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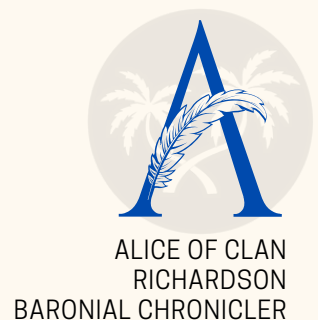
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# Words From Their Excellencies



Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of Atenveldt!

Summer is rapidly approaching! We plan on visiting our *Favorite* cousins in the coming months and encourage our populace to travel with us to a variety of events around the Kingdom! We continue to host Melee Night the first Wednesday of every month, as long as the weather permits. Speaking of weather, during July and August when it is often too hot for fighting, we would like to have the populace join us for a Night at the Park just to visit and socialize with our friends.

Currently we plan on having Wednesday Night Practice at Encanto Park during the summer months. However, we will post an update to the Palm Prints and the Book of Faces if we hear that the park is closed and we will be at another location.

If you are interested in a behind-the-scenes view of the Barony, please feel free to join us at the baronial business meeting on the first Thursday of each month (where we hold an in-person meeting along with internet access via Google Meets). If you are interested in helping the barony by volunteering to be a deputy officer, or an event autocrat, the business meeting is an excellent place to see how the barony runs.

If you know someone who is deserving of a baronial award, please let us know! You can find a list of baronial awards on our baronial website, and please send award recommendations to us at [coronet@baronyofatenveldt.org](mailto:coronet@baronyofatenveldt.org)

Check out our progress to see which events we will be going to in the coming months!



NIKOLAUS & VALDIS  
BARON AND BARONESS

# Baronial Progress

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Although many details for future events are still to be determined, one or both of Their Excellencies will attend at least a portion of these events on the calendar.

MAY 18, 2024  
CHAMPIONS IN THE PINES (BGM)

MAY 24-26, 2024  
HIGHLANDS WAR (BES)

JUNE 8, 2024  
TOURNAMENT OF FLOWERS (VALLIS AERIS)

JUNE 22, 2024  
MOONLIGHT MASQUERADE (BTM)

JUNE 29, 2024  
FABRIC WAR (BSD)--BARON NIKOLAUS ONLY

JULY 13, 2024  
BARONY OF TIR YSGITHR EVENT TBA

JULY 27, 2024  
MIDEAST FEAST (BTM)--BARON NIKOLAUS ONLY

JULY 29-AUGUST 10, 2024  
PENNSIC--BARONESS VALDIS ONLY

AUGUST 3, 2024  
TOO HOT (BES)--BARON NIKOLAUS ONLY

AUGUST 16-18, 2024  
MACE & GREAT SWORD (BMT)

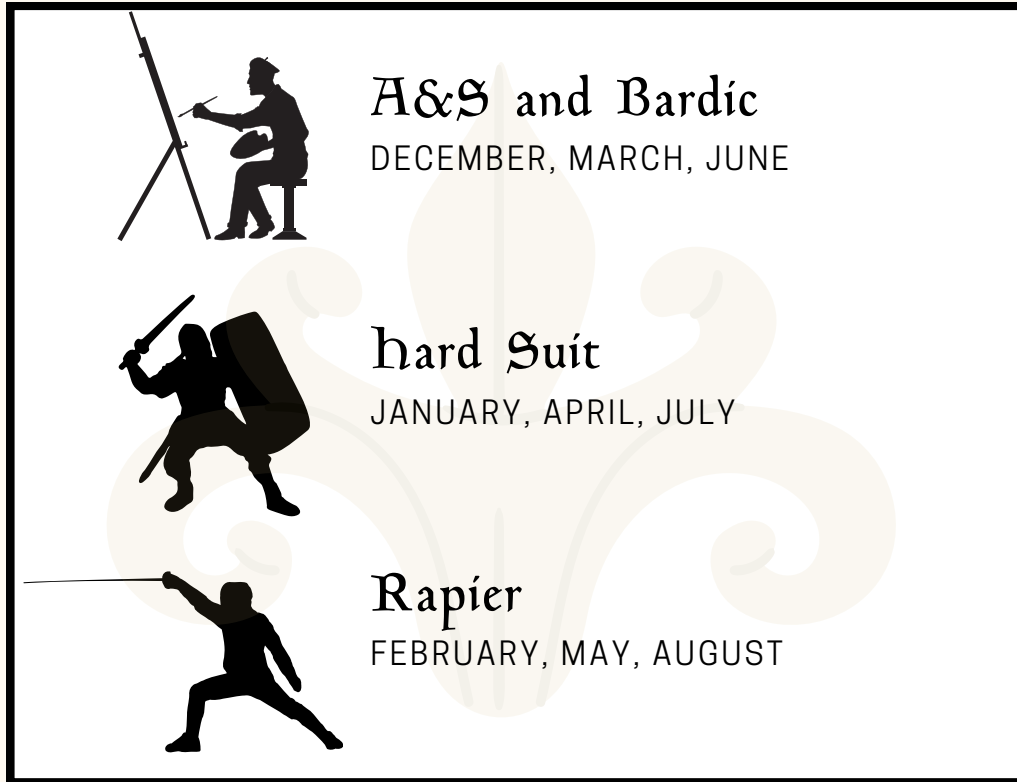
AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 2, 2024  
POLARIS WAR (BGM)



