

Across the Hills



November, Anno Societatis XLIV

Fasching Kingdom Court Report

The Report of the Court of Their Royal Majesties Henri and Elena, King and Queen of Aethelmearc, held at Fasching and Baronial Investiture in the Barony of the Endless Hills on 7th day of November as xlv, Her Royal Majesty Brenwen the Faire, Queen of the East, His Excellency Ulrich Drachendonner, Baron of the Endless Hills, and Their Excellencies Gunnarr and Barbary Rose of the Endless Hills in attendance. THL Brandubh Ó Donnghaile, Silver Bucle, with the assistance of Lady Bera of Tavastland.

Morning Court.

Their Majesties invited Her Majesty Brenwen, Queen of the East, to join them in Their Court.

His Majesty turned to Baron Ulrich Drachendonner and commented that his term as Baron of the Endless Hills had come to an end and asked him if he were ready to be released from this task. His Excellency replied that he would ask for a moment to hold one last court so that he might settle his last business before proceeding.

Their Majesties granted His Excellency Ulrich leave to hold his baronial court.

Their Majesties now called Baron Ulrich Drachendonner to present himself before them. They also called for the heirs to the Barony Lord Gunnarr of the Endless Hills and Lady Barbary Rose of the Endless Hills to come forward and witness. Their Majesties thanked Baron Ulrich for his steady hand as he held the lands of the barony of the Endless Hills in trust for Them and for Their ancestors, knowing that the barony had grown and flourished under his leadership, and presented him with a gift basket that he might celebrate. But it was now time for him to step down and make way for others to carry this burden. Their Majesties removed the Baronial coronet from his head, and released him from his bonds of fealty to the kingdom and the barony.

There being no leader of the Barony, Their Majesties called forward the Baronial Seneschale, Lord Tigernach mac Cathail, to counsel Them.

Lord Tigernach verified that an election had been held in accordance with Kingdom Law, Corpora, and Baronial Policies, the populace had been polled and voted to remain a barony and had chosen Lord Gunnarr and Lady Barbary Rose of the Endless Hills to be their next Baron and Baroness. Their Majesties thanked Lord Tigernach for his service.

Their Majesties then instructed Lord Gunnarr and Lady Barbary Rose to come forward and kneel. Their Majesties asked if they were prepared to take on the heavy burden of the coronets of the Barony of the Endless Hills. Their Majesties then crowned them as 5th Baron and Baroness and took their oath of fealty and service for their barony.

Their Majesties recalled His Lordship Ulrich Drachendonner into Their court and created him a baron of the court in thanks for his stewardship of Their Lands of the Barony of the Endless Hills. Scroll limned by Lady Rota Egilsdottir and calligraphed by Lord Bjorn Bunhauss Olafsson.

Their Majesties gave Their Excellencies leave to hold a baronial court, and even lent them the use of one of Their guards, Lord Po Silvertop the Rogue, to act as their herald.

Their Majesties exchanged gifts with their Excellencies Gunnarr and Barbary Rose, and gifts with Her Majesty Brenwen of the East as well.

Afternoon Court on the tournament field

Their Majesties Awarded Arms to Will Deth for fencing and fighting and teaching the same to newcomers and work with melee tactics. Scroll illuminated and words by Lady Deianeira Rodriguez y Aragones with calligraphy by Baroness Barbary Rose.

Evening court

Their Majesties invited Her Majesty Brenwen of the East to join Them in court.

Their Majesties gave leave to Their Excellencies Gunnarr and Barbary Rose to hold a baronial court.

Their Majesties invited Her Majesty Brenwen to hold a royal Court.

Baron Caleb Reynolds was called into court to speak as an ambassador for the Tribe Tuatha Fieren. He spoke of a conversation that he had had with Their Majesties about an old tradition of giving every new lord and lady a circlet from Their Majesties hands when they received and award of arms. In order for that tradition to be carried on he presented Their Majesties with 8 circlets made of leather with the promise of 32 more to be delivered as the tribe completes them. He also spoke of the Hael Brewers Guild and another conversation, and presented Her Majesty with 2 bottles of Peach Mead.

Lady Lumanitsa the Oracle and Lady Dawn de la Lune were called forward and made a presentation of a gift basket to Their Majesties. Lady Lumanitsa was the autocrat and wished to thank all of her staff for the fabulous day.

Their Majesties invited Lady Mariana Pietrosanti to come forward and assist with distributing toys to the youth in attendance at the event.

