

Across The Hills



March/April
Anno Societatis XLV

From Their Excellencies



Greetings on this cold day in February from Their Excellencies Gunnarr and Barbary Rose of Endless Hills!

The long and seemingly never-ending winter is losing its grip on the Barony (with a few fits and starts)...hopefully Spring is really on its way!

Our travels have taken us to the Shire of Gryffyn's Keep for Kingdom 12th Night, where we witnessed the Laurel elevation of our own Mistress Euriol of Lothian--3 vivats for her accomplishment! We then journeyed to the Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais for their 12th Night celebration--where we enjoyed great fencing, fellowship and feasting! (only 3 F's) Most recently we visited the Barony of Delftwood for the Feast of the 7 Deadly Sins. We received our new Baronial coronets from Master John Michael Thorpe...who did a fantastic job on them! (see photo on the cover of this month's ATH) Also, Lord Mark Gunnarrson was the winner of the Single Elimination Rapier Tourney--vivats to him for his prowess!

In between attending events, a number of Barony members have gone beyond Our borders to participate in weekly fight practices--their travels include Settmour Swamp, Hartshorn-Dale, Abhainn Ciach Ghlais, Delftwood, and Sterlynge Vayle. Our own weekly practice has been enriched by attendance from these out-of-Barony areas.

Upcoming event

The Baroness will be attending the College of 3 Ravens in Thescore on February 26 with THL Maria...

March 6 is a date to keep in mind for a few reasons...Our second Baronial Curia will be held at the Forty-Fort Boro Building at 12 noon; the Baronial business meeting will immediately follow. Fight practice is scheduled at the conclusion of the business meeting.

March 12 is the Scranton St. Patrick's Day Parade. We would love to see great participation and attendance from Barony members, as well as from our friends in neighboring areas. Remember this is a public demo, so bring your

banners and wear your best garb! More info can be obtained from our chatelaine and parade co-ordinator Lady Lumanitsa.

March 27 We journey to the Barony of Rhyderrich Hael for The Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon. Her Excellency plans to enter the A&S competition; we would love to hear of others who are planning to do the same!

April 2 The Baroness will be attending Heralds & Scribes in Sterlynge Vayle, while the Baron heads to Forty Fort Park, by the dyke, for a fight muster. There is something for everyone on that day!

Our first Kingdom event is the Queen's Rapier Championship, which will be held April 16 at the Port Griffith Fire Hall, Port Griffith PA...all authorized fencers are urged to compete for this honor! Details on the Barony website and in the Aestel. Please remember that there will be an open A&S competition with the theme "For the Glory of Aethelmearc"...Our Baronial A&S Champ will be chosen from entries from Endless Hills--anything that you have made during the last year is eligible--this includes scribal, garb, armor...whatever! (I want to say something about documentation needed for the Baronial competition...but it is Lumie's contest to run since she is the current A&S champ)

Lastly, we are in need of donations for the Royalty room for Queen's Rapier. Mistress Euriol is the Royal liason for this event; please contact her if you can help out in any way.

We are always looking for award recommendations for Baronial awards; if you know of anyone who deserves recognition please let us know..

We (as well as the rest of you!) eagerly await the arrival of warmer weather, and the full calendar of events to follow.

We hope to see many of you in our travels!

In Service,
Gunnarr and Barbary Rose
Baron and Baroness of Endless Hills
Writ this 24 day in February A.S. XLV



Curia Agenda

Greetings and Salutations Everyone!

First off let me remind you that their Excellencies curia will be on March 6th beginning at noon in the basement of the Forty Fort borough building with the regular business to immediately follow with practice to immediately that.

