

Baronial Officers' Meeting, January 18, 2026

Officer's Reports

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

- Upcoming Events:
 - January 24th: Blue Dragon Studium in the Canton of Ard Chreag
 - January 31st: Known World Chatelaine Symposium
 - February 6th-8th: Tri-Kingdom University (virtual)
 - February 7th: Tournoi
- 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/>

Seneschal Report (Dmitri/Sam)

- Thank you to everyone who went to help out at Ann and Alistair's after the storm.
- Fourth quarterly report coming up for February 15
- Finalizing event report for Feast of the Bacchus, signatures
- Seeking a deputy for seneschal, please contact Dmitri for more information
- Discussion regarding the fate of the carpets, stored at Ann and Alistair's barn. Since the barn is no longer in place, the decision was made to not retain the carpets. The carpets are about 20 years old, and have been used twice since 2017. They were useful in venues where fighters were restricted from fighting without carpeting.

Exchequer Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Joined the new Exchequer Discord channel!
- Received and deposited donation towards fight practice site rental early in January in the amount of \$383. Thank you!
- New workbook for exchequer quarterly reports, which embeds the ledger and annual budget into the report - meaning that it is simpler to cross-check the three resources.
- Drafting 2025 fourth quarterly report, waiting for the final report from Feast of the Bacchus
- New society financial policy
 - Ealdormere will be creating its own template policy for each branch to model in the next few months
 - Updates include: reconciliation requirements, requirement for a **warranted emergency deputy**, requirement for financial statements (balance sheet and income statement) to be made publicly available, quartermasters are now deputies under exchequer, requirement for monthly reports (reconciliation reports) to branch seneschal, and kingdom exchequer, **Canadian branches with approved bank accounts may now accept electronic payment** (we are

working on this with kingdom), all requests for reimbursement must include a request form and receipts or invoice, financial audit is mandatory when the exchequer changes, or every 2 years (whichever is first) (coordinating with kingdom).

- New exchequer policy.
 - Outlines branch and kingdom exchequer duties, including 2-3 duration in role with annual extension options.
 - Outlines monthly bank reconciliation procedure, quarterly financial reporting, year-end consolidating reporting, cash handling, approval and reimbursements, transfer between accounts, asset management, records and retention, compliance and variance.
 - Cash advances must be reconciled within 60 days with receipts and unused funds returned.
 - Required contents for branch financial policies, and process to update financial policy including:
 - Exchequer drafts/revises with financial committee input
 - Confirm no contradictions with SFP or Kingdom Law
 - Public proposed policy changes to populace for comment
 - Financial committee votes on revision
 - Revised policy (with tracked changes) to Kingdom Exchequer, who sends to Society Exchequer and Treasurer and BoD
 - Policy is effect after Board approval
 - Policy should be reviewed every two years.
 - Prohibited expenditures:
 - Gifts to individuals (flowers, birthday gifts, household presents).
 - Special occasion or personal benefit purchases.
 - Loans to individuals or accepting loans from individuals.
 - Alcohol purchases, except minimal quantities for cooking purposes.
 - Fireworks, raffles, or online auction items.
 - Special purpose and dedicated funds
 - Why? Ensure that money raised or allocated for a specific purpose is used only for that purpose.
 - Financial committee must vote to create the fund and document the primary (and, if relevant, secondary) purposes, definite time for fulfilling the purpose (recommend 5 years), record fund creation in meeting minutes
 - Tracked separately in the branch ledger
 - Prohibited uses: must be used for the defined purposes and not other purposes
 - Cheque cashing - reminder to please cash cheques received from the barony in the calendar year they are received. Reminder that cheques can become stale-dated after six months, and banks may not honour them after that time.
 - Auction - need to have communication and signage regarding where the funds are going

Minister of Arts and Science Report (Aibhilin/Leslie)

- Sciath hosting scribal nights on Tuesdays at 6:30
- Rhys would like to talk with Aibhilin about a plan for leatherworking class
- Ren would like Aibhilin and Genevieve to work on backlog scrolls together

Fencing Marshal's Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- Strong regular attendance continues!
- I have purchased the materials to make several fencing armour punch tests, and will have up to three available for active fencing marshals to use.
- John brought (from Ramshaven) loaner gear as gift. Gear was sorted, including masks, jackets and pants
- Ren has offered to put together arming jackets for loaner gear

Archery Marshal Report (Nika/Susan)

- It's cold, monitoring when we might have time/opportunity for a practice. We might consider a practice in March, depending on availability of the site.
- Talk of having a prestige missile weapons tournament in the Summer, individual and group, with archery, thrown weapons (possibly combat archery). Potentially based in Petrea Thule in August.

Thrown Weapons Marshal Report (Sciath/Trudi)

- It's still Winter! Check your weapons for rest, see if anything needs repair.

