17 years of age and older) has a voice in making their voice heard in support of the candidates. Once we have held our meet and greet activities, the candidates may also post their thoughts on social media! Please pay heed to Our candidates: Noble Mihko Pîsim (known as Ren) & Umesaya Soukurou-dono (known as Rhys), and Anne von Talstadt & Oleksandr Kirk.



Mihko Pîsim



Umesaya  
Soukurou-dono



Anne von Talstadt  
& Oleksandr Kirk

## Rising Waters Rises to Meet the Challenge in Melee

June 13, 2025



For the first time in a long time, Rising Waters was able to field a melee team at Murder Melee!

Thanks to Count Crispin and Master Gajin, for putting aside family obligations, and carrying the team. Thanks to Baron Allistair for jumping into the frenzy, despite having only recently reauthorized in armoured combat. Thanks to Noble Ash, for filling out our numbers, and standing strong in the shield wall with me!

Baroness Sciath said “It was truly a joy to stand list-side to cheer everyone on.” We could hear her call “Go Rising Waters!” well across the field of battle!

Lord Iustus di Cordoba  
Armoured Champion of Rising Waters

### **Time to Meet the Candidates**

**June 17, 2025**

#### **Is everyone ready to meet the Candidates!**

Rising Waters community members will have the opportunity to meet our candidates on the following dates:

1. Thursday, July 3, 6pm – 9pm at our regular Fight Practice (38 Deerfield Pkwy, Thorold, ON L2V 4B4, Canada)
2. Sunday, July 6, from 3pm – 5pm at an A&S/Social activity at Her Excellency Sciath’s home (161 Russell Ave., St. Catharines)
3. Sunday, July 13, from 1pm – 3pm at Firemen’s Park (2275 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2J 4L6) for a Picnic.

Polling will open at the close of each of the three scheduled succession events. Community members who are unable to attend may vote via an online form. Please contact Baron Dmitri ([seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:seneschal.risingwaters@gmail.com)) to obtain the link. Members may only vote once (either in person, or through the online form). The online form will not be available until the close of the fight practice on July 3rd.

### **Announcing MOAS Successor**

**June 26, 2025**

At our recent Baronial Meeting, on June 22, 2025, the applicants for the role of Minister of Arts and Science were discussed. Based on a unanimous vote, the council has decided to approve Abhilin kenari fra Skye as the incoming Minister of Arts and Sciences for the Barony of Rising Waters. Wassail!

We thank Baroness Gema for all of her hard work and service in this role, and wish her some well-earned time to rest from this office. Baroness Abhilin will be assuming this position at the Baronial Investiture on September 13, 2025.

### **Armoured Combat and Fencing**

Armoured Combat and Fencing practices move indoors over the cooler months, and shift back outside in the Spring. We have had a very strong showing for fencing practice over the past few months, with interest in cut and thrust fencing. The school we used for practices may see us return, since its location in Grimsby meant that many of our friends in the Barony of Ben Dunfirth could join us in our martial practices.





### **'Tis the Season of the Axe, Knife and Spear**

As soon as the snow melts, and the sun lights up the sky in the evening, the Baronial thrown weapons practice range is open. Between May 7 and July 2, the practice range for thrown weapons has been open eight times, and welcomed between 3 to 7 throwers each week. If you've never been to a practice, let me tell you about what happens. Participants arrive, and marshals inspect their weapons to ensure that they are safe to throw. Marshals go through the rules of the range for participants. If you are not a member of the SCA, you will need to sign a waiver for the practice.

The first part of a practice consists of warm-up throws. Marshals in training set up the range with targets at 10 feet and 20 feet, in two lanes. We spend 30-45 minutes with warm-ups (knives, axes, and spear), then another 30-45 minutes going through a Royal Rounds Tournament, or another entertaining tournament concocted by one of the marshals. You can find the details about the Royal Rounds Tournament in the [Thrown Weapons Marshals Handbook](#). Finally, we are also participating in the society TW experiment to test out spear throwing at 15 feet, reporting on throws with hard and soft targets and any bounce-backs. We have had well-over three hundred spear throws, with an excellent safety record. So far, this Summer has been an amazing time on the range. Just look at all of these pictures of happy throwers!