Their Majesties summoned the Steel Therapy Rapier Company to Them and Named Lord Po Silvertop the Rogue, Lady Deianeira Rodriguez y Aragones, Khristian Pykh, and Lord Stefan Verdi Lulfskyn as border guards and presented each with letters of mark limned by the hand of Lady Fenris McGill. They were then charged to keep safe the eastern borders through river, sea and ocean from any threats and to deliver one full share of any booty seized as their taxes on such revenues.

They did in return present Their Majesties with some of the aforesaid booty which had been collected in anticipation of this moment.

Their Majesties called for Chernislava Alekseeva known as Nishka to attend Them. They had been impressed by her Taiko drumming, her skills in fencing, making her way into the semi finals at the Queen's Rapier Challenge, and her willingness to travel great distances to serve on Her Majesty's Guard. They were so moved that They Awarded her Arms. Scroll limned by Lady Mariana Pietrosanti, words by Lord Po Silvertop, calligraphy by Evangelos.

Doovay de Vadasz was awarded arms for his service at demos, wearing armor in parades and standing as an example of chivalry, adding to the pageantry wherever he is. Scroll by Lady Marija Kotok upon words by Lord Eirik Goransson.

Verica ingean Domnaill was awarded arms for her help in feast halls, setting tables, helping with shades and list trees upon the tourney fields, and her service in Mistress of the lists for the Shire of Sterlynge Vayle. This so moved Their Majesties that They also inducted her into the Order of the Keystone. Scroll limned by Lady Deianeira Rodriguez y Aragones, calligraphy by Dame George Anne upon a text by THLord Brandubh Ó Donnghaile.

Their Majesties instructed Their Guards to bring Lord Po Silvertop the Rogue before Them. Their Majesties charged Po that he did knowingly raise an army of fencers in the Barony of the Endless Hills, and that he did take it upon himself to train marshals to keep control of this army. Their Majesties could not allow this behavior to go unanswered and so They inducted him into the Order of the Keystone. Scroll limned by Lady Maria Caterina de Ravvenna, calligraphed by Lord Robert l'Etourdi, upon a text by Lady Meg the Mad and Lord Robert l'Etourdi.

Their Majesites thanked all for coming and the staff of the event, and then Spoke of Inspiration, and how inspiration had recently come from the Kingdom of Northshield, where His Majesty Ziedfried had truly made Her Majesty Elizabeth a Princess Bride. Upon Consultation with Their Majesties of the East, Their Majesties Henri and Elena did make the following proclamation, knowing Her Majesty Elizabeth's love for the movie the Princess Bride:

The movie "The Princess Bride" may be considered a historical document for the duration of our reign and as such may be used as a citation without penalty. To that end, the words "melee team" may be replaced by "brute squad," vanquished fighters on the field may be referred to as "mostly dead," and all tourney rapier fighters are encouraged to fight one round either left handed or with six fingers as they prefer.

We recognize that the Kingdom Flower of Northsheild will be the Buttercup for the duration of King Zigfried and Queen Elizabeth's reign. Quotation from the movie shall be encouraged by the crown.

As this decree was read in court the response from the assembled populace in unison was "As you wish".

Court Closed.



Fasching Baronial Court Report

Investiture/Fasching Court (Barony of the Endless Hills) Nov. 7th 2009 Baron Gunnar and Lady Barbary Rose, 5th Baron & Baroness of the Endless Hills...

Within the Presence of

Their Royal Sylvan Majesties of Aethelmearc - King Henri d'Artois and Queen Elena D'Artois du Tailleur Her Majesty of the Eastern Kingdom- Queen Brenwen the Faire Their Excellencies of Delftwood: Baron Artemius Andreas Magnus and Baroness Clarice Roan His Excellency of Rhydderich Hael: Baron Caleb Reynolds

Endless Hills Herald: Lord Po Silvertop the Rogue

Morning Court:

(after being Invested and requesting a herald from TRM's, Their Excellencies opened a brief morning court) Their Excellencies publicly retired and stored Their Personal Arms for the duration of Their Landed Service.

Their Excellencies called Their Order of the Crimson Thunderbolt to attend them and asked that they provide Baronial Guards throughout the day and until such time that a new Baronial Guard might be formed.

Their Excellencies then gave leave for Lord Stefan and Lord Po, accompanied by Steel-Therapy to make a presentation of a new piece of regalia for the office of Rapier Champion...

There being no further business, Court was suspended...

Court was re-opened on the Tourney Field..

Their Excellencies called forth Their Order of the Zule, and deciding to supplement their number, asked the Order if it was willing to accept among their company Lord William Deth, for his skills at Melee and the teaching thereof.... With the Order's approval Lord William was inducted.

There being no further business, Court was again suspended...

Evening Court:

Court was re-opened...

