



The Ben Dunfirth Clarion

Winter A.S. LX (2025)

“Now with red and flowers!”



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From the Chronicler

Ascelyn of Ben Dunfirth, Armiger

It is with sadness that I must open by sharing news of Baron Taern's passing earlier this month. Taern was kind, generous, and a loyal friend to many. Amongst other service, Taern served as Ben Dunfirth's baron from 2012-2016, and will be greatly missed both within our society and beyond. An obituary can be found [here](#).

It has been a busy fall for the barony, with Huntsman's Harvest again drawing a crowd of over two hundred to the barony's lands. Spread across the day were sandwich-themed tournaments to please His Majesty, and archers and thrown weapons ranges hosted the respective Order of the Mark vigilants Magistra Nika and (now) Master Iohn Spooner. Beyond Huntsman's, members of the barony travelled to events in our cousin baronies across the kingdom.

Finally: I am still looking for a deputy to assist with the newsletter and potentially take it over in the future. Helping out could mean taking photos, putting together features, or helping make everything fit together page. If you're interested, you can reach out to me in person or at the chronicler's e-mail address, bdchronicler@gmail.com.



Ben Dunfirth Armorial

On a personal note, at Wassail I announced my challenge for entry into the White Wolf Fian, Ealdormere's ancient order of artists, researchers, and craftspeople. I will be preparing an armorial containing the arms of current and past members of the barony.

If you would like to be included in the armorial, you can sign up at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/hozQ8JXSTc6q3xEY6>

Baronial Court

of Their Excellencies Baroness Meredyth &
Baron Jørgen at Huntsman's Harvest,
October 4th, 2025

Lord Endo of House Okami
Award of the Boar's Tusk

Lady Mabel of Ben Dunfirth
Award of the Boar's Tusk

The Barbarian Household
Horn of Ben Dunfirth

Dominus Howell James of Town's End
Cloak of Ben Dunfirth



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Royal Recognition

The following member of the barony has had their skill and virtue recognized by Ealdormere's royals, and been awarded accordingly:

Lady Helena Wanamaker
Award of Arms

Amany
Award of Arms

Lady Vivian of Ben Dunfirth
Award of the Maiden's Heart
Award of the Scarlet Banner

Master Iohn Spooner
Order of the Mark

Lord Cavan of Ben Dunfirth
Award of the Scarlet Banner

Lord Endo of House Okami
Award of Arms

Dominus Howell James of Town's End
Award of Orion

Ascelyn of Ben Dunfirth, Armiger
Award of the Maiden's Heart

Photo: Gabriel of Ben Dunfirth

The Folklaw of Ben Dunfirth

In the interest of documenting Ben Dunfirth's history and considering how we *may* wish for our group to run, find below a portion of the "folklaw" approved by the membership of April 2010, continuing from where left off in our last issue. This is **not** enforceable as currently baronial policy.

Article 6 – Voting Procedures

1. The membership reserves to itself the sole right to decide on the following matters:
 - The recommendations of Officers to the group or to the superior officer
 - The selection of any special officer(s) elected for specific time periods or limited purposes
 - Decisions to hold any event, demo or other gathering which may require the participation of the membership
 - Decisions to move any meeting, gathering or practice to different locations, times or days
 - Decisions to use or display the device of the group, other than such as are reserved to the Baron and/or Baroness, or Officers of the group
 - Changes to these folklaws
2. Only members of the group have the right to vote on proposals brought before the membership.
3. For any decision, voting will be by show of hands or secret ballot. Voting by show of hands is the standard procedure, voting by secret ballot must be requested by only one member for it to be necessary.
4. A simple majority of the membership present at a meeting is required for a motion to pass.
5. The Pursuivant, or their appointed representative, will refrain from voting, except in the case of a tie vote, where it would be their responsibility to cast the deciding vote.
6. The Pursuivant, or their appointed representative, shall be responsible for the distribution, collection, and tabulation of all secret ballot votes. The Seneschal, or their appointed representative, shall witness the tabulation.
7. Once the Pursuivant, or their appointed representative, have tabulated the vote, they shall make known to the membership only the fact of the decision rendered; all records of tabulation, including ballots and any other instrument, will be destroyed at the earliest convenience.

Article 7 – Finances

1. We acknowledge that Society and Kingdom financial policies supercede Baronial policies.
2. The third local signatory for our Baronial Account will be chosen by and agreed upon by the Baronial Exchequer and Baronial Seneschal, from the Baronial greater officers.
3. Greater Officers are allowed a stipend of \$20 per annum. Additional expenditures will be voted on by the Baronial Financial Committee.
4. All other expenses must be approved in advance by the Baronial Financial Committee. Receipts of transactions are to be submitted within 15 days of the purchase to the Baronial Exchequer or his/her designate.
5. All events held by the Barony must have detailed budgets, voted on by the Baronial Financial Committee.
6. The Baronial Financial Committee consists of the Baron and Baroness (one or both or their designate), the Baronial Seneschal (or his/her designate), the Baronial Exchequer (or his/her designate), and the members of the populace of the Barony in attendance at any given business meeting. If proper notice has been given in accordance with Kingdom Policy, quorum will consist of any four of the Baron and Baroness and all Greater Officers of the Barony.
7. A motion, a second, and a majority vote, by hand count or ballot, shall constitute approval by the Baronial Financial Committee.

