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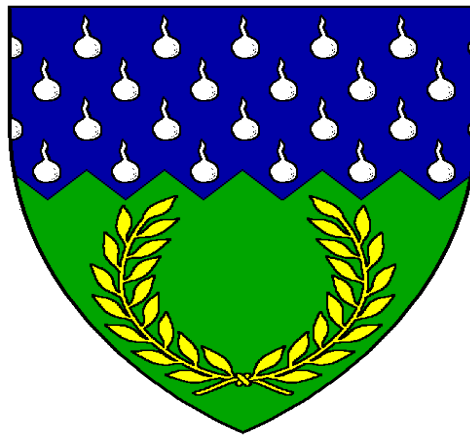
Shining Lights on the Arts & Sciences of our Barony

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Welcome Letter from our New Baronesses of Endless Hills

To our most beloved Barony of Endless Hills,

We, Lady Revna Lunaris and Doña Kolfinna Jodisardottir, send greetings! We are so very excited to be working together for the good of our barony!

While many of you are familiar with us, we would like to get to know everyone in our Barony better over the upcoming years. We want to serve to the best of our ability and continue to grow our community in many ways.

A bit about us:

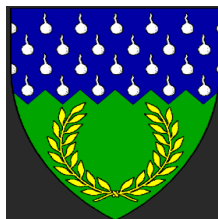
Lady Revna Lunaris has had the pleasure of serving Barony as deputy Chatelaine, head retainer, and Captain of Archers. She has been made an archery marshal and encourages members old and new to take up to bows once more. In addition, Revna has been working as a Mistress of the List. She has a passion for the kitchen arts and can be found assisting the Feastocrat at as many events as she can!

Doña Kolfinna Jodisardottir has been in service to the Barony in the role of Captain of Rapier, and has been assisting as retainer for almost a decade at this point. Kolfinna currently serves as region 3 deputy signet for Kingdom and has had the distinction of becoming principal of the Iron Quill and one of the first recipients of the distinction for Caretakers. Kolfinna has served as royal retainer and guard for multiple reigns and as marshal for the Rapier field.

We believe with guidance of our friends out of Barony and the support of the Barony, we can continue to fulfill the roles in a way that brings honor and growth to our most cherished Barony. We are firm supporters of all aspects of our Barony, be it Arts and Sciences or Marshal based. We are devoted to the service of Barony and the Kingdom in every form possible. We would welcome any and all to come visit us during any event to discuss ideas or suggestions for the Barony! We are also available online and at Baronial practices.

In Service

Baroness Kolfinna & Baroness Revna



The Barony of Endless Hills
Kingdom of Æthelmearc

Officers of the Endless Hills

Royal Majesties of Aethelmearc-
King Murdoch Bayne
Queen Rioghnach ni Rose

Royal Highnesses of Aethelmearc-
Prince Andreas Morgan
Princess Kallista Morgunova

Your Excellencies of Endless Hills
Baroness Kolfinna & Baroness Revna

Seneschal-
THL Julianna Woolworth

Minister of Arts & Sciences-
Mistress Æsa Helgulfsdottir

Exchequer-
Dame Kateryna Ty Isaf

Minister of Lists-
Lord Gregory Hillson

Chronicler-
Lady Matilda

Knight Marshal-
Baron Ulfkell Dungalsson

Webminister-
Lady Birna Hakadottir

Captain of Rapier-
Dona Kolfinna Jodisardottir

Social Media-
Baroness Abby Rose

Captain of Thrown Weapons-
Sir Tigernach mac Cathail

Zule Persuviant Herald-
Master Po Silvertop

Captain of Archers-
Lady Revna Lunarís

Chatelaine-
Lord Daven MacKeannaugh

Youth Marshal-
THL Julianna Woolworth

Current Baronial Champions

Archery- Lady Revna Lunarís
A&S- Lord Alan Pyett
Bardic/Performing Arts- Lord Daven MacKeannaugh
Fencing- Don Mark LeGabler
Heavy Weapons- THL Vassilis Monevassios
Thrown Weapons- Logan Kiernam

Notable Awards w/ Kingdom

Regalo de Las rosas- Dona Kolfinna
Bardic Champion- Lord Daven
Fencing Champion- Don Mark LeGabler

Endless Hills Contact List

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Lady Revna Lunariss- Captain of Archers: archery@endlesshills.aethelmearc.org

Crafting Corner: Scrolls

Scribal Arts in the SCA By: Doña Kolfinna

No Aethelmearc court would be complete without the wonderful artwork and talented creativity of the Scribes of our Kingdom. Our Barony is home to a fair number of the Kingdom's artists.

