

# The Dreiburgen News



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# A letter from their Excellencies

*Dearest Dreiburgen!*

*Our very busy Barony continues to grow and thrive. While we set up camp at Koroneburg, a party of Dreiburgundians journeyed south to Potrero War. They fought for Barony and Kingdom! They served. They reveled. Memories were made, experience gained and friendships forged! The Koroneburg Demo was nothing short of amazing. We are both proud of and humbled by the efforts and tenacity of Dreiburgen and Allies beyond who braved the fire and smoke and rose to the challenge. This Demo could not have happened without the unwavering support of 52 populace members from all across the Kingdom. Thank you for getting up early on so many weekends. Thank you for taking care of yourselves enough to care for complete strangers. Thank You for processing with us down these dusty roads and shining in the sun.*

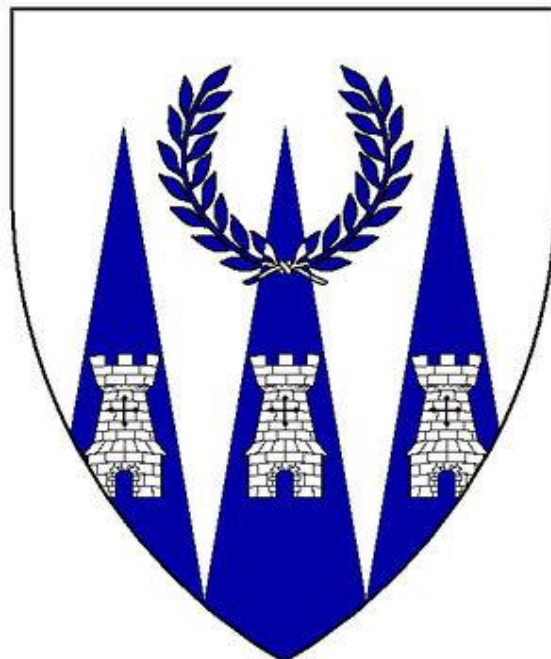
*Yours in Glorious Service,*

**Ramvoldus Kroll**

*Baron*

**Xungund Benehonig**

*Baroness*



# FIREWORKS

## – A (very) Brief History on Medieval Usage

By Ívarr Sigurðarson

Fireworks to most people are colorful celebratory aerial displays of geometric patterns. Initially developed – by accident – by the Chinese around first century AD for religious festivals, these ‘fire-sticks’ were eventually transformed into military use.

The first reported use was in 1232 at the Battle of Kai-Keng when the Chinese repelled a Mongol invasion by firing a barrage of arrows of flying fire for mostly psychological effect (PsyWar).<sup>1</sup>

In the 14th and 15th centuries, Englishman Roger Improved gunpowder for longer range, Frenchman Jean Froissart designed a more accurate flight method for ‘rockets’, and Joanes de Fontana of Italy designed a surface-running rocket-powered torpedo for setting enemy ships on fire.<sup>1</sup>

Gunpowder traveled west when European and Arabian diplomats and missionaries began visiting China around this time. Like their Chinese counterparts, Western engineers also developed weapons -- this time, muskets and cannons -- but continued to develop fireworks, and they became larger and more elaborate.<sup>2</sup>

These ‘rockets’ fell into disuse as weapons of war in the 16th century but still used for celebratory firework displays. If you attended a fireworks show in 1600, the science would not have been much different from ancient China, but it was a lot more entertaining!

Aerial fireworks (still plain orange -- no color yet!) were run by "firemasters" and their assistants, "green men", named for the leaves they wore to protect themselves from sparks.<sup>2</sup>

ThoughtCo. The History of Early Fireworks, Rockets and Weapons of War (thoughtco.com)

Smithsonian Science Education Center The Evolution of Fireworks | Smithsonian Science Education Center (si.edu)

# Upcoming Events

## **St. Corrigan's Day (Dreiburgen)**

When: Fri, July 5, 12pm – Sun, July 7, 11am

Where: Hurkey Creek State Park

Guess whose back, back again. St. Corrigan's back, tell a friend. If you enjoy our shenanigans, then this is our ultimate shenanigan event. Come and enjoy a weekend of fun, games, and silliness.

Theme: Getting lost is half the fun

## **Coronation (Lyondemere)**

When: Sat, July 13, 8am – 10pm

Where: El Segundo Masonic Lodge, 520 Main St, El Segundo, CA

Greetings Caid! On Saturday, July 13, 2024, Anno Societatis LIX, please join the Barony of Lyondemere as we celebrate the final court of Their Royal Majesties, King Tryggr Jarngeirr Ingvarsson and Queen Mercedes Eirnyardottir, and the ascension of Their Royal Highnesses, Prince Sven Orfhendur and Princess Iseabail Inghean Bhaltair, to the Thrones of Caid as our new King and Queen.

