



# QUID NUNC

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## Baronial Investiture Anniversary

We had a wonderful event in Distant Shore for our Baronial Investiture Anniversary. At this event the new Baronial Armoured Combat Champion (Robert Gower), new Baronial Rapier Champion (Edwin Thorne) and Baronial Defender Champion (Johnathan Rose) were chosen.

During the Rapier competition for the Baronial Rapier Champion the children rang the bells and called forth the Angels, the wonderment and beauty of the competition spurring them on



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Tarantella Dancers, 1828, Cooper Hewitt Collection, Smithsonian Design

# Hal-Con



Once again our Barony participated in the mundane event promoting our wonderful game. I will use the words of Auto-crat to describe the event.

"Friends, Ruantallaners... Lend me your ears.

This day I bring news from our participation at Hal-Con.

During that weekend, Twenty Thousand... Yes, I said Twenty Thousand Hal-con goers descended upon our fair shores and made their way to the event centre where we had a chance to celebrate our game and introduce it to them.

Over the weekend we held 3, 1 hour fighting demos. We had crowds gathered around cheering us on as we put on an incredible display of skill and endurance. We slashed, we bashed, we swishy poked. The fighting portion of the demo would not have been possible were it not for the following people:

Fighters: David Hudson, Simon Bruhm, Keegan Whalen, Alex Greencorn (fourth of the name), Jason Toulany, John Anderson (an oh so big fighter, and also an incredibly fighting herald).

Fencers: Clara Of Ruantallon, Maria Psaila, Lucas Lepine, Jantzen Wee, Michael Geehan,

List support/Line marshal/MC: Alex MacDonald, Everett Hagen, Angel Gray, Emily Colin, Angela McGann.

Not only did we fight.. but we also put on two great panels on both armouring and on historical clothing. I am very thankful for David Hudson, Sandra Logan, Angela McGann, Christine Hulme Colin for their hard work towards making these panels a wonderful success. An extra thank you to Mary Elizabeth for the use of her veil project for the historical clothing panel.

Next I can talk about the static booth.. It was a success.. we were approached throughout the days by many, many, many people. I give each and every one of you who participated at the booth a huge thank you for fielding questions, talking to strangers, showcasing our game and showing people how welcoming we are in Ruantallan. Of special note is the fact that we fielded questions from people from NYC, Maine and Pennsylvania wondering if there was such a group as ours where they lived... Boy, were they surprised!!!!

Thank you to the booth operators.

Also of note was the grateful lending of the dress forms by both Cindy Bergeron and Paige Maria Aziz. The use of the dress forms was of incredible help for the display booth.

I would also be remiss were I not to mention the brave actions of our own Briana Douglase. Not only did she work tirelessly at the static display, but even after suffering a fall and arm fracture (cast required), she returned to the booth smiling, and engaging as always. It is a pleasure to have you there. Thank you, and a speedy recovery.

As you can see there are a whole lot of people involved in making this demo work.

Again thank you for all the hard work, the hours with setup/tear down/packing of the car.

Thank you for talking to people, Thank you for the fighting and fencing, Thank you for the panels, Thank you for sharing our game.

Yours in Service

Legatus Spurius Genucius Rutilus”

minor edits by Asleif Gylfisdottir, Photo by Sue Burns of Julie Grey

## East Kingdom University

What a lovely and great learning experience was our East Kingdom University. We had the Lovely Queen Margarita come visit our far off shores. Society People noted that we had many outstanding visitors along with the Queen to our little Barony; most notably Duchess Aveline Keys, Master Malcolm Bowman East Kingdom Brigantia Herald, Master Mercedes Vera de Calafia, the Baron and Baroness of Ramshaven, from the Kingdom of Ealdormere: Lucia de Moranza & Penn de Moranza, former Barons of L'ile

du Dragon Dormant Sir Pellandres and Conrad Connor MacAllyn, the former Baron and Baroness of Havre des Glaces: Godfroy de Falaise & Alisay de Falaise, Baron and Baroness of Endewearde: Otto Gottlieb & Agatha Wanderer, and Ygraine of Kellswood a long time friend of Ruantallan. We even had someone from Atlantia visiting.

It was a lovely event where our new Baron and Baroness Percival Gower and Admiranda Gower were invested by our Queen. It was attended by our former Baron and Baroness: Lyanna of Kernough and Andrew of York, Janet Kempe and Lachlan Mac en toisich now of Ealdormere, Alessandra Francesca di Milano and Donal O'Neill, Isobel Mowbray and Guthfrith Yrlingson, where the history of our Barony was passed onto the new Baron and Baroness. Seumas & Esperanza were unable to attend.

## A Third Elevation in a year!!

It is with delight that another Elevation transpired. We have a new Pelican: Mistress Mary Elizabeth Ryan.

I have asked her some questions on her elevation.

So when did you start on your journey to Pelican?

My protégé journey began about 7 or 8 years ago. Mistress Gwen approached me at a War camp to ask if I was interested in having a discussion with regards to her mentoring me as my Pelican. We talked about the possibility over the course of several months before I accepted. I wanted to make sure it was a good fit for both of us, and as I was (and still am) an apprentice to Dame Isobel, I didn't want there to be any conflicts with time commitments.

Who was your inspiration?

Mistress Gwen for sure. I have always admired her passion for the SCA, and dedication to serving the Kingdom. But beware if she smiles and says, "I have an idea", as this could result in you wearing minion garb in court. My protégé sister, and now fellow peer, Mistress Briana, as well. She has, without doubt, an unparalleled joy in her service to the dance, and to leading

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the Barony – sometimes through some fairly difficult times. I go to her often for advice and support.

