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## From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings from the Gareth and Alatiel,

Our Progress for February, March, and April will be at the end of this missive, but we will update via the Barony of Lyondemere Facebook page as we go. For the moment we are still relying on Facebook for announcements as it's also where the Kingdom lists events. We know that there are some alternative boards, Discord servers, and possibly others, but being as we are more familiar with just the one format, that will be where we would direct folks for updates from us.

That being said, it gives me pause to consider just what constitutes 'participation' in the SCA? Obviously attending Events on the Kingdom Calendar would count. These are what are counted for participation in a Crown Tournament. Also counted are practices, council meetings, and peerage meetings, for the purpose of Crown entry.

Practices, guild meetings, A&S workshops, Newcomers's meetings and such that are officially listed in various groups calendars should certainly constitute participation. But the SCA is much more than a bunch of events, meetings, or workshops.

At the core of it, we are a social group. We come back to SCA events because we get along with the people there. It's more than just a collection of like minded medieval enthusiasts. Various forums outside of face-to-face interactions seem to reflect the medium of dispersal.

I know I sound like a codger when I say that "back in my day" we only had a printed monthly newsletter, and various local newsletters, but it's true! The only thing we used our phones for back then was actual voice calls and leaving messages. No really! Today we forego the paper and US mail-delivered booklets, but don't all have the same platforms for news and information. We rely on our various officers, especially our Webwright, Chronicler, and Chatelaine to get the word out to everyone.

But actually attending events is the *raison d'être* of what the SCA is: Face-to-face social interactions where we can gather and share our knowledge, our arts and skills, and reinforce the social bonds that make our community, just that. A community of individuals with various interests of a medieval, pre-modern aspect.

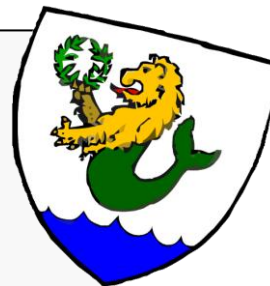
Baron Gareth and Baroness Alatiel



### Upcoming Baronial Progress

- Feb 22 – Lyondemere Arts and Archery
- Mar 1 – Dun Or Anniversary
- Mar 8 – King's Hunt, Carreg Wen
- Mar 15 – Pentathlon, Darach
- Mar 22 – West Crown, Kingdom of the West
- Apr 5 – Caid Crown, Angels
- Apr 12 – Calafia/Gyldenholt Friendship, Gyldenholt

See <https://lyondemere.sca-caid.org/baronage/>



### Lyondemere 2025

- Sat Feb 22 – Arts and Archery
- Sat, Jun 14 – Lyondemere Anniversary
- Sat, Oct 4 – Crown Tournament (Lyondemere)
- Sun, Oct 5 – Privy Council (Lyondemere)
- Sat, Dec 6 – Gyldenholt/Lyondemere Yule

## Seneschal's Remarks



I hope everyone had a marvelous end of the year set of holidays. I heard that Yule was so much fun, and I'm so pleased!

Speaking of things that have been awesome lately, I'm so pleased to welcome both Halldoor and Eliane for stepping up to take Chronicler and Exchequer respectively. I hope everyone will take the time to think about ways to help them out – sending in articles and/or photos or remembering to submit receipts and reimbursement forms on time.

We have a ton of things on our plate for 2025 and we can really use a variety of volunteers for different activities. Please help out our event stewards for all our events throughout the year – teamwork really makes all the difference.

Finally, we could use some extra get-togethers for making garb. So, if you'd like to be able to help out with that, please let the Baroness know.

Dame Eilidh Swann, Seneschal

## Arts and Sciences

### Monthly Virtual A&S Class –Third Fridays of the Month (7 PM on Zoom)

We have so many talented friends throughout the Known Worlde! Is there a topic you would like to see discussed and presented at our Virtual A&S workshops? Know someone would works on fascinating things? Help us find great teachers, presenters, and instructors to share with us!

