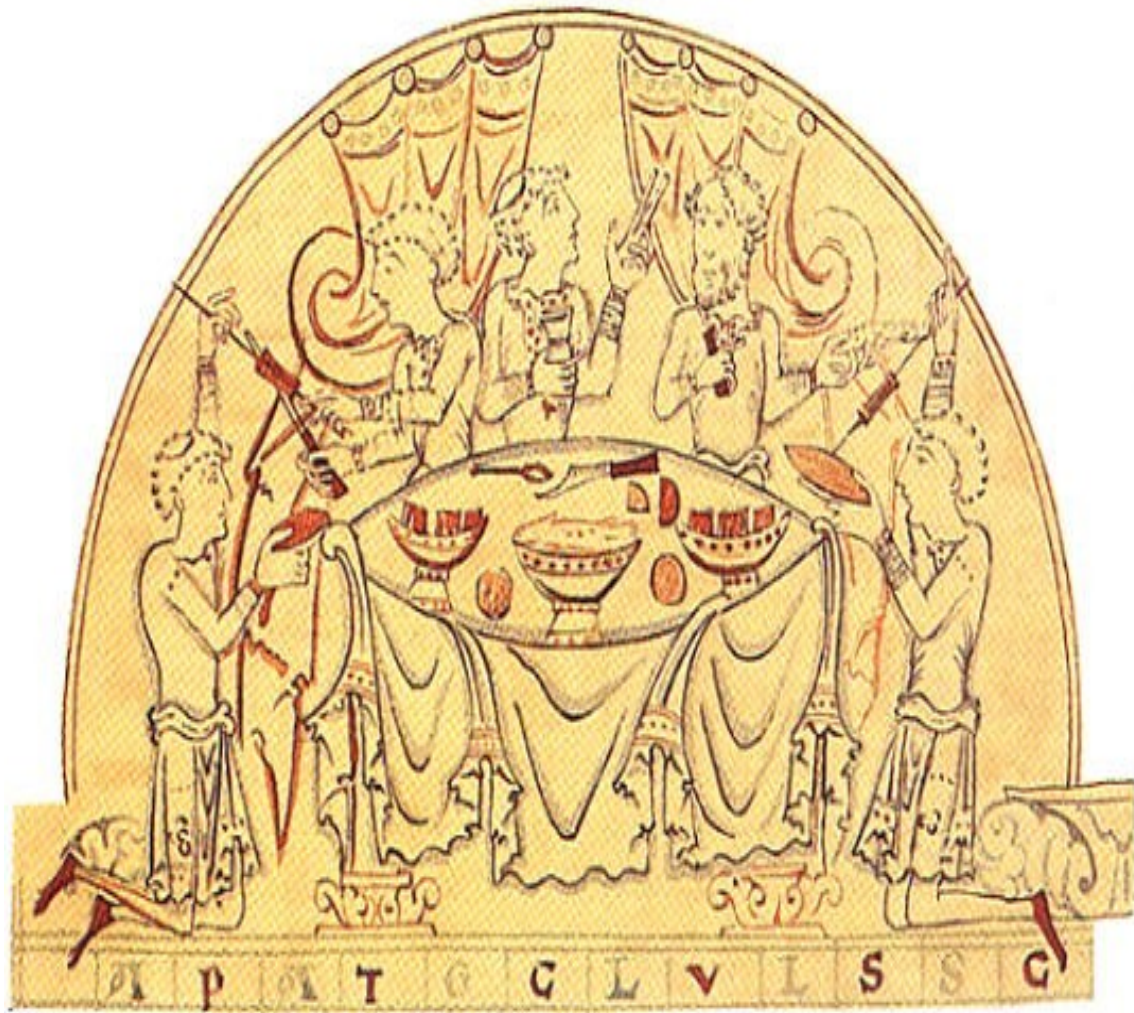


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Please contact the Seneschal if you are interested in becoming an officer or deputy for the Barony.

Dates To Remember

Every Wednesday: Fighters' Practice. Location: Under the Washington – Jefferson Street Bridge in Eugene. Hours: 7 – 9 pm.

Every Sunday AFTER January 11: Outdoor Archery Practice, 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Hosted by Sæthrð Seolferlocc. Location: 3130 Summit Sky Blvd, Eugene. Take your best route to Bailey Hill Road. Turn on Warren; take the first right to continue on Warren. Take the second right to Summit Sky Blvd. We are the green and yellow house across from Los Altos Lane. Please park in the driveway and not on the street. Call 541-505-7589 if the weather looks "iffy." Sæþrð will marshal Royal Rounds, IKACs, and provide instruction. Some loaner recurve and longbow gear is available.

January 13th – Costuming Night, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Hosted by Alysandre Welden d'Ath and Angharad Vach. Location: 84900 S. Willamette Street, Eugene. This is a general sewing night with an emphasis on researching and recreating period clothing. Directions: Find your best way to Willamette St. in Eugene and head South; when Willamette and Donald split off of each other at 32nd St, keep right to stay on Willamette, then continue over a couple large hills and out of the city. We are at the southern end of Willamette St, about 1 mile past Spencer Butte Park. As you near the end of Willamette St, you will see a Slow sign followed by a "Left Turn 30 MPH" sign. Our driveway is the paved driveway on the right, IMMEDIATELY after the Left Turn sign. We are the last house on the driveway, past the gate that says MOORE on it.

January 18th – Target Archery Marshal Training, 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Hosted by Sæthrð Seolferlocc. Location: 3130 Summit Sky Blvd., Eugene. This is Part 1 of a two-part training course. See directions for Archery Practice above.

January 24th – Scribal Social Day, all day. Hosted by Lady Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle. Come and join me for a day of painting charters, random A&S projects and possibly heraldic commentary/consulting! Lots of fun things to do, and I will feed you lunch and dinner. Come hungry and ready to do awesome stuff! Directions: From I-5 N, take exit 228 and head towards Corvallis. Turn right on 3rd Street. Follow 3rd street straight out of downtown towards Lewisburg (it will turn into Hwy 99W, so if you want to come to Corvallis on 99W that will work too). Turn left onto Lewisburg Avenue, and then right onto Mountain View Drive just past the fire station. Turn left onto Burgundy Drive. Wind your way up the hill and then turn right onto Sisters Place. Mine is the last house on the right. You can park anywhere in the driveway or around the cul-de-sac. Ring the bell when you arrive, I likely won't hear anyone knocking.

January 25th – Target Archery Marshal Training, 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Hosted by Sæthrð Seolferlocc. Location: 3130 Summit Sky Blvd., Eugene. This is Part 2 of a two-part training course. See directions for Archery Practice above.

January 26th - Baronial Council, 7 – 9 pm. Location: Sizzler, 1010 Postal Way (near Gateway Mall), Springfield.. The cost of any meals ordered is applied to the fee for renting the space, so make sure you tell them that you are with the SCA group if you wish to contribute in this manner.

January 27th – Costuming Night, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Hosted by Alysandre Welden d'Ath and Angharad Vach. Location: 84900 S. Willamette St., Eugene. See directions for Costuming Night above.

January 29th - Thingmakers', 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Hosted by Marian Starvaald. Location: 2328 Roosevelt Blvd., Eugene. Come help the Barony make the prizes and gifts needed for next Egils! Bring your own ideas and projects, or come see what Marian comes up with!

Upcoming Events

Twelfth Night Coronation Barony of Adiantum (*Eugene, OR*) January 9 – 11, 2009

Unto the people of An Tir and of the known world, Adiantum invites you to come and witness the final court of King Owain ap Einar and Queen Adwen Wrenn and join us to celebrate the crowing of our new King and Queen, Vik Vikingsson and Inga the Unfettered. On Friday night please join us for a masked ball. The Ball will have a Venetian Carnival theme complete with Commedia dell Arte masks, you will even be able to make your own mask if you so choose. There will be live music, light refreshments and good company. Saturday in celebration of the Sable Thrones there will be many activities and the final court of King Owain ap Einar and Queen Adwen Wrenn.

The Coronation court of Vik Vikingsson and Inga the Unfettered will occur that evening. Sunday will be the Queen's Rapier Championship and even more activities. We will have a market of An Tir's finest merchants and displays of our artisans' works. Merchant information may be found on our website along with pre-registration and hotel information: www.12thnite.com.

Autocrat: Viscoutness Ceridwen ferch Morgan (mka: Melissa Howerton) 1372 Q St., Springfield, OR 97477. (541) 747-8876 (No calls after 9 pm please); ceridwen3 AT gmail DOT com .