With that being said, here are the proposed changes to the policy:

1. II Baronial Officers, Letter A Elected Offices shall be divided into:, 2. Lesser Officers, C. Captain of Fence; we would like to change that to Captain on Rapier.
2. II Baronial Officers, Letter D Officer Responsibilities; we would like to add number 3. "If two consecutive officer reports are not submitted, the officer can be removed from office by the Kingdom Officer. If reports are emailed they must be in the Baronial Seneschal's hands by noon of the day of the business meeting otherwise the report must be presented at the meeting in person.
3. III The Office of Baron and/or Baroness, A. Term of service: Three years ending in November, C.; we would like to remove "or the office of canton seneschal during their tenure."
4. III The Office of Baron and/or Baroness, G. Baronial Curia, 1. The Baron and or Baroness and the Seneschal...; we would like to remove letter C. Canton Seneschal (s).
5. III The Office of Baron and/or Baroness, G. Baronial Curia; we would like to add number 5. "The Baronial Seneschal will submit the official report of the curia."
6. V Baronial Awards of Merit, B. Current Baronial Awards, 4. Order of the Barnacle, letter a. Order Badge; we would like to correct the current description to "OR, pair of barnacles sable."

And that's it folks. So please if you have any issues please come to the curia meeting to discuss them with their Excellencies and myself. Thank you.

In Service
Julianna
Seneschal

Barony of Endless Hills Financial Policies January 01, 2011

I. Following items will be enacted in addition to Corpora, & Kingdom Financial Policies. Any portions of the following items that are in conflict with any of those policies are void.

II. The Financial Committee

A. The Financial Committee is responsible for setting financial policy for the barony in accordance with Kingdom policy.

B. The Financial Committee shall consist of the following current members:

1. Seneschal
2. Exchequer
3. Chronicler
4. The office of the Baron/Baroness – which shall count as one vote
5. Any other resident of the Barony on the signature card not previously mentioned.

C. The term of the Financial Committee member shall be determined by their tenure in office or shall be two years.

III. Financial Committee Meetings

A. Financial Committee Meetings will be held as needed to discuss or take action on financial matters.

B. A meeting can be called by the Seneschal or the Exchequer. If another Financial Committee member has information that needs to be brought to the attention of the committee, they should request that the Seneschal or Exchequer call a meeting.

C. The meeting can be run by the Seneschal or the Exchequer.

D. A meeting may be held in person, via email or via phone.

E. There shall be at least one Financial Committee meeting per fiscal year to plan the Barony annual budget.

F. Financial Policy shall be reviewed by the Finance committee at the same meeting that the annual budget is planned

G. Additional meetings shall be held when the need for discussion or action on financial matters occurs.

IV. Annual Budget

A. The annual budget must include provisions for:

1. Office expenses for elected officers
2. Repair and replacement of equipment
3. Baron/Baroness expense fund

B. The annual budget may include provisions for:

1. Equestrian insurance
2. Special projects
3. Potential Kingdom level events

C. The annual barony budget must be presented to the populace for comment at a scheduled barony business meeting.

D. The annual barony budget, as approved by the finance committee, shall be published in the barony newsletter.

E. The annual barony budget shall be approved by February 1st of each year for the following year fiscal year.

V. Allowed Expenses

A. Allocation of funds, not relating to a Barony sponsored event, not in the annual budget, or not in a designated fund account may be approved by the following guidelines:

1. Amounts of \$25.00 or less may be approved by the Seneschal and the Exchequer.
2. Amounts between \$25.01 and \$100.00 may be approved by a plurality vote of the financial committee.
3. Amounts between \$100.01 and \$200.00 may be approved by a vote in a barony meeting.
4. Amounts of \$200.01 and over must be brought up in a barony meeting.
 - a) The expenditure must then be tabled until the next body meeting when it can be approved or disapproved by a body vote.

B. Allocation of dedicated funds will be approved by the Seneschal, Exchequer and the revelent officer.

C. Allocation of funds from designated funds for a guild must be approved by the Seneschal, Exchequer, and the

body of the guild in a method decided upon by that guild and approved by the Financial Committee.

D. Allocation of funds from the designated Baron/Baroness travel expense fund shall be dispersed according to 501(c) 3 regulations, Society, and Kingdom policy, not to exceed a total of \$200.00 per year of reign, with a maximum of \$600.00 per elected term.

E. Those eligible to vote on the allocation of funds are the same as stated as being eligible to vote in the barony election policies.

F. Dedicated funds, also called special purpose funds, shall have a primary and secondary purpose.

1. The final destination of all special purpose funds is the General Fund.
 2. No designated fund will be created if it does not support our tax exempt purpose.
- G. Funds may not be used to reimburse expenses for events or meetings closed to the general populace unless the events or meetings have a business agenda that requires limited attendance.

H. Fully documented receipts must be provided to support all expenses before reimbursement.

I. All disbursements will be made to an entity by signed checks or traceable money orders, and with full documentation.

J. Advances may be issued for approved allowed expenses.

1. The Advancement of Funds form must be signed by the Exchequer and the recipient prior to the issuance of the funds.
2. Receipts and unused funds must be returned to the Exchequer within 30 days of the issuance of the advance.

VI. Collection of Funds

A. A paid member of the SCA must be in charge of the gate functions at any event where money is collected in the name of the SCA.

1. This individual must be permitted by the SCA's Corporate Policies to serve as a deputy of the Exchequer, who will be ultimately responsible for the accounting of the gate funds.

B. Minors under age 15 may not serve as Head Gatekeeper, Reservationist or Troll for an event.

1. Such minors may assist at the gate collecting funds, making change, etc., under the oversight of the individual designated as being in charge of the gate functions.

2. The individual designated as being in charge of the gate functions must approve any such minor assisting gate functions.

C. All cash or equivalents (i.e., checks) received prior to an event should be deposited within 7 days but no longer than 14 days of receipt.

D. All cash or equivalents received at an event must be deposited within 14 days of receipt.

E. Income of any type that has not been deposited is not to be used for refunds, reimbursements or expenses.

F. Use of online credit card acceptance services is prohibited.

VII. Event Budgets

A. Bids for events will be presented to the Finance Committee for evaluation and approval.

B. When a potential overrun is detected the Financial Committee can adjust the budget to match the new estimate.

1. Alternatives should be considered prior to adjusting the budget.

C. Based on custom, sitting Kings and Queens and Princes and Princesses shall not be charged a site fee or admission to Barony events.

D. Based on custom, sitting Kings and Queens and Princes and Princesses shall not be charged feast fee at Barony events.

E. Based on custom, the Reigning Baron and/or Baroness of Endless Hills shall not be charged a site fee or admission to Barony events at which there is a Baronial Court.

F. Any other complimentary passes for event staff or Royalty will be determined on an individual event basis by the Seneschal, Exchequer and Autocrat of the event.

VIII. Inventory

A. An annual inventory accounting shall be given to the office of the Exchequer by all baronial officers and baronial guild masters who have materials or items purchased with baronial funds or donated to the barony.

B. This inventory is due on or before October 21st of each

year.

C. A new inventory is due within sixty (60) days when the office holders change.

D. Inventories will include explanations for changes from the previous inventory.

E. Inventories will contain consumable and non-consumable items.

F. Disposal of inventory due to age and wear is done at the discretion of the office holder with prior approval by the Exchequer.

G. A Deputy Exchequer can be responsible for inventory control.

H. Inventory control shall consist of itemized categories with original cost or value, means of acquisition, and present condition.

I. Any person maintaining Barony property shall be responsible for the items in their possession.

1. In the event of damage to or loss of the items, the person responsible for the damage or loss must reimburse the Barony at replacement cost, or provide a replacement of like kind and quality.

a) This reimbursement/replacement requirement does not apply to damage due to normal usage.

IX. Changes to Financial Policy

A. This Financial Policy may be modified or corrected by the Kingdom Exchequer so as not to conflict with Kingdom and/or Society financial policies.

