



Barony of Granite Mountain

The Ermine Spot

December 2015



Greetings Unto the Noble Populace of Granite Mountain,

Our home on the Mountain has been blanketed in its first winter snow. This was a sure sign that our Yuletide was near. The Northern Yule celebration this year in the Shire of Windale was such a wonderful event. The day was filled with fun, food, and friendship. There was a spectacular artisan display to showcase the incredible talents of the North. A bountiful feast was served as we enjoyed entertaining songs and stories. Both Kingdom and Baronial courts were held, and deserving recognitions were made. It was a day of stardust!

Later on this month on December 17th we shall be having our December Populace Meeting & Court Night. This will be a special evening to spend with our Baronial Family to celebrate the holiday season. We will have a festive court, a gift exchange, and a tasty feast prepared by Her Excellency Larkin. We hope to see you there!

As we look to the New Year ahead our Barony once again will be hosting Northern War Practice in January. This is a special day of celebration and will mark the 5th anniversary of the Barony of Granite Mountain. We are asking the populace to please give donations of soups, stews, and breads to keep everyone warm and fed. All of this will be in preparation for Estrella War!

If you have not already done so and plan to attend Estrella War please send in your paid pre-registration right away. This is important in order to obtain land for our Baronial Encampment at Estrella War. Let's make sure to have plenty of room for everyone and please pre-reg today!

In humble service,



Baron Lutold
Baroness Elsbeth



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Greetings Populace!

As the year end's I reflect back...our Barony has grown leaps and strides!

At the beginning of 2015, at our Northern Fighter Practice, new faces stopped to watch, ask questions and inspire us for the rest of the year.

Those same new faces came back again and again, becoming the heart of our ever growing Barony.

Our populace are now known for being outstanding Archers and Rapier Fighters. Our fighters have become known as potential winners of Kingdom Events and have brought glory upon our Barony!

We have also gained new artisans and our crafts are both exquisite and we have captured the essence of reliving the Medieval Ages in our recreations.

I wish all of our Barony and those they love a safe, filled with love and family, winter Holidays! The New Year will bring many wonderful changes and we will be here to capture it and share with you. May we all be blessed in 2016!

Allesia de Canaberis

Feedback

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



The Ermine Wrap - November 2015!

OF THE THINGS YOU MISSED

For those of you who missed coronation, it was a very magical time as Casca and Melissa were crowned as our new King and Queen. There were many who swore fealty to our Royal Majesties. Look for quite a few from our Barony to be guarding our Royal Queen and King!

Viking wire weaving was well attended with 14 in attendance. Mistress Eirny was a wonderful teacher and guide although just about everyone stuck a finger or thumb with the wire. Jack was also great at lapping up the attention from those who had momentary idle hands. The food was provided by those who attended with plenty of sweets for those who had a sweet tooth.

Southern Crusades had a great attendance. Equestrian was held once again at Southern Crusades and will also be held at Estrella War at the end of February.

Aten U was held in Phoenix at the University of Advanced Technology. Morning classes were held to 1/2 an hour with break out groups for each office. Followed by a round table discussion. Our Barony had quite a turn out of officers and deputies.

Last Minute News!

Baronial Awards received at Northern Yule!

Order of the Roots of Granite Mountain
Caiterina Mac Craith

Order of the Fury of Granite Mountain
HE Sir Brian Winterborn

Order of the Emerald Heart of Granite Mountain
HE Caroline Marie de Fontenailles



We are the Seventh Wonders of Atenveldt



Welcome to the SCA
and the Barony of
Granite Mountain



Hello grand Barony of Granite Mountain, The Beautiful Seventh Wonder of our Atenveldt Kingdom. My name is Laura Marr Mittlestadt. I joined the SCA with my son Justin just before Estrella war. Northern War Practice is where I first got my taste of the wonderful things the SCA and it's family have to offer.

Questions from the editor: First let's clarify some dates - you said you started at N.War practice - that was last January? Had you seen/heard about the SCA before? Did you drive by and stop or did someone you know tell you about the event? Yes, Justin and I went to the N. War last year, 2014. He didn't really say much about what he was going to do at Memory Park. I knew Adrienne so I sat with her and met a few folks but I was just fascinated with everything.

Estrella XXXI was your first war right? Yes

What's your best memory from your first war?

I would have to say the best memory was sitting around the camp fire and singing songs, playing drums and meeting so many new friends.

Although I don't participate in rapier I enjoy going to the practices to visit and watch how our fighters are progressing. I also enjoy weaving, sewing, and plan to try my hand at Nalbinding.

I'm a little hard of hearing and talk quite loudly but I do enjoy visiting with people.

