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Meetings

Our populace/officers meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at Thorpe Park Community Center in Flagstaff from 6:30p to 8:00p. Thorpe Park Community Center is located in Flagstaff at 245 N. Thorpe Rd.

Our meetings usually cover discussion of business items, plans for upcoming events, and occasionally a dance practice if time permits.

We usually go out for pizza after the meeting. Please feel free to join us!

OUR WORDS

From the road! We are on the way to Gulf Wars in Mississippi. We expect everyone to have a great time while we are gone! The level of enthusiasm and participation in the Barony is truly awesome! Let's keep up the good work! We plan to have a great time at Gulf! We will be returning right before Estrella War – See you there!

The newsletter publication date has purposefully been moved to the 10th of the month to allow for all of the monthly officer reports to be in. We promised to make this newsletter a source of all things Ered Sul, and that is difficult if the officer reports cannot be included in the newsletter.

In case you have not heard, Thegn Christopher has been offered Knighthood. His Vigil will take place in the Ered Sul encampment on Friday night at Estrella, beginning at 10 PM. He will be at the encampment during the party before his Vigil, so come by to say hello. He will be knighted in Great Court on Saturday.

More Estrella War! Thegn Gunnar, Lord Chavez and Sir Sterling are in charge of planning and executing the camping for Ered Sul and friends. At last count we have Ered Sul, Emerald Dragon, House Inverted, War Dogs, and Amazonia camping with us. In addition we are anticipating several folks from out of kingdom who are coming in for Thegn Christopher's Knighting. Ered Sul will be camping in section 3, very close to merchants and the food court. We have a bit over two acres assigned to us. The Schnepf farm site is much more compact than Canyon Moon Ranch, but it looks as if things should be fairly comfortable there. Grey water can be put into the cement channel right next to our camping area instead of having to be hauled to a tank.

Coming Up:

A&S: March 13 – 6 PM to 8 PM at Thorpe Adult Center

Populace: March 15 – 6PM to 6:30 PM social time 6:30 to 8 PM meeting, Thorpe Adult Center

Combined Practice: March 18 – 1 to 5 PM – Flagstaff Armory

Another great opportunity to meet with our local folks and have a great time! Hardsuit, Rapier, A&S, Belly Dance, and European Dance! Lots of fun for all! Next month will be our last indoor practice of the year (April 8th)! Master Gwylym Baron Ered Sul (yes, our founding Baron) will try to be there to teach several combat classes.

Bardic Evening: April 2, 6 to 8:30 PM, Roger's house, 3767 Loma Vista Drive, Flagstaff

REPEAT: We are still doing LOTS of planning for Highlands War. Many of the Staff positions have already been accepted by Baronial members, and a few returning friends from other groups, but there's always room for more. Contact Our Co-autocrats Lady Violet and Lady Aoife to volunteer to help. Keep in mind that OUR volunteer hours determine how much of the profit we keep to fund our Barony. It costs a lot to keep our Barony going: porta-potties are a major

expense for our events. And site costs are going up. So, WE all need to make sure that attendees pay the gate fee, or make a reasonable donation at Indoor Practice to guarantee that Ered Sul will be able to continue doing the things we all like to do.

Yours in Service,

Baron Henry
Baroness Eirny
Protectors of All Things Wooly

Our Progress – Here is a current list of events that We are planning to attend. If you are interested in attending Us at any of these events, please let Us know.

Gulf Wars (Gleann Abhann) – Mar 11-18 – Lumberton, Miss
Estrella – Mar 26-Apr 2 –Queen Creek, AZ
Coronation (BTM) – May 5-6
Champions in the Pines (BGM) – May 19-20
Highlands – May 30 – Jun 3
Twin Moons Baronial BD & Investiture– June 23

BA – central PHX BES- Flagstaff BGM-Prescott BMT-Sierra Vista BSD-west PHX BTM-east PHX BTY-Tucson ***** Brymstone - ASU Burning Sands-Yuma Grandholm – Casa Grande Iron Wood Loch –Blythe St. Felix – U of A Tucson St. Vladimir - NAU Wealhnutu- Rio Rico Windale - Kingman
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Indoor Practices

The Barony of Ered Sul will be having indoor practices -- hardsuit, rapier, dance, and A&S at the National Guard Armory in Flagstaff. The official dates for these practices are:

Sunday, March 18
Sunday, April 8

The practices will run from 1 to 5 PM. More information will be posted on specific A&S projects and special fighter coaches as it becomes available. We are requesting that all who attend consider donating \$5 to help defray the cost of the site rental.

The National Guard armory is the site that we used for our Yule last year. It is located at 320 North Thorpe Road in Flagstaff.

All are welcome!

Greetings everyone!

