

Baronial Officers' Meeting, August 17, 2025

Officer's Reports

Baroness' Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- This is my final report as the Baroness for Rising Waters. I'd like to thank all of our community volunteers who have supported the barony during my tenure, as officers, marshals, event staff, and keeping the joy in what we do in the SCA. I could not be more proud to have served as your baroness, and I wish my successors the same wonderful experience.
- Congratulations to Nobles Mihko Pîsim and Umesaya Soukurou-dono on becoming the next to be invested as Rising Water's Territorial Baronages. Wassail!
- Upcoming Events:
 - August 23: Middle Ages on the Green in Bryniau Tywynnog
 - August 28-September 1: Gwyl y Fflam in Bastille du Lac
 - August 29-September 1: Heima Aftur in Ultheim
 - September 6: Step Spritely in Septentria
 - September 13: Rising Water's Investiture
- Call for recommendations for recognition
 - Baronial recognition - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbGfVogrCVS_uWb-VSdre1Q2j5o8CWbgaTXsIL2l7ZF1OnkA/viewform
 - Kingdom recognition - <https://ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

Seneschal Report (Dmitri/Sam)

- Attended Calling Crows for the day, to support Rhys and Ren during court.
- Submitted second quarterly report
- Planning to attend Middle Ages on the Green
- May have a conflict with Baronial Investiture
- Thank you to everyone for participating in the baronial election!

Exchequer Report (Ieuan/Stuart)

- Account balance: \$8,365.59
- The quarterly report was submitted on August 15th
- This will be my final report as Exchequer, as Sciath will take over after investiture in September.
- After September 13, the membership of the financial committee will need to change, as well as signatories.

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Gema/Jennifer)

- Sciath will host a veil beading workshop on Sunday, September 7 at 2pm

Marshal's Report (Richard/Andrew)

- Armour has only had one practice with three fighters. Attendance has not allowed more. Armour Practices were canceled for three weeks as the marshal was away at Pennsic.
- Society has issued an updated Armoured Combat handbook - comes into effect in December 2025. Society has scheduled 3 zoom meetings to discuss these changes.

Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Rapier has been having regular practices for the past month with one cancelation due to weather. Attendance is 4 to 6 fighters.
- Society is planning to update the fencing handbook
- Thibault authorized in fencing at Calling Crows
- We have booked indoor practices at Lake School in Grimsby from September 17 to April 29th. We may be booking this site through the Summer months, as well.

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- Practice is scheduled for Sunday, August 24th at Alistair and Anne's place. Don is not holding practice for the same day, so Nika will promote it to Ben Dunfirth.
- Potentially considering Sept. 21 (after Stone the Crows) or 28th (after Coronation)

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- TW practice continues to have strong attendance, even with the heat we have been experiencing.
- Congratulations to Rhys for being the victor in the spear tournament at Calling Crows. Wassail!
- Known World TW 15-foot Spear (distance) Experiment continuing at our practices:
 - 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)

- Returns
 - Cathal Mor - Device - *Per bend sinister gules and argent, a badger's head cabossed argent marked sable and a beer stein sable*
 - Ciaran Gunne of Rising Waters - Badge - *Vert, a thistle argent within an indented bordure gules*; Border on field is colour on colour, likely to be returned
- In commentary
 - Anne von Talstadt - Ealdormere: Device Change - *Vert, a horse courant, in base an embattle coronet, a bordure flory counter-flory argent.*
 - Ciarán Gunne of Rising Waters - Ealdormere: Device - *Azure fretty argent, overall a wolf rampant gules*
- Seeking a replacement baronial herald after September 13, 2025.
 - Eydis/Lisa is interested in applying to the position.

Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

- Nothing to report at this time.