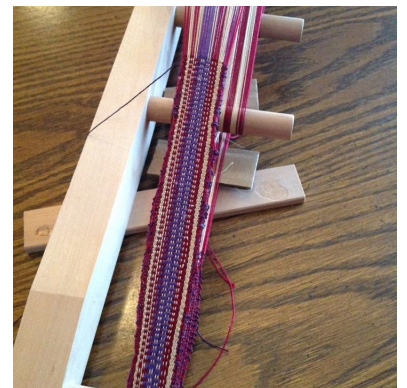
Questions from the editor:

Is there a culture or era that you are most interested in? I'm still trying to find me! I'm most interested in the Scottish culture because my family comes from mostly Scotland. Our family has a castle in Scotland. I also love the clothing from so many eras. That's why I haven't settled on a persona.



I am currently the Deputy Chronicler and enjoy working on the Ermine Spot to report on all the wonderful things we do.

Comments from the editor: What a wonderful addition to our humble Barony and look out Granite Mountain we are going to ROCK this paper!





Spot - Lite on December



Granite Mountain Rapier & Hard Suit Fighter Practices

Memory Park, Chino Valley @ 1pm
December 13th Final practice for the year!



Arts & Sciences Night - December 8th

December 8th Nancy Zimmerman Dresses for South Africa bring sewing machines, heavy t-shirts, fabric, thread.



Granite Mountain Archery

December 12, 2015 at 10am, 1907 Johnson Lane, Chino Valley, AZ
After the first of the year practices will coincide with other practices and will be the 2nd and 4th
Sundays at 9am.

Jan. 10th will be the first archery tournament, 10am 1907 Johnson Lane, Chino Valley, AZ

Come join the Seventh Wonder Atenveldt, the Barony of Granite Mountain, in its first archery tourney of the year. On Sunday, Jan 10th we will be hosting our first prize shoot at our first practice of the new year. This will be a novelty shoot with a prize for 1st through 3rd place. We will open the range at 10am and shoot til around 1pm. The range is located at 1907 Johnson Lane, Chino Valley, AZ 86323.

Y.I.S.

Rustand Drache

Captain of archery, BGM



Court Night/Populace Meeting—Dec 17th, 2015

Dec.17th is the next Populace Meeting!

It's our own Christmas Yule celebration!

There will be an ornament exchange (\$5 or less, may be handmade or purchased)
and a feast!

HE Larken's Community center in Prescott Valley at 6 PM.





Around the Kingdom

Events

December 5th – Northern Yule!

The event is being held at Grace Lutheran site. The site opens Saturday, December 5, at 1pm and closes 9pm. As the days get colder, and the winds blow, it means that winter is coming. This also means the time has come again to celebrate Yule for the Northern lands of Atenveldt.

This year the Shire of Windale is honored to host this most joyous and festive event.

Please come join us for an afternoon and evening of Yuletide merriment, glorious feasting, crafts, and our annual gift exchange for both Adults and Youth. Please, no gifts over \$10.

We invite you to bring your most festive centerpiece to adorn your table as we will have a Yuletide Centerpiece Contest. However, open flame will not be allowed, so be creative! Are you feeling artistically inspired by the Holidays? We will have a yuletide decoration making area for both adults and youth!

Do you enjoy a great bargain, the thrill of the hunt? This year at Yule, there will be a silent auction! Please remember to bring your checkbooks or cash!

The beauty of the Artisans of our Northern lands will also be showcased with and A&S competition details will be announced soon.

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William the Conqueror was crowned King of England in Westminster Abbey on Christmas day in 1066.

December 12th - Mons Tonitrus Yule Feast

Under the Fairy Hill! On December 12, 2015, Mons Tonitrus will host a Yule Feast in the land of the Irish Fairies at the Sonoita Fairgrounds. Come feast and frolic with the Seelie and Unseelie courts of the Faye as we celebrate the ending of another year. Site opens at 3:00 PM for dancing and games. The celtic feast will be cooked by the wonderful Baroness Samara Caitlyn.

Christmas or Xmas? Although many people frown upon the seemingly modern abbreviation of Xmas, X stands for the Greek letter chi, which was the early abbreviation for Christ or the Greek 'Khristos'. The X also symbolises the cross on which Christ was crucified.

The first recorded use of the word "Christmas" was in 1038 when a book from Saxon England used the words "Cristes Maesse" in it.

December 12th - Tri-Baronial Yule

Tri-Baronial Advertisement Remember the Christmases of your youth? The scent of pines and cinnamon? The delicious taste of roasted meat and sweet pies? Snowball fights in the street? How about the anticipation of seeing what Santa brought? Want to revisit those days? Come join the Baronies of SunDragon, Atenveldt, and Twin Moons for A Tri-Baronial Yule: A Merrie Tudor Christmas on December 12, 2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1212 E Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

For details of the above events, and other happenings around the Kingdom check out the [Atenveldt Calendar](#)

Traveling and wondering what SCA events might be happening where you're going to be? [The SCA Newsletters Online](#) has all 19 known world kingdom newsletters—check it out the next time you plan a vacation or trip!

