



# The Higher Word

Barony of Ered Sul

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Greetings Great and Noble populace of Ered Sul,

The drums of war are sounding just over the horizon. Time to polish that armor, finish up that sewing, and sauce up that dance as we prepare for Highlands War starting on July 12th! Even the wee vikings are coming out to stand their ground. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting event to defend our honor and bask in the revels that follow. Time to show our Atendveldt friends and Outlander neighbors what it means to be a Northerner! Safe travels to those attending Battlemoor and Pennsic. See you all soon at Highlands War XXIV: The Battle of Confey.

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



The western shores of Loch Stack. 2011.

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# Calendar

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Battlemoor Independence Day	5 Battle- moor	6 Battle- moor	7 Battle- moor
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## Events

### **Battlemoor IX: The Hall of the Mountain King**

July 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Buena Vista, Colorado

An ancient King decreed a great hall be built at the top of the world. No King would sit higher nor gaze farther. Great warriors gather, bards attend and diverse artists bring forth masterworks. The people feast and revel and know all good things.

Great halls tumble to the ground. Great deeds fade into the mists of time.

Remember what has gone before. Give life to legends and myths. Fight so great warriors are not forgotten. Sing so our histories are not lost. Revel so the Halls of Old rise up again. Bring those ancient times to life. Gather in the Hall of the Mountain King.

[www.Battlemoor.org](http://www.Battlemoor.org)

### **Highlands War**

July 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

In the year 917 A.D. there was a fierce battle that took place in Ireland between the natives of the land and the invading foreigners, The Dubgaill (or “Vikings” to those lucky enough to have not encountered their raids...):The Battle of Confey! Some say this battle took place near Dublin, but come midsummer this mighty skirmish will be held in the lands of the wild and the wooly, the Barony of Ered Sul! Choose your victor; the proud Irish or the fearsome Vikings!

We battle, feast, and revel in friendship and honor. We wish this Highlands War to be the best in every way and want to introduce an exciting, new format for the fighting scenarios this year.

There will be something for everyone at Highlands War, scheduled activities will include:

- Hardsuit and Rapier/Light fighting scenarios
- Hardsuit and Rapier/Light tournaments
- Archery range and competitions
- Arts and Sciences classes
- War scenarios and competitions
- Youth activities
- Merchant's Row

Site: Mormon Lake Lodge, 1991 Mormon Lake Rd, Mormon Lake, AZ 86038

**Site fees:**

Full weekend: Adults \$40 non-member, \$35 member; Youth 17 & Under - No site fee

Day pass: Adults - \$20 non-member, \$15 member; Youth 17 & Under - No site fee

<http://highlandswar.org/>

## **Pennsic 47**

July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>

Pennsic is an annual event, in the guise of a "War", between the Kingdoms of the East and the Middle of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Pennsic is also the largest Society event, with attendance in recent years exceeding 10,000. The scheduled activities include large melee battles, tournaments, archery, stage performances, dancing, and hundreds of classes on medieval topics. The marketplace has over 200 merchants selling a variety of wares.

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/>

## **Too Darn Hot**

August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Let's face it - August is Too Darn Hot! Luckily, we here in the woodland Barony of Ered Sul know how to balance the fiery beams of the Sun of Atenveldt with the cool shady ground of our beloved forest. There's enough shade for everyone so come join us at Willard Springs for a weekend of revelry, relaxation, and fun!

We will be holding a Bacon Competition - yes, you read that right, a Bacon Competition! Please bring your favorite version of the meaty wonder, whether it be cooked, candied, fried, or wrapped. It's BACON us drool just thinking about it!

As always, we will have an Arts & Sciences competition, as well as a Bardic competition, hardsuit tourneys, rapier tourneys, archery tourneys, and maybe even a few Irish wakes as well. There will also be a Baronial yard sale so bring any wares you don't need and pick up a few you do!

Please be aware that Ered Sul had a very dry winter which makes for a very hard summer for our Barony and our forests. While we hope that the monsoon season will be bountiful in water, the forest may still have fire restrictions at the time of this event. We are watching the weather diligently and will keep the populace up to date on any changes.

Please plan to bring propane & propane accessories at this time. Also, please bring trash bags and haul your trash off site. Leave site cleaner than you found it!

Come have fun, not in the sun!

**Site:** Willard Springs, Service Road 253, Blowout Tank Meadow, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

**Site Fees:** Adult non-member: \$20 for event, \$10 for day pass; Adult member: \$15 for event, \$5 for day pass; Youth (5-17): \$5 for event; Youth (under 5): No site fee.

**Event Steward:** Viviane Seals (Bebinn O'Brien) vivi.seals@gmail.com

## **Atenveldt Fall Crown Tournament**

**August 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. is clear. 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, Czar Ivan and Czarina Panka, do invite all who may find these words to attend the 98th Crown Tournament of glorious Atenveldt!

Fall Crown will be a weekend camping event full of fun, fighting, feast, and festivities located next to the monsoon-fed stream in Lower Garden Canyon at Fort Huachuca, AZ. The theme for those who chose to participate is early period Norse Rus.

