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Barony of Ered Sul

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Greetings unto the beautiful populace of Ered Sul,

His Excellency and I would like to send our warm regards and love to this beautiful Barony. We know how difficult the past has been due to all the COVID restrictions and the difficulties we are having in the mundane world. There is a tremendous number of unknowns right now that each and every one of us has to deal with in their own way. As a Barony we have had to cancel not one, but three of our most loved events and we have no idea at this time when we can meet again. I encourage you all to keep moving forward in every avenue of your life. Learn a new skill, take up embroidering, sewing, medieval gaming, work on fighting techniques, and please remember to keep the connections you have within the SCA. We all are struggling but even a quick message to someone might be enough to help them through their day. As you all know with Too Hot being canceled this also means the public Investiture, which would take place at Too Hot, has changed. We will be having a small private event for the Investiture. Please look for the up and coming ZOOM invitation to join the Investiture online. As always please remember we are both here if anyone needs us.

Yours in service of the dream,

Robert and Kolfinna Av Bergen

Baron and Baroness of Ered Sul

Calendar

July 2020

All in-person Kingdom events for July 2020 have been cancelled. Please see the Facebook page for updates and possible virtual meetings.

Announcements

Atenveldt Virtual Martial Collegium -LIVE

Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 9 AM – 5 PM

Atenveldt Virtual Martial Arts Collegium-***OPEN TO ALL KINGDOMS***, Open to all Martial Fields

Come one, come all (virtually) to Atenveldt Virtual Martial Collegium!!! People of all Kingdoms, please join us LIVE to teach, learn, and discuss everything related to armored combat (heavy), fencing (rapier), archery, thrown weapons, and equestrian!

Sat July 18, 9:00 am-5:00 pm ARIZONA (MST) TIME (UTC-07:00)

NOTE: In July, MST is the same as Pacific-PDT (UTC-07:00)

Hosted Via LIVE Zoom sessions.

Class sign-ups, and classroom log-in info available in advance via the sign-up on the class offerings google sheet (see Facebook event page) If you do not wish to sign up in advance, room Zoom info will be posted on the Facebook event page and on the google sheet day-of.

Please see the SCA Kingdom of Atenveldt Facebook page to find the event page for Atenveldt Virtual Martial Collegium -LIVE (mst/pdt UTC -7).

Atenveldt Ethereal Court III

Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 3 PM – 4 PM

Greetings Unto the Solar Kingdom!

As the longest year ever continues on, We bid you join Us on the afternoon of July 25th, at 3:00pm, for a Virtual Kingdom Court!

The contemporary plague may keep us physically separated, but it is still Our privilege and Our duty to recognize those who shine during these dark times.

Warmly,



Morgan and Elizabeth

Please see the SCA Kingdom of Atenveldt Facebook page for more information.

From Marianne McElroy on the SCA Kingdom of Atenveldt Facebook page:

Hello Everybody!

The Mains for 2021 have been announced (In case you missed that announcement, they are Master Nikolaus von Erlach, Dame Juliana la Caminante de Navarra, Thegn Edward de Foxton and Baroness Emelyn Fraser) and they are just now getting the war engine started for next year.

NOW is the time to be sending in Letters of Intent for all Estrella War XXXVII department positions. If you have some great ideas for one of the coordinator positions, the Mains want to hear from you!

Please send Letters of Intent with the subject line: LOI for *insert department name* EW 2021 to mains@estrellawar.org and of course include all the usual details like your experience, (both relevant SCA and mundane experience) what you would like to do with the department, and your contact info / membership # & exp, etc. so they can begin considering applicants and filling positions ASAP. Thanks!!!

Fun Facts

Wheel of the Year

The Wheel of the Year is a prominent symbol within the Wiccan and Neo-Paganism movements. The wheel represents the eight religious festivals, comprising four solar festivals and four seasonal festivals. These festivals are based on celebrations that were held by the ancient Celts, but the "Wheel of the Year was first suggested by the scholar and mythologist Jacob Grimm (1785-1864 CE) in his 1835 CE work, *Teutonic Mythology*". The present form of the wheel was fixed upon in the 1950s and 60s by the Wiccan community. The eight festivals depicted on the wheel are the following:

Samhain (31 October)

Samhain represents the summer's end, the end of a season of light and beginning of a season of darkness. "One gave thanks at Samhain for what one had been given in the previous year and reflected upon what one had lost, especially one's ancestors and loved ones who had passed on to the other side. Physical evidence of the celebration of Samhain in ancient times comes from numerous ancient sites across Ireland, Scotland, Britain, and Wales. Many rituals grew up around Samhain which have become identified with the modern-day observance of Halloween in the United States and are also still observed elsewhere." Modern day bonfires, "mischief night", and masks can be traced back to Samhain celebrations.

Yule (20-25 December)

The Winter Solstice or Yule festival is a celebration of a renewal of life and light. Trees were sacred in Celtic tradition and were decorated in honor of the sun god, to whom gifts were offered. "Yule also celebrated the triumph of the Oak King over his brother the Holly King, two symbolic entities who represented the seasons. From Yule to mid-summer, the Oak King reigned over the earth (as the days grew longer) but from mid-summer to Yule, the Holly King gained in power (as days grew shorter and there was less light)."

Imbolc (1-2 February)

Imbolc focuses on fertility, hope, rebirth, and purification. Brigid, the Celtic goddess of medicine, poetry, fertility, the forge, and sacred springs, embodies much of what Imbolc represents. Weaving dolls from corn stalks and the making of sun wheels were common practice.

Ostara (20-23 March)

Not much is known about Ostara, however “The name of the festival comes from the Germanic spring/fertility goddess Eostre, mother of the dawn. According to varying traditions, at Ostara the goddess re-emerges from beneath the earth where she has been sleeping for months or it is the time when she becomes pregnant with the sun god who will be born the next Yule or both of these concepts are sometimes combined.” Feasts, celebrations, labyrinths, colored eggs, rabbits, chicks, and flowers are all parts of Ostara.

Beltane (30 April-1 May)

Beltane is a celebration of light and the beginning of summer. Bel is a Celtic sun god, and bonfires and dancing play an important role in Beltane. The current observance of May Day, including May Queens and Maypoles, have become a central part of the festival. While much of Beltane involves light and happiness, cleansing rituals were performed to protect households from mischief makers and promote harmony and balance.

Litha (20-22 June)

Litha, or the Summer Solstice, is thought to be when the Oak King surrenders his power to the Holly King, leading to the shortening of days. Celebrations involved bonfires, dancing, fresh fruit, honey cake, feasting, and the triumph of light over darkness. Protection is also important during this time as the mischievous forces awakened at Beltane are thought to be particularly strong. “Sun wheels were woven from stalks and various rituals performed for protection throughout the longest day of the year and especially so if one were married on this day. Marriages (also known as hand-fasting rituals) were common in the month of June and people would choose to be married on Litha as part of the celebration.”



Lughnasadh (1 August)

















Lughnasadh is a harvest festival and fruits of the harvest are offered to the gods and goddesses. Tailtiu, a deity in Ireland, died from exhaustion working towards the harvest, and her son Lugh devoted an annual funeral feast to her, which would become Lughnasadh.

Mabon (20-23 September)

Mabon is a celebration of what one has gained and lost throughout the year, “focused on the loss of the goddess who goes into the underworld in autumn but will return in spring.” The Celtic fertility god Cernnunos enters the underworld at Mabon and returns as the Green Man at Ostara or Beltane. “Sites such as Newgrange in Ireland, Stonehenge in Britain, Maeshowe and Clava Cairns in Scotland, and more elsewhere, are all known to have been constructed toward astronomical alignments. At Loughcrew, a 5,000-year-old megalithic cairn in the Boyne Valley, Ireland, the Autumn Equinox illuminates the inside chamber’s back stone with uncanny precision. It is thought that this cairn, like the other megalithic monuments mentioned, was purposefully built as part of ancient ritual celebrations including Mabon.”

Source: https://www.ancient.eu/Wheel_of_the_Year/

Officers of Ered Sul

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Open Positions

Sheriff



The Sheriff is in charge of the Lost and Found and maintaining/planning watches for our events.

Please contact Their Excellencies for more information on available positions.