Scribal arts encompass many facets.

Wordsmithing: putting together the information in beautiful phrases to make the award sing during court.

Calligraphy: using many different period techniques to make the words beautiful on paper.

Illumination: the fabulous designs emphasizing the award and giving it extra pizzazz.

Scribes may do any part or all of them for a scroll. Some scribes only ever do words, while others may do Calligraphy and Illumination. A scroll can sometimes be a collaboration between 2 or 3 or even more individuals.

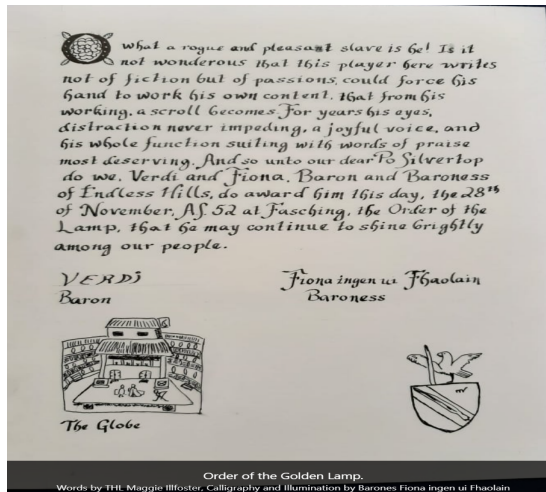
Most of the artwork done in the Kingdom of Aethelmearc is created for each individual, unlike some kingdoms in which pre-made blanks are used. It gives the scribes of our kingdom a lot of freedom in design.

Scrolls are often ink and painted on Pergamena, bristol board, or vellum, though the options are endless. Bones, horns, wood, rock, and glass have all been done before. The words and art can be etched, burned or painted onto these alternative mediums. For as many artists as you speak to, you will get that many different paint and ink recommendations. For many, modern gouache works well for the paper types of scrolls, though others will use "period pigments". Paints and ink may be applied using a variety of instruments depending on the design and scribe's preferences.

Getting started as a scribe can seem a daunting task but the scribal community is vast and most are very open about this aspect of our hobby. There are many facebook groups with links and advice for the new and experienced scribe alike.

Sample materials can be acquired via our Kingdom Signet, Mistress Roberta or her deputies. There is also a scribal tract of classes at Pennsic held in the Aethelmearc Kingdom every year with many aspects covered.

Anyone interested in learning more about scribal arts or trying their hand at this aspect of our hobby is welcome to reach out at any time. **Please send an email to region3signet@aethelmearc.org**



More recent scrolls completed by barony members can be found at:
<https://endlesshills.aethelmearc.org/scribal-gallery/>

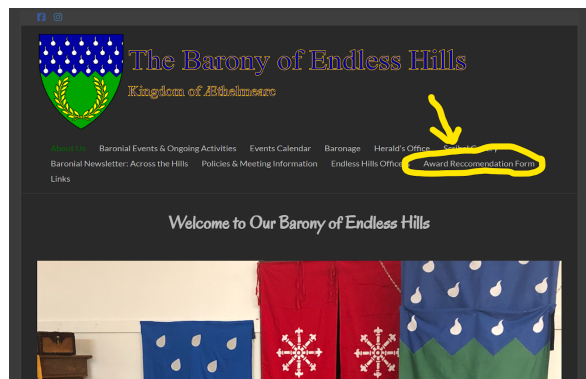
History- Endless Hills Award

Our Barony of Endless Hills was born on January 24th Anno Societatis XXXII, (1998) The first Baron of the Endless Hills, Tigranes of Bezabde was invested that day.

