



# The Higher Word

Barony of Ered Sul

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## Words from the Coronet

Greetings Great and Noble populace of Ered Sul,

Our busy summer months are drawing to a close. We enjoyed a relaxing Too Hot and offer Our congratulations to the new host of Ered Sul Champions! We're also proud to recognize Lord Donnduban MacEgoin, who fought for the honor of Ered Sul in the Crown Tourney, made it to the 5<sup>th</sup> round, and was the last non-belted fighter standing. Don't forget that Champions in the Pines is on the horizon. Monthly A&S nights are also returning in September, along with monthly Northern Alliance war practices. We encourage all of the populace to learn new things and show your support. See you all there!

In Service of the Dream,  
Robert and Kolfinna  
Baron and Baroness of Ered Sul



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Bantheign Magdalen Virturosa

# Awards

**Sigurd Magneson – Gilded Annulet**



Award for Populace members who demonstrate service to the barony above and beyond expectation.

**Leolin Blackwell – Gilded Heart**



Award for Populace members who render great service to Their Excellencies and the populace of the Barony of Ered Sul.

**m'Lady Siri – Bardic Champion of Ered Sul**

**THL Gil Greywolf – Archery Champion of Ered Sul**

**m'Lady Siri – Youth Archery Champion of Ered Sul**

**m'Lord Frothi – Hard Suit Champion of Ered Sul**

**Lord Meadow – Rapier Champion of Ered Sul**

**Lord Thaddeus the Legless – Baronial Cadavar**

**THL Wade Greenwall – Standard Bearer**

**Lord Wulrich MacMahom – Shield of Chivalry**

# Calendar

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 A&S Night	13	14 Champions in the Pines	15 Champions in the Pines
16 Champions in the Pines, Northern War Practice	17	18	19	20 Populace Meeting	21	22
23 30 Kingdom A&S	24	25	26	27	28	29

Fighter Practice - Sundays at Thorpe Park from 12pm - 2pm

Archery Practice - Saturdays at Slip's house at 10am, weather permitting

## Events

### **A&S Night**

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Back to our regular A/S adventures.

A/S returns to Thorpe Adult Center at 6 pm with Her Excellency demonstrating kumihimo. We are still working on the fall schedule, so if you ever wanted to share some knowledge step right up and let us know.

Remember Christopher's Wednesday afternoon workshops

Remember Behinn's Belly dance and drum circles Thursday evenings

### **Champions in the Pines – BGM**

September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

Hear Ye Hear Ye! Fear not good gentles of Granite Mountain and the Kingdom of Atenveldt, for Champions In The Pines will be soon upon us! After some delay in the Fox Mail system we have received confirmation that we may once again use the beautiful Bill Williams Watershed to host Champions in the Pines! Please join us September 14th-17th in the cool pines of Williams to discover who the new Granite Mountain Champions will be!

All are welcome to compete in the hard suit, rapier, archery, and arts and sciences tournaments, however only a member of Granite Mountain may become Champion.

The Champions Challenge for Arts and Sciences is Hats and Drinking Vessels. Documentation will be required. We would love to see documentation on the inspiration for your piece, and how you went about constructing it. Please stay tuned for more information on the hard suit, rapier, and archery tournament formats.

And of course it would not be a Granite Mountain event without...FOOD! On Saturday night we will be preparing a succulent Italian feast of soups, chicken, pasta, and bread. There will be a dessert potluck CONTEST- so please bring your most decadent treats to share, and see if your tasty treat is tops!

Site will open at 9:00 am on Friday the 14th (whew that was close!), and close at Noon on Monday the 17th.

Adult registration is \$25 for the weekend, with a \$5 member discount. Adult day fee is \$15, with a \$5 member discount. 18 and younger are free.



Adult feast is \$10, and youth 12-18 is \$5. There will only be 50 feast reservations available, so please reserve your spot early by contacting Lady Ismeralda Franceska Rusciolelli da Vale (Kat Bussey) at [ismeralda.franceska@gmail.com](mailto:ismeralda.franceska@gmail.com). Payment will be accepted at gate. Any unclaimed feast reservations will be available for purchase on Saturday.

Please contact the event steward, Lady Alsacia Rabynovicha, at [kalisa1031@gmail.com](mailto:kalisa1031@gmail.com) with any questions.

