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The Barony of Atenveldt

*Non quaere quid baronia tua facere tua causa potest;
Quaere quid baroniae tuae causa facere potes.*

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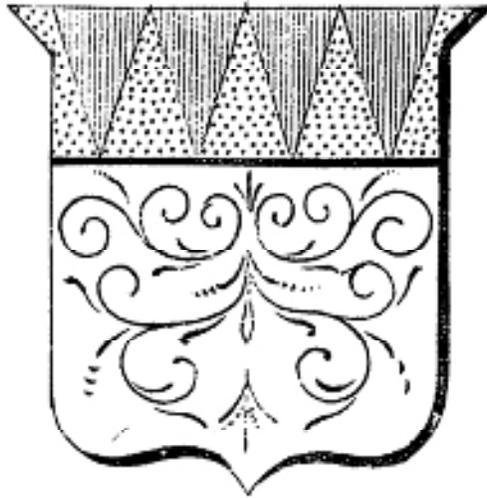
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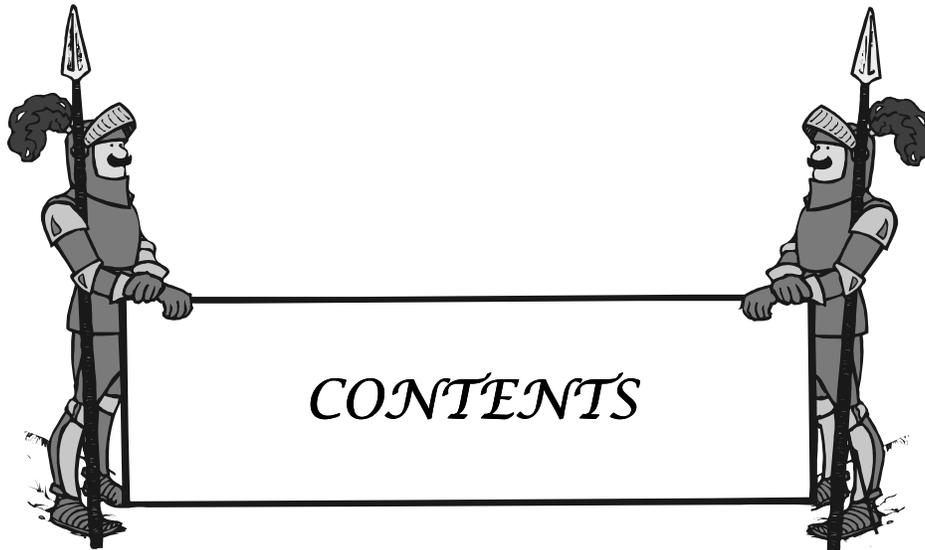
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*GREETINGS FROM
BARON OTTO AND
BARONESSA LISABETTA*



Unto the Populace of this “The Grand Barony of Atenveldt” doth Baron Otto and Baronessa Lisabetta send warm greetings and well wishes.

We hope you all had a happy and safe Holiday.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lady Arianna for planning a spectacular Yule. The Potluck was much fun and we so enjoyed serving the populace! A most Enjoyable event with a Delightful food and fun!! Huzzah!!

We would also like to thank Lady Elena for organizing and running the fundraiser for the light fund, also know as Sole dela Nottte. Lord Conrad was the victor. Huzzah!!

The Siege Engines are almost complete and that can mean only one thing, WAR is upon us!! ESTRELLA WAR beckons! We are calling all Hard suit fighters, Rapier fighter, Archers, and Artisans now is the time to prepare for War!! Come and support your Kingdom.

Please join us on Wednesday evening on the battlefield for the Siege Against Cancer Greek Firefight. The barony is sponsoring a Siege Tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society. Please bring your checks made out to “The American Cancer Society” to the field and enjoy this grand spectacle with us. For additional information please see Lady Arianna or Baronessa Lisabetta.

More Estrella War information can be found on the Estrellawar.org website

Remember there are more War Practices in January, War Practice in the Shire of Granholme, Tir Ysgithr, more information on these events can be found in this edition of the Palm Prints. We look forward to seeing you at these fine events.

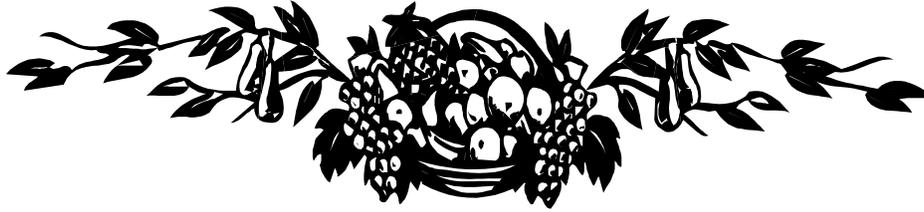
In closing, a few final thoughts:
Have Fun!
Take care of each other.
Spend a few moments to meet someone new.
And, remember why you got into the SCA ~ enjoy yourself~

We remain in service to this “The Grand Barony of Atenveldt”

Otto
Baron

Lisabetta
Baronessa



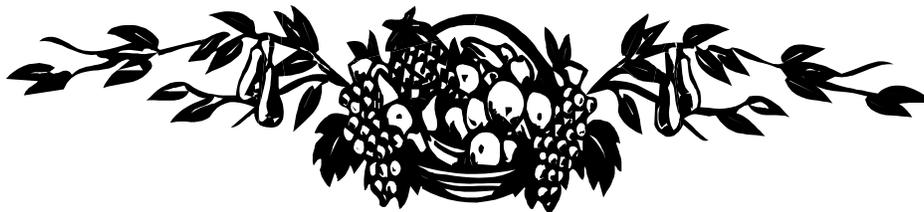


Greetings...

From her Excellency's Gift Basket Coordinator,

I am in search of this great Barony's treasures, so that I may fill our baskets and show the world how generous we can be. I, for one, am proud to have the fruits of my labors presented at court and I can only hope you would be too. I need items to fill baskets for Coronations and Baronial stepping up & down. Please contact me with any ideas or donations you have. Chronicler@www.baronyofatenveldt.org or 602.235.0942

In Service,
Lady Kirsten Maria Matz



BARDIC CIRCLE

Bardic circle is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 8-9 PM at Encanto Park. All performers AND audience members are invited, and there is no pressure on anyone to perform.

