

Baronial Officers' Meeting, October 05, 2025

Officer's Reports

Baronials' Report (Rhys Bernard-Brewster/Mihko[Cassie Singer])

- This is our first report as the Baronials for Rising Waters. We'd like to thank everyone who supported us by voting for us. For those who didn't vote for us, we will work hard at earning your trust and support. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Investiture a wonderful day.
- Congratulations to Lady Eydis and lord Merricke of Wight on accepting to represent the Barony as our Archery and Thrown Champions.
 - Fencing, Armoured Combat, and A&S Champions will be chosen between now and Lady Mary.
 - Beyond prowess on the field (and in A&S), we are looking for individuals who display qualities of honour, curiosity, and intentionality.
- Upcoming Events:
 - October 18th: Laurel Showdown in Bastille du Lac
 - October 25th: Crown Tournament in Caldrihig
 - November 22nd: Feast of the Hare in Althing
 - November 29th: The Revival of The Feast of Bacchus in Rising Waters
 - December 6th: Wassail in Bryniau Tywynnog
- Call for recommendations for recognition
 - Baronial recognition - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbGfVogrCVS_uWb-VSdre1Q2j5o8CWbgaTXsIL2I7ZF1OnkA/viewform
 - Kingdom recognition - <https://ealdormere.ca/awards-submission-form-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>
- Taxes:
 - Learn something and tell us about it
 - Teach something and tell us about it
 - Boast about a member of the barony
 - Learn something about a different culture than your persona and teach us about it
 - Perform something
- Dame Sciath, Lady Eydis and lord Ciarán represented our barony well at Huntsman's Harvest, where they participated in the mead and preserves competitions and did very well.
- Congratulations to Magistra Nika on being elevated to the Order of the Mark, it is fantastic to see someone from Rising Waters recognised as one of the premier Peers of the Mark.
- Congratulations to Count Crispin on being put on vigil for the Orders of Chivalry.

Seneschal Report (Dmitri/Sam)

- Attended financial committee meeting

- Looking at number of Kingdom/Society laws to ensure we are compliance in our policies
 - Succession Policy
 - Financial Policy
- Attending Feast of the Hare, possibly Wassail, Bacchus

Exchequer Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Working with Ieuan/Stu to coordinate the change of signatories:
 - Stu will be removed
 - Sciath and Catherine (Kingdom Exchequer) will be added
- The Financial Committee met on Oct. 3rd via Zoom, when we discussed the current budget, budget items for the draft 2026 budget, and revising the current baronial financial policy.
 - Budget items to discuss and vote:
 - Donation to kingdom for heraldic submissions fund
 - Motion: donation of \$250, vote unanimous in favour
 - Fencing Champion's Rapier (SCA legal sword, scabbard and belt holder)
 - Committee to investigate the costing for this item (Sciath and Richard)
 - Baronial Coronet replacements - Dmitri will inquire with kingdom Lawspeaker regarding requirements
- Q3 report is due November 15th

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Aibhilin/Leslie)

- Currently in Spain

Marshal's Report (Richard/Andrew)

- See appendix
- All authorized marshals in all martial or ranged activities must be a paid member of the SCA

Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Good attendance at practice, particularly since Ben Dunfirth fencers have been joining our practice.
- The kingdom database for authorizations is now available, and still being updated from the annual marshals' report (from September)
 - [Consult the database of Authorized Combatants](#)
 - [Consult the database of marshals](#)
 - Please email the Kingdom Minister of Lists for any discrepancies (THL Johanna Herst, ealdormere.mol@gmail.com)

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- Had a good archery tourney at investiture, 18 archers participating, tourneys were well-received
- Continuing a combined practice at Alister and Anne's place.

- 1st practice at 17 participants
- 2nd practice at 15 participants - including Don and Roak
- 3rd practice - scheduled for October 19th
- Great archery at Huntsman's Harvest, with many RW folks shooting
- Went through loaner equipment before investiture
 - Had to replace 40 tips
 - Motion: Reimbursement costs for tips for loaner arrows, requesting \$50 from the barony, vote was unanimously in favour.

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Great throwing at investiture, two tournaments, including a youth tournament
- Great day of throwing at Huntsman's Harvest yesterday! They ran three tournaments, plus a youth spear tournament.
- Season is drawing to an end (for outdoor practice), as it is getting dark around 7pm
- Glow in the Dark practice is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th at 6pm. This will include glow in the dark tape to add to weapons. Glow sticks may be purchased from the Dollarama as an alternative. Bonfire and hot chocolate to follow our throw
- YotW meeting to be determined.

Herald's Report (Eydis/Lisa)

- Set up with the email, and reviewing the OP with Rhys
- Order of Precedence Update:
 - Crispin was put on vigil for the Order of Chivalry at Huntsman's Harvest
 - Magistra Nika was elevated to the Order of the Mark at Huntsman's Harvest along with John Spooner.

Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

- Had one scroll go out at Investiture
- Hoping to get scribal A&S gatherings scheduled, pending logistics, possibly to coincide with fight practice
- Ren received many illuminations donated by Baron Caleb

Webminister Report (Rhys)

- The Investiture page has been retired, Feast of Bacchus page has been created. I will update as more information becomes available.
- The About the Barony page has been updated with Our information, including contact information for Our court herald, head of retinue, and chamberlain.

Chronicler (Gaspar/Luke)

- Next issue to be put together for end of October - theme: Rising Waters pets/Halloween. Deadline for submissions Oct 26th
- Send posts for the [Baronial Cataract Blog](#) to chronicler.risingwaters@gmail.com for now.

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys)

- Gained 7 new FB members
- 0 infractions, 47 posts
- Thank you to our top contributors: Andrew, Sciath, and Nika
- Three videos were posted to the TikTok account (Ren) - blitzing videos together, videos from fight practice
- The Discord server is seeing more traffic.