Webminister Report (Rhys)

- Baronial website is stable, after resolving the issue with the calendar
- New award recommendation form has been tested and posted!
- Succession page has been updated with successful candidates.
- The About the Barony page will be updated closer to the investiture
 - Ren would like to replace the two pictures with one picture

Chronicler (Gaspar/Luke)

- Working on articles on pennsic with a few people
- Send posts for the [Baronial Cataract Blog](#) to chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com for now.

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys)

- Gained 5 new FB members
- 0 infraction (2 false positives), 37 posts
- Thank you to our top contributors: Andrew, Stephan, and Mihko Ren
- Established a new TikTok account. Ren will monitor the account
 - One video posted, one in development
- 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)

- In the process of finding a demo-steward to assist in finding new demo possibilities and coordinate with organizers.

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- Nothing to report

Accessibility Officer (Stephan/Jotun-Bjorn)

- Nothing to report

Old Business

1. Baronial Investiture - the Process

- a. Their Majesties announced that Mihko Pîsim and Umesaya Soukurou-dono will be invested as the next baronages of Rising Water

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, Dmitri has signed the contract
- d. Gate: \$20 (members), \$10 surcharge for non-members; Feast: \$20; Under 17 is free
- e. 8am - site opens to event staff; 9am - soft open; 10am - populace open
- f. Insurance: Dmitri has ordered the insurance
- g. Event steward: Sir Richard Larmer
 - i. Feast steward: Silas, with support from Annabelle
 1. Head Server
 - ii. Head Gate/Reservation: Genevieve, with help from Gema (needs 1 more volunteer), will coordinate with Exchequer for gate float/cash advance
 - iii. Lunch steward: Clan Okami
 - iv. Royalty Liaison: Crispin
 - v. Merchant Liaison: Genevieve
 - vi. MiCs - send tournament details to webminister to post to the website
 1. Armoured: Iustus
 2. Fencing: Ciarnan
 3. Archery: Nika (needs equipment transport)
 4. TW: Sciath (Ren has a pop-up for TW and Archery)
 - vii. Need a head server, and servers
 - viii. Need 1 or 2 scullery volunteers
 - ix. Ren is putting together site tokens
- h. Andrew will look into the availability of wifi to livestream court
- i. Set-up Friday night and Saturday morning
 - i. Need help setting up pavilions outside to use as change rooms x 3
 - ii. Royalty room planned for inside the hall - two pop-ups
- j. Sciath to poll parents on whether there will be kids attending the event. OR, plans for page program support
- k. Gema proposes a largess tournament, to be placed near gate.

- I. Tear-down
 - i. Start at 8pm
 - ii. 10pm is the hard stop to exit the building
- 3. Mega practice
 - a. Need to schedule with all marshals
 - b. The event should have an event steward, Rhys is interested
 - c. Gema has offered to make a map of the site, needs to make the file smaller
 - d. Ann to look into longer-term port-a-john availability out of Hagersville
- 4. Call for event bids
 - a. 2026 Lady Mary (by December)
 - i. Sciath putting a bid together
 - b. 2026 Spring Crown (preferably by September)
 - i. Gema/Dmitri may put in a bid
 - ii. Sites to consider: St. Andrew United (NF), BLED hall, Optimist Youth Centre
- 5. Feast of Bacchus
 - 1. Gema and Genevieve have located a site
 - a. Adult event, site/food fee: \$30 for members
 - b. Location booked (Thorold Seniors Centre), and confirmed for November 29th (main hall, kitchen, library/royalty room, lower hall/dancing, open to having bar - cost \$100)
 - c. Seneschal to sign agreement, obtain insurance and SOP
 - d. Genevieve - hall coordinator
 - e. Dmitri - day-of event steward
 - f. Gema - mid-day feast steward
 - g. Activities: Scavenger Hunt (Dmitri); Dancing (Sciath to coordinate)
 - h. Proposing less traditional merchants, Ren to look into indigenous merchants

Tentative next meeting date: Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 6pm at the Crumphold, 161 Russell Ave., St. Catharines. (following social/gaming starting at 1pm, potluck at 4pm)