I am very pleased to announce that the February 2009 bardic circle will be held at ESTRELLA WAR in the Atenveldt College of Bards encampment. The circle will start at 8 PM and will run until whenever. The circle will be family-friendly until 10 PM- after that, parental discretion advised.



*From the Baronial
Lead Scribe & Herald*



**Scriptoriums, Heraldry Consultations,
Sewing Workshops and More!!!**

Schedule of Classes through February:
(please note that this schedule is subject to change)

January 9th:

Scriptorium- Romanesque Illumination
Sewing- War Garb
[Heraldry Consultations](#)

January 23rd:

Scriptorium- Early Gothic Calligraphy
Sewing- War Garb

February 20th: (in replace of the 2nd Friday of Feb. due to conflicts with Estrella War)

Scriptorium- Gold, Gold and other Metals in Illumination

February 27th:

Scriptorium- Painting Flowers and Leaves

In Other Bardic News...

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The Atenveldt College of Bards will be hosting a Bardic Encampment at Estrella. Interested people should contact Lord Brian Ambrose O'Driscoll either in person or at wuuga@yahoo.com with the number of people and tent sizes before December 31st.

On Thursday night at the Estrella War, there will be a bardic Competition in the Atenveldt College of Bards encampment. Judging will be by the Dean, Lord Brian Ambrose O'Driscoll and the subject will be Lyrical Stories. Contact him for details.

The Atenveldt College of Bards is planning to put together a Bardic Book to offer out to bards at Estrella. For this, we need information to **PUT** in it. Holding a bardic class? Hosting a Bardic Competition? Just have a fire that always welcomes Bards to wander in an entertain your encampment? Please get in touch with Lord Brian Ambrose O'Driscoll and let him know! He can also be contacted at wuuga@yahoo.com

Lord Brian Ambrose O'Driscoll

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**Please fill free to
submit your
own news
for this section.**

BARONIAL WANT ADS



Chancellor of the Youth (Open until Filled)

The young are the future of the SCA but without activities to provide them diversions at events they will have no desire to continue in the SCA. To that end the Barony is seeking a Chancellor of the Youth. The office is responsible for coordinating youth activities and ensuring compliance of the youths and their guardians with Society policies in coordination with the Seneschal staff at events. The job is what you would make of it and benefits from a large selection of deputies. As part of the ongoing improvements in the Society youth activity programs volunteer can expect a background check to be conducted by the SCA. Please contact the Seneschal for specific details of the background check program and what the background check would involve if this causes any concern.

If you are interested in the Office as the Chancellor or as a deputy please contact the Seneschal and their Excellencies with a letter of intent detailing your experience and the role you wish to assume.

Chirurgion (Open until February 1)

Taken from the Chirurgion's Handbook:

The Chirurgionate is the volunteer first-aid organization of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., a non-profit educational organization devoted to the study of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. It is part of the "living history" movement, where members try to reproduce various aspects of the culture and technology of their period, as well as pursuing more traditional historical research. The SCA sponsors events such as medieval tournaments and feasts, where members dress in Medieval and Renaissance styles, and participate in activities based on the civil and martial arts of the Middle Ages.

We use the medieval term "Chirurgion" instead of "first aider," "first responder," or "medic" in our efforts to maintain a medieval atmosphere at SCA events. We also use the Medieval blood-letting device, the fleam, as the symbol of the Chirurgionate instead of the modern red short-armed cross whose use is restricted by international treaty to organizations affiliated with the International Red Cross and the military.

The members of the Chirurgionate include Red Cross-trained first aiders, medical doctors, military medical corpsmen, nurses, paramedics, St. John's and St. Andrew's ambulance volunteers, and many other medical volunteers and professionals. We come from all walks of life and from many countries around the globe. We are united as members of the Chirurgionate for one purpose: to provide first aid at SCA events.





The members of the Chirurgeonate provide first aid on a volunteer basis at SCA events. First aid performed in the SCA is Good Samaritan in nature, and is provided to anyone who asks at no cost to the recipient. This has been our tradition ever since Bjo of Griffin, arguably the first-known Chirurgeon, started bringing her first-aid kit to SCA events, back in the days when there was but a single Kingdom.

If you are interested in the Office as the Chirurgeon or as a deputy please contact the Seneschal and their Excellencies with a letter of intent detailing your experience and the role you wish to assume.

Holding



our Barony together...



one step at a time.

See an officer today to see how you can help.



SCA Myths & Absurdities

by Bannthegn Alíanora da Lyshåret, O.L.

Key to symbols:

- = Traced to probable renaissance faire origin
- = Personal pet peeve
- = Particularly tenacious
- ▲ = Traced to Adrian Empire and/or other such group
- = If anyone gives you trouble about this one...Send them to me!

As War time approaches, here are some Estrella War myths, old and new:

War Stories

- **The Estrella War is the Largest SCA Event.**

It's the 2nd largest event. Pennsic War, held in the summer in Pennsylvania is the largest.

- **Estrella War is the Oldest SCA War.**

Once again, Estrella comes in second to Pennsic.

- **Estrella War is 22 years old.**

Though the event was associated with Estrella Park 25 years ago this February, the event is years older. The idea of a "Western" War began with a multi-Kingdom face off at Estrella Park in 1977, which was called the "Estrella Invitational". The February "Presidents Day" War began in 1977 at Burro Creek, AZ as an event sponsored by the Barony of Atenveldt. The event was held at Burro Creek for a few years, and subsequently at a site in Bouse, AZ, finally landing at Estrella Park in 1984. Sometime after this, the event became an event sponsored by the Kingdom of Atenveldt. The War moved to Schnepf Farms for 3 years, and then back to Estrella Park for Estrella 18. We've held the event at Canyon Moon Ranch in Florence, AZ since 2007.

- **Marshallate rules for a tournament don't apply "at a War."** ♡ Answered by Duke Arthur of Lockhaven: "Some people believe you can (just for an example) grab a spear away from a guy "at a war" but you can't do it "at a tournament." (Or "tackle the guy" or many other things.) True, some rules apply in wars that don't in a tournament (siege engines would be an easy example) but the same rules of the lists (Behave in a chivalrous manner etc.) apply in all SCA combat wherever it may be. Many people think a "war" is a free-for-all where anything goes!" (Note: Send them to Duke Arthur or Viscount Ivan du Grae.)

- **You have to be a Baron or Royal Peer – or – You have to be a Peer to be an Estrella War Steward ("autocrat").**

I was a Steward of Estrella XXI, and was not a peer when appointed. One of my Co-Stewards was neither a baron nor a peer when appointed. The Stewards for Estrella War XXII were both peers but neither was a baron or royal peer.

Running the Event is a huge job that requires leadership abilities, knowledge and experience both in Atenveldt and the SCA in general, and in running the event. The people who meet these requirements are likely to hold peerages, baronies, etc., but it isn't any kind of requirement.

- **You automatically get a Pelican if you "autocrat" Estrella War.**

Not at all true. In fact, there has historically been some hostility towards the War and its Staff among a vocal minority of Aten Pelicans.

- **Estrella War Autocrats get a big salary.**

HYSTERICAL LAUGHTER! The only "perk" War Staff receive is an optional waiver of the site fee of which many don't even take advantage. Other than that, a nice "thanks you" and maybe the Star of the Desert is as far as "payment" goes.

- **You can't be part of the Estrella War Staff unless you are a member of the "Old Boys Club" and/or friend of the Crown ♡ ♡**

I was Co-"Autocrat" of Estrella War XXI (2004) having been none of the above (Well-- I confess to becoming fond of Kings and Queens with whom I worked on 3 Estrella Wars, but we aren't close friends.) Recent personal experience gives me a unique position from which to address this myth. With no previous experience on the Estrella War Staff, I took on the position of Executive Assistant for Estrella War XIX (2001). I was no part of any

“old boys club”, but did have a track record proving my ability to perform that particular job. I can attest that throughout that time, anyone willing to volunteer to help with the event was always welcomed with open arms.

The Estrella War is a very large event, attracting up to 7,000 or more people from all over the world. It involves huge amounts of money, interactions with government agencies, municipalities, and the news media. There are complicated real world, legal, regulatory and public relations issues, and SCA political and public relations issues as well. The Managers (Stewards/“Autocrats”) and department heads of this event have immense responsibilities requiring leadership and organizational talents along with experience and understanding of the event itself. Further, the War Officers must have the freedom and willingness to take on what can become almost a full-time job. The responsibilities of Estrella War Managers and Department heads are too great to be trusted to just anybody.

Why is this particular myth so common? Estrella War Autocrats and Department Managers are sometimes perceived as having high status, and these positions are mistakenly assumed by many to be a big boost towards a peerage. Some of those who spread this myth the most enthusiastically have unsuccessfully applied for Steward or Department Head positions in the past.

- **Only the “good ol’ boys” (Or- royalty, peers, War staff, etc.) can rent rooms at Estrella.**

Mr. Harry Luge, owner of Canyon Moon Ranch (Current site of the event), has purchased a number of disused dormitory rooms and mobile homes. He rents these accommodations out on a first come, first served basis. Mr. Luge doesn’t give a hang about SCA rank or “club” membership.

- **The Autocrats (Or Crown, Seneschal, etc.) refused to institute a lottery for fair access to hotel rooms at War. OR—The site owner is in violation of the law because those rooms are only for the disabled.**

No SCA officers have ANY say as to the distribution of these accommodations. They are the property of the site owner. He has the right to rent to whomever he pleases, and there is no law requiring him to rent to any particular class of people.

Mr. Luge offers right of first refusal to those who have rented from him in the past. Mr. Luge is adding rooms and mobile homes each year. If you want a room, contact the site owner through Canyon Moon Ranch (See <http://www.estrellawar.org/ESTRELLAWAR.aspx>) and inquire. Mr. Luge does maintain a waiting list, and there are often openings.

- **The Barony of Sundragon controls the Estrella War, and its Staff.**

Estrella Mountain Park was the site for most Estrella Wars and it is located within the Barony of Sundragon. Because of both proximity and a Baronial culture emphasizing service, Sundragons have historically made up a large proportion of the War Staff. Sundragon does not control the event, nor does the Barony have any wish to restrict anyone from serving on its staff.

- **You have to live in Metro Phoenix to be an Estrella War Officer.**

It depends on the position, and many of the Department Heads need to be at least Arizona residents because proximity is important to getting the job done. However, a number of Estrella Officer positions have been filled with distinction by gentles from other branches and outside the kingdom.

- **The War Staff doesn’t pay any attention to complaints or suggestions.**

What this usually really means is that the War Staff didn’t act as the complainant wished upon a particular suggestion or complaint. The War Stewards actively solicit commentary, every single one is read and all those lacking obscenity and urges to perform anatomically impossible acts receive a response. Most are reasonable suggestions, but unworkable for the event for reasons of which the correspondent was unaware. Many are very good suggestions that have previously been tried. A few are excellent suggestions, which the Staff for the next event will implement.

- **The War Autocrats do a lousy job.**

If you think you could do better, submit a letter of intent for the next event. If you aren’t willing to do so, stop grouching. If you don’t understand the reason for a policy or procedure, ask the stewards about it! They will be happy to answer your questions.

- **If you serve on the War Staff, you’ll be sued.**

It’s possible, but unlikely. I received a number of threats of tort litigation (4 of them from one person.) over 3 years, but so far, nobody has actually filed suit. You can be sued as an officer of the Corporation. But- the “Corporate Veil” protects SCA Officers so long as they are not negligent, malfeasant or malicious. The Corporate insurance policy covers SCA Officers for their actions while in office. If you are conscientious and act in good faith, you shouldn’t have anything to worry about while serving in any SCA office.

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ESTRELLA WAR XXV

February 9-16, 2009

Kingdom of Atenveldt

Populace of the Knowne World, Pray Heed! The Kingdom of Atenveldt joins the Principal Kingdoms of Caid and the Outlands, in inviting you to attend Estrella War XXV (www.estrellawar.org) to be held Feb 9-16, 2009 at Canyon Moon Ranch in Florence, AZ. Come join over 7,000 participants from our Current Middle Ages as the Kingdoms of Atenveldt and the Outlands engage in Noble Combat with the Kingdoms of Caid and The Knowne World for eight days of Medieval Glory, Honor and Chivalry in the Warm Desert Sun!

Things To Do: There's so much going on at Estrella War XXV, we couldn't possibly explain it all in one newsletter article. Whether your interest is pageantry, Heavy Combat, Rapier or Youth Combat, Arts & Sciences showcases and competitions, attending Collegium classes, getting your name and device submitted at Herald's Point, a visit to the Period Encampment, Equestrian activities, shopping at Merchant's Row (over 150 merchants!), or simply visiting with friends -- there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy at Estrella War XXV! See the **Places To Know, Activities, and Schedules** sections of the website for more detail about what is planned for the event.

Site: Canyon Moon Ranch is located at 20585 Price Station Rd. Florence, AZ 85232. If you are pre-registered for Monday admission, site opens at 8:00 AM, Mon, Feb 9, 2009. If you wish to pay General Admission when you arrive, site opens at 12:00 Noon, Tues, Feb 10, 2009. Site closes Noon, Mon, Feb 16, 2009. The **Site Rules** page of www.estrellawar.org provides important guidelines for camping, camp fires, grey water, litter, alcohol restrictions, pets, driving/parking, noise curfews, off limit areas, restrictions for Commercial/Documentary filming, and use of FRS radios by attendees. For more information on site layout, including maps showing camping areas assigned for the Principal Kingdoms, see the **Event Site Maps** page of the website.

Onsite services include shower trucks, ATMs on Merchants Row, Food Court, and the Canyon Ranch General Store selling a variety of important convenience items (ice, sunscreen, etc.) and fire pit rentals. A full list of offsite services (hotels, airport transportation, grocery stores and restaurants), and nearby medical facilities and pharmacies is available on the website.

Estrella War XXV camp curfews require that minors 12 and under must be in their own camp or escorted by an adult from 10 PM to 5 AM, and minors 13 to 17 years old must be in their own camp or escorted by an adult from 11 PM to 5 AM. Parents and temporary guardians will be held responsible for the minor's behavior at Estrella War XXV. Please take time to review the **Attending With Minors** page of the website for further guidelines.

Entrance Fees: Online Pre-registration is available on www.estrellawar.org until Jan 17, 2009. General admission opens 12 noon, Tuesday February 10, 2009..

Arrival Date/Time	Category	General Adm Fee	Pre-Reg Fees
Mon. Feb 9, 2009 after 8:00 AM	Adult SCA member	Not applicable	\$55.00
	Adult non-member	Not applicable	\$65.00
	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	Not applicable	\$25.00
	Child (8 years and under at arrival)	Not applicable	Free
Tues. Feb 10, 2009 after 12 noon thru	Adult SCA Member	\$65.00	\$55.00
	Adult Non-Member	\$75.00	\$65.00
Fri. Feb 13, 2009, 12 midnight under at arrival)	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Child (8 yrs and under at arrival)	Free	Free
Sat. Feb 14, 2009 After 12:01 AM until close	Adult SCA Member	\$45.00	\$40.00
	Adult Non-Member	\$55.00	\$50.00
	Youth (9 to 17 yrs at arrival)	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Child (8 yrs and under at arrival)	Free	Free

Reserved Parking: Per vehicle or trailer - \$15.00

Reserved Tandem Parking: This is 2 inline spaces for use if you want to leave your vehicle hooked up to your trailer or if you have a trailer over 20 feet - \$30.00

What You Need To Get Into The Event:

1. Registration confirmation letter or email receipt if you pre-registered for Estrella War.
2. **Cash or traveler's checks are needed** to pay admission or purchase reserved parking at the Front Gate. Personal/corporate checks, cashier's checks, money orders, credit cards and debit cards are not accepted onsite, and the Front Gate may not be able to accept \$100 or \$50 bills or travelers checks unless your fees come close to that total.
3. **Adults must have photo ID** showing age or date of birth (even if pre-registered).
4. **Proof of current SCA membership is needed for member fees** (even if pre-registered as a member).
5. **Pre-registered attendees must bring** confirmation letter or email.
6. **Youths (9 to 17 yrs old) and children (up to and including 8 yrs old)** must be accompanied by parents/legal guardians, or have paperwork completed/notarized by their parents/guardians before they left home (even if pre-registered). See the **Attending With Minors** page on the website for guidelines if you are bringing minors. Emancipated minors must bring legal proof of emancipation that can be retained by the SCA.
7. **License plate numbers are required for each vehicle, trailer and RV** to be issued a Parking Car Tag. Handicap persons must show a hanging mirror placard, or vehicle registration with handicap plates, to be issued a Handicapped Car Tag.

The Importance Of Volunteering: Did you know that Estrella War XXV is completely run by volunteers? So everyone working at the event, from the Main Event Coordinators to the person standing at the entrance directing traffic, is an unpaid volunteer. That's why everyone who attends Estrella War is asked to share the work by volunteering for 2-4 hours while they attend. See the **Volunteering** page of the website for reasons why volunteering is fun at Estrella, and to see where you can work a couple of hours to share the load. Then sign up to volunteer using the online form, or visit Volunteer Point to sign up when you arrive at the event.

The Estrella War Treaty is negotiated annually to outline how the medieval war between two “Allied Realms” will be conducted, and how each Principal Kingdom can win the Right for their Populace to display one or more of four Estrella War XXV Victory Pennants.

Announcements in this year’s treaty include the following:

Allied Realm I in the conflict shall be the Kingdom of Atenveldt and the Kingdom of the Outlands and their allies. Allied Realm II shall be the Kingdom of Caid and their allies.

The dates, times, locations, setup & objectives for the heavy combat scenarios, rapier scenarios, target archery shoots that run from Thurs, Feb 12 thru Sun Feb 15.

Judging criteria used in the Estrella War Arts & Sciences Competition.

The rules and guidelines a Principal Kingdom must use to win the Right for their Populace to display an Estrella War XXV Armored Combat Victory Pennant, an Estrella War XXV Arts & Sciences Victory Pennant, an Estrella War XXV Rapier Victory Pennant, or an Estrella War XXV Archery Victory Pennant.

