Moonstone



Welcome to Malagentia

The Province of Malagentia is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an inclusive community pursuing research and re-creation of pre-seventeenth century skills, arts, combat and culture. The lives of participants are enriched as we gain knowledge of history through activities, demonstrations, and events. Malagentia is a branch of the East Kingdom, located in Southern Maine. If you are new to the SCA or just want to learn more about this non-profit organization please contact the Chatelaine for more information or visit the newcomer's website. Malagentia holds monthly business meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Doughboy's, 57 Bridge St, Westbrook, ME. Meetings start at 7:00, however many members arrive early to revel in the company of other like-minded people and have a bite to eat. Please be sure to check the calendar for more activities taking place in the province.

Parting words from Lady Wynefryd

Greetings my favorite Province!!

A little over three years ago, I asked you to trust me. To believe in me. To grow with me. Not to follow me, but walk beside me. And you did. And I can't thank you enough. It's been three years filled with laughter, and with tears. There's been frustration, and fear and friendship. But together, we did ok! In fact, I think we did pretty good.

I asked you for a lot. I asked you to volunteer. I asked you to teach. I asked you to run events. I asked you to run for office. And above all, I asked you to have fun. And you did! So today, I ask you for one more thing. I ask you to be great. Be great in all things. Be as great as you can be. In your art, in your fighting, in your friendships. Be great to each other - because you ARE great. You are what makes this Province great. I can't tell you how proud I always am to tell people where I'm from. They may think we're the bad people, but I know better.

Thank you for all the love. I won't be far. And I likely won't be any less vocal. But I certainly will have much less "Seneschal Face". AND NO PAPERWORK!!!

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Lady Wynefryd Bredhers Deputy Seneschal of Malagentia

Words from our Seneschal

Greetings to the Wonderful people of Malagentia,

Allow me to introduce myself; I am Sir Edward MacGyver dos Scorpus, Companion of the Laurel, The Elder Scorpion, aka Sir Dad. It is indeed my honor to be your new Seneschal. I have been in the SCA for 25 years, and a member of Malagentia this whole time. I have been an active heavy list fighter and Marshal, currently retired, but also a Scribe for the East Kingdom.

Throughout my time I have helped out or held many minor rolls, the most recent as the Deputy Seneschal. I, like so many others, choose to hide in the back-ground doing odds and ends and the quiet work. There are so many folks like you, who hide from the limelight, I want to thank you. You are equally as important as all the people who step up as Officers and Autocrats.

I have some ideas that I have been bringing up at the Province Meetings, but I would love to hear the thoughts and ideas you might have.

Times, situations, things, and people change. I've often heard, "We've always done it that way," or "We tried that many years ago and it didn't work."

There could have been so many reasons why it didn't work then, but that does not mean a fresh set of eyes or thought-process will fail this time. Perhaps that site that was expensive or unresponsive, is now willing to work with us. It never hurts to try again, especially if it's been a couple of years. Often persistence pays off - this is my challenge to you.

As always, we have some wonderful events and we are always looking for people to set up, run or help out at these events. If you have a new idea for an event or want to revive an event, I would love to hear from you. We are currently looking into potential new locations as well.

How can we spread the fun? How can we get the word out about us? Thoughts and Ideas are so appreciated; honestly someone may have never brought it up before. This is **Your Malagentia**, what can we do??

Truly at your service,

Sir Edward MacGyver dos Scorpus

OC, OL, OTC, OSC, OM, OBT, QOC, the Elder Scorpion

Picking an SCA Name

By Alexandre Saint Pierre

In the SCA, we take on an "SCA name". It's pretty common for new members to choose something quickly and without any historic research. To be clear: this is totally fine! Except... if you ever want to register a name with the College of Arms, in which case there are certain rules that must be followed.

But why would you want to register a name with the College of Arms?

It's a fun research project! As an educational organization, the SCA is all about learning about history. And learning how people in history were named is an excellent place to start. But if that doesn't convince you...

It protects your name in the SCA. Registered names need to be unique, and registering a name insures no one else in the SCA can register the same or too similar a name. And if that's not a good enough reason...