- **2025**
  - March 21
  - April 18
  - May 16
  - June 20
  - July 18
  - August 15
  - September 19
  - October 17
  - November 21
  - No class in December

Please contact our Arts & Sciences officer Sensei Asakura Machime at [artsandsciences@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:artsandsciences@lyondemere.sca-caid.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Lyondemere Arts and Archery

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 22, 2025, 8 AM – 5 PM

**WHERE:** Woodley Park Archery Range, Van Nuys, CA 91411 (5GJG+VM Van Nuys, Los Angeles, CA).

**WHAT:** The Barony of Lyondemere is pleased to host our annual tournament to celebrate the Arts and the Marshal skill of Archery. We will be choosing new champions in Archery, Crossbow, and Thrown Weapons. Lyondemere's grand competition will be on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Woodley Park archery range in Van Nuys. We invite you all to join us for the thrilling competitions.

#### SCHEDULE

- 8 AM - Site Opens
- 10 AM - Opening Court / Announcements
- 4 PM - Closing Court / Champions Announced
- 5 PM - Site Closes



**ARCHERY:** There will be novelty shoots run all day, which you can do as many as you like—with only your highest score from each competition counting. Contests are currently planned for 20m, 30m, 40m. Top scores from each of the mini competitions will be eligible for the finals.

**CROSSBOW:** There will be Crossbow competitions at this year's tournament. This promises to be exciting and fun for all participants and spectators.

**ARTS AND SCIENCES:** There will definitely be Arts and Sciences displays. Our Baroness Alatiel has selected the theme of the art competition to be Archery! We have never had this as a theme before, so we encourage any and all to bring their archery-themed projects to see who will be her Excellency's Arts Award Winner. If you don't have an archery-themed project, please bring anything you wish to be a part of the populous choice. This is the time to show off what you have been working on no matter if you have been practicing for years or making your very first item!

**SITE:** The event will be held at Woodley Park Archery Range in the Sepulveda Dam Basin Recreation Area, between Burbank Blvd and Victory Blvd, 405 Freeway, Van Nuys, CA 91411 (5GJG+VM Van Nuys, Los Angeles, CA).

**SITE RESTRICTIONS:** This is a dry site. Extra-long stakes are needed when putting up pavilions or pop-ups. Children are welcome but must be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian. We regret to inform you that the site does not allow pets.

**EVENT REGISTRATION:** \$20 Adult Event Registration, \$10 Adult Member Discount Event Registration (with proof of membership). Children 16 and under are guests of the Barony. Please bring cash or make checks payable to SCA, Inc./Barony of Lyondemere.

**EVENT STEWARD:** Baron Guillem Cosinier

**EVENT EMAIL:** chatelaine@lyondemere.sca-caid.org

**DIRECTIONS:** Woodley Park is in the Sepulveda Dam Basin Recreation Area, between Burbank Blvd and Victory Blvd, 405 Freeway, Van Nuys, CA 91411 (5GJG+VM Van Nuys, Los Angeles, CA). Take your favorite route to the 405 and Burbank Blvd. From the 405 North: Exit at Burbank Blvd. and turn left toward Woodley. From the 405 South: Exit at Burbank Blvd. and turn right toward Woodley. At Woodley, turn right. Look for a sign that bears the legend "Japanese Gardens." Turn right towards the gardens. Just before entering the gardens, turn right on the access road that traverses the park picnic grounds. Continue along this road until you reach the traffic circle. The Archery range is on the left, up the hill. Parking is limited near the range, but overflow parking is available alongside the range, behind the paved lot.

## West Coast Culinary Symposium (WCCS) 2025

**WHEN:** Friday, April 25, 2025 through Sunday, April 27, 2025

**WHERE:** Camp de Benneville Pines, 41750 Jenks Lake Rd W, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

**WHAT:** Join us for the West Coast Culinary Symposium (WCCS) 2025!

Are you fascinated by historical culinary arts, food, and brewing? Eager to dive into the origins of pre-17th Century cuisine, whether hands-on in the kitchen or in a classroom with others who share your passion? The Kingdom of Caid is excited to host the West Coast Culinary Symposium, happening April 25-27, 2025 at Camp de Benneville Pines.