One right and duty of a Baron/ess is to create and bestow awards to the worthy citizens of the groups they have been entrusted to look after. Baron Tigranes hit the ground running and did just that.

To uphold that tradition of giving awards to citizens of the barony deserving of them, please follow the upcoming steps:

Step 1: Head to the Barony Website at: <https://endlesshills.aethelmearc.org/> and look for the award recommendation form link



Step 2: The award recommendation form page will show, fill out information about you (the submitter), so if any issues arise the barony can be in contact with you

A screenshot of the 'Award Recommendation Form' page. The form has a dark background with white text and input fields. It includes the following fields: 'Submitter SCA Name' (split into 'First' and 'Last'), 'Submitter Mundane Name' (split into 'First' and 'Last'), 'Submitter Email Address', and 'Submitter Phone Number'. Each field is marked with a red flower icon.

Step 3: Fill out the following information about the person you are recommending the award for

A screenshot of a web form titled "Award Recommendation Information". Below the title is a small instruction: "Please fill out the following information about the person you are recommending for an award." The form contains several input fields: "SCA Name" with two adjacent text boxes, "First" and "Last" labels, "Mundane Name" with two adjacent text boxes, "First" and "Last" labels, and "Preferred Title" with a single text box.

Step 4: Click which award you are recommending, and to the best of your ability the reasons why the recommendation. If you don't know which events they are attending, don't feel bad. The Barony can figure it out.

A screenshot of a web form titled "Award Recommendation". At the top, there is a list of award options with radio buttons: "Order of the Zule", "Order of the Banner", "Order of the Golden Lamp", "Order of the Red Thunderbolt", "Order of the Spark", and "Order of the Green Zule". A yellow arrow points to the "Order of the Zule" option. Below this list is a "Reason for Recommendation" section with a large text box. Further down is a "Preferences" section with four radio button options: "Recipient would prefer receiving their award virtually.", "Recipient would prefer receiving their award in person.", "Recipient would prefer receiving their award in an alternate setting to a large court.", and "The recipient has other notes/needs that are noted in the text box at the end of this form." Below the preferences is an "Events Attending" section with a text box. At the bottom is an "Other Comments" section with a text box.

Step 5: Press submit! It will then be sent to our baronial excellencies for further discussion on said member.

Past Court Reports/Notable Scrolls Given:

- Passing of the Ice Dragon held on April 12th, 2025 in the Barony of Rhydderich Hael
 - Lady Birna Hakadottir won
- Spring Coronation on April 12th, 2025 in the Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands
 - Lord Frey Gore was inducted and made a member of the Order of the Gage
 - Lord Jeremiah MacCoull was also inducted into the Order of the Gage
- Spring Crown on May 3rd, 2025 in the Barony of Thescore
 - Baron Ulfkell Dungalsson was given a token from the Ladies of the Rose & Garnet
 - Baroness Abby Rose was given a Golden Escarbuncle alongside other social media officers for being awesome

Shoutout of the Barony:

New member activity

We all start somewhere. Do you remember your first Auth, your first time throwing or shooting an arrow, how excited you were about your first bit of research. We have new members just starting their SCA journey and we would like to introduce them to you.

Our 2 new youth fencers Sean and Tripp are working hard to learn drills and get ready for the opportunity to get on the field.

We also have 2 newly authorized fighters Camkass in fencing and Michael in heavy.

If you see our new members doing awesome things let us know so we can give them a shout out!!

Baronial Awards for the Endless Hills

Please consider submitting an award recommendation for our Barony! (information above)

A listing of all baronial awards and its descriptions can be found here:

<https://endlesshills.aethelmearc.org/herald-news/>

The recommendation form can be found here:

<https://endlesshills.aethelmearc.org/award-recommendation-form/>

Any questions can be brought to the Heralds attention at:

herald@endlesshills.aethelmearc.org

Or directly speak with our Baronesses Kolfinna & Revna.

Past Meeting Minutes

March 16th, 2025 Monthly Meeting

Members in attendance: Mary Frances Rigelwood, Jason Robson, Morgan Greenwood, Ivy Bender, Sean Bergold, Nick Doan, Jill Schaffling, Scott Werbin, Nora Robson, Abby Robson, Mary Knight

Meeting started at: 7:33 p.m.

