



The Eskalya Chronicle

Sept/Oct 2010

<http://www.eskalya.org>

Greetings Unto the Barony of Eskalya

His Excellency and I send Our greetings and thanks to all of the members of this fine barony that have attended the events this summer. We appreciate the enthusiasm and joy that our good people of Eskalya have shown and shared.

We welcome into Eskalya all those newcomers who have returned to us and have found joy and fun with in the barony. We are well pleased with the new fighters and it is a joy to watch them experience the thrill of fighting for the very first time in armor.

We look forwards to the fall season with merriment as the Samheim and Yule events approach. WE hope that many will be able to attend the royal visit to the menagerie that will happen on the 11th of September.

We thank all our officers and autocrats for the wondrous work that they do and hope that they are an inspiration to all. As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to approach His Excellency and I about anything.

In service to Eskalya

Breock and Margaret Anne, Baron and Baroness of Eskalya



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Ongoing Barony Activities!

A&S Night

A&S night for **September** will be Saturday, 9/18 from 11am to 6pm at Cynehild's home; call 575-1983 for directions. A&S night in **October** will be Friday 10/9 at Alienor's home; call 563-9360 for directions.

Bardic

Sing along on with friends to your favorite SCA songs at Eskalya's Bardic on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Mistress Anne's house. Please call 338-4692 (before 10 pm) for directions if you are visiting for the first time.

Baronial Fighter Practice

Until the porta-pots are removed from the parks, Fighter Practice will be every Sunday at the Rose Garden on the Park Strip (10th & L, roughly) from 1-3pm. Both heavy and rapier fighters are welcome. Once the privies are removed we will need an indoor site. Suggestions are being solicited! Contact Knight Marshal Sir Cyrus at 677-9376 for more information.

Philosophy night

A discussion group for fighters which covers fighting philosophy, humor and the sharing of cool ideas. This group started as a way to cover those types of discussion that we just don't have time for at a fighter practice or during a lesson. Last Monday of the month at 7 pm at Mistress Sorcha's. Please call 562-1989 for directions if you are visiting for the 1st time.

Bear Steel School Practice

Practices are Tuesday nights at 7 pm at Mistress Sorcha's. Please call 562-1989 for additional information.

Archery Practice

Practice will be 4-6pm on Sundays at Kincaid Archery range. There is loaner gear available, but please bring leather gloves if you have them.

Baronial Business Meeting

Are usually held at noon at Eskalyan events. Contact Lilandra for more information at 441-1917.

Winter Fighter Practice Location Suggestions

As the air turns cool and the leaves begin to fall, we turn our minds to finding an indoor fighting site for the winter! We need input from the fighters as to what you would like, and what you are willing to do. Last winter, the Dimond Athletic Club generously allowed us to use an old basketball court. The site had plusses and minuses - would we like to go back there? Do you have another suggestion for a winter fighting site? We can use Sir Cyrus's home for practice if that is preferred, but need input from the fighters! Please contact either of the marshals, or the seneschal, or Baron & Baroness, if you have ideas or opinions about the winter location for fighter practice.

We hope to keep up the momentum from this summer's practices, so please speak up!

In service,
Caitriona
Eskalya Rapier Marshal

Upcoming Events!

Harvest Fest

Earngyld

Sept 19, 2010

Please watch the Oertha list for additional information

Samhein

Selwiergard

October 16, 2010

Celebrate the last harvest of the season and the coming of the New Year. The wee folk and specters will be about, and making merry with the traditions of the season. There will be a heavy weapons tourney, with an additional contest for the Most Dramatic Death.

After feast, there will be a contest for the Best Bardic Piece, in Celtic style along with (hopefully) a bardic. There will be a cooking competition with the theme of Traditional Celtic foods, particularly harvest. May be your potluck dish or separate. Dishes will be judged by the Baron and Baroness and popular vote. There will be a nice prize for the most popular dish.

Feast will be potluck, bread provided. Bring a dish to feed 8-10 by 1st letter of mundane last name as follows: A – G Main , H – Q Starch/Side Dishes, R – Z Desserts . NOTE: There are no cooking facilities available on site. Plan to heat your dish accordingly (crock pots, etc.)

Site information: Meadow Lakes City Center. Site may change.

Site fee will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for 6-12, and 5 and under free. The five dollar Non-member surcharge will be in effect.