Their Excellencies recieved His Excellency Baron Ulrich Drachendonner, who bestowed gifts, presented Their Excellencies with additional Baronial regalia and an instructive reading from a tome entitled "The Book of Weird".

Their Excellencies requested the presence of Sir Murdoch Bayne, who graciously agreed to step up into the vacancy in the Baronial Signet position, left

by Her Excellency's departure. Sir Murdoch spoke to the Populace of the import and the unappreciated quiet glory of being a Scribe.

Their Excellencies received Failend Brecc O'Conaill, who requested that a wood-burned plaque be read into the court docket. The plaque commemorated certain activities at the past Pennsic War (ie. the Great Marshmallow War Point and the Feast of Saint Maria, held at the Duckpond encampment) (Plaque composed and burned by Failend Brecc O'Conaill.)

Their Excellencies received Lady Dawn De La Lune, who revealed that her Daughter, Chondra of Endless Hills was to celebrate her 16th Birthday. Birthday wishes were sung.

Their Excellencies recieved House Terlou Troubel, who generously bestowed gifts in celebration of the day's Investiture.

Their Excellencies called for the day's Marshals to discuss the various Tourneys. Sir Murdoch discussed the Rattan Tourney, which was won by Master Ruslan of the East Kingdom, Don Fergus then discussed the day's Rapier Tourney, which was won by Lord William Deth.

Their Excellencies called forth Their current Rattan Champion, Lord Tigernach mac Cathail, who having been the day's highest-placing Endless Hills competitor was asked to retain the Office and Regalia of the Rattan Champion.

In the absence of Their current Rapier Champion, Their Excellencies called forth Lord Po and asked if he was willing to accept the responsibilities, They then invested the Office and Regalia of the Rapier Champion on him.

It was then announced that the results of the Brewing Competition would be announced at Feast.

Their Excellencies requested the attendance of Jackie of the Endless Hills, and for her ever-cheerful demeanor and her constant desire to help, inducted her into Their Order of the Barnacle (Scroll illuminated by Failend Brecc O'Conaill and words by Lord Po)

Their Excellencies again called forth the Baronial Order of the Zule, and asked them to accept amongst their number Baron Robert of Worster (in Absentia) for his many years of service in a multitude of offices... (Scroll composed and illuminated by Sir Murdoch)

When Their Excellencies attempted to dismiss the Order, Sir Murdoch, speaking with passion on behalf of the Order informed Their Excellencies that the number of existing Zules were insufficient to meet the demands on their abilities, whereupon...

Their Excellencies called forth Edward Bytheway and for his unstinting work behind the scenes at event after even over many, many years inducted him into the Order of the Zule..., (Scroll composed and illuminated by Sir Murdoch)

Whereupon... Lady Deianeira spoke from amongst the Order, pleading that their numbers required at least one further addition.. which prompted...

Their Excellencies to request the presence of Ian Erickson, who was inducted into the Order of the Zule for his continued service -which it was remarked has been a continuing family tradition.

(Scroll Forthcoming)

Their Excellencies invited before Them Mistress Euriol of Lothian and for her continued advancements in the Arts and Sciences inducted her into Their Order of the Golden Lamp. (Scroll composed and illuminated by Sir Murdoch)

Their Excellencies requested the company of Lady Fiona the Prepared, but when she appeared before Them it was revealed that her presence was intended to facilitate certain matters of the heart between her and one Lord Stefan Verdi Luftskin- who promptly and officially (and successfully) requested her hand in marriage.

There being no further business, Court was again suspended...

During the Feast:

Their Excellencies called forth Their Brewmaster Lord Eirik Haarfager Göransson to discuss the days A&S brewing activities...

Dairmuid ap Mavi ap Briccuu won the local competition with the raspberry cordial and Baron Caleb Reynolds won the overall.

There being no further business, Court was finally closed...

Nouembers husbandrie

*November take flaile
Let ship no more saile*

*Forgotten month past
Doe now at the last*

AT Hallontide slaughter time entereth in,
and then doth the husbandmans feasting begin :
From thence vnto shroftide kill now and then some,
their offal for houshold the better wil come.

Thy dredge and thy barley go thresh out to malt,
let malster be cunning else lose it thou shalt :
Thencrease of a seame is a bushel for store,
bad else is the barley or huswife much more.

Some vseth to winnow some vseth to fan,
some vseth to cast it as cleane as they can :
For seede goe and cast it for malting not so,
but get out the cockle and then let it go.

Thresh barlie as yet but as neede shal require,
fresh threshed for stouuer thy cattel desire :
And therefore that threshing forbear as ye may,
till Candelmas comming for sparing of hay.