Next meetings

- April 13th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
- May 25th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Officer Reports

Baron/Baroness Went to the St Patrick's day parade. Had fun and it was good to see new people. Nick is hoping to get to Coronation and of course we'll be going to Melee Madness. Still collecting items for the craft kits for teens.

Seneschal I am not seeking re-election in November, so if anyone is interested in the position please come and talk to me and I will fill you in.

Social Media Nothing new to report.

Herald Nothing new to report.

Knight Marshal Not present

MOL Not present

Chronicler Hope all enjoyed the newsletter I just published. Thanks to all who helped. Will be accepting new pictures, articles and ideas for my next one being published on May 9th. Due date for submissions will be April 25th. Send all things to my email chronicler@endlesshills.aethelmearc.org. Will be visiting Ice Dragon and highlighting A&S for this edition. Please when the financial policies get approved/denied, let me know in order to be published as well!

Exchequer Not present

Minister of A&S Not present

Chatelaine Everything is going well, we had a great St. Patrick's Day Parade, the two kids who helped carry the banner talked to their friends, thanking her Excellency for the use of the foil and we handed out 500 of the 2000 business cards that we own.

Captain of Thrown Weapons Not present.

Captain of Rapier Nothing new to report, will be looking for a replacement come elections.

Minister of Youth Office currently vacant.

Minister of Youth Combat Working on getting her marshalate.

Webminister Not present.

Captain of Archers Was speaking with Jill today and is tentatively starting practices backup on March 30th at 12 p.m.

Upcoming Events & Demos

- Melee Madness, Josh and Mary Knight submitted at bid, will be Melee Madness/Investiture, May 9th through 11th, Sean will release the fencing schedule in March. Would like as much regalia out as possible.
- Saint Pat's Day Parade, thank you to everyone who showed up.
- Ivy and Jill would like to put together a Day of Champions, still looking for a space and start working on your Arts and Sciences.

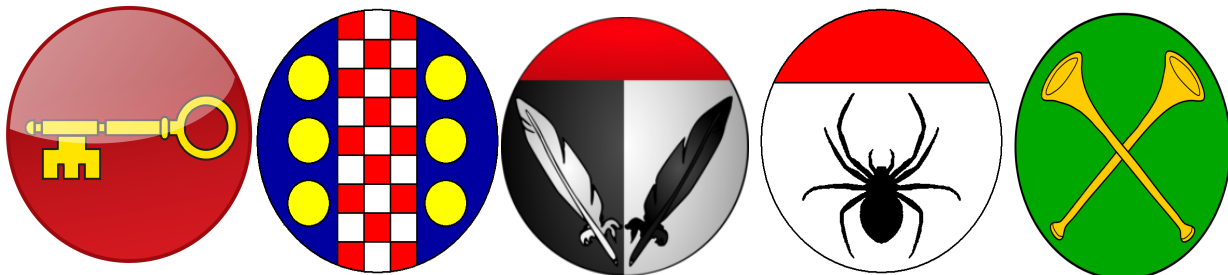
Old Business

- Jason made a motion to purchase 24x18 signs, Mary seconded, motion passed with no objections.

New Business

- Nora Robson is my new deputy (Seneschal).
- Making A&S packets for the pre-teens. If anyone has anything please try and donate.
- Looking to restart Cooks Guild on the 20th of every month, will be at Cassie's house.
- Goblin Meadery is open to us having meetings at their establishment.
- The muster that was supposed to happen at the end of the month is now not happening.

Meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.



April 13, 2025 Monthly Meeting

Members in attendance: Mary Frances Rigelwood, Cassie Balsassano, Holly Glover, Ivy Bruch, Sean Bergold, Nick Doan, Kelsi Good, Dave Scheid, Mary Knight, Nora Robson, Jason Robson, Abby Robson, Karen Macek, Scott Macek, Morgan Greenwood, Jill Schaffling

Meeting started at: 7:41 p.m.