This year, we have had two new marshals qualify, Ciarnan Gunn of Rising Waters and Lord Jotun-Bjorn. Congratulations to both of you!

- Sciath ingen Chaenniag, Baronial TW Marshal

## *From Her Excellencies' Writing Desk:*

The heat of the Summer sun warms the fields and range, and I am cheered by the sounds of song



around the bardic circle. I love this season! This is also the waning of my time on the Baronial Seat.

Baron Dmitri has nearly completed the election process for the successors to these noble Seats, and I thank him for his leadership. Both sets of candidates would be a boon for Our Barony, and I am eager to learn of the election's results at the Calling Crows event in August.

Although we are not attending the Pennsic War in the numbers we have grown accustomed to, I am grateful to Lady Eydis and lord Daffydd for holding space for the Barony in the war. Gratias ago tibi!

Have you been witness to feats of service, fantastic prowess on the list, and/or daring arts and sciences projects? Let me know! One of my great joys as your Baroness is to ensure that our community members are recognized for their works.

You can always email me at [risingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:risingwaters@gmail.com), or complete our recommendation form:

<https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/award-recommendations/>

Consider sharing your recommendation with Their Majesties, though the Kingdom Recommendation form, here: <https://ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

With a hand to my heart, I wish all of our Rising Waters community a safe Summer,

Yours in Service to Barony and Kingdom,

*Sciath ingen Chaennaig*

Baroness of Rising Waters



# Baronial Calendar

Baronial meetings are open to anyone, not just officers. The officers would love to have more input from the populace! Meetings are held at: The Crumphold, 161 Russell Ave, St. Catharines with zoom connection

Baronial Calendar: for more details [https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/event\\_calendar/](https://ealdormere.ca/barony-of-rising-waters/event_calendar/)

## Unless otherwise indicated:

Thrown Weapons Practices are held at the Crumphold

Armoured Combat and Fencing Practices are held at 38 Deerfield Pkwy, Thorold, ON L2V 4B4

## July

Tuesday, July 1: Report Deadline – Heralds and Pursuivants at large

Saturday, July 5: Step Lightly, Canton of Caldrihtig, Bell's Cornor's United Church

Sunday, July 6: A&S Social and Candidate Meet and Greet at the Crumphold

Wednesday, July 9: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, July 10: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

Saturday, July 12: Seasons of the Sword, Canton of Caldrihtig, Bell's Cornor's United Church

Saturday, July 12: Great Lakes Medieval Tournament and Fair Demo, Everton Scout Camp

Sunday, July 13: Baronial Picnic and Final Polling, Fireman's Park, Niagara Falls

Tuesday, July 15: Report Deadline – Baronial Web Minister and Baronial Herald

Wednesday, July 16: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, July 17: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

Sunday, July 20: Baronial Meeting

Wednesday, July 23: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, July 24: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

Saturday, July 25-August 10: Pennsic War 52

Wednesday, July 30: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, July 31: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

## August

Wednesday, August 6: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, August 7: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice (may be cancelled)

Friday, August 8- Friday, August 15: Calling Crows, Camp Cataraqui, 19109 Clearville Rd #18953, Muirkirk, ON N0L 1X0

*Wednesday, August 13: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold cancelled*

Thursday, July 31: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice (may be cancelled)

Friday, August 15: Report Deadline – Baronial Exchequer

Wednesday, August 20: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, August 21: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

Saturday, August 23: Middle Ages on the Green

Wednesday, August 27: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, August 28: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

Thursday, August 28 – Monday, September 1: Gwyl y Fflam

Friday, August 29 - Monday, September 1: Heima Aftur

## September

Wednesday, September 3: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, September 4: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

### Saturday, September 6: Step Spritely

Wednesday, September 10: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, September 11: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

Saturday, September 13: **Rising Waters Baronial Investiture**

Wednesday, September 17: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, September 18: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

### Saturday, September 20: Stone the Crows (Kingdom Moot)

Wednesday, September 24: Thrown Weapons at the Crumphold

Thursday, September 25: Armoured Combat and Fencing Practice

Saturday, September 27: **Coronation of Tristham and Anneke**



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