



# QUID NUNC

The Official Newsletter of the Barony of Ruantallan

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## BARONIAL ELECTION



There were three excellent couples who put themselves forward to take on the role of Baron and Baroness and we would like to thank them for doing so. It is what makes our Barony so great that they were so enthusiastic and gave our members such excellent choices in Baron and Baroness. Their Royal Majesties King Ozurr the Boot-Giver and Queen Fortune Sancte Keyne chose the next Baron and Baroness out of those three couples.

As we wish Baron Guthfrith Yrlingson and Baroness Isobel Mowbray good tidings in their adventures, we welcome our new Baron Master Perceval Gower and Baroness Lady Admiranda Gower.

Our present Baron and Baroness when asked how their journey as Baron/Baroness had been?

“Our time as Baron and Baroness has been a unique experience. We were very fortunate to inherit the Barony in a fundamentally good place, following the excellent tenure of Their Excellencies Allesandra and Donal. We are equally lucky to be sitting in the baronial seats in a time when so many people were willing to put in a lot of effort and ingenuity to make the Barony bigger and better. One of the greatest joys of being Baron and Baroness was repeatedly hearing SCA visitors, including several set of Royalty, enthusiastically praise the Ruantallan populace for its vibrancy and enthusiasm. In certain ways, Ruantallan has really become an example to the rest of the East Kingdom in the last few years; we have been privileged and incredibly proud to represent such a great group in this time.”



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What goals did you have as Baron/Baroness?

“Our main goal was to foster a Barony that was positive and strong. The most important part of this was that the populace be happy and gain personal fulfilment from participating in the SCA. But we also hoped that people would feel a sense of belonging to the Barony of Ruantallan, and that this would be a meaningful part of their SCA identity, alongside their own personas, households, and so on. This was the ultimate goal of most of our various projects and enthusiasms, such as introducing a baronial populace badge, treating the Iceberg as a polling order, the occasional declaration of war, and baronial dinners at Warcamp (weather permitting!).”

Do you think you met those goals?

“We hope so, but we think that is for others to judge!”

What will you do now that you are no longer Baron/Baroness?

“In the SCA, we will spend more time on some personal arts and sciences projects that have gotten a little delayed. Guthfrith needs to get back to improving his woodworking skills. Isobel wants to make new garb, and perhaps do some pottery and more calligraphy and illumination. Hopefully we can also be there a bit more for our apprentices.

Outside the SCA, we plan to put more time into our garden/land, and to get out more into the mundane wilderness. “

Any advice for the new Baron/Baroness?

“Be yourselves. Don't be constrained by the approach we took to being Baroness and Baron, or others took before us. Even for aspects of the role you think we did reasonably well, a different perspective, emphasis and perspective every few years is good and healthy for the Barony.”

Our new incoming Baron and Baroness answered a few questions for us as well.

So how do you feel now that it has been announced that you are Baron/Baroness?

“Now that the announcement has been made, we are feeling a little bit anxious with lots of questions on how everything will work on the day of investiture. The pressure is on to create new garb, keeping in mind the time period we want to create. We both like to dabble in different time periods. It's a lot like starting a new job, you have the jitters and after a few days you feel more confident in what you're doing and that you're doing it right.”



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What goals do you have for the Barony?

“Some goals would be, to crush our enemies, but... while we’re not doing that we would like to start with creating a new Baronial award or token. Another goal is to see the Barony increase its members through demos and events. We would like to see the populace participate in activities they have not done before, or work on a skill until it’s perfected. Providing loner equipment at practices and events is a great way to help people overcome a lack of resources. We would like to work on making more resources available or classes to help people attain those things that are hard to get.”

How will you try to accomplish these?

“Accomplishing these goals could not be done without the help of curia and the populace. It takes many different skills and talent to teach what the SCA is about. We will schedule more time to attend practices and events.

In the end our main goal is to have fun. To continue building a safe and inclusive atmosphere for the populace where they can learn and grow in the Society for Creative Anachronism.”

The Present Baron and Baroness are due to step down in a few months and their Nexcellencies Baron Percival and Lady Admiranda will step up During EKV in the Barony on November 30th Anno Societatis LIV (54).

