



The Higher Word

Barony of Ered Sul

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January 2018

Words from the Coronet

Greetings Eredsuligans,

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season to bring in the new year. Now that January is upon us, we'll be back to our usual monthly schedule. We're making Ered Sul favors on A&S Night, so stop on by. Don't forget about Northern War Practice on the 20th in Chino Valley as we prepare for Estrella War. If you haven't already, please pre-register for Estrella. Best of luck to all those participating in the Spring Crown Tourney as well!

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

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Announcements

**Banns of Marriage between
The Honorable Lord Rián hua Tadgáin
&
Lord Sebastian of the Titans.**

This being the third and final 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

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 A&S Night	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Populace Court	18	19
20 Northern War Practice	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26 Crown Tourney
27 Crown Tourney	28	29	30	31		

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

Events

A&S Night

Wednesday, Jan 9th

6pm at Thorp Park Community Center

A&S in January we will be making baronial favors for the populace. Please Come help make them. Bring scissors, sewing machines or just yourselves . Know someone interested in the SCA? Bring them too!

Remember Christopher's Wednesday workshops

Remember Bebinn's Thursday belly dance and drum circles

Northern War Practice

Sunday Jan 20th

Memory Park, Chino Valley AZ

Let the drums of war sound as Atenveldt prepares for Estrella XXXV. Join forces and fight together to defend the Great Lands of Atenveldt against our invaders. Bring your Arts and Science projects, your fighting gear, and your smiles. M'lady Mandi Elliot will be organizing food to warm you from the cold at no cost to the populous; feel free to bring a dish to share. Please be advised that, although we have an indoor space available to escape the temperatures, it will be cold so dress for Northern weather. Let's get ready for ESTRELLA WAR. This will be the last practice before WAR.

Carpool information from Flagstaff TBD.

Palomino Road and N Road 1 West, Chino Valley, AZ 86323.

Atenveldt Spring Crown Tournament & Warlords

Jan 26th – 27th

Fire Fighters Park, Kingman, AZ

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.

Scriptorium

Sunday Feb 3rd 10am – 3pm

Come participate in Ered Sul's Scriptorium as we prepare scrolls for Estrella! We'll have space, supplies, other artists. To be held at the abode of Lady Sólveig At Rauðá. Come have fun making art!

Estrella War

Feb 19th – 24th

Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek, Arizona

For 35 years the dragons have slept while fog and bracken swallows the land. Raise your swords, your harps, your arrows and charge your mugs. The dream awakens to sweep over us and shelter us from modern woes.

Bring your friends and family and prepare to make new ones while you are here, for there is no greater bond for our people than those built on our battlefields and later around our bonfires. Come drum and dance, learn, sing, run amok and find your joy.

Join us. Keep an eye out for advertisements and announcements forthcoming with greater frequency as we near the date for this, the 35th Estrella War, Pre-reg permits on-site set up Tuesday, February 19 and wile away the days doing what you love most through Monday, the 25th, 2018 at Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek, Arizona.
Pre-registration is now open! Prices for all are the same as last year.

Adult full week is \$75 (\$5 discount for members)

Registration details can be found here: <http://estrellawar.org/registration/>

Welcome one and all!

Estrella XXXV Main Coordinators: Nichelle, Slaine, Gavin and Emma

Non-Fiction Facts

Horses in the Middle Ages

Horses in the Middle Ages differed in size, build and breed from the modern horse, and were, on average, smaller. They were also more central to society than their modern counterparts, being essential for war, agriculture, and transport.

Consequently, specific types of horse developed, many of which have no modern equivalent. While an understanding of modern horse breeds and equestrianism is vital for any analysis of the medieval horse, researchers also need to consider documentary (both written and pictorial) and archaeological evidence.

