



The Higher Word

Barony of Ered Sul

Anno Societatis LIII

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Words from the Coronet

Greetings Eredsuligans,

We hope everyone has dried out from this year's Estrella! Despite the rain and mud, we hope everyone was still able to make the best of the event and have a fantastic time! The next event coming up this month is Gaelic Games, which is being held about 45 minutes east of Kingman, which puts it that much closer to us! After that we have the annual Eredsulabration is coming up in May as well. We hope to see you all out and about as spring approaches!

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

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Announcements

Awards

M'Lord Tristan Heally – Gilded Heart of Ered Sul

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



M'Lord Hrafinkel Sveison – Gilded Shield of Ered Sul

Award for Populace members who show excellence in the fighting arts, including heavy weapons, fencing, light weapons, and archery.



Wytychy Woods Tea House – Order of the Golden Tower

Award for a household that renders great service to Their Excellencies and the Barony of Ered Sul. The award is held for only one year and is given every year at Too Darn Hot (the baronial birthday party). The household is entitled to fly a banner with a representation of the award for the entire year that they hold the award.



Post for Seneschal

As you may or may not know, our Seneschal, Lady Bebinn O'Brien's warrant is set to expire in March. So, we are currently looking for someone to take over the office. Please submit your letter of interest to the Baron or Baroness in person, email or message them on the book of faces. Lady Bebinn has done an excellent job in this position and we hate to see her go. We know that whatever her next adventure is within the SCA is, she will be amazing.

(See office summary on page 13)

Calendar

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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10 Scriptorium	11	12	13 A&S Night	14	15 Gaelic Games	16 Gaelic Games
17 Gaelic Games St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Populace Court	22	23
24 Mixed Weapons 31	25	26	27	28	29 Mixed Weapons War	30 Mixed Weapons War

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

Events

Scriptorium

Sunday Mar 10th 10am – 3pm

This is an informal gathering for all interested scribes to share knowledge, work on projects and get to know new members of the community. For experienced scribes, it can be a time away from distractions to work on projects among your colleagues, as well as an opportunity to share your expertise with new artists. For new scribes, we have tools and materials available with which to experiment and practice. I have a laptop & printer available and will provide light refreshments. Feel free to bring a snack for yourself or to share.

Please come any time between 10am and 3pm. If you wish to bring a light table, reference materials, patterns, books and tools for calligraphy and/or illumination, or anything else that would be helpful for your own use or to share, that would be much appreciated. To be held at the abode of Lady Sólveig At Rauðá. Come have fun making art!

A&S Night

Wednesday, Mar 13th
6pm at Thorp Park Community Center

If you learned something at Estrella War how about a quick show and tell at March A/S, March 13 at 6 P.M. Wednesday March 13 at Thorpe Senior Center. Spread the excitement.

Know someone interested in the SCA? Bring them too!

Remember Christopher's Wednesday workshops
Remember Bebinn's Thursday belly dance and drum circles

Gaelic Games (Shire of Windale)

Mar 15th – 17th

At Tarantino Ranch site is located roughly 40 min. east of Kingman Arizona.

The shire of Windale wishes our Solar Family of this great kingdom and beyond to join us at a new site on private land. The site will open on Thursday @ 4 P.M. Camping areas are abundant and covered with your site fee. Once again we will be camping as a family all

together as they would have in history these games would have been a clan event. RV spaces are limited but are available (no hookups).

Friday evening, we will host the "TITANS TORCHLIGHT TOURNEY" bring all your weapons as you never know what may be required to win. This TOURNEY is open to all heavy fighters. This year our shire would like to invite all rapier fighters for an early morning sunrise TOURNEY Saturday morning yep you guessed it, at sunrise.

We also invite all archers as we will have a forest hunt competition which I believe all will enjoy.

The morning and afternoon will bring an opportunity to pick up fighting and a spirited competition of a variety of period games as well as our traditional sheep toss and cattle raid. There will be an opportunity for all members of the family to compete. We will also host a clan's choice A&S competition for the artisans of the kingdom. Saturday evening we will host a family potluck and encourage all attending to bring something. The shire will be providing the main course and a variety of deserts after which we will gather around the fire for stories, songs and more games while we award our winners for the event games and tournaments.

All vendors are welcome at this event. All we ask is that you donate something to be used as an additional prize for the games. Vendors are asked to contact the main autocrat prior to the event to a lot of space.

A detailed list of events and activities will be posted to the event page.

So please join the family of Windale for another weekend of friendship and family at Gaelic Games.

Site fee: \$25 per person for the weekend, with a \$5 per person discount of course for paid members. children 17 and under are free. Day fee is \$10.

