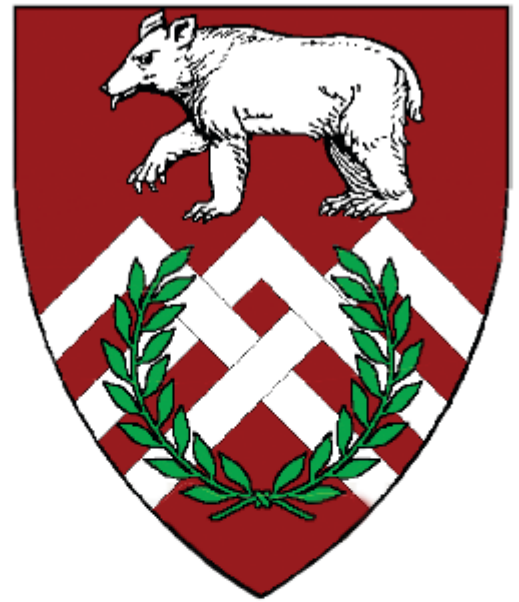


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In this special issue: we may not vote for Kings, but
we DO vote for Barons and Baronesses!

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From the Seneschal

Septentrian Baronial Meet and Greet & Confidence Poll

Eorforwic - Tuesday February 19th, 7:30pm

UFT Campas Sidney Smith Bulding - 100 St George St, Toronto, ON M5S 3G3

Vest Yorvik/Monadh - Wednesday February 20th, 7:30 pm (Hosted @ Vest Yorvik Meeting)

St. Francis Anglican Church - 6945 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle, Mississauga, ON

Ard Chreag - Monday February 25th, 6:30pm

DeSerres - 1899 Brock Rd Units 15 & 16, Pickering, ON L1V 4H7

Beremere - Tuesday February 26th, 7:00pm

The Embassy - Maple Grove Public School, 242 Grove St E, Barrie, ON

Petrea Thule - Wednesday February 27th, 6:30PM

OttonabeeValley public School - 580 River Rd S, Peterborough, ON K9J 1E7

Skeldergate - Wednesday March 6th, 7:00pm

28 Esna Park Drive, Unionville, ON

All participants in the Barony are eligible to cast a ballot. Attendees wishing to cast a ballot must sign in and, if a member, must provide proof of membership. Those wishing to cast a ballot by proxy please email the Baronial seneschal prior to your canton meet & greet at Baronyseptentriaseneschal@gmail.com.*

YIS,

Baroness Anneke the Furious

Baronial Seneschal of Septentria

From the Pursuivant

Greetings to the Septentrian populace, from Lady Roselyne de l'Etrangere (OL), Septentrian Pursuivant. I have held this illustrious office of Pursuivant to Their Excellencies for over three years, and thoroughly enjoyed it, but it is high time to pass this opportunity to another deserving gentle.

The primary requirements are to attend Their Excellencies at Septentrian events, and herald Baronial courts for them as necessary. You get a central viewing spot at court, and get to be part of the spectacle for a limited investment of time. As with any office, there are also some reporting requirements, but they are not difficult, and I can easily show you what you need to know. Their Excellencies are very easy to work with and patient with new learners.

Please send your expression of interest to me at lady.roselyne@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your offer to serve!

Yours in service,

Lady Roselyne de l'Etrangere (OL)

Baronial Candidates

Greetings unto the Populace of the Glorious Barony of Septentria, from Baron Sven and Mistress Kersteken,

We are so pleased to be seeking your confidence in our candidacy for the High Seats of Spetentria!

We would like to express our gratitude to Their Majesties Evander and Marioun and Their Excellencies Dafydd and Mahild for finding us acceptable to seek the High Seats.

We write with hope and candor to secure your confidence in us for the forth coming Baronial Selection Procedure in the Great Barony of Septentria. We would be most honoured to be the Baron and Baroness of Septentria, and are very excited for the opportunity to represent the Barony. We seek to represent the people and share our joy in the society with you.

We want to be open with you that we are 6 months shy of the residency requirement. While this has been waived by Their Majesties, we feel it's important for you to know that we are still getting to know the barony. We have attended many events with in the Barony, and worked to serve where we could over our 18 and 20 year history in the SCA. We hope our years of experience in the SCA will grant us the wisdom and grace required to be a Landed Baron and Baroness.