Would you believe that the annual Calendar meeting is only a few short months away. Like last year, I plan to hold the meeting on Saturday of the May Coronation, about an hour after closing court. We will be working on the calendar for July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014. For those of you who are new to this, I wanted to give you a basic explanation of the calendar planning process. I am also attaching a Calendar FAQ for your reference. As in previous years, I have created a planning calendar using the Google Document system. I will be adding each of you to the list of people with access to view the calendar. If you receive this email and do not receive an invite to view the Google Doc in the 24 hours, please email me (Nikolaus@atenveldt.org) with the email account you regularly use, and I will add that email to the list of viewers. (I believe some offices have emails sent to a general email address, and then forwarded to individual email accounts).

On this Google document (the "Google Doc") I have listed each of the weekends during July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, with Kingdom reserved weekends marked in blue. As many of you are aware, there are 7 Kingdom Events: 2 Crown/Warlord Tournaments, 2 Coronations/Champions Tournaments, 1 A&S Collegium, 1 A&S Competition, and 1 Estrella War Treaty Negotiation. The first weekend of a month is reserved for the Crown. Only the Crown can release these weekends for events, so please keep that in mind when scheduling dates.

Generally groups will discuss those events they want placed on the Kingdom Calendar. Each Barony will sponsor one of the 6 Kingdom events (but each Barony can only sponsor one of these 6 Kingdom events each calendar year). The rest of the year is open for events. You may want to check the current calendar (<http://www.atenveldt.org/Events/Calendar>) for a current listing of events and planned events. Or check our previous planning calendars also on the Calendar webpage (please note that the online calendar does change during the year. *Warning!!* Do not be surprised if the dates on the planning calendar do not match the dates on the online calendar. The online calendar is the listing of the most up to date planned events. The planning calendars are posted to the website shortly after the annual meeting each May.

I ask that after you meet to determine possible dates for those events you want included on the Kingdom calendar, please give me a first and second choice of possible event dates. As I receive these dates I will update the Google Doc and will contact those groups who might have a conflict so we can resolve any issues before the May calendar meeting. The more conflicts we can resolve prior to the Calendar meeting in May, the faster and easier the meeting will go. We will still review each of the event dates at the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. You can reach me via email (Nikolaus@atenveldt.org) or call (623-256-5060) or talk to me at events (I know for certain that I will be at Estrella War camping with the Knights of St. Michael)

Yours In Service
Nikolaus von Erlach
Atenveldt Calendar Officer

ELECTRONIC KINGDOM NEWSLETTER

On March 1, 2012, the first electronic issues of kingdom newsletters will be available through the newsletter website. For Sustaining and International members who choose to discontinue their paper subscriptions, electronic-only access will begin with the March issue.

Starting January 1, 2012, you can complete an online form at www.sca.org that will allow you to discontinue receiving paper copies of your newsletter(s), no matter when your membership is due for renewal.

All Sustaining and International members will have access to the website, whether or not they currently receive paper copies, so discontinuing paper is *not* a requirement for having access to the online versions. To continue receiving paper newsletters through the balance of your current membership, no action is needed. If you choose the electronic-only option, no refunds or discounts for either production or postage costs will be forthcoming, but we do thank you profusely for helping the SCA run more efficiently!

For Sustaining and International members, our kingdom e-newsletter is available online now at [<http://enewsletter.sca.org/>] <http://enewsletter.sca.org/>. Your user name is your membership number. Each member will be given a temporary password in order to access the e-newsletter site. We ask that everyone change the temporary password immediately. If you haven't received an e-mail notification by March 1 that the newsletter is available, please send your current e-mail address, name, and membership number to membership@sca.org to receive future notifications.

OFFICER REPORTS

Feb 2012 Rapier Report

On Feb 5th, there was Ered Sulabration (event and Tourney).
There were 20 registered fighters and 2 non registered fighters.
There were no injuries or equipment failures.
A good time was had by all.

YIS,
Janquith Telewin

Monthly A&S Minister Report

Please fill in the shaded sections

Group	Ered Sul
Month/Year	February 2012
A&S Minister	Lady Osanna Schauenengel
Please use the section below to list the classes taught in your group this month:	

Title Of Class	Teacher	Total Attendance
Basic sewing	Lady Osanna, Lady Catherine the Tapester	9

Activities/Demos and other A&S related projects done this month?

We met on Feb 14th at Thorpe Park Adult Center for an Arts & Science night. Progress was made on the sewing projects that Chavez and Becky are doing. Discussion was held with Baron Henry and Baroness Eirny with the attending people on what would they like to do, what the barony desires to have (silk banners for our camp to look awesome), and what supplies and meeting places we need to organize. Thegn Gunnar was congratulated on his becoming the Baronial A&S Champion, and he spoke of his hopes for the next year.