Directions:

Tarantino Ranch, Mohave County, AZ

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/baE2x>

Roughly 40 min. east of Kingman Arizona off of HWY 40 EXIT 91 Fort Rock Road

Main Autocrat: Lord Brigin O'Domnhail (Matt Jackson) 713-884-5430 cell

Deputy Autocrats : Mistress Arsenda of Calais, OL (Angela Caudill), Lord Frij of Windale (Jason Olsa), Lord Lochland MacAlister (Erin Petersen), Lady Aislin Fleur Mac Alister (Heather Petersen)

Feast Autocrat: Lady Morgan O'Domnhail (Bethany Jackson)

Mixed Weapons War (Barony of Sun Dragon)

Mar 29th – 31st

Come learn about The Tale of Ivan Tsarevich , the Firebird, and the Gray Wolf

The Barony of Sun Dragon is hosting the annual Mixed Weapons War on March 29th - 31st, 2019 at Von Neumann Farm. Gather up your wolf packs; dress up in your finest skins or Russian clothing for a fun filled weekend! Site opens Friday, March 29th at Noon and closes Sunday, March 31st at 3 :00 pm. This is a camping event, dry RV permitted. Please bring shade and water. Animals permitted but must be on a leash . Campfires must be contained and must be 12 inches off the ground.

Our very own Lady Nastas'ia Volkovicha will have her vigil on Saturday starting at 7:00 pm as she contemplates joining the Noble Order of the Pelican. All are welcome to come and give words of wisdom and congratulations!

Saturday will see a day of hard suit and rapier tournaments, archery and thrown weapons competition, classes and demos, youth activities, combat stitchery, bardic and other exciting activities such as: the Russian Hopak dance and "Earning Your Wolf Ears Trivia" contest. Activities will be either Russian inspired or Wolf inspired, so let your imagination run wild! There will be bardic Saturday night around the fire with the theme "The hunt".

There will be a traveler's meal Friday night starting at 6 pm , a potluck feast on Saturday and Manor Rose will host their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday at 7:00 am. So come all and have a "howling good time"

Registration Fee: Adult Weekend: \$20.00, \$15.00 with a \$5.00 membership discount
Adult Day: \$ 15.00, \$10.00 with a \$5.00 membership discount Youth 17 and under: Free

Location : Von Neumann Farm. Take the 1-10 west to Penyville Road; go south about 4.5 miles, past Broadway Road and the train tracks. Take the gravel road about 100 yards south of the rail road tracks. Travel towards the end of the road and the event will be on the left hand side. There will be SCA signs to follow.

Event Stewart: Dame Jacquelin de Normandie (Julie Alvino) 602-91 0-7676, jacquelinofnormandy@yahoo.com. No calls please after 9pm.

Event Co-Stewart: M'lady Dionora Pavo Real (Bethann Hannah) 602 592 8739 (please text) bethann73@gmail.com

Site Stewart: HL Gregoire le Gris (Greg Alvino) 602-459-4077 Lordgregoire@yahoo.com

Tavern Tourney (Barony of Twin Moons)

April 6th

Barony of Twin Moons presents the glorious return of: Tavern Tourney!

Tavern Tourney has returned to save you from your recovery after the excitement of Estrella, giving you an unparalleled chance to stretch those sore muscles and exalt in one exciting day of merriment, entertainment, and tournaments. These challenges are designed to test your wit, endurance, and stamina as you seek to reign supreme as a Champion of the Chalice.

But wait, it gets better! The theme this year will be that of an Italian Masquerade. Tour Venice vicariously with Florentine Flourishes as you Relax as if you were in Roma! Bring your most marvelous mask, parsimonious pantaloons, or courageous codpiece as you cavort with your cohorts!

At the request of The Royal Highnesses, Franbald and Dionisiya, the King's Cut and Thrust Champion Tournament will also take place during the event. The victor shall serve as Champion for His Royal Highness Franbald during his reign.

The event will be taking place at Prospector Park in Apache Junction, Arizona on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

We will begin opening court at Their Excellencies pleasure (hoping 10:30 AM) with the excitement starting shortly after court. We will have competitions throughout the day designed to test everybody from the smallest of tots to the burly fighters and the courtly graces of the Ladie of the Kingdom.

A glorious Feast will be available for the amazing price of \$5 per head. Whilst you feast, you shall be entertained by a myriad of delights designed to entertain you with singing, storytelling, music, and maybe even slapstick entertainment. If you are interested in being part of the show please reach out to Lord Porter at thebardporter@gmail.com to petition for a spot on the roster. The performance piece will need to be Italian themed and can range in length. We are open to anything mildly period.