Directions: From the South take your best route to Wasilla/Parks Hwy and the light at the intersection of Pittman and Sylvan at mile 49. Turn left onto Sylvan and make your immediate right towards Meadow Lakes City Center. (Unit is next to The Rock at the far end.)

Autocrat: Thomas "Two-Bears" Sorngrym / Travis Abe-Thomas / 907-746-4137 / thomassorngrym@yahoo.com; and Beorn se Bacaire / 907-775-7993 /

Baronial Menagerie

Eskalya

Sept 11, 2010

The time is almost upon us when we make the yearly pilgrimage to visit the animals in their enclosed park. Their Excellencies, Breock and Margaret Anne would like everyone to come out and enjoy the fall day and walk the zoo in garb as we have done so for the past 4 years. Please meet at 1pm at the top of the stairs for the main parking lot.

The contest this year is a poem about an animal that resides in the zoo.

Upcoming Baronial A&S Night Topics:

September: Have a sewing project to work on? Need help with garb? Don't know what garb is? Come to Eskalya's September A&S day and get some work done!

When: September 18, 11 am - 6(ish) pm (food will be provided, but please feel free to bring something to share!)

Where: Cynehild's house, contact her off list for directions

Why: 'Cause sewing's awesome!

October: Holiday Spiced Wine with Mistress Alienor. There will be spirited discussion (ooo! A pun!), munchies and a demo on **Ypocras**.

Michaelmas Feast

Winter's Gate

October 16, 2010

Come join the Barony of Winter's Gate for our annual Michaelmas Feast. This year we will be focusing on England of the 1500's, with roast goose, plum pudding and other culinary wonders in store. This is an event focused around the joys of period cooking, and all helpers of any skill level are encouraged to join in the fun of the kitchen.

RSVP'S ARE A MUST!!!! Please email or call the autocrat by October 1st so that we may shop for the right amounts! If you have allergy concerns, please contact the Autocrat or the Head Cook....we will make every effort to accommodate allergies so that no one goes hungry.

Event site is the Dogmusher's Hall at 925 Farmer's Loop Road and will open at 10 am and will close at 10pm with an optional Bardic available to follow after site clean-up. Site is discreetly wet. Event fee is \$10 for members (\$15 for non-members) \$40 cap for families; ages 12 and under are free. Checks should be made to SCA Inc - Winter's Gate.

Directions from East Fairbanks/Wal-Mart area complex: Take the Steese Hwy. to Farmer's Loop Rd and turn left. Travel about 3.3 miles and the hall will be on your left.

Directions from West Fairbanks/UAF: from College Rd/University Rd intersection, take Farmer's Loop Rd. Travel 5.1 miles and the hall will be on your right.

Autocrat is Margery Garret (Michele Griffin)4523 Stanford Dr. Fairbanks AK
99709/motherchaos@gci.net /590-0868 (cell) or 456-2492 (home). Please contact her with any questions or concerns.

Samhein Ball

Eskalya

October 30, 2010

Come one, come all, to enjoy a celebration together on All Hallows Eve Samhien. Wear your best garb and mask. Enjoy a day of Fighting, Courtly Graces, Classes, Dancing and Camaraderie. The Contests are listed below. Looking forward to sharing time with everyone.

Schedule:

Site opens 10 am

Opening Court at 12noon

Tourneys begin

Heavy at 1pm

Rapier at 3pm

Dancing and classes

Feast 6pm Pot luck by birth month: Jan - Mar desert, Apr - June side dishes, July - Sept main dishes, Oct - Dec your choice. Note: There is no kitchen here; however there are plug in areas for hot pots, crock pots, etc.

Closing Court

Clean up

Activities:

Trick or Treat- There will be a trick or treat time for the little ones to go around to each of the tables for goodies, so bring some treats to pass out to our treasures.

Mask making class for the little ones (and big ones!)

Fan making class

Masked Ball: yes there will be dancing for those brave enough to engage in the art. We will be dancing to our favorites.

Contests: Mask and or Tombs in any mode (this should be fun)

Best demonstrated Courtly graces throughout the day

Heavy and Rapier Tourneys: sponsor Sir Viresse' Best Death (of course, this is Samhien):

a) Technical Death

b) Best Flourish Death

c) Most Chivalrous behavior

Site fee is \$10 for members, \$14 for non-members; \$5 for children ages 8-16 and under age 8 free. A family cap of \$30 applies. Checks can be written to "SCA, Inc - Barony of Eskalya".

