

The Vigilance July – August A.S. L – 2015 C.E.



**Duchess Dorinda with her Order of Defense scroll.
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Happy Birthday to Karen Gaworecki (nee Waterman) who will be celebrating on July 13th

Happy Birthday to Lord Jacob of Dunmoore who will be celebrating on August 9th.

On **May 1st, 2015**, The Shire of Heronter held “*A Celebration of Rapier*”. Their Royal Majesties Timothy and Gabrielle elevated Duchess Dorinda to the Principal of the Order of Defense for Fencing Mastery. It may the first such in the Knowne World. The Kingdom of Lothac (Australia) also held an event at the same time but because they are a full day ahead of us, their event was actually held on May 2nd.

This is the first time since AS 10, forty years ago, that the Society Year can be represented by a single Roman numeral. The next time will be AS 100. (A.S. C) The Society Year with the most digits so far was A.S. 38 (A.S. XXXVIII)

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Documented from the Scrolls of the Reign of Timothy & Gabrielle II, King and Queen of Æthelmearc: the Business of Their Majesties' Court at A Celebration of Rapier, 1 May Anno Societatis L, in the Shire of Heronter.

As recorded by Their Silver Buccle Herald, Kameshimakyō Zentarō Umakai, with the assistance of Drotin Jorundr hinn Rotinn, Golden Alce Herald.

Duchess Dorinda Courtenay was invited before Their Majesties to answer the summons bestowed upon her. Duchess Líadain ní Dheirdre Chaomhánaigh recalled meeting Dorinda at her first event, before she had even earned the title of Lady Dorinda; even then she exuded nobility, and since then has been a champion of the ideals of the Society. Master Iago Benitez, who once sponsored Duchess Dorinda as his cadet, found himself unable to explain Her Grace's service as one would be unable to explain what is good about sunshine. Duchess Anna Blackleaf expounded upon Her Grace's dedication and worthiness, declaring them above question or reproach. Sir Kadan Chakhilghan Ger on Echen, who Dorinda appointed as Captain of her Guard during her first reign, credited her with the example that he followed on his path to the Chivalry. Being moved by such glorious testimonies, Their Majesties did create the Order of Defense in the Kingdom of Æthelmearc and created Duchess Dorinda its Principal Companion.

Their Majesties invited the Ladies of the Rose to present a livery collar of white, the regalia of the Order of Defense, that it might start its journey with Duchess Dorinda and be passed to each successive member of that

Order made in Æthelmearc. Baron Fergus and Baroness Helene then came forward and presented another collar, from which hung a medallion bearing the badge of the Order, that Her Grace might bear once the ancestral collar had been passed to its next recipient. Countess Elena d'Artois and Lord Aaron the Swift draped a cloak about Her Grace's shoulders. Proclaiming that a Mistress of Defense should not be unarmed, Their Majesties called for Don Po Silvertop, on behalf of the Order of the White Scarf, who presented Her Grace with a weapon appropriate to her new station: a pie server, which he then proudly proclaimed had been wielded by every companion of the Order of Defense of Æthelmearc.

Their Majesties next called for Don Anias Fenne, who bore into Their Court an item from Æthelmearc's past: a rapier borne in the days when Æthelmearc was but a Principality. Given the nature of the Order of Defense, Their Majesties received Her Grace's oath as a Mistress of Defense upon that historic blade. A scroll illuminated by Mistress Ysabeau Tiercelin and calligraphed by Duchess Líadain ní Dheirdre Chaomhánaigh upon wording by Duchess Líadain, Kameshima-kyō Zentarō Umakai and THL Ursula of Rouen was read in proclamation of the Court business. Finally, Don Diego Miguel Munoz de Castilla was invited to present a gift to Duchess Dorinda on behalf of the newly created Order: a handmade book, blank but for one page emblazoned with Her Grace's armory, the pages of which would be filled with the armory of future inductees.

There being no further business, Their Majesties' Court was closed.



Duchess Ládain ní Dheirdre Chaomhánaigh speaking for the Royal Peers.



Master Iago Benitez speaking for the Pelicans



Duchess Anna of Blackleaf speaking for the Laurels.



Sir Kadan Chakhilgan Geron Echen speaking for the Chivalry

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 by Duchess Liadain ní Dheirdre Chaomhánaigh upon
 wording by Duchess Liadain, Kameshima-kyō Zentarō
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White Gingerbreads stamped with Dorinda's botany cross, the Woodland Watch Tree and the escarbuncle of Aethelmearc; a schlager of sugar; elderberry flower and strawberry tarts from A Celebration of Rapier. Photographed by THL Ian Kennoven and used with permission.

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**Summers End
Canton of Beau Fleuve
September 12, 2015**

Come one, come all as we join the Canton of Beau Fleuve in the annual celebration of Summers End.

