



The Stronghold Canton of Northpass

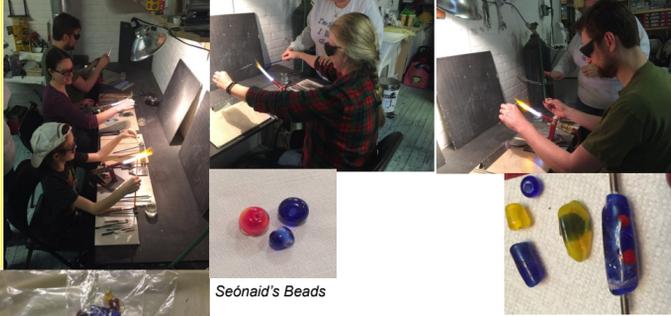
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Greetings from the MoAS

For newer members still trying to figure out all of the abbreviations being thrown around MoAS stands for Minister of Arts and Sciences and A&S stands for Arts and Sciences.

The Northpass calendar is very full with events, workshops, gatherings, and activities. Having so many gentles interested in the finer aspects of the society is a treasure, and it brings great joy to be able to arrange a variety of outlets for our populace. In February we had a modest gathering for embroidery and an afternoon of period games. Also in February, Members of our Canton got to experience an amazing bead making workshop curtesy of Pia Maletesta d'Rimini in nearby Nordenfjord. All in attendance had a fantastic time and found the process to be exhilarating. Many of us are eager to practice our beginner skills again and learn more! A very special thank you to Pia for opening her studio to us and patiently sharing knowledge and providing calm encouragement as we formed molten blobs into not-quite masterpieces. I have promised to arrange another session when we can make schedules work.

We are still searching for a space to resume local dance practice, I have been pestering a clinician for an illuminations workshop, and in June we have the opportunity to learn the basics of pewter casting. I am impressed by the local interest in the Arts and Sciences; Northpass has become a community eager to learn, explore, and try new arts.

This month we have the opportunity to gather for a day devoted to different aspects of A&S with sessions, workshops, and instruction by various artisans on a diverse variety of topics; a mini schola of sorts. Please join us on the 18th for this easy-going gathering; you are welcome to bring projects you are working on or just come and enjoy the company. (See below for more details.) In April we get to learn about Brewing at Brew U, and September's Barleycorn will provide the opportunity to attend different classes, as well as enter projects in an A&S Display.

Looking forward to a continued flurry of activity!
YiS (Yours in Service),
Conandil

Upcoming Activities and Gatherings

A&S Social Gathering

Bring your projects and some food. Hoping to make this a monthly gathering.

Details: Friday, March 9, 2018
6:30-10 PM
Apollodora's:
66 Smalley Corners Road, Carmel, NY 10512
Apollodora's cell 772-577-9671
Allergen Alert— There are two big, friendly dogs in this residence

A&S Workshop and Gathering

Friderich and Lilie have graciously offered to host an afternoon of A&S activities. See sidebar for current offerings. Workshop space will be available for those who wish to sew, work on hand-projects or just come and socialize. If there are others who want to teach classes, please contact the hosts ([email](#)), and they'll do their best to arrange a time and space.

Details: Sunday, March 18, 2018
1-7 PM
Friderich and Lilie's
3720 Hudsonview St.
Mohegan Lake, NY 10547
(914) 261-6126
A light luncheon will be served. Please contact Friderich with allergy or dietary concerns A.S.A.P.
Please RSVP to [Friderich](#)
Allergen Alert— there are two cats in residence

Archery Practice

Indoor archery practice at Flying Arrows Sports in Carmel, NY. Ranges are available to 30 yards. Targets available will be FITA 5 color, center circle (a bit more period design) and possibly something heraldic. The range is a shared range, so no garb. There is limited loaner gear available.

Details: Friday, March 23, 2018
6-7:45 PM
Flying Arrows Sports
92 Old Route 6, Carmel, New York 10512
There is a fee for the range. For more details please visit the [Northpass website](#).
For specific questions or to arrange loaner gear please email [Friderich](#).

Commons Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Canton to discuss upcoming activities, events, policies, etc. Meetings are typically held on the first Tuesday of the month unless there is a conflict*.

Details: Tuesday, April 10, 2018*
7:30-9 PM
Esnade and Victor's:
543 Ashford Ave., Ardsley, NY 10502
914-426-1001
Please bring a dish to share for a potluck meal.
Allergen Alert— there is a dog and a cat in residence

Ostgardr Commons

The provincial commons is being held in Northpass this month.

Details: Friday, March 16, 2018
7:39-9:30
Wilhelm's:
8 Clark Pl., Port Chester, NY 10573

Upcoming Events

Brew U— April 13-15, 2018 held in Peekskill, NY
Northpass welcomes the EK Brewers Guild for a collegium dedicated to the art of brewing. For more information about the event, site address, and reservation information visit [here](#).

Blood & Axes II— July 6-8, 2013 held in Carmel, NY
An event dedicated to thrown weapons along with the opportunity to participate in all things marshal. Join us for a day of activity on July 7th including a thrown range, an archery range, a fencