



The Althing

A quarterly publication of the
Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands
in the
Kingdom of Æthelmearc

Located in these modern times in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas

Upcoming Events

Business Meetings

First Wednesday of even months, 8pm

See debatablelands.org for Zoom link

Seven Pearls

8/24, New Brighton, PA

Agincourt

10/26, TBA

Baronial Twelfth Night

TBA

Court Report: Equestrian Champs and Guild Hall

Court Report for Equestrian Champs and Guild Hall
June 8, AS LIX (2024)

The report of the Court of Baronessa Violeta and Praetoria Aurelia Argentia Prima, ninth Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, held on the 8th day of June Anno Societatis 59 at the Equestrian Champs and Guild Hall in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, as recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Comet Pursuivant.

Their Excellencies invited Hara-Shonagon Kikumatsu, event steward, to address the populace. She thanked everyone for attending that day and issued thanks to all the guilds and Lady Finé Failain for organizing, to The Honorable Lady Elss and all who assisted with lunch, for the staff, those who helped set up, and the tear-down crew to come.

Following this, Their Excellencies welcomed the Moneyers' Guild, represented by Duke Thomas Byron of Haverford, who presented Their Excellencies with the coins struck by those who visited their guild tent during the day.

Next, Their Excellencies desired that The Honorable Lady Gesa von Wellenstein and the Equestrian guild to discuss the day's competitions. There were three equestrian events during the day: Mounted Archery, run by Lord Yarden; Equestrian Games; and Jousting. Of these, Lord Yarden won the Mounted Archery, but he presented to Bran Riddl the arrows as prize for coming in second. The Honorable Lady Gesa took first place in the Games and the Equestrian pursuits overall and was thus declared the Champion. The Equestrians also thanked their ground crew: Lady Elinor Walden, The Honorable Lord Godzimir the Golden, and Lord Tulough Feolain. Championship scroll by The Honorable Lady Gesa von Wellenstein.

Their Excellencies then awarded Lord Yarden with the scroll commemorating his win in archery, by The Honorable Lady Gesa von Wellenstein.

Their Excellencies invited forward all volunteers and everyone who assisted with a guild booth to receive one of the Baronial coins. Her Excellency Violeta also thanked everyone whom she or Her Excellency Prima observed throughout the day, speaking to the public, assisting with the office of chatelaine, and representing the Barony and the Society so well.

There being no further business, the Court of Their Excellencies was closed.

Faithfully submitted,
Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres
Comet Pursuivant

Court Report: Social and Garb Swap

July 7, AS 59 (2024)

The report of the Court of Baronessa Violeta and Praetoria Aurelia Argentia Prima, ninth Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, held on the 7th day of July Anno Societatis 59 at the annual Garb Swap and summer social meeting in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, as recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Comet Pursuivant.

Their Excellencies directed that the scrolls naming Their Thrown Weapons Champion, The Honorable Lord Meinolfr Grimson, and Their Archery Champion, Lord Sebastian Moire, be read into Court. Both scrolls illuminated by The Honorable Lord Owen Tegg, with calligraphy by The Honorable Lady Ceindrech verch Ellidir, upon words by Baron Salvadore de la Torres.

Their Excellencies invited The Honorable Lady Silence to announce that the winner of the Baronial Bardic Championship would be The Honorable Lady Elsa Taliard. Scroll by The Honorable Lady Ceindrech verch Ellidir with words by The Honorable Lady Lisabetta de Rossi. Their Excellencies also thanked Master William de Montegilt for agreeing to serve as second at the Seven Pearls competition.

There being no further business, the Court of Their Excellencies was closed.

Faithfully submitted,

Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres
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Court Report: Pennsic LI

August 6, AS LIX (2024)

The report of the Court of Baronessa Violeta and Praetoria Aurelia Argentia Prima, ninth Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, held on the 4th day of August Anno Societatis 59 at the annual Baronial reception at the Pennsic War, as recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Comet Pursuivant.

