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Barony of Ered Sul

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Greetings unto the great Populace of Ered Sul,

His Excellency and I hope this missive finds you well and everyone faring well with being in quarantine. As we all know this is an unprecedented time and it is difficult for us all to welcome this change into our otherwise busy lives. We are missing our lives as we knew it and missing being with our SCA family. This being said, please feel free to reach out to His Excellency and I if you need anything, even if it is just someone else to talk too. We regret to inform you all that due to COVID 19 the Barony has had to cancel Eredsulabration, where we were going to hold polling for the next Baron and Baroness. We will however, be having electronic and mail in polling and it is extremely important that everyone votes. Please see Mistress Rowans message for polling instructions.

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Robert and Kolfinna AV Bergen

Baron and Baroness of Ered Sul

Calendar

April 2020

Greetings unto the populace of the Kingdom of Atenveldt,

When we ascended the Solar thrones, we promised to protect you, and your households, until death took us, the world ended, or these crowns passed from our hands. As none of these have yet come to pass, we find ourselves in a position that we never truly anticipated, that of protecting Our populace, for real.

Knowing all that has transpired around the world over the past few days, and aware of all that may yet come, we have consulted with the Kingdom Seneschal regarding the immediate future with respect to events within the Kingdom. It is with heavy hearts that we must announce that effective immediately, all events across the Kingdom of Atenveldt are cancelled. This is to include published, calendar events; local events; fighter practices; populace meetings; and any other scheduled meetings.

At the present time, we expect these cancellations to extend through the 11th of April. This date gives the world roughly 30 days from the start of the crisis, to see if things settle down. As we approach that date, we will of course be assessing matters to determine whether or not scheduled events can resume at that time.

We know that this will cause some frustration for many. There are many celebrations, elevations, activities, and more, that will need to be put on hold during this time. We urge you to be patient, and to understand that we do this in the interest of preserving the health of our kingdom. All of these things can happen at a later time, and while they may not be as originally planned, they will be no less wonderful for the wait.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

With love,

Morgan & Elizabeth

King & Queen of Atenveldt

All Kingdom events for April 2020 have been cancelled. Please see the Facebook page for updates and possible virtual meetings.

Announcements

Greetings to the Populace of Ered Sull!

*****POLLING INFORMATION*****

As you are aware, Covid-19 has brought some changes to our Kingdom regarding the holding of events. At this time Eredsulabration and Baronial Polling are due to occur on May 9, 2020. As of now, Eredsulabration is cancelled and as such, a backup plan has been approved by the Society, for an electronic polling procedure. Below are the guidelines we will follow to allow for the confidence polling. If you have any questions, please contact Mistress Rowan at Seneschal@atenveldt.org

General Polling Guidelines-Eredsulabration is Still Held:

1. You must be a minimum of 18yrs of age to poll.
2. You must be a registered member of the SCA.
3. You must provide a government issued ID AND your membership card at the polling site to poll.
4. If you do not live in the approved Zip Codes for the Barony, you must sign a pledge agreeing to not poll in any other Barony for the next three years.
5. If you cannot be present on the day of polling, you may mail in your opinion to the Kingdom Seneschal NO LATER THAN May 2, 2020. You must include a copy of your membership card, government issued ID, and proof of residence (zip code...picture of utility bill) for your opinion to be registered. Address: Bethany Mainville 8151 W. Sierra Vista Drive Glendale, AZ 85303

Online Polling Guidelines Only:

1. Please title the subject of your email "BES POLLING".
2. Emails are to be sent to Seneschal@atenveldt.org
3. Emails for polling will be accepted midnight April 26, 2020- May 2, 2020 at NOON. This is a FIRM DEADLINE.
4. You should let us know whether your opinion is "CONFIDENCE"- YES, or "NO CONFIDENCE"-NO

