



The Higher Word

Barony of Ered Sul

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Words from the Coronet

Greetings unto this great land of Ered Sul,

Northern Yule in the Shire of Windale was delightful and we were glad to see those of you who were able to attend! For everyone celebrating the holidays this season, we wish you safe travels and the season's best to all of you. Remember to pre-register for Estrella as soon as you are able so we can get land allocation for the barony. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming holiday events!

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

Announcements

**Banns of Marriage between
The Honorable Lord Rián hua Tadgáin
&
Lord Sebastian of the Titans.
This being the second time of asking.**

The banns of marriage, commonly known simply as the "banns" or "bans", are the public announcement in a Christian parish church or in the town council of an impending marriage between two specified persons.

The purpose of banns is to enable anyone to raise any canonical or civil legal impediment to the marriage, so as to prevent marriages that are invalid. Impediments vary between legal jurisdictions, but would normally include a pre-existing marriage that has been neither dissolved nor annulled, a vow of celibacy, lack of consent, or the couple's being related within the prohibited degrees of kinship.

Calendar

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Northern Yule
2 Hanukkah Begins	3	4	5	6	7 New Moon	8
9	10 Hanukkah Ends	11	12 A&S Night	13	14	15 First Quarter
16	17	18	19	20 Populace Court	21 Winter Solstice	22 Full Moon
23	24	25 Christma s Day	26	27	28	29 Last Quarter
30	31 New Years Eve					

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

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

Events

A&S Night / Scriptorium

None in December

Have a nice, merry, happy, blessed whatever season!

Remember Christopher's Wednesday workshops

Remember Beinn's Thursday belly dance and drum circles

Northern Yule

December 1st

Come join us as we celebrate the returning of the sun to warm our fair lands. We will celebrate with a day of playing period games, barding center piece competition and adult and children's gift exchange (\$10 limit). There will also be a sweet contest! bring your favorite sweet treat and silent auction.

An amazing feast will be served at 5pm and will include: Fresh breads with butter, cheese and eggs, barley vegetable soup, roasted pig, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, turnips and rutabagas. The feast will finish with hand crafted baked cheese and fruit tartlets drizzled with honey and toasted nuts. So bring your horn or mug, to toast with us this winter evening and join in story, song food and fun.

Event Stewarts

Mistress Aimee Douglas (Julie Holmes) jeweloftheheart@hotmail.com

Padric O'Laughlin (Patrick Gonzales) pansdoor@hotmail.com

Adult event registration \$15

Adult member discount registration \$10

Youth 5-17 \$5

Feast:

Adult \$10 Youth 5-17 \$5

Please make your feast reservation by 11-10-2018. There will be a 100 cap.

Site opens at 10am, closes at 8pm

Site: Golden Paradise Landowners

5505 West Hwy 58, Golden Valley AZ

Golden Paradise Landowners is located 20 minutes from Kingman, on Hwy 58

Atenveldt Spring Crown Tournament & Warlords

Jan 26th – 27th

The single most important duty of any Crown is to ensure the succession of the line so that The Dream may never end. To that end, their most magnanimous and benevolent majesties Morgan and Elizabeth, King and Queen of Atenveldt, do invite all who find these words to attend the 99th Crown tournament of Glorious Atenveldt. This will be a weekend event full of fun, fighting, arts and pageantry located in the Shire of Windale

Site: Fire Fighters Park

2201 Detroit Ave, Kingman AZ 86401

Site will open at 8am daily and will close after closing court each day.

Adult-\$15.00; \$10.00 with a \$5.00 membership discount

Youth ages 17 and under are free.

Site is discreetly wet

Service animals only, must be on a leash at all times

Soup and Dessert bar will be hosted by the shire on Saturday from 1:30-4pm

Many stores and restaurants are located close to site for your dining and refreshment

Saturday you will witness the most Glorious Tournament of our Kingdom where the heirs of Atenveldt will be chosen.

Non-Fiction Facts

Yule Goat

History

The Yule goat is a Scandinavian and Northern European Yule and Christmas symbol and tradition. Its origin may be Germanic pagan and has existed in many variants during Scandinavian history. Modern representations of the Yule goat are typically made of straw.

