

December 2017

Barony of Granite Mountain

# The Ermine Spot



Greetings unto the populace of the Seventh Wonder of Atenveldt, the Barony of Granite Mountain.

It has been a busy month! Southern Crusades was an awesome event, special thanks to Lord Canaan for making sure the baronial trailer got to site! Our archery team, Lord Pol and Lady Camere were recognized for the help they gave Her Majesty on the archery line and all of the hard work they do for not only Granite Mountain but the Kingdom, Society and the Dream! Lady Caiterina fought well and reported the Rapier Champion of Champions tournament was a lot of fun. Lady Camere's aim was true and she brought the Champion of Champions archery title home to Granite Mountain! Our populace was awesome throughout the event and took amazing care of both of us!

Her Excellency attended Kingdom A&S and saw many wonderful entries as she and Lady Caiterina were privileged to judge entries for the competition. She also received supplies and patterns for making Oleander favors for the Ladies who fight and compete in Martial and Missile activities at Estrella War. If you wish to learn how to make these favors please speak with Baroness Jacomina.

Northern Yule... How can I possibly describe how amazing this event was? Master Lutold and Lady Liliass put together an amazing event! Our populace stepped up and helped with decoration and organization, making sure the Kingdom knew Granite Mountain is truly the Seventh Wonder of our Solar Kingdom! We appreciate all of you who worked so very hard on this event and spent time and made effort to make Granite Mountain so very proud! As it has been said before, we may be small, but we are mighty! At Northern Yule His Majesty requested that all of the Kingdom overwhelm the rest of the Known World with a Sea of Blue. All of you who shoot, throw and/or fight and will be in attendance at Estrella should show your pride and make tabards of Blue with the Aten sun front and back with our populace badge on the upper left chest, The tabards we will be making as Baron and Baroness will be added to the Baronial regalia for future use.

Our Northern War Practice is coming up fast and we are in the midst of putting together another Granite Mountain soup kitchen, if you would like to pitch in and help, please see Lady Caiterina (event steward) or Lady Ros (soup kitchen).

Again I wish to say thank you to everyone of you in our Barony, You make Granite Mountain a shining example of why we live the dream!

Yours in service,

## PROGRESS

### December

Northern Yule

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Southern War Practice

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Baron Asrikr

Baroness Jacomina



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The Chronicler values your comments! If you have any suggestions for improving the layout of *The Ermine Spot* or any of its content, please don't hesitate to contact the Chronicler at [bgmchronicler@gmail.com](mailto:bgmchronicler@gmail.com). Your ideas and opinions will help to make a better newsletter!

## *Letter from the Editor*

### **Greetings Populace!**

*Hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. It has been an amazing year full of fun, laughter, and love. So many were recognized for what they do for us all in our Chosen Family. I am truly honored to be a part of such a wonderful group of people.*

*Recently we all got together to show how Granite Mountain can feed the masses and celebrate Northern Yule together. Thank you Master Lutold and Mistress Elsbeth for being the Autocrats for Northern Yule. I cannot imagine how much work went into all that was done. The event truly was beautiful and a lot of fun. I hope everyone got enough to eat, there was a bit of food left over.*

*Soon we gather our forces for Northern War Practice in anticipation of Estrealla War. This year our Northern War practice will be at the Community Center Park in Chino Valley as Memory Park is undergoing construction and will become much smaller. There is a lot more room at this park and we have use of the Community Center building for food! Bring a crock pot of soup, side dishes or just come to fight, watch, and enjoy!*

*Remember Granite Mountain*

**ROCKS!!!!!!!!!!**

*Lady Lillas Mar*



# Kingdom News

As posted on the Society Seneschal's Website.

The SCA prohibits harassment and bullying of all individuals and groups. Harassment and bullying includes, but is not limited to the following: Offensive or lewd verbal comments directed to an individual; the display of explicit images (drawn or photographic) depicting an individual in an inappropriate manner; photographing or recording individuals inappropriately to abuse or harass the individual; inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; or retaliation for reporting harassment and/or bullying. Participants violating these rules are subject to appropriate sanctions. If an individual feels subject to harassment, bullying or retaliation, they should contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or the Kingdom's Board Ombudsman. If a participant of the SCA becomes aware that someone is being harassed or bullied, they have a responsibility pursuant to the SCA Code of Conduct to come forward and report his behavior to a seneschal, President of the SCA or Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

The following statement must be posted at gate/troll at every SCA event in a size large enough for people to see it as they enter our events. This language must likewise be quoted in all site handouts at every event a site where a handout is made available.

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# Kingdom News



Lords, Ladies and Gentles all! The kingdoms of Atenveldt and the Outlands bid you while the hours with them for six day of feasting, fighting and frolicking, the likes of which can only be found at the incomparable Estrella War. It is many a year that we have offered themes cherishing our shared dreams, our passions and our frivolity...this year is no different. This year we pay homage to our inspiration through the ages, our queens past and present as well as our other ladies royal, noble and gentle with a War of the Roses. We beseech you to think on your first queen and smile, remembering her grace and her strength. Know that her courage shone to fiercely protect and defend her people while encouraging the gentler arts and all the while the epitome of poise and beauty. Join us to celebrate; there are many surprises in store. Keep an eye out for advertisements and announcements forthcoming with greater frequency as we near the date for this, the 34th Estrella War, February 20 through the 26th, 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 XXXIV Main Coordinators Nichelle, Slaine and Martin





# Kingdom News

Good Morning Fair Atenveldt,

Yesterday, at Northern Yule, Their Royal Majesties Marek and Golda recognized the following individuals:

Masala al-Raqqasa was made a Lady of Atenveldt...again. This time she has a scroll! 😊 :)

Pol O Colleain & Danielle Camere de Misericord were both admitted to the Order of the Beacon of the Desert in recognition of their service both on and off the archery range.