Site info: Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, OR 97401; 1-800-325-4000 . Site opens at 3 pm on Friday, January 9th, and closes at 5 pm on January 11th. Site fees: \$15 for adults ages 18 and up (non member surcharge of \$3 will apply). Children 12 to 17 \$10, children 11 and under are free. Family cap \$50. (Family cap applies to mundane families only.) Make checks payable to "SCA Inc., Barony of Adiantum".

Directions: Take your best route to I-5. Take Exit 195B on to Beltline Hwy. Take Beltline Hwy to the exit for Delta Hwy/Valley River Center exit (there is no exit number). Turn left onto Delta Hwy. Take the Valley River Center/Willagillespie Rd. exit. Head straight through the light, follow road around; the hotel will be on your left.

Briaroak Birl Shire of Briaroak (*Roseburg, OR*) February 7, 2009

Greetings unto the knowne world. The Shire of Briaroak invites one and all to Briaroak Birl. Come and share the revelry with food, fighting and classes.

Our Head Cook will be preparing a Germanic Feast. A Side board will be provided throughout the day.

We will be having a prize tournament (open weapon style). Come and bid in our silent auction (proceeds to go to the Summits Travel Fund).

This event will be held at the Sutherlin community Center, 300 Central St., Sutherlin, OR.

Site open from 10 am until 10 pm.

Fee Schedule:

Adults \$12.00 (18 and up); Youth \$7.00 (12-17); Under 12 Free; Family cap \$40.00 (2 Adults and children directly related). \$3.00 non member surcharge (For Adults). All checks must be made payable to: 'SCA, Inc., Shire of Briaroak'.

Directions: From I-5 North take exit 136 (Sutherlin); at light turn right. Drive approx. 1 mile through town. You will go through two lights, turn right onto Willamette Street (there is a train on the corner where you turn). The Community Center is the only building on the left with the park. Parking is all around the park and directly across the street from the Community Center.

From I-5 South take exit 136 (Sutherlin); at the end of the off ramp turn right. Then turn right onto Central. Drive approx. 1 mile through town. You will go through two lights, turn right onto Willamette Street (there is a train on the corner where you turn). The Community Center is the only building on the left with the park. Parking is all around the park and directly across the street from the Community Center.

For more information please contact:

Autocrat: HL Celeste Thorne (mka Julie Melson); 1313 N. Old Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek OR, 97457; (541) 784-7300 or (541) 784-7304.

Deputy Autocrat: Lady Violante de Rosa; oneshy-pisces AT yahoo DOT com; (541) 672-8346 (afternoons).

Head Cook: Herr Thomas Von Hesse (Tim); thomas.von.hesse AT gmail DOT com ; (541) 863-6149.

Class Co-ordinator: Lady Dawnhela; (541) 743-1037.

Visit the shire's website at <http://briaroak.antir.sca.org/>



December Council Minutes
December 22nd, 2008 / A.S. XLIII
Cafe Yumm!
730 E. Broadway, Eugene

Baron Tadhg started us off with his Word Of The Month: Courtesy. He would like everyone who attends 12th Night to look it up, and do their utmost to practice it. You will get bonus points from the Universe for knowing the difference between medieval and modern Courtesy. He thanked everyone for showing up, and wished them a wonderful winter holiday of their choice.

Her Excellency Morrghan thanked everyone for coming so close to Christmas. Their Excellencies attended 11th Night, and found that Tymberhavne went above and beyond the call of duty with their preparations. The feast was the Feastocrat's first effort, and ranks in Morrghan's top 5 favorites – a list which spans 15 years in the SCA. It definitely sounds like it was a great event.

Ceridwen also attended 11th Night, and there made her quarterly report to the Principality. She reminded us that Adiantum is on the Principality schedule to hold Spring Coronet in March 2010. That seems like a long way away, but time has a way of flying. She also reminded any potential autocrats that, at that time of the year, the Lynx Hollow site is traditionally under water and very, very unavailable.

Old Business:

It seems that we in Adiantum are forever in search of The Perfect Meeting Place for Council, and so Rachel had a site to propose. She has been looking into the **Sizzler at Gateway**. They have 2 private rooms and can schedule up to a year in advance. There is no minimum requirement for food orders, though she did give the general manager an estimate of 10 paying customers. We can start meeting there as early as January 2009.

Ariana thought it sounded great.

Chiara asked if the rooms have doors that can be closed. They do.

Marian proposed that we move on to Sizzler!

Council unanimously approved the idea.

Council will next be held on January 26th, 2009, at Sizzler, 1010 Postal Way (right near Gateway Mall), Springfield, Oregon at 7:00 pm.

The Chronicler would like to state that she will miss Yumm Wraps. That is all.

Ceridwen gave an **update on 12th Night**. The hotel is booked full, though pre-registration is lower than she'd anticipated. We have 33 merchants signed up. Marian and Karis both reassured that if we have a full hotel and 30+ merchants, then we are doing fine.

Merchants can start checking in at 3:00; Ceridwen isn't sure when the exact room check-in time is. She hasn't seen the Royal schedule yet, but Fearga's working on it. Decorations are almost done; we have 102 stained glass windows that the hotel will be putting up for us, and lots of cool masks. The chef is very excited to work with us and is stocking things like rosewater and REAL cinnamon. Marian also hinted at a coloring book featuring some of the stained glass designs being made available in the future.

If you still need a room, contact the hotel – there are always cancellations.

Lastly, Morrghan asked if anyone knew anything about the **mystery box of masks** that she received recently. All she knows is that the return address is from Canyonville. She'd love to thank the sender, but has no idea who to thank. No one had any information on it, so she continues to be puzzled.

New Business:

Now we came to our **bids for Egils**. We were fortunate enough to have two groups of people stepping forward to volunteer for the job. The first bid came from Karis, Iurii, Anna, and Richard.

Karis will be the Autocrat In Charge, and the others will be her trainees. They will ultimately be responsible for carrying out all the duties and making arrangements, and will report to her.

Anna handed out plenty of copies of the budget they had prepared.

Iurii gave much of the presentation. The three of them have been hashing out how they would divide responsibilities for all the preparations leading up to the event. Iurii will oversee the meadow, Anna will look after everything from Gate to the meadow, and Richard will be responsible for the lower area. By dividing their duties thusly across the park, they hope to eliminate the possibility of being overwhelmed, as well as fatigue from having to constantly run all over such a huge site. They will also focus on their individual strengths. Iurii is good at technical details and making arrangements, while the others are good dealing with people.

Marian asked who would be hauling the Baronial trailer. Iurii can, but they can also make arrangements with someone to do that.

By this time people had had time to look over the budget, and there were questions about some of the figures. There seemed to be some discrepancies/confusing figures in the category of biffie rental. The figures were discussed at some length, and ultimately it appears that the individual figures are correct, but just weren't added up correctly. Marian reminded us that the exact figures are usually something that is hashed out during event planning meetings; the budget as it was printed out still provided a decent overall picture of expenditures versus income.

Karis wanted us to know that the bids they received could be used by another autocrat for their own bid, in case their bid was not approved. Bucks is very willing to work with the Barony for our needs during the event.

Digr asked what the attendance had been last year. The figures were in the area of 650-675 people.

Morrghan asked if The Gathering is still happening this year. It is possible that this is that event's last year; however, Karis has heard that someone else is taking it over.

Marian asked the potential autocrats about their philosophy concerning the size of the event. What did they feel was the 'right' size, and what would be too big? Anna answered that she is comfortable with an attendance of 1000 people or so. Iurii likes the attendance where it has been the last couple of years.

Chiara asked if they planned to change the format of the event at all. They pretty much would like to keep the event the way it was last year. They wanted to keep the 3 Pillars concept, the Artisans' Village, and the Sunday Sillies. Karis said that they would like to try to add a rapier tournament to the activities.

Iurii said that he wanted to get fighters involved in the scheduling, as there seemed to be conflicts last year with the tournament and other activities. Marian said that fighters had actually been very involved with schedule planning last year; at Egils, there are bound to be activities that are scheduled against each other.

Ariana was then invited to present her bid for Egils.

She would be co-autocratting with Elizabeth Turner de Carlisle. Ariana has been on Egils staff since 2005, and mundanely she has experience with leadership, organization, and networking.

They would like to keep the structure of the event from last year. No event is perfect, but things seemed to work very well in that format. They would also like to add Combat as a position on the committee. Ariana has approached various people about working on or with the committee, though she realizes that folks are currently busy with the holiday season and with preparations for 12th Night.