Next meetings

- May 25th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
- June 22, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Officer Reports

Baron/Baroness	Going to Melee Madness, then enjoying retirement with her new granddaughter.
Seneschal	Nothing to report.
Social Media	Everything is good here, putting out an official poll on the website to list events
Herald	Not present
Knight Marshal	Not present
MOL	Nothing to report
Chronicler	Please continue to send pictures and articles, May 9th as a publish date.
Exchequer	The yearly report is done, the current balance is \$6895.56. Will be working on the quarterly report.
Minister of A&S	Not present
Chatelaine	Nothing really new, we have a new authorized fencer, and got 500 business cards.
Captain of Thrown Weapons	Not present
Captain of Rapier	We are loaning out gear to whoever needs it. We were donated a loaner sword. And practice continues every Tuesday.
Minister of Youth	Office currently vacant.
Minister of Youth Combat	Working on getting her marshalate.
Webminister	Not a whole lot going on the website, putting a form up for award recommendations and for the list of events.
Captain of Archers	Practice was too muddy today so I'm hoping to have practice on the 22nd of this month.

Upcoming Events & Demos

- Melee Madness, Josh and Mary Knight submitted at bid, will be Melee Madness/Investiture, May 9th through 11th, Sean will release the fencing schedule in March. Would like as much regalia out as possible.
- Ivy and Jill would like to put together a Day of Champions, still looking for a space and start working on your Arts and Sciences. Will be having the event at Cassie's house on June 1st. Put a proposal for the cost of a port-a-john, \$275.00, the motion was made by Nora, seconded by Jason, motion passed.
- Pride Parade Demo, no weapons, handing out flags, candy and business cards. Scheduled for June 22nd, from 11 am to 4 pm

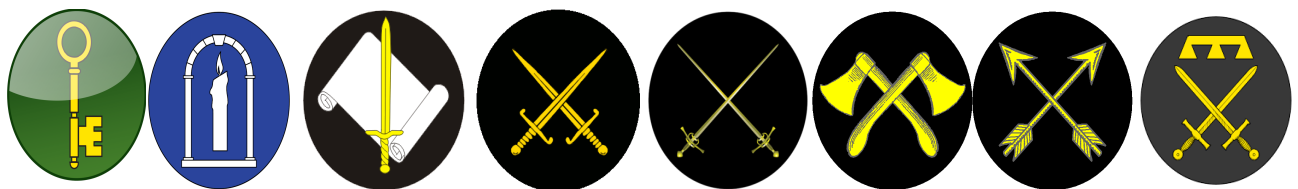
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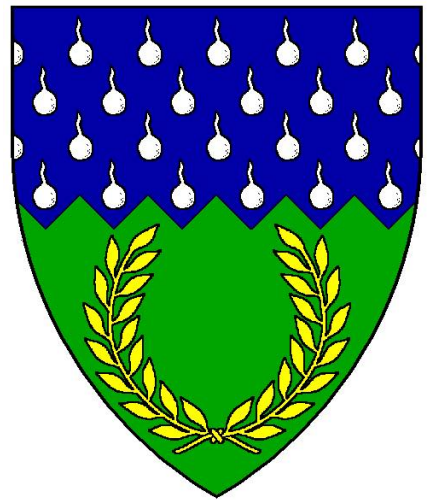
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- Making A&S packets for the pre-teens. If anyone has anything please try and donate.
- Cook's Guild, third Thursday of each month, April is Eastern European/Russian.
- Is there a possibility of the barony purchasing two light fencing blades, there \$49.00 each.
- Lady Birna Hakadottir came in second place at the Ice Dragon pentathlon.

Meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.



A Look at our Barony of Endless Hills Picture Page



Closing Chronicler Remarks

Hello Endless Hills from your chronicler Lady Matilda!

Happy May. Hope all is well with you and your SCA journey this year is turning out to be the best one yet. If you haven't accomplished your goals yet, no worries. You most definitely have time.

A moment I would like to share with you for this edition involves something we want to do, but most never get the time too.

Nominating Friends for Awards

I personally have not been able to nominate as much as I would like too. The time and effort to find the form necessary to make that recommendation is a lot. On top of determining what each award is known for and if said person is worthy of it or not.