Chavez MacTavish was also admitted to the Order of the Beacon of the Desert in recognition of his steady and quiet service to both his Barony and the Kingdom, especially in the realm of combat cooking!

Leolin & Vincent Blackwell were both made Lords of Atenveldt in recognition for their service to their Barony as officers.

Dawn Greenwall was made a Lady of Atenveldt in recognition of her service to the Kingdom as well as her talents in bardic.

Iðunn of the Citadel of the Southern Pass was admitted into the Order of the Flower of the Desert in conjunction with TE Ered Sul bestowing a Mountain Lily.

Baby Sam was presented his Aten booties with parents Ismerelda & Ingvarr. Immediately after, Ingvarr Orrebein was admitted into the Order of the Beacon of the Desert in recognition of his service to his Barony and the Kingdom.

Their Majesties also presented gifts to the youth at the event.

It was a beautiful event and Their Majesties give their thanks to all who came out to revel in the North. Their Majesties look forward to seeing many of you again next weekend both in the central Baronies and in Tir Ysgithr. Until then, in the words of His Radiant Majesty, "Be brave, keep fighting, and make hearts smile!"

Always in Service,  
Duchess Elzbieta, Chaplet Herald

From Estrella War 2018 Pre Registration (Beth Drache)

Remember Pre Registration for Estrella War is Open.....  
You have 3 options to get your registrations in:

- 1.) Pay Pal- good news you don't have to have a pay pal account to register this way!. You send in your reservation and you will receive an invoice, you have 48 hours to pay your invoice and all you need is to show your blue card at drive thru troll and sign some waivers.
- 2.) Check/Money order by mail to the address on the registration form, you will receive an email confirmation when your reservation has been received.
- 3.) There will be only 3 Pay in Person events....All three War practices, Jan. 7th, 14th and 20th.

Cut off land grab is Jan. 15th.

Dry RV is going fast. Wet RV is available through Mark Schnepf only-you must still register for entrance to the War by one of the means above.

Estrella War is always looking for volunteers to help with set up and for many other jobs during the duration of the war. If you want to volunteer for early set up, you must have paid pre registration form turned in as well as an early on form turned in (Forms are forthcoming).

The next several pages describe the Kingdom Awards and Regalia.



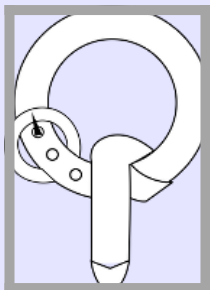
# Kingdom News

## Award Why it is Given Heraldry and Regalia (in Atenveldt)

### [Order of the Chivalry](#)

Knight of the Society of Creative Anachronism (KSCA) Given by the Crown for their ability on the field and for their constant courtesy and chivalry within the SCA. Knights swear fealty to the King and Queen and are considered to be vassals of the King *(Fieldless) A white belt; (Tinctureless) A circular chain.*

- Allowed to wear of spurs, a white belt and a chain of fealty.
- Make additions to personal arms as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms.



Be titled "Sir"

[Master at Arms](#) of the Society of Creative Anachronism (MSCA) and chivalry within the SCA *(Fieldless) A white baldric*

Given by the Crown for their ability on the field and for their constant courtesy

- Allowed to wear a white baldric
  - Make additions to personal arms as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms.
- Be titled "Master" or "Mistress"

[Order of the Laurel](#) (OL) Given by the Crown for outstanding excellence and teaching in the arts and/or sciences. *(Fieldless) A laurel wreath.*

- Allowed to wear a collar of estate composed of their cypher and elements of their arms, bearing the badges of their Order and Awards.
- Make additions to personal arms as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms.



Be titled "Master" or "Mistress" (or approved alternative)

[Order of the Pelican](#) (Pel) Given by the Crown for continual, extraordinary service to the Kingdom.

*(Fieldless) A pelican in its piety.*

- Allowed to wear a collar of estate composed of their cypher and elements of their arms, bearing the badges of their Order and Awards.
- Make additions to personal arms as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms.



Be titled "Master" or "Mistress" (or approved alternative)





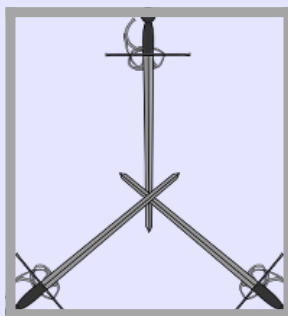
# Kingdom News

## Award Why it is Given Heraldry and Regalia (in Atenveldt)

[of Defense](#) (MoD) Given by the Crown for outstanding excellence and teaching in the art of defence with Rapier

(Tinctureless) Three rapiers in

- Allowed to wear a white collar bearing the badge of their order.
- Make additions to personal arms as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms.



