



Oldentales

The Barony of Oldenfeld's Official Newsletter

Third Quarter of 2022

Seneschal's Message

Greetings to the Populace of Oldenfeld,

Many of you know me, but a few may not. So first a brief introduction. I am HL Kolbrandr Haukr. My family and I joined the SCA in 2015 courtesy of the efforts of HL Augustine Winter. I had known Augustine from our many years in Tae Kwon Do together. When Augustine learned of our family's interest in Archery, he helped get us plugged in to the regular practices at Master Octavio's place. When we showed up at our first Archery practice, we were dressed in "garb" (or our best attempt at garb given we were newcomers), in which we learned garb was not necessary for practices. Never-the-less, we had an enjoyable time, were grateful for the hospitality, and we began attending practices regularly. After a few sessions, we bought bows and arrows for the entire family. Our first event was Lion's Tournament in 2015, in which I participated in a Leatherworking class that Augustine was teaching, and that launched my interest in leatherworking, which I continue doing to this day. So if you need someone to blame for the populace being stuck with me, look no further than HL Augustine.

As we return to in-person events in this environment of Covid-19, things have changed drastically from what was considered "normal" operations. One of these most noticeable impacts has been the loss of our ability to utilize our prior indoor locations for the regular business meetings. During the height of the isolation measures, the Barony began having online meetings instead of in-person meetings. While this does provide some convenience by being able to connect from all corners of the Knowne World, it is also admittedly less personal. But it served a purpose and can still play a role in future Baronial Business meetings. But it will not be the only mechanism for conducting meetings.

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In discussions with Their Excellencies, we've decided we would like to have in-person meetings again to try to renew our sense of community within the Barony after the 2-year break courtesy of the 21st Century Plague. So, we are exploring strategies and attempting some different approaches to achieve this. One of those strategies is to start having in-person meetings on the weekends (in which the date may change depending on the Kingdom Event schedule), while having a regularly scheduled online meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month.

For our first round of trying this approach, we are opting to meet at Tom Brown Park on Sundays for the in-person meeting and opting to hold it at the same time as the regular fighter practices. I'm speaking for myself here, but in my mind, the reason for this is three-fold:

1. Leverage an existing and regularly reoccurring member activity to encourage interest and engagement in the critical operations that help allow our Barony to continue to exist,
2. Create an environment and opportunity to encourage non-fighters to come out, hang out, and engage in SCA-related revelry and activities, and help renew our sense of community within the Barony,
3. Increase our visibility in a public area in Tallahassee for recruitment opportunities.

The Barony has lost its ability to hold fighter practices on college campuses, which as I understand it, gave us regular and repeated visibility to the younger college students who are more inclined to be interested in hitting, and being hit by, sticks in armor. While fighting is an important element of our Society, it is not the only thing by any stretch of the imagination. I personally have zero interest in participating in heavy fighting myself, but I respect it. I've known about the SCA since I was in college. I remember seeing the local SCA group in Tennessee fighting on campus. But I thought SCA was ONLY about heavy fighting, and that held no appeal to me. It wasn't until 6 years ago that I decided to investigate it more after no small amount of prompting from Augustine, who opened my eyes to other aspects of what the SCA is about. And it has changed my life for the better. Had I known at the time what else the SCA had to offer, I would have probably joined it 25 years ago. While I don't have an interest in heavy fighting, I have managed to piece together a kit for Combat Archery and participated in battles at Panhandle Skirmishes right before Covid-19 shut down everything. And it was a blast. I look forward to doing it more. But I digress.

It is my hope that if we can start having a more visible presence, with some regular frequency in a public area, it may help recruitment efforts. I would like to see us start meeting with each other regularly in progressively larger numbers, building interest within the Barony to begin gathering as a united group engaging in a type of revel atmosphere. I envision that we eventually start having larger gatherings at the park in garb, with banners flying, music playing, dancers dancing, fighters fighting, and artists working their crafts. I think this could start drawing attention from passers-by and we can stick some signs in the ground that say something like "Come ask us about the SCA". This way people don't feel like they are intruding upon our activities if they come by to ask questions and maybe we can start getting people interested in what we do. If we, as a Barony, can start showing all we have to offer for both fighters and non-fighters, we can start attracting new members and start sharing The Dream to more people. This is my hope, but it takes a group effort to make it happen. I hope you join us in this endeavor.