Alysaundre has committed to helping with the Artisans' Village, and will serve as an advisor to them should they be selected as autocrats.

They would plan on ordering fewer biffies, a bit of a difference from the first bid, but would plan on the same number of servicings per day.

They would like to expand the option for day-tripping for Saturday as well as Sunday.

Feeling it best to have lots of activities to choose from, they are not worried about having events scheduled against each other. They would like to have more of a structure and theme for Sunday than existed last year.

The potential autocrats can work well with each other. Both would like to see as many of the Barony's various groups as possible to feel included.

Ceridwen asked how they planned to ensure that day trippers leave the site at night. Ariana was not sure how this would be accomplished, but she is willing to work with various ideas and adjust things, and welcomes suggestions.

Marian asked the same question about size – what is ideal, and what is too big? Ariana feels that anything up to 1000 is fine; 600-800 people is optimal. We had 686 people attend last year; that sounds low, but the Barony did make money with that level of attendance.

Luke wanted to know whether day trippers staying overnight hurts things that much. Ceridwen interjected that an increased population also increases the use of amenities like toilet facilities, and that mundanely, the parks department requires an accounting of the number of people in the park.

Fionnbharr commented that, in the copy of the budget, she saw estimates of attendance, but no planned expenses. Ariana would like to keep the expenditures the same as last year.

Marian reminded us that the prize production schedule is different for this year, due to 12th Night. Last year, we were able to start preparations in June, but this year things cannot start until January, essentially cutting the preparation time in half.

With both bids presented, the proposed autocrats left the area so that Council could deliberate.

Both bids were well-presented, but a few people had issues with the discrepancies in the first bid's budget. Many admired the way that both groups had planned to divvy up responsibilities and how aware all of the teams already seemed of their needs and limitations. Several people expressed that it was really difficult to turn down one bid in favor of another. It was suggested that the 'runners up' be encouraged to observe the team that was chosen and receive 'training' in the process of organizing Egils, so that they would have this additional experience should they put in a bid next year. However, care needs to be taken not to imply that the runners-up are shoe-ins for autocratting next year; they will still have to apply and present a bid next year along with anyone else who wishes to apply. However, it is recognized that there is a dearth of willing volunteers to help host Egils, and it would therefore be most beneficial to the Barony to encourage as many as possible to maintain an interest in autocratting, and to give them training whenever possible and appropriate.

Bid #1 received 1 vote. Bid #2 received 8 votes. The two groups were invited back into the area, and Ariana was congratulated on her new responsibility. As had been discussed earlier, Council encouraged the other team to train with Ariana and Elizabeth, work with them if possible, and to submit a bid for 2010.

With this main piece of business decided, Council moved on to **Officer Reports**.

Archery (Saethryth): Practices have been suspended until after 12th Night. She has not purchased any materials for her office, simply because she is waiting to see if anything will go on sale after the holidays.

A & S (Alysandre): He attended a costuming symposium in Europe and collected a lot of information while he was there. Sewing Nights continue to happen every Tuesday, switching between his place and Karis'. He received a heads'-up that Terra Pomaria is hosting a work-day social/potluck on December 27th, and wanted to pass that on.

Chamberlain (Drake): He was not present, and did not submit a report.

Chatelaine (Fionnbharr): She has spoken to one person, to whom she gave directions to Sewing Night. She hopes that some of the people she's spoken to will attend 12th Night. Otherwise it's been pretty quiet.

Chiurgeon: This position is currently OPEN. If you are interested in filling it, please contact the Seneschal.

Chronicler (Aesa): As of today, I have 5 subscribers. Three take print, and two take electronic copy. This is the last month that I expect to provide the Bear on a paid subscription basis; from now on, they will be free, and for the most part, digital in nature. I printed out 12 copies, which were distributed as follows: 3 to Kingdom, 3 to Principality, 1 to the Baron and Baroness, 2 reserved for the Seneschal and Library, and 3 to the subscribers. Due to the inclement weather, I went ahead and printed the copies on my own home printer, so there was no cost associated with that this month. Postage cost \$5.04.

After communicating with my superior officers, I believe that it is possible to put the Bear up as a PDF on the Baronial website for people to access. This can be done as long as there is a separate file for each issue, and as long as the issues are not altered once published. Digital format is also acceptable to distribute to officers; they do not seem to care what format they receive a newsletter in, as long as they are getting them. I believe the consensus is that, in regards to paper copies, they will be printed and distributed for free by request.