Full details of the Treaty are provided in downloadable/printable PDFs on the www.estrellawar.org website, as follows:

The Treaty and all Treaty Appendices are available on the “Treaty Negotiations” page (<http://www.estrellawar.org/EstrellaWarTreaty/TreatyNegotiations.aspx>)

The “Estrella War Armored Combat Marshallate Guidelines and Combat Conventions” are available on the “Heavy Combat” page (<http://www.estrellawar.org/EstrellaWarTreaty/HeavyCombatScenarios.aspx>)

Event Coordinators: A full list of the War Staff coordinating Estrella War XXV is available on www.estrellawar.org **Main Event Coordinators :** Countess Haley Olafsdottir, OP (Haley Albrecht) 623-229-3131 and Posadnitsa Dascha Alexandrovna Rostova, OP (Darlene Heaps) mains2009@estrellawar.org **Deputy Main Event Coordinators:** THL Ritchyrd McUath (Ritchyrd Handley) 602-486-5742 saille_weep@hotmail.com. Lady Rosalinda Gertrude Kesselheim (Shoshana Whitehead) 602-544-9454 ladyrosalinda@gmail.com



Land Allocation Procedure for the Kingdom of Atenveldt at Estrella War XXV

Due to constraints of space and In effort to co-ordinate and organize land distribution this year a Land Allocation Procedure was created. This procedure is different in some ways from previous wars and will be subject to change by the Crown and Atenveldt Land Allocation officers if necessary. Please be patient and direct your inquires to Countess Mary Rose or your local Baron and Baroness.

IMPORTANT – Atenveldt land allocation procedures have changed this year. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO READ THIS.

Camping with Baronies

- The Baronies will remain in the same location as last year;
- **IMPORTANT – if you want to camp with a barony, the procedure has changed**
 1. Sign up with your baronies' representatives, let them know you are camping with them and names of people who are in your party.
 2. Have your party pre-register for Estrella War , use your Barony's name as group camping with. **Please note pre-registration closes January 17th.**
- Before the close of pre-reg on January 17th , the Baronies are required to give a list of all individuals (real names with contact information) and the household/group they will be camping with for all people they are requesting land for.
- Final Baronial land allotment will be determined by looking at each household/group and comparing the number in that group to the total pre-regs for that group. The Barony will be allocated land for no more then double the number of pre-registrations on file for each group within the barony.
- Each barony will receive a report from the land allocation officer based on actual pre-registration reports.
- The calculated land allotment will be 250 square feet of land per individual.
- The Baronies will also receive land for a meeting hall / courtyard in addition to their pre-registration land allotment. (amount TBD after Jan. 17th)
- After pre-registration closes land usage will be reviewed and final maps prepared.

Shire, College

- The Shires and Colleges will still have the option of camping in Shireville in the land quadrant of Aten Royal;
- **IMPORTANT – if you want to camp with a Shire/College, the procedure has changed**
 1. Sign up with your Shire/College representatives, let them know you are camping with them and names of people who are in your party.
 2. Have your party pre-register for Estrella War , use your Shire/College name as group camping with. **Please note pre-registration closes January 17th.**
- Before the close of pre-reg on January 17th , the Shire/College is required to give a list of all individuals (real names with contact information) and the household/group they will be camping with for all people they are requesting land for.
- Final Shire/College land allotment will be determined by looking at each household/group and comparing the number in that group to the total pre-regs for that group. The Shire/College will be allocated land for no more then double the number of pre-registrations on file for each group within the barony.

- Each Shire/College will receive a report from the land allocation officer based on actual pre-registration reports.
- The calculated land allotment will be 250 square feet of land per individual.
- The Shire/College will also receive land for a meeting hall / courtyard in addition to their pre-registration land allotment. (amount TBD after Jan. 17th)
- After pre-registration closes land usage will be reviewed and final maps prepared.

Group and Individual camping on Kingdom of Atenveldt land:

We strongly urge groups and individuals to camp with their Barony, Shire or College. If you choose to camp on Crown land you must do the following;

- Notify Countess Mary Rose (Atenveldt land coordinator) that you or your group intends to camp on crown land and provide the list of all individuals (real names with contact information) who are in your party.
- Have your party pre-register for Estrella War , use your group name as group camping with.

Please note pre-registration closes January 17th.

- Final land allotment will be determined by looking at list of individuals in your group and comparing that number to the total pre-regs for your group. Your group will be allocated land for no more then double the number of pre-registrations on file for your group.
- The calculated land allotment will be 250 square feet of land per individual.
- Your group will not receive a meeting hall / courtyard allocation;
- Individuals and groups who do not pre-register for Estrella War and do not notify the Atenveldt land coordinator will be placed in Individual camping as they arrive and location requests will be honored if possible.

Individual camping is for those who do not pre-register for Estrella War. This land will be allocated according to the number of people physically present ie, we will not allow representatives from a group to come into this area, and rope off a section of land for their buddies who have not arrived, or may not even show.

These changes have been made to enable a fair and equitable land allocation. If you have additional questions or need further clarification, please feel free to call me. Countess Mary Rose of Burgundy, Estrella War Land Allocation Officer

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Want Baronial Space At Estrella?

Greetings Unto the Populace of the Barony!

I am your Land Coordinator for Estrella War. My deputy is Lord Lochland MacBean. If you plan on camping with the Barony, or your group/household plans on camping with the Barony then I need to know how many people you have and if they are pre-registered.

The Barony is being assigned land based on how many people pre-register as camping with the Barony so please go pre-registration and save yourself some money while you are at it.

Please send an email with your information (Name, household/group, number of people, and pre-registered or not) to bofa.landocrat@gmail.com

Thanks, Lord Roland de Laon

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- **The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Estrella War.**

Absolutely false. The ADA applies to structures and governmental entities, not events. Estrella War has always bent over backwards to assist disabled attendees, but none of the services we provide are required by any law or regulation. Estrella Park, for instance, is fully ADA compliant, but that is irrelevant to the responsibilities of SCA.

- **If I'm disabled I can rent my own golf cart for Estrella.**

FALSE! The SCA, Inc., Estrella Park, the SCA's insurers, and all Estrella War Stewards have forbidden it for excellent safety and liability reasons.

Disabled attendees are welcome to bring motorized transportation devices such as handicapped scooters and motorized wheelchairs. The Event also offers a transportation service for the disabled.

