

The Higher Word

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From Their Excellencies

Greetings unto the Noble Populace of Ered Sul,

Now is the time for all good gentles to come to the aid of their Kingdom... War is upon us!

Preparations for Estrella War are well under way. Ered Sul has come together to create many works of pageantry and Baronial pride. New Baronial fighting tabbards are being made and will be available for all fighters, hard suit and rapier alike. Some of the archers in our Barony are constructing new arm bands for the archers to wear as well. We would like to thank Carolyn Haniford for her donation of a class A SCA Roman scorpion ballista. We really appreciate this contribution and will put it to good use!

We are expecting many newcomers to be with us at Estrella War, so let's show everyone the hospitality we are known for. Also, volunteers are always needed, so please put aside some time to volunteer.

Their Majesties have requested that the Baronies of the realm get together and throw a block party to promote our hospitality as a Kingdom. If you

have anything in the way of food/beverage, entertainment or anything at all to contribute, please contact us. We are really looking forward to a great time, meeting new people and making this a War to remember! See you there.

In Your Service,

Angus & Katarina, Baron & Baroness of Ered Sul



Baron Angus and Baroness Katarina
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From Our Officers to Our Newcomers:

All those that are new to the SCA, please take a moment to read this message. We want you to feel at home from your very first visit. In this little article are tips, hints and suggestion for you all who are just joining the SCA. I hope this helps you! Also, please check out the Newcomers Corner when you have a chance. This is for you!

All of our wonderful, hard-working officers have shared their thoughts with you. Each one had suggested many of the same things. So I will re-cap some of those suggestions for you to make your folding into the SCA, an easy one.

Of course, the first thing we suggest is that you get involved wherever and whenever you can. Reading about what goes on at our events is not enough. You need to experience it and meet and get to know all the wonderful, friendly people who attend both our Barony events, but the Kingdom events and other Barony events as well. Everyone in the SCA is more than happy to share their experiences and tips with you. We are one big, happy family!

Next, if you arrive with no SCA type garb, ask the Chatelaine or any other SCA officer to direct you to the place where we have extra garb to loan to you for that events. We have many items in all shapes and sizes so we can help you get yourself adorned in period clothing for the event. You just return it at the end of the event.

Attend as many meetings and practices as you are able. Here, you will not only make friends and have a good time, but you will be made aware of what is going on presently, but of important items that have

come up and you will be in the know of the upcoming events. Frequently, we go for pizza after our populace meetings. Every member of our Barony is encouraged to attend.

We also have A&S (Arts & Sciences) get gatherings. Here you will learn where to find and how to make garb items.

We also have fighter practices. If you are interested in Rapier or Hard Suiting, ask for the Marshalls who run those events.

Last but not least, ask lots of questions. You can never ask too many questions. SCA folks are more than happy to help! I hope this re-cap has been helpful to you!

Estrella Wars is coming! Get ready!

Estrella Wars is Feb 24- Mar 2, 2015. It will be located @ Schnepf Farms, South Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, AZ, (Kingdom of Atenveldt) This is a main event hosted by the Kingdom of Atenveldt and is well attended by our Barony. February 2nd is the last day to Pre=Register but you can also pay at the gate. For more info on Estgrella Wars go to :

<http://estrellawar.org>

<http://accepts.ansteorra.org/index.php>

Pre-Registration will remain open and will accept submissions by mail if they are post marked by February 2nd 2015 and online through ACCEPS through February 14th, 2015.

Weekly Fighter Practice

Kiwanis Southside Park at 2:00pm. The address is 1600 S. San Francisco – just across the street from the Walkup Skydome on the NAU campus.

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Position

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Carol Howell

Open Officer Positions

We are recruiting for the following open positions. Please contact Their Excellencies or the Seneschal for more information.

- Deputy Exchequer: This is a person who assists the Exchequer (Teasure)
- Deputy Chronicler (Newsletter): This is a person who assists the Chronicler
- Chatelaine (New Comers Coordinator) Assists all Newcomers to become an active part of SCA and our Barony

A list of current officers and open positions can be found on the baronial website:
<http://www.baronyoferedsul.org/about/the-officers>

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Sankt Vlidimir @ Northern Arizona University

We meet almost every Wednesday in the Student Union and cover a variety of topics such as heraldry, membership, arts and sciences, etc. Contact Aurora-Babcock-Cooke for more information.

Find us on Facebook - St. Vladimir SCA

Monthly Populace Meetings & A&S Meetings:

- Look on: www.baronyoferedsul.org, on Facebook – Ered Sul Update or Yahoo.com – Groups and Ered Sul Group for further info
- No Populace Meeting this month
- A&S Meeting - Feb 11 (Wed) @ Joe Montoya Community Center on Thorpe Road in Flagstaff from 6:30p to 8:00p (245 N. Thorpe Road).

Kingdom Events:

- Feb 7-8, 2015 Spring Kingdom Crown Tournament @ Cecil B. Davis Park – 601 Van Buren, Kingman, AZ 86401
- Feb 24-Mar 2, 2015 –Estrella Wars Schnepf Farms, South Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, AZ

New Award Recipients:

- Mount and Flame awarded to Mistress Aimee Douglas (Julie Holmes) at Northern War Practice 1-24-15
- AOA awarded to Dillion Rexroat ("Elfmund Robertson") at Northern War Practice 1-24-15.

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Ye Newcomers Corner

Merry Meet! Welcome to the Barony of Ered Sul Newcomer's Corner. It is our hope Ye Newcomers Corner will help our friends new to the SCA to get started on their own SCA journey. Come, walk the SCA path with us, friends! Hugs! Lady Leesha Southmoor

In this article I am going to give you some information on creating garb (clothing) for your SCA events.

When you first join the SCA, it can be overwhelming. There is so much to learn and so much to do. One of the things you will want to do is create some basic Garb.

If you look at the following sites it will be very helpful to you:

<http://www.garbtheworld.com/pgs/sca.shtml>

One of the first outfits you will want is the basic T-Tunic or T-Dress You will see examples above. Let me give you a basic pattern. This will help you is making one. Also ask fellow Ered Sul members, such as our A&S Minister, Kyndel Wood.

<http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/ForwardIntothePast.pdf>

Look under The All-Purpose T-Tunic. It's a very simple pattern. If I can do it after not sewing for most of 20 years so can you!!

Also look under Headwear for ideas of what to wear.

<https://www.pinterest.com/wika0203/sca-hats/>

One of the common caps is St. Birgitta's Cap.

<http://www.by-the-sword.com/c-740-medieval-hats-and-hoods.aspx>

https://www.etsy.com/listing/105846511/unlined-linen-coif-arming-cap-sca?utm_source=google&utm_medium=product_listing_promoted&utm_campaign=clothing-costume-renaissance-low&ione_adtype=pla&ione_creative=548645

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<https://maniacalmedievalist.wordpress.com/2012/11/02/pattern-your-own-simple-coif-unpadded-arming-cap/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/cjwhmaye/sewing-period-dress-head-coverings-hoods-hats/>

Look here for ideas of caps/coifs. The arming cap is one of the simplest and most versatile pieces of headgear and worn by both men and women.

<http://www.virtue.to/articles/coif.html>

The above address shows clearly how to make a simple coif.

I hope this has been helpful to you. These are the most basic things you start with. We will talk further on future articles. Women, veils are worn a lot so look for into on the sites for that. Also check on tunics beyond the basic T-Tunic for men. You will also want to look at footwear.

Have a fun SCA experience. Send questions/suggestions to me at:

summerluvvv@hotmail.com

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