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Tarantella Dancers, 1828, Cooper Hewitt Collection, Smithsonian Design Museum



## A Knighting!

It is with Great Excitement that we witnessed the Knighting of one of our very own Squires. Legatus Spurius Genucius Rutilus was Knighted the 5th of January AS LIII by King Wilhelm and Queen Vienna.



His Scroll was done by Harold Von Auerbach, Papyrus Made by Duke Shaden of Calontir.

Sir Spurius graciously answered some questions on his knighting and what it meant for him.

So when did you start on your journey to Knighthood?

“Never looked at it as I’m doing this to become a Knight. I looked at it as becoming the best fighter. I worked to get my OTC. I do all this stuff because I wanted to do it. You don’t search for the path, the path finds you.

Duke Brennan said, “Don’t try to become a Knight, be Knightly.”

I got a silver present the day after I got the OTC because I was doing all kinds of stuff to help the SCA, to get the most out of the SCA. I started on the journey when I started in the SCA 11 years ago.”

Who was your inspiration?

“Isolda has always been my inspiration for Fighting. Garrett, Tiberius and every fighter I ever fought has been my inspiration. Losing was inspiring, you learn more from losing than winning and it inspires you to work harder to improve.”

What does being a Knight mean for you?

“It means I can now start to learn to fight. I am no longer under a microscope for fighting. The responsibility has changed from a personal one to a global one. I now represent the group.”

What are your goals now?

“Goals are the same, mentor, have fun, improve myself.”

What was your biggest challenge?

“Getting out of my head and getting out of my own way. Fight itself stop fighting for others and fight for yourself.”

How does it feel to have completed this stage of your journey?

“Surreal the journey is still ongoing. Up until vigil I saw it as a goal as far away and my goal is still to improve myself so it is still far away.”

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What advice would you give to your squire/apprentice/protege siblings?

“Strive to be Knightly, improve yourself, live your life, don’t do something for me do it for yourself. What you can control is how you behave, how you enter the field, how you fight. Do things not to be seen and heard by do it because it needs to be done. Don’t do things to showcase yourself but do it for you.”

Anything you would like to say to the Barony?

“Republic! Let’s keep growing, let’s keep enjoying. Let’s keep growing the game. Have fun, Be good to one another.”

Legate Spurius’s Squire brother Lord Nick Hue had this to say when asked these questions.

What is it like for you to see Spurius elevated?

“Really cool. Very proud of him. Very happy for him. He did the hard thing. Knighthood is epitome of fighting in SCA.”

Did you ever doubt that they would make it? or want it?

“I knew he wanted it. I saw how good he was getting. I knew he would get there eventually.”

What do you think their elevation means for the Barony? for Tir Mara? for East Kingdom?

“Another voice in the chivalry. Another voice in Northern Shores so more voices for Principality. Another recognized fighter in Barony. Hard to get recognized up here so another voice in chivalry is a good thing for the fighters here. We need more Chivalry to keep order functioning. Bragging rights as well.”

What memories would you like to share of the new Peer with the Barony?

“I remember when he first came out and started fighting. He didn’t know anything. He started out just like the rest of us.

I remember the first helm he built. It was great except the face plate, so I told him to come to my place and we made one together. So I helped Spurious become a knight. He put a lot of effort in that helm.”



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Gaston Lecordier, now Squire to Spurius was asked those same questions.

What is it like for you to see them elevated?

“It meant a lot to me to see him elevated. Many of us had known for several months it was going to happen at that event, it was really hard to keep it a secret and the anticipation was really built up but in that moment when he was called forward, there was more emotion than I was expecting. It was like seeing your favourite sports team win the cup, but on a much much more personal level.”

Did you ever doubt that they would make it? or want it?

“Not at all! I had been his "man-at-arms" for a while and there came a time when I started considering looking for a squireship but the more I thought about it, the more I realized he would be a knight soon enough. No one else around here works as hard as him and is more dedicated to rattan combat than him. It was clear that he was going to make the cut soon enough and it was just a matter of the southern knights seeing him. I stuck around with the hope of being his first squire and following the example of dedication he puts forward. It really was NOT much of a gamble.”

What do you think their elevation means for the Barony? for Tir Mara? for East Kingdom?

“For the East Kingdom? It's another set of eyes in the north where the vast majority of southern chivalry never see.