# Baronial Focus

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For the coming year, our focus in the quarterly tournaments/activities will be:



**A&S and Bardic**  
DECEMBER, MARCH, JUNE

**Hard Suit**  
JANUARY, APRIL, JULY

**Rapier**  
FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST

## Retinue

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- Captain of the Guard - Master Ra'id Ibn Al Za'rur
- Co-head Lady in Waiting - Mistress Caoilshionn inghean uí Mhaoil Ruanaidh
- Co-head Lady in Waiting - Catharin Syl'vestrova
- Steward/Lady in Waiting - Morgaine Rhys ap Gruffydd
- Steward/Mover-of-the-Things - Brian Hrobjartsson
- Wardrobe Mistress/Lady in Waiting - Tvoislava Michelovna
- Largesse/Basket Coordinator - Auelyn Spyle Syngere
- Special Projects - Caoilshionn inghean uí Mhaoil Ruanaidh

Retainers, when the call goes out for Ladies or Lords in waiting for Her Excellency, please let the Lady in Waiting know as soon as you can if you can attend her. It will make scheduling easier.

If anyone wishes to join Their Excellencies retinue, please email  
[Retinue@baronyofatenveldt.org](mailto:Retinue@baronyofatenveldt.org).

# Meet our Baronial Champions!



A&S CHAMPION  
LADY LI SU JIE



ARCHERY CHAMPION  
DAIBHIDH MAC  
DUBHGHAIL



BARDIC CHAMPION  
MASTER RA'ID IBN AL  
ZA'RUR



ARMORED COMBAT  
CHAMPION  
LORD MITSUHIDE  
SHINJIRO



RAPIER CHAMPION  
BARON BLAISE  
MAKKYNNAY



THROWN WEAPONS  
CHAMPION  
M'LORD HAMISH THE  
HUNTER



# Baronial Officers



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<b>Lieutenant of the Archers</b>	Orianna Aethelwulf	

# Baronial Officer Want Ads

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The Barony of Atenveldt is actively seeking individuals to join our officer corps. We are currently accepting LOIs for: Chatelaine, A&S Minister, Regalia, Youth Activities Officer, and Deputy Rapier Marshal.

All offices (especially Rapier and Exchequer) are seeking deputies! Email the office of interest for details.



Please send Letters of Intent (LOIs) to the Seneschal at [seneschal@baronyofatenveldt.org](mailto:seneschal@baronyofatenveldt.org) and the Baron and Baroness at [coronet@baronyofatenveldt.org](mailto:coronet@baronyofatenveldt.org). Please include your legal name and SCA name, membership # and expiry date, contact information, and what office you are intending to apply for. Letters of Intent will be accepted for each office until each office is filled. Any questions about what is expected of each officer may be directed to the Seneschal, the B&B, or the corresponding Kingdom officer.