This two-day event offers a rich blend of historical cooking classes, delicious food and of course our keynote speaker. Whether you're staying for the full weekend or joining us just for Saturday, it's the perfect chance to geek out about all things culinary and connect with fellow enthusiasts throughout the Known World.

Coming all the way from the EU, the keynote speaker for this year is Hanna Tunberg author of "An Early Meal a Viking Age Cookbook and Culinary Odyssey."

Would you like to teach something? Sign up to teach a class at: <https://forms.gle/LQX6vnAzs4bztoBg7>

**EVENT OPTIONS:** Full weekend stay (in shared cabins with bunk beds, all of which have power outlets) or Saturday day-trip attendance. Full weekend attendance is limited, so register early.



Art from Hours of Catherine of Cleves, ca. 1440.  
Found in the Index of Medieval Art (#186320)

## SCHEDULE

- Fri Apr 25, 5 PM - Site Opens
- Class and Meal Schedules posted later
- Sun Apr 27, 12 PM - Site Closes

## REGISTRATION

- (1) Early Bird pricing (payment received before Dec 31, 2024)
  - Adult Event Registration Full Weekend (including all meals) \$140
  - Adult Member Discount Event Registration (with proof of membership) \$130
  - Adult Saturday Day-trip only (including all meals) \$50
  - Adult Member Discount Saturday Day-trip only (including all meals) \$40
- (2) Regular pricing (payment received between Jan 1 and Mar 25, 2025)
  - Adult Event Registration Full Weekend (including all meals) \$160
  - Adult Member Discount Event Registration (with proof of membership) \$150
  - Adult Saturday Day-trip only (including all meals) \$60
  - Adult Member Discount Saturday Day-trip only (including all meals) \$50
- (3) Children 14-17 pay 50% of the Adult Member price. Children 13 and under are guests of the Barony.
- (4) Make checks payable to “SCA, Inc./Barony of Lyondemere.” **Checks should be mailed to:** Cat Ellen (Seneschal), 5776D Lindero Canyon PMB291, Westlake Village, CA 91362, ATTN: WCCS

We can't wait to share this culinary adventure with you!

**SITE RESTRICTIONS:** No smoking, no pets.

**EVENT STEWARD:** Sensei Asakura Machime

**EVENT EMAIL:** [wccs2025@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:wccs2025@lyondemere.sca-caid.org)

**DIRECTIONS:** From 210 E, take exit 83 5th Street/Greenspot Rd. Turn left go 32 miles on 38 E/Mill Creek Rd. Turn right on Jenks Lake Rd E, for 3.5 mi to the campground. From 10 W, take exit 89 Singleton Rd, turn right and continue on Singleton Rd which turns into Bryant St. and go about 8 miles. Turn right on CA-38 E / Rim of the World Scenic Byway for 20.5 mi. Turn right on Jenks Lake Rd E, for 3.5 mi to the campground.

## Local Events of Interest

### Tri-Barony Scriptorium

The Tri-Barony Scriptorium will run the **second Sunday** of every month, hosted by the Kingdom Scribe Amarius, The Honorable Lady Valeria Cabriell at 15508 Piuma Ave. Norwalk CA 90650. All are welcome – Most conveniently serving the baronies of Lyondemere, Gyldenholt, and Angels!

Never been to a scriptorium? We work with manuscript arts: calligraphy and illumination (painting/gilding). Training and supplies are available for free. The house has been specifically designed to be a great scriptorium space with oversized tracing boards, a prosumer printer that will print manuscript references at size, a flat file full of good paper, and plenty of supplies that are just waiting for someone to use them.