## **Summer Arts (Dreiburgen)**

When: Sat, July 27, 10am – 7pm

Where: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 466 E La Cadena Dr, Riverside, CA

The Barony of Dreiburgen extends a joyous invitation to all for a wondrous day of Arts and Sciences! Under the patronage of Their Excellencies, Ramvoldus and Kungund, there will be a grand competition to determine the Dreiburgen Arts and Sciences Champion, as well as a People's Choice. Marvel at mesmerizing displays of creativity and enjoy immersive classes on a variety of topics, where you can expand your skills or learn a new art! We eagerly await your presence and hope to see you there!

### SCHEDULE:

10:00am Set-up

11:00am Site opens to the Populace

11:30am Opening Court (at Their Excellencies pleasure)

5:00pm Closing Court (at Their Excellencies pleasure)

6:00pm Event ends. Clean-up follows; off site by 7pm

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Adult Event Registration: \$20. Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$10. Children 17 and under are guests of the barony. Cash and checks made payable to "SCA, Inc./Barony of Dreiburgen" will be accepted at gate.

ARTS & SCIENCES CHAMPION COMPETITION: Baron Ramvoldus has created 4 distinct riddles. To enter the competition, answer these riddles with your art!

Riddle 1: I can only be made if I'm broken first, with a warming glow my colors burst.

Riddle 2: Stomping around but not on the floor, when I leave my marks they are valued so much more.

Riddle 3: My tentacles reach and grapple evermore, the further I'm twisted the more you're adorned.

Riddle 4: Whatever your art form let it ring true, the only one who can answer this one is you.

You may submit an arts entry for as many of the riddles as you like. To enter the Baronial Arts Championship you must submit an arts entry to at least 3 of the 4 riddles. Entries must have been created within the last year. Documentation is appreciated and may give your entry an impressive edge, but it is not required.

There will be 6 winners, each receiving a beautiful, unique prize. Each riddle will have a winner. (4) The Baronial Arts champion will be chosen from those individuals who answer at least 3 of the 4 riddles with their arts entries. (1) Populace Choice. (1)

SITE INFORMATION & RESTRICTIONS: The site has a bar where you will be able to purchase water, canned soda, and beer. Because of this, no outside drinks other than juice boxes or milk/formula for children are allowed to be brought in. The Barony will be providing each person with three tickets that can be used for water (and only water) at the bar.

LUNCH: The Eagle Riders will be offering lunch for a nominal charge.

### **Calafian Rapier Tournament (Calafia)**

When: Sat, August 10, 8am – 5pm

Where: Buddy Todd Park, 2800 Mesa Dr, Oceanside

We are happy to once again be hosting our Uncollared Tournament at the annual Calafia Rapier Tournament. This will be a single-elimination tournament with the ability to gain a second life with an art form.

### **Festival of the Rose (Dun Or)**

When: Sat, August 17, 9am – 5pm

Where: Lancaster United Methodist Church, 918 W Ave J, Lancaster

The Barony of Dun Or invites you to join us August 17, 2024, for the Festival of the Rose to celebrate HRM Iseabail Inghean Bhaltair and witness the selection of her Arts & Sciences Champion. By HRM request, the theme for the day will be Art that Brings You Joy, especially Arts with a Norse/Viking emphasis!

### **Highland War (Al-Sahid)**

When: Fri, August 30, 12pm – Mon, September 2, 12pm

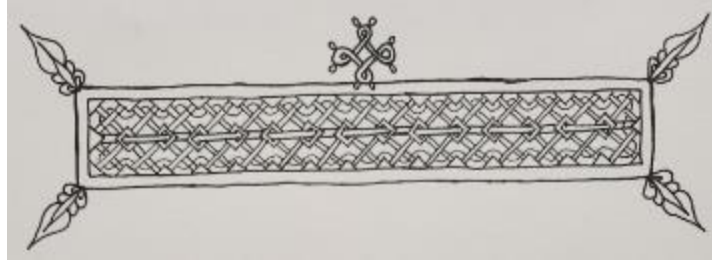
Where: Helendale Community Park, 15425 Wild Rd, Helendale

This year we will be remembering the great Crusades. Unlike the Crusades, we will be battling on lush green fields. Just think about all the stories of valor you will be able to tell around the campfires after the battles. If you still want more after the battles we have a few tournaments for your pleasure as well. So come and play with us.

### **Crown Tournament (Dreiburgen)**

When: Saturday, Sep 7, 2024





# Meetings & Practices

## **BastelTag!**

When: 12:00PM - 6:00PM—3rd Sunday of the month

Where: 3025 Appaloosa St. Norco, CA. 92860

BastelTag translates from modern German to “Tinkering Day”. An Open Event with plenty of space both indoors and outside to craft together, work on Baronial Group projects, Get help on your personal projects, and More! Please join the facebook group for more information on monthly activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2893062134340817/2893112907669073/>

## **Brewing Guild**

When: 2PM—4PM—2nd Sunday of the month

Where: At the home of Yngvildr in Írská and Jarmarr Randviðsson

This event is for anyone interested in brewing, fermenting foods, or becoming a judge. Sample different brewed and fermented foods or try some homebrews. Every month is different.