- **Estrella War offers *Special Needs Services* because law requires it.**

False. The service is offered purely out of concern and goodwill.

- **Estrella War is legally required to offer full medical services.**

False! The Event hires paramedics out of common sense given the activities and population of the event. SCA members on site as part of the Chirurgeonate are there to offer simple first aid and coordinate with the professionals. Neither the Estrella War nor the SCA are required to offer even first aid services at any event

- **An SCA duke has the right to press any non-peer into labor in his camp. ¶**

????? I know some dukes who really liked this idea, but unfortunately for them, it's absolute nonsense.

- **Only disabled people may use the Handicapped porta potties.**

False. The Site Steward orders many extra Handicapped porta potties in order to accommodate the many extra yards of clothing we wear. If there is a wheelchair bound person in line, they should go first, of course.

- **The Estrella War Site fee is outrageously high because War Staff are greedy.**

First- As explained above, War Staff and volunteers don't personally benefit from a cent, and the event costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to put on. The non-SCA member, pre-registration Estrella War XXV site fee is \$65.00 (SCA Members appropriately pay less). That comes out to about \$10.00 a day. Anyone who considers that "outrageous" is in need of a reality check. A discount matinee movie with popcorn would cost you more.

- **If my car isn't where I parked it, it has been stolen.**

It's far more likely that it was towed. Check with the Parking Autocrat and/or Security before you panic.

- **Towing by War staff is illegal and a form of theft.**

The parking restrictions are clearly stated and advertised and you agreed to follow them when you signed your waiver. If you park outside the boundaries of that agreement the staff has the right to tow your car. You will have to pay the towing fee to get it back.

- **It's unreasonable to expect me to volunteer at Estrella because it's my vacation and I paid the high site fee.**

Wake up call: The site fee is, in fact, ludicrously low (See above.) The only reason the site fee is so low is that the event runs on volunteer power. As volunteer hours drop, the event must hire out many of the jobs previously done by volunteers. This will raise the site fee considerably.

The Staff and volunteers are all on vacation too. The Staff have all sunk 18 months of their lives into making sure you have a good time at Estrella. If you attend Estrella, you have an obligation to do your part. Two hours out of a week is a pitifully small thing to ask.

- **Atenveldters are the only people who volunteer at Estrella.**

Atenveldt provides the majority of the volunteers, but many of our hardest working volunteers come from other kingdoms, and we are especially grateful to the Outlands and Caid.

- **The War Stewards ("autocrats") assign camping land at Estrella.** The event managers have absolutely NO say in this! Estrella land distribution is decided by treaty.

- **The Estrella War is a combined SCA/Adria/ECS, etc., event. ¶** Though anyone willing to pay the site fee and dress and behave appropriately is welcome to attend, Estrella War is exclusively an event of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

- **SCA groups honor the rank and regalia of other groups at Estrella. ¶**

I understand that a couple of previous Aten Crowns have extended this courtesy to members of other groups willing to fight for Atenveldt at Estrella. It was an unusual move and no longer seems to be something they are willing to

do. Rank and regalia from other groups are not recognized or protected by the SCA.

- **I have a right to expect Estrella to be just like Pennsic.**

Ridiculous. You must also remember that Estrella is entirely volunteer run, while Pennsic is essentially run by Coopers Farm personnel

- **I am perfectly safe at Estrella because it is just a gathering of “7,000 of my closest friends”.** This is only one of the many places I stress that SCA members are no better or worse than any other large collection of human beings. We attract about the same proportion of thieves, thugs, drunks and goofballs. We also get quite a few attendees who are not members or otherwise participants in the SCA, and a number of these start out as thieves because they have sneaked in without paying site fees. You have the same danger of losing your car, camping equipment, and money as any other place and a greater risk of having your chainmaille stolen.

As an Estrella War Steward for multiple years, I can also attest that your chances of suffering accidental harm or being assaulted aren't much less on a dark Estrella road than they would be on a dark Phoenix street.

Remember especially that you need to watch over your children with as much care as you would in any other public place!

Mercantile Myths

Merchants seem to be an inexhaustible source of SCA myths. Recent mercantile nonsense had to do with religion and the move from Estrella Park to Canyon Moon Ranch:

- **Merchants at SCA events are all juried and therefore historically accurate.**

A jury in this sense is a group of members selected for their knowledge of period life, especially dress, armor, accessories, furniture and SCA specific customs. Sometimes merchants are juried. For most events they probably aren't.

- **Juried merchants may not sell anything that isn't documentable to our period.**

Even the strictest jury wouldn't have a problem with a number of modern or “medievaloid” things with SCA specific or health and safety applications. Other items are clearly inaccurate, but generally harmless to the ambiance.

Examples from the most recent Estrella War:

Secret Laurel Decoder pendant (I bought one myself ☺)

Varied modern tools for use with SCA related crafts

Detergents and chemicals for cleaning silk and other fibers

Souvenir T-Shirts (Sold, I might add, by one of our most history conscious merchants.)

First aid kits

Bottled water, ice, and food in general

Blended fiber fabrics with some synthetic content

Various non-historically accurate style tankards, dishes, etc.

- **Merchants are the best source of information, especially about “garb” & SCA etiquette.**

Many of those who sell their goods at SCA events are knowledgeable costumers, armorers, etc., with intimate knowledge of the workings of the SCA. (Examples: Raymond's Quiet Press, Griffin Dyeworks, Windrose Armories, Desert Rose Tailoring, and Historic Enterprises and a number of others.)

But your must remember that the core reason people set up booths in Merchants' Row is to sell you stuff. Not all of them are interested in your desire to make sure your kit is accurate. Until you know a lot more about a merchant, his wares, and the historicity thereof, take what he and his fellows tell you with a grain of salt.

- **Merchants at events are all SCA members.**

A sizeable percentage of Estrella War merchants aren't SCA, but are instead part of the Renaissance Faire “circuit”. While participants in the faires are interested in historical accuracy, the organizers, employees and some merchants are not. Renn Faieres are commercial theatre, not history.

- **SCA events charge exorbitant fees to merchants.**

Sometimes there is no extra fee for merchants. When there is, fees merchants pay to SCA events are laughably low, down to less than a twentieth of what other events charge them to set up a booth. Merchants, including those who sell at Estrella War are essentially subsidized by our events as a service to our members.

