

The Masthead

Autumn 2016

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Upcoming Local Events Events in red are hosted by our Barony of Dragonship Haven.

This is an abbreviated list. For a complete list see <http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.php>

November 2016

Saturday 12th

St. Elegius



Barony of Dragonship Haven - Meriden, CT

Saturday 19th

100 Minutes War

Shire of Rusted Woodlands - Lafayette Township, NJ

November 20th - 1:00-4:00 - November Baronial Meeting in West Haven - Zohra & Nathan - please don't bring food! Due to food allergies, snacks will be provided.

Saturday 26th

Tir Mara Eku East Kingdom University Feast of Alphonso X

Shire of Avonmore, Sussex, NB

December 2016

Saturday 3rd

Bergental/BBM Baronial Yule



Barony of Bergental - West Springfield, MA

Sunday December 18th Baronial Meeting and Yule Pot Luck Party at the home of the Baron and Baroness, Oxford, CT

From the Baroness: Archery Champions!

Dragonship Haven Baronial Archery Championship Shoot:

An excellent day for DSH Baronial Archery Championships! A dozen archers on the line and 8 or 10 spectators for several fun archery contests run by current Champ Jean Michel [Sean Hayden](#) and by new all-but-paperwork archery marshal Nergis [Brennagwyn Campbell](#) with William Tell shoot courtesy of Omelan

[Ewhen Mychajlowskyj](#). It was a very fun day! Our new DSH are very champ Olaf Shieldbreaker will be installed at St Eligius. Overall high score went to Don Wyatt of Barony Beyond the Mountain. Thank you all for coming out to shoot! Below is a list of archers who participated in the DSH championship shoot on Sunday October 16, 2016.

1. Lord Wyatt (BBM, winner of 2 enamel brooches)
2. Olaf Shieldbreaker (New DSH Champion)
3. Lord Omelan the Left (DSH)
4. Lord Symon de Poitiers (DSH)
5. Lady Sioban (BBM)
6. Nergis of O'Choda (DSH)
7. Lord Casimir Sarkastyczny(DSH)
8. John Buchanan (of BBM)
9. Sarah Glidden (DSH)
10. Lord Adrian de Cadiz (DSH)
11. Lord Christoffel (DSH)
12. Laura Bretter (DSH)

Dragonship Haven Baronial Champions Day Sunday October 30, 2016

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In Memoriam – Lord Avraham ben Ahron

Posted by East Kingdom Gazette in memoriam



Photo courtesy of Lady Lavina Attewode and Baroness Sara di Salaparuta

Lord Avraham ben Ahron passed away on October 20 after a brief battle with cancer. Avraham was a lifelong resident of Eastern Connecticut except for a few years spent in Boston during his education. His research into Sogdian culture and Gers (Yurts) was notable, as was his infectious enthusiasm and his generosity in sharing his work. Avraham was among the first SCA ger builders and built his first over thirty years ago. He researched Mongolian and other Silk Road cultures and artifacts.

Avraham was active in the SCA for many years, although he was absent for some time due to family obligations. Baron of Dragonship Haven, Master Joseph of the Red Griffin of Dragonship Haven, remembers making his first armor with Avrahm's direction and help in Avrahm's driveway sometime in the mid-1980s. Avraham was inducted into the Order of the Yale, Dragonship Haven's Baronial service order, in 1981. In 1987, he became a member of the Order of the Hawk's Bell, a Dragonship Haven Baronial A&S order that has since closed. The East bestowed an Award of Arms on him in 1982.



Avraham at Pennsic. Photo courtesy of Virag Qarabay.

Master Jaji shared the following memories of Avraham. "Avrahm ben Ahron broke ground and blazed trails in the fields of Jews in the SCA period, and those who lived on/near the Steppes in particular. If you have seen a yurt (ger) in the SCA over the last 30 years, chances are it was based at least partly on his design. He forged his own blade which he carried proudly...even if he felt there were 27 flaws which he was surprised no one could see (but himself, of course).

As a dutiful son, he stopped his life entirely to care for his ailing mother. When she passed several years ago, he 'returned to the fold'. Those who knew him before he stopped coming around welcomed him back, and those who had never met him had a chance to do so. He searched long and hard to locate the appropriate fabric for garb his new researches had shown him was more

appropriate for his persona. He wore that as proudly as the saber he forged...along with the bow, quiver, and arrows he also made. I am honored to say that he called me a friend all these years. “

Sad Tidings:

It is with a very heavy heart that we report that our friend, Lord Wulfgang Gruenwald, [Robert Betts](#), Seneschal of the Barony of Carillion, has passed from this world at his home on November 4th.

Details of his funeral service are here:

<http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com/.../Bett.../service-details.php> We join his friends in mourning him and hope you will raise a glass of something suitable tonight in honor of a kind, talented and energetic man.

Glad Tidings:

Jean-Michel LeVode and Celeste Bessey are engaged to be married! We send our heartiest Congratulations and Best Wishes to them at this happy time!