Luckily, with the help of our webminster Lady Birna (as stated above), the barony has an award recommendation form now. Hopefully this clears up any confusion, or stressful times worrying about the process of recommendation. Because it is super duper trooper important to nominate your friends for not only baronial awards, but especially kingdom awards! Efforts need to be made known. Hard working individuals deserve to be recognized for. If they don't appreciate being the center of attention, other revenues are a possibility for them.

I for sure wish I could create a recommendation form for my personal life. Getting recognized for the efforts I do at my workplace would be nice.

But at least we have the SCA to escape too. Thanks to all who helped me escape!



Upcoming Events of the Barony

Endless Hills Day of Tournaments- June 1st, 2025

The Seven Pearls event quickly approaches and Baroness Revna and I find ourselves in need of those worthy individuals to represent our talented populace! To find these nobles, we would have the Barony come together on June 1st, 2025, 105 Lake Catalpa Rd, Dallas 18612 for a Day of Tournaments! Champions in all activities will be chosen!

We would like to start the day off at 9am and run until we finish all the tournaments. We would begin the day with Thrown weapons and archery. We would have A&s set up and pickups for heavy and fencing during this time. We would then move onto judging A&S, followed by Fencing then Bardic, then Heavy.

This is an **open potluck** so please bring items with ingredients listed to share.

We would also recommend bringing **seating and potentially dayshades** if desired.

We will be **passing the hat** to offset the cost of the rental of the portajohn.

Please reach out to Kolfinna with any questions.

Schedule-

9 AM Site Opens, A&S Set Up/Inspections and Pickups for Heavy & Fencing Begin

10 AM Thrown Weapons & Archery Tournaments Begin

11 AM Judging for A&S

12 PM Break for Lunch

1 PM Fencing Tournament Begins

2 PM Bardic Competition

3 PM Heavy Tournament Begins

5 PM Winners announced in Baronial Court

*tentative schedule, times can change on the day of tournaments

Endless Hills Participates in a Demo @ Pride Parade- Sunday June 22nd, 2025

Join the Barony on Sunday June 22nd for Wilkes Barre's Pride Parade. No weapons will be admitted during the parade. Spreading cheer with members of the Barony to the people of Wilkes Barre. Handing out flags, business cards, and especially candy!

Address for Muster: to be determined..

Muster starts: 11 AM

Parade begins: 12 PM

Parade ends: 4 PM

Autocrats for the demo: Baroness Kolfinna Jodisardottir



Baronial Practices & Locations

Upcoming Events

- Day of Champions
 - Sunday June 1st at 9 am
- Pride Parade
 - Sunday June 22nd at 11 am till 4 pm

Upcoming Meetings

- Barony Meeting
 - Sunday May 25th
 - On Google Meet, at 7:30 pm
 - Sunday June 22nd
 - On Google Meet, at 7:30 pm

Practices/Meetings

- Heavy Weapons Practice (Summer practice)
 - Every Monday evening at 6:30-8:30pm
Marion Street Park
300 Marion Street
Old Forge, PA 18518
- Rapier Practice
 - Every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm
Ovation Playhouse
75 Stark St
Hudson PA 18705, 2nd floor
- Medieval Club
 - Practice Times will be announced on Facebook
Johnson College Gym
3427 N Main Ave
Scranton PA 18508

Guild Meetings

- Cooks Guild
 - Locations will be announced
on the baronial Facebook group for each meeting



Heavy Practice Location in Old Forge,PA



Rapier Practice Location in Hudson,PA

If you have anything you would like to share with the rest of the Barony, please forward it to me at chronicler@endlesshills.aethelmearc.org. Any articles, poems, thoughts, feelings, projects are welcomed! Fellow members of the barony who are receiving an award, please forward to me! Your input is always appreciated and will be added. Any critiques and/or suggestions are also appreciated. Please send to the baronial chronicler email at chronicler@endlesshills.aethelmearc.org. Thanks!

Notes- A.B. XXVII meaning "Anno baronia, 27" - Endless Hills turns 27 in the year 2025.