## Why Become an Officer?

- The SCA is a volunteer organization and it can't function or thrive without volunteers willing to serve!
- Officers play a crucial role in fostering camaraderie, inclusivity, and engagement within our barony.
- Serving as an officer provides valuable leadership and organizational experience that can benefit you both within and outside of the SCA.
- Officers develop communication, problem-solving, and event coordination skills.
- You'll have the chance to collaborate with fellow officers, kingdom officials, and SCA members from various backgrounds.

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## Baronial Chatelaine

The Barony is looking for a dedicated, passionate individual who has the drive to help our Barony and Kingdom thrive by helping newcomers to the SCA. We encourage anyone who is friendly, enthusiastic, and willing to help to consider applying to help our Society grow.

**Job Description:** We are seeking a communicative, kind person to serve as our Baronial Chatelaine. In this role, you will be responsible for promoting the recruitment and retention of newcomers, and the administrative functions involved thereof. This is a key position that contributes to the growth of our SCA community.



# Baronial Officer Want Ads

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## Baronial Chatelaine (cont.)

### **Responsibilities:**

- Developing and maintaining materials for recruitment, newcomer orientation, and member retention
- Maintaining a knowledge base for SCA demos, as well as monitoring compliance with the SCA demo policy/guidelines document.
- Working closely with other officers to create, implement, and monitor marketing efforts aimed at new member acquisition and member retention.
- Performing other duties assigned by the Seneschal as directed.

### **Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated leadership skills
  - Problem-solving expertise
  - Experience with project management
  - A basic understanding of membership marketing principles and chapter development is strongly suggested.
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## Baronial Arts and Sciences Minister

**If you are enthusiastic about medieval and Renaissance arts and sciences and wish to be a part of a vibrant and creative SCA community, we encourage you to apply for the position of Baronial Arts and Sciences Minister. Come be a driving force in our barony's artistic and intellectual journey, and help us continue to celebrate the rich heritage of the past**

**Job Description:** We are seeking a passionate and dedicated individual to serve as our Baronial Arts and Sciences Minister. In this role, you will be responsible for overseeing and promoting the arts and sciences activities within our barony, and fostering a culture of learning, creativity, and camaraderie. This is a vital position that contributes to the enrichment of our SCA community.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Organize and promote arts and sciences events, workshops, and competitions.
- Encourage members to explore and develop their artistic and scientific interests.
- Mentor and support individuals in their pursuit of period-appropriate crafts and skills.
- Collaborate with other officers to coordinate and enhance baronial events and activities.
- Maintain records of arts and sciences activities within the barony.
- Serve as a liaison between our barony and the Kingdom Arts and Sciences community.

### **Qualifications:**

- Enthusiastic about medieval and Renaissance arts and sciences.
- Excellent organizational and communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively and motivate others.
- Familiarity with SCA culture and customs is a plus, but not required

# Baronial Officer Want Ads

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## Baronial Youth Officer

If you are passionate about working with youth, nurturing their curiosity, and helping them embrace the chivalric spirit of the SCA, we encourage you to apply for the position of Baronial Youth Officer. Become a guiding force for our young members, foster their love for history and camaraderie, and be a part of the vibrant future of our SCA community.

**Job Description:** The Baronial Youth Officer is a crucial role responsible for creating a safe, fun, and educational environment for the young members of our barony. This position provides an opportunity to inspire and educate the next generation of SCA enthusiasts.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Organize and oversee youth-specific activities at baronial events.
- Promote an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for youth participants.
- Collaborate with parents and guardians to ensure the well-being of youth members.
- Encourage the exploration of historical and chivalric interests among youth.
- Facilitate educational workshops and games tailored for young participants.

### **Qualifications:**

- Must pass background check (run and paid for by the SCA)
- A genuine love for working with youth and inspiring their interest in history.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Understanding of SCA youth policies and safety guidelines (training available if needed).
- Ability to collaborate effectively with parents, guardians, and other SCA officers.
- Prior experience with youth programs or teaching is a plus but not required.



## Baronial Regalia Officer

We invite you to apply for the position of Baronial Regalia Officer. Become the curator of our barony's distinctive regalia, help create a memorable atmosphere at our events, and immerse yourself in the aesthetics of the past.