We look forward to getting to know you and meeting you at the upcoming meet and greets within the Barony. Her Excellency Anneke is working diligently to find dates and times to meet you all!

Please feel free to contact us at any time at svenandkersteken@gmail.com

In Service,

Sven and Kersteken

Sven gunnolfr Ragnaldson is a 10th century Viking who enjoys rattan combat, being a feast steward and serving where needed. He started in the SCA in 1999 in the Stronghold of Tor Brant. He is a Member of the Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer and a Member of the Order of the Wain, and was made a Baron of the Court. Sven has served in a variety of officer roles in the Stronghold of Tor Brant. He has also been King and Queen's champion and served as attendant even when those being served had no idea he was there!



Kersteken Janzdochtere is a 15th century Dutch Merchant's daughter who prefers wearing the fashions of the 14th century. She started in the SCA in 2001 in the Canton of Skeldergate. She enjoys fencing, sewing, being a feast steward, calligraphy and illumination, research and serving where needed. Kersteken has held a variety of roles on various councils over the years including A&S Minister, Exchequer, Local and Baronial Seneschal and Kingdom Seneschal. Currently, Kersteken is delving into the world of heraldry by being the Caleyground Herald. A Baroness of the Court and Member of the Order of the Pelican, Kersteken has become comfortable being a Voice Herald in Court.

Sven and Kersteken have two sons Aromir (sometimes called Ben) and Arongarr (sometimes called Zak). Aromir's first event was Pennsic when he was 3 weeks old and Arongarr's first event was Winter War when he was 5 weeks old. Aromir and Arongarr enjoy fencing, archery and thrown weapons. They have been lucky to have been Count Baldric and Countess Brayla's Youth Champions and currently serve as King Evander and Queen Marioun's Thrown Weapons Champions. Both boys are passionate about the SCA and enjoy having fun with their friends.

Step Spritely



Violetta di Parma – Bear's Heart and Orion



Emma Danskona and Martin Bildner – Order of the Wain!



The evening ball was spritely, and much merriment (and poaching) was had by all!



Upcoming Events

The Barony of Septentria presents: Baronial Investiture 2019

April 27, 2019

Please join us in celebrating our new Baron and Baroness, and Septentria. There will be marshalled activities in armoured, rapier, and thrown weapons. More information to come soon!

Site: Lindsay Rugby Club, 67 Vince Jones Rd, Lindsay ON, K9V 4R5. Opens 10am, Closes 10pm.

Event Steward: THLEeva the Restless
(eevatherestless@gmail.com)

Registration: 20\$ (15\$ with Member Discount), Children 6-12 years 6\$, children 0-5 years free. Family fee cap of 2 adults 2 children.

Feast: 18\$ for reservations email THL Eeva the Restless
(eevatherestless@gmail.com)

Directions: From the East: Take the Trans Canada Hwy to Sir Sandford Fleming Dr. Take the exit and continue onto N Monaghan Pkwy. Turn right onto ON 7, signs for Lindsay, then turn left to stay on ON 7 at Fowlers Corners. Turn right onto Peace Rd, left onto Settlers Rd, then left onto Vince Jones Rd.
From the South/West: Take the 401 to ON 115/35. Take exit 19 for ON 35 towards Lindsay. Turn right onto Trans Canada Hwy. Turn left onto Traceys Hill Rd, then left again at Post Rd. Turn right onto Vince Jones Rd.



<https://septentrianinvestiture.weebly.com/>

Ursine Adventures



Meet Ursa, a little polar bear who has just been born in the BEARony. She has much to see and learn and do as a young cub, and so shall accompany me on my travels throughout the Realm. Here she is at Step Spritely. Dancing used to be part of every event, usually done after Feast, and is still an important social and academic aspect of the Society. Ursa tried to learn some medieval dances, such as 15th century Italian and some Cascarde, but it's rather hard when you're a little polar bear. She played the recorder for dancers instead. Her paws are just the right size to cover the holes, though reaching the low C key may be tricky...



Grizzly Grid # 4

Logic Puzzle - How Does it Work?