The Feast Menu will be a mix of modern and period Italian Fare, with a few Gluten Free options available skillfully crafted by HE Master Thorn de Lyon. If you have any specific dietary questions please reach out to him at jim.white.az@gmail.com.

If the Feast entertainment is not enough to keep you busy, we will have other exciting tournaments throughout the day such as Don't Spill the Beer, Battle of the Wits, Hardsuit and Rapier combat styled tournaments, Best Disguised Weapon, Drinking Song Bardic, and more! Stay tuned to the FB page for more updates and rules on the various contests.

Non-Fiction Facts

Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick (Latin: Patricius; Irish: Pádraig; Welsh: Padrig) was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, the other patron saints being Brigit of Kildare and Columba. He is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran Churches, the Old Catholic Church, and in the Eastern Orthodox Church as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland.

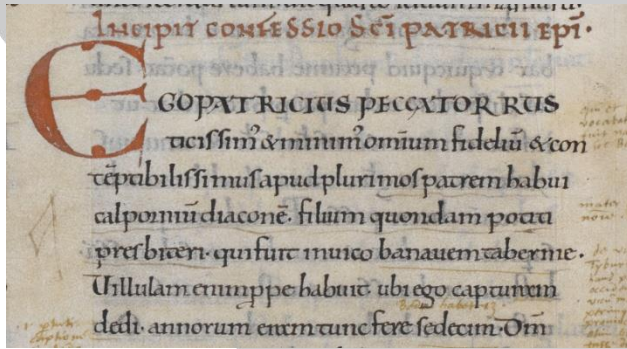
Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.



Saint Patrick Catholic Church (Junction City, Ohio) - stained glass, Saint Patrick - detail

Life

Patrick was born in Roman Britain. Calpurnius, his father, was a decurion and deacon, his grandfather Potitus a priest, from Banna Venta Berniae, a location otherwise unknown, though identified in one tradition as Glannoventa, modern Ravenglass in Cumbria, in what is now England; claims have been advanced for locations in both present-day Scotland and Wales. Patrick, however, was not an active believer. According to the Confession of Saint Patrick, at the age of sixteen he was captured by a group of Irish pirates. They took him to Ireland where he was enslaved and held captive for six years. Patrick writes in the Confession that the time he spent in captivity was critical to his spiritual development. He explains that the Lord had mercy on his youth and ignorance, and afforded him the opportunity to be forgiven his sins and convert to Christianity. While in captivity, he worked as a shepherd and strengthened his relationship with God through prayer, eventually leading him to convert to Christianity.



'My name is Patrick, I am a sinner': Opening lines of the Confessio, Cotton MS Nero E I/1, f.169v

After six years of captivity he heard a voice telling him that he would soon go home, and then that his ship was ready. Fleeing his master, he travelled to a port, two hundred miles away, where he found a ship and with difficulty persuaded the captain to take him. After three days' sailing, they landed, presumably in Britain, and apparently all left the ship, walking for 28 days in a "wilderness" and becoming faint from hunger. After Patrick prayed

for sustenance, they encountered a herd of wild boar; since this was shortly after Patrick had urged them to put their faith in God, his prestige in the group was greatly increased. After various adventures, he returned home to his family, now in his early twenties. After returning home to Britain, Patrick continued to study Christianity.

Patrick recounts that he had a vision a few years after returning home:

I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: "The Voice of the Irish". As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea—and they cried out, as with one voice: "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

Acting on his vision, Patrick returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. Tradition has it that Patrick was not welcomed by the locals and was forced to leave and seek a more welcoming landing place further north. He rested for some days at the islands off the Skerries coast, one of which still retains the name of Inis-Patrick. The first sanctuary dedicated by Patrick was at Saul. Shortly thereafter Benin (or Benignus), son of the chieftain Secsnen, joined Patrick's group.

He writes that he "baptised thousands of people". He ordained priests to lead the new Christian communities. He converted wealthy women, some of whom became nuns in the face of family opposition. He also dealt with the sons of kings, converting them too. The Confessio is generally vague about the details of his work in Ireland, though giving some specific instances. This is partly because, as he says at points, he was writing for a local audience of Christians who knew him and his work. There are several mentions of travelling around the island, and of sometimes difficult interactions with the ruling elite. Patrick's position as a foreigner in Ireland was not an easy one. His refusal to accept gifts from kings placed him outside the normal ties of kinship, fosterage and affinity. Legally he

was without protection, and he says that he was on one occasion beaten, robbed of all he had, and put in chains, perhaps awaiting execution.