**Job Description:** The Baronial Regalia Officer is a pivotal role responsible for the management, maintenance, and enhancement of our barony's regalia and ceremonial equipment. This role offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the visual and ceremonial identity of our barony.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Maintain an inventory of all baronial regalia, banners, and ceremonial items.
- Oversee the storage, transportation, and display of regalia at events.
- Collaborate with artisans and volunteers to create new regalia and accessories.
- Ensure that regalia is maintained in good condition and repaired as needed.
- Assist in the planning and execution of baronial ceremonies and court events.



# Baronial Officer Want Ads

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## Baronial Regalia Officer (cont.)

### Qualifications:

- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to coordinate with artisans and volunteers for regalia projects.
- Enthusiasm for the aesthetics and traditions of the medieval and Renaissance eras.
- Collaborative spirit and the ability to work within a team.
- Prior experience with SCA regalia is a plus but not required.
- Ability to tow a cargo trailer is also a plus but not required.



## Baronial Deputy Rapier Marshal

**If you are passionate about rapier combat, safety, and the traditions of the SCA, we invite you to apply for the position of Baronial Deputy Rapier Marshal. Become an integral part of our barony's rapier community, assist fencers in developing their skills, and contribute to the rich heritage of medieval and Renaissance fencing.**

**Job Description:** The Baronial Deputy Rapier Marshal plays a pivotal role in organizing and overseeing rapier combat activities, ensuring safety, and fostering a sense of camaraderie within our barony's rapier community. This position offers a unique opportunity for rapier enthusiasts to share their passion and expertise.

### Responsibilities:

- Assist in the planning and execution of rapier combat events, practices, and tournaments.
- Promote and enforce safety protocols to ensure all rapier activities comply with SCA regulations.
- Organize and participate in rapier classes and workshops to educate and train new fencers.
- Collaborate with the Baronial Rapier Marshal and other officers to enhance the overall rapier combat experience.
- Maintain rapier equipment and assist in equipment inspections.

### Qualifications:

- A genuine passion for rapier combat and historical accuracy.
- Proficiency in rapier combat and a strong understanding of safety practices.
- Effective communication skills and the ability to work well with fencers of all skill levels.
- Willingness to learn and assist in coordinating rapier events.
- Familiarity with SCA customs and regulations related to rapier combat is advantageous, but not required.

# A Call for Letters of Intent



(Reposted from The Southwind)

The Baron and Baroness of Atenveldt are preparing to conclude their tenure and enjoy a much deserved retirement. It is time to request Letters of Intent. On Saturday, September 21st, 2024 at the Baronial Masquerade Ball there will be a polling for the next pair to lead the barony who will step up at Baronial Anniversary, December 7th.

- Below are the Guidelines for Participation as a Baronial Candidate:
- Baronial candidates must be current paid members and must receive their Southwind or have an SCA membership in a Zip Code belonging to the Barony of Atenveldt.
- Candidates must be at least 18 years old.
- Candidates must have Letters of Intent in the hands of the Crown, the Kingdom Seneschal, & the Baron & Baroness no later than Wednesday, July 31st, 2024. Letters should be written with the understanding that (if accepted by the Crown), the letters will be published in the Baronial Newsletter for the populace to review prior to the polling.
- Candidates must include the below information in their Letter of Intent:
  - Full contact information, including SCA & modern names, addresses, phone numbers, email, & membership numbers with expiration date.
  - Their reasons for seeking the position.
  - Their history of participation in the SCA & the Barony of Atenveldt.
  - Their plans for the future of the group.
  - Their understanding of the responsibilities of the position of Baron & Baroness.
  - Their statement that they are willing to be installed with a two or three year warrant in the position, & understand their Letter of Intent will be published in the Baronial Newsletter if their candidacy is accepted by the Crown.

Questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Kingdom Seneschal at [Seneschal@Atenveldt.org](mailto:Seneschal@Atenveldt.org)

In addition, please review the following information regarding your participation in the Barony of Atenveldt Polling. A polling of the current paid members of the Barony of Atenveldt will be conducted on Saturday, September 21st 2024 to determine their support of candidates for Baron & Baroness. The populace should be aware that if the first polling does not show a clear preference of the populace, a second polling may be held immediately following the closing & tabulation of ballots for the first poll. Members are encouraged to plan to remain onsite to participate should a second poll be necessary.

To participate in all pollings held that day, you must be a Sustaining, Associate, or Family member who is 18 years old or older, & must receive a Southwind or have an SCA membership in a zip code belonging to the Barony of Atenveldt.

- Current paid memberships will be verified on a membership list at the polling site, or you may present an online membership renewal dated after the date the membership list was generated by the Milpitas Registry. The Kingdom Seneschal recommends you bring proof of membership with you to ensure participation in the poll.
- You must reside in zip codes belonging to the Barony of Atenveldt, & this will be verified on the membership list at the polling site.
- NOTE: Paid members who play in the Barony of Atenveldt, but do not reside in the zip codes belonging to the Barony, may not cast ballots. However, they are encouraged to make their views on candidates known to the Crown by sending personal letters to the Crown & Kingdom Seneschal expressing their candidate selections & preferences. The Crown will consider such letters when reviewing the polling results.
- You must be 18 years old or older & present a picture ID at the polling site that shows your date of birth or age.

\*\*\*\* SPECIAL ZIP CODE EXCEPTION \*\*\*\*

If you DO NOT HAVE a membership address in a zip code assigned to the Barony of Atenveldt, but your membership is current and in a zip code in metropolitan Phoenix, you will be asked to sign a Pledge Form before you can receive a ballot. The Pledge Form shows your agreement with this statement: "I consider myself a member of the populace of the Barony of Atenveldt, and promise the Crown of Atenveldt that I will not cast a ballot in any Pollings held in the Barony of Sun Dragon or the Barony of Twin Moons for 3 years following the date of this polling." A list of the members who sign this Pledge Form will be kept by the Kingdom Seneschal's office, and by the Seneschals of the three Baronies in the Phoenix metropolitan area. After signing the Pledge Form, you will be given a different color ballot to indicate your preference for Baron and Baroness. Questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Kingdom Seneschal at [Seneschal@Atenveldt.org](mailto:Seneschal@Atenveldt.org). In Service, Master Edward Harrison Kingdom Seneschal

# Events of the Season



The Barony and the Kingdom at large have many wonderful events coming up in the next few months, make sure you add these to your calendars and check out the Facebook groups and event invites for the most up to date information!



## Champions in the Pines

May 17-19, 2024

Chino Valley, AZ (BGM)

It's time again for the Barony of Granite Mountain's Champions event! This year's theme is "fun and games." Site fees are \$25 per for members and \$35 for non-members. (Youth 17 and under are free.) There is no feast fee, as we, the populace, are bringing the ingredients for stone soup! See the facebook event or the Kingdom calendar for details.

The event site is at Memory Park at Palomino Road and Road 1 West in Chino Valley. Archery and thrown weapons will be at 1655 W. Road 4 1/2 North. The site is discretely damp.



## Highlands War 30: War of the Clans

May 23-26, 2024

Parks, AZ (BES)

Location: Camp Raymond Parks, AZ 86018, Parks, AZ 86018

Site opens: 5/23 at 9AM Site closes: 5/26 at Noon

Member Adult \$35, Youth under 17 is Free, Non Member Adult is \$45, Adult Member Day Trip \$15, Non Member Day trip \$20

RV Wet is an added \$20 dollars to their entry fee

Merchants only pay \$35, no extra fee

Hot showers, Privies, and Fresh water in camps, Ramadas in camps, There will be Hard suit, Rapier, Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Equestrian.

Come enjoy the cool pines in Ered Sul!





# Events of the Season

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## The Insipient Shire of Vallis Aeris Tournament of Flowers

June 8, 2024

Thatcher, AZ (ISVA)

Let all Princes, Lords, Barons, Knights, Squires, and all other members of the Great Kingdom of Atenveldt, who are not banished or enemies of the

King our Lord or doers of evil deeds, know that on the 8th of June, the Insipient Shire of Vallis Aeris will hold our debut event the Tournament

of Flowers. The principal focus of this event will be on chivalry and pageantry both on the field of honor and off. The participants of the contests will be judged on their heraldic display, pageantry, and chivalry,