Be titled Master/Mistress (or approved alternative)

• [Grant of Arms](#) (GoA) Given at the will of the Crown Make additions to personal arms as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms  
Be titled "Lordship" or "Ladyship"

- [Court Barony](#) Given at the will of the Crown Wear a precious metal coronet with six (6) points, simple ornamentation, embellished with precious stone spheres and smaller than 1.5 inches in height.
- Make additions to personal arms as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms
- Confers an Award of Arms on the individual  
Be titled "Excellency"

• [Award of Arms](#) (AoA) Given at the will of the Crown Display personal arms (device, helm and supporters) as defined in Atenveldt Achievements of Arms  
Be titled 'Lord' or 'Lady'

[Augmentation of Arms](#) Given at the will of the Crown to honor service to the Kingdom above and beyond the call of duty.  
Each augmentation is a specific charge that may determined by the Crown A mark of honor added to existing personal arms. An augmentation may take many forms, including but not limited to a charged canton, a charged chief, charges in canton or chief, a charge associated with the Crown, or a charge associated with the individual receiving the honor.

[Lady of the Rose](#) (LoR) Traditionally membership is automatic to Countesses who have ruled in the Kingdom of Atenveldt A white rose, usually in the form of a pendant or other durable object

## Award Why is it Given Heraldry and Regalia (in Atenveldt)

[Lions of Atenveldt](#) Given by the King to the person whose behavior He feels shows the highest ideals and values of the Current Middle Ages. Only one person may be admitted to the Order each Reign. The insignia of the order is a medallion bearing a lion's head which may be worn from a collar of estate of lion's heads.  
Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

[Defenders of the White Scarf](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who have shown excellence in defense with the rapier, shared these skills with others, demonstrated the courtly graces associated with this art and provided great service to Atenveldt and the SCA. A White Scarf worn on the left shoulder. It can be decorated with simple trim in the subject's own heraldic colors and clasped with a sun in its splendor Or.  
Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arm



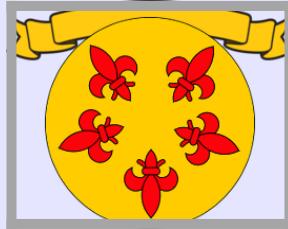
# Kingdom News

## Commander of the Fleur de Soleil

Given by the Crown to individuals who are already Companions of the Order from a previous reign that continue to show excellence in the teaching and practice of the Arts and Sciences. Only one person may be admitted to the Order each Reign. *Or, five*

*fleur-de-lys in annulo, tips outward, gules*

The award is suspended from a gold ribbon.



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

## Commander of the Queen's Grace

Given by the Queen to individuals who are Companions of the Order and whose conduct she feels continues to be the best example of the ideals of courtliness and gentility in the Current Middle Ages. Only one person may be admitted to the Order each Reign.

*A cord of knotted white and blue strands, worn on the left shoulder.*

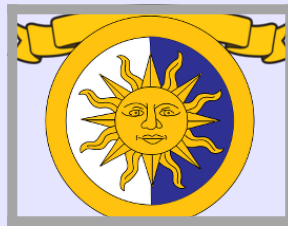


Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

## Commander of the Light of Atenveldt

Given by the Crown to individuals who are already Companions of the Order from a previous reign and continue to give outstanding service to the realm. Only one person may be admitted to the Order each Reign. *Per pale argent and azure, a sun in its glory and a bordure Or.*

The award is suspended from a gold ribbon.



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

## Commander of the Azure Archers

Given by the Crown to individuals who are already Companions of the Order from a previous reign that continue to continued to show excellence in the teaching and skills of archery. Only one person may be admitted to the Order each Reign. *Azure, a sun in his splendor Or within seven pheons in annulo, points outward, argent and a bordure Or.*

The award is suspended from a gold ribbon



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms





# Kingdom News

## [Commander of the Hawk's Lure](#)

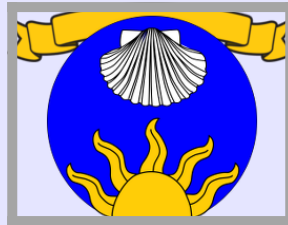
Given by the Crown to individuals who are Companions of the Order from a previous reign that continue to show excellence in the fighting arts through teaching and use traditional SCA style weaponry. Only one person may be admitted to the Order each Reign. Insignia is a golden hawk's lure, to be worn suspended from the belt.



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

[Commander of the Pilgrim of the Desert](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who are already Companions of the Order from a previous reign that continue to continue to demonstrate excellence in promoting historical authenticity in the recreation of the Current Middle Ages. *Azure, an escallop and a demi-sun issuant from base Or*

The award is suspended from a gold ribbon.

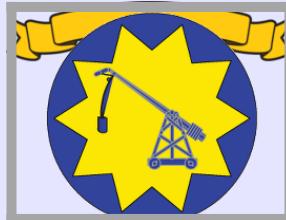


Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

## [Commander of the Atenveldt Siege Engineers](#)

Given by the Crown to individuals who are already Companions of the Order from a previous reign who continue to demonstrate excellence in the art of siege combat *Or, a catapult and a bordure indented azure.*

The award is suspended from a gold ribbon.