Registering an SCA name is <u>required</u> if you want to register a heraldic device/coat of arms. So it's much better to research a registerable name from the start of your SCA career. I know too many people who have used a name for years or decades in the SCA, only to find it cannot be registered when they wanted to register arms.

Hopefully I've convinced you that at least researching your name is a good idea. Which hopefully means you next question is:

How do I research an SCA name?

Easy! Work with a Herald! We can help explain the rules and point you to resources.

If you want to read the rules for yourself, they are located at http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html - see sections PN, and Appendices A, B, and C.

If you don't want to read the rules (and I wouldn't blame you at all): The parts of your name must have been used by a real human being from 1650 or earlier. If all parts of the name are from the same language, they can be from up to 500 years apart. If the parts of the name are from different but compatible languages (see Appendix C), they must be from within 300 years of each other. If you like, you are allowed to use parts of your modern legal name, provided your registered name is not exactly the same as your legal name.

Picking an SCA Name continued

When you are ready to look at sources of names, **beware!** While the internet makes this easy, there are lots of sites that are just not acceptable. Do **NOT** trust Behind the Name, any baby name sites, or any site that doesn't link back to a dated primary source document. Instead, start here!

- http://heraldry.sca.org/names.html several lists of names compiled by SCA Heralds for numerous places and time periods.
- http://dmnes.org "Dictionary of Medieval Names from European Sources aims to document all given names recorded in European sources written between 500 and 1600".
- http://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONNames.shtml for Old Norse Names.
- http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/vikbynames.html Descriptive Norse bynames.
- http://www.familysearch.org/ Only certain records are considered good. Read http://heraldry.sca.org/names/familysearch.html for more info.
- http://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#APPENDIXH lists some additional books and websites at the bottom of the page.

Once you have a name you like and think is constructed properly, *please* check in with a herald to help verify that it's ready to go, and free from conflict, **before** you submit. The submissions process is long. If you are a Malagentian, that definitely includes contacting me at https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCAHeraldryChat/ or by contacting the Blue Tyger herald as directed in the "Ask a Herald" section of the https://bth.eastkingdom.org website.

When you are ready to submit, the process and requirements are detailed in https://bth.eastkingdom.org/index.php/before/ and https://bth.eastkingdom.org/index.php/how/. But again, heralds are here to help you with the process, so don't be afraid to ask for assistance.

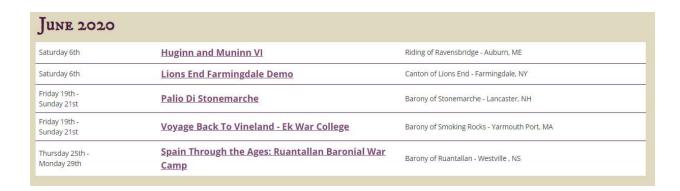
Hopefully I've convinced you that researching a name to register with the College of Arms is a fun and worthwhile project, and look forward to assisting you with the process in the future!