Nothorn War Practice to be held at Champions in the Pines on Sunday at 10am

## **Kingdom A&S Competition**

Sunday, September 30

Oye Oye! Kingdom Competition is upon us! On this day, September 30, 2018, a new A&S Champion will be chosen! Artisans of the Kingdom of Atenveldt, their Solar Majesties are looking for their next champion! Submit your best artwork for the chance to be chosen to represent the Kingdom as A & S Champion. For those artisans who do not wish to compete for champion, you may enter the general competition and have your artwork critiqued by our esteemed judges and viewed by the populace of glorious Atenveldt! For competition requirements and more about the competition process, please visit [arts.atenveldt.org](http://arts.atenveldt.org). We request from the populace to help us decorate the hall with their pageantry. Please bring your household banners, walls, and other regalia. This is the perfect time to show others your artistic works using your personal heraldry and/or your Baronial & Kingdom colors. There will be activities for everyone to partake in from the fighting arts to hand work and demonstrations. This is a great opportunity for all of the Kingdom Artisans to bring their current projects to demonstrate their work, ask other artisans for input and/or just use this time to work on their project and socialize.

**Site fee:** Adults \$15.00 with a \$5.00 discount for members, Youth 17 and under are free

Event pre-registration via PayPal will open August 26 and close September 16, 2018.

Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/jifCx6lHuSrluTLp1>.

Credit cards will also be accepted at the door.

**Site information:** Bourgade Catholic School

4602 N 31<sup>st</sup> Ave Phoenix, AZ 85017

Take your best route to I-17 and Camelback. Turn West on Camelback then South onto 31<sup>st</sup> Ave. The school is on the West side of the street.

Site opens at 8:30 A.M. for checking in and closes at 6:00 P.M.

No pets; No smoking on site; Dry site; No merchants; Water and shade will be provided.

There will be a list of local restaurants available at gate.

Please contact us at ladydragonfly@cox.net or ladyariannamariadellaluna@gmail.com if you have any questions. In Service, Lady Moira O'Droogan Mistress Arianna della Luna

## **Great Western War**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

“Once there was a War...”

Join the Kingdom of Caid as we celebrate the 21st year of Great Western War! Help us toast to the camaraderie of the Knowne World.

GWW runs from October 2-8, 2018 at Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area, 13601 Ironbark Road, Taft, CA 93268.

Here are just a few things to enjoy at GWW XXI:

HEAVY WEAPONS (SCA hard suit/armored) - Both large battles and tournaments; opportunities for Combat archery, crossbows, and siege weapons

RAPIER COMBAT (SCA Fencing) - Fighting over several days, both large battles and tournaments

EQUESTRIAN - Activities over several days, games and challenges, staged castle siege, and other activities

THROWN WEAPONS (target only) - Challenges and games

ARCHERY - Both battle and target scenarios over several days (and some evenings)

HOUND COURSING (dog courses) - Over several days

YOUTH COMBAT - Activities over several days: games and challenges

ARTS AND SCIENCES - Workshops and classes: both hands-on and lecture series learning opportunities, including a track of classes especially for children and young adults

KNOWNE WORLD PARTY - Meet new friends and catch up with old ones at this giant bash on the battlefield, directly following Grand Court

MERCHANTS - Many shopping opportunities, both hard goods, and food court

VOLUNTEERING - Amazing opportunities to get involved and help make the event happen

GORGEOUS SCENERY - Fantastic views, gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, wildlife enjoying the park lake

Pre-registration for this event ends August 31.

Early-bird pre-registration for extra land ends June 30.

Pre-register at <http://www.caid-gww.org/attending/pre-registration>.

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

ADULT MEMBER

ADULT NON-MEMBER

Arriving Tuesday-Thursday: \$60  
Arriving Friday-Saturday: \$55

YOUTH (11-17) MEMBER  
Arriving Tuesday-Thursday: \$35  
Arriving Friday-Saturday: \$30

Children 10 and under are guests of the Kingdom of Caïd  
There is a Family Cap for those families with more than 2 children (includes 2 adults and 2 or more children):

Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday arrival – Cap \$190  
Friday or Saturday arrival – Cap \$170

DIRECTIONS: From I-5, travel west on Taft Highway 119 (exit 244). [Go past the signs for "Buena Vista Recreational Area" -- Those signs will take you to the park "front" entrance, and you will have to backtrack and continue west on Hwy 119 to Golf Course Rd.] Turn left (east) on Golf Course Rd (5.1 miles). Turn left (east) on Ironbark Rd/Buena Vista Park. Proceed over the aqueduct to the gate for check-in. The GWW entrance will be located at the park's "back" entrance, not the main entrance off Highway 43. The site is approximately 25 miles southwest of Bakersfield.

For additional direction information and maps, see <http://www.caïd-gww.org/about/maps-directions>.

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<https://twitter.com/GreatWesternWar>

Event Stewards: Mistress Ceridwen Killian and Master Rowan Killian  
Email: [stewards@caïd-gww.org](mailto:stewards@caïd-gww.org)

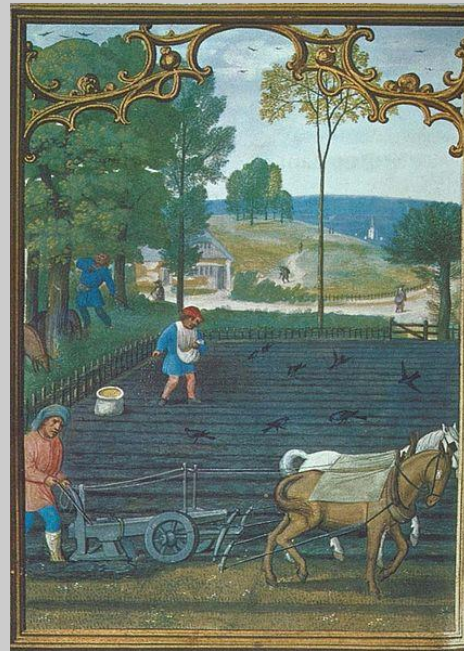
Arriving Tuesday-Thursday: \$65  
Arriving Friday-Saturday: \$60

YOUTH (11-17) NON-MEMBER  
Arriving Tuesday-Thursday: \$40  
Arriving Friday-Saturday: \$35

## Non-Fiction Facts

### Agriculture in the Middle Ages

Epidemics and climatic cooling cause a large decrease in the European population in the 6th century. Compared to the Roman period, agriculture in the Middle Ages in western Europe became more focused on self-sufficiency. The Feudal period began about 1000 CE. The agricultural population under feudalism in northern Europe was typically organized into manors consisting of several hundred or more acres of land presided over by a Lord of the Manor, with a Roman Catholic church and priest. Most of the people living on the manor were peasant farmers or serfs who grew crops for themselves and either labored for the lord and church or paid rent for their land. Barley and wheat were the most important crops in most of Europe; oats and rye were also grown, along with a variety of vegetables and fruits. Oxen and horses were used as draft animals. Sheep were raised for wool and pigs for meat.



*September, from the Da Costa Hours, Belgium. c. 1515) tempera colors, gold paint, and ink on parchment*  
The Morgan Library

Crop failures due to bad weather were frequent throughout the Middle Ages and famine was often the result. Despite the hardships, there is anthropometric evidence that medieval men were taller (and therefore presumably better fed) than the men of the preceding Roman Empire and the subsequent early modern era.

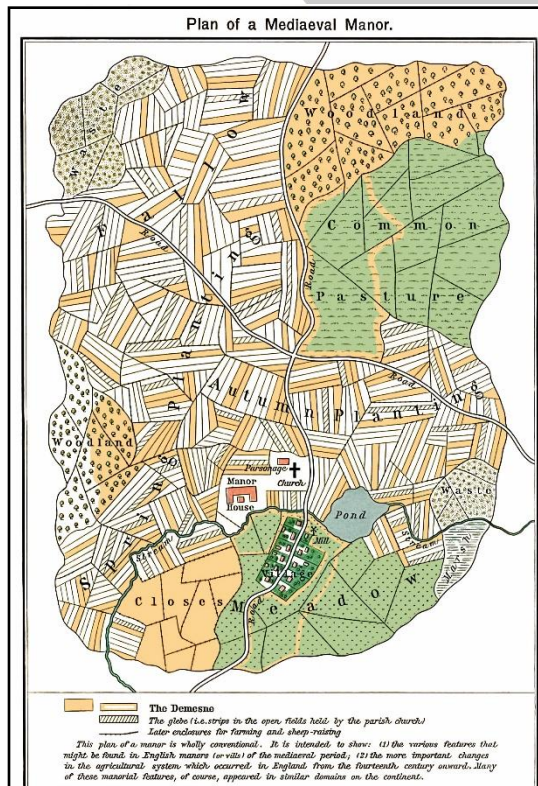
The medieval system of agriculture began to break down in the 14th century with the development of more intensive agricultural methods in the Low Countries and after the population losses of the Black Death in 1347-1351 made more land available to a diminished number of farmers. Medieval farming practices, however, continued with little change in Russia and some other areas until the mid-19th century.