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

[Order of the Black Chamfron](#) Given by the Crown to those persons who have demonstrated excellence and skill on the Equestrian tournament field and in the Equestrian Arts. In addition, they demonstrate leadership, honor, and grace on-and-off the equestrian tournament field *(fieldless) A chamfron Sable charged with a sun Or.*



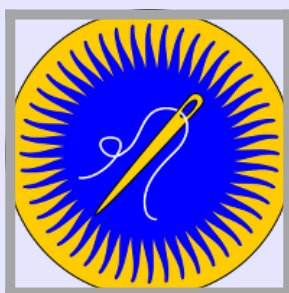
Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms



# Kingdom News

[Order of the Golden Needle](#) Given by the Crown to those who enhance the medieval atmosphere through artistic skills and use these skills to serve the Kingdom

*Azure, a needle Or, within a bordure rayonny Or*



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

[Order of the Golden Quill](#) Given by the Crown to those who enhance the medieval atmosphere through scribal work and use these skills to serve the Kingdom

*Azure, a quill Or, within a bordure rayonny Or*



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

[Order of the Golden Trumpet](#) Given by the Crown to those who enhance the medieval atmosphere through vocal work/performance and use these skills to serve the Kingdom

*Azure, a trumpet Or, within a bordure rayonny Or*



Companionship in this order carries a Grant of Arms

[Glory of Atenveldt](#) Given by the Crown to Peers who continue to show the high standards of behaviour expected of a Peer of Atenveldt. Each peerage is recognized separately.

*Azure, a man in a short tunic kneeling on one knee argent, maintaining atop his shoulders a sun, a bordure indented Or.*

- Hung from a colored ribbon for each peerage:
  - Chivalry - red ribbon
  - Laurel - green ribbon
  - Pelican - yellow ribbon
  - Order of Defense - blue ribbon
  - Royal peers - purple ribbon
- Grants an augmentation of arms of the peer's choice.







# Kingdom News

[Light of Atenveldt](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who give outstanding service to the realm. *Per pale argent and azure, a sun in its glory and a bordure Or*



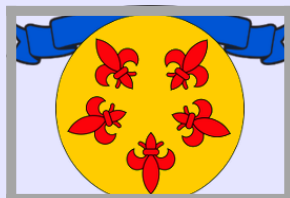
The award is suspended from a blue ribbon

[Queen's Grace of Atenveldt](#) Given by the Queen to individuals whose conduct she feels best exemplifies the ideals of courtliness and gentility in the



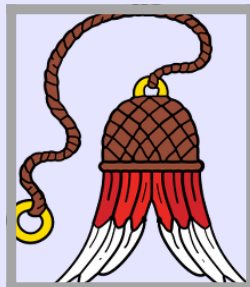
Current Middle Ages. A cord of white and blue strands worn on the left shoulder.

[Fleur de Soleil](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who show excellence in the teaching and practice of the Arts and Sciences. *Or, five fleur-de-lys in annulo, tips outward, gules.*



The award is suspended from a blue ribbon

[Hawk's Lure](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who show excellence in the fighting arts through teaching and use of traditional SCA style wea-



ponry. Insignia is a handmade hawk's lure, to be worn suspended from the belt.

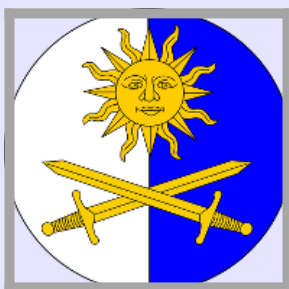


# Kingdom News

- [Guardians of Atenveldt](#) Given by the Crown to individuals whom They believe show special talent in the organization, practice, and teaching of military tactics for SCA-style warfare. Given in the degrees of:  
Legionaire
- Officer
- Commander  
The Crown decides the degree of the award when presented. The award can be presented to the same person more than once, but only in a higher degree than is currently held. *Per pale argent and azure, in pale a sun in his splendor and two swords in saltire Or.*

The award is suspended from a ribbon whose color denotes rank

- Legionaire - Azure
- Officer - Argent



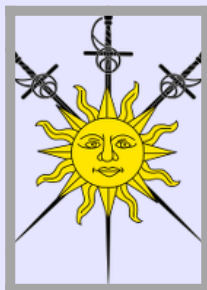
Commander - Or

- [Azure Archers of Atenveldt](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who show excellence in the teaching and skills of archery *Azure, a sun in his splendor Or within seven pheons in annulo, points outward, argent and a bordure Or.*



The award is suspended from a blue ribbon

- [Luxbruder of Atenveldt](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who show such exceptional skills in the art of defense with the rapier and that they are valued by their allies and feared by their foes upon the battlefield. *(fieldless) two rapiers inverted in saltire surmounted by a third inverted sable, overall*



*a sun in splendor Or*

- [Pilgrim of the Desert](#)

Given by the Crown to individuals who promote historical authenticity in the recreation of the Current Middle Ages.

Az-



*ure, an escallop argent and a demi-sun issuant from base Or*

- [Order of the Lynx of Atenveldt](#) Given by the Crown to individuals who demonstrate the virtues of the art of defense with the rapier - who excel in teaching and in their exceptional artistry of this weapons form  
Insignia is an amber stone on a blue and gold cord to be worn from the recipient's belt





# Kingdom News

## Blood of Fenris

Given by the Crown to individuals who demonstrate skill and enthusiasm in the fighting arts. Individuals may only receive one



award.