The Yule goat's origins go back to ancient Pagan festivals. While a popular theory is that the celebration of the goat is connected to worship of the Norse god Thor, who rode the sky in a chariot drawn by two goats, Tanngrisnir and Tanngrjǫstr, it goes back to common Indo-European beliefs. The last sheaf of grain bundled in the harvest was credited with magical properties as the spirit of the harvest and saved for the Yule celebrations, called among other things Yule goat (Julbocken).

This connects to ancient proto-Slavic beliefs where the Koliada (Yule) festival honors the god of the fertile sun and the harvest. This god, Devac (a.k.a. Dazbog), was represented by a white goat, consequently the Koliada festivals always had a person dressed as a goat, often demanding offerings in the form of presents. A man-sized goat figure is known from 11th-century remembrances of Childermas, where it



was led by a man dressed as Saint Nicholas, symbolizing his control over the Devil.

Other traditions are possibly related to the sheaf of corn called the Yule goat. In Sweden, people regarded the Yule goat as an invisible spirit that would appear some time before Christmas to make sure that the Yule preparations were done right. Objects made out of straw or roughly-hewn wood could also be called the Yule goat, and in older Scandinavian society a popular Christmas prank was to place this Yule goat in a neighbor's house without them noticing; the family successfully pranked had to get rid of it in the same way.



'Thor' The goats Tanngrisnir and Tanngrjǫstr pull the god Thor's chariot. Die Helden und Götter des Nordens, oder Das Buch der sagen. G. Gropius, 1832

The function of the Yule goat has differed throughout the ages. In a Scandinavian custom similar to the English tradition of wassailing, held at either Christmas or Epiphany, young men in costumes would walk between houses singing songs, enacting plays and performing pranks. This tradition is known from the 17th century and still continue in certain areas. The group of Christmas characters would often include the Yule goat, a rowdy and sometimes scary creature demanding gifts.

During the 19th century the Yule goat's role all over Scandinavia shifted towards becoming the giver of Christmas gifts, with one of the men in the family dressing up as the Yule goat. In this, there might be a relation to Santa Claus and the Yule goat's origin in the medieval celebrations of Saint Nicholas. The goat was then replaced by the Jultomte (Father Christmas/Santa Claus) or Julenisse during the second half of the 19th century and early 20th century, although he is still called the Joulupukki (Yule goat) in Finland, and the tradition of the man-sized goat disappeared.

The Modern Yule Goat

The Yule goat in Nordic countries today is best known as a Christmas ornament. This modern version of the Yule goat figure is a decorative goat made out of straw and bound with red ribbons, a popular Christmas ornament often found under or on the Christmas tree. Large versions of this ornament are frequently erected in towns and cities around Christmas time – a tradition started with the Gävle goat in the 1960s.



Straw goat from Poland. Photo by: Silar 2014



The Gävle goat in December 2009
By Seppo Laine; cropped by Beyond My Ken (talk) 17:43,
9 December 2016 (UTC) - Flickr:
julbock_gavle_christmasgoat, CC BY 2.0

The Gävle Goat

The Gävle Goat (Swedish: Gävlebocken) is a traditional Christmas display erected annually at Slottstorget (Castle Square) in central Gävle, Sweden. It is a giant version of a traditional Swedish Yule Goat figure made of straw. It is erected each year at the beginning of Advent over a period of two days by local community groups, and has become famous for being destroyed in arson attacks during December. Despite security measures and the nearby presence of a fire station, the goat has been burned to the ground most years since its first appearance in 1966. As of December 2017, the goat has been damaged 37 times in the 51 annual celebrations.

Wikipedia contributors. "Yule Goat." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 19 May. 2018. Web. 27 Nov. 2018.

Wikipedia contributors. "Gävle goat." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 26 Nov. 2018. Web. 27 Nov. 2018.