Our Baron and Baroness are eagerly awaiting the birth of their next grandchild, due in February!

We ask that you raise a toast to the bride and groom, Marta de Lyon, a Yale of Dragonship Haven, and Edgar Reif Sten, who were married this July and who live in the Barony of Bhakail.



Mikael (Myr) graduated UB with BA in Psychology. Vivat! .

We, the people of the East, have new heirs to the throne! Vivat! Prince Ioannes and Princess Honig!!!



Baronial Business Meeting Minutes and Officers' Reports September 2016

Dragonship Haven Meeting

Date: 9.11.16

Attendance: 13

Upcoming Business Meetings

October 23rd - 1:00-4:00 - Meriden - Rose's house - I will be prepping some of the dayboard for St. Eligius and would happily have help, more details/timing as we get closer.

November 20th - 1:00-4:00 - West Haven - Zohra & Nathan - please don't bring food! Due to food allergies, snacks will be provided.

December 18th - 11:00-7:00 - Bridgeport - Sarah - open sewing day, meeting will be from 2:00-3:30 -please don't bring food! Due to food allergies, snacks will be provided.

January 22nd - 1:00-4:00 - New Haven - Sarah & Jaji - possibly combined with a trip to Yale Art Museum

Officers Reports

Archery - Omelan

Greetings. Not much to report. Practice continues until the end of October. Casimir, one of our archers has been reinstated as an archery marshal. End of report.

Fencing - Jean-Michel & Catelina

Hello from fencing town.

So we are back after a hiccup post pennsic. And again I offer up my apologies to all who made the drive to practice the Thursday after pennsic to find the gym empty.

Aside from that I'm goin with no news is good news. I plan on contacting Mikkel and inquire if he is preparing for the rapier champions tournament soon as that day is approaching.

Heavy - Gerard & Pat Brown

MOL - Gwen

Fight practice continues to be well attended by fighters and fencers. New security system at the Keefe center means I must be there before 8 pm when the door automatically locks. On the bright side, they are getting g near to the end on the renovations. Hopefully, we will get the whole gym back soon.

Thrown Weapons - Leo & Agapios

Chamberlain - Jaji

We continue to have things, and for GOOD reasons I might not be making upcoming meetings. One good reason may be revealed soon!

Chatelaine - Capt. Elias & Isabella

Chronicler - Sara & Clovia -

My deputy, Clovia Drusa, and I, have published a late summer edition of the masthead and sent it to king, queen, prince, princess, chronicler of the East, as well as uploaded onto facebook and yahoo groups.

We are starting a procedural handbook for the office and are also working on an autumn edition of the masthead and are accepting submissions for that via EMAIL.

Herald - Agapios

There is not much heraldicly speaking going on for the Barony. The badges and names for our orders have passed with the exception of the name for Freya's Cup. I will bring a copy of the reasoning and suggestions to be discussed at the meeting.

Order of Freas Cup - will look into options

MOAS - Holt & Vienna

Moving forward, working on some workshop ideas.

Seneschal - Rhode & Christofel

Webminister - Peyton & Nargis

Baron & Baroness - Joseph & Brose

Events

St. Eligius - Tristan, Wurm, & Mr. Pat Brown - November 12 - Meriden

Dayboard - Rhode

Competition - Brose

Prizes - LeAnn will coordinate

Dessert Board - need coordinator, anyone interested

Will be fencing

Need help setting up Friday night, and cleaning at the end of the day

Archery Champs - Omelan - October 16th - Oxford - Joe & Alices House, bring a snack to share and a chair to watch the festivities if you're not participating

Champions Day - Olaf, Jean-Michel - October 30th - Wallingford

Marcus Cooke Park - 9 old rock hill rd. - bring food to share!

Balfars Challenge - Agapios, Wurm, need a 3rd

April 22nd Meriden CT

Hastilude - Vienna & Wilhelm

More info to come

Old Business

BBM event in September, in Middlefield will not happen. They do have a regular practice going and have added youth fighting to their offerings.

New Business

Populace Badge - some proposals, looking into them

PRACTICES

Heavy List Practice

Weekly practices are held on Thursdays from 8pm-10pm at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT. Contact the Knight Marshal for more information.

Fencing

Weekly practices are held on Thursdays from 7:30pm-10pm at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT. Contact the Fencing Marshal for more information.

Archery

In season from May through mid-October, practices are on Sundays, noon-3pm (weather permitting), in Oxford, CT. Loaner gear is available. Subscribe to the baronial Yahoo Group linked above for practice updates. Contact the Archery Marshal for directions and more information.

Thrown Weapons

In season, practices are held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM (weather permitting) at a private home. Loaner gear is available. Contact the Thrown Weapons Marshal for more information.

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Baroness of Dragonship Haven: Bronwen Rose of Greyling (Brose) O.L.

Herald: Lord Agapios Cargos

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