- **(Jewelry Merchant) Christians left no grave goods because “The Church was greedy and wanted the gold.”**

Grave goods are an expression of a belief in a physical afterlife in which the deceased will have the same needs he does in this one. Christianity does not posit such a physical afterlife---i.e. “You can't take it with you.” Deceased Christians' valuables were kept by their families, NOT seized by the Church.

- **(Fiber Merchant) There are no extant rag dolls from the early Christian era because the Church forbade “graven images”.**

By definition, a “graven image” is sculpted, carved or incised, not sewn. Period clerics and their flocks understood that the scriptural prohibition was against the worship of pagan idols, not children’s poppets. The reasons for this dearth of extant rag dolls are obvious. 1) Rag dolls are easily replaced ephemeral objects and 2) Cloth rags. In fact, there are extant fragments of rag dolls from throughout our period in Europe and other places that Europeans visited.

- **(Accessories Merchant) Only clerics had beautiful and precious beads in their rosaries and regular people were required to use plain wooden beads. (This one also recently appeared in an article in an SCA publication.)**

Clerics were (And are) far more likely to use very plain rosaries made of either wooden beads or knotted cord. Extravagant rosary beads were far more likely to belong to wealthy laity or to be church regalia rather than any one cleric’s personal property.

- **(Various merchants) The War had to move from Estrella Park because:**
 1. **Tir Ysgithr threatened the Board and made them move it closer to Tucson**
 2. **The Ranch owner paid somebody off.**
 3. **Estrella Park kicked us out.**

The Iskies are innocent! A search for an alternative site has been going on for some time. The War Staff and Kingdom Officers have known since before the return to Estrella Mountain Park for Estrella 19 that we would quickly outgrow the Park. The failure of the water system at Estrella Park and heavy local development combined to hasten the inevitable. We continue to hold smaller events at Estrella Park.

Legalities of War

- **Because the SCA is tax subsidized, we can’t restrict anybody’s behavior at events.**

We have an absolute right and duty to restrict activities contrary to our avowed purposes and/or risky to our members, visitors, reputation and corporate integrity.

- **We can’t restrict any activity at events that is otherwise legal.**

The SCA and its branches have both the right and the duty to restrict attendees from engaging in activities that are outside of or contrary to our purposes, risky to our reputation, offensive to our members, and/or hold the possibility of exposing us to legal risk.

The SCA restricts and regulates all kinds of activities that are arguably legitimately within the category of historical education, but which fall into the categories above, or which duly appointed officers might have need to otherwise restrict.

- **At an SCA event I can do anything I want within my private encampment.**

Your encampment is only “private” up to a point. Regardless of location within an event site, you may not violate laws or ordinances, site rules, SCA laws or policies, or the rights of fellow attendees. Further, you may not engage in behavior that might expose the SCA to risk of legal exposure or defamation.

- **If my household puts up canvas or other temporary walls around our encampment, the encampment becomes a private domicile and SCA officers have no say what goes on inside.**

Canvas does not a domicile create- at least not in Arizona. **Arizona law enforcement officers do not need a warrant to search your personal tent!**

Everything that happens at an event is the responsibility of SCA officers and event stewards. You can be stopped or restricted from engaging in illegal, dangerous, offensive or even just plain obnoxious behavior inside or outside of your encampment.

- **There’s no law against nudity at SCA events –or- Since the SCA is a private club, we can’t stop it.**

The SCA isn’t exactly a “private club”. Even if it were, public nudity is illegal in Arizona and in most other states. There are exceptions including artistic & medical endeavors, nudist colonies and adult businesses under certain narrow restrictions. There is no exception for Estrella War or any other SCA event--- Well... unless we decided to hold one at a nudist colony or a strip club.



Around the Kingdom



War Practice in the Barony of Tir Ysgithr

January 25, 2009

Barony of Tir Ysgithr

The drums of war are sounding! Come one, come all, join your King and comrades on the field of honor to prepare yourselves for the battles at Estrella.

The Southern War Practice will be held at Himmel Park on Sunday January 5th. We will have the NE corner by the library as well as soccer fields A and B just to the south. The site will be wet, pets on leashes are allowed and there will be drinking water available. Some limited shade is available, but pavilions are welcomed.

Site will open at 9am for set-up, please see the Event Steward for placement before setting up your shade to make the best use of the allotted space. Parking is available on the side streets around Treat or in the parking lot off of First St., to the west of the library. Court will begin at Their Majesties' discretion with armor inspection and fighting to follow immediately thereafter. No projectile weapons, i.e. siege machinery or combat archery are allowed in the park. **Site will close at 5pm.**

Site Fee: Attendance is free. The event is sponsored by the Barony of Tir Ysgithr. You still need to check in at Troll to sign the usual waivers.

Site: Himmel Park, NE corner and soccer fields A&B located at the corner of Treat and 1st. St.

Directions: *From the Northern reaches*, take your best route to I-10 and exit at Orange Grove Road. Turn right (south) onto River Road and follow it to Campbell Avenue. Turn right (south) onto Campbell and follow it to Speedway Blvd. Turn left (east) onto Speedway and follow it to Treat Ave, which is the first intersection after Tucson Blvd. Turn right (south) onto Treat and the park will be on your right, just past the library.

From the Southern reaches, take your best route to I-10 and exit at Alvernon. Follow it north to to Speedway and turn left (east). Follow Speedway to Treat Ave, and turn left (south). The park will be on your right.

Event Steward: Lady Sely Bloxam (Jerrine Bergman) snotblossom@cox.net or 520-465-8357





War Practice in Shire of Granite Mountain

UPDATE!!!!!! Due to a higher expected turnout, we have moved the location, corrected directions are below!!

January 31, 2009

Shire of Granite Mountain

To Arms, To Arms!! All fighters of the Glorious Kingdom of Atenveldt pray attend. The Last Official Kingdom Fighter Practice before Estrella War is here!! Come join us in the Cool Pine Mountains of the Shire of Granite Mountain as we prepare to defend our Royal Majesties honor, and win glory for the Kingdom of Atenveldt!! All Fighters are encouraged to attend Their Royal Majesties as we perfect our fighting skills on the field of battle to defeat our foes.