Direction: Site is the First United Methodist Church in downtown Anchorage (725 W 9th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501). The site is "dry" but non-alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Eskalyan Yule

Eskalya

December 11, 2010

Greetings Oertha! Come join the Barony of Eskalya as we celebrate the turning of the Year.

There will be fighting! There will be dancing!
There will be Mistress Anne's cooking!

The theme is the Field of Cloth of Gold so break out your best garb and banners.

When: December 11th, 12 PM - 8 PM
Where: First Congregational Church of Anchorage

Yule Iron Dress Competition

Greetings Seamstresses and Tailors!
Stashers of fabrics and sewers of all levels!

Come enter Eskalya's Yule A&S Competition, the Inaugural Eskalyan Iron Dress Competition!

How it works:

Starting on the eleventh of September, using those materials you have on hand plus an additional \$30 worth of fabric, create the most fabulous outfit you can.

Caveats:

1. Contestants are honor bound not to go buy a bunch of fabric between now and September 11 so that they have a better "stash on hand"
2. Shipping and sundries (thread, needles, structural buttons, hooks and eyes, etc) do not need to come out of your extra \$30
3. Structural underpinnings (corsets, farthingales, bumrolls, et c.) may be drawn from previously constructed items.

At Yule, bring an accounting of time and money spent on your project as well as the completed garment to be entered for a *fabulous* prize!

Additional prizes will be given out for the best "under the wire" garment (constructed between December 1st and December 11th) and the best use of scraps (pieces of fabric less than 1 yard in size)

Send questions to clairemargery@gmail.com

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jamie of Eskalya on her successful Prize for Free Scholar in the West Kingdom Guild of Fence.

Congratulations to Etain O'Rowarke on her successful Prize for Journeyman in the West Kingdom Guild of Fence.

Hear ye! Hear ye!

Eskalya Wants You!

The Barony of Eskalya is seeking deputy successor officers for the following offices:

Seneschal (Deputy) - Assist Lilandra in the day to day activities of the Barony

Photos Wanted

If you have photos that you would like to share for publication on the website, please contact the Webmistress at webminister@eskalya.org

Regalia Ideas

If you have ideas for new Regalia, please present them to Their Excellencies.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Barony of Eskalya has an excellent opportunity to help Habitat for Humanity build a home right here in the Anchorage Area! While this is on Tuesday September 14th I highly encourage any and all people who can escape from work that day for a great cause to join me!

What: Help build a house for Habitat for Humanity

When: Tuesday, September 14th from 8:30am to 4pm

Why: Because there will be cookies, a good time, and your SCA buddies!

Please email Lilandra at seneschal@eskalya.org to RSVP (so I know how many are coming and



KEY NOTES

Greeting unto Eskalya,

Thank you to all for an excellent end of the summer. I am happy to report that Eskalya is growing and gaining strength due to all your hard work and friendly faces. Thank you for making the SCA in Anchorage a fun and easy group to belong to and join. I am looking forward to the Fall and Winter seasons' upcoming Samhein (October) and Yule (December) events and other scheduled activities on our calendar (at our lovely website www.eskalya.org) to continue to welcome new people and rejoice in time spent with old friends.

Also, please remember, Their Excellencies and I are still accepting input on Hrafnfjodr's petition to become a canton. Please take a moment to share with us or with the Principality Seneschal Cynehild your opinion about this matter.

*In service to this Barony and the Dream
Lilandra of Sheep Rock
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Do you have a fundraising idea for the Barony? Please share your ideas with the Seneschal at the next business meeting.

Society Wide Information: Non-member Surcharge Fee Increase

The new non-member surcharge amount of \$5 goes into effect as of July 1, 2010. The rise in the NMS fee was approved at the SCA Board of Directors Meeting held in January 2010.

Please note that the NMS fee applies to events which meet the requirements as defined in the Corpora (Section II.C). NMS will not be collected if there is no fee for an event nor from minors for whom there is a discounted event fee.

For more information regarding the rules and regulations regarding the non-member surcharge; check out the following website.

<http://www.sca.org/BOD/announcements/nms.html>

Upcoming Fighting Philosophy Night Topic:

A short reminder for next month of what we will be covering.