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∞ “Rule Zero: It’s an oral history because oral makes us giggle.” ∞

- Bornholm

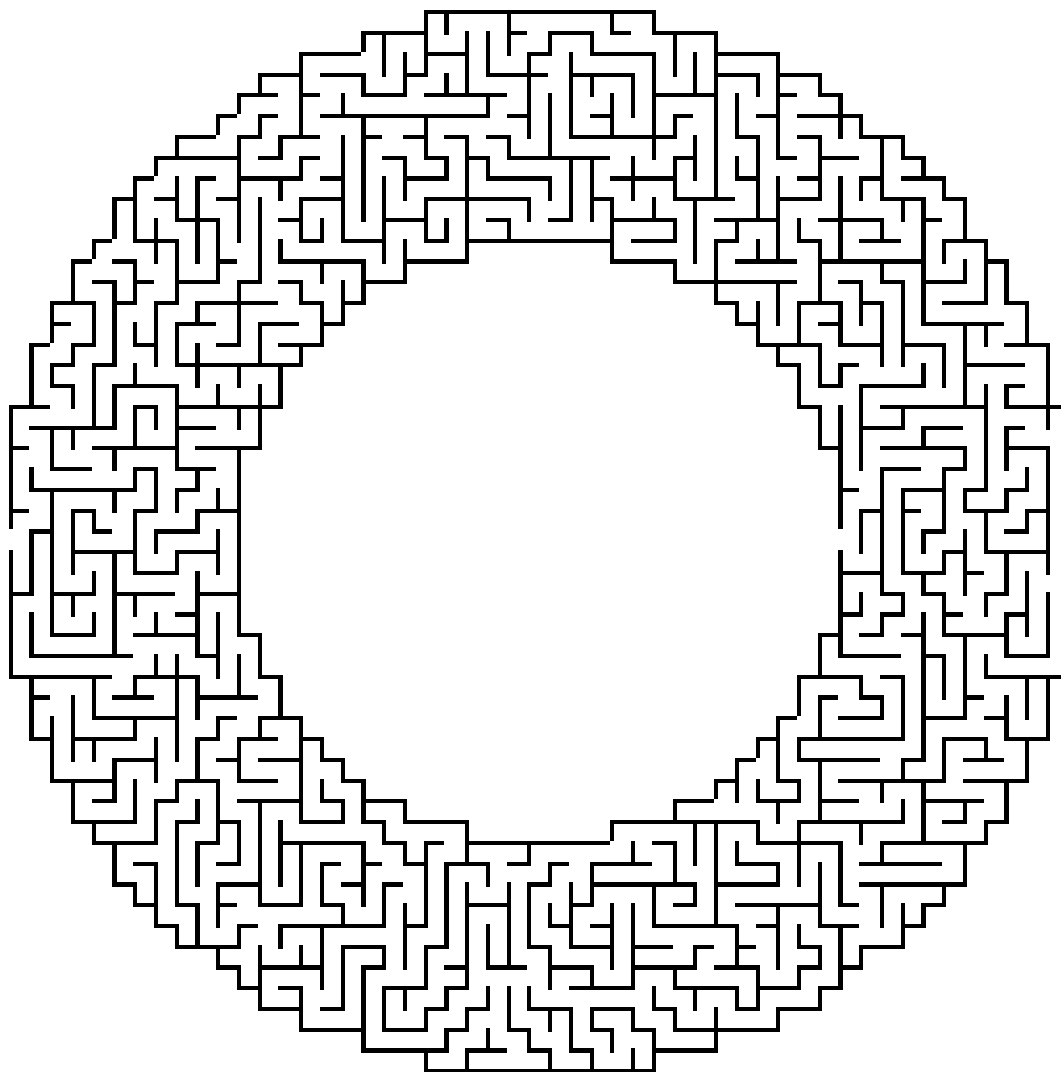
*Overhear a dicey quote? Have a major foot-in-mouth moment?
Submit it to The Higher Word (or Facebook)! After all, those who laugh together stay together!*



<https://www.collectorsweekly.com/articles/naughty-nuns-flatulent-monks-and-other-surprises-of-sacred-medieval-manuscripts/>

Games

Wheel of the Year Maze



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Other Ways to Contact Us

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

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