### Feudalism

Gradually, the Roman system of villas and agricultural estates using partly slave labor was replaced by manoralism and serfdom. Historian Peter Sarris has identified the characteristics of feudal society in sixth century Italy, and even earlier in the Byzantine

Empire and Egypt. One of the differences between the villa and medieval manor was that the agriculture of the villa was commercially oriented and specialized while the manor was directed toward self-sufficiency.

Slavery, important for the agricultural labor force of the Roman Empire, died out in western Europe by 1100 CE. The slaves of the Roman Empire were property, like livestock, with no rights of personhood and could be sold or traded at the will of his owner. Similarly, The serf was tied to the land and could not leave his servitude, but his tenure on the land was secure. If the manor changed owners the serfs remained on the land. Serfs had limited rights to property, although their freedom of movement was limited and they owed labor or rent to their lord.



This plan of a manor is wholly conventional. It is intended to show: (1) the various features that might be found in English manors (or villas) of the mediaeval period; (2) the more important changes in the agricultural system which occurred in England from the fourteenth century onward. Many of these manorial features, of course, appeared in similar domains on the continent.

Plan of a fictional mediaeval manor. William R. Shepherd, Historical Atlas, New York, Henry Holt and Company, 1923.

Feudalism was in full flower for most of northern Europe by 1000 AD and its heartland was the rich agricultural lands in the Seine valley of France and the Thames valley of England. The medieval population was divided into three groups: those who pray, those who fight, and those who work. The serf and farmer supported with labor and taxes the clergy who prayed and the noble lords, knights, and warriors who fought. In return the farmer received the benefits (or burden) of religion and protection by mounted and heavily armored soldiers. The church took its tithe and the soldiers required a large economic investment. A social and legal gulf resulted between the priest, the knight, and the farmer. Moreover, with the end of the Carolingian Empire (800-888 CE), the power of kings declined and the central authority was little felt. Thus, the European countryside became a patchwork of small, semi-autonomous fiefdoms of lords and clergy ruling over a populace mostly of farmers, some relatively prosperous, some possessing land, and some landless.

A major factor contributing to the death of feudalism in most of Europe was the Black Death of 1347-1351 and subsequent epidemics which killed one-third or more of the people of Europe. In the aftermath of the Black Death,

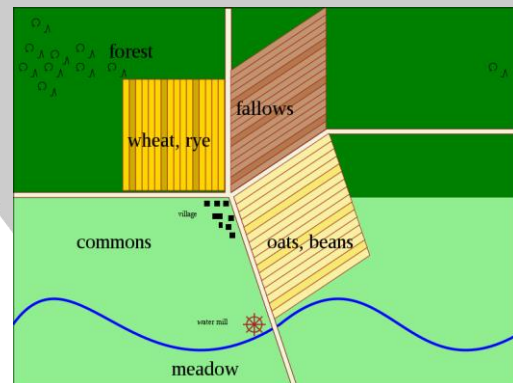
land was abundant and labor was scarce and the rigid relationships among farmers, the church, and the nobility changed. Feudalism is generally regarded as having ended in western Europe around 1500, although serfs were not finally freed in Russia until 1861.

## The Manor

Agricultural land in the Middle Ages under feudalism was usually organized in manors. The medieval manor consisted of several hundred (or sometimes thousand) acres of land. A large manor house served as the home or part-time home of the lord of the manor. Some manors were under the authority of bishops or abbots of the Catholic church. Some lords owned more than one manor, and the church controlled large areas. Within the lands of a manor, a parish church and a nucleated village housing the farmers was usually near the manor house. The manor house, church, and village were surrounded by cultivated and fallow land, woods, and pasture. Some of the land was the demesne of the lord; some was allocated to individual farmers, and some to the parish priest. Some of the woods and pasture were held in common and used for grazing and wood-gathering. Most manors had a mill for grinding grain into flour and an oven to bake bread.

