

September 2023 Østgarðr Officer Reports

Viceregents • Sofya & Angelica

Barleycorn was wonderful and the weather was beautiful. We had a great turnout and there were many who competed to be our new Champions in the field of Armored Rattan, Fencing, Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Youth Combat.

Congratulations to our new Champions:

- Armored Rattan Combat: Lord Alexander Krause
- Fencing: Count Ryouko'jin of the Iron Skies
- Archery: Lord Eanraig the Bonesetter
- Thrown Weapons: Madwen Gam
- Youth Combat: Rees Ragnarrson

Thank you to our former Champions who served us this past year. You performed your duties to the Province honorably.

We would also like to recognize Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin's interesting attempt at finding a perfect lemon. This quest seems as if it will be a long one.

Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success!

Congratulations to Friderich Grimme on his induction into the Order of the Laurel at Ducal Challenge in the Shire of Midland Vale! It was a wonderful day to see one of our own acknowledged for the research and delicious food we in Østgarðr are lucky to taste! Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

Seneschal • Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi

Lord Ervald has stepped down as our Marshal of Armored Combat. I want to thank him for his many years of service in this role and in service to the Province. I also want to thank Lord Albrecht Anker for stepping up to take his place.

The following officer positions will reach the end of their terms at the end of December: Seneschal, Herald, Webminister, Historian, and Fencing Marshal. As has been tradition, the officers holding those positions will have the opportunity to continue for an additional term if they have not reached term limits. A simple majority vote is needed to confirm the incumbent(s).

If they choose not to continue or are not confirmed, I will be accepting letters of intent up to the day before November commons. At November commons, the returning officers will be announced as well as any candidates for open positions. If there are multiple candidates for any position, we will need to schedule a “meet the candidates” session online. Following that, a polling will happen between November and December commons, with the results to be announced at December commons. As I have not reached my term limit, my intention is to continue as Seneschal for a second term.

Alexander MacLachlan would like to submit a bid for the East Kingdom A&S or Bardic Championship. A vote will be held at commons to determine if the Østgarðr populace is in favor of doing another RP less than a year after our last one - Crown Tournament.

An issue was brought to my attention regarding safety concerns for our youth participants (See Kunigunde’s report). Moving forward, I would like to implement a policy in which all event staff have access to cell phone numbers for the event steward(s) and seneschal. We are responsible for dealing with issues that come up at events or activities. By providing this information, we hope to be able to respond rapidly to these situations.

Exchequer • Alienor Salton

Please submit any remaining expenses for Barleycorn! Checks are in the mail for the 4 I have previously received. I have another as of yesterday. I would like to wrap up the event report in a timely manner. Thank you!

Last month, the kingdom event deputy inquired about event reports missing from the kingdom files. I supplied 3 of them from our archives, and am working on the last one.

My 2Q kingdom report is out of balance (not the money tracking ledger; the part where different expenses are assigned to various accounting categories). I am awaiting input from my southern region boss.

Herald • Drasma Dragomira

A court was held at Barleycorn as it usually is; the court report was shared via various means right after the event. The official court report was also filed with the Kingdom.

As always, if you're looking for help in submitting names or armory, feel free to reach out to me. This Pennsic will absolutely extend the time to register and my schedule isn't helping at the moment, but we will get it done before the Pennsic items clear out.

Chatelaine • Albrecht Anker

While emails from potential new people have been nil. We have had some new fighters in fencing and heavy fighting showing up pretty regularly to our Tuesday night practice.

I am again asking for deputies, if you like talking to new folks please volunteer!

Chancellor Minor • Kunigunde Wedemann

Report from Barleycorn: Youth Point was set up with some activities for youth. There wasn't much interest from the kids that were there, but there was a parent who expressed his appreciation for me making things available for kids. There were three teens who did spend some time making jewelry from kits that Jenna Childslayer donated.

For Goats Inn, I will be teaching candlemaking and tin can lantern making to the kids so that they will be ready for the long dark days of winter. I will need helpers for this. I already have a helper for my afternoon class, tin lantern making, but still need someone for candle making. If someone is there to herd children, it will make the candle making process run as smoothly as possible. I am also required to have two-deep leadership, so having a second adult at least 21 years of age will meet that requirement.

I also want everyone to know that I will be restricting attendance to youth classes and "admission" to youth point to youth under the age of 18, their parents or guardians, and anyone authorized by the Chancellor of Minors (me) to be in that area. There was an adult who kept playing with the things I had for the youth at Barleycorn, causing much discomfort to those present, and this can't happen again.