For the Region, It's a better balance of peerage from east to west and more pull on the kingdom level.

For the Barony, on the political level we have a louder voice with kingdom, now. On a populace level, having a Knight as present as he is, with an almost perfect attendance record, our experienced fighters that may get frustrated with their chosen path are reminded constantly that it can be worthwhile and their goals are attainable with enough will and dedication. More importantly, newer members are shown what a knight is, what the values of the SCA are and how to comport them themselves by a great example.”



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What memories would you like to share of the new Peer with the Barony?

“Any time you are on the battle field with him, even dressed in 14th century armour, as soon as you make contact you feel like a Roman soldier.

But my favourite memory of him isn't even mine, it's hearing about my Lady, Mairead and him working as a team at les Beltaines in the town battle. She was using spear in her first melee and he was her shield. It was great to hear how many knights they got working together in that way. After the battle, he was very vocal of how proud he was and of how skillful she had been. She felt very successful as a heavy fighter after that war, and as her partner, that made me feel great too.”

And lastly I asked Legate Spurious's wife how she felt.

Spurious' Knighting, From the Perspective of His Wife, Isolda Fairamay

How did it feel to see Spurious knighted?

“Well, what do you say? As I have been his inspiration, he has always been mine. To see him recognized for his hard work and all he does is the best.”

How did you manage to keep him in the dark about it? And convince him it was his idea to go to the event he was knighted at?

“Ha! What a ride that was! As it happens, being quite overwhelmed after returning from Pennsic, I had been taking a little step back. So when Spurious came back from EK Fall Crown Tournament in October and I suddenly got a call from Sir Gareth on the Monday announcing that His Majesty wanted to knight Spurious at East Kingdom Twelfth Night in January I thought, “Okay, break over!” So there I am, after having said I was taking a break, needing to find some excuse for us to go to that event even though it was going to be a 13+ hour drive to Montreal in the winter. I planted the seed in Spurious' head on our way to fight practice that night. I said that I was jealous of hearing how much fun people were having at away events. Of course he suggested we should pick an event somewhere and plan to go. While at fight practice, when I saw Spurious and Sir Gareth talking, I went over and casually said, “Sir Gareth, what kind of away events are coming up? I feel like I'm missing out.” Sir Gareth, picking up on the cue immediately suggested an event coming up in November. Then he listed off a couple of other events and casually mentioned East Kingdom Twelfth Night in Montreal. Spurious looked at me and said, “Hey! Twelfth Night! You'd enjoy that!” I pretended to balk at the idea but Spurious insisted, “Nope, that's it! We're going to EK Twelfth Night!” And amazingly enough, I didn't even have to figure out an excuse for our daughter, Sigrid and her boyfriend Adhemar to come. Spurious did that all by himself! The next morning he was driving Sigrid to work and told her that we were planning to go, “And hey!

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You guys should come too!" Mission accomplished. From then on it was a challenge keeping it a secret. I had to pretend that he had more work to do to get his knighthood. I told him, "You just turned 50. You need to up your game or you're going to reach your plateau soon and that'll be it." Then Sigrid and I needed to work on ceremonial cloaks for Spurius as well as a new banner and new clothes for all of us. Luckily, since Spurius and I were in the midst of planning a Roman event soon after EK Twelfth Night, my research into all things Roman wasn't unusual. And finally, we thought for sure he would think something was up with so many people from our Barony and household being able to attend the event. But all he said was, "Wow! This is great to see everyone!" The look on his face when His Majesty called out his name was priceless. He was completely gob-smacked. He had that "deer in the headlights" look plastered on his face for most of the day!

Did you ever doubt that Spurius would make it or that he wouldn't want the responsibility?

"Never. When Spurius is interested in something, he doesn't go half ass, he goes full ass...just like his heraldry, he is a stubborn ass! In all honesty, when he started fighting rattan, he loved it and I could see from the beginning that he was good. Despite the fact that he started in his forties while many other fighters start in their twenties or thirties, his abilities in the art of strategy and defense put him ahead from the start. I'm not a member of the chivalry and do not dare to assume to know how it all works, but I knew he was ready. And for him, taking on the responsibility of a peerage is just a natural progression in his journey. And the journey doesn't end with knighthood. It's a new beginning."