*Fieldless, a wolf passant argent goutty de sang.*



## Beacon of the Desert

Given by the Crown to individuals who have given service to the Kingdom of Atenveldt. Individuals may only receive one

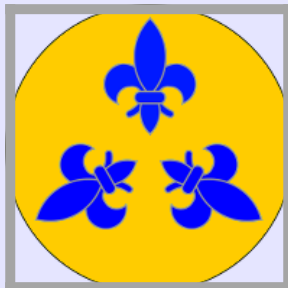


award.

*Argent, a sun in splendor per saltire Or and azure and a bordure indented azure.*

## Flower of the Desert

Given by the Crown to individuals who have shown skill in the Arts and Sciences. Individuals may only receive one



award.

*Or, three fleur-de-lys in pall bases to center azure*

## Golden Blade

Given by the Crown to individuals who have shown skill in the art of defense with the rapier. Individuals may only receive one



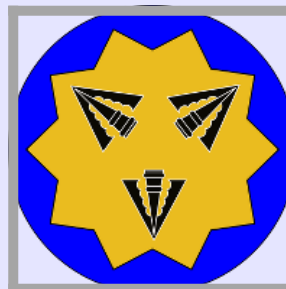
award.

*Azure, two rapiers inverted crossed in saltire and in base a rose Or.*

## Black Pheon

Given by the Crown to those persons who have demonstrated skill in archery. Individuals may only receive one award

*Or,*



*three pheons in pall points outward sable, within a bordure indented azure.*



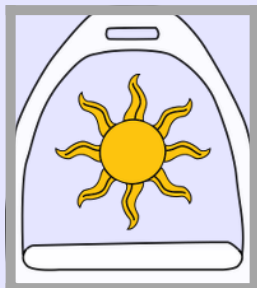
# Kingdom News

- [Star of the Desert](#) (5 degrees) Given by the Crown to individuals who give service helping with the running of Estrella war. The award is given to Adults in three Levels and to youths in two levels:  
Vert - youth u.13 years
- Sable - youth 13-17 years
- Gules - 1st degree
- Azure - 2nd degree
- Argent - 3rd degree (highest level)
- The Crown decides the degree of the award when presented. The award may be presented to the same person more than once, but only in a higher degree than currently held *Per fess indented azure and argent, in chief four mullets of four points elongated palewise Or and in base a sun in splendor azure.*  
The award is suspended from a colored ribbon to denote the level  
Vert - youth u.13 years
- Sable - youth 13-17 years



- Gules - 1st degree
- Azure - 2nd degree
- Argent - 3rd degree (highest level)

- [Order of the White Stirrup](#) (3 degrees) Given by the Crown to those who have given service to the equestrian arts in the Kingdom of Atenveldt. The award is given in three levels:  
First level
- Second level
- Third (highest) level
- The Crown decides the degree of the award when presented. The award can be presented to the same person more than once, but only in a higher degree than is currently held. (Fieldless) A sun Or within and conjoined to a stirrup Argent.  
The award is suspended from a colored ribbon to denote the level  
Azure - 1st level
- Argent - 2nd level



Or - 3rd level



# Kingdom News

## Lion's Pride of Atenveldt

Given by the Crown to youth who show an understanding of life in the Current Middle Ages; and actively participate in the activities of the Society. Recipients of the award must be less than 12 years old, and active in the SCA for at least two years. The insignia of the Order is a Lion's Tail proper, worn as a cord looped on the right shoulder

## King's Sigil

Given by the King to those subjects who have been of great help to him personally during His Reign A medallion or pendant showing the current King's main charge upon it, the design is decided by each King who chooses to bestow His Sigil.

## Queen's Cypher

Given by the Queen to individuals who have been of great help to Her personally during Her Reign. The insignia is a stylized rendering of the Queen's initials, the design is decided by each Queen who chooses to bestow her cypher.

## Scarabs of Atenveldt

Given by the Crown to households or large groups that help the Kingdom continue to grow and improve.

*Or, a*



*scarab beetle vert and a bordure indented azure.*

## Spear of the Sun

Given by the Crown to those fighting units or households who show excellence in the art of war, both in teaching and use of traditional SCA style weaponry on the fields of combat *Per pale argent and azure, in pale a sun in his splendor and two spears in saltire Or*



## Esprit de Corps

Given by the Crown to the best dressed and displayed Aten war unit at the Estrella War. A unit may win the award more than once. *Or, on a pile between two compass stars azure a torch Or, enflamed proper*



A pennon showing the badge and the year the award was received.

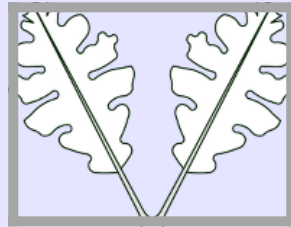


# Kingdom News

## [Order of the White Oak](#)

Given to those persons who have served the Kingdom of Atenveldt as Bard of the Sun

(Fieldless) Two oak leaves in



*chevron inverted conjoined at the stems argent*

## [Order of the Golden Sun of Atenveldt](#)

Given to those persons who have served as the Kingdom of Atenveldt Arts and Sciences Champion Azure, a demi-sun issuant from base Or and a bor-



dure embattled argent

[Order of the Hearth and Horn](#) Given by the Crown to individuals or groups who add hospitality and merriment to our current middle ages. The award may only be given once per individual or group.

## Royal Court

Kingdom Court positions are defined in Atenveldt Sumptuary Tradition ([sec. III. Members of the Royal Court](#)) and are neither awards or warranted Officer positions.