The scriptorium runs from **11 AM–6 PM** but there's no pressure to attend the whole thing. It is just easier, once set up, to work continuously for a while. Drop by for however long you want to come. We'll have food and snacks (though potluck contributions are certainly welcome). Contact [scribe.armarius@sca-caid.org](mailto:scribe.armarius@sca-caid.org) with any questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/899808248348068/899808288348064/>

- Sunday, **Mar 9**, 2025
- Sunday, **Apr 13**, 2025

## Baronial Council Meeting Minutes (January)

**Monday, January 6, 2025** - Attendees: *Eilidh, Alatiel, Gareth, Fearghus, Machime, Guillium, Fedelm, Nathan, AEIflaed, Eliane, Arianna, Haldoor* (12 attendees)

**Zoom Only** - Opens at 7:15 PM. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

### Opening Comments

**Baron and Baroness / Gareth and Alatiel:** Thank you Lianne for stepping up! Nathan did a GREAT job with the non-alcoholic mead for Yule. (Nathan: AEIflaed did the lion's share!)

**Seneschal / Eilidh:** Main business tonight is to prepare for events.

## Officer Reports

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**Arts and Sciences / Machime:** Virtual A&S classes are still happening, and this month's topic is ready. (Our instructor may need to cancel/reschedule for January, more announcements later.) Looking for more class selections, we are currently set through April

**Chatelaine / Guillem:** Things have been busy/nuts with local family, a little overwhelmed at the moment. Facebook group has had new joiners about 1-2 per week. Only archery practice has been going on. Can we schedule a garb making workshop for Gold Key? Can bring some sewing machines, maybe bang out some new pieces. Possibly set up some pop-ups and sewing outside in good weather. Let's schedule something in the next 2-3 months?

**Chronicler / Haldorr:** Eilidh to train this month.

**Constable / Lupus:** *(not here, no report)*

**Exchequer / Gabriello:** Announcement! We have a Deputy!

**Herald / Seamus:** *(not here, no report)*

**Marshal (Armored Combat) / Fearghus:** December was slow with the holidays, January is looking strong. We are on for this week, unless too windy.

**Marshal (Rapier Combat) / Ceallach:** *(proxy report)* Lately practice has been inactive for the holidays, but prior to the second half of December it was generally happening, and we'll be back at it this week.

**Marshal (Archery) / Emma:** *(not here, no report)*

**Social Media / Fedelm:** Scheduling practices and WCCS promos

**Webwright / Sadhbh:** *(not here, no report)*

## Old Business

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- **Sat, Dec 14, 2024 – Lyondemere/Gyldenholt Yule** - There was "too much" meat! There was plenty to eat! Long boat races were so much fun! Next year, let's plan some table-top siege weapons. Baronial Bardic was wonderful, the poetry contest we couldn't decide so there were 2 winners (Mary and the fellow who just moved) Silenus. Such a great backdrop for the photos tableau, brought by Steina. Receipts before end of month.
- **West Coast Culinary Symposium (WCCS) in 2025** - Lots of people trying to ask for PayPal invoicing, so glad we have a new exchequer to try to get that going. Different fees based on deadlines for registration. The cooks in the West are really excited. And we're going to have more registrations coming in over time. There's a baroness in Naevehjem helping with registration. And the planning group on Facebook. Checks are being mailed to Eilidh. If anyone here in Lyondemere is going, please register now! Soon! So we can plan!
- **Consort's Ranged Weapons, Sun Jan 26, 2025** - Eilidh is the Steward. Not sure about dancing here. Can use people bringing shade, tables, chairs.
- **Arts and Archery, Sat Feb 22, 2025** - Guillem is the Steward. We have our CP ad, Facebook announcement, insurance. Mons would like to do music / dance at the event. Guillem would love to schedule that for around 1 PM. Will check on prizes, site favors, etc. Also Machime can assist with prizes. The Arts THEME is Archery. (Eilidh wants to see "interpretative dance" for archery.)