Arts & Sciences • Brandr Aronsson

Nothing much to report.

We would like to start A&S days/nights again. It seems to me it might be easier for folks to attend weekend days than weeknights. How do we feel about one Saturday or Sunday a month?

Armored Combat • Albrecht Anker

We had 12 fighters for Barleycorn's two tournaments, the Fast Eddie tournament and the Baronial championship. I am pleased to announce that THL Guillaume Du Chantier won the Fast Eddie tournament, and Lord Alexander Krause is our new baronial champion.

I would also like to report that THL Ragnarr Blaskegg assisted me in marshaling that day and will be recommended to the Earl Marshal by me as a worthy marshal of the east.

We have had on average 6-10 armored fighters or those working towards getting armor to fight in armored combat.

I have re-instituted the waiver form which I also share with the fencing marshal as far as making sure everyone is good to go.

Next month I will be testing some new drill nights where we will be teaching specific shots or melee tactics at the triad level.

Fencing • Alec MacLachlan

Fencing continues at McCarren Park. We've had up to 6 fencers. Now that Barleycorn is over, practice should be back on track.

Minister of Lists • Vitasha Ivanova doch'

At Barleycorn - Ostgardr Provincial Championships on September 2, 2023, the Minister of the Lists inspected authorization cards for 9 Period Fencing Combatants and 13 Armored Combat Combatants.

The Period Fencing Champion of Ostgardr is Ryouko'jin of the Iron Skies.
The winner of the Sir Edward's Memorial Tournament is Guillaume du Chantier.
The Armored Combat Champion of Ostgardr is Alexander Krause.

Additionally, 3 renewal/additional fighting forms authorizations were done:
Gillian de Whitemere for Period Fencing, and Gowain MackAoidh and Muiredach Ua Dalaigh for Armored Combat.

Webminister • Friderich Grimme

I have updated the officers page with the new champions from Barleycorn. Many thanks to Dama Drasma for her Barleycorn Court report.

On an unrelated note to all who have been adding events to the Østgarðr google calendar directly. This has made the weekly Upcoming in Østgarðr posts easier to publish.

The website, unsurprisingly, had a slight spike in activity in the weeks between the end of Pennsic and Barleycorn. Since Barleycorn, website traffic has dropped off to normal (low) levels. There was some issue with viewing the Østgarðr Google calendar without logging into a google account. I believe this issue is fixed, but if anyone has trouble, please email me.

The end of the year is fast approaching, and with it, my term as Webminister. If you know anyone interested in being considered for the office, please have them email me and the seneschal sooner rather than later.

Chronicler • Zahra de Andaluzia

The *E-Horse* Vol. 19 was published and sent out on September 1. Next issue will be December 1, so send me everything/anything you would like to publish!

If you think you might be interested in producing recurring content for the *E-Horse*, such as a cartoon or an advice or opinion column, please let me know! I can answer any questions you have, go over the production process, etc.

Historian • Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin

No report.

Social Media • Lada Monguligin

Ragnarr has been awesome to share some videos for tiktok.

I still want to do historical factoid shorts. Please ping me so we can arrange to record your bit

Reminder: if you are creating a fb event for a thing happening in Østgarðr it should live under our business page and not the fb group. Please ask me, Uji or Vicereines to set it up for you.

If you are making an event for a canton activity you are welcome to set it up under the canton, or we can set it up under the Østgarðr page to tap into the Østgarðr social media following.

Appleholm (nee Whyt Whey) • Alienor Salton

Our next Appleholm canton commons is Monday, Oct. 23rd, 7pm at the usual Meet link.

Lions End • Iola Wulfsdotter

We finally got the exchequer accounts fixed. And I received an email about the farmingdale demo payment, due to email problems still persisting. Which I forwarded to the new exchequer.

Brokenbridge • Arnora Ketilsdottir

Find Arnora or Ragnarr to get your brokenbridge favor.

Brokenbridge seneschal is stepping down in October. There will likely be no successor so we will probably become inactive. Next (and possibly last for a while) commons is Oct 16th at 8pm.

Northpass • Meadhbh MacPhárlain

Next business meeting is tentatively set for Monday September 25th; this will be added to the calendar. We are looking for a more centrally-located spot as an option for in-person meetings to facilitate in-person attendance for a wider geographical area. We have started the process to open a bank account and will keep the Østgarðr Seneschal and Exchequer in the loop.