The combat begins after 10 am, or at His Majesties Pleasure. We would like to see all of our brave fighters to come out and show their prowess, and help bring glory to our already Glorious Land. There will be Hardsuit, Rapier and Archery, so anyone and everyone please come out and support our Sovereigns'.

The site is Chino Valley's Community Center Park, located At **1615 N Road 1E**, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. The site is DRY, but has facilities (restrooms, water fountains, BBQ's if you want to make a picnic out of the day, child's playground for the little ones) no meal will be provided, but there are several restaurants in easy travel distance

When: January 31, 2009

Where: Chino Valley's Community Center Park (Shire of Granite Mountain)

Site fee: FREE (we will be accepting donations for our Baronial fund)

Site opens at 9am, until 6pm

Directions:

From the North: take your best route to HWY 89, go south to Chino Valley, turn Left on E Road 3 N (traffic light, and a McDonalds here), go to N Road 1 E, turn Right, park is on the second block on the left.

From the South: take your best route to HWY 69, go north N Fain road, turn right, follow to HWY 89A, turn west to HWY 89, at HWY 89 turn north to Chino Valley, turn Right on E Road 3 N (traffic light, and a McDonalds here), go to N Road 1 E, turn Right, park is on the second block on the left.



Progress for Otto & Lisabetta 2009

January

3rd	Kingdom 12th Night	Kingdom of Atenveldt
4th	War Practice	Barony of Sun Dragon

February

1st	War Practice	Shire of Grande Holme
10th-16th	Estrella War	Kingdom of Atenveldt

March

7th-8th	Crown Tourney/ Warlord Tourney	Barony of Twin Moons
28th-29th	Mixed Weapons (S)	Barony of Sun Dragon

April

11th-12th	Crusades	Barony of Atenveldt
25th-26th	Barmaids (S)	Barony of Mons Tonitrus

May

2nd-3rd	Coronation/King's/ Queen's Champion March 2010 - June 2011 Calendar Meeting	Barony of Mons Tonitrus
9th	Winter's End	Barony of Twin Moons
16th-17th	Champions in the Pines (S)	Shire of Granite Mountain

June

6th-7th	A&S Collegium	Barony of Atenveldt
13th-14th	Highlands War (S)	Barony of Ered Sul

July





August

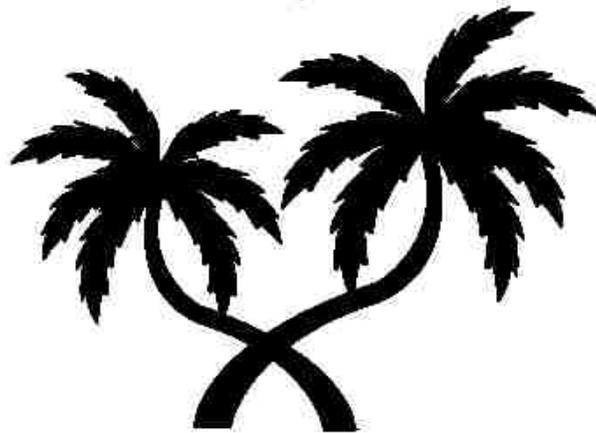
8th	Ered Sulabration!	Barony of Ered Sul
22nd-23rd	Mace & Great Sword/ Baronial Anniversary	Barony of Mons Tonitrus
29th-30th	Middle East Feast (S)	Barony of Twin Moons

September

5th-6th	Crown Tourney/ Warlord Tourney	Barony of Ered Sul
12th-13th	Baronial Anniversary/ Aten Collegium (S)	Barony of Atenveldt
26th	Chocolate Revel (S)	College of Brymstone

October

31st-1st	Champions	Barony of Atenveldt
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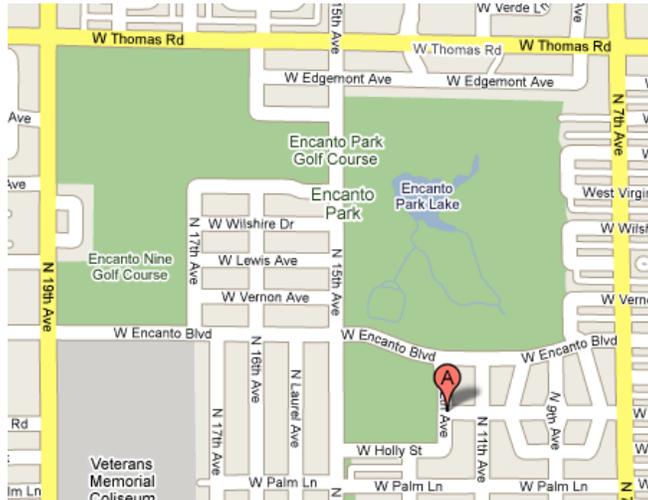


Atenveldt Baronial Fighter Practice

When: Wednesday nights

Where: Encanto Park, located at 2605 N 15th Ave .

Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm (Youth Combat practice is 6:30p - 7:30p)

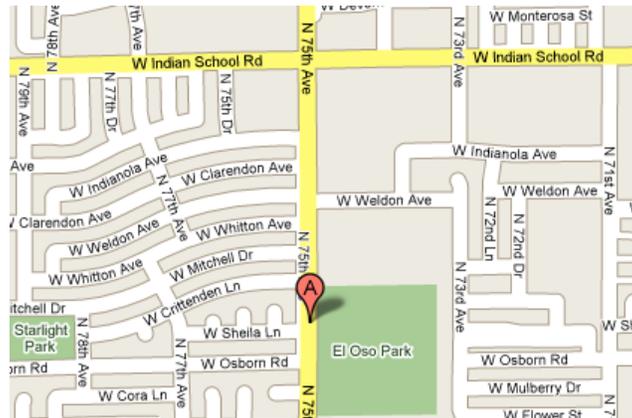


Atenveldt Baronial Archery Practice

When: Sunday Mornings

Where: El Oso Park, located on 75th Ave South of Indian School Road

Time: 8 AM - 11 AM



Atenveldt Baronial Meeting (Populace & Officers)

When: 1st Monday evening of the month

Where: Location to be determined. Announcement will be made to the list.

Time: 7:30 pm - 9 pm

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