5. You must be a minimum of 18yrs of age to poll.
6. You must be a registered member of the SCA.
7. You must provide a picture of your government issued ID AND your membership card to poll.
8. You must provide a picture of your proof of residence in your email...pic of your mail
9. If you do not live in the approved Zip Codes for the Barony, you must sign a pledge agreeing to not poll in any other Barony for the next three years. This will be sent to you via email and required to be returned NO LATER THAN May 2, 2020 for your polling to count.
10. If you cannot provide these items via email you may mail in your opinion to the Kingdom Seneschal NO LATER THAN May 2, 2020. You must include a copy of your membership card, government issued ID, and proof of residence (zip code...picture of utility bill) for your opinion to be registered. Address: Bethany Mainville 8151 W. Sierra Vista Drive Glendale, AZ 85303

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Miana and Christopher have both been active in the SCA since 1986 and in the Kingdom of Atenveldt since 2004. In addition to serving as the Baron and Baroness of Ered Sul from 2008 to 2011, Miana enjoys volunteering and participating as part of the rapier community while Christopher is a Knight, herald, bard and autocrat. For some years we have been less active in the SCA while focusing on careers and other mundane issues. We have now reached a point where we are ready to step back into a leadership role and more active participation to pursue certain goals both personally and for the Barony.

Thanks to the current and previous Excellencies, the Barony is very healthy. Participation is good, growth is solid, our finances are in order and an excellent officer corps has been developed. What we see as the next need for the Barony is to foster and nurture the next generation of leadership from among younger and/or newer members to strengthen our future. To that end, Miana and Christopher intend to serve for two years (per previous

discussion with Their Majesties), during which one of our primary goals will be that training process.

But there's more to leadership than training. What about fun? We intend to keep all the wonderful traditions started by our predecessors while adding new ones. We look forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new friends. We are eager to rekindle the blaze of Northern pride and work closely with our neighbors in Granite Mountain and Windale, while incorporating members from the new lands recently added. We would see the Northern Alliance once again field the largest and fiercest force on the battlefield. We will celebrate the skill of our archers, artisans, bards and fencers. We look forward to cementing our ties to other groups throughout the kingdom so we may continue to "borrow" their drummers, dancers and brewers for our mutual enjoyment.

And finally, we are looking forward to once again hosting Highlands War, our signature event and second only to Estrella for this kingdom. We are already discussing some exciting ideas for building on its current success. (hint: It involves the very origin of our Barony's name.).

We, and our household, stand ready to serve.

Christopher and Miana

Summaries from the Zoom meeting:

Topic 1 – Camping. While we absolutely recognize the freedoms of any group to camp where they want to, we are going to encourage camping together at Estrella and Highlands. We loved the "community" set up at Estrella this year so we envision that we will have our personal camp centered with the Baronial pavilion and then the households and groups ringed around as in that set up. We personally have tended to usually "hotel" most events in the past but realize the importance of camping with our populace – even if it means we get no sleep. We will also talk to with other Northern groups to promote closer camping arrangements moving forward

Topic 2 – Service to the Barony. One of the things that has always made Ered Sul special is our inclusion and how much support we receive from people outside our geography (because we're so fun and awesome). We are definitely excited to serve with old friends and get to meet some of the newer members of the Barony we don't know... yet. In addition, because Miana and I will be travelling a lot, we will accept Guards and Attendants from anywhere as long as they are willing to swear a one-year oath of service to the Barony and commit to serving at least 2 events during the year. Being an Ered Suligan is a state of mind, not address.

The Baronial Guard will be comprised of any martial combatant and primarily serve in combat roles and as volunteers for more martial and physical activities.

Miana will not have Ladies in Waiting: as a fighting Baroness who wishes to invigorate the rapier community, she needs male or female Attendants off the field who can keep up with her as well as companions on the field.

Delphia/Beverly/Bozena will be our Head of Court – aka Keeper of the Spreadsheet. We will commit to our Progress at least six months in advance and ask both Guards and Attendants to sign in with her ahead of time so she can keep us all coordinated.

If you wish to serve as Guard, Attendant or Both, please email her at beverly.fitzalan@yahoo.com.

Topic 3 – Our Role. What we will do differently than last time and how do we see our role.