## **Eastern Dreiburgen heavy fighter practice**

When: Every Thursday night beginning at 7:00pm

Where: the home of Baron Thurstan in the Palm Springs area

Contact Thurstan for directions and details.

**New!**



### **Culinary Guild**

When: 7:30PM—9:30PM—1st Thursday of the month

Where: Monthly Zoom Meetings hosted by Geral de Riera

In person activities scheduled throughout the year. Explore and discuss period foods, recipes, and techniques. And come make plans to cook together at War and Select Day Events <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1102487329838674>

### **Bardic Circle**

When: 7:30pm-9:00pm—4th Thursday of the month

Where: The home of Mistress Mary Dedwydd verch Gwallter in Riverside

This meeting is for anyone interested in Period style song, music, and storytelling. Come just to listen or come to perform in a relaxed and casual setting.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/652780089320442/652780815987036>

### **Archery Practice**

When: 9:30am-12:00pm—4th Sunday of the month

Where: 11935 Redlands Blvd, Moreno Valley CA 92555

There is a large dirt lot on the corner of Redlands Blvd and Ironwood Ave for parking. Turn west on Ironwood to access. There will be Royal Rounds as well as the Seasonal Society Archery competition.

### **Dreiburgen Armory**

When: 1:00pm-9:00pm—1st Monday of the month

Where: At the home of Lord Ivar Krigsvin

The Baronial Armory is open for anyone who needs help designing, building, or fixing armor for SCA combat.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119455555427339>

### **Riverside Fighter Practice**

When: Every Wednesday Night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Andulka Park, 5201 Chicago Ave. Riverside, CA 92501

We are located beside the Parking Lot at the Northern edge of the Baseball fields.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/518294319373634/518294402706959/>

### **Dreiburgen Arts Workshop**

When: 10:00-2:00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Where: the home of Baron Thurstan and Baroness Megan de Barri in the Palm Springs area

Class subjects will be announced, but suggestions would be welcome.

Blacksmithing, spin casting bronze, mold making for casting, pewter casting, basic Viking tent/sun shade/lean-to design, basic hidden armor production and other armor workshops, basic leather work, as well as Jewelry techniques like cutwork, making and assembling with rivets, primitive stone setting and more are all on the table if people are interested in learning those things.

### **Costumers Guild**

When: 7:00pm-9:00pm—2nd Friday of the month

Where: 7647 Key West Drive, Riverside 92503

Hosted by Lady Michelle filia Osgari

This event is for anyone interested in themed meetings like beginning garb, head coverings, and more! There will also be time at every meeting to help you tailor or repair your garments. Visit the Barony of Dreiburgen Facebook page to stay up-to-date with meeting announcements.

# Regnum

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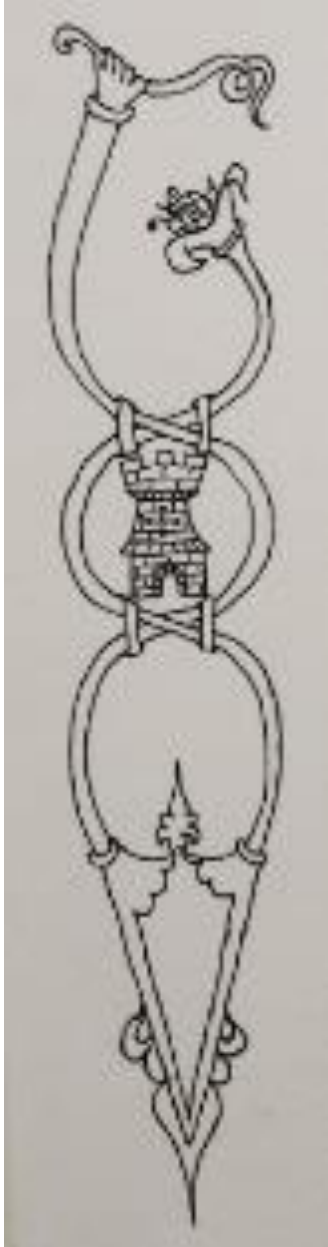
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# Chronicler's Notes



First, thank you to Ivarr for the great article on Fireworks. I asked if anyone would be willing to write a small research paper. Ivarr was the first of three people to step up and say they would do so.

Second, thank you to Mary for the amazing drawings and borders. The next issue of your Dreiburgen News will have even more hand drawn beautifulness, from even more Dreiburgundians.

Lastly, thank you to Dreiburgen. To everyone reading this, Whether you are Dreiburgen by address, or by choice. Twice while at Collegium I heard someone say “Oh, you're from Dreiburgen”, and both times it was said with a smile. It was said with joy, and what seemed like a sense of relief. Dreiburgen, and her citizens, are awesome and everyone knows it.

I leave you with the reminder that this is you newsletter. If there is anything you want to see published here, please reach out to me at [chronicler.officer@dreiburgen.sca-caid.org](mailto:chronicler.officer@dreiburgen.sca-caid.org)

Yours in Service;

Hallr brjost Starsson

Chronicler, Barony of Dreiburgen

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