Meet the Kingdoms



The Kingdom of Drachenwald

The Kingdom of Drachenwald's borders cover all of Europe including the British Isles and Iceland as well as Africa, and the Middle East. It is by far the largest kingdom in terms of land area, but it is not the largest in terms of population.

Drachenwald became a principality of the Kingdom of the East on June 28th, A.S. XV (1980) during the reign of King Gavin I and Queen Tamera. Drachenwald's first coronet tournament was held on June 28th, A.S. XV (1980). Jahn of Oltman won the coronet, with Tuiren de Lisle as his consort. The Investiture was held on the same day.

The first crown tournament in the principality of Drachenwald was held on March 6th, A.S. XXVII (1993) in Polderslot. Elffin O'Mona won the crown tournament, with Vanna Edwinsdochter Dawburn as his consort. The coronation was held on June 5th, A.S. XXVIII (1993) in Fiathundrialand, making Drachenwald the thirteenth kingdom in the Known World. Courtesy of [Conal's Corner](#)

Crown of Drachenwald

King of Drachenwald

King ThorvaldR

(Dave Lehfeld)

Queen of Drachenwald

Queen Tomoe

(Wendey Stohler)

The kingdom cheer is "Vivat!"

for a single person, or

"Vivant!" for more than one person, repeated three times.



Principality of Nordmark

Imagine yourself a green field surrounded by colorful pavilions and the banner fluttering in the wind. Men and women in medieval costumes walking around, included in the call. A bard plays on his lute and sings a gentle love song. In the field, fighting knights with swords and shield. The Royal Pavilion is the king and queen a consultation with his officials, and during a pause in the fighting game than a herald forth to proclaim an audience. People start just gather around the thrones.

A scene from a historical novel? Not in this case. This is about the medieval association Nordmark, part of the worldwide organization Society for Creative Anachronism.

* This website is not English, the original text is below *

Herrar och damer i medeltida dräkter promenerar omkring, inbegripna i samtal. En bard spelar på sin luta och sjunger en stilla kärleksvisa. På fältet kämpar riddarna med svärd och sköld. I den kungliga paviljongen håller kungen och drottningen en överläggning med sina ämbetsmän och under en paus i kämpaleken stiger en härold fram för att kungöra en audiens. Folket börjar strax samlas runt tronerna.

En scen hämtad från en historisk roman? Inte i det här fallet. Här handlar det om medeltidsföreningen Nordmark, en del av den världsomspännande organisationen Society for Creative Anachronism.



Principality of Insulae Draconis

Insulae Draconis Navy

Insulae Draconis has its own navy and is now recruiting. The Insulae Draconis Navy is part of the Drachenwald Navy but under the command of the Prince and Princess with funds raised going to the Principality travel fund.

There are three ranks available;

Admiral * Captain * Letter of marque and reprisal

Insulae Draconis Dances

To help with introducing people into SCA dancing within Insulae Draconis, the Principality has chosen five dances so that people can have common number of dances to start from. This means when someone shows up to a ball they can dance without having to know hundreds of different dances. Please note that the fifth dance is 'Princess's choose' and changes with every reign. This is to help introduce new dances into Insulae Draconis.



Barony of Styrringheim

The story of Albion, the Black Dragon

Protector of Drachenwald

Barony of Knights Crossing



Barony of Gotvik

Great story - it's a must read!

Barony of Aarnimetsä



Barony Regnum

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** POSITIONS OPEN **
Waiver Secretary
Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff
Youth Minister
Web Minister
** CHECK OUT OUR WANT ADS **





Want Ads

Sheriff/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. If this interests you send your letter of intent to:

Baronial Sheriff

bgmsheriff@gmail.com

Kingdom Sheriff

sheriff@atenveldt.org

Baron and Baroness

bgmcoronet@gmail.com and

Baronial Seneschal

bogmseneschal@gmail.com

Waiver Secretary

Open until filled.

Handle all fighting waivers. Check fighters in and out, provide info at tourneys, etc. If this interests you send your letter of intent to:

Baronial Waiver Secretary

bgmwaivers@gmail.com

Kingdom Waiver Secretary

waivers@atenveldt.org

Baron and Baroness

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Deputy Marshalls - All

Open, until filled

Heavy Fighter

Archery

Rapier

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Our Barony is blessed with many active members and our officer positions are mostly filled!

But don't let that stop you! Is there a position that interests you? Something that you love to do that to do? We want your input and ideas! Share your talents with us and help our Barony grow. Any one of us would love extra hands and ideas. Contact our Baron and Baroness to help guide you to the position of your (SCA) dreams!

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