

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

Baronial Twelfth Night

January 24 [RESCHEDULED]

North Park Lodge, North Ridge Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101

St. Brigid's Inn

February 21

The Buffalo Inn, 3757-3779 Buffalo Dr, South Park, PA

Meetings and Practices

Business Meetings

First Wednesday of even months, 8pm

Hybrid; locations TBA

Debatable Lands Choir Practice

Every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm

Contact Arianna Wynthrop for location

Debatable Consort Practice

Every Tuesday, 8:35-9:30pm

Immediately after choir, same location

Winter Martial Practice

Every Sunday, 1pm-5pm

5372 Enterprise Blvd, Bethel Park, PA

Dance Practice

First Friday of every month, 7pm -9pm

100 Borough Park Dr, Pittsburgh, PA

Brewer's Guild

Second Thursday of every month, 7pm - 10pm

Contact brewing@debatablelands.org for location

A&S Night

Fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30 - 9:30pm

Contact ansminister@debatablelands.org for location

Call for Letters: Chronicler

Greetings and salutations,

My second and final term as Baronial Chronicler is coming to a close, and it is time to solicit letters for my replacement! Please email seneschal@debatablelands.org before the next business meeting with your interest. If you're interested, the following information is for you.

Eligibility:

You must be a paid member to be a Chronicler.

Term:

Terms are for two years.

Duties:

The Chronicler's main responsibility is to publish a regular newsletter for the barony. This newsletter can be printed or electronic, and can be published as often or as seldom as suits the Chronicler and the Barony, as long as it is at least quarterly. The kingdom's Chronicler policy is available from:

<https://aethelmearc.org/officers/chronicler/>

The Chronicler has complete creative control over the newsletter. It can be fancy and polished and colorful, or it can be a simple unadorned page with the basic required information on it. The exact requirements are spelled out in the policy, but generally the newsletter must list the officers, note upcoming events and include some legalese, a version of which appears at the end of this very newsletter.

As Chronicler, you would be one of the officers for the Barony. In fact, Chronicler is one of the required positions for a group to retain Baronial status. As such, you are required to have a report at the bimonthly baronial meetings, whether that's attending them in person, attending virtually, or submitting a report ahead of time to be read into the minutes by a proxy. You are also part of the financial committee, which means you will vote on where the barony spends its money. Most frequently this means voting on event bids for what events we're going to host, plus occasional other expenditures that come out of the baronial coffers.



While I have enjoyed my time as Chronicler, there is a 2-term limit for all officers and I am at the end of my second term. I will, however, be happy to provide consulting assistance for my successor.

Oh, and there's a spiffy Chronicler's tabard that you get to have for the duration of your term.

In Service and Song,
Silence de Cherbourg
Chronicler

Event Announcements:

Baronial 12th Night

St. Brigid's Inn

Greetings, gentlefolk! You are cordially invited to the Debatable Lands twelfth night celebration on January 24th, 2026. Come for food and drinks, contests of skill, and a night of revelry with friends!

When and where: 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM, at North Park Lodge, North Ridge Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101

Activities:

- Potluck food (bring a dish to share!)
- The annual cookie exchange
- Drinks from our wonderful Brewer's Guild
- Baronial Bardic championships
- Baronial A&S championships
- Largesse competition
- Auction of donated items, with proceeds going to the Barony (there will also be a barter zone)
- The Debatable Lands social/business meeting
- Dancing
- Pillow fights
- Shenanigans and merriment

How much does all of this cost? Absolutely nothing!

Additional notes on Wheelchair Accessibility: The site is technically wheelchair accessible but getting between the first and second floors requires going outside and it's going to be cold.

Additional Notes on Alcohol Policy: No glass containers.

Additional Notes on Pet Policy: Dogs must be leashed. Also, the event is usually very crowded and it may not be a good time for dogs.

Additional Notes on Weapons: Outside only.

"I have other questions!" Contact the autocrat, Forveleth Dunde MKA Miranda Gavrin, at forveleth@gmail.com or 317-697-7883.

