



# The Higher Word

Barony of Ered Sul

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Greetings to the far flung populace of Ered Sul!

Month 8 of the Apocalypse. What a way to start our reign, eh? Virtual court went unrecorded and we can't see you in person for a while, so let us be brief in sharing a bit of information.

First, since we are not terribly good at the online "thing" we and Granite Mountain have been invited to participate in a "Mountain Court" with Mons Tonitrus, who had done quite well. Keep an eye out for an invite to a virtual even with court, classes and even a hands-on workshop!

Second, know that we are constantly working with the other Baronies with an eye to the future. We see this shutdown as an opportunity to re-evaluate how we as a group of baronies manage the SCA experience. Coming out of this we will be looking at fewer but better events with more emphasis on fun and inclusion.

Third, the strength of our Barony above any other is that most of us are friends on a personal level. Our Barony is essentially a collection of "tribes" who play together. In a time like this that is a strength. We encourage everyone to maintain contact with your friends and extended family. But don't forget to reach out to those who are on the periphery so they do not drift away.

We will share more information as we move forward. We miss your smiling faces.

Christopher II

Miana II

# Calendar

September 2020

All in-person Kingdom events for September 2020 have been cancelled. Please see the Facebook page for updates and possible virtual meetings.

# Announcements

## Barony of Granite Mountain Investiture

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 12:00pm

Join us on Saturday, September 12th at 12:00, noon, to witness the investiture of Count Brian and Countess Lia Winterbourne into the office of Baron and Baroness of Granite Mountain.

As well as granting a well-deserved respite to Conor and Caroline, as they step down from their current position as Vicar and Vicaress. During this time of virtual meetings, we gather to wish each couple well as they venture on to new endeavors.

Granite Mountain is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Investiture

Time: Sep 12, 2020 12:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://atenveldt.zoom.us/j/83949482050?pwd=U3VwL2NFUU93WklyNUowY2VqNjF4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 839 4948 2050

Passcode: 946237

This event is sponsored by the Kingdom of Atenveldt, which is part of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. More information can be found on our website at [www.atenveldt.org](http://www.atenveldt.org).

## Aten Bardic Challenge

August 19<sup>th</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

Welcome to the Aten Bardic Challenge!

Do not pay attention to the dates under the details. Facebook has a limitation of 2 weeks for events. This event will be going on from midnight 08/29/2020 until midnight on 9/30/2020.

Please note that bards from all kingdoms, of all skill levels, are welcome to join in the fun. Stories should be kept PG, please.

Here's how it works! In the discussion for this event, there will be a variety of story starting statements. Anyone can jump in and add a paragraph to the story, just post it as a comment to the original statement.

This might result in some fun, ridiculous stories... Or it might produce one that's amazing. If it does, that story may end up in a future Southwind... You just never know!

So, pull up your chair and help us spin a tale for the fire...

This event is sponsored by the Kingdom of Atenveldt, which is part of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. More information can be found on our website at [www.atenveldt.org](http://www.atenveldt.org).

Please see the Barony of Ered Sul Facebook Page for more information on these events.

# Fun Facts

## The History of Cats

“As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat.” -Ellen Perry Berkeley

While it is unlikely that humans would have wanted to domesticate wild cats, it's suggested that cats may have domesticated themselves over 8,000 years ago in the Middle East. It is suggested that the first wild cats were drawn to human settlements, specifically the rats and mice that came with the human's stores of surplus crops. It became a mutually beneficial relationship, the cats feasting on the rodents and the humans getting free pest control.

As the relationship blossomed, cats became an important piece of human societies. Ancient Egyptians revered their feline friends as shown in a cat cemetery in Beni-Hassan that holds 300,000 cat mummies. “Bastet, an Egyptian goddess of love, had the head of a cat, and to be convicted of killing a cat in Egypt often meant a death sentence for the offender” (Zax 2007). In Ancient Rome, cats were seen as a symbol of liberty and in the Far East, they “were valued for the protection they offered treasured manuscripts from rodents” (Zax 2007).