During the populace meeting on the 16th, our Excellencies did announce that Thegn Gunnar will be an A&S deputy. Gunnar spoke again before the group with cheerful invitation to all to come have more fun with doing things for arts and sciences. Lady Catherine the Tapester brought her lucet, and Lady Lora Four Paws took her through the beginning steps to making cord on that tool. Lady Catherine the Tapester then set the lucet aside and worked on a period seven strand cord tool of heavy leather, which she is very skilled at doing and showing others. Lady Lora Four Paws worked on her lucet, generously showing anyone interested.

There was a demo done for a local school by our populace members on the 24th. Many thanks to all who gave knowledge and showed their skills. 17 students, 5 parents, 1 teacher, 1 admin from the local school were taught by 7 members of our barony.

What seems to be working?

Never saying a skill is too simple.....every level of artisanship is valued

What does not seem to be working?

Any Concerns?

The same few people making the largesse, holding the classes in their home, and the populace being apathetic/ too broke to travel.



Estrella War

(March 27 ~ April 2, 2012)

Medieval Glory, Honor & Chivalry

www.estrellawar.org

- New Site! Join us at Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek, AZ!
- New Dates!
- Now closer to airports and modern conveniences!
- Let all the Kingdoms share revelry as we camp together!
- Travel and Weather Information
- Online Pre-Registration closes Feb. 17th ~ visit.
<http://www.estrellawar.org/RegistrationFrontGate/PreRegistration>

Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/estrellawar](https://www.facebook.com/estrellawar)

Visit our new home at www.schnepffarms.com !



KINGDOM EVENTS

Estrella War XXVIII

Kingdom of Atenveldt

March 27-April 2, 2012

Populace of the Knowne World, Pray Heed! The Crown of Atenveldt invites all to attend Estrella War XXVIII (www.estrellawar.org) to be held March 27, - April 2, 2012 at Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek, AZ.

Things To Do: There's so much going on at Estrella War XXV, we couldn't possibly explain it all in one newsletter article. Whether your interest is pageantry, Heavy Combat, Rapier or Youth Combat, Arts & Sciences showcases and competitions, attending Collegium classes, getting your name and device submitted at Herald's Point, a visit to the Period Encampment, shopping at Merchant's Row, or simply visiting with friends -- there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy at Estrella War XXVIII!

Site Fees:

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME	CATEGORY	General Admission Fee	Pre-Registration Fee
(paid on arrival if not pre-registered) (open 8/1/2011 through 2/17/2012)			
Tuesday March 27th, 2012 after 8:00am	Adult SCA member	N/A	\$65.00
	Adult Non-member	N/A	\$70.00
	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	N/A	\$20.00
	Child (8 yrs and under at arrival)	N/A	Free
Wednesday March 28th, 2012 after 8:00 through Friday March 30th, 2012 12:00 midnight	Adult SCA member	\$85.00	\$65.00
	Adult Non-member	\$90.00	\$70.00
	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Child (8 yrs and under at arrival)	Free	Free
Friday March 30th, 2012 12:01 am to 12:00 midnight	Adult SCA member	\$65.00	\$60.00
	Adult Non-member	\$70.00	\$65.00
	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Child (8 yrs and under at arrival)	Free	Free
Saturday March 31st, 2012 after 12:01 am	Youth (9 to am until close 17 yrs at arrival)		Adults
SCA member		\$40.00	\$40.00
	Adult Non-member	\$45.00	\$45.00
	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Child (8 yrs and under at arrival)	Free	Free
Day Rate	Adult SCA member	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Adult Non-member	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Child (8 yrs and under at arrival)	Free	Free

Site: Schnepf Farms is located at 24810 South Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, Arizona 85242, the southeast edge of the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Directions from I-10 coming from Tucson:

Take the Riggs Road exit and drive east until it dead ends at Ellsworth Road.
Turn left on Ellsworth Road to the next light (Cloud Road).
Turn right on Cloud Road to the very end which is Rittenhouse Road.
Turn right on Rittenhouse Road and our entrance is 200 feet up on the right 202.
Directions from Mesa (Driving time from Mesa 30 minutes.):
Take I-60 freeway east to Ellsworth Road exit.
Turn right on Ellsworth Road and drive south to Rittenhouse Road.
Turn left on Rittenhouse Road and follow around 3 miles to farm entrance on right (Rittenhouse will be very busy during rush hour).
Directions from I-10 coming from West Phoenix (Driving time from Phoenix, plan for about an hour to an hour and a half, depending of day and time of day. If you hit rush hour, add another 30 to 45 minutes. The site is exactly 35 miles from downtown Phoenix. Please check ADOT (see link below) for road closures, just in case.):
Hwy 60 to Ellsworth.
Turn right on Ellsworth Road south to Rittenhouse Road (big stop light).
Turn left on Rittenhouse Road as it curves around to farm on the right hand side.
Directions from Scottsdale (Driving time from Scottsdale is pretty good if the 101 is not slowing, about 45 minutes max. Please check ADOT (see link below) for road closures, just in case.):
Take 101 south to 60 east.
Take 60 east to the Ellsworth Road exit.
Turn right on Ellsworth Road and follow the directions from Mesa (see above).
ADOT Road Closure Information: <http://www.azdot.gov/ccpartnerships/news/closures/index.asp>
Onsite services include shower trucks, ATMs on Merchants Row and Food Court. A full list of offsite services (hotels, airport transportation, grocery stores and restaurants), and nearby medical facilities and pharmacies is available on the website.