These roles are honorary, individuals are either selected by the Crown or chosen through competition. Sumptuary Tradition also states when the position changes hands - once per reign, or once per year. Court positions include:

- King's Champion of Atenveldt
- Queen's Champion of Atenveldt
- Shield of Chivalry
- Aten Warlord
- Queen's Rapier Champion
- Kingdom Archery Champions in Open, Crossbow, Youth (held for 1 year)
- Kingdom Youth Weapons Champion (held for 1 year)
- Champion of Arts & Sciences (held for 1 year)
- Youth Champion of Arts & Sciences (held for 1 year)
- Bard of the Sun (held for 1 year)
- Captain of the Royal/Queen's Guard
- Royal Chatelain or Chamberlain
- Crown Herald
- Chaplet Herald
- Queen's Privy Secretary
- Head Lady in Waiting





## *Barony Notices - December 2017!*



Saturday January 20, 2018

Chino Valley Community Center Park

Perkinsville Road and Road 1 East

Site opens 9 am and closes at 6 pm

Event is free.

Come join us up North in the Barony of Granite Mountain for Northern War Practice. Join forces and

fight together to defend the Great Lands of Atenveldt against our invaders. Let's grow stronger, bring

your fight, bring your friends and bring your appetite. There will be food , feel free to bring a dish to

share with all. Let's get ready for ESTRELLA WAR. This will be the last practice before WAR.

Your autocrats for this event are Lady Caiterina (Katrina) MacCraith and Master Ritchyrd McUath.



## *Barony Notices - December 2017!*



December 28th Happy New Year and Birthday Extravaganza!

Our beautiful Baroness Jacomina will be celebrating her birthday which is December 29th. So At Populace make sure to wish her a very special Happy Birthday.

Bring something to snack on.

It is also the end of the year and time to prepare for WAR! Northern War Practice is set so come and ask any questions or volunteer to help out. If you cannot make it we wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous NEW YEAR!

Granite Mountain.....ROCKS!

8594 E Eastridge Dr, Prescott Valley

6pm



# *Barony Notices - December 2017!*

## **A&S WORKSHOPS**

January 13th and 14th We will be having a silk banner workshop. Please watch book of faces for updates.

## **Archery**

BGM Archery Practice

This Sunday, December 17, 1pm

Brief archery lessons at 12:30 before practice for "newbees" and "wanna bees".

Granite Mountain Archers

3755 Willow Creek, Prescott

Loaner equipment including crossbows and friendly archers always available.

Bring a friend.

## **Thrown Weapons**

Please watch book of faces for future practices, times, and locations.

## **Rapier**

Sunday at 1pm at Chino Valley's Memorial Park

## **Armored Combat**

Sunday at 1pm at Chino Valley Memorial Park, please watch book of faces for any updates.





# *Barony Notices - December 2017!*

## Northern Yule Hosted by Barony of Granite Mountain

### The Hunt and Harvest Feast

Northern Yule was a wonderful event and I was very happy to supply the cooking, time and love that went into the food for my chosen family. HE Master Lutold asked me afterwards if I would do it again. Because I was a klutz and had fallen earlier and was sore and tired but very happy, I said no. It was the wrong time to ask me. Would I do it again, probably. I thank All those who served, Lady Elina Kottr for the beautiful and wonderfully tasty bread and keeping me company in the kitchen, Lord Kristoforus Jafnkollr, Lord Andrew for the excellent help in the kitchen. Thank you to the crews who served and who did an amazing job cleaning up! It was like magic and if I knew all of your names I would thank you personally, but there were so many whom I did not know. Thank you to Lady Cynthia for decorations and acquiring the school for our event. It was lovely! And Thank You to HE Master Lutold and HE Mistress Elsbeth for keeping things sane for me and all the support.

Lady Lilias Mar

I would just like to thank you Lady Lilias for everything and her Excellency Mistress Elsbeth for making the event a huge success. HE Master Lutold von Sonnenthal







# Barony Notices - December 2017!

## Northern Yule Hosted by Barony of Granite Mountain

### The Hunt and Harvest Feast



Archery for everyone!



Father Christmas



HE Master Lutold, Lady Liliias and Lady Elina receiving Thank You's from their Excellencies.



Lord Pol and Lady Camere receiving their Beacon of the Desert from Their Majesties



Lord William making all the ladies swoon with his dancing prowess!



Spiced salts gifted to Lady Liliias the Feastocrat for Northern Yule, made by Her Majesty Golda. His Majesty Marek also gifted us with Royal Hand wipes





# Barony Notices - December 2017!

Northern Yule Hosted by Barony of Granite Mountain

The Hunt and Harvest Feast



Top photo is beautiful shoulder bags presented to HE Master Lutold von Sonnenthal and Lady Liliias Mar for Autocrating and Feastocrating for Northern Yule. Made by Mistress Turrel (Tvioslava Michelovna, Mistress Aoife (Terri Valencia and Master Rayven Mayne. The aprons for the cooks and serving aprons were also created by these wonderful people and gifted to the Northern Yule for all three baronies/shire to share.



Autocrat, Fesastocrat, servers and helpers! Thank You all so much!





