

Barony of St. Swithin's Bog Society for Creative Anachronism Kingdom of Æthelmearc









The Sentinel

BARONIAL CHAMPIONS

October 7, 2023 at The Launch, Their Excellencies wish to thank all who came out to compete for the honor of representing the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog as their champions.

The winners stand thus:

Heavy: Lord Hartman Foscari da Ferrara

Rapier: Master Drusilus von Oberbessenbach

Thrown Weapons: Baron Salvador de la Torres

Archery: Master Ian Campbell of Glen Moore Youth: Conner of St. Swithin's Bog

Master Ian wished to commemorate his win to the late Lord Kenn the Just whose bow was used in the archery tournament and was valiantly won in Lord Kenn's honor.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

St Swithin's Bog 12th Night (Kingdom)

January 13th, 2024

Johnstown Masonic Event & Conference Center 130 Valley Pike, Johnstown, PA 15905 in the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

Your hosts are:

Baroness Elena de la Palma (Logistics Autocrat) – elenadelapalma@gmail.com 916-704-2367 mka Dawn Sauer (text, email, or FB messenger preferred, no calls after 9 PM please). 491 Westgate Drive, State College, PA 16803.

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Dayboard:

Youth <5 years old: Free All others: \$10

Event:

Youth <5 years old: Free Youth <18 years old: \$5

Adults: \$15

Adult member fee: \$10

Make checks payable to:

"SCA PA, Inc – Barony of St. Swithin's Bog".

This event will have an all-day dayboard of delights. <u>Pre-registration</u> is necessary for the dayboard.

Kingdom 12th Night Website

Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship 2024

Their Majesties, King Gareth Kincaid and Queen Juliana Delamere, are pleased to announce that they are looking forward to choose their Arts & Sciences Champions at the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Championship to be hosted at Kingdom 12th Night in the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog this January 13th, 2024.

We encourage entrants to join us in-person at a wonderful site for a day of sharing and celebrating of all the wonderful things that our Arts & Sciences community has to offer. There will also be room for Arts & Sciences displays! However, we do understand that traveling is tough for many, particularly in winter, so we will accept virtual entries upon request.

The in-person competition will be held along the same lines as in the past. Candidates with their entries will be judged face-to-face and the scoring will be based on the Kingdom A&S rubrics. In order to reduce the indoor face-to-face time for candidates and judges and to give everybody a chance to enjoy the many other activities at 12th Night, we will limit this year's competition again to one 45-minute judging session with a panel of 2 or 3 judges. Although not a requirement, we ask that candidates register their entry online ahead of time, to make planning for us a lot easier!

The site is wet and we are excited and happy to accept alcoholic beverage entries at the event!

For more information.

Kingdom Curia of Gareth and Juliana IV

January 12, 2024 @ 8:00 pm - 11:30 pm

King Gareth and Queen Juliana will be holding their <u>Curia Regis in person on</u> <u>January 12th, the night before Kingdom 12th Night, 8pm at the event site</u>. If possible they will host a zoom meeting for those who can not be in attendance.

For more information



Ædult Swim 2024

February 17, 2024 – February 18, 2024

Johnstown Galleria located at 500 Galleria Drive, Johnstown, PA 15904

Come one, come all as Ædult Swim returns bigger and better than ever! This year we will be holding the event in the Barony of St. Swithin's Bog at the Johnstown Galleria located at 500 Galleria Drive, Johnstown, PA 15904.

Those who attend can come on Saturday from 10:00am-7:00pm and Sunday from 12:00pm-4:00pm (hours subject to change). We will have Heavy Fighting, Fencing, Youth Fighting, and a Demonstration throughout the day.

There will be no feast or day board at this event. However, we encourage the populace to dine at one of the several restaurants in the Mall and in its Food Court.

The cost for this event is \$5.00 for both days for Adult Member and \$10.00 for both days for Adult Non-Member. No fee for Youth but they still need to sign in.

Site fees will be collected at the door (cash or check only). Make checks payable to "SCA PA, Inc – Barony of St. Swithin's Bog".

Parking and entrance are on the lower level near the vacant Sears & Bon Ton stores, lot C1 or C2.

Your Autocrats for this Event will be:

Duke Sir Timothy (Timothy Taylor, ttaylor@newpardigmcontrols.com, 570-244-7659), THL Arvik Hyttoinen (Tim Johnson, timothyjohnson1978@gmail.com, 814-615-8201) and Baron Leo Dietrich (Vincent Charles, leodietrich.sca@aol.com, 570-495-0296). For more information, join the Facebook Event or check out the Kingdom Event Page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Swithin's Bog Three Day Event

July 12 @ 5:00 pm - July 14 @ 12:00 pm

New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill, PA 15958.

It is January 6, 1066. Edward the Confessor, The King of England since 1042, has just died. AND HE HAS NO HEIR. Duke William of Normandy has sworn that Edward promised the crown to him, as Edward had spent most of his childhood in Normandy in exile from Cnut, the Viking king who defeated his father and married his mother. However, in Edward's last moments, he gave his blessing to the Witan (English councilmen to the king, literally "wise men") to select Harold Godwinson, Earl of Wessex, as the new King of England.