Chatelaine (Rhys)

- Nothing to report

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- Nothing to report

Accessibility Officer (Stephan/Jotun-Bjorn)

- Nothing to report

Old Business

1. Baronial Investiture - the Event
 - a. Final report is completed. Event profit to the barony was \$1,250.24. See appendix for full details
 - b. NMS Cheque is in Sciath's hands for delivery to Arlette, Deputy Kingdom Exchequer tomorrow
2. Mega practice - October 19th at Alister and Anne's place
 - a. Has evolved into more than archery
 - b. Need to consider re-branding the practice to get more folks to attend, including fencers and armoured combatants
 - c. Parking is across from the property.
 - d. Rhys as offered to bring waivers for non-members participating/attending
 - e. Ann to look into longer-term port-a-john availability out of Hagersville
3. 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. Event flyer is posted to the RW website
 - d. Budget sent to exchequer
 - e. Seneschal to sign agreement, obtain insurance and SOP
 - f. Genevieve - hall coordinator
 - g. Dmitri - day-of event steward
 - h. Gema - mid-day feast steward
 - i. Activities: Scavenger Hunt (Dmitri); Dancing (Sciath to coordinate)

- j. Proposing less traditional merchants, Ren to look into indigenous merchants
- k. Grmr - bar staff
- l. Needs: volunteers for gate, tournament master, games coordinator, royalty liaison, set up and tear down crew, costume contest coordinator
- m. Site tokens - Gema is doing these, as well as prizes

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

New Business

- 1. 12th Night with Trinovantia Nova
 - a. Cautious interest, depending on staffing
 - b. Sciath to reach out to TN to confirm details
- 2. Dessert Revel - December 14th at Richard and Annabelle's home

Tentative next meeting date: Sunday, October 26, at 6pm

Appendix

Marshal's Report October 5, 2025

Since the last meeting, August 17, 2025, we have had seven scheduled fight practices. Three were held out of doors. One outdoor practice was cancelled due to rain. Then three in the school. The Barony would like to thank Lady Canadia and Lord Adder for the use of their home and their hospitality. We moved to Lakeview PS in Grimsby as of September 17. Armour attendance was very low with the outdoor practices with sometimes no armour fighters. This has improved now that we are indoors with regular armour fighters in attendance. We have established a nice relationship with Steve the Custodian, who has provided us with his mobile number in case there are any issues. That number has been shared with other marshals within the Barony. Since the Barony of Ben Dunfirth has not found an indoor fight site yet we have had a few visitors from there. Duke Trumbrand and Duchess Kaylah, will visit us on October 15. We are currently scheduled to be in the school to June 24, 2026. In due course I would like to discuss extending the rental through the summer to avoid rain issues and establish a consistent fight practice site. I have set up a donation box in the foyer to help defray the rental cost. So far we have collected \$45 over three practices, or \$15 per night. According to my calculations each night costs us \$29 so hopefully donations will increase.

Summary of attendance

- August 21 Outdoors Zero armour, three fencing
- August 28 Outdoors Cancelled due to rain
- September 4 Outdoors Zero armour, four fencing
- September 11 Outdoors Three armour, two fencing
- September 17 School Three armour, zero fencing
- September 21 As the Baronial Marshal I attended Countess Anne's farm with armour but no opponents showed up, so I enjoyed fencing with five others. A lovely potluck followed.
- September 24 School Four armour, eight fencing
- October 1 School Three armour, five fencing

We hosted Baronial Investiture, which had armour combat at it. Baronial fighters also fought at events including Stone the Crows, Coronation, and Huntsman's Harvest. The next event with fighting is Laurel Showdown in Bastille du Lac (Lindsay, ON).

Some fighters regularly attend the Bryniau Tywynnog (Kitchener) fight practice on Tuesday nights. It is a long drive but with over a dozen armour in attendance it is the largest and deepest practice in the Kingdom.

Here concludes this report.

Barony of Rising Waters Baronial Investiture Event - September 13, 2025 Report

By Sir Richard Larmer, OP, CB Event Stewart October 5, 2025

A successful event was held with higher attendance than anticipated. Weather was perfect and the feast was well attended and successful. This was the first time that I worked as the event steward, and I learned many things. My thanks to the many members of the Barony who helped out. My son Lord Taka tried his hand as head cook and was successful.

The event by the numbers

- Attendees 121, which included
- Complimentary 11
- Paid Adults 102, which included 17 non-members.
- Children 17
- Feast tickets sold 21 adults (\$20) and two children (\$10) for 23 out of 25 seats available.
- Income \$2,650.00 from Gate and Feast
- Expenses \$1,399.76 Hall rental, bar tender, SCA insurance certificate, and feast costs
- Profit \$1,250.24

Lunch was provided by Clan Okami, who kept the profit. The Hall ran the bar and kept the profit from that.

Discussion

We have a new Baronial Couple. Baroness Sciath has stepped down, and Their Majesties have granted her the privileges of Baroness of Their Court. Ieuen is granted the same privilege for his service to Her Excellency during Her tenure. Wassail!

The Grantham Youth Optimist Club was a new site to us, and it proved very good. We had Friday night access, and they were easy to work with. The Bar Tender was a lot of fun. He got cider based upon demand, the day of, and will accommodate our tastes for any future events. I recommend we consider this site for Lady Mary.

The kitchen was large enough with access immediately from the parking lot.

The two halls were adequate for an event of this size. The lack of changing rooms and a royalty room were fixed by pop-ups in the main hall. The four baseball diamonds had lots of space for four martial activities. There are pros and cons for using the baseball diamond for fighting to consider for future events.