I greatly appreciate those who paid money to subscribe to the publication, and I hope that the end result was pleasing and useful to them.

Exchequer (Rachel): We have \$6,113.30 in the bank. She has written out the check for the next 6 months' worth of storage rental, but has not mailed it yet.

Gold Key (Alys): She wasn't present, but posted a report. She didn't have anything to report for this past month, but wished everyone a happy holiday.

Herald (Angharad): She recently returned from the same costuming symposium that Alysandre attended. As a result of thus being out of the country, no Heraldry Nights were held this past month. The weather will most likely prevent one being held in January, as well. She would like to start recruiting potential heralds for Egils.

Marshal (Aaron): He wasn't present and didn't send in a report. Official practices continue to happen on Wednesdays.

Park Liason (Karis): She will be meeting with Fearga and the park manager sometime after the holidays.

Pied Piper: This position is currently OPEN. If you are interested in filling it, please contact the Seneschal.

Scribe (Elizabeth): She was not present, but sent in a report. She needs to get blank scrolls so people can paint them. She is scoping out a potential meeting spot in Eugene, now that gas prices are more amenable to her traveling that far. There will not be a Scribal Day for December. She has been

researching different scribal techniques and practicing calligraphy. She has also learned how to make blank charters from other artwork. She hopes to be able to design a new charter or three for the Baron and Baroness.

Seneschal (Ceridwen): She's happy to see that we have a plan for Egils. Officers are reminded that Quarterly reports are due by January 15th.

Thingmakers (Marian): She got some cool handcarved wax tablets from Iurii. As soon as 12th Night is done, they can get started on making stuff for Egils.

Waterbearer (Iurii): He will attend 12th Night to be in service for the rapier tournament. After that, his service to the Barony in this office is at an end. Their Excellencies and Council thank him for his dutiful service to Adiantum.

Webminister (Digr): He signed one new person to the e-list. He still needs a calendar deputy, but Diel has agreed to be his general contingency deputy.

Work Party (Ambrose): Weather permitting, work parties will start up in February.

One last word from Ceridwen: the phrase 'drop dead deputy' is no longer in use. And that's most likely a good thing.

The following people were present:

Tadhg O' Murchadha the Wanderer (Tadhg Simmons) – Baron of Adiantum

Morrghan O' Siodhachain (Sara Simmons) – Baroness of Adiantum

Ceridwen ferch Morgan (Melissa Howerton) – Seneschal of Adiantum

Rachel Vashnia (Abigail Eller) – Exchequer of Adiantum

Aleyn MacBlane

Andrew Crowe

Rose Atherton

Fionnbharr Starfyre of the Isles

Karis Pursey

Iurii Levchenich

Anna Rijdsdam

Richard Otto

Dan Stevenson

Digr Ketelson

Kendrick Crow

Diel of Norwich

Johanna “Trueshot” Trewpenny

Gabrielle D'Arci

Ariana Aislinn

Chiara Calandra (previously known as Anyanka)

Alysaundre Welden d'Ath

Angharad Vach

Council will be held again on January 26th at Sizzler by Gateway Mall.

These notes were taken, compiled and edited by Aesa Sigtryggsdottir. If you feel there is an inconsistency between what you remember and what happened, you may contact me at [silverwolfadiantum \[AT\] yahoo \[DOT\] com](mailto:silverwolfadiantum [AT] yahoo [DOT] com). Apologies in advance if I mis-spelled your name. Q' onk chipena!

Clues

Down:

- 1. A sudden, extemporary utterance or prayer
- 2. To pay respect, esp. to Royalty
- 4. If someone does a good job, give them this treat as a reward
- 5. Salted cod
- 8. The Baron's Word of the Month
- 9. Animal skin used as a writing medium
- 11. A castrated ram
- 13. A dealer in cloth and fabric
- 14. Our good Baron

Across:

- 3. A type of seige engine which operates with a counterweight
- 6. A heavy metal frame used to contain a section of stained glass window
- 7. This noble An Tiran beast possesses two tails
- 10. Rich, expensive, of high quality
- 12. Money paid by a vassal, in lieu of service
- 15. City with a rich culture of balls and carnivals
- 16. The seat of a King or Queen

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