The fires have been stoked in the hearths and winter has descended upon us all. But our lands do not fall quiet - no, there is much to do before the warmth returns. Lady Kattera Doplerin and THLady Elinor Walden hereby announce St Brigid's Inn, an artisan's forum and guild hall event, focused on crafting, mending, and teaching of our gentler arts.

Attend a variety of informal classes, see demonstrations and take home new crafts, and bring your own works-in-progress to enjoy the community of others. Repair your garb and armor for the warmer months and learn new skills to further embellish your medieval life. Enjoy a delightful sideboard prepared by Lady Fine Failain inspired by the preservation of medieval cuisine through the winter.

Court Report:

Agincourt XVIII, October 25, AS 60 (2025)

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 25th day of October Anno Societatis LX at Agincourt XVIII, in the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, as recorded by Gwendolyn the Graceful, Meistr-y-gân, Comet Pursuivant, with assistance by Lord Turlough Feolain and Oyama-shichi-i Michiharu.

Near the fencing field, Their Excellencies desired to be attended by lærifaðir jorundr hinn rotinn. Noting that in addition to his well-known skill in the art of defense, he is equally revered for his wizardry in the kitchen, They were pleased to award him a Lapis Comet. Scroll: words by Boiarin Godzimir the Golden, calligraphy and illumination by The Honorable Lady Elinor Walden and Oyama Michiharu-san.

Their Excellencies also wished for The Honorable Lord Meinolf Grimsson to leave the throwing range briefly and attend Them. They spoke to His Lordship of his dedication to the Barony not only on ranges such as the one he was running, but particularly to the Barony encampment at Pennsic, and thus were minded to award him a Gold Comet. Scroll by Laird Forveleth Dundee.

Their Excellencies then asked Lord Turlough Feolain to suspend his work as herald in order to present himself before Them, explaining that They really did have a rapier-related award to bestow at this time. Declaring Themselves duly impressed by his successes on the field, They awarded him a Hematite Comet. Scroll by Lady Bran Riddl upon words by Boiarin Godzimir the Golden.

Court suspended.

Later, in the hall, Their Excellencies requested the attendance of Lord Joshua of the Debatable Lands. To acknowledge his talent and skill in thrown weapons, and make all aware of Their approval, They bestowed to him a Hematite Comet. Scroll by Herr Reinhard Regenbogen.

Their Excellencies further desired that Lady Catalina Diez join Them briefly. Speaking to her of her needlework and the artistry displayed in her entry at Ice Dragon, as well as her other pursuit of the arts, They were pleased to award her a Lapis Comet. Scroll by The Honorable Lady Lisabetta de Rossi.

Court suspended.

In the afternoon, Their Excellencies announced the previous awards given. They then shared that the winner of the Thrown Weapons competition that day was The Honorable Lord Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto, and the winner of the Archery shoot was Stephen.

Their Excellencies next invited Lutia Vernier Kitzingen and Jay of the Debatable Lands to come forward, whereupon, They signed letters and invited the two to sign the same, claiming them upon their request to be citizens of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands. Matching letters with wording by Magister Owen Tegg and calligraphy and illumination by Magister Casimir Zelený z Stráňná skála.

In the same way, Their Excellencies also asked Mistress Renata Rouge, as was her request, to sign along with Their Excellencies a letter declaring her to be a member of the Barony. Letter crafted by Magister Owen Tegg.

Following this, Their Excellencies required the attendance of The Honorable Lady Lisabetta de Rossi, who excused herself from retaining for Their Majesties to comply. In recognition of the many ways Her Ladyship has served the Barony, from arts and sciences activities and scriptoria, to signet work, assisting at events, retaining, and always being present, pleasant, and helpful, They were well minded to award her an Amber Comet. Scroll words and calligraphy by Oyama-shichi-i Michiharu, with illumination by Magister Owen Tegg.

Their Excellencies thanked event steward Baroness Vika Viborgskaya and all her staff, including the cooks, the marshalls, the MOLs, the registration staff, and all the volunteers, who had assisted in making the day so glorious.

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

Faithfully submitted,

Gwendolyn the Graceful, Meistr-y-gân
Comet Pursuivant

ADDENDUM: In addition to the letters signed in Court, Their Excellencies have also welcomed The Honorable Lady Elsa Taliard as a member of the Barony.

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