Meanwhile, Tostig Godwinson, deposed Earl of Northumbria and brother of Harold, has sworn revenge on his brother for being the one who deposed him for levying high taxes on his people. Tostig traveled to Norway and struck an alliance with King Harald Hardrada, whom he convinced to invade England to once again rule as a Viking king and restore Tostig as the Earl of Northumbria.

This would set in motion events that would change our world forever. England would have a new society unlike which it has never seen before. The Viking Era in England, which began in 793 C.E. at a raid of the Lindisfarne Abbey, would come to an abrupt and bloody end. Englishmen who were once considered freemen would find themselves subjugated to their new Norman overlords. The language you are currently reading would not look the way that it does if 1066 ended differently.

At this year's St. Swithin's Bog Three Day Event, we will celebrate this monumental year with Heavy Weapons, Rapier, Youth Fighting, Thrown Weapons and Archery, many of which will have a Saxon/Viking/Norman flavor! The heavy weapon fighting will use the three major battles in that year (The Battle of Fulford, the Battle of Stamford Bridge, and the Battle of Hastings) as inspiration for the scenarios. The Battle of Stamford Bridge (famous for the lone Viking who defended a bridge against dozens of Saxons) will be our feature tournament, where the bravest of warriors will have their chance to see how long they can last on the bridge against the other fighters! Fighters are encouraged but not required to use Conquest-era weapons and armor. The archery field will include special targets with a Norman and Saxon theme.

The feast will be made with mostly period materials, but will be sure not to disappoint our modern palettes! The hall will be adorned with images of The Bayeux Tapestry, a Norman work of art that depicts the invasion and defeat of Harold from William's perspective. Historical poster boards will be displayed in the hall as well, to provide basic information on what life was like in England in 1066. The theme for the Iron Scribe will follow the event theme, so better brush up on your early medieval history! Brewers will be encouraged to brew typical libations of the era, including mead and ale.





LOCATION:

Our site is the New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill, PA 15958. Site will open on Friday, July 12th at 5:00pm and close Sunday, July 14th at 12:00pm. There is space for camping. No shower facilities are available, but please feel free to bring your own amenities. The site is discreetly wet and above ground fires are permitted. Service animals only please.

HOURS FOR TROLL:

Friday 5:00pm to 10:00pm Saturday 9:00am to 2:00pm

EVENT FEES:

Adult Non-Member Registration: \$20.00 Adult Member Registration: \$15.00

Child: FREE 17 and under

Feast Fee: \$10.00

FEAST:

A delicious feast on all three days will be prepared by Lady Eudoxia Antonina mka Katie Brown Gaudreau (email: ktggaudreau@gmail.com) and Co-Feastocrat, Lady Ljoszefne Rahel Nagy mka Rachel McMichael (email: kitchenwench13@gmail.com). Dietary/allergy concerns may be sent to these emails. Included in the site fee will be Friday dinner sideboard, a breakfast and lunch on Saturday as well as leftoyers for Breakfast on Sunday.

Saturday feast will be limited to 64 gentles. Feast is \$10 per person, children 5 and under are free.

RESERVATIONS:

Reservations can be made with our Reservations Clerk, Lady Niamh Bean Bhrain O'Labhradha mka Diana Lowry, 3735 Baytree Street Pittsburgh Pa 15214 (email: dclsw05@gmail.com). The only good reservation is a paid reservation. Make checks payable to SCA-PA, Inc. Barony of St. Swithin's Bog.

AUTOCRATS:

Other questions regarding the event may be directed to the event Autocrats: Lady Eliza Allison mka Liza Allison (email: liza.allison@gmail.com) and Lord Eadmund æt Eoforwicscire mka Nicky Allison (email: nicky.allison@gmail.com) 3497 Orchard Ave., Finleyville, PA 15332, 412-758-7144.

For more information, join the Facebook Event.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7PM NOVEMBER 12, 2023, VIA ZOOM MEETING

Baron & Baroness: Debatable Lands Baronial Investiture coming up next month, looking for gifts to present. Looking forward to 12th Night! Attended Agincourt and Corn Maze, both great events. Salvadore named Queen's Rapier Champion!

Seneschal: Quarterly reports are due in three days!

Excequer: Checking \$6256.21, Savings \$614.15, Everything reconciled and cashed.

Arts & Science: Planning A&S day December 3rd at the Galleria. Iollann to check schedule for community room

Chatelaine: Suggested that Chatelaine come to mall practices to talk to people watching practices.

MOL: Report submitted, no new news.

Web Minister: Updating Aedule Swim on FB Page. Added links to upcoming events on website. Baronial Champs updated with new champions.

Knight Marshal: Practices at the Galleria through winter. We now have two archery marshals! Ian and Maddoc. Thrown Weapons done for the year.

Herald: Report coming soon, including Champs.