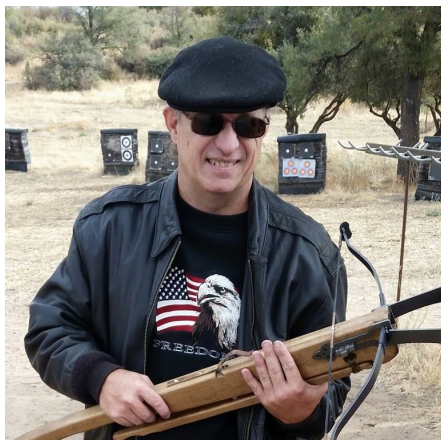
# Ermine Wrap - December 2017!



Congratulations to Steven Kile for achieving Bowman-Open Hand Bow!



Our lovely Champion of Champions from Southern Crusades in Archery, and also our newest Beacon of the Desert. Congratulation to Pol as well for becoming a Beacon of the Desert.



Lord Canaan Falconer and his new Crossbow that he created!



Lady Lillas stepped over to the Dark Side!





# *Spot - Lite on December 2017*



## *Arts & Sciences*

Discussion about what needs to be done at A&S will take place at populace. Please watch book of faces for further updates.



### ***Granite Mountain Scriptorium***

Please watch book of faces for date and time.

HE Mistress Elsbeth von Sonnenthal's home

4850 N. Spruce Road Chino Valley, AZ



### ***Granite Mountain Hard Suit***

Fighter Practice **EVERY Sunday at 1pm!**

1020 W. Palomino Road

Chino Valley, AZ

### ***Granite Mountain Archery***

December 17th

1pm (winter hours) 12:30 for beginners

3755 Willow Creek Road Prescott

Across from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



### ***Granite Mountain Thrown Weapons Practice***

Please watch Book of faces for date and time

3220 W. Siesta View Street

Paulden, AZ

### ***Granite Mountain Fighter Practice***

Every Sunday 1pm, on days there is archery tournament  
11 A.M..

1020 W. Palomino Road

Chino Valley, AZ



### ***Populace and Court Night***

***"Happy Birthday/New Year Extravaganza"***

***December 28th, 6pm***

8594 E Eastridge Dr, Prescott Valley

Please bring a dish to share and tell us what you are thankful for!







# Want Ads

If you are interested in any of these open positions or a deputy position please send your letter of intent to the Baron and Baroness at: [bgmcoronet@gmail.com](mailto:bgmcoronet@gmail.com) and the Baronial Seneschal at: [bogmseneschal@gmail.com](mailto:bogmseneschal@gmail.com) also to the head Officer of that field.

## Youth Minister

Open until filled

This officer will be in charge of the youth of our Barony. Consists of activities, making sure that all youth have their warrants and safety, safety, safety. These are our future, let's make it fun for all to enjoy. Please send your letter of intent to: Baron and Baroness

## Book Herald \* NEW \*

Open until filled.

Qualified applicants will have a paid membership. Help to create period names and devices for our Barony, submit to the Kingdom Herald.

## Baronial List

Open until filled

The Ministers of the List work in partnership with the Baronial Marshals administering the combat activities within the Barony. The Baronial List officer is responsible to help with the paperwork necessary to maintain fighter's authorizations and run combat scenarios at events.

## Baronial Sheriff \* NEW \*

Open until filled

The Baronial Sheriff is responsible for handling public safety and security at events. A Baronial Sheriff must complete monthly reports on time and send to the Kingdom, Baron and Baroness, and Baronial seneschal. The Sheriff is responsible for collecting, attempting to return, and storing any lost items at all Barony events and functions.

## Deputy Chronicler

Open until filled.

Interested applicants should be ready to learn Publisher 2016, be a paid member, take notes at Populace, publish on FB, Send to Kingdom Chronicler and Archivist. Internet is a must.

## Deputy Minister of Arts & Sciences

Open until filled

Assist the Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences with A&S monthly workshops, arts and sciences workshops, Collegiums, finding teachers/teaching classes and assist with meetings, getting reports in on time.

## Deputy Seneschal

Open until filled.

Interested applicants should be ready to learn Copora, assist in reports and act as replacement if needed.

They must have a paid membership and should be able to attend events and monthly meetings. It is also helpful if they own or have access to a computer.

## Exchequer

**\*NEW\***

Open until filled

The exchequer office is in charge of all monies for the barony. They work closely with Their Excellencies and the Seneschal to keep events and expenditures within budget. They are tasked with taking site fees and reporting to the kingdom on the status of the barony financially. They maintain an inventory of the barony's assets. The deputy for the exchequer is responsible for assisting in these tasks, taking site fees at events and stepping in as needed for the exchequer. The position requires that you be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism for the duration of your warrant.

## Deputy Sheriff

Open until filled.

Qualified applicants should have a paid membership and be able to attend events and monthly meetings. It is also helpful if they own or have access to a computer.

## Deputy Exchequer

**\* NEW \***

Open until filled

Assist the Exchequer with monies for the barony. Assist with taking site fees and reporting to the Exchequer. Stepping in as needed for the Exchequer

## Thrown Weapons Captain \*NEW\*

Responsible for safety, warranting throwers, marshal events and practices. Taking care of Barony loaner gear. Setting up practices and taking care of targets, setting up practice fields. Sending in monthly reports.

## Waiver Secretary \*NEW\*

Make sure that all who attend events and practices that take place in the Barony of Granite Mountain sign waivers. Must be able to attend events and monthly meetings. Send reports into Kingdom, Seneschal, Baron and Baroness and Chronicler.