Yours in Service,

HL Kolbrandr Hauk

Seneschal



Figure 1- Photo courtesy of Greg Hall





Upcoming Events:

Trimaris Officer's Day

August 20th

9 am – 5 pm

A FREE Virtual Event for Current Officers, Future Officers & Everyone Curious

Oldenfeld's Curia

August 27th

Tallahassee Bible Church

4830 Bradfordville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32309

Starhaven's Summer Symposium

August 27th

Franklin T. DeGrood Public Library

6475 Minton Road, Palm Bay FL 32908

Trimaris Fall Coronation

September 2nd – 4th

Camp Challenge

Pluck Yew

October 15th

Wakulla Community Center

Online Registration is open / [Epay Registration](#) & encouraged to reserve for the events.

Please check out the Kingdom's website for further information:

[Trimaris Calendar of Events](#)

Business Meeting Information

As discussed in the "Message from the Seneschal " portion of the newsletter, our regularly scheduled business meetings will be held online the 3rd Thursday of each month. The link for the 3rd Thursday online meetings will be: meet.google.com/apa-eoro-rqm and meeting dates are posted on the Barony of Oldenfeld and Oldenfeld Populace Facebook pages.

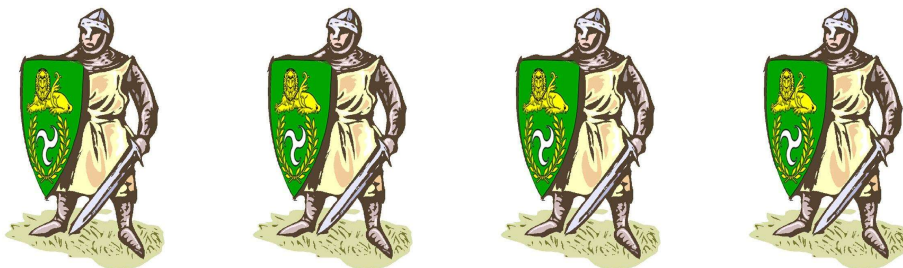
The in-person meetings are scheduled on a floating date basis depending upon events occurring around the Kingdom, and those will be discussed at the regularly reoccurring online meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month. It is our intent to have one in-person gathering a month, but that may not always be possible. But these dates will be determined at least 1 month in advance of the in-person meeting.

Fighter Practice Information

Due to the on-going pandemic, the Oldenfeld Fighter Practice must follow SCA, state and local guidelines for social distancing and gathering limits.

There are several YouTube channels available for your viewing pleasure. There is an ongoing 100 Day Pell Challenge which can be achieved in your own home. If interested, please feel free to contact our Seneschal for any requested details.

Fighter practices have resumed at Tom Brown Park, near the dog park at noon on Sundays.



Baronial Officers

Baron:	Baron Ardien Dochesefford known as the Irontower
Baroness:	Baroness Lisa Dochesefford
Seneschal:	THL Kolbrandr Haukr
Exchequer:	Lord Bastion of Oldenfeld (looking for Deputy)
Herald:	Aine of Oldenfeld
Minister of Arts and Science:	THL Augustine Winter
Heavy Weapons Marshal:	- vacant -
Rapier Marshal:	THL Nicolo di Leone (end of term, looking for Deputy)
Chatelaine:	THL Elizabeth Na Darach
Baronial Ranger:	(end of term and currently serving as Seneschal, Must be a certified Archery Marshal)
Chronicler:	Mistress Marie le Mains, OP (end of term, looking for Deputy)
Historian:	- vacant -
Chamberlain:	- vacant -
Constable:	THL William Ulf
Minister of Children:	Lady Anneke the Small
Web Minister:	Mistress Philomena Wensley, OP (end of term, looking for Deputy)

Please see our website: <http://www.oldenfeld.org> for more information.



Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

