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A message from your Chronicler

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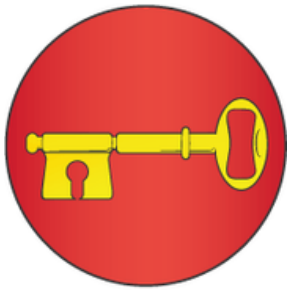
We will publish quarterly to start, then if our activities calendar gets busier we may do once a month. This issue will cover January, February, and March activities and bring news on upcoming events.

As the years have passed, Ravensbridge has grown and accomplished many great things. We have a great future ahead of us and more to do. I invite anyone with comments, ideas, or submissions for what they would like to see please email me.

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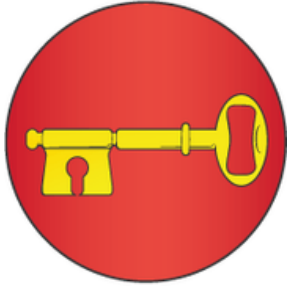
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Seneschal's Notes For Spring

Busy Spring

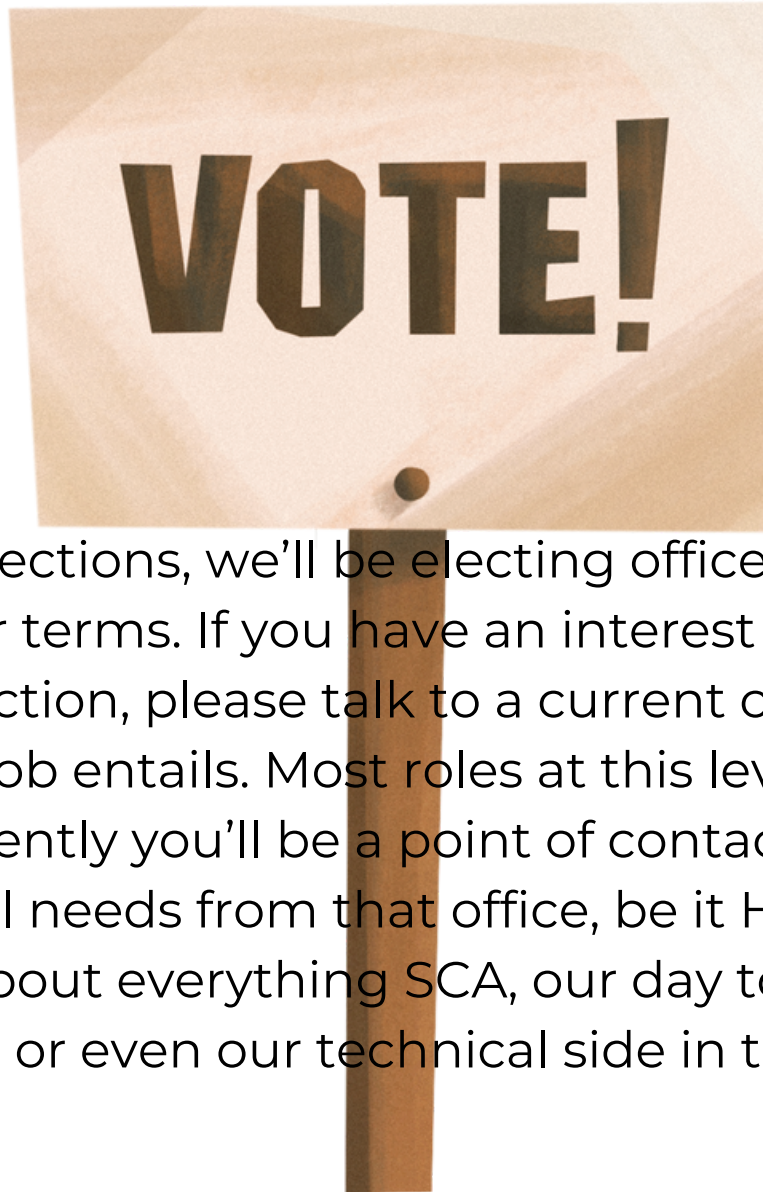
Looks like the SCA is really back in full form - I've got events to go to from now to the beginning of May. I almost need a secretary to figure out what I've pre-registered for, and what I haven't. From Black Rose Ball this past weekend, followed by Coronation in April, to Crown the first weekend in May, it's a busy time. If you're looking for something to do but not wanting to travel, "Springs Inspirations" is April 13, and in Gorham, 1 Church Street. No doubt some will be outside if the weather is good, and I'm sure the dayboard will be great too. After that on April 20th, Hadchester is hosting "Floralia in Hadchester", And I have heard a rumor that a well known member of the Hadchester community will be honored, they'd love to have people there to congratulate and enjoy the hospitality. The next weekend, April 27, has the famous "Malagentia Test Kitchen" at Bradbury Mountain State Park in Pownal. I'm going to be sure offer my services to test what people cook, it's a skill I take seriously.

We do need to get working on a couple of administrative things, Amee has put together a spreadsheet and form so we can get an inventory together, and then figure out how to store it. We also should revise our guiding by-law document well before the elections this fall.



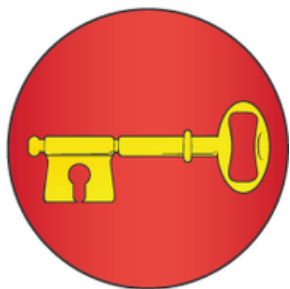
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Seneschal's Notes For Spring



Speaking of elections, we'll be electing officers for another set of two year terms. If you have an interest in helping make the group function, please talk to a current office holder and see what the job entails. Most roles at this level aren't overly difficult, frequently you'll be a point of contact to help people with their local needs from that office, be it Heraldry, information about everything SCA, our day to day management, or even our technical side in the Webminister role.