In celebration of Their Majesties’ Heirs’ victory on the field, a 100 seat Russian themed feast is available at \$10 per adult/ \$5 per Youth 5-17 (limited to 100 individuals).

Feast Autocrat: Lady Elena (elenasdustdevilcafe@gmail.com) Those who wish to serve feast or help in the kitchen should contact Lady Elena.

Feast Reservations: Lady Browyn (Sharlene Thuma) (browynofbmmt@gmail) before 01 August 2018.

Site is discreetly wet. No vicious breed dogs. See Fort Huachuca website for authorized breeds. Fort Huachuca requires an on-post pass. Pre-registrants will be provided post passes. All other non-DoD ID card holders must register at the visitor center at Van DeMan Gate. Pre-registration via PayPal forthcoming. This is a CAMPING EVENT with vendors. Vendors must contact and receive in writing approval from the Event Steward prior to conducting sales.

**Location:** Lower Garden Canyon, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613

Site is open NOON August 24<sup>th</sup>

Adult Registration: \$15

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$10

Youth 5-17: \$5

Youth under 5: FREE

Event Steward: Lady Swetiue (Tammie Bogardt) (tlbogardt@gmail.com)



## Non-Fiction Facts

### Battle of Confey

The Battle of Confey or Cenn Fuait was a battle fought in Ireland in 917 between the Vikings of Dublin and the Irish King of Leinster, Augaire mac Ailella. It led to the recapture of Dublin by the Norse dynasty that had been expelled from the city fifteen years earlier by Augaire's predecessor, Cerball mac Muirecáin of Uí Fáeláin, and his ally Máel Finnia mac Flannacáin, the King of Brega.

#### Location

There is still some uncertainty concerning the location of the battle. The Annals of Ulster report that "Sitriuc, grandson of Ímar, landed with his fleet at Cenn Fuait on the border [airiur, airer] of Leinster." No such place is known, but the Annals of the Four Masters record that the battle took place in "the valley above Tech Moling". Tech Moling is St Mullin's, an ecclesiastical settlement in the extreme south of County Carlow, on the western boundary of Leinster, and accessible by ship via the River Barrow. Edmund Hogan identified Cenn Fuait ("Fuat's Head") with Glynn, a village which lies on a small stream about a kilometre north-east of St Mullin's.



Geographia by Francesco Berlinghieri (1440-1501)

The Four Masters record that after the battle the "foreigners of Ceann Fuaid" plundered Kildare, which lies about 50 km from Glynn. This led the historians John O'Donovan and Bartholomew MacCarthy to identify Cenn Fuait with Confey or Confoy, near what is today Leixlip, County Kildare, on the border between Leinster and the Kingdom of Mide.

W. M. Hennessy believed that airiur or airer indicated that Cenn Fuait was a headland on the coast of Leinster; but no such headland is known, and it has been objected that while airiur can mean "coast", it also denotes the border region between two neighbouring territories.

Cath Cinn Fuait

The Annals of Ulster record the battle and the events that led to it thus:



Sitriuc, grandson of Ímar, landed with his fleet at Cenn Fuait on the border of Leinster. Ragnall, grandson of Ímar, with his second fleet moved against the foreigners of Waterford. A slaughter of the foreigners at Emly in Munster. The Eóganacht and the Ciarraige made another slaughter.

Niall son of Aed, king of Ireland, led an army of the southern and northern Uí Néill to Munster to make war on the heathens. He halted on the 22nd day of the month of August at Topar Glethrach in Mag Feimin [near Clonmel]. The heathens had come into the district on the same day. The Irish attacked them between the hour of tierce and midday and they fought until eventide, and about a hundred men, the majority foreigners, fell between them. Reinforcements came from the camp of the foreigners to aid their fellows. The Irish turned back to their camp in face of the last reinforcement, i.e. Ragnall, king of the dark foreigners, accompanied by a large force of foreigners. Niall son of Aed proceeded with a small number against the heathens, so that God prevented a great slaughter of the others through him. After that Niall remained twenty nights encamped against the heathens. He sent word to the men of Leinster that they should lay siege to the encampment from a distance. They were routed by Sitriuc grandson of Ímar in the battle of Cenn Fuait, where five hundred, or somewhat more, fell. And there fell too Ugaire son of Ailill, king of Leinster, Mael Mórda son of Muirecán, king of eastern Life, Mael Maedóc son of Diarmait, a scholar and bishop of Leinster, Ugrán son of Cennétig, king of Laois, and other leaders and nobles. Sitriuc grandson of Ímar entered Áth Cliath.