## Fields

The field systems in Medieval Europe included the open-field system, so called because there were barriers between fields belonging to different farmers. The landscape was one of long and uncluttered views. In its archetypal form, cultivated land consisted of long, narrow strips of land in a distinctive ridge and furrow pattern. Individual farmers owned or farmed several different strips of land scattered around the farming area. The reason for farmers possessing scattered strips of land was apparently to reduce risk; if the crop in one strip failed, it might thrive in another strip. The lord of the manor also had strips of land scattered around the fields as did the parish priest for the upkeep of the church. The open-field system required cooperation among the residents of the community and with the lord and the priest. "Strips of land were cultivated individually, yet were subject to communal rotations and (typically) communal regulation of cropping."



Three Field System used in medieval agriculture.  
Created by M. Scharwies, 2017. CC-BY-SA 4.0

Two patterns of cultivation were typical of the open-field system. In the first, the arable land was divided into two fields. One half was cultivated and the other one was left fallow every year. Crops were rotated between the two fields every year, with the fallow field being allowed to recover its fertility and used for livestock grazing when not dedicated to crops. The two-field system continued to be most prevalent throughout the Middle Ages

in dry-summer Mediterranean climates in which grain crops were planted in fall and harvested in spring, the summer being too dry for spring-planted crops to prosper.

A three-field pattern was typical of the later Middle Ages in northern Europe with its wetter climate. One field was planted in fall, one field was planted in spring, and the third field was left fallow. Crops were rotated from year to year and field to field. Thus, cultivation was more intensive than it was under the two-field pattern. In both patterns, common areas of wood and pasture as well as fallowed fields were used for communal grazing and wood-gathering.

The woods and meadows comprising common lands were open to exploitation to all farmers in the manor, but under strict management of the number of livestock allowed each farmer to avoid over grazing. Fallow fields were treated as common lands for grazing.



*Complicated medieval ridge and furrow patterns on the hillside to the west of Lower Coscombe Farm above the small village of Wood Stanway, near to Didbrook, Gloucestershire, Great Britain.*

*Philip Halling / Medieval Ridge and Furrow above Wood Stanway / CC BY-SA 2.0*

### Farmers' Holdings

Farmers were not equal in the amount of land they farmed. In a survey of seven English counties in 1279, perhaps typical of Europe as a whole, 46 percent of farmers held less than 10 acres (4.0 ha), which was insufficient land to support a family. Some were completely landless, or possessed only a small garden adjacent to their house. These poor farmers were often employed by richer farmers, or practiced a trade in addition to farming.

Thirty-three percent of farmers held about one-half virgate of land (12 acres (4.9 ha) to 16 acres (6.5 ha), sufficient in most years to support a family. Twenty percent of farmers held about a full virgate, sufficient not only to support a family but to produce a surplus. A few farmers accumulated more than a virgate of land and thus were relatively wealthy, although not belonging to the nobility. These rich farmers might have tenants of their own and would hire labor to work their lands.

Thirty-two percent of arable land was held by the lord of the manor. The farmers of the manor were required to work for a specified number of days per year on the lord's land or to pay rent to the lord on the land they farmed.

*Wikipedia contributors. "Agriculture in the Middle Ages." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 31 Aug. 2018. Web. 5 Sep. 2018.*

## Marketplace

Looking to sell crafts?

Known a local vendor that provides period-appropriate wares?

Place a free advertisement in *The Higher Word*!

Contact the Chronicler

## Officers of Ered Sul

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## Open Positions

### Web Minister

The Web Minister is a warranted office responsible for the upkeep and content of the baronial website. Ideal traits are experience with web development and service providers, experience writing and editing content, reliable email and internet access, and the ability to uphold web publishing SCA standards. Time commitment: Low



### Deputy Exchequer

The Deputy Exchequer assists the Exchequer with baronial bookkeeping and running troll at all baronial events. This position requires being a signer on the baronial bank account. Organization and computer skills are required, and basic math or accounting knowledge is helpful. Time commitment: High



### List Minister

The List Minister sets up and hosts tournaments throughout the year, organizes the fighters, and keeps track of wins and losses. The list minister must be impartial in all fights. Time commitment: Low (can be high commitment during events)



### Deputy Gold Key

The Deputy Gold Key / Chatelaine welcomes newcomers to the SCA and our barony. This position is best filled by someone who is friendly and passionate about SCA and who can approach curious strangers. Time commitment: Low





