

The Flamberge



Official Newsletter
of the
**BARONY OF THE
FLAME**



Happy Midsummer, Flame!

Greetings and happy midsummer to all good gentles of the Flame! I am Lady Marthe, and I am your new Chronicler. I have been a member of our barony for three years, and am delighted to take on the mantle of sharing and recording all we do--and I thank you in advance for your grace as I find my way in this office.

The event season is in full swing, and the barony made a strong start to the summer with our demo in partnership with Northeast Regional Library. Our wonderful Chatelaine Thieffane lead the charge, and the barony showed up in force to show over 350 of the youth of Louisville--and their parents!--what it is we do. The weather was beautiful, and the youth enjoyed all kinds of activities from writing in calligraphy, to working a loom, to putting Sir Jaime in his place with sword. I know I speak for all of the officers when I say I was incredibly proud to be part of this fine group that day, as all present showed off the virtues our barony is known for.

I look forward to feeling that same pride this weekend at Simple Day, when several members of our barony are called before the crown. I hope to see many of you there as well! Incendo!

Lady Marthe Avery

Upcoming Events

A Simple Day in
the Country -
July 3-5

Push for Pennsic
- July 11

Stuff and
Nonsense and
Business
Meeting - July 18

Pennsic War LIII
July 24-August 9



Weekly Practices

Fighting - Monday 7pm

Choir - Monday 7pm
(Tuesday practice
will resume August
18)

Dance - 2nd & 4th
Tuesday, 7pm

Newcomer's Corner

SCA Titles and Their Meanings - Part One of Three

By: Roberto José Alfonso Cayetano de San Fernando Toledo Ruiz y Escalante

(Editorial additions by Thieffane de Garmeaulx)

SCA terminology can be very overwhelming. Our very own Sir Roberto has helpfully compiled a brief introduction to some of the most widely-used officer titles. Every one of the officer titles shown here is in use in the Barony of the Flame. Learning who currently fills each role can help a newcomer learn who to ask for help. Additionally, since the SCA is a volunteer-run organization, and our mundane lives often take a lot of our time and energy, most officers will take on one or more "deputies" to help out and who can learn what it takes to keep the organization running. If you're interested in increasing your participation within the Barony, keep an ear out at business meetings to find out who might be in need of a deputy, whether that's on a long-term basis or just for a short-term project. You may also find that some officers are ready to step down and hand off their duties to someone else.

- Baron/Baroness - His Excellency Casimir von Dansk and Her Excellency Astridr Asastrirr
 - The Crown's representative in a Barony
 - Sworn to the Crown to foster, defend, and uphold the laws and traditions of the Midrealm in a specific geographic region
 - Responsible for Baronial awards, leadership of the Barony, and ceremonial leaders of the area
 - Seneschal - Sir Roberto José Alfonso Cayetano de San Fernando Toledo Ruiz y Escalante
 - Similar to the Group President of a hobby group
 - Responsible for managing the administration of their group and its officers
 - Helps design and implement rules and policy which govern the group
 - Required position for any group, region, or kingdom
 - Exchequer - Lady Katrina of York
 - Similar to Group Treasurer
 - Responsible for the group's financial matters: bank accounts, funding activities, and budget administration
 - Required position for every group, barony, region, and kingdom
 - Knight's Marshal - Sir Jaime von Atzinger
 - Similar to a Group's Safety Officer
 - Responsible for the safety of all fighters, the management and maintenance of armored combat loaner armor/weapons
 - Works specifically with armored combat
 - Minister of Arts and Sciences - THL Gemma Borgia
 - Similar to a Group's Creative Arts Director
 - Responsible for the administration of arts and sciences in a group
 - Highlights classes, projects, etc.
 - Herald - Camilla de la Reynarde
 - Provides heraldic consultation for names and devices
 - Performs heraldry duties at events (announcements throughout the day, during court, etc)
 - Chronicler - Lady Marthe Averye
 - Records and maintains records of meeting minutes
 - Compiles and publishes the group newsletter
 - Chatelaine - Thieffane de Garmeaulx
 - Similar to a Group's Retention and Recruitment Officer
 - Leads group efforts to recruit and retain new members
 - Coordinates with other offices/people for newcomer guidance
 - Additional Officers
 - Web Minister (Alyna of Pinehill): Maintains the group's Online Presence
 - Archery Captain (Baron Casimir von Dansk): Directs archery activities
 - Social Media Officer (Raziya al Zarqa'): Maintains group's social media presence
 - Marshal of Fence (Camilla de la Reynarde): Responsible for safety and loaner equipment of rapier activities
 - Youth Combat Marshal (Sigmund Kittel): Oversees youth combat activities
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50 Years of the Dream



Is someone doing something you think is amazing? Send a note to shout them out here, so everyone can know all the great things happening in Flame!