And if you don't want to run for election for an officer, you can always help out by learning the marshal requirements for something you're interested in, be it thrown weapons, archery, armored combat, combat archery or fencing. Marshalling means you often get the best seat in the house, so to speak, and you help make the dream happen for all of us.



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Seneschals Notes For Spring Busy Summer

We also have our big summer event coming up in June. Starting on June 14, we have Huginn and Muninn's Viking Camp in Leeds. Magnus and I are working on including an archery woods walk, and I bet there will be other surprises. We'll definitely have a couple camping nights, the Viking Pillow Fight, and plenty of opportunities for pickups and relaxing.

I do expect that to get everything ready we're going to need to do some site work, so watch out for information from Ameer and Edward McGyver, who are working hard to put together a good event for all of us. There will be more general clean up after this wild and windy spring, and we are looking into parking improvements. If you have time, please take a little time out of a weekend and give us a hand with the site work.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at H & M, and then GNEW. Looks like we're going to have a good summer event season.

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Seneschal, Riding of Ravensbridge,
Province Malagentia**



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Birka 2024

Buyers Beware of
Barbarous Blackthorne
Murder Bunnies!

Market day at Birka will
never be the same after
the Blackthorne Murder
Bunnies took to the
halls to wreak havoc
upon young and old
alike.

When the call came out that the garb challenge for this year's Birka would be marginalia, Blackthorne Matriarch Lady Aelfwyn Marie von Augsburg in all her great wisdom suggested to the members of her house that they become murder bunnies. And thus, the Murder Bunny Assassin's Guild was formed. Household members who wished to participate were asked to wear some form of household garb or colors, and from there Lady Eyia Refr crafted large, life-like ears for everyone using her skill with a glue-gun and general craftiness. At Birka, members of the populace were handed cards indicating that they had been slain, and to come support the Murder Bunnies at the fashion show, lest the bunnies run rampant and take over the kingdom. The Guild is available for any "quiet work" you should need done, and all inquiries should be directed to Lady Eyia's ethereal mail, eyiarefr@gmail.com



Spring is here, the sun warms the landscape Dragon flies dance in the fields of Leeds. Huginn and Muninn echos in our thoughts And so we in Ravensbridge prepare to welcome guests to camp with us. Lovely fields for us to raise tents and awnings This year we will again host a thrown weapons tournament. And are pleased to organize an archery woods walk. Saturday there will be another great night with a potluck dinner and games As the evening slowly closes on us, we will raise our voices in songs and stories So for all of this, we will welcome the season, rejoice in our freedom from winters long hard hold Join us June 14, 15, and 16 178 on route 219 Leeds ,Maine



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Huninn & Muninn Site Clean up

April 21 & May 11 10am -3pm

The winter has been hard on the trees. There are some trees that need chainsaw work and some TLC. We are looking for help with clearing debris & trash to expand parking area and camping area. Creating an archery woods walk. Building a main firepit area with log seating.

Many hands make light work.

Regional Throwing Weapons Practice

April 14th

Like last year there will be multiple ranges with walls and rounds, for people to practice on and possibly get royal round scores submitted. In addition there will be marshals available to assist MiTs in getting their range time in. The range is open to throwers of all ages (with proper parental paperwork for minors) and all skill levels. There will be 3 Silver Mantles on hand, including the current Provincial champion, and a former Sovereign's champion to help train and coach. So if you are looking to knock off some winter rust, get some early season thrown weapons training in, or just want to learn how to "yeet it like you mean it" this is the practice for you.

The date is 4/14

The location is 45 McKenney rd Saco Maine, 04072. It's 15 minutes from the turnpike exit either coming from the north or south.

The time is 1 to 4

If you have any questions, please feel free to PM me and I will get back to you.

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Practices and other activities

- Every Tuesday Evening 5:45 Fighting and Fencing practice in Portland
- In Malagentia, monthly Dance practice , scribal night, and craft nights are available to attend
- Monthly Business meetings, Fourth Thursday of the month
- Regional Throwing Weapons practice April 14th
- Huginn & Munnin Site cleanup days April 21 & May 11 10-3

For more details go to

<https://ravensbridge.eastkingdom.org/wordpress/ravensbridge-calendar>
and <https://malagentia.eastkingdom.org/main/calendar>

Visit our website

<https://ravensbridge.eastkingdom.org> for more information about Ravensbridge and to join our mailing list.

It requires a google account but it can be any one you'd like to use. We'd like to send newsletters, information about events to the mailing list, so we can be available to people who don't use Facebook. You can send messages there too!

Upcoming Events

- Coronation of Tindal II and G. Emerson True, Schenectady, NY April 6th
- Spring Inspirations, Gorham, ME April 13th
- Floralia in Hadchester, Rockland, ME April 20th
- Malagentia Test Kitchen, Pownel, ME April 27-28
- East Kingdom Spring Crown Tourney, Upper Gagetown, NB May 3rd - 5th
- Huginn & Muninn's Viking Camp II, Leeds, ME June 14th-16th

More details can be found at <https://www.eastkingdom.org/events>

Honorable mentions

Lydia of Brus- Received the Order of the Silver Wheel

Lord Ulfrik Viglundrson- Received Award of Arms