A lot is different from last time. We are all 12 years older – a lot of people have a much stronger sense of identity with their own place in the SCA. We have a strong officer corps already in place. Miana and Christopher are older with a little less energy to waste. And we’ve watched the success of some B&B’s who were a bit more hands off. So this reign isn’t about us, it’s about you. We will do a lot less micromanaging (because it’s not needed) and a lot more supporting of people who want to lead. That means whether you’re an officer, an autocrat or just have a good idea, we really want to support you in leading your area or your idea. So that’s the challenge for all of you – explore your ideas and let us know how we can help.

To that end - if you are a currently serving officer or deputy and want to continue in that role, please let us know. If you want to be in the autocrat pool of people to run events, let us know. If are not currently but want to become an officer or autocrat, let us now. Please email: cfitzarthur@yahoo.com.

We will primarily be focusing on two things. First, the fun. We will lay out an overarching theme at Too Hot that will culminate at the following Highlands (11 months later). This will give all of us a tighter thematic framework to tie together our various activities. It will give our artisans, combatants and planners a creative direction to play with. And we’re going to go bold and try to drag the rest of the kingdom to play along..

And second, the less fun - politics. Working with royalty and nobility to make sure our populace is supported, that our events get support, that our people get recognized. Interact with kingdom officers as necessary to deal with emergencies or opportunities. And invigorate cooperation among all the Northern groups especially, but throughout the kingdom.

Topic 4 – Final topic. Recognition. There is a lot we can do together to raise the awareness of our Barony and the northern half of the kingdom in general. Last time around, we started Northern Yule and Northern War Practice (for you youngsters, yes “Northern War practice” used to be in Sundragon – nothing north of Sundragon

seemingly existed). The REASON for a Northern alliance is because we are stronger as a big collective than a bunch of little tribes. This is why in the last 12 years we've had 17 northern Peers recognized! This is why the Northern Army has often been the largest cohesive force on the battlefield. To do these kinds of things, we need to agree to function as a cohesive whole and support each other.

Regarding recognition as a Barony and as individuals – there is a lot Miana and I will do to use our experience and contacts to get everyone the recognition they deserve. But, be careful what you ask for – because recognition must be deserved. 9 years ago Ered Sul was recognized for our arts & sciences because we as a Barony came together and created close to 50 projects for the Kingdom A&S competition – that was a ton of work! Our ladies took the Barmaids event captive for two years through a lot of participation and work. We kicked butt at Combat Cookery because we had people willing to put in the work. We've challenged every other Barony at something and won... but boy were we tired afterward...

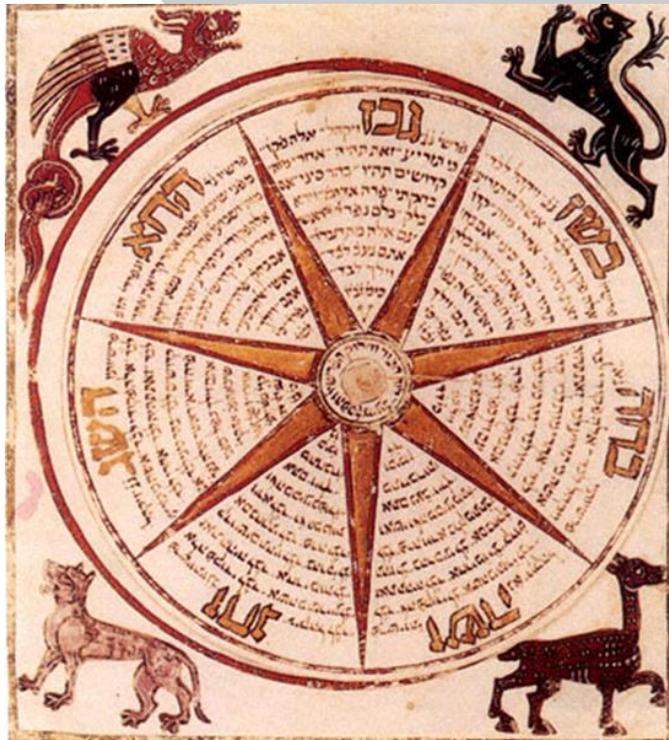
Frankly the thing we're best at up here is enjoyment. Miana and I are as happy to go as big as our populace wants. But remember our way of playing is often a much needed vacation from the intensity some of the other baronies live in constantly. There aren't any awards for "bringing the fun" or "awesome to hang out with" – but I'd argue those are incredibly valuable traits for the mental health of the organization. Hmm... Maybe we just did think of a new award after all...

