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Meetings

Our populace/officers meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at Thorpe Park Community Center in Flagstaff from 6:30p to 8:00p. Thorpe Park Community Center is located in Flagstaff at 245 N. Thorpe Rd.

Our meetings usually cover discussion of business items, plans for upcoming events, and occasionally a dance practice if time permits.

We usually go out for pizza after the meeting. Please feel free to join us!

OUR WORDS

Seasons' Greetings All!

As the days grow ever-shorter, holiday festivities are under way throughout Our Lands. Northern Yule is over. It was delightful, with good food and good friends. We will be traveling to Starkhafn this coming weekend for Starkhafn Yule. And yes, we will be heavily promoting Highlands War.

There is NO POPULACE meeting this month. To celebrate the season, We have decided to substitute a family night out to watch the newest Hobbit movie on December 20th. We will be wearing garb to attend the Harkin theaters showing. Come join us and your friends for a relaxing night out. For those who wish to join in more festivities after the show, Bannthegn Saeunn is organizing the movie and a trip to a Flagstaff provider of libations. You can find out the late-breaking details on the Ered Sul Update Facebook page or on the official electronic communications channel of the Barony – the Yahoo group.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible for this social gathering!

December 11th is our next A&S evening (6-8PM at Thorpe Adult Center). Thegn Gunnar has asked HE Eirny to teach Her "Documentation – How to do it for Baronial or Kingdom Displays and Competitions" class. We would really like to encourage everyone to take advantage of this class. Why? Well three main reasons. Number One - February will be Ered Sulabration. And Ered Sulabration is when we do our Baronial A&S Champion Competition. We know that there are plenty of folks in the Barony who make "stuff". You don't HAVE to have documentation for your entry, but two equally crafty entries and if one has even a smidgen of documentation - the one with the documentation wins. A&S Champion is the only Championship that you must be a member of Ered Sul to win. Why? Because We want the winner to help with A&S in the Barony. What does helping mean? Share your knowledge. How did you make what earned you the title? Anyone can enter the competition, and We always have a populace choice award, but the Champion HAS to be from Ered Sul.

The second reason for taking this class is a simple one - to learn something. If you learn a single piece of information, about any topic, that is useful or encourages you to do something cool or fun then everyone benefits.

And third - the class is in your own Barony! We know that the drive is too far for those of you in Payson, Pine, or Holbrook on a weeknight, but for many of you it is in your home town! Take advantage of the opportunity to take a class that Eirny usually only offer at Estrella, Gulf War, and Pennsic.

We constantly find that many of Our Southern neighbors have an attitude about those of us from the North: we are ignorant, we are not talented, and we don't DO anything except fight. Well, We think that they are wrong, but the reality is that if the North does not enter competitions and displays then no one knows what we can do. We have personally had less than wonderful experiences with some of the A&S judging in Atenveldt, but a serious effort is being made to

change that. We will NOT allow one bad experience to keep Us from participating in an activity that We love. If you do not want to compete outside of your own barony, you do not have to, but please consider doing a display. There will be lots of opportunities at Estrella this year.

Our first Combined Indoor Practice was held Sunday, November 18th at the Flagstaff National Guard Armory, followed by the second indoor Practice on December 2nd. All participants had a great time – come out to our next Indoor Practice on January 13th at 1PM. Indoor practice is always a fun event with something for everyone. Come fight, do an art/science, dance, or just hang out. Please read the event notice in this Higher Word for more details and other dates. HE Eirny is planning to offer specific A&S classes at every combined practice that We can attend.

For those of you We do not see before the new year, We wish you and your family a happy, healthy and joyous Holiday celebration!