Their Excellencies thanked all for representing the Barony at Pennsic, and especially the Officers for providing the food for the party.

Their Excellencies called for Their Thrown Weapons Champion, The Honorable Lord Meinolfr Grimson, and presented His Lordship with his champion scroll, illuminated by The Honorable Lord Owen Tegg, with calligraphy by The Honorable Lady Ceindrech verch Ellidir, upon words by Baron Salvadore de la Torres. Their Excellencies also wished to be attended by Their Archery Champion, Lord Sabastian Mora, to present him with his champion scroll, also illuminated by The Honorable Lord Owen Tegg, with calligraphy by The Honorable Lady Ceindrech verch Ellidir, upon words by Baron Salvadore de la Torres. Before releasing Lord Sabastian to his post, Their Excellencies spoke further of his skill upon the archery field, and awarded him a Hematite Comet in recognition. Scroll by Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope and Mistress Graidhne ni Ruiadh. Their Excellencies invited Lady Elinor Walden to attend them. Saying that it was impossible to determine whether her service or her arts were more worthy of recognition, They awarded her a twin Lapis and Amber Comet. Scroll illuminated by Magister Casimir Zelený z Strážná Skála with words by Magnifica Fede di Fiore.

There being no further business, the Court of Their Excellencies was closed.

Faithfully submitted,
Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres
Comet Pursuivant

Court Report: Seven Pearls Tournament

August 24, AS LIX (2024)

The report of the Court of Baronessa Violeta and Praetoria Aurelia Argentia Prima, ninth Baronage of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, held on the 24th day of August Anno Societatis 59 at the Seven Pearls Tournament held in the Shire of Steltonwald, as recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres, Meistr-y-gân, Comet Pursuivant.

Upon his victory in the Heavy Armored Combat tournament, Their Excellencies desired to be attended by The Honorable Lord Rouland of Willowbrooke. With gratitude for His Lordship's steadfast dedication to the heavy combat community and his prowess with the sword, Their Excellencies awarded him a Hematite Comet. Scroll by The Honorable Lady Nichola Beese.

Court suspended.

In the afternoon, Their Excellencies thanked the Autocrat, The Honorable Lady Elinor Walden, for the well-run and splendid day Her Ladyship planned and executed.

Their Excellencies then gave leave to their cousins, the Baronage of Thescorre, to open their court.

Upon the conclusion of the presentation of the Seven Pearls Champions' competition winners, Their Excellencies resumed court to dispatch a piece of business that had been pending for some time, and thus called Kumagaya Shō roku-i Kentarou Masamoto to attend them. They had spoken with His Lordship and his family about their desire to be named official members of the Barony; however, before they granted this request, Their Excellencies had long wished to acknowledge His Lordship's contributions and support to the Barony while not a member of it. They awarded him a Jade Comet for this, before calling for Lady Sile inghean Chein, Leonardo Piccolo, and Killian the Young, to formally recognize them as members of the Barony. Jade Comet scroll (forthcoming) by Baron Sasson de Sacta Victoria.

Next, Their Excellencies invited Lord Sabastian Mora and Isabel de Herrera to come forward. With Their Excellencies' collusion, Isabel addressed Lord Sabastian with prepared remarks, culminating in presenting him with a ring and a proposal of marriage. (He said yes!) Commemorative proposal scroll by The Honorable Lady Lisabetta de Rossi.

Court suspended.

At the end of the feast, Their Excellencies thanked the cooks and most especially desired to be attended by Lady Kattera Doplerin. Noting that this was not the first time she had provided excellent fare for the Barony and its guests, and that she could be found often in support of others in their kitchens, Their Excellencies awarded her an Amber Comet to recognize her service. Scroll illuminated by Lord Sean O'Connor with calligraphy and words by Mistress Graidhne ni Ruaidh.

There being no further business, the Court of Their Excellencies was closed.

Faithfully submitted,
Gwendolyn the Graceful, Brehyres
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