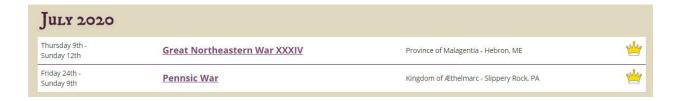
Upcoming Kingdom Events

Saturday 7th	Black Rose Ball 43rd Anniversary	Barony of the Bridge - South Kingstown, RI	wh
Saturday 7th	Herstory in the Making	Barony of Ruantallan - Middle Sackville, NS	
Saturday 7th	Mimir's Well	Shire of Mountain Freehold - Jericho, VT	eng
Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th	Return to Bear's Tavern	Crown Province of Ostgardr - Peekskill, NY	
Saturday 14th - Saturday 21st	Gulf Wars	Kingdom of Gleann Abhann - Lumberton, MS	The one
Saturday 14th	Malagentia's Scribal Salon	Province of Malagentia - Gorham, ME	
Saturday 14th	Novice Schola	Barony of Bergental - South Hadley, MA	
Saturday 14th	The Iron Bog Mitzvah	Barony of Iron Bog - Moorestown, NJ	
Saturday 14th	Thélème at Penn returns ***CANCELLED***	Bailiwick of Ivyeinrust - Philadelphia, PA	
Sunday 15th	Snakes & Larders	Canton of Distant Shore - Londonderry, NS	
Saturday 21st	EK College of Performers Challenge Assembly and Schola	Province of Malagentia - Gorham, ME	
Saturday 21st	Île du Dragon Dormant BIA XV	Barony of L'ile du Dragon Dormant - Montréal, QC	
Saturday 21st	Spring Schola: Persephone's Return: A Day of Arts and Armor	Barony of An Dubhaigeainn - Middle Island, NY	
Saturday 21st	Studium Generale II	Shire of Panther Vale - Bradford, VT	
Friday 27th - Sunday 29th	Academy of St. Clare V: Itchin' To Get Stitchin'	Kingdom of Æthelmarc - Millmont, PA	
Saturday 28th	Mudthaw	Barony of Settmour Swamp - Roseland, NJ	ento en
Saturday 28th	Spring Schola	Riding of Ravensbridge - Auburn, ME	

BIA Havre des Glaces (Tir Mara A&S + Rattan Championship)	Barony of Havre des Glaces - Nicolet. QC	
Coronation of Magnus Tindal and Alberic von Rostock	Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Schenectady, NY	M
ARTISTS & SCHOLARS EXHIBITION	Barony of Carolingia - Braintree, MA	
Balfar's Challenge	Barony of Dragonship Haven - Meriden, CT	wy
Black Gryphon Inn XXI	Canton of Gryphonwald - Edison, NJ	
Feast of Fools	Shire of Mountain Freehold - Essex Junction, VT	
Jehan's Fighting and Fencing at the Fort	Barony of Endewearde - Prospect, ME	
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Saturday 2nd	East Kingdom Spring Crown Tourney	Barony of L'ile du Dragon Dormant - St-Hubert , QC	M
Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd	EKBG Brewers' Collegium (Brew-U)	Crown Province of Ostgardr - Peekskill, NY	
Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd	Malagentian Outdoor Test Kitchen	Province of Malagentia - Pownal, ME	
Saturday 9th	Lions End Spring Schola	Canton of Lions End - Locust Valley, NY	
Saturday 9th	May-Be (I'll Try Something New)	Barony of Iron Bog - Moorestown, NJ	
Saturday 9th	The Poetic Edda BEING POSTPONED	Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Schenectady, NY	
Saturday 16th	May Martial Madness	Barony of Beyond the Mountain - New Britain, CT	
Saturday 16th	Otter's Welcome	Barony of Carolingia - Groveland, MA	
Friday 22nd - Monday 25th	Panteria XXV	Shire of Panther Vale - Thetford Center, VT	
Friday 22nd - Monday 25th	Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXVI	Barony of Settmour Swamp - Pittstown, NJ	
Friday 22nd - Monday 25th	War of the Roses	Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Schaghticoke, NY	₽ ¹
Saturday 23rd	Hunter's Picnic	Shire of Caer Adamant - Newark, DE	
Friday 29th - Sunday 31st	Southern Region War Camp	Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ	m





Please check the kingdom website for event specifics.

Ötzi's Paradise

By Mat Wyck



Ursa Major – the Big Dipper – hung straight up and down in the night sky, accompanied by Orion, Taurus, Cassiopeia and their winter celestial neighbors. The air was clear, and cold. The view atop Bradbury Mountain was infinite.

It was one of many magical moments from Malagentia's inaugural winter camping event – Ötzi's Paradise, named after Ötzi, the

5,000-year-old mummy found in the Alpen glaciers.

Held Feb. 22-23 at Bradbury State Park in Pownal, Maine, Ötzi's Paradise was conceived of by Lord Mat Wyck and Col. Christian Woolfe as a new event aimed at making an outdoor winter experience accessible to Scadians as either a day trip or an overnight camping trip. Being warm and safe were the primary requirements; having a "period as possible" experience followed in importance.