B. When it is decided to change Financial Policy, the changes must be distributed to the populace of the Barony for comment.

1. This can be done by presenting at a meeting, email or by publishing in the Barony newsletter.

C. When the Financial Committee has approved the revisions to the Financial Policy, a signed copy of the revised policy must be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer.

1. When the policy has been approved by the Kingdom Exchequer, it will be made available on the Barony website and in the newsletter.

X. Refunds

- A. A refund of site fee will be granted if requested before the event date.
- B. A refund of site fee will be granted if requested on the day of the event or up to fourteen (14) days after only if the event makes a profit.
- C. A refund of feast fees will be granted if requested and the feast seat can be resold.

Baronial Budget for 2010 to 2011 Projected

- Baron/ess Travel Fund \$200.00
- Elected Officer office expense (16x\$25) \$400.00
- Equestrian Practice Insurance \$50.00
- Equestrian Insurance - Ice Festival \$00.00
- Equestrian Insurance - St Patrick's Day Parade \$00.00
- Equipment Maintenance and Rental \$50.00
- Event Advertising \$25.00
- Fund-raising Expense \$25.00
- Printing, Activity: Paper for reports, forms, etc \$40.00
- Printing, O&A: Newsletter & Domesday \$50.00
- Baronial Award tokens & scrolls \$25.00
- Scrapbook \$00.00
- Non event related Food Expenses \$50.00
- Equipment purchase - Cooking equipment \$150.00
- Banner Project \$20.00
- Site Rental for July Meeting \$75.00
- Postage and Shipping \$30.00
- Equipment purchase - Heavy Weapons Armor \$50.00
- Equipment purchase - Fencing Blades \$00.00

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- Equipment purchase - Water Heaters \$200.00
- Equipment purchase - Grill \$00.00
- Equipment purchase - Archery Kit \$00.00
- Equipment purchase - Storage Bags for Thrones \$100.00
- Equipment purchase - Propane Tanks \$40.00
- Equipment purchase - Coronets \$450.00
- Equipment purchase - Heraldic Library & submissions \$200.00
- Equipment purchase - Storage Rack & Bins for Pavilion \$200.00
- Total \$2,430.00



From the knight marshal

With the new season coming up I just want to remind all fighters of a few important things. If you fight in plastic armor and store it in a cold place take the time to test it and make sure it has not lost integrity. The plastic we use can lose its pliability after long periods of cold rendering it dangerous. A simple test is to whack a corner with a hammer if it breaks it fails.

Also take the time to look over buckles and straps and inspect lacing to make sure its still in good order and safe. Taking these steps will ensure your safety on the field and also prevent loss of time on the field due to repairs.

And lastly check over those shields make sure there straps are well maintained and secure and if your using wood make sure theirs no rot any place you have carriage bolts. This will prevent your bolts from blowing through the wood and help you stay safe.

And lastly remember to have fun and play safe hope to see y'all on the field. If you have any questions you may contact me or my deputy and we will be happy to help out in any way we can or help you find one of our barony's marshals who can.

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Khristian Pykh

Knight marshal

Barony of Endless Hills.



Quote of the Month

"Written laws are like spider's webs; they will catch, it is true, the weak and poor, but would be torn in pieces by the rich and powerful."

Anacharsis - 6th Century BC



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From the Webminister

Greetings unto the fine populace!

Just a short note to announce the move of the Baronial Website. We are now located at <http://endlesshills.info>. I am rather excited by this move as it allows the Barony to now own the domain name and to have official Officer emails!

I am still looking for links and suggestions from all of you for the website. Please contact me with any and all feedback. I can be reached at ehweb@endlesshills.info.

In Service to the Dream,
I remain,
Lady Dawn de la Lune

Baronial Officers

This is the public version of the Across The Hills. To get the full version free by E-mail, with the officers information please contact Chronicler at ehchronicler@endlesshills.info with your E-mail address, and SCA and mudane names.



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