Such wheat as ye keepe for the baker to buie,
vnthreshed till March in the sheafe let it lie :
Least foistnes take it if sooner yee thresh it,
although by oft turning ye seeme to refresh it.

Saue chaffe of the barlie of wheate and of rie,
from feathers and foistines where it doth lie :
Which mixed with corne being sifted of dust,
go giue to thy cattel when serue them ye must.

Greene peason or hastings at Hallontide sowe,
in hartie good soile he requireth to growe :
Graie peason or runciuals cheerely to stand,
at Candelmas sowe with a plentifull hand.

Leaue latewardly rering keepe now no more swine,
but such as thou maist with the offal of thine :
Except ye haue wherewith to fat them away,
the fewer thou keepest keepe better yee may.

To rere vp much pultrie and want the barne doore,
is naught for the pulter and woorse for the poore :
So now to keepe hogs and to sterue them for meate,
is as to keepe dogs for to bawle in the striate.

As cat a good mouser is needfull in house,
because for hir commons she killeth the mouse :
So rauening curres as a meany doo keepe,
makes master want meat and his dog to kill sheepe .

(For Easter) at Martilmas hang vp a beefe,
for stalfed and pease fed plaie pickpurse the theeve :
With that and the like er an grasse biefte come in,
thy folke shal looke cheerelie when others looke thin.

Set garlike and beanes at S Edmond the king,
the moone in the wane thereon hangeth a thing :
Thencrease of a pottle (well prooued of some)
shal pleasure thy houshold er peskod time come.

When raine is a let to thy dooings abrode,
set threshers a threshing to laie on good lode :

Thresh cleane ye must bid them though lesser they yarn,
and looking to thriue haue an eie to thy barne.

Take heede to thy man in his furie and heate,
with ploughstaff and whipstock for maiming thy neate :
To thresher for hurting of cow with his flaile,
or making thy hen to plaie tapple vp taile.

Some pilfering thresher will walke with a staffe,
will carrie home corne as it is in the chaffe :
And some in his bottle of leather so great,
will carry home daily both barlie and wheat.

If houseroome will serue thee lay stouuer vp drie,
and euerie sort by it selfe for to lie :
Or stack it for litter if roome be too poore,
and thatch out the residue noieng thy doore.

Cause weekly thy thresher to make vp his flower,
though slothfull and pilferer thereat doo lower :
Take tub for a season take sack for a shift,
yet garner for graine is the better for thrift.

All maner of strawe that is scattered in yard,
good husbandlie husbands haue daily regard :
In pit full of water the same to bestowe,
where lieng to rot thereof profit may growe.

Now plough vp thy hedlond or delue it with spade,
where otherwise profit but little is made :
And cast it vp high vpon hillocks to stand,
that winter may rot it to compas thy land.

If garden requier it now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yard from another go lay :
Which being well filled with muck by and by,
go couer with mould for a season to ly.

Foule priuies are now to be clenسد and fide,
let night be appointed such baggage to hide :
Which buried in garden in trenches alowe,
shall make very many things better to growe.

The chimney all sootie would now be made cleene,
for feare of mischances too oftentimes seene :
Old chimney and sootie if fier once take,
by burning and breaking soone mischeefe may make.

When ploughing is ended and pasture not great,
then stable thy horses and tend them with meat :
Let season be drie when ye take them to house,
for danger of nittes or for feare of a louse.

Lay compas vp handsomly round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard at thy pleasure and will :
More compas it maketh and handsom the plot,
if horsekeeper daily forgetteth it not.

Make hillocks of molehills in field thorough out,
and so to remaine till the yeere go about :
Make also the like whereas plots be too hie,
all winter a rotting for compas to lie.

Thus endeth Nouembers husbandrie

Turkey Pies

These hand held turkey pies were served as part of Lunch at Fasching held on November 7.

To bake Turkey, Chicken, Peachicken, Pheasant Pouts, Heath Pouts, Caponets, or Partridge for to be eaten cold

From Eating Shakespeare, page 134, citing The Accomplisht Cook

Take a turkey chicken, bone it and lard it with pretty big lard, a pound and a half will serve, then season it with an ounce of pepper, an ounce of nutmegs, and two ounces of salt, lay some butter in the bottom of the pie, then lay on the fowl and put in it six or eight whole cloves then put on all the seasoning with good store of butter, close it up, and baste it over with eggs, bake it, and being baked fill it up with clarified butter.

Thus you may bake them for to be eaten hot, giving them but half the seasoning, and liquor it with gravy and juyce of orange.