Roughly two dozen gentles came by the event during the day and enjoyed companionship and the warm campfires, and eight camped overnight, with temperatures dropping to the low teens. Participants came from Endewearde, Stonemarche and Malagentia, and practiced a number of outdoor skills, including cooking over a fire, cooking in clay on coals, fire starting with flint and steel, carding and hand-spinning wool, pitching foresters' shelters and more.

Ötzi's Paradise continued

The event proved a great place to experiment with new garb and gear, as well – Lord John of Yseaux (Izzo to friends) tried a new set of pattens he built to keep his footwear dry and out of the snow, for example. Woolfe was able to test out a small stove he built to heat his tent, and also sported his warm wool outfit for the whole weekend.

Largely run as an unstructured event that was aimed more at encouraging community and the outdoor experience, several visitors did avail themselves of snowshoes to explore the woods and track some of the numerous deer trails. Some day-trippers and campers cooked and contributed to a pot-luck dinner that night – the food was delicious and copious. Campers did hear calls from coyote, great horned owl and ravens. And four Scadians did scale Bradbury for a nighttime view of the stars. They were indeed garbed, but it was dark, and there was no one else there to see them.

The next similar event planned for Bradbury, the Malagentian Outdoor Test Kitchen, is set for May 2-3. Similar to Ötzi's Paradise, this event is relaxed, focused on allowing attendees a campfire to work on over-the-fire recipes and enjoy a large potluck at the end of day. Day-trippers are welcome, camping is encouraged. Rumor has it we may have an appearance by a pair of milking goats, accompanied by a pair of humans who plan to spend the day making cheese.



Both events are inspired and supported by the Foresters of Malagentia, the local group of the East Kingdom Royal Foresters, which is a guild that focuses on camping and outdoor living. If you are interested in the Foresters, please reach out to Mat Wyck, or visit our Facebook page — "Forest Court of Malagentia."

What's Happening in the Ridings?

Master Steffen of Silverforge is excited to announce that after a long, much needed and deserved break, Giggleswick is starting to awaken once again. As recently announced on the Gigglewick Facebook page, a new practice location has been identified. The location is an old barn so will offer covered, though unheated, space. The space also needs some clean up and TLC. Please dress accordingly for both scenarios. Come warmer months, there will be outside space available. The first practice is planned for March 06, 2020 beginning at 6:30 PM. The address of the location is 157 Wells Street, North Berwick, ME 03906. The current plan is to hold practices on the first and third Fridays of the month. Please see the Facebook event page for information.

Giggleswick is also starting up their monthly "Dinner on the Town!" get-togethers again. This is a laid back, non-garb meet-up of local SCA folks to enjoy a meal, a drink or two and get to talk to other SCA members outside of the hustle and bustle of an event. The conversation is typically jovial and the company welcoming. All are encouraged to join, you needn't be Giggleswickian. The meetings are held on the second Friday of every month and the location varies, though often is at the Shipyard Brew Pub, 28 Levesque Drive, Eliot, ME. Please visit the Facebook event page for details and updates. There is a request to RVSP via the event as a reservation is often made when a larger turnout is expected.

Lastly, once the weather allows, there are plans to have the A&S craft nights being again. Please watch the Giggleswick page for announcements.

Don Magnus Morte is happy to share that Ravensbridge is prospering with many exciting chances to join them in revelry. Please join and visit the Ravensbridge <u>Facebook page</u> for updates and event information.

There are two upcoming events:

- March 28, Spring Schola, Auburn Public Library, Auburn, ME
- > June 06, <u>Huginn & Muninn VI</u>, Pettingill Park, Auburn, ME

Ravensbridge also holds weekly marshall activities and A&S gatherings in Manchester. Please visit the website <u>calendar</u> or Facebook group for specifics. Their monthly business meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Winthrop House of Pizza.

Outdoor Archery practice will resume once weather and ground conditions permit.

Officers

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<u>Scorpus</u>
<u>Seneschal's Page</u>

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Ridings

<u>Giggleswick</u> - Seneschal <u>Master Steffen Of Silverforge</u>

Ravensbridge - Seneschal Don Magnus Morte

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