Fun Facts

Ancient Calendars

Human civilizations have relied upon the movements of the heavens to determine seasons and time for thousands of years. In fact, The National Institute for Standards and Technology believes that every culture that has been discovered has had some sort of calendar created to measure and record the passing of time. “Ice-age hunters in Europe over 20,000 years ago scratched lines and gouged holes in sticks and bones, possibly counting the days between phases of the moon. Five thousand years ago, Sumerians in the Tigris-Euphrates valley in today's Iraq had a calendar that divided the year into 30-day months, divided the day into 12 periods (each corresponding to 2 of our hours), and divided these periods into 30 parts (each like 4 of our minutes). We have no written records of Stonehenge, built over 4000 years ago in England, but it's alignments show its purposes apparently included the determination of seasonal or celestial events, such as lunar eclipses, solstices and so on.”

Calendars can be focused on the moon, the sun, and other planets in an effort to determine where a moment stands in time. The Egyptians used a calendar much like our own, with 365 days and 12 months. The Sumerians also recognized 12 months, but placed only 354 days between them. This led to them occasionally adding another month into the year to account for the extra days. Despite having a system close to ours, they had no consistent naming for their months or days. Mayans created calendars that recorded significant dates, and one that caused a significant amount of controversy as it stated the world would end in 2012. Athens, Greece also had their own calendar that was tied to the phases of the moon and had 12 months, but had three different parts: democratic, agricultural, and festival. Before the Gregorian calendar, the Julian calendar was followed. It held 12 months and 365 days, but “the creators of the calendar made a mathematical error, which resulted in a three-year leap day as opposed to four years. Over the years, the Julian calendar became increasingly inaccurate.” It was due to this



inaccuracy that the Gregorian calendar was adopted. Following calendars allows communities to arrange, record, and celebrate what they deem important. Time itself is a construct created by humans, and due to its nature will happen regardless of if we organize it with a calendar. Space.com quotes Julian Barbour, a British Physicist, saying "change is real, but time is not. Time is only a reflection of change. From change, our brains construct a sense of time as if it were flowing... evidence we have for time is encoded in static configurations, which we see or experience subjectively, all of them fitting together to make time seem linear." Perhaps our ancestors' attempts at calendars are just that, an effort to reflect change.

Sources: <https://www.nist.gov/pml/time-and-frequency-division/popular-links/walk-through-time/walk-through-time-ancient-calendars>, <https://www.timecenter.com/articles/a-history-of-time-and-ancient-calendars/>, <https://www.space.com/29859-the-illusion-of-time.html>, <https://www.bibleblender.com/2017/biblical-lessons/biblical-history/ancient-biblical-calendars-understanding-dates-times-recorded-in-bible>

Officers of Ered Sul

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Open Positions

Sheriff

The Sheriff is in charge of the Lost and Found and maintaining/planning watches for our events.

Rapier Marshal/ Deputy Rapier Marshal

The Rapier Marshal organizes and runs rapier practices and sends reports of our progress to the kingdom.

Please contact Their Excellencies for more information on available positions.

The Higher Word

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“I’ll cream your ice... that was way more explicit out loud.”