Bake this pie in fine paste; for more variety you may make a stuffing for it as followeth; mince some beef-suet and a little veal very fine, some sweet herbs, grated nutmeg, pepper, salt, two or three raw yolks of eggs, some boild skirrets or pieces of artichoks, grapes or gooseberries, etc.

Recipe:

¾ lb Turkey cooked and cleaned for meat
8 cups cooked carrots, cut fine
8 cups small red grapes, quartered
8 tsp salt
8 tsp nutmeg
4 tsp pepper
15 eggs
½ cup butter
Basting mixture of 1 tsp each, pepper, nutmeg, salt and clove
Small pastry shells (150)
3 Eggs

Bake Turkey dressed in butter, pepper, nutmeg, salt and cloves. Cook fully and cool and clean the meat from the bone.

Mix ingredients. Beat eggs and pour into the mixture. Spoon 2 Tbsp filling into each shell. Fold up sides and crimp leaving an opening at the top. Egg wash. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

This is a simple pastry recipe that can be used for make the shells for the turkey pies.

Pastry Recipe:

3 cups all purpose flour
2 sticks cold butter, cubed
1 tsp. salt
4-6 ounces ice cold water

Using a pastry knife or food processor, cut butter into flour and salt, until pea sized pieces of dough begin to form. Drizzle water into flour mixture until dough starts to come together in a single mass. Turn dough mixture onto lightly floured board. Press together with your hands as quickly as possible, and then divide into 12 pieces. Roll and flattend each dough ball and cover in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Roll out dough on lightly floured board to desired thickness.

THL Kateryna ty Isaf

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From the Chronicler

Unto the populace of Endless Hills does Euriol of Lothian, Chronicler of Endless Hills send fond greetings!

I do not have a theme for this month's issue of the *Across the Hills*. I am in desperate need of articles, artwork, poetry, prose and photos. Please remember that I'm only an "editor" in my position as Chronicler, not a writer. This newsletter is about and for the people of this barony. So if you're doing some fun stuff, please take a moment and write it down to share with others.

I want to thank Kateryna ty Isaf for giving me the collection of her recipes from this year's Fasching Feast in order to be able to share them all with you. There will at least be one regular column that is provided by someone in this barony to last through the end of my term.

I am also searching for a Drop Dead Deputy for this office. With her excellency, Barbary Rose, having be invested as our Baroness, she is unable to continue on as my Drop Dead Deputy. Please let me know if you are interested in the position.

In service to the Barony and the Kingdom,

Mistress Euriol of Lothian

Quote of the Month

"To have another language is to possess a second soul."
- Charlemagne (742-814)



Sausages of Pork Otherways

These sausages were served as part of Lunch at Fasching held on November 7.

From *Eating Shakespeare*, page 52, citing *The Accomplisht Cook*

Mince pork with beef suet, and mince some sage, and put to it with some pepper, salt, cloves and mace; make it into ball and keep it for your use or roll them into little sausages some four or five inches long as big as your finger; fry six or seven of them and serve them within a dish with vinegar or juyce of orange.

Thyus you may do a leg of veal, and put nothing but salt and suet; and being fried serve it with gravey and juyce of range, or butter and vinegar; and before you fry them flower them. And thus Mutton, or any meat.

Or you may adde sweet herbs or nutmeg; and thus mutton.

Recipe:

20 lbs Ground Pork
15 tsp salt
10 tsp nutmeg
5 tsp mace
5 tsp clove
5 tsp pepper
20 Tbsp minced Sage
5 Tbsp dried thyme
4 Tbsp Dried Parsley
10 cups sour orange juice

Combine all ingredients except orange juice. Roll out into finger sized sausages. Fry sausages until browned, place in roasting pan and add orange juice. Cook until liquid is reduced to a thick glaze.

THL Kateryna ty Isaf

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Newcomer's Meet & Greet	First, Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7pm – 9pm (various locations)
Fencing & Heavy Fighting Practice	Tuesdays, 7pm—10pm, Forty-Fort Borough Building
Armorer's Workshop	Last Thursday of the month, 7pm—10pm (contact Lord Tufa)
Arts & Sciences Gather	Third Thursday of the month, 7pm—10pm (contact THL Kateryna)
Barony Business Meeting	Monthly, date and time varies
Riverouge Business Meeting	Monthly, date and time varies



Baronial Officers

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15 Barony Business Meeting & Officer Elections Gander Mountain 2pm	16	17 Fencing & Heavy Fighting Practice Forty Fort Borough Building 7pm-10pm	18	19 A&S Gather Moosic 7pm-10pm	20	21 Fiber, Fabric and Fighting VII Shire of Nithgaard
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