Miniature of an alleluia or wood sorrel plant, from an Italian herbal, c. 1280–1310, Egerton MS 747, f. 12r

Legends

Patrick uses shamrock in an illustrative parable

Legend credits Patrick with teaching the Irish about the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by showing people the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, using it to illustrate the Christian teaching of three persons in one God. This story first appears in writing in 1726, though it may be older. The shamrock has since become a central symbol for Saint Patrick's Day.

In pagan Ireland, three was a significant number and the Irish had many triple deities, a fact that may have aided Patrick in his evangelization efforts when he "held up a shamrock and discoursed on the Christian Trinity". Patricia Monaghan says there is no evidence that the shamrock was sacred to the pagan Irish. However, Jack Santino speculates that it may have represented the regenerative powers of nature, and was recast in a Christian context. Icons of St Patrick often depict the saint "with a cross in one hand and a sprig of shamrocks in the other". Roger Homan writes, "We can perhaps see St Patrick drawing upon the visual concept of the triskele when he uses the shamrock to explain the Trinity".

Patrick banishes all snakes from Ireland

The absence of snakes in Ireland gave rise to the legend that they had all been banished by Patrick chasing them into the sea after they attacked him during a 40-day fast he was undertaking on top of a hill. This hagiographic theme draws on the Biblical account of the staff of the prophet Moses. In Exodus 7:8–7:13, Moses and Aaron use their staffs in their struggle with



Depiction of St Patrick standing on a snake in Purgatory, from *St Patrick's Purgatory*: England, 1451, Royal MS 17 B XLIII, f. 132v

Pharaoh's sorcerers, the staffs of each side turning into snakes. Aaron's snake-staff prevails by consuming the other snakes.

Patrick banishing the snakes

However, all evidence suggests that post-glacial Ireland never had snakes. "At no time has there ever been any suggestion of snakes in Ireland, so [there was] nothing for St. Patrick to banish", says naturalist Nigel Monaghan, keeper of natural history at the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin, who has searched extensively through Irish fossil collections and records. The snakes, rather, were a metaphor for the druids, who Patrick is said to have driven out of Ireland when he established Christianity there.

Patrick's walking stick grows into a living tree

Some Irish legends involve the Oilliphéist, the Caoránach, and the Copóg Phádraig. During his evangelizing journey back to Ireland from his parent's home at (perhaps) Birdoswald, he is understood to have carried with him an ash wood walking stick or staff. He thrust this stick into the ground wherever he was evangelizing and at the place now known as Aspatia (ash of Patrick), the message of the dogma took so long to get through to the people there that the stick had taken root by the time he was ready to move on.

Patrick speaks with ancient Irish ancestors

The twelfth-century work *Acallam na Senórach* tells of Patrick being met by two ancient warriors, Cailte mac Rónáin and Oisín, during his evangelical travels. The two were once members of Fionn mac Cumhaill's warrior band the Fianna, and somehow survived to Patrick's time.[81] In the work St. Patrick seeks to convert the warriors to Christianity, while they defend their pagan past. The heroic pagan lifestyle of the warriors, of fighting and feasting and living close to nature, is contrasted with the more peaceful, but unheroic and non-sensual life offered by Christianity.

Wikipedia contributors. "Saint Patrick." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 28 Jan. 2019. Web. 3 Mar. 2019.

Officers of Ered Sul

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Open Positions

Seneschal



The Seneschal is a critical personal to the barony. The seneschal is responsible for signing contracts, handling financial matters, overseeing other officer warrants, and acting as a liaison to the Kingdom. Time commitment: High
(Position posted for 3 months minimum)

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 ROYAL ARCHER

The Kingdom Royal Archer is looking for letters of intent from those interested in the position. The position duties and requirements are located in the Lex Atenveldtus, computer and email usage is required. Email letters of intent to Royalarcher@atenveldt.org; crown@atenveldt.org; marshal@atenveldt.org (Posted January 2019)

Estrella War Main Event Stewards for Estrella XXXVI, 2020

Emergency Deputy Kingdom Keeper of the Regalia

Kingdom Tournaments Illuminated Liaison

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

The Higher Word

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“Whao! That is WAY longer than I thought it was!”

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

J S B
J A K K V S
U U B Y R D L N F
H B S E U U I M S
J V H A C R B C P N
W Y U K M S F F A C
B S Y S N Y U C C V U L M X N N W O Z T B Y
F M M R S W X G G S O J A I L B R T L T C G
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Ireland
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Lucky
Puns
Shamrock
Shenanigans
St Patrick