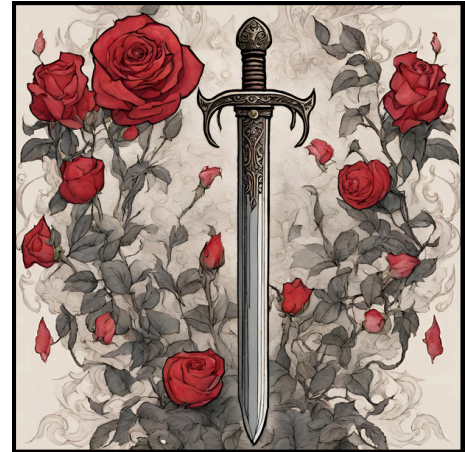
in addition to prowess. We will have: Heavy Fighting Tournament, Rapier Tournament, Cut and Thrust Tournament, A&S Classes,

Etiquette Training, Silent Auction, and a Potluck feast!

We have a beautiful location at Thatcher Park with Trees, Ramadas, Stone Privies, a Water fountain, picnic tables with benches, BBQ grills at

each ramada.

Site Fees: Free



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## Moonlight Masquerade Ball: Barony of Twin Moons Birthday Event

June 22, 2024

Mesa, AZ (BTM)



Johan and Catlyn the newly invested Baron and Baroness of Twin Moons cordially invite you to come celebrate the barony's birthday with them at a Moonlight Masquerade Ball complete with dancing, potluck, silent auction, and more!

Red Mountain Center, 7550 E Adobe St. Mesa AZ 85207

Event fees:

Pre-registration: \$20 for Adult Members, \$30 for Adult Non-members, youth 17 and under are free;

At the Gate: \$25 for Adult Members. \$35 for Adult Non-members, youth 17 and under are free

# Events of the Season

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## Fabric War

June 29, 2024

Phoenix, AZ (BSD)

Oyez! Oyez! Fabric Wars is soon to be upon us. We have decided upon a theme this year of A Midsummer Night's Dream. You are welcome to dress up as any part of the Shakespearian play that is set in Athens. Bring out your Elizabethan/late period, Greek and/or fairy court garb. Fabric Wars is a way for you to sign up to get rid of your extra fabric or any other SCA related items that you don't want. Tables are limited. Bartering, trades, and haggling all encourage, but most people also accept cold, hard cash!

Fabric Wars will include the normal activities, but also

bring on some new ones.

Washington Elementary School

Address: 8033 N 27th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85051

Pre registration – Member \$20, Non-member \$30

At Gate – Member \$25, Non-member \$35

Kids 17 and Under are free



# Awards

Let it be known that these individuals have been recognized by  
Their Excellencies for their achievements and hard work serving the  
Society, the Kingdom, the Barony, and the Dream

## Honors presented at War of the Phoenix:

Ionatan Loughran - Vert Glove

Alemsah al Serce - Palm Leaf

Altan Barsu - Pearl of Youth

Skadi Addaeson - Black Swan

Erdene Barsu - Pearl of Youth

## Honors Presented at Border Wars:

Valdis Skarpa - Baron's Henchman

Argouanagos of Scythia - Sable Axe

Torben of Clan Richardson - Azure Chalice

Rachel Flora Macdonald - Palm of Atenveldt

Mor inghean Slaine - Palm Leaf

Honor Catlin MacCurtain - Palm Leaf

Viktor Iosif Syl'vestrov - Commander of the Palm of Atenveldt

## Honors Presented at Court Night

Galen of Kildromy - Root of Atenveldt

To learn more about the awards presented to the Baronial populace and to learn how to nominate outstanding individuals for recognition, please visit

<https://www.atenveldt.org/baronyofatenveldt/awards/>



# TIPS AND TRICKS: NOBILITY EDITION

by Alice of Clan Richardson, Baronial Chronicler and a Lady who needed a lot of coaching on this topic



Entering the world of the SCA can be an exhilarating experience, but it can also be a tad overwhelming, especially when it comes to understanding the intricacies of nobility within the Barony and the Kingdom of Atenveldt. Fear not newcomers, lurkers, and forgetful persons alike, for I am here to guide you through the maze of titles, regalia, and proper addresses, making your journey in the SCA as enjoyable and enriching as possible.