The Importance Of Volunteering: Did you know that Estrella War XXVIII is completely run by volunteers? So everyone working at the event, from the Main Event Coordinators to the person standing at the entrance directing traffic, is an unpaid volunteer. That's why everyone who attends Estrella War is asked to share the work by volunteering for 2-4 hours while they attend. See the Volunteering page of the website for reasons why volunteering is fun at Estrella, and to see where you can work a couple of hours to share the load. Then sign up to volunteer using the online form, or visit Volunteer Point to sign up when you arrive at the event.

Main Event Coordinator: Lady Rowan Bridget Blackmoor (Bethany Cole), 602-762-3879,
Mains2012@estrellawar.org

Barmaids XXVI ~ Redemption Tavern

Barony March of Mons Tonitrus

April 20-22, 2012

Spring is upon us and the hoards are looking to stretch, take a deep breath and embrace the change of season. The Barony of Mons Tonitrus invites all to gather in Lower Garden Canyon and revel in her heart.

Mark your calendars for April 20, 21 and 22 of 2012 and come camp and revel with us. There will be something for everyone! There will be a Boar Hunt, Bar Room Brawls, and a Weird Weapon Contest for the Heavy Combat Fighters. Rapier Fighters can look forward to Tavern Brawls and a Page Tourney. Our Archery Champion has issued a Challenge for other Archery Champions and archers of any rank to participate in. We will offer a day of A&S classes and an Artisans Showcase. We are working on Youth Armored Combat and a Youth Corner.

Alas, our world famous Best Barmaid's Competition.....the cornerstone of this Event! We will have a Celebrity Judges Panel so don your best barmaid bodice, hone those mug slide skills and come one, come all, to Redemption Tavern and share in the fun and frivolity! The night will end with Drumming, Dancing and Bardic held around the fire pit!

Site opens at 3:00pm Friday, April 20 and closes at 3:00pm Sunday, April 22

Fees are \$12.00 for adult members (must show blue card) and \$17.00 for adult non members. Children 5-17 are \$6.00, under 5 are free. Your site fee includes a light lunch served after Opening Court on Saturday. Site is wet, pets allowed on hand held leash with owners responsible for waste pickup. Above ground fires will be allowed in accordance with post regulations and depending on post fire conditions. You must have a fire extinguisher!! There is no water on site, so please bring plenty of your own.

This site is on Ft. Huachuca. To get on post, you must show proof of current vehicle registration, vehicle insurance, and a photo ID for every person over the age of 10 in the vehicle.

From I-10, take the Ft. Huachuca/Sierra Vista exit #302. Travel South on Hwy 90 for about 28 miles to the main gate of Ft. Huachuca. Follow the signs to Lower Garden Canyon. Please be aware that when the sign says "Dip" in the road, they mean it! **SPEED LIMITS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED ON POST.**

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Coronation and Champions

Kingdom of Atenveldt

May 5-6, 2012

May all gather in good cheer to bid a fond farewell to our most gracious monarchs Craven and Elzbieta and celebrate as their heirs ascend the throne of Atenveldt. Join us Saturday May 5th at Love of Christ Church for pomp and merriment of court. Then assemble at Prospector Park for a Sunday May 6th for a day of tournaments to determine Atenveldt's newest champions.

Love of Christ Church:

Address: 1525 N. Power Road, Mesa Arizona, 85205

Site opens at 10am and closes at 5pm

This site is dry. No pets allowed. Smoking is not permitted

Directions:

From US 60: Exit off at Power Rd. Turn North. Church is on Power, north of Brown and South of McKellips

From 202 Red Mountain Freeway: Exit off McKellips. Turn West. Turn South on Power. Church is on Power North of Brown and South of McKellips

Prospector Park:

Address: 3015 N. Idaho Rd. Apache Junction, Arizona 85219

Site opens at 10am and closes at 5pm

This site is damp. Pets are allowed but must be leashed and picked up after.

Directions:

From US 60: Exit off Idaho Road. Turn North. Continue on Idaho past E. Lost Dutchman Road. Park is located on East side of road.

Site Fees:

Adult SCA member: \$12

Child SCA member (age 5-17): \$5

Children under the age of 5: Free

Non-members add \$5

Event Steward Contact:

Lady Beatriz Drago

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