Armoured Marshal's Report (Andrew/Richard)

- 4 practices since our last meeting. Please confirm whether practice is happening, especially when there could be poor weather
- AC wiki and new rules are in force
- Donation for armoured and rapier fighters
- Plan is to use the site through the Summer - currently booked in until the end of June
- Tournoi - alternating rounds between armoured and fencing
- Recent storm damaged Ann and Alistair's barn, which housed the fight carpets. They have not been used a great deal (twice in the past 8 years).
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Herald's Report (Eydis/Lisa)

- I have been reviewing the Order of Precedence Lists for the Kingdom, the Barony as well as the Spreadsheet for the Barony, and tried to reconcile all three.
 - When there was disagreement I defaulted to the dates in the Kingdom Order of Precedence or the court report. When I first took this on I had poor understanding on the use of the spreadsheet and was concerned I may have entered some recent entries incorrectly.
 - I have been finding people with different names but overlapping profiles, and will need to discuss with someone to see if these are the same people, and how I

should consolidate them. I may have attempted this myself initially, then realized that I should confirm this with someone first.

- I will also need to find out how to clean up the spreadsheet to make it easier to read.
- I will send the most recently updated OP document for the Barony for posting to the website. It would be very helpful if everyone could review this and help me correct any errors. (emailed to webminster, thank you!)

Signet Report (Genevieve/Jennifer)

- Nothing to report at this time.

Webminister Report (Rhys)

- The old Archery Captain email address for Rising Waters has been checked for anything that should be kept and deleted.
- Removed gendered language from the website
- Ren suggests like to new Florigelium

Chronicler (Gaspar/Luke)

- Spring Cataract will come up in February, will include some items from last Cataract (e.g. calls for volunteers, recommendations).
- Doing a bingo card for 2026 to people to complete through the year
- Is there a deadline for this issue? Yes - February 10
- Will do another pet page - creature feature

Social Media Deputy Report (Rhys)

- Top contributors:
 - Sir Richard
 - Dame Sciathe

Chatelaine (Rhys)

- Known World Chatelaine's Summit, January 31st (online event) 1 pm-9 pm EST (event is in CST) - Registration required
<https://www.sca.org/virtual-chatelaines-summit-jan-31-2026/>
- In communication with Pride Niagara (conflict with Melee) and Renaissance Faire Niagara (conflict with FooL) to hold a demo/have a presence at their events. Both will conflict with an event but I will be hosting the demo regardless
 - Once demos are confirmed, I will be looking for volunteers
- Also interesting in exploring participation in Grape and Wine (Sept. 27), and regional Santa Claus parades
 - Still need to confirm dates for events, and deadlines to apply to participate.
 - Also communicating with Ben Dunfirth for support

DEI Officer (Sabrina/Annabelle)

- TE would like to work with DEI to neutralise gender references in Baronial documents

Accessibility Officer (Stephan/Jotun-Bjorn)

- Nothing to report
- Planning to check out Bled Hall with Sciathe

Old Business

1. Feast of Bacchus
 - a. Finalizing event report
 - b. Loss of \$81.22, which may be partially made up through donations
2. Spring Crown Tournament
 - a. Saturday, May 23rd
 - b. West Niagara Agricultural Hall, 7402 Mud St W, Grassie, ON L0R 1M0
 - c. Event Stewards: Richard and Lustus (day-of)
 - d. Lunch by Valdr, may need help at lunch counter
 - e. Site visit completed - pictures available, main hall, large bathrooms, cloakroom, storage room, royalty room, recommending pop-ups for change rooms
 - i. Outdoor shelter is an additional fee
 - f. 16 x24 carpet available in case we need to fight indoors to protect the floor
 - g. Space for other activities, range marshals must take care of their own logistics
 - h. Proposing site fee \$20 + feast \$20
 - i. TE Mihko to make site tokens
 - j. Cathal has been approached by Kingdom to help with livestreaming the fighting.

Council vote to accept: approved by financial committee, approved by baronial council

New Business

3. Lady Mary
 - a. June 20, 2026 at Bled Hall
 - b. Sciath as event steward
 - c. MICs confirmed
 - d. Need volunteers for lunch and (?) feast)
 - e. Would like to consult with TE directly regarding themes and their preferences
 - f. TRH has indicated that there may be an Order meeting (TBC)
 - g. Ontario St (Beamsville) exit coming from Toronto
 - h. Vote on bid: unanimously approved





2. Pennsic War

- a. Land Agent is not planning to open camp at Pennsic War
 - i. Look into having a proxy from Yama Kaminari to hold space for RW
- b. Eydis and Sciathe will be land agents for Torwyn Hill Encampment, July 31 to August 9 at Camp Impeesa in Drumbo

Next meeting: Sunday, February 15 at 6pm at the Crumphold