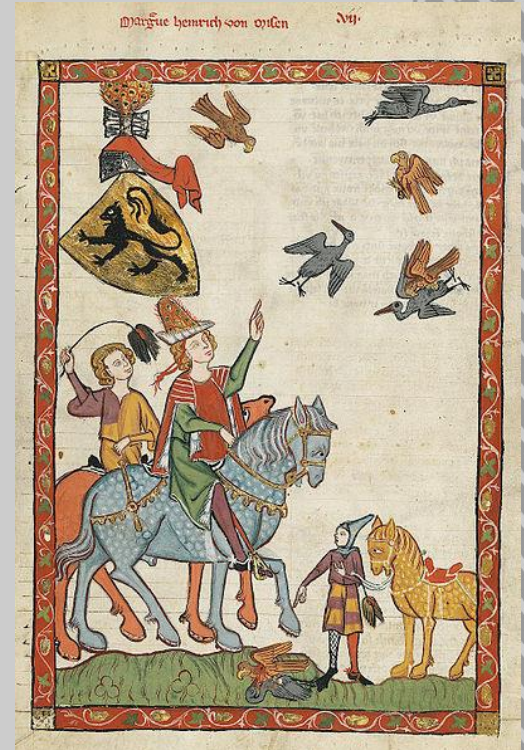
Significant technological advances in equestrian equipment, often introduced from other cultures, allowed for significant changes in both warfare and agriculture. In particular, improved designs for the solid-treed saddle as well as the arrival of the stirrup, horseshoe and horse collar were significant advances in medieval society.

Consequently, the assumptions and theories developed by historians are not definitive, and debate still rages on many issues, such as the breeding or size of the horse, and a number of sources must be consulted in order to understand the breadth of the subject.

Types of Horses

Throughout the period, horses were rarely considered breeds, but instead were defined by type: by describing their purpose or their physical attributes. Many of the definitions were not precise, or were interchangeable. Prior to approximately the 13th century, few pedigrees were written down. Thus, many terms for horses in the Middle Ages did not refer to breeds as we know them today, but rather described appearance or purpose.

One of the best-known of the medieval horses was the destrier, renowned and admired for its capabilities in war. It was well trained, and was required to be strong, fast and agile. A 14th-century writer described them as "tall and majestic and with great strength". In contemporary sources, the destrier was frequently referred to as the "great horse" because of its size and reputation. Being a subjective term, it gives no firm information about its



Depiction of Markgraf Heinrich von Meissen, found in the Codex Manesse. Circa 1305 – 1340.

actual height or weight, but since the average horse of the time was 12 to 14 hands (48 to 56 inches, 122 to 142 cm), thus a "great horse" by medieval standards might appear small to our modern eyes. The destrier was highly prized by knights and men-at-arms, but was actually not very common, and appears to have been most suited to the joust.



Der Stricker - Karl St. Gallen, Stiftsbibliothek, Ms. Vad. 302 II, vol. 35v, 13th century manuscript (ca. 1300)

Coursers were generally preferred for hard battle as they were light, fast and strong. They were valuable, but not as costly as the destrier. They were also used frequently for hunting.

A more general-purpose horse was the rouncey (also rounsey), which could be kept as a riding horse or trained for war. It was commonly used by squires, men-at-arms or poorer knights. A wealthy knight would keep rounceys for his retinue. Sometimes the expected nature of warfare dictated the choice of horse; when a summons to war was sent out in England, in 1327, it expressly requested rounceys, for swift pursuit, rather than destriers. Rounceys were sometimes used as pack horses (but never as cart horses).

The well-bred palfrey, which could equal a destrier in price, was popular with nobles and highly ranked knights for riding, hunting and ceremonial use. Ambling was a desirable trait in a palfrey, as the smooth gait allowed the rider to cover long distances quickly in relative comfort. Other horse types included the jennet, a small horse first bred in Spain from Barb and Arabian bloodstock. Their quiet and dependable nature, as well as size, made them popular as riding horses for ladies; however, they were also used as cavalry horses by the Spanish.

The hobby was a lightweight horse, about 13 to 14 hands (52 to 56 inches, 132 to 142 cm), developed in Ireland from Spanish or Libyan (Barb) bloodstock. This type of quick and agile horse was popular for skirmishing, and was often ridden by light cavalry known as Hobelars. Hobbies were used successfully by both sides during the Wars of Scottish Independence, with Edward I of England trying to gain advantage by preventing Irish exports of the horses to Scotland. Robert Bruce employed the hobby for his guerilla warfare and mounted raids, covering 60 to 70 miles (97 to 113 km) a day.