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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)

Gold Key



The 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 Regnum Officer (Manages Order of Precedence)



Estrella War Main Event Stewards for Estrella XXXVI, 2020

Emergency Deputy Kingdom Keeper of the Regalia

Kingdom Tournaments Illuminated Liason

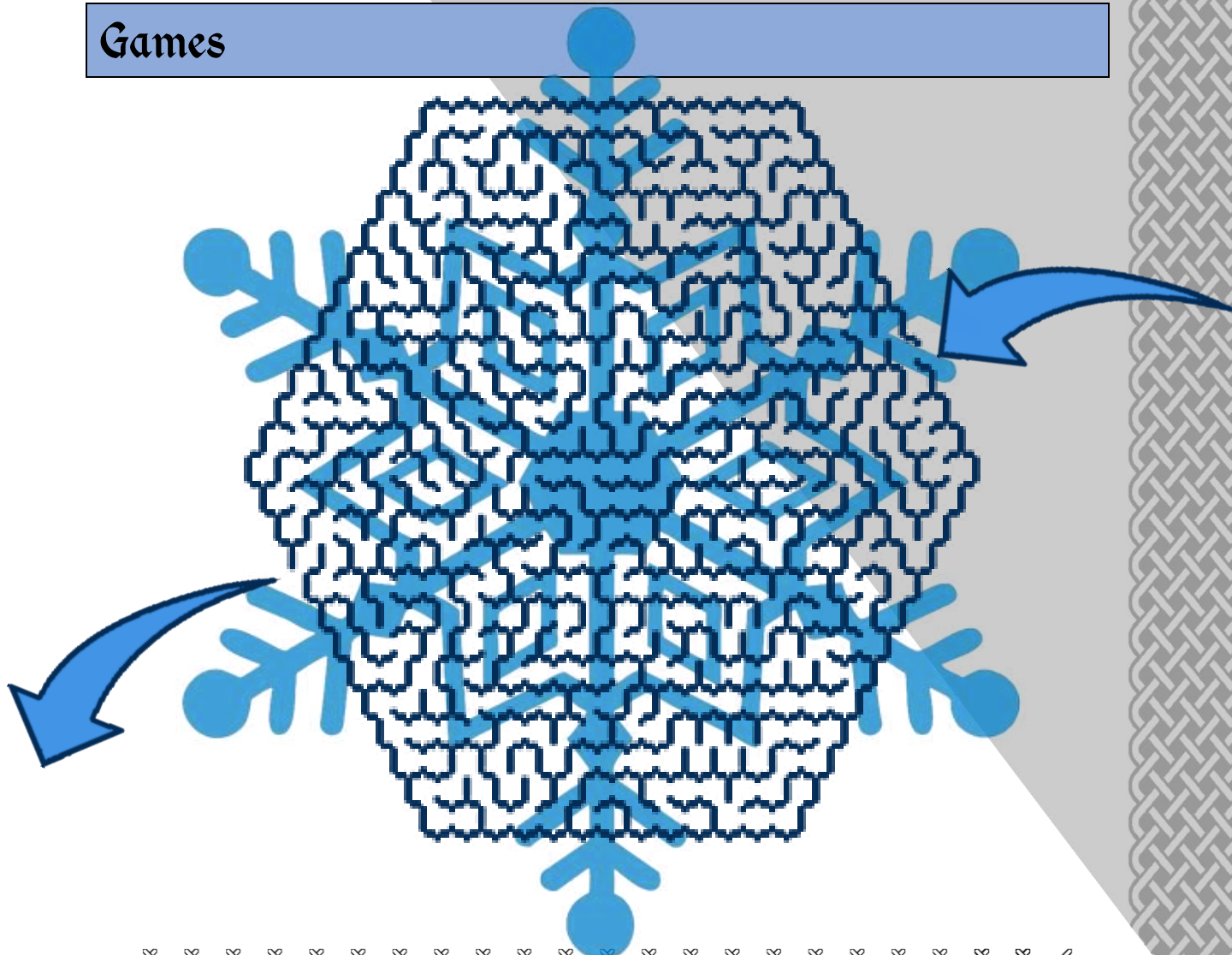
Visit <http://www.atenveldt.org/People/OfficerWantAds> for details

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“At least I didn't give my mom herpes!”

*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



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/>

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

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