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Baronial Words

As the golden leaves fall from our once green trees and the coming frost graces our mornings portend the coming winter snows, we are thankful for the warmth that radiates from the hearts of our populace and the open hearths we all share among us. With the recent passing of the warm summer, we welcome our new Commander of the Cavaliers Bran Sparrowhawk. Soon we hope we are able to meet his inspiration the Light which will shine through the winter giving us hope in the darkness until the sun once again fills our days. To help us make it through the long dark, cold winter we start our winter event season with the feast at Michaelmas. This will be a great chance for our populace to come together to share good cheer and learning. To our noble populace, we ask that you keep in mind those individuals who by good works, skill, or mettle are deserving of recognition and let us know. Without you We might otherwise miss recognizing a deserving gentle. We plan to travel south to visit our cousins the Sister Baronesses of Eskalya and attend the event of Samhain with them. To those going south to do the same, we look forward to enjoying what looks to be an exciting event full of magic and fun.



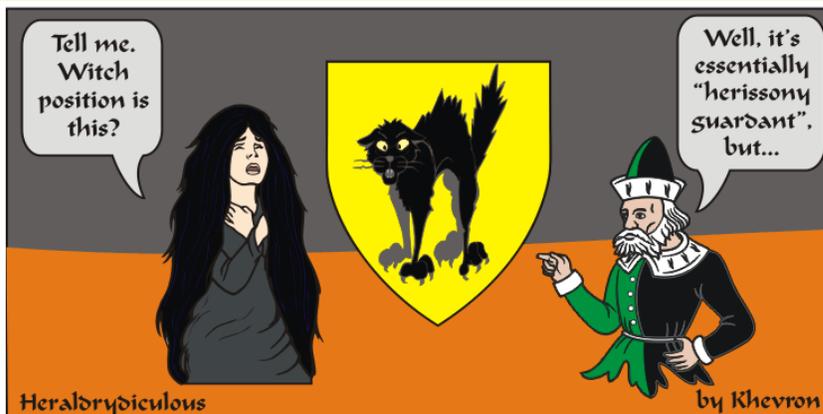
In Service to the populace of Winter's Gate and the Crowns of the West

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Upcoming Events for A.S LIII - LIII

Nov. 4th-5th: Collegium -(autocrats: Ellisif and Liam the Archer)

Dec. 15th: Yule-(autocrats: Cemper and Fiona)

Jan. 19th-21st, (2018): Coronet

Feb. 17th-18th: (2018) Heart's Revel (autocrat: Sheva)

March 24th (2018) Olio (autocrat: Cemper)

April 28th-29th (2018): Fool's Revel (autocrats: Grete and Shondra)

Documenting for the non-academic

You want to enter that new pouch you just made and the competition calls for "documentation." What now? You saw pictures and liked the pouch and you worked hard to recreate it. You also read a poem about a pouch. But, how do you document? Isn't the picture and the poem enough? Unfortunately, the answer is no. Documenting within the SCA is an important part of the SCA life and world. As individuals who reenact the medieval to Renaissance World, documenting is important. Not everything can be documented and frequently, there are holes in academic research or researchers just don't agree but there are some very important steps to documenting.

1. For items or clothes: Finding a picture in a manuscript is a good place to start. Write down the manuscript (they have numbers), title, name of painter (if there is one) and where it came from such as British Royal Museum or another museum.
2. For food: Find the original recipe. Most of the time there are no measurements. Write down the original recipe and then the redacted (modernized) version. What year did the original originate? What book was the recipe in? Where did it originate? Who redacted it? Where was it served? For what occasions? Poems, prose and pictures are nice, but they are not documentation.
3. Food /Fabric/ Fur substitutions: Your food item calls for Swan and your dress recreation for Brocade Silk with Ermine. You don't have swan and can't afford Brocade Silk or Ermine. Note the original and then explain why you substituted Turkey for Swan and a Rayon Silk blend with faux-fur.
4. Be careful of internet searches. Not all information is actually documentation and in reality, places like Wikepedia and some blogs are written by your normal everyday person or even grade-schoolers. There are some great places to start such as Google Scholar, your local library, museums and Laurels. Also ask. There are people who know the art of documentation. Ask. We LOVE to answer documentation questions .

What's a _____?

Master of Defense: Newer Position- Someone who is recognized as embodying the traits, skills, and expertise within Rapier Fighting

Captain of the Guard- Someone who the trains the Fighters in the Barony. Position is won through combat.

Commander of the Cavaliers- Someone who the trains the Fighters in the Barony. Position is won through combat.

Unbelted Fighter- A Fighter (Heavy or Rapier) within the Populace. May be authorized or not.





The A&S Corner: October Feature: Lord Ferus and Scroll-Making

On a warm late summer eve in Anchorage, after Purgatorio Coronation I had the pleasure of going out to dinner with their Majesties and some good friends. At one point the conversation drifted to about how great it was that the Scribes and Illuminators of Oertha are able to provide so many completed scrolls for our Prince, Princess and Baroness and Barons bestow when awards are received. Which is awesome! I then promised to send 10 completed scrolls to our Beloved King and Queen before they step down. Here is my progress so far on the scrolls. I hope to have them completed by the end of next week. We, House Tundra Weasel, in Kotzebue are getting ready to host an A&S night here in Kotzebue for a few new folks interested in the SCA and that want to learn to Fight and do Calligraphy. We are going to use these scrolls to teach a class too! Scrolls can be a doorway for new people!



All are based on several different books of the hours, letters to King Henry III and Edward I and Henry VIII and documents spanning from 1100 ad to the late 1500's. I am working in gouache, egg tempera and shell gold for the paints and black India and gull ink for the calligraphy. The Calligraphy will be completed in Humanist minuscule, Half Uscule and black letterand inspired Safavid dynasty.



Based on the 3rd reprint of the Magna Carta.



Inspired by 15th century book of hours from the Netherlands.

