

# The Higher Word

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## From Their Excellencies

Greetings unto the noble populace of Ered Sul. In the beginning of the month, we went to the Crown Tournament/Warlord Tourney and had a good showing from our populace. We wanted to say a special Thank You to Mindy and Don Fisher for bringing the Baronial pavilion and food to munch on and everyone else who helped set up and/or take down the pavilion. At this event, we witnessed an incredible show of fighting and chivalry. During the last rounds of fighting, the heavens opened up and spoke and Sir Brian the Pious defeated his opponent to become the new Crown Prince. Not only did the heavens speak, but also rewarded everyone with the beautiful view of a double rainbow! Coronation for his Highness Sir Brian the Pious and his lovely Consort, Baroness Lia Le Citolur, to become the new King and Queen will be on November 1-2 in Pine, AZ. If you haven't been to a Coronation before, we highly recommend you come. It will be hosted by the Barony of Ered Sul and we would like to see a great show of support for our Northern Cousins.

A special Congratulations to Tom Highline (Thegn Gunnar Skullsplitter) for being asked to join the Order of the Laurel! His vigil will be held at Champion in the Pines on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> in Kirkland. Come show your support for this most deserved elevation to this member of our populace.

Don't forget...on September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Combined Fighter Practice in Ash Fork. Come join us for a day of fun and opportunities for Archery, Hardsuit, Rapier and A&S. Come dressed in garb as we will be holding court. Rumor has it that the numbers for attendance will be good, so grab your gear and be part of the fun.

On the weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup>, Baron Angus will be going to New Mexico to St. Goliath to throw down with the locals and have a weekend of fun. Please contact him if you would be interested in joining his Excellency on the battlefield of St. Goliath.

We are very interested in reaching out to other areas of our Barony, such as Payson, to coordinate demonstrations, practices and other events. We now have a demo coordinator, Ingvald Snowden, who is ready to get things rolling. Please let us know if you have any ideas or would like us to set something up in your area.

In closing, we will be going to Southern Crusades in November. We hope that many of our populace members can attend. Southern Crusades is our play war and we should all go have some fun!

Siege is coming...

In service to the populace of Ered Sul,  
Angus and Katarina, Baron and Baroness

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### Master of the Laurel

Congratulations to our very own Master Gunnar Skullsplitter who is now a member of the Order of the Laurel for his work in metals. He was elevated at to his peerage at the Granite Mountain Champions event.

The Order of the Laurel is one of the Peerages, equal in standing with the Knights, Pelicans, and Royal Peers. It is the highest award given in the SCA for excellence in the Arts and Sciences. Laurels attempt to inspire others to create beautiful and authentic works by teaching and example. A laurel wreath has been the symbol of excellence since Ancient Greece, where the wreath was awarded to great scholars, artists, soldiers, and those athletes who won in competitions such as the Olympic Games. Members of the Order are called "Master" or "Mistress" and may wear a medallion with a laurel wreath. Many Laurels have wreaths on their cloaks, or other bits and pieces of clothing.

Gunnar now wears a beautiful medallion, black mantle with a laurel wreath, and his hood is a black and red gnome hat with laurel leaves. As our Queen remarked during the ceremony – "How appropriate!"



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### Barony of Ered Sul Officers

Seneschal: Lady Liadan of Lochlainn - Mindy Fisher

Deputy Seneschal: Lord Chevezs MacTavish - Chavez Whitlock

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Sheriff: Lord Delthos Southmoor - Richard Howell

Chronicler: Lady Leesha Southmoor - Carol Howell

### Open Officer Positions

We are recruiting for the following open positions. Please contact Their Excellencies or the Seneschal for more information.

- Deputy Exchequer: This is a person who assists the Exchequer (Treasurer)
- Deputy Chronicler (Newsletter): This is a person who assists the Chronicler
- A & S Minister: This is the person who coordinates the arts and sciences activities for the barony.
- Seneschal: This is the person who runs the business side of the barony. They are the legal representation to the modern world and act as the organization's president.

A list of current officers and open positions can be found on the baronial website:

<http://www.baronyoferedsul.org/about/the-officers>

### Weekly Fighter Practice

Kiwanis Southside Park at 2:00pm. The address is 1600 S. San Francisco – just across the street from the Walkup Skydome on the NAU campus.

### Sankt Vlidimir @ Northern Arizona University

Meetings are on Wednesdays. Contact Aurora Babcock-Cooke (Lady Aurora Rose) for more information.

## Highlands War is Moving!

The rumors are true - the war is coming back to Flagstaff! And if that wasn't exciting enough, the dates have changed too! Mark your calendars for Thursday July 9, 2015 through Sunday 12, 2015. The event will be a primitive forest dispersed camping site about twenty miles south of the city of Flagstaff, just off Lake Mary Road. Keep checking the event website for more details - [www.highlandswar.org](http://www.highlandswar.org)

## ATEN University for Baronial Officers

Aten U will be held Saturday November 22, 2014 from 8a-5p at the Veritas Preparatory Academy of Phoenix (3102 N 56th St #100, Phoenix, AZ 85018). Aten U is a FREE day of classes that are designed to benefit your SCA experience. It is our hope that you will take what you have learned and share it with all. The day is for Officers of the Kingdom and their deputies. Yet, know that all members are welcome. Officers: note that travel expenses may be compensated - contact your Seneschal. The Atenveldt Cooks guild is providing a FREE light breakfast and a FREE lunch. Upon arrival you will be given a name tag that has a color on it. That color indicates where you go for morning rotations.

## Upcoming Events

- October 4, 2014 – Kingdom of Atenveldt Arts & Sciences Competition and Tourney (Barony of Granite Mountain)
- October 8-13, 2014 – Great Western War (Kingdom of Caid)
- October 16, 2014 – A&S Workshop 6:30p-8p @ Joe C Montoya Community Center on Thorpe Rd in Flagstaff
- October 18-19, 2014 – Pillage Plunder Pluck and Poke (Shire of Granholme)
- November 1, 2014 – Kingdom Coronation @ Pine, AZ (Barony of Ered Sul)
- November 13-17, 2014 – Southern Crusades @ Wren Arena at Fort Huachuca (Barony of Tir Ysgithr & Barony of March of Mons Tonitrus)
- November 22 – Aten University (required for all baronial officers)
- December 13, 2014 – Northern Yule (Barony of Granite Mountain)

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eredsul>

Barony of Ered Sul Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/135613726524285>

Highlands War website:

<http://highlandswar.org>

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