This year, our beloved Mistress Bianca celebrated her fiftieth year in the SCA! We are so grateful to have her experience and skill in our barony, and hope for many more anniversaries to celebrate together.

"The first photo is from May, 1976, my husband Bill and myself wearing our first garb. Yes, my dress fabric is polyester, but the purple pouch is leather, and Bill made his leather shoes. The second photo is current SCA, taken at the Bardic event in our Barony in November."

A New Laurel for Flame



When I first joined the ranks of the barony, I was told early on "you can't swing a basket around here without hitting a peer." True to that reputation, Flame is adding another.

At the Tournament of the Arts last month, our Minister of Arts and Sciences, Gemma Borgia, was put on vigil for the Order of the Laurel, the highest arts award it is possible to receive. Her elevation will take place at Mounted War Games Labor Day Weekend, and she invites any of the barony who can be present to process into court with her and help her celebrate! Our deepest congratulations for an honor richly deserved.

From the Seneschal's Pen

From the Seneschal of the Flame to our newest Vigilant:

The Barony of the Flame is known far and wide across the Midrealm for its diverse arts. Indeed, the artisans of the Flame have gained widespread renown and recognition for their various works and crafts, from our esteemed Flamma Chorum, to costuming, bardic, research, Norse wire weaving, to our array of calligraphers and illuminators, cooking, metal and leatherworking, and beyond. Frankly, to sit and recount the artistic achievements of this Barony would take another age. Among the Midrealm does stand a wide array of the populace that has been witness to, or has benefited from, the artisans of the Flame.

Newest among those will be our vigilant, Gemma Borgia. She adds yet another jewel to the resplendent, blazing presence that is our Barony. And fiery it is, as her works of pottery are not complete until they meet the kiln. Yet we see even before that final process the majestic art that her pottery is, and we see the number of cultures and styles shown in her varied collection of accumulated works.

She was formed in Caid, thrown to us in the Midrealm, and finalized her tempering process with expert care. The glaze came with the final touch, her Laurel Mistress Helewyse de Birkestad begging the boon at the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire this past May.

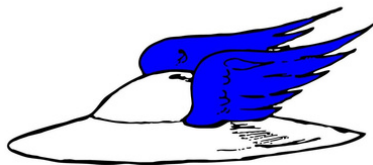
Now, time to sit and cool, and think upon the counsel she will receive, lest she crack upon her continued service after her most worthy elevation at Mounted War Games this coming September. Yet, dear reader, worry not, for quality works rarely falter, and I have not a shadow of a doubt in my mind that Gemma will serve this Kingdom with skill, increase her noble arts, and let her shining smile illuminate the path for many an aspirant in our Barony's future.

This is a most noble and righteous thing, and I am overjoyed to soon see Gemma become part of our kingdom's Order of the Laurel. On behalf of The Flame, I hope for and await her future successes. Congratulations, Gemma. We are all exceedingly proud of you.

Sincere Regards,

Don Roberto Jose Alfonso Cayetano de San Fernando Toledo Ruiz y Escalante
Seneschal of the Barony of the Flame

Help Wanted



Social Media Deputy

A Social Media Deputy is responsible for assisting the Social Media Officer in their various duties, including social media moderation and content creation. Experience in Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube is a plus! Please speak with the current SMO, Raziya, for more information.



Herald for Christmas Tourney

We are in search of a dedicated voice herald for our annual kingdom event! You would need to be available throughout the day to make announcements to the event goers at large. Please speak with the current Herald, Camilla, for more information.

What are you up to?

What are you working on? Are you making a cool project?

Researching something unbelievable? Did you find an amazing new hack to help your footwork while fencing? We want to hear about it! Send

information and/or photos to chronicler@baronyoftheflame.org and share your latest rabbit hole!

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