8. Should any signatory of the Baronial Account find any expenditure unconscionable and refuse to release Baronial funds, the matter shall be put to the Kingdom for mediation.

9. Any deviation from this financial policy will be reported to the Kingdom Exchequer.



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Huntsman's Harvest



Another year, another harvest for the huntsman. All the favourite pastimes were here: the mead and preserve competitions, Hungry Barbarian tournament, and no shortage of archery or thrown weapons. Fitting, then, that this event would host the vigils and elevations of two of the premiers of Ealdormere's Order of the Mark, Nika and Iohn, who held their respective vigils at the ranges of their respective disciplines.



Trisham and Anneke (who promise to “reward service with sandwiches”) saw fit to hold sandwich-y champion tournaments at Huntsman's, with victors to be marked down in glory on the rather fitting trophy.





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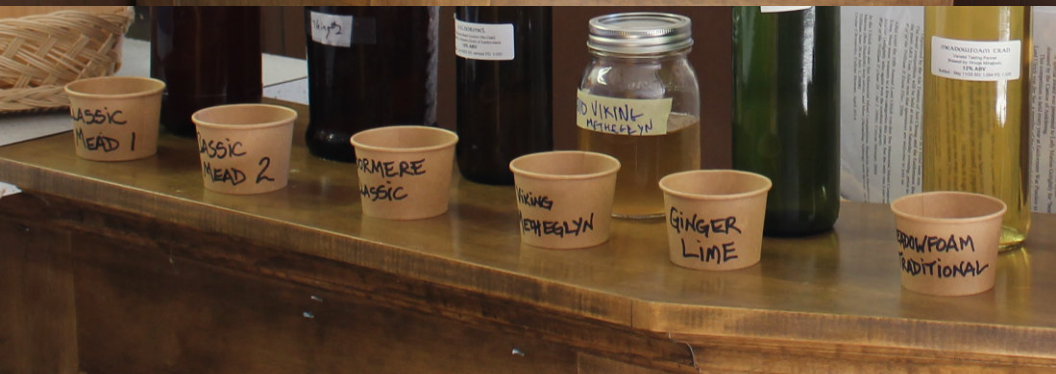
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From Arts & Sciences

Evandrus threw a huge A&S day November 1st. I think there were 10 people, 4 of whom were Laurels. I personally learned some sewing machine maintenance that I will use going forward.

Check the website for upcoming A&S days here:
www.ealdormere.ca/ben-dunfirth/arts-science-workshop

I would like to know what Arts & Science (A&S) you have been up to this last quarter. Any crafts, mad science, teaching, writing, or hosting A&S meetings please brag about them to me. I will then brag about them to the Kingdom A&S Minister.

Please send your report to me by March 1, 2026.

Cheerfully yours,
 Lucia de Enzinas

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Baronial Meetings

For the winter we are holding our meetings and fight practices in the **Stoney Creek Optimist Club Hall** (890 Queenston Road, Stoney Creek, L8G 5E5). Business meeting is held at 7 PM, followed by armoured combat and rapier practices until 9:30 PM. We do not have the hall on the first Monday of the month: meetings are currently scheduled for: **January** 12, 19, and 29; **February** 9 and 23; **March** 9, 16, 23, and 30; **April** 13, 20, and 27; and **May** 4, 11, and 25.



Bardic in the Barn

A full day of classes dedicated to the bardic arts of song, storytelling, and all manner of performance.

Anne & Oleksandr's

35 Lane Road, Dunnville, N1A 2W1

**Admission: Member 15\$, Non-Member 25\$,
Under 18 Free.**

Details to follow, watch for that event page!

Other Upcoming Events

For the most up-to-date event information, please consult the [kingdom calendar](#) and event webpages.

Things are quite quiet event-wise this side of Septentria through the end of the year:

January 10th – Twelfth Night

Trinovantia Nova promises “fun, frivolity and a wee bit of mayhem” as well as a potluck feat.

January 24th – Blue Dragon Studium

Daylong event in Oshawa featuring classes and workshops on various Arts & Sciences.

February 7th – Tournoi du Coeur de Glace

Armoured and Rapier tournaments of renown hosted by the Shire of Bastille du Lac.

March 14th – Winter War

Melee combat and other activities on our barony's western border.

March 28th – Kingdom Arts & Sciences

This year's competition is hosted by Der Welfengau. Remember to register on time if you would like to enter projects for judging, display, or feedback.

April 18th – Coronation of Crispin II and Laura

The continuation of the Northern Line on the far side of Septentria.

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