Using the given clues and inferencing, match items in each quadrant together. Mark items that are false or do not match with an X, and items that are true or that do match with an O.

	Kneeling cushion patch	Floor cloth	Utensil set	War banner	Loved it	Loved it	Loved it	Sad to give it back	Canton claws	Constellations	Teaser/preview	Winged bear
Vest Yorvik												
Eoforwic												
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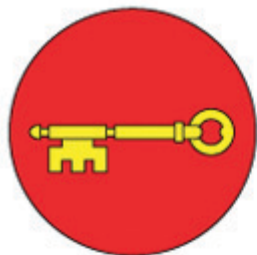
Baronial taxes were due at 12th Night, and all submissions were very well done. See if you can match the tax payer to the submission they made, what the submission featured, and what Their Excellencies' reaction was.

1. The patch featured Beremere's coat of arms - a winged bear.
2. Vest Yorvik's contribution was not given back.
3. Monadh did not submit the patch or the war banner.
4. The submission with the Canton claws was not the utensil set or the floor cloth.
5. His Excellency was particularly sad to give back the utensils that had to be finished.
6. The floor cloth had two constellations on it.
7. Eoforwic either submitted the war banner or the item that was a teaser/preview.
8. Ulvar, though submitting on behalf of Skeldergate, turned in the item with Beremere's winged bear.
9. Monadh did not submit the item with constellations on it.
10. Their Excellencies loved everything!

Solution:

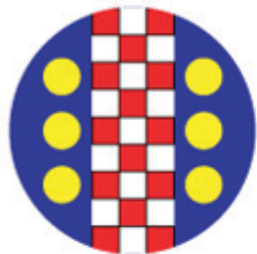
Vest Yorvik - Floor cloth, loved it, constellations
 Eoforwic - War banner, loved it, canton claws
 Monadh - Utensil set, sad to give it back, teaser/preview
 Ulvar - Kneeling cushion patch, loved it, winged bear

Baronial Regnum



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Succession Policy & Procedures – revised January 2019.

The election being coordinated by the Baronial Seneschal, and overseen by the Kingdom Seneschal, with the ability to coordinate the election personally if they deem necessary.

I. Qualifications for the Baronial Seat.

Any individual wishing to be considered for the honour of the Baron and/or Baroness of Septentria must:

- A. Be acceptable to the crown.
- B. Be an international or family member in good standing of the SCA Inc..
- C. Be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- D. Be a resident of or an active participant in the Barony of Septentria for a minimum of three years before the date of his/her selection to the honour of the Baronial seat (s).
- E. All candidates must meet the requirements as set out by Corpora and Kingdom Law.
- F. Candidates may be an individual or a couple of any gender.

II. Participation of the Barony's Populace: Populace Poll

- A. Members of the Barony shall have the opportunity to express to the Crown their consensus as to the choice of the Baron/ness in the form of a written poll. These written poll results shall be provided to the Crown to assist the Crown in the confirmation of Baron/ness but shall not bind the Crown in any manner whatsoever.
- B. Only paid members of the SCA, over the age of 16 are eligible to cast a ballot. The ballot will include a list of all approved candidates to be placed in rank of preference (1st, 2nd 3rd etc...)
- C. Polling shall occur pursuant to Polling Process (Schedule "A")
- D. Unpaid members of the barony will be polled separately to be considered.
- E. Proxy votes will be accepted pursuant to the proxy vote procedure outlined as part of the Polling process (Schedule "A").
- F. Definition of a member of the Barony of Septentria - Someone who lives within the boundaries of Septentria, who does not have a strong affiliation with another Barony. Or a member of the Barony can be someone living outside the borders of Septentria who is active within the Barony and considers themselves a member of the Barony.

III. Candidates for the Baronial Seat(s)

- A. Anyone wishing to run for the Baronial Seats must meet the requirements listed above.
- B. A letter of intent must be given to the present Baron and Baroness and the Baronial Seneschal within the announced time frame.
- C. With the letter of intent, the potential candidate(s) must include a copy of their memberships.