- 1) We will continue our review of the West Kingdom Rapier Rules. Please review sections 1.1-1.4
- 2) It is important to stretch out prior to and after fighting. His Excellency, Baron Breock will hopefully be available to lead us through a series of stretching exercises.

Or if His Excellency is not available the alternate topic will be

- 3) We've all heard or come across the fighter who "Dials It Up" when in a tourney as compared to combat at practices. So what is this and how do you deal with it?

If you won't be able to attend and have thoughts you would like to have shared with the group, please feel free to send them to me and I will add them in. My email is:

sorcha@bearsteel.org

Looking forward to seeing all of you again as we continue our studies.

Sorcha Careman



Dear Abbess-

Dear Abbess,

My lord went on the crusades and brought back this strange fruit. It is orange, round, has a peel that is slightly bitter but contains juice when the fruit is squeezed. What is it and can it grow in Lyons?

Dearest Perplexed,

Your lord has brought you back an orange. It is the fruit of a tree that grows in warm climes and can be both bitter and sweet. The peel that is brightest orange is good for flavoring but the white part is bitter and should be avoided. It may grow in Lyon is you keep it in warm earth in a pot that you keep in a room made of glass that will keep it warm. For truly I tell thee it hates cold weather. The blossoms that come in the spring are wondrous and wholesome smelling and then the fruit will be ready in the early autumn.

Enjoy your fruit, take tender care of it and it may reward you with its bounty.

- Abbess

Notice: SCA Census

Below is a link for the SCA survey 2010 (from the SCA West List). It will take you 15-30 minutes to complete and will provide valuable feedback to the SCA BOD.

Thanks!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCA2010Census>

Cynehild's Random Facts of the Day

It is sometimes said that the Goths are an odd group of people. Unable to define the nature of Goth-ness hasn't helped much. This newsletter's installment of Cynehild's RFDs brings you some interesting Gothic notes.

From Whence They Came

The original homeland of the Goths is unknown, though it's widely believed to be in the area of southern Sweden. So widely believed is this fact that at the Council of Basel (1431 - 1449) a scuffle broke out between the Asturians and Swedes about which side represented the "True Goths" (and thus out ranked the other in matters of protocol). The Swedes alleged that they were the One True Goths as they could lay claim to the territory called Götland. The Asturians rebutted that this was indeed true, however they (the Asutriians) were the Goths that actually got out and did Gothish things rather than languish in the cold north and thus they were most Gothic.

Rise of the Knight?

The Battle of Adrianople (378 CE) should have been a quiet squashing of yet another Roman enemy, after all the Emperor himself was present. Unfortunately the Romans hadn't counted on a sudden blitz attack by the Gothic Cavalry. After attacking the right Roman flank, a detachment of Goths rode around the Romans and started in on the left Roman flank. The Roman cavalry and infantry reserves scurried and the emperor, most of his generals, and no less than thirty-five high ranking officers were killed. In the end, only about a third of the Roman forces (including the cavalry and infantry reserves) managed to survive the battle. *(continued next issue...)*



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Alaska Dinner Factory is offering a fundraising event to support the Society for Creative Anachronism!

The Alaska Dinner Factory is an independent meal preparation service that helps busy people get a healthy dinner customized to their family's preferences on the table with minimal planning and effort. When customers arrive at Alaska Dinner Factory all of the menu planning, shopping, chopping, dicing, and cleaning has already been done for them. Alaska Dinner Factory will allow your family to spend less time on dinner preparation and more time to reconnect around the dinner table.

The Society for Creative Anachronism Fundraiser!

The Alaska Dinner Factory has offered a donation to support the Society for Creative Anachronism for every member who attends or purchases a session. \$5 is donated for every 3-meal package, \$10 for every 6-meal package, and \$20 for every 12-meal package. Schedule a session between September 15, 2010 and October 16, 2010. Sign up online at www.alaskadinnerfactory.com and be sure to use Promo Code F4L384.

Choose Your Meals –

Each month the menu changes to include 14 new meals.

Choose a:

3-meal package for \$80 (\$4.44 per serving) - or -

6-meal package for \$140 (\$3.89 per serving) - or -

12-meal package for \$245 (\$3.40 per serving)

Each meal contains 6 servings. Small families may split their meals into 3 serving packages at no additional charge.

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