Baron Henry
Baroness Eirny
Protectors of All Things Wooly

Indoor Practices

Dates and times for Combined Indoor Winter Practice are as follows – ALL of these dates are for SUNDAYS:

2 December 1-5PM
13 January 1-5PM
10 February 10-6PM (Ered Sulabration)
10 March 1-5PM

Ered Sulabration will have an event fee. For all other practices, we suggest a voluntary donation of \$5 to help pay for our required security guard.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal Report for: November, 2012

Summary of Baronial Activity

	# of Participants
Herald- <i>“All’s quiet for now in these Northlands. Their Excellencies did give two awards to our populace from Their Majesties.”</i>	

Hardsuit & Rapier- "Combined indoor fighter practice @ the armory"	35
Archery- "New Captain of Archery named & warrant received, ordered supplies to create 3 dozen loaner arrows; authorization cards received for 2 marshals"	1
Arts & Sciences- "Monthly meeting (sources for researching for A&S projects) and prep for Highlands War"	6
Youth- "No activity"	0
Financial- "New seneschal has been added to the authorized signatures for the bank account. Former seneschal has been removed as an authorizing signature on the account."	
Populace Meeting- "Discussed participation at Estrella War for land allocation, attendance at monthly A&S meetings, indoor joint fighter practices, Ered Sulabration and Highlands War."	16
St. Vlads- "Working to regain status at the university as an official student group. Faculty member/sponsor has been identified (William Wilson)."	2
Other Activities- "Highlands War Staff Meeting"	6

Comments:

- This is my first report as seneschal. We are still transitioning paperwork from the prior seneschal to the new. I am trying to locate documentation of member numbers and warrant expiration dates for some officers.
- Insurance document submitted for Ered Sulabration.

KINGDOM EVENTS

1st Quarter Board Meeting, January 26, 2013 The Society for Creative Anachronism:

First Quarter meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Embassy Suites – Williams Center, 5335 East Broadway Boulevard, Tucson AZ 85711

This is a modern business meeting so business dress is appropriate. Please remember that we **MUST** conduct ourselves in a civilized, professional manner in our dealings with each other and during the board meeting.

YULE COURT

December 15, 2012

Barony March of Mons Tonitrus

The Yule Log's tradition can be traced back to the days of the Vikings. To celebrate their belief in the powers of the gods, festivals were held in honor of Odin or Thor, commonly called the Yule Father. The Yule Log was burned in honor of the gods, to bring good luck in the coming year and to celebrate the Sun's rebirth from the southern reaches. May the light and warmth from this Yule Log guide you to celebrate with the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus at our Yule Court on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at Pioneer Hall at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 3142 S. Hwy 83, Sonoita, AZ 85637.

Site opens at 3:00 pm. Join us for gaming, music, dancing and merriment. Ducats will be available for the gaming tables. Lords and Ladies, dance up an appetite for the sumptuous feast! A silent auction will be held to raise funds for our Baronial feast at Estrella War. Come bid on the many great auction items or win one of the many prizes to be awarded throughout the evening! Bards, come share your gift and entertain and celebrate with us! A grand evening of Yule celebration is planned for all!

Their Excellencies, Heinrich and Juliana shall hold Yule Court with our traditional processional march to witness and pay homage to all the noble populace and visitors. The feast shall follow and will consist of roast meats, fruits and vegetables from our fall harvest, breads from the ovens, and sweet and savory desserts. (Menu is available upon request.) The revelry shall continue with music, dancing and games with the site closing at 11:00 pm.

Drinking water will be available. A cash bar will be open to serve your favorite spirits. Remember to bring your feast gear and drinking vessel. Smoking allowed outside in designated areas. Service pets only. As this is a day event, there will be no camping. There are no accommodations in Sonoita. Contact autocrat for a list of accommodations or crash space available in Sierra Vista.

Event fee includes the feast: \$15.00 for adults with proof of membership, \$20.00 for adult non members, \$8.00 for youth ages 12 to 17. Youth 11 and under are free. Contact the Feast Steward, so we are assured to have enough to feed all who join us. Feast is planned for 80 people. Reservations can be made by email to Lady Elena Stavradi (Ellen Bolduc) hawklady1960@gmail.com. **Feast reservations close November 18.** Please make your reservation today! Site fees will be collected at the event.