IV. Order of events

- A. At some time before the Baron and Baroness intend to retire, the current Baron and Baroness shall announce their intent to retire in a court. This shall initiate the process.
- B. Notification shall be posted in the next issue of The Ursus, The Baronial newsletter or in a special additional Baronial newsletter; stipulating that they will step down and those copies of the letters of intent from the Candidates will be accepted by Their Excellencies and the Baronial Seneschal. At the same time the Baronial Succession Policy shall be published. This information shall also be made available at all meetings, practices, workshops, local events and on the Baronial newsgroup, or by e-mail to anyone who should wish a copy.
- C. At the application deadline, the list of prospective candidates will be sent to the Crown (present and Heirs) and the Kingdom Seneschal for approval.
- D. Upon return and approval from the Royals and the Seneschal, the list shall be finalized and the successful Candidates will be notified.
- E. From time of notification, the candidates, over the next several weeks as outlined by the schedule, will have the opportunity to attend at least one scheduled candidate meeting where the populous can ask the candidates questions.
- F. The Baronial Seneschal will prepare the ballots and the non-member polling according to corpora and Kingdom law.
- G. Polling will occur as outlined in the time lines published.
- H. The polling process will take no longer then 30 days.
- I. The Baronial Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness and an agreed upon Kingdom representative shall do a final tally of the votes. If any of the aforementioned parties are unavailable for counting the polls on the scheduled date, then they shall appoint a deputy who can fulfill these duties. If the Baronial Seneschal and or the sitting Baron and Baroness are running in the election, then the Kingdom Seneschal shall appoint someone to oversee the final tally of the votes.
- J. Should the Candidate(s) meet with the Crown's approval, then the current Baron and Baroness will step down at an event chosen by the crown, the new Baron and/or Baroness will be invested by the Crown of Ealdormere at their pleasure and in accordance with Kingdom and Society laws.

This version of the Baronial Succession Policy for the Barony of Septentria supersedes all previous revisions.

SCHEDULE "A"

Baronial Polling Process

Polling will take place in each Canton between [dates to be set by baronial seneschal].

On Polling Day, the Baronial Seneschal, Kingdom Seneschal or designate will attend the Canton Meeting to administer the poll.

A designated area will be set aside at the meeting for filling out the ballots in private.

Attendees wishing to be Polled must sign in and, if a member, provide proof of membership for voting.

At this time Pollers will be given either a Blue Ballot (Paid Members) or a White Ballot (Non paid Members), and directed to the designated voting area.

Pollers will assign a unique number from 1 to the number of candidates (1 being most preferred, to X being least preferred where X is the number of candidates) to each of the Candidates listed on the ballots. The ballot is then placed in the ballot box. Incomplete ballots and/or ballots not ranking the candidates as noted will be considered spoiled.

Note that the ballots are anonymous and do not connect the voters on the check in sheet to the ballot.

The ballots will be placed in a sealed envelope and signed by three Officers, including one canton officer. These envelopes will be kept secure by the Baronial Seneschal until all voting is completed in the Barony.

After polling is completed in the Barony, the Baronial Seneschal, the Kingdom Seneschal and the Baron and Baroness (or their designated representatives) will tally all of the votes.

Once complete, the Baronial Seneschal will provide a summary report to Their Majesties, the Kingdom Seneschal and Their Excellencies.

Proxy Polling Process

If a Poller is unable to attend the Polling meeting, they may cast a Proxy Poll via the following procedure:

You may send your Poll with another person to the voting meeting to cast a ballot. That person **MUST** have a letter from you that includes the following:

- Your Full Real Name
- Your Sca Name
- Your Mailing Address in full
- Your Membership # (or indicate Non Member)
- Your membership Expiry Date
- Canton you reside in
- Permission for the person (specifically named) to cast your vote

- Your poll on all final candidates
- Your signature and date

The voter MUST inform the Baronial Seneschal prior to the polling date that they intend to authorize someone to poll on their behalf.

Proxies that do not have all the required information; or are not submitted by the end of the business meeting at which the poll is being taken will be invalidated. The letter once brought to the meeting and submitted to the Baronial Seneschal will become the person's ballot and kept separate from the ballots (to ensure anonymity) For counting purposes, a ballot will be prepared by the Baronial Seneschal and added to the others, witnessed by the Canton Seneschal.