In the middle ages, cats began to be demonized in Europe due to suggestions that they were affiliated with witches and the devil. Zax notes that “...many were killed in an effort to ward off evil (an action that scholars think ironically helped to spread the plague, which was carried by rats)”.



In 2007, cats were the most popular house pet, the US in particular boasted 90 million furry friends in about 34% of households. While their owners may never truly “own” them, cats have become a central part of our homes through self-domestication and training of their human caretakers.

Sources: <https://www.dailyartmagazine.com/15-cats-in-art/>, <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/a-brief-history-of-house-cats-158390681/>

# Officers of Ered Sul

<p><b>Baron &amp; Baroness</b> </p> <p>HE Christopher Fitzarthur (Chris Walsh) HE Miana Nic Chonnagain (Maureen Walsh) Coronet @ baronyoferedsul.org</p>	<p><b>Seneschal</b> </p> <p>Collette Marion Cook (Toni Cannon) seneschal @ baronyoferedsul.org <b>Deputies:</b> Lady Margre of Ered Sul (Suzanne McMillan), Lord Bjorn Robertson (Zachary Rextroat), Lord Leolin Blackwell (Shaun Prizio)</p>	<p><b>Exchequer</b> </p> <p>Lord Wolff Belar der Koch (Robert Hildebrand) Exchequer @ baronyoferedsul.org <b>Deputies:</b> Lord Tristan Heally (Kohl Crissman), Lord Vincent Blackwell (David E Prizio), Mistress Violet Elliot (Janice Bloomer)</p>
<p><b>Minister of Arts &amp; Sciences</b> </p> <p>Sir Angus Macairt (Steve Aird) <b>Deputy:</b> OPEN</p>	<p><b>Chatelaine</b> </p> <p>Harafnrel Sveinsson (Ara Broven) chatelaine @ baronyoferedsul.org <b>Deputy:</b> OPEN</p>	<p><b>Youth Minister</b></p> <p>Lady Kara De Geld (Desirae Koerner) Dezyr1901@gmail.com</p>
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<p><b>Sheriff</b> </p> <p>OPEN <b>Deputy:</b> OPEN</p>	<p><b>Regalia Officer</b></p> <p>OPEN</p>	<p><b>Waiver Secretary</b></p> <p>OPEN</p>

List Minister  
OPEN

## Open Positions and Updates

Below is the updated slate of officers for our reign. We would like to thank everyone for either stepping up to a new position or continuing in your current position. The populace is probably unaware that officers are required to continue to file reports, even if they just say, "Absolutely nothing happened today in Sector 83 by 9 by 12."

As we do have a lot of deputies, we're just going to list the "top" positions here. The full list will be on the website.

Seneschal: Collette Marion Cook aka Toni Cannon

Exchequer: Wolff Belar Der Koch aka Robert Hildebrand

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Angus MacAird aka Steven Aird

Earl Marshall: Thadeus Legless aka Josh Spear

Court Herald: Adam the Fox aka Adam Kittle

Book Herald: Bozena Z Prahy aka Delphia Strickland

Chatelaine/Hospitality: Harafnrel Sveinsson aka Ara Broven

Youth Minister: Kara De Geld aka Desirae Koerner

Web Minister: Vincent Blackwell aka David Prizio

Chronicler: Jenna of Ered Sul aka Jenna Cufone

Yours in Service,

Christopher II

Miana II

OPEN POSITIONS:

The Barony of Ered Sul has several officers we are currently looking to fill. If you are interested or have questions as to what the office involves, please contact the Barony Seneschal at [seneschal@baronyoferedsul.org](mailto:seneschal@baronyoferedsul.org).

REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD ANY OFFICE:

You must be a current member of the SCA, Inc.

You must maintain your SCA Membership for the duration of your term in office.

Offices are typically held for two years.

You must be at least 18 years old.

You must have a phone and access to e-mail and Facebook.

# The Higher Word

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“PLEASE SEND ME LOWER WORDS.”