Battle of Clontarf, oil on canvas painting by Hugh Frazer, 1826

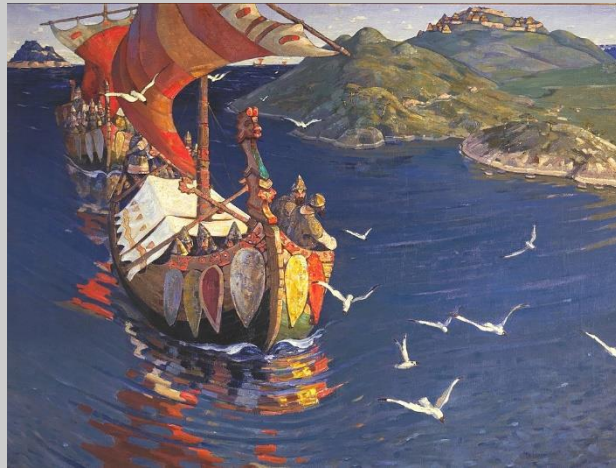
According to the later tract Cogad Gáedel re Gallaib and the Annals of the Four Masters the victorious Norsemen then plundered Kildare. The former text describes Sitric's capture of Dublin thus:



*There came after that the immense royal fleet of Sitriuc and the family of Ímar, i.e. Sitriuc the Blind, the grandson of Ímar; and they forced a landing at Dublin of Ath Cliath, and made an encampment there.*

### Impact of the battle

The Battle of Confey took place during a time of increased Viking attacks. The victorious Vikings were led by Sigtrygg Caech (also called Sigtrygg Gael or Sitric the Blind). The Annals of the Four Masters include among the 600 Irish dead several leaders in addition to Augaire mac Ailella the King of Leinster: "Maelmordha, son of Muireagan, lord of Eastern Life; Mughron, son of Cinneidigh, lord of the three Comainns and of Laois; Cinaedh, son of Tuathal, lord of Ui-Feineachlais; and many other chieftains, with the arch-bishop Maelmaedhog, son of Diarmaid, who was one of the Ui-Conannla, Abbot of Gleann-Uisean, a distinguished scribe, anchorite, and an adept in the Latin learning and the Scotie language."



Nicholas Roerich "Guests from Overseas". From the series "Beginnings of Rus'". The Slavs." 1901

Norse settlers founded Leixlip after the battle. Sitric was a member of the Norse dynasty which had ruled Dublin from the middle of the ninth century until 902. In that year the King of Dublin Ivar II and his family were driven from the city by Cerball mac Muirecáin Ó Fáeláin the King of Leinster and Máel Finnia mac Flannacáin the King of Brega. In the Annals of Ulster Sitric Caech and Ívarr II are both referred to as ua Ímair, "grandson of Ímar", a reference to Ivar I, who was the King (or co-regent) of Dublin from about 853 until his death in 873 and the ancestor of most of the Norse rulers of the city. Sitric, therefore, was either a brother or a first cousin of the ousted Ivar II (who had died in Scotland in 904). It is probably safe to assume that he was born in Dublin and was a young man when he and his family fled for their lives in 902.

Following his victory at Cenn Fuait, Sitric occupied Dublin, which was to remain a Norse stronghold until the Anglo-Norman invasion in the twelfth century.

Wikipedia contributors. "Battle of Confey." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 15 Feb. 2018. Web. 24 Jun. 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

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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



### 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



## 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 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

## 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

## Kingdom Want Ads

Kingdom Webminister (open until 7/1/18)

Kingdom Chronicler (open until 6/1/18)

Kingdom Arts & Sciences Minister (open until 7/1/18)

Kingdom Social Media Officer and Deputy(s) (open until filled)

Kingdom Media Relations Officer (open until filled)

Emergency Deputy Kingdom Keeper of the Regalia

Kingdom Tournaments Illuminated Liason

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



# ~~The Higher Word~~

Lower

“Satan’s in that! I know it, and I want it!”

*Over hear 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

Hervarar saga ok Heiðreks (The Saga of Hervör and Heithrek) is a legendary saga from the 13th century combining matter from several older sagas. See if you can get as many right answers as King Heithrek!

1. “What beast is it which brave men shelters? / It has a bloody back and wards off blows, goes against spears, life-giving to some. / Against lords’ left hand it lays its body. Aright guess now this riddle, Heithrek!”
2. Who is the great one that glides o’er the earth, / and swallows both waters and woods? The wind he fears, but weighs nowise [nothing], / and seeks to harm the sun. Aright guess now this riddle, Heithrek!
3. What marvel is it which without I saw, / before Delling’s-door? Upward it flies with eagle’s voice, / and hard grip it claws the helmet. Aright guess now this riddle, Heithrek!
4. That would I have, which I had yesterday; / heed what I had: men’s hamperer, word’s hinderer, / and speeder of speech. Aright read now this riddle, Heithrek!
5. What marvel is it which without I saw, / before Delling’s-door? Ten tongues has it, has twenty eyes / and forty feet, slowly fares that weight. Aright guess now this riddle, Heithrek!

## 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 <https://www.http://highlandswar.org/>

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Answers:  
1. "That is the shield. It often becomes bloody in battle, shielding those men who are handy with it."  
2. "That is the fog. One cannot see the sun because of him, but he disappears when the wind blows, and men can do naught against him. He kills the light of the sun."  
3. "Good is thy riddle, Gestumbblind, and guessed it is: that is the arrow."  
4. "Give him ale! That hampers many a man's wits; by it, some become talkative, but other men's wits are mazed."  
5. "You saw a sow in the farmyard with nine shoats [piglets] in her."