Horses in Warfare

While light cavalry had been used in warfare for many centuries, the medieval era saw the rise of heavy cavalry, particularly the European knight. Historians are uncertain when the use of heavy cavalry in the form of mounted shock troops first occurred, but the technique had become widespread by the mid-12th century. The heavy cavalry charge itself was not a common occurrence in warfare. Pitched battles were avoided if at all possible, with most offensive warfare in the early Middle Ages taking the form of sieges, or swift mounted raids called *chevauchées*, with the warriors lightly armed on swift horses and their heavy war horses safely in the stable. Pitched battles were sometimes unavoidable, but were rarely fought on land suitable for heavy cavalry. While mounted riders remained effective for initial attacks, by the 14th century, it was common for knights to dismount to fight. Horses were sent to the rear, and kept ready for pursuit. By the Late Middle Ages (approx 1300-1550), large battles became more common, probably because of the success of infantry tactics and changes in weaponry. However, because such tactics left the knight unmounted, the role of the war horse also changed. By the 17th century, the medieval charger had become a thing of the past, replaced by lighter, unarmoured horses. Throughout the period, light horse, or prickers, were used for scouting and reconnaissance; they also provided a defensive screen for marching armies. Large teams of draught horses, or oxen, were used for pulling the heavy early cannon. Other horses pulled wagons and carried supplies for the armies.



Carolingian warrior on a war horse (8th - 10th century) with lance, round shield, chainmail and spangenhelm in the Coronation Hall of the Aachen City Hall in June 2014 on the occasion of the exhibition "Charlemagne - power, art, treasures" to 1200. Death of Charles.)



Depiction of a late 13th-century joust in the Codex Manesse. Joust by Walther von Klingen.

Tournaments

Tournaments and hastiludes began in the 11th century as both a sport and to provide training for battle. Usually taking the form of a melee, the participants used the horses, armour and weapons of war. The sport of jousting grew out of the tournament and, by the 15th century, the art of tilting became quite sophisticated. In the process, the pageantry and specialization became less war-like, perhaps because of the knight's changing role in war.

Horses were specially bred for the joust, and heavier armour developed. However, this did not necessarily lead to significantly larger horses. Interpreters at the Royal Armouries, Leeds, re-created the joust, using specially bred horses and replica armour. Their horses accurately represented the medieval mount, being compactly built and not particularly tall.

Wikipedia contributors. "Horses in the Middle Ages." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 21 Nov. 2018. Web. 24 Dec. 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

The Higher Word

Lower

“It's so large and against my face”

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

Yorick the Blacksmith is forging a gold chain for Ered Sul's newest knight! He has four chain segments with 3 links each. Yorick needs to make a circular chain of 12 links.

But he wants to cut as few links of the precious metal as possible. What is the smallest number of cuts Yorick needs to make in order to form the chain?



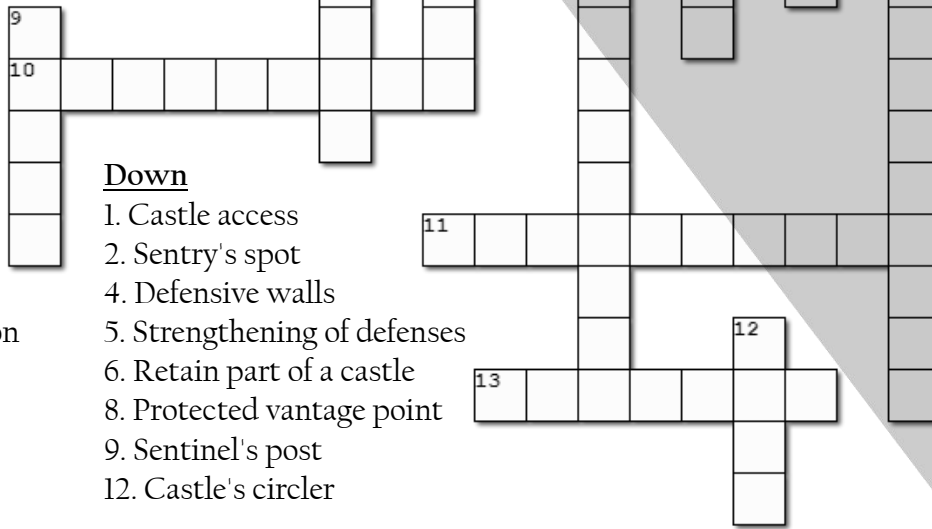
*How well do you
know castles?*

Across

- 3. Small corner tower
- 7. Defensive trap: look out below
- 10. Trapdoor-accessed prison
- 11. Vertical grating
- 13. Subterranean prison

Down

- 1. Castle access
- 2. Sentry's spot
- 4. Defensive walls
- 5. Strengthening of defenses
- 6. Retain part of a castle
- 8. Protected vantage point
- 9. Sentinel's post
- 12. Castle's circler



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

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

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