## Events for 2025

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- Lyondemere Anniversary, Sat Jun 14, 2025 - Seamus will Steward, Have Site
- Crown (Lyondemere), Sat Oct 4, 2025 - Need a Steward and Site (Calle Mayor?)
- Privy Council (Lyondemere), Sun Oct 5, 2025 - Need a Steward and Site (Calle Mayor?)
- Gyldenholt/Lyondemere Yule, Sat Dec 6, 2025 - Gyldenholt's turn to host

## Next Month

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**Next Baronial Council: Feb 3, 2025** – Meeting will start at 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:07 PM

## Baronial Meetings and Workshops

Meetings may be rescheduled or cancelled without notice, especially around holidays and inclement weather. For the most up-to-date announcements, see our FB group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lyondemere>, email list (join at <https://groups.io/g/scalyondemere>), or our Discord server at <https://discord.gg/vG7vAbeavJ> where we typically cross-post changes in schedules.

### Regularly Scheduled Activities

There are a number of meetings or workshops held throughout the month for your participation. Most of them do not require any special costuming or equipment, with the exception of the martial arts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the officers and coordinators.

### Meetings

#### Baronial Council Meeting

**First Monday of the month** (unless it's a holiday, then the second Monday), **at 7:30 PM** – Join us every month for our Baronial Council meeting. **NOW IN-PERSON** hybrid with Zoom. Meetings are open to everyone. Officers and Guilds report on the month's events, and general information about upcoming events is discussed. **Zoom** link shared to FB group, groups.io email list, and Discord. No costuming required.

- **If in person:** **Calle Mayor Middle School**, 4800 C. Mayor, Torrance, CA 90505, **Room #33**. Park in the front, go in the gate, go right in the first hallway, look for SCA signs.
- **If virtual:** Zoom link shared by email, discord, and Facebook.
- **Questions?** Contact the Seneschal – [seneschal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:seneschal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org)

#### Archery Practice

**Archery Practice Thursdays at 7 PM** – Weeknight Lyondemere Archery Practice will be held at Rancho Park on Thursdays starting around 7 PM. Loaner gear is available by prior arrangement, please contact the Captain of Archers to inquire (email below). Free lessons for beginners. As always, all archers of Caid are welcome to participate. Contact the Captain of Archers at [archerymarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:archerymarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org) if you have any questions.

**Rancho Park Archery Range** can be found at 2551 Motor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Come in on the parking lot marked with the Archery Range sign. Drive past the front lot to the back lot and park.

#### Wednesday Fighter Practice

**Fighter Practices Wednesdays** (both Armored Combat and Rapier Fencing, El Segundo), every Wednesday at 7:30 PM – **El Segundo Recreation Park**, 401 Sheldon Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 (link on Google maps)

If you have questions about armored combat, please contact the Marshal – [marshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:marshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org) If you have questions about rapier combat (fencing), please contact the Rapier Marshal – [rapiermarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:rapiermarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org)

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## Calendar of Events

### Location Details and Contacts

**First Mondays** (7:30-8:30 PM) **Baronial Council Meeting** Zoom only. See the email list, Facebook group, or Discord server for Zoom link. Costuming / Garb is not required.

**Wednesdays** (7:30-9:30 PM) **Fighter Practice** (Armored and Rapier Combat) - 401 Sheldon St, El Segundo, CA 90245 Near the tennis courts. email **Armored:** [marshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:marshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org) and **Rapier:** [rapiermarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:rapiermarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org)

**Thursdays** (7-9 PM) **Archery Practice** - Rancho Park Archery Range, 2551 Motor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Email [archerymarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org](mailto:archerymarshal.officer@lyondemere.sca-caid.org)

**Second Sundays** (11 AM-6 PM, open drop-in) **Tri-Barony Scriptorium** - 15508 Piuma Ave. Norwalk CA 90650

**Monthly Tuesdays** (7-9 PM, online) **Virtual Scribes Night** – see the Caid College of Scribes for more information <https://www.facebook.com/groups/collegeofscribes/>

**Monthly Third Fridays Virtual A&S Night** (Zoom 7 PM Pacific) – Topics vary by month: See the email list, Facebook group, or Discord server for Zoom link.