What do you think it means for Ruantallan? Tir Mara? East Kingdom?

"We haven't had a knighting here for quite some time and when Spurius and I started in the SCA 10 years ago there were hardly any fighters coming to practice at that time. Over these 10 years we have seen a huge influx of newcomers. With so much of our populace being new to the SCA, I think having someone from our area, Ruantallan specifically, being knighted, shows them that it's not just a dream. As for Tir Mara and the East Kingdom, the Barony of Ruantallan is generally seen as "far off lands", so having someone knighted from our barony sheds light onto us, showing that yes, we are a group to be noticed."



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## Another Elevation!

It is with Great Pomp and Circumstance that Mistress Katherine Murray was also elevated to Laurel at the Great NorthEastern War 33 held on 11th of July AS LIV. She was visited by many during her vigil not least of which was Queen Fortuna and her entourage. Also visiting was Princess Margarita (now Queen of the East).

More information on this elevation will be forthcoming in future editions of the Quid Nunc.

That is two Elevations to Peerages in our little 'Far off Lands' most Eastern Barony of the East Kingdom in one year. May many more come to bolster our little Barony into the Grand Barony we all envision!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Ruantallan At Halcon

Lords, Ladies, Good Gentles all,

As the summer wanes, and the fall colours begin to appear a most important time soon approaches. As the sun soon sets upon the reign of our beloved Baron and Baroness and the sun rises upon Their Successors let us take time and remember what is truly important...



Hal-Con 2019 is upon us!

It's that time of the year again when we as a Barony get the opportunity.. nay the privilege of showing off our most wonderful game! With over 9000 people expected again this year at Hal-Con this is our single best opportunity to introduce ourselves and all we do including Marshal activities, Arts and Sciences, atmosphere and sheer fun.

This year Hal-Con 2019 will run from October 25th till the 27th at the Halifax Convention Centre.

**DATE:** 25 Oct to 27 Oct

**LOCATION:** Halifax Convention Centre

**LINK:** <https://www.ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/events/ruantallan-at-hal-con-2019/>

## Distant Shores A&S

**DATE:** 11 November 7:00-9:00pm

**LOCATION:** Truro Sobey's Community Room

68 Robie st, Truro, B2N 1L2

**LINK:** <https://www.ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/events/distant-shore-as-2/>

## East Kingdom University

All nobles and gentles, all scholars and artisans and soldiers, all who wish to enhance their skills and learning in Their Majesties service are hereby notified that the Barony of Ruantallan shall be convening a fall session of the East Kingdom University. All within and without our fair Barony are encouraged to attend.

**DATE:** 30 November at 9 am - 10 pm.

**LOCATION:** Forest Heights Community School 847 Hwy 12, Chester

**LINK:** <https://www.ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/events/east-kingdom-university/>

## From the Chronicler

Last note from LiLou,

Hmmmm, that's something I have written a number of times in the past three years. I have been so very fortunate to be part of this Barony's history. This is my second stint as the Chronicler for Ruantallan. I learned a valuable skill, (Adobe Publisher) and was able to showcase the great people of the barony and those outside our borders.

I have a few favourite articles, and some I would redo if I could, but that is the way of things when you are looking back at your contributions. I think my best idea was creating 'dedicated' editions and would have liked to continue this however, it is time to share the wealth of creation with the lovely Lady Asleif. I can not wait to see how she puts her stamp on this very important piece of our history.

Thank you so very much for contributing, reading and providing valuable feedback to me and I pray you do so with Your 'new' Chronicler.

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Lady Juliete de Castlenau d'Arri

(Lilou for short 😊)

From Lady Asleif Gylfisdottir....

We hope to hear many more things from Lilou. She has done a marvellous job as Chronicler and we wish her the best in her new upcoming Grand Adventures.



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## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out these links...

Here are some links to various groups and other online discussions for the SCA.

<http://sca.org/>

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/>

<http://ruantallan.eastkingdom.org/>

Tir Mara A&S discussion group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/266068666886441/>

Canton of Seashire Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/117730954976944/>

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If anyone has any Histories of Ruantallan or Ye Olde Tales of Ruantallan that should be published please also email the Chronicler.

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