Let's start with the basics- titles. In the SCA, various titles denote different levels of nobility. From Barons and Baronesses to Dukes and Duchesses and beyond, each title carries its own significance in terms of rank and responsibilities.

Here's a quick rundown of the most basic titles you're likely to encounter:

**Baron/ Baroness:** the landed heads of a Barony, or those upon whom a Court Barony has been bestowed

**Thegn/ Bantheagn :** honorary titles often bestowed upon former territorial Barons and Baronesses

**Count/ Countess:** Individuals who have reigned as King/ Queen once

**Duke/ Duchess:** Individuals who have reigned as King/ Queen more than once

**Prince/ Princess:** The current Heirs to the throne

**Prince/ Princess Royale:** The children of the King and/ or Queen

**King/ Queen:** The current Rulers of the kingdom aka 'The Crown'

These titles are not universal throughout the SCA, but here in Atenveldt they can be a good place to start. I know that might seem confusing, but always feel free to ask anyone what their title means! Additionally, one of the fun parts of our Society is the mix of cultures and personas we have, so some people may have chosen a title more befitting their persona. We have some interesting ones around the Kingdom, be sure to ask about the history of the title and learn something new!

Visual cues can be immensely helpful in identifying nobility within the SCA. Keep an eye out for coronets, circlets, robes, or medallions adorned by members of the nobility. These symbols often signify their respective ranks and can serve as valuable indicators for newcomers. You can find details on sumptuary laws and what a symbol on a coronet means on the Atenveldt website



# TIPS AND TRICKS: NOBILITY EDITION (CONT.)



Now, let's talk about addressing nobility. Most people in the SCA who have been given an Award of Arms or higher can safely be addressed as "my lord/lady" or a non-gendered option of the person's preference. "Good Gentle" or "Armiger" are great gender neutral terms for Lord/Lady that we use here in Atenveldt, but be sure to ask how someone would like to be addressed) and when possible try to address people by the title they have earned. They're proud of it!

For most nobility, opt for the following honorifics:

- Baron/Baroness, Thegn/Bannthegn, and Count/Countess: "Your Excellency"
- Duke/Duchess: "Your Grace"
- Prince/Princess: "Your Highness" or "Your Royal Highness"
- King/Queen: "Your Majesty" or "Your Royal Highness"

Feeling a bit lost? Don't worry! The SCA is filled with friendly faces eager to help newcomers navigate the intricacies of nobility. If you're unsure about how to address someone or what their title signifies, don't hesitate to ask for guidance. Most members of the SCA are more than happy to share their knowledge and expertise.



One of the best ways to learn about nobility in the SCA is by attending court.

Not only will you witness nobility in action, but you'll also gain valuable insights into how they are addressed and interact with others. Plus, court events are a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of SCA culture and tradition. When attending court, it's customary to show respect by standing when the Crown enters and leaves the court, and by remaining attentive throughout the proceedings. If you happen to be called up to the front during court, approach with confidence and grace. Pay close attention to any instructions given by the herald or members of the nobility.

Whether you're receiving an award, being recognized for your contributions, or participating in a ceremony, remember to show gratitude and humility. And don't forget to enjoy the moment—it's not every day you get to stand before a royal court! Courtesy and respect are paramount in our community, so be sure to treat everyone with kindness and consideration, regardless of rank or title. From day one, everybody in the SCA can be my lord, my lady, good gentle, etc. Everyone is noble here! Above all else, remember that the SCA is a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone's contributions are valued. Titles and ranks may vary, but our shared passion for history, creativity, and camaraderie unites us all. So, embrace the spirit of inclusivity, focus on building meaningful relationships, and most importantly, have fun!

IF YOU HAVE ANY TIPS AND TRICKS FOR NEWCOMERS OR  
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IN THE NEXT ISSUE- WHAT EXACTLY IS A HERALD?

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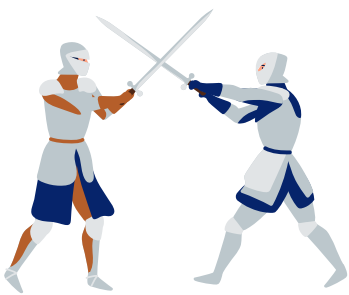


# Fighter Practice

Fighter Practice at Encanto Soccer Field is 7:30 -10:00 PM on Wednesdays



Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under control as you believe to be necessary.