Old Business

12th Night

Day Board will be available via pre-registration only. Basing amount of food off of number of pre-registrations to control cost. Cutoff for Pre-reg is Christmas

Completed a site walk Friday evening

Elena will get in touch with their excellencies for final planning

Eudoxia volunteered to set up tables for silent auction

Clothier guild requested to run their own silent auction to create a startup fund

Concerns raised about having two separate auctions

Put to a vote, approved, Baron JP abstained.

12th Night will also be hosting a Curia

Setup @5pm Friday Night

Kingdom A&S announced for 12th Night

All who are entering projects for the Bog are asked to enter those projects into the Kingdom A&S

Melissa volunteered to run kids' activities, Nicky to run dancing, Elena checking on availability of live musicians

Aedult Swim

\$5 for members, \$10 for non-members

Concerns raised about the low entrance fee

This amount was requested by Duke Tim

Melissa asked to get in contact with Kingdom Chatelaine to help "work the crowd"

Still awaiting map and safety plan

New Business

Three Day '24 (July 12-14)

Suggestion what we direct A&S Days toward 3 Day

Special tourney planned based on Bridge

To include combat archery if possible

Faux court to be held in the morning to announce "King is dead?"

Bid presented by Nicky and Liza, put to a vote, approved

Insurance for Galleria Mall for 2024 practices and Aedult Swim voted on and approved Setting up a booth at Sci-Fi Con suggested, cost and commitments need to be looked into before making decisions.

Elena suggested dropping in on each other's business meetings.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7PM DECEMBER 17, 2023, VIA ZOOM MEETING

Baron & Baroness: Attended Debatable Lands Baronial Investiture yesterday, great times there. No heavy practice the next two weekends due to holidays Next event after Kingdom 12th Night will be Sterlynge Vayle Muster

Seneschal: Insurance for practices throughout 2024 and Aedult Swim at the Galleria is accepted and paid for, just waiting for the form itself. Meeting notes from the past two meetings are now posted.

Exchequer: Checking \$6253.21, Savings \$614.24. Working on finalizing adding names on bank accounts for Iollann and Roxy

Arts & Science: Had a great A&S day at the Galleria. JP finished working on helm and a satchel there.

Web Minister: "Tweaked" a few things for 12th Night. Mentioned not receiving Barony emails at personal email, only on officer email. This led to a discussion with Rosheen, Gunther, Liza, Iollann and others about emails not going to all who should be receiving them and updating/correcting the main Barony email database. Will work to get Liza access so she can update and monitor.

Chronicler: Liza will work on quarterly report shortly

Social Media: Posted a few updates to 12th Night & Aedult Swim, guiet other than that.

Knight Marshal: Practices for fencing, heavy, and youth have been regularly happening at the

Galleria

Chatelaine: Nothing to report

MOL: Nothing to report

Non-Attendance: Herald, Historian, Scribal, Chamberlain

Old Business

12th Night

New Website up and being maintained by Elena

No food will be purchased until the pre-reg count is in

Note that it does not have to be a paid pre-reg to sign up for the day board

Elena encouraged everyone to spread the word about pre-registering for the day board!

Wrist bands will be utilized to show who pre-registered for food.

Duchess Kallista Morgunova will be the Royalty Comfort Liaison

Baronial Bardic Championship moved to a later date since this will be such a busy event Elena welcomes any who are able to help set up Friday 1/12 starting around 6pm.

Aedult Swim

Contract is approved by Kingdom

Rosheen making payment this week

Arvik is currently finishing the map of the event

He is requesting some A&S events/displays throughout the day

Also planning a small demo, updating pamphlets etc. for the event

Will be in contact with Melissa shortly about demo Looking at possibility of vendors as a few have expressed interest. Rosheen asked all to check the Google Doc to help run Troll and help with set up Baron & Baroness offered to reach out to Seven Pearls for assistance from other baronies if needed/requested

Three Day

In the planning phase Looking at a more intricate "three dimensional" archery range Lots of banners/tapestries, hoping to receive help with these at A&S events

New Business

Pennsic Logistic Coordinator

Paying those who helped haul siege and large items for camp to and from Pennsic fell through the cracks this year.

Inquired as to who all made extra trips

Adam, Ed, JP

Called a vote to split the \$150 budget evenly between these three, passed unanimously. Rosheen will take care of payments.

Suggestion was made that with the distance and gas prices we look at increasing this amount in the bylaws in the future.

The position of Pennsic Logistic Coordinator is currently vacant since the passing of THL Isteri.

Iollann will post the position on the Facebook Page and email, looking to fill this as soon as possible to ensure organized transport of Barony items this coming Pennsic and timely payment to those who help afterwards.

Bardic Event

Baron & Baroness are planning a Bardic Champ event and party somewhere around March in place of having it at 12th Night. Looking for an autocrat for the event, B&B will post on Facebook page for volunteers.

Valdis & Jacintha are currently doing A&S Demos and Events in Atlanta, Georgia

Vikings; Warriors of the Sea, a traveling exhibit currently at the Fernbank Museum

They are featuring wire weaving, bone carving, displays

They also ran a similar demo at the Carnegie Science Center earlier in the year.

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