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# December 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Northern Yule
3 Rapier /Archery	4 Fighter Practice	5	6	7	8	9  Yule-Boca & BSD HisRM Yule-BTM
10 Rapier 1pm  HerRM Lady's Whimsy Tourney-BTY	11 Fighter Practice	12	13	14	15	16
17 Rapier / Archery	18 Fighter Practice	19	20	21	22	23
24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve	Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Everyone please be careful while traveling!					

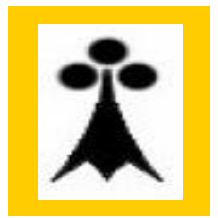
# January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	2	3	4	5	6  Kingdom 12th Night- BTY
7 Rapier /Archery  War Practice- Southern Practice- BTY	8 Fighter Practice	9	10	11	12	13
14 Rapier 1pm  War Practice-Central Groups	15 Fighter Practice	16	17	18	19	20  Northern War Practice
21 Rapier  Gauntlet Archery Tournament	22 Fighter Practice	23	24	25	26	27  BGM Quarterly Archery Tournament
28	29	30	31			





# An Ermine Spot o' Fun



by [Melissa Snell](#)

Updated March 17, 2017

At the end of December and the beginning of January, there were several festivals celebrated in medieval Europe, among them the Feast of Fools. There was an official liturgical Feast of Fools within the Church, and there were also secular festivities celebrating fools and foolishness outside the churches.

## THE FEAST OF FOOLS WAS ALSO KNOWN AS:

The Festival of Fools; in Latin, *festum fatuorum*, *festum stultorum*, *festum hypodiaconorum*

## THE LITURGICAL FEAST OF FOOLS

The officially-sanctioned Church Feast of Fools does not appear to have been celebrated outside of France. The earliest known mentions of it are in Paris, Beauvais, and Châlons, between 1160 and 1172. Its origin, as noted by the 12th-century liturgical writer John Beleth, was apparently a special "festival of the subdeacons." Deacons had a festival on St. Stephen's day (December 26), the priests had one on St. John the Evangelist's day (December 27), and the choristers had theirs on the day of the Holy Innocents (December 28). The subdeacons chose the day of the Circumcision, January 1st.

The Feast of Fools celebrated the biblical idea that "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise" (1 Cor. 1:27). During the festival, the low-ranking subdeacons would take on the leadership roles that were usually performed by the bishop or cantor. This is similar to the feast of the "[Boy Bishop](#)," but that was a separate festival that took up several weeks in December.

The tenor of Feast of Fools was one of welcoming fraternity and joy.

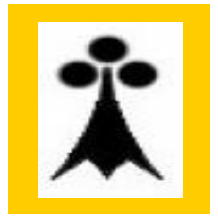
In 1198, due to concerns of [Pope Innocent III](#), an elaborate Office of the Circumcision was drawn up to be used in Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, which was followed by similar offices for Sens and Beauvais. Surviving manuscripts for these offices contain musical scores for worship that are close to the biblical origins of their texts and are considered beautiful musical renderings.

There is evidence that these festivals were orderly and intricately-planned.

The liturgical Feast of Fools spread to about 20 cathedrals in northern France. The festival was celebrated for about 300 years, until it began to be subject to attacks by the clergy elsewhere -- possibly due to the coincidence of the secular feast. In 1435, the Feast of Fools was condemned by the [council of Basel](#), and in 1438 [Charles VII of France](#) issued a "Pragmatic Sanction" against it. Finally, in 1445, the faculty of theology at the University of Paris issued a letter against the Feast of Fools, and the liturgical festival was no more.



# *An Ermine Spot o' Fun*



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## THE SECULAR FEAST OF FOOLS

While a liturgical feast of beauty and dignity was taking place inside the churches of northern France, a much more unrestrained and raucous festival developed outside. Also celebrated on or about January 1st, the secular Feast of Fools may have been initially sponsored by guilds or brotherhoods of fools and jesters. In these popular celebrations, strict Christian morals were abandoned and ridiculous rites were practiced in a mockery of the ordered society that, usually, prevailed throughout the rest of the year.

It is difficult to determine exactly when and how the secular event began.

John Beleth and most later scholars theorize a connection to the ancient [Roman festival of Saturnalia](#); as John put it:

"now the license which is then permitted is called Decembrian, because it was customary of old among the pagans that during this month slaves and serving-maids should have a sort of liberty given them, and should be put upon an equality with their masters, in celebrating a common festivity."

However, little evidence exists for the popular Feast of Fools before the twelfth century, so it's unlikely, if not impossible, for the event to have a direct connection to something that was discouraged as "pagan" once the empire became Christian 800 years earlier. It seems more likely that the fools and jesters took up the idea upon learning of the liturgical feast.

While the liturgical festival faced attacks and ultimate censure, the secular Feast of Fools grew in popularity. It didn't die out completely until the 16th century, probably thanks in part to influences from the Reformation.

## SOURCES AND SUGGESTED READING

The links below will take you to an online bookstore, where you can find more information about the book to help you get it from your local library. This is provided as a convenience to you; neither Melissa Snell nor About is responsible for any purchases you make through these links.

Sacred Folly: A New History of the Feast of Fools  
by Max Harris

The Feast of Fools: A Theological Essay on Festivity and Fantasy  
by Harvey Cox

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