- Ketil of the Mountain

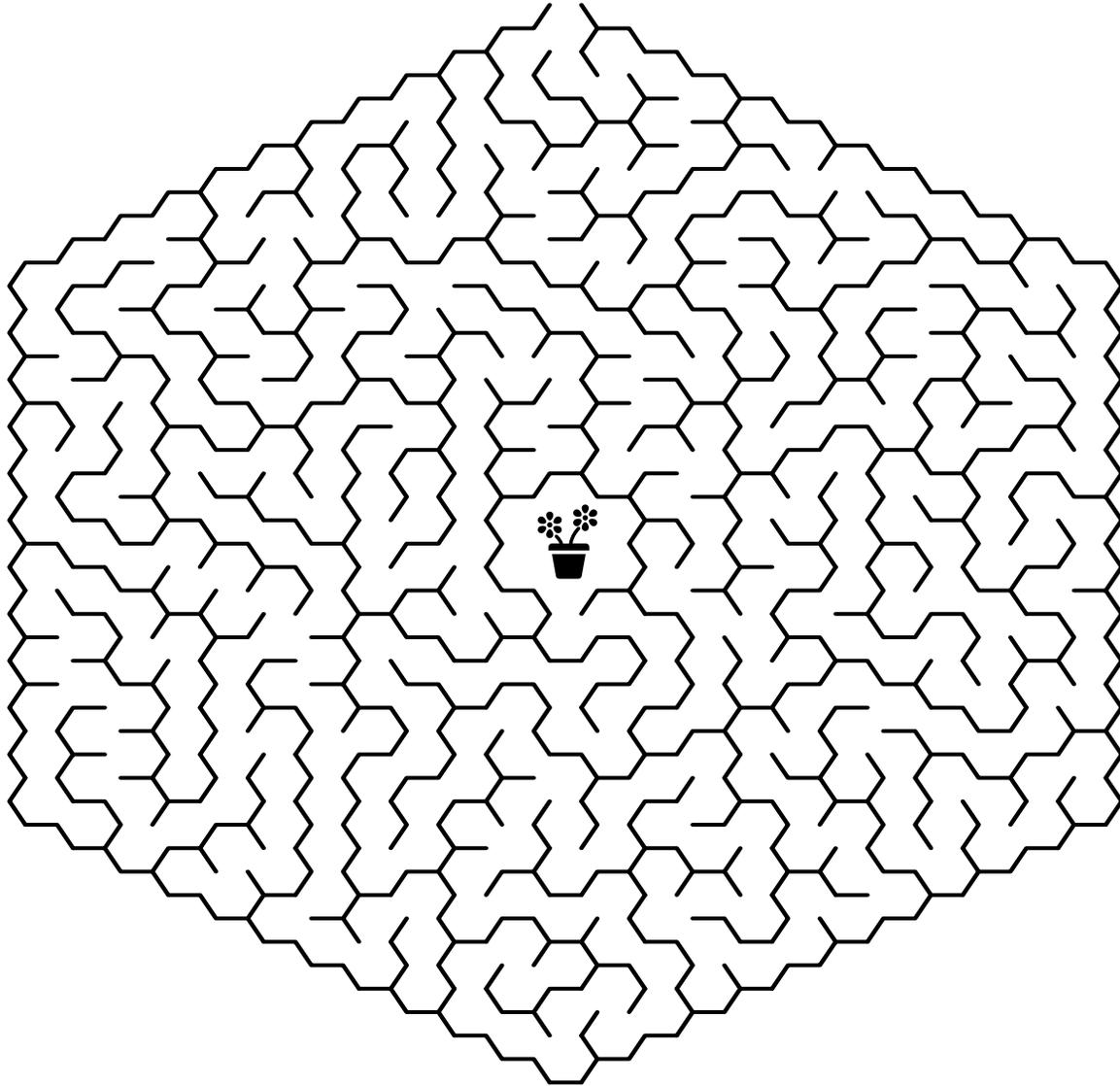
*Overhear a dicey quote? Have a major foot-in-mouth moment?
Submit it to The Higher Word (or Facebook)! After all, those who laugh together stay together!*



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Games

Finish the Maze to make it to the May flowers!



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Other Ways to Contact Us

Society Website: <http://www.sca.org>

Kingdom Website: <http://www.atenveldt.org>

Barony of Ered Sul Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SCAEredSul/>

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Highlands War Website: <http://www.highlandswar.org/>

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