Direction to Site

From Sierra Vista: Take your best route to the Hwy 90 and Hwy 82 intersection, turn left on Hwy 82 and travel approximately 20 miles to Sonoita. Turn left on Hwy 83 and travel ¼ mile to the Sonoita Fairgrounds.

From the North: Travel south on I-10 to Exit 281 (Hwy 83 to Sonoita), approximately 25 miles to Sonoita. The fairgrounds are located about ¼ mile past the Hwy 82/Hwy 83 intersection. Signs will be posted.

Autocrat: Bannthegn Christine von Guttin, OP (Chris Brown) Email 2cb@cox.net (520)459-8290
Please no phone calls after 9:00 pm.

Barony of Atenveldt Yule Saturday, December 15, 2012

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!! Their Excellencies Seelos and Elena wish to extend their invitation to the populace to join them in celebration of the Yule Tide season. This year's celebration will have a Russian theme. Please join our celebration in any festive garb.

During the celebration, there will be: children's activities, music, dancing, and more. To make the occasion more festive, we will have a contest for the best table center piece—so come prepared to amaze our judges.

In addition, there will be a collection box on site for donations to Her Excellency's favorite cause, assisting veterans in need. Details of specific needs will be forthcoming.

Southwest Indian Ministries Center (SIMC)
14202 N 73rd Avenue
Peoria AZ 85381

Site will open at Noon and close at 9 PM

Event Steward: M'lady Valdis Skarpa (Valerie Deaton)
valdisskarpa@yahoo.com
602-380-4916 (no calls after 9 PM)

Feast Steward: Lady Sara Blackthorne (Dorene Jaco)
Sara_chadbourne@yahoo.com
623-326-6068 (no calls after 9 PM)

Site Fee: \$5/adult, children free

Site is dry.

Smoking must be done off-site (it is a short walk to the edge of property).

Feast Fee: \$15 Above the Salt (limited to 20); \$10 Below the Salt
Children are free below the salt with paid adult feast.
Deadline for feast reservations is November 30, 2012

Side boards are also welcome for those not participating in the feast
Please bring your feast gear for both side board and feast participants.

THE HUNT – A Pas d’Armes Barony of Tir Ysgithr December 16, 2012

Let all Princes, Barons, Thegns, Knights, Masters, Squires, Lords, Lady Combatants and Men-at-Arms of the Kingdom of Atenveldt, and all other Known World Kingdoms, who are not banished or enemies of our Glorious Aten Thrones, know that on Sunday, the 16th Day of December in the Year of the Society, Forty Seven, known as Two Thousand Twelve in the Common Reckoning, at Himmel Park, within the boundaries of the Barony of Tir Ysgithr:

There will be a very great Passage of Arms called THE HUNT whereupon all challengers (Venans) shall hunt noble prey from among them (Tenans). Those who intend to fight in the lists must acquire a free invitation from the Baron and Baroness of Tir Ysgithr or must request the ability to fight from among the Seven Knightly Virtues Incarnate, represented as Courage, Loyalty, Courtesy, Honor, Franchise, Prowess and Faith. These ladies will provide quests of various degree for our noble challengers to fulfill and shall be on the lookout for examples from among the challengers of the virtues they hold dear. All shall be conducted with good camaraderie and with good cheer.

There will be fighting opportunities for all armored combatants, fencing combatants and youth combatants. Fighters need not have a specific kit, but are encouraged to dress in their best fighting armor appropriate to their own persona style. The display of pageantry is highly encouraged with banners, colors and the like.

We will have a consort’s gallery for all those consorts to witness the honorable combat upon the field.

We will have snack foods provided for sale by the College of St. Felix to include meat pies, vegetable pies, non-alcoholic beverages and possibly smoked turkey legs for a reasonable fee.

Site fee will be \$3.00 per adult; \$1.00 per child 8-17 years old. The non-member surcharge will apply.

Site opens at 9:00 am Sunday morning and closes at 6:00 pm Sunday evening. Site is discreetly wet; period containers are encouraged; NO GLASS bottles.