## Deputy Knight Marshall

Duties include knowing and understanding combat rules and to teach them to combat participants. The deputy assists the Knight Marshall in enforcing safety rules, training and authorizing combatants, and ensuring participants and spectators remain safe. Time commitment: Moderate

## Waiver Secretary

The Waiver Secretary manages and oversees the collections of various liability waivers. This position collaborates with the Exchequer(s) and Combat Marshals on maintaining waivers for event consent forms and fighter practice liability, as examples. Time commitment: Low

## Equestrian Marshal

Baronial Equestrian Marshal works with kingdom Equestrian Marshals to establish an equestrian presence in Ered Sul. A strong familiarity with equestrian events and a willingness to gain an in depth understanding of Society and local regulations is required. Time commitment: self-determined



## Deputy Sheriff

Assists Sheriff at baronial events with organizing volunteers with tasks and shifts, performing patrols, provide general help to event attendees, and assist event autocrats as needed. Time commitment: Low (can be high commitment during events)



## Deputy Chronicler

Assists with collecting information to include in the baronial newsletter. Takes photos, interviews populace members, and helps maintain release/permissions forms for creative content. Time commitment: Low



## Kingdom Want Ads

Kingdom Chronicler (open until filled)

Emergency Deputy Kingdom Keeper of the Regalia

Kingdom Tournaments Illuminated Liason

Visit <http://www.atenveldt.org/People/OfficerWantAds> for details



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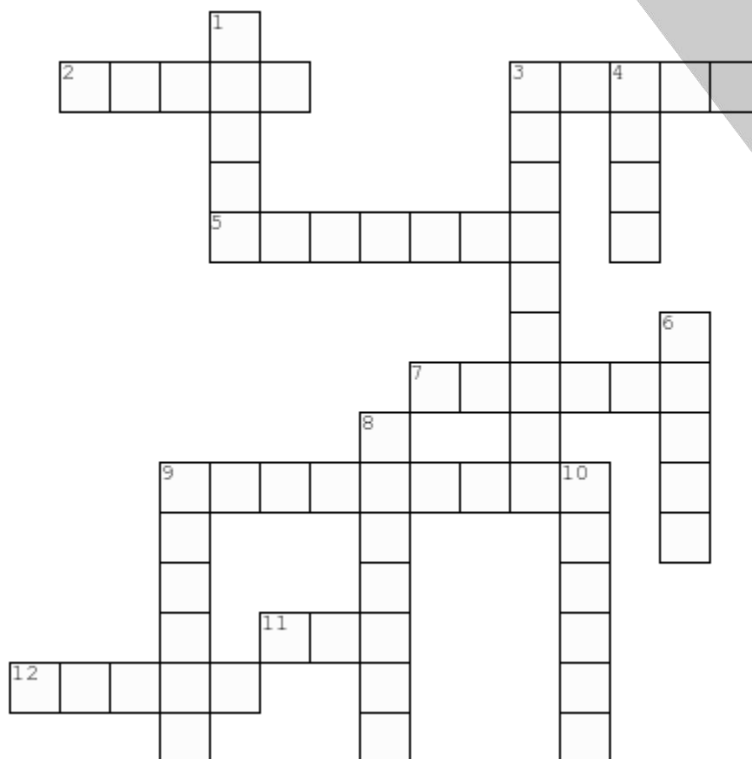
## Lower

"I almost sh#t my pants on the toilet. There's a spider in there."

Leànnàn Fäks

Overhear a dicey quote? Have a major foot-in-mouth moment?  
Submit it to The Higher Word (or Facebook)! After all, those who laugh together stay together!

## Games



### Across

2. Canadian conifers
3. Harvesters' hauls
5. Feudal worker's state
7. Furrowing machine
9. System of lords and vassals
11. Cereal plant; whiskey
12. Distinguished house

### Down

1. 'Refried' fare
3. Ultimate winners
4. Feed bag stuff
6. Flour is made from this grain
8. Period of gathering crop
9. Uncultivated
10. Pasture ground

## Other Ways to Contact Us

Society Website: <http://www.sca.org>

Kingdom Website: <http://www.atenveldt.org>

Barony of Ered Sul Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SCAEredSul/>

Baron of Ered Sul Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/135613726524285/>

Highlands War Website: <http://www.highlandswar.org/>

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