- Jenna of Ered Sul

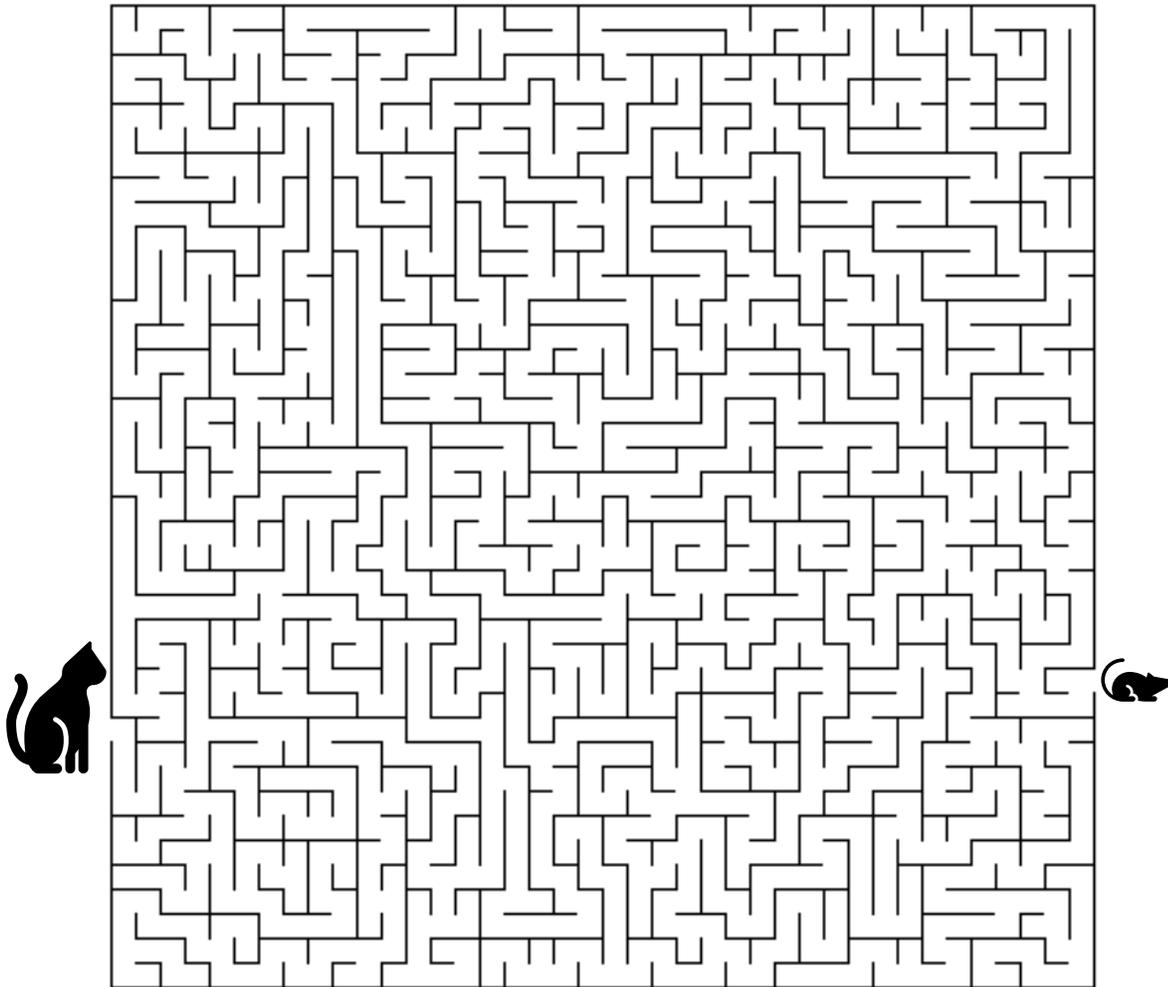
*Overhear a dicey quote? Have a major foot-in-mouth moment?  
Submit it to The Higher Word (or Facebook)! After all, those who laugh together stay together!*



<https://www.facebook.com/medievalartmemes/>

# Games

Help the Cat find the Mouse!



Source: <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/code/BuildMaze.asp>

## 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/>

Baron of Ered Sul Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/135613726524285/>

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

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