Himmel Park is located at 1035 N. Treat Avenue, Tucson, AZ.

Court will be at the discretion of Their Excellencies of Tir Ysgithr.

We will set up the Baronial pavilion, consorts’ gallery and the fighting eric just South of the Himmel Park Library. Please bring your own shade to add to the festivities. Parking is available in the parking lots and on the curbside.

For more information please contact your Event Stewards,

Baroness Magdalen Venturosa, Site – magdalen67@gmail.com (520) 258-8705

Lady Lia le Citolur, Consort’s Gallery – lialecitolur@gmail.com

Lady Arianna Hunter, Event Marshal – celei2004@yahoo.com



Heroes of the Silent Angels



“Tournaments to benefit the International Rett Syndrome Foundation”

Their Excellencies Seelos and Elena would like to invite you to the Barony of Atenveldt's 4th annual *Heroes of the Silent Angels* Event on **January 19, 2013**. This event will be **FREE** and filled with tournaments & prizes for all to participate in. In the tradition of the Barony of Atenveldt, all pageantry is strongly encouraged. So please bring your consorts & heraldry and show us your chivalry on the field.

For more info on Rett Syndrome and these angels we fight for please go to <http://www.rett Syndrome.org>.

- **Archery tournaments – January 6th at 9am** at the Barony of Atenveldt/ Sundragon's practice site
- Youth corner with arts and crafts
- A&S competitions/displays/work area
- Rapier/Hard Suit prize tournaments
- Helm Auction
- Spaghetti dinner by Countess Mary Rose on Saturday night
- Entertainment at dinner provided by Patrick the Butcher
- Merchants welcome – contact autocrat

- Hard Suit and Rapier List open at 9:30am and close at 10:30am
- Helm Auction will begin following court
- Fighting will begin after the Helm auction is concluded
(a small donation would be greatly appreciated but is not required to enter the tournaments)

Silent Auction

Artisans and masters from all over the kingdom have in the past donated amazing and beautiful works of artistry, to the silent auction. We are excited to receive their donations again this year. This is a magnificent opportunity to own amazing pieces of hand crafted art as well as the occasional random or amazing bits of Atenveldt history.

The victor of each tournament shall receive a **chest of silver coins (\$200)** and those that won each victor's helm in the auction shall also receive a **chest of silver coins (\$200)**

Site: 4146 W Banff, Phoenix, AZ 85053

Site fees: **FREE!!!!!!**

Site will open at 9 am, the site is wet. Pets must be leashed at all times. The site does have other animals. If you would like to help in anyway with this event please contact the autocrats:

Lord Seadgheäghn An Cáthán, atencelt@gmail.com

Baroness Arianna Marie della Luna, LadyAriannaMarieDellaLuna@gmail.com

Lady Catharine of Renfrewshire, catherine_galyon@yahoo.com

MONTHLY TRI-BARONIAL YOUTH & FAMILY ARCHERY DAY

First Sunday of Every Month

Come one, come all, and join the Baronies of Twin Moons, Atenveldt and Sundragon as we come together with our youth and families for a great time on the archery range! Our shoot is on the first Sunday each month to alternate between El Oso and Papago archery ranges. Start time is approximately 8:00 (subject to change)

- There will be standard and other interesting targets and scenarios for youth and adults alike as well as a variety of classes offered to hone your skills!
- If you are a beginner or know one, this is a great opportunity to get out there and see what fun archery is! Loaner gear is available and site is always FREE!
- Water and other beverages will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a light snack to share if they like.

Papago Park Archery Range is located on the NW corner of 64th street and McDowell road in Phoenix, AZ



El Oso Park (Peoria) 3451 N 75th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85033



CALENDAR SCHEDULE

January 2013	El Oso Park
February 2013	Papago Park
March 2013	El Oso Park
April 2013	Papago Park
May 2013	El Oso Park
June 2013	Papago

BARONIAL REGNUM

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Please send any additions/changes to regnum information to Patricia Kolasinski at grymstone1@yahoo.com. Thank you.