And lastly, I have a huge amount of respect for Her Excellency, Mistress Ygraine of Kellswood. She has devoted much of her life in service to the East and archery, but has done it in a quiet, persistent, gracious manner.

What does being a Laurel/Pelican mean for you?

It's a sense of achievement. It means now I can look to having my own protégés one day who will also contribute service to the game to keep it alive and thriving.

What are your goals now?

To continue doing what I have always done – act as a member of curia, autocrat or assist at events, learn more about what makes the society work and contribute however I can.

What was your biggest challenge?

Time. My family always comes first. After that is trying to juggle a full-time job, planning and executing events, spending time with my Laurel to learn more about the Arts and Sciences aspect of the SCA, and so forth.

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

This is difficult to answer as I feel like it has yet to be completed. Maybe a year from now I will be able to answer this better. Or maybe this is just the start of another, different journey.

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

Keep working toward your goals, and remember, there are always people watching. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, and just DO things.

Anything you would like to say to the Barony?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

That is now three Elevations to Peerages in our little 'Far off Lands' most Eastern Barony of the East Kingdom in one year with another vigil happening sometime in the near future. May many more come to bolster our little Barony into the Grand Barony we all envision!

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# Ruantallan 12th Night

The first event that our new Baron and Baroness presided over in the new year was our wonderful 12th night celebration. There was a wonderful feast with Dancing, a Bardic Competition to decide the Barony Bardic Champion and an Arts and Sciences Competition to decide the Barony Arts and Sciences Champion. There was also a fort building exercise for the children with boxes which were supplied by the lovely Lady Niniae. The feast amazed and the dancing was lively.

The Bardic Competition was inspiring as we had several challengers who performed their songs and poems in round one. They were then tasked with writing from scratch a new piece in a short period and the Barony was wonderfully surprised by the very talented entrants. The Baronial Bardic Champion that was chosen from these entrants (as I am sure was a difficult choice because all were so talented) Esperanza de Cordoba.

The Arts and Sciences Competition showcased many talented individuals and their work and the competition was stiff. Mary Elizabeth Ryan was chosen as the Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion for her work on clay and various types of clay as well as various methods of firing clay.

The Hawkwind Award was awarded at the 12th night celebrations. The Hawkwind award recognizes exceptional and inspiring newcomers. This was given by the Baron and Baroness to Esperanza de Cordoba.

There was a brief fire 'incident' involving the Baroness, but the fires were quickly fought back by the brave and courageous children of the Barony! VIVANT VIVANT VIVANT!

Esperanza de Cordoba's 1 hour  
Challenge Poem

THE SEA - LA MAR  
IT MAY TAKE YOU FAR  
BUT BEWARE IT'S SIRENS CALL  
THOUGH ADVENTURE AWAIT  
SO MAY END YOUR FATE  
IF BENEATH THE WAVES YOU FALL  
THE SEA'S BEAUTY IS SO ENTICING  
TO SALE FORTH SO EXCITING  
BUT IF YOU SHOW HER RESPECT  
SHE WILL WISH YOU AWAY  
AND EVERYDAY  
WILL BE AN EXPERIENCE YOU CANNOT FORGET



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## Upcoming Events

### [Herstory in the Making](#)

Female visionaries, queens, scholars and warriors. The Middle Ages were full of them. It's time to honour this important legion of medieval society, which happens to be the day before our modern International Women's Day!

**Featuring:**

Atalanta Quest

Herstory Research Project!

Youth/Children's Challenge

Medieval Selfies

Return of the "Queen of Tarts" Championship!

**Date:** March 7th, 2020

**Time:** 11am to 9pm

**Location:** Springfield Lake Recreation Centre, Nova Scotia

### [Feast of Saint Monacella](#)

Saint Monacella is the patron Saint of Small Animals. They were often spared in her name.

She was an Irish Princess so the Feast is geared around an Irish Menu.

We will also have games that are small animal themed.

Also on tap is the Tree Tossing Competition, hosted by the previous Champion, Lord Skor!

**Date:** February 1st, 2020

**Time:** 3pm to 9pm

**Location:** Bridgedale Community Hall

50 Vernon Ave.

Riverview, NB E13 Y1B

Canada

### [Great Northeastern War XXXIV](#)

The whispers of war are in the air, do you hear them? As the summer nears, the whispers become shouts. Join us on the fields of Malagentia as war is waged. Sides still to be determined.

**Date:** July 9th, 2020 - July 12th, 2020.

**Location:** Hebron Pines Campground

400 Buckfield Rd

Hebron, ME 04238

## From the Chronicler

From Lady Asleif Gylfisdottir....

I am extremely grateful to the many gentiles who helped me put this issue together. With allowing me to use their pictures or writings and those who just supported me on the way. Of course the newsletter would be extremely boring without the many events and those that plan those events and help with those events. We have a wonderful Barony with many helpful people and I hope that it continues to grow.



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Are you mighty with the sword? Rapier? Bow and Arrow? Perhaps, but are you Mighty with the greatest weapon of all ..... THE QUILL? Do you wish for fame and your name to spread through all the land with your witty tales? Come join me then! As the deputy chronicler, you will help me publish the greatness of our Grand Barony abroad and rise our ships with its tide.

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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/>

If you see anything that should be in this publication, please contact the Chronicler at the contact below.

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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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