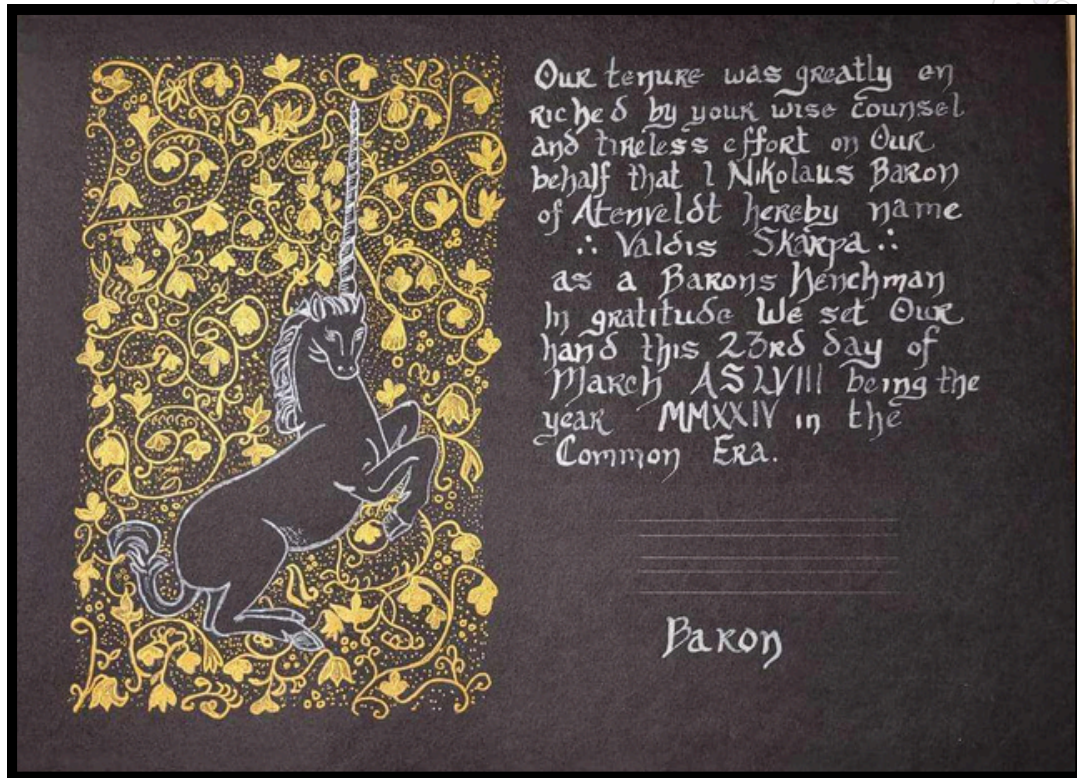
Fighters: Start arriving early to get armored up, lights will come on at 8, and we will start practice as close to that time as possible.



Barony of Atenveldt Populace Meetings are held in person and virtually at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month- look for the Zoom link on the Facebook group



# Scribal Showcase



This beautiful scroll was made for our very own Baroness Valdis Skarpa, presented with the Baron's Henchman award.

Calligraphy and illumination by Mistress Morgaine

Come join us for Scribal fun and conversation in person or on Zoom!

Every Tuesday night from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Please see the Barony of Atenveldt Facebook group for the Zoom link and the address where the in-person Scriptorium will be held.

For more information, please contact the Baronial Signet  
[Scribe@BaronyofAtenveldt.org](mailto:Scribe@BaronyofAtenveldt.org)



# POPULACE PHOTO SHOWCASE



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# Nobilitatis, honorem, et gaudium vite



The Baronial Motto is “Nobilitatis, honorem, et gaudium vite”. The direct translation is “Nobility, honor, and Joy of Life” To Us, The Dream, Game, or Society is all about the magic. The main components of that magic are being noble, living and acting with honor, and last, but most definitely not least, fun. Since the Romans did not have a direct translation of the word “fun”, “the joy of life” seemed to fit well.