This years event will be held at the Martin Lodge in Chestnut Ridge Park, 6121 Chestnut Ridge Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127. Your autocrat for the day will be Sir Aengus MacBain (David Hassinger, 344 Wagner Ave., Butler PA, 16001. 724-256-7893)

We will be filling the day with a multitude of activities ranging from armored combat to A&S competitions. After Their Majesties evening Court, a feast full of culinary delights prepared by Ribald o'Suilleabhain and his staff will be available for your enjoyment. Additional details on the days activities will be forthcoming as they become available. Fees are \$8 for the day for adults and \$5 for children between 5-17. An additional \$10 will be needed if you wish to partake of the feast. Please send reservation to Char Smith (THL Ciar inghean Ui Chrotaigh, 1007 W. Grandview Blvd., Erie PA, 16509. 814-864-0956) Make checks payable to 'SCA NY Inc-Canton of Beau Fleuve' A \$5 non-member surcharge will be collected for those unable to show proof of membership.

**Harvest Raid
presenting the
Coronation of Tindal II and Etain II
Shire of Heronter
September 25 - 27, 2015**

We interrupt our regularly scheduled Harvest Raid to bring you AEthelmearc's Fall Coronation.

On September 25-27th The Shire of Heronter invites one and all to join them for the Coronation of Tindal II and Etain II at the beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center located at 5013 Route 430 in Bemus Point, NY 14712. The site opens at 6:00pm on Friday and will close at noon on Sunday.

Martial activities will feature a tournament to choose Their Heavy Weapons Champion. Things will be kicking off on Friday night with socializing in the main hall and an Archery Night Shoot along with the Glow Stick Thrown Weapons Tourney, then a Saturday full of martial activities. Details will be announced as they are firmed up.

A silent auction is planned for Saturday.

Heronter continues our tradition of food all day Saturday with breakfast provided as well as a lunch sideboard. The traditional Heronter Feast will be Saturday evening, and our head cook will be Lady Margaret of Enniscorthy. For feast questions and dietary concerns, please contact us at HeadCook@heronter.info.

Event steward is Maestro Antonio de Luna 3367 State Route 248 Wellsville, NY 14895 (716) 452-0468 no calls before 9am or after 9pm please. Or mail to: EventSteward@heronter.info

Reservations should be sent to: Duchess Dorinda Courtenay c/o Dorinda Courtine-White at 47 Chestnut St. Jamestown, NY 14701, Reservations@heronter.info Phone - (716)664-5487 (before 10 pm please), and must be received by September 19th to ensure a seat at feast.

Please make checks payable to SCA NY, inc - Shire of Heronter.

Fees for this year are as follows: Site Fee: \$10.00 Adults, 0-17 Free! Feast Fee: \$12.00 Adults, (13-17 Full Price) (5-12 Half) (0-4 Free but must reserve to have a chair.) Cabin Fee: \$6.00 Adults (Weekend) \$3.00 (One night), \$4.00 (weekend) and \$2.00 (one night) for 17 & under. Tenting is FREE! Per Society, a \$5 non-member surcharge will be collected at the event from any adults without proof of current membership.

Directions: From the West, South and East: Take your best route to I-86 (former Route 17). Take Exit 10 (Westfield/Mayville) to get to Route 430 West. (From the West it is marked only as Route 430 West. Do not take exit 9 to Bemus Point). Follow the signs for Route 430 West towards Westfield and Mayville. From the exit, it will be several miles to the site (3 or 4 miles depending on where you start counting). You will pass Long Point Park and Midway Park before seeing the Lutheran Camp on your left. The camp is at the top of a long hill. From the North take your best Route to I-90. Exit at the Westfield exit (#60) and take Route 394 to Mayville. Pick up Route 430 East and follow to the site. The site will be on your right and will be marked as above.



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Calendar of Events (contains non-SCA events of interest)

JULY

June 18 – July 16 Romeo and Juliet in Delaware Park

<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>

July 1 – Independence Day (Canada)

July 4 – Independence Day (U.S.A.)

July 13 – Karen Waterman's birthday

July 21 – August 2 Chautauqua County Fair

<http://www.chautauquacountyfair.org>

July 23 – Aug 18 Twelfth Night in Delaware Park

<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>

July 24 - August 9 – Pennsic War 44

<http://www.pennsicwar.org>

AUGUST

August 3 – August 9 Cattaraugus County Fair

<http://www.cattarauguscofair.com>

August 4 – Antonio de Luna's Birthday

August 7 – Josh Letterman's Birthday

August 9 – Jacob of Dunmoore's Birthday

August 11-15 Warren County Fair

<http://www.warrencountyfair.net>

August 15 – BNHV Scottish Festival

<http://bnhv.org/event/31st-annual-buffalo-niagara-scottish-festival/>

August 15 – 22 McKean County Fair

<http://www.mckeancountyfair.net>

August 21 – Ian Ashbaugh's Birthday

August 27 – Sept 7 Erie County Fair

<http://www.ecfair.org>

SEPTEMBER

September 7 – Labor Day

September 14 Summer's End (Barony of Rhydderich Hael)

<http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=1073>

September 25-27 Harvest Raid (Shire of Heronter)

<http://aethelmearc.org/eventinfo.php?event=1057>

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