

# The Higher Word

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## From Their Excellencies

Greetings unto the Populace of Eréd Sûl!

June 2nd through June 8th is Our baronial war - Highlands War XX. The A&S classes are rolling in, the scenarios are written for hardsuit, rapier and archery, the scrolls are ready for the competition winners, the coral is ready for horses, the site is ready for camping, and Paco will be there with hot showers! The landowners have a few new treats for the participants. We are really looking forward to eating at Menzie's again this year. She is planning some great specials. Come join us in the beautiful White Mountains of northern Arizona.

July 11 thru 13 is Too Darn Hot, Our baronial birthday party and Investiture. This event will mark the end of our tenure as Baron and Baroness and the beginning of the baronial tenure of Sir Angus and Lady Katerina.

We would like to encourage all members of the populace to step up and work for the barony. Several of our officers will be retiring in the next few months. Please check the baronial website for the advertised positions.

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## Officer Spotlight: Minister of Arts and Sciences

For the next several months, this section will spotlight a specific baronial officer position. This month's officer position is the Minister of Arts and Sciences.

The study of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Ages is what sets the SCA apart from any ordinary Renaissance Faire with fighting knights, fairies and dragons.

Our status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization emphasizes the research and teaching we do to discover and live life from the perspective of the Middle Ages. The A&S Minister helps point the way for the rest of us in our research and efforts.

They don't have to know it all, or be the best dressed, or teach something new at every event, but they are a great resource of information and can help find answers to your questions.

The baronial A&S officer organizes workshops on a variety of topics for the members of the populace. They may even participate in the Kingdom A&S Collegium and/or Competition. They will certainly encourage you to do so as well!

A well prepared A&S Minister has a deputy who can assist in the division of labor and step into the role temporarily if the position becomes unexpectedly open while the advertising period for a new A&S Minister lasts. That role of deputy is a GREAT way for people to start to get to know this officer's role and wade into an officer position slowly.

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### **Pre-Registration is Open**

It is time to pre-register for Highlands War. Go to the website at <http://Highlandswar.org> and click the "Registration" tab at the top of the page. There you will find a link that takes you to the registration site.

### **Punch Cards for Paco's Hot Shower Truck**

In addition to being able to pay for your site fee, you may also purchase a punch card for Paco's Shower Truck for only \$15. You may use it for yourself or share it with your household. The card is good for five (5) showers. Buy one, buy more! You may also pay in cash onsite for either a punchcard or \$3 per hot shower.

### **Archery Encampment**

Do you want to hang out with other archers within sight of the archery range? Feel free to camp in the Archery Encampment!

### **Special Access Encampment**

Are you bringing your scooter or walker? Do you want to have a PRIME spot onsite? For those people who need a spot close to the Special Access parking and privies, just let us know.

### **Fiber Salon**

Are you a fan of fiber? Join us in the baronial pavilion anytime you want to hang out and weave, spin, dye, embroider, or just chat with others who like the same things. We will have an indigo dye pot going where you can dye cotton/wool fabric, yarn, or thread.

### **Arts & Science Classes**

Want to take a class? Want to teach a class? Contact Mistress Eirny Thorvaldsdottir ([coronet@baronyoferedsul.org](mailto:coronet@baronyoferedsul.org)) and let us know what you would like to teach. You can pick up a class schedule when you drive through troll or at the information point in the middle of Merchants' Square.

### **Rent a Horse**

Do you want to enjoy a trail ride on a horse that is highly trained and easy on a city slicker? These working horses are calm, gentle, and strong. They work for a living driving cattle and chasing down roaming cattle. And they are ready for our arrival. Come to the equestrian arena to purchase a trail ride.

### **Swimmin' Hole**

There is an old-fashioned swimmin' hole nearby and we are offering guided hikes to let you cool your jets in the pond.

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## **Northern Atenveldt Combined Fighter Practice**

Sunday June 15 from noon – 5pm at the Juniper Woods Land Owners Association Clubhouse in Ash Fork, AZ.

This event is for outdoor archery, hard suit, rapier fighters and indoor A&S workshops.

Directions to the site: From I40 take 89 south for 2.1 miles. Turn right on Bullock Drive. THIS IS OPEN RANGE. As soon as you cross the cattle guard onto the road it is your job not to hit a cow. Follow the pavement until it ends at the RR track. Then follow the dirt road as it curves to the left in front of the church and go 1.5 miles. Folkerts Lane will be on your left, and the building on the left side is the clubhouse. There will be a sign. Park in the parking lot.

This is a dry site, pop-ups are allowed but secure them well in the wind. Smoking outdoors is permitted with a butt can, but the county has a fire ban in place already.

There will be additional combined fighter practices at this location on Sunday September 28.

## **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.

## **Open Officer Positions**

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

- Deputy Exchequer
- Deputy Chronicler (Newsletter)

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

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

*Officer Spotlight, continued from page 1*

The Barony of Ered Sul currently has an A&S Minister and Deputy Minister. They are Allesia Canaberiis and Katherine Tapester, respectively. Their contact information is on the staff page of the baronial website.

Watch for regular announcements for workshops and classes on topics such as illumination and calligraphy, garb and sewing, cooking and brewing, fiber arts and more!

## **Monthly Populace Meetings**

Our populace/officers meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at Thorpe Park Community Center in Flagstaff from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Thorpe Park Community Center is located in Flagstaff at 245 N. Thorpe Rd.

Our meetings usually cover discussion of business items, plans for upcoming events, and occasionally a dance practice if time permits. We usually go out for pizza after the meeting. Please feel free to join us!

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## Too Darn Hot!

Friday July 11th - Sunday July 13

What an event this will be! It's Too Darn Hot to play in the valley, so we invite our kingdom friends and family to celebrate our baronial birthday, and say goodbye to our fighting champions and hello to new ones. And, this year we watch our Baron and Baroness step down and new ones step up. There will be a lot going on and you don't want to miss a thing!

Saturday morning court kicks off the investiture of our new Baron and Baroness. Saturday afternoon we will have our fighting competitions. Saturday night we have a potluck meal and then our bardic competition and wake for the baronial cadaver who earned that title with the "best death" during competition at Eredsulabration.

Sunday morning dawns with a pancake breakfast and baronial court to celebrate our new champions.

The site is wet (alcohol is allowed). Camping allowed with above-ground fire pits subject to Forest Service restrictions.

The site has no running water or electricity. Pets are welcome, including horses! Pets must be on leashes and you must clean up after your pets. Smoking may be permitted subject to Forest Service restrictions. Bring a butt can.

- Site opens at 12 pm on Friday, July 11
- Site closes at 5 pm on Sunday, July 13

Site fees: Adult member \$15, non-member charge +\$5, Youth 8-16 \$6, under 8 free

Directions: From the south, take I-17 north to Willard Springs (Exit 326). From the north, take

I-17 south to Willard Springs (Exit 326). Follow the paved road, bearing right past the refuse transfer station approximately 1/2 mile to Blowout Tank meadow (on the right). There will be SCA signs.

For more information contact Event Stewards Collette Marion Cooke (Toni Cannon) and Lady Nai Metzli Quetzaxochitl (Stephanie Klimek) @ [todarnedhot@gmail.com](mailto:todarnedhot@gmail.com)



Remember the year that it rained so much we called it Too Darn Wet?



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## Sankt Vlidimir @ Northern Arizona University

The semester is coming to a close, but before your classes are over, mark your calendars for all the awesome summer events with the Barony of Ered Sul. You won't want to miss Highlands War XX or the Baronial birthday and investiture at Too Darn Hot!

## Open Officer Positions

We are recruiting for the following open positions. Please contact Their Excellencies ([coronet@baronyoferedsul.org](mailto:coronet@baronyoferedsul.org)) for more information or to apply.

- Deputy Seneschal (President)
- Arts & Sciences Minister
- Deputy Arts & Sciences Minister

## Kingdom Events

What's going on around the Kingdom?

- June 2-8, 2014 Highlands War @ Alpine, AZ (Barony of Ered Sul)
- June 15, 2014- Northern Combined Fighter Practice in Ash Fork, AZ
- Jun 28-29, 2014 – Fabric War @ Apostles Lutheran Church, 7020 W Cactus Rd, Peoria, AZ (Barony of Sun Dragon)
- July 11-13, 2014 Too Darn Hot and Investiture at Willard Springs Blowout Tank (Barony of Ered Sul)
- July 19-20, 2014 – Mid East Feast @ Hilton Phoenix Airport 2435 S. 47th St, Phoenix, AZ 85034 (Barony of Twin Moons)
- July 26, 2014 – Collegium and Polling for the Barony of Granite Mountain

## Out of Kingdom Events

- July 25-Aug 10, 2014 – Pennsic War (Kingdom of Aethelmearc @ Slippery Rock, PA)

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Barony of Ered Sul website:

<http://www.baronyoferedsul.org>

Barony of Ered Sul Yahoo group:

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

Barony of Ered Sul Facebook group:

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

Highlands War website:

<http://highlandswar.org>

Kingdom of Atenveldt Facebook page:

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



Their Excellencies – Master Henry Eynhallow and  
Mistress Eirny Thorvaldsdottir

We would like to thank Their Excellencies for three years of dedicated service to our Barony. Your leadership, guidance and sense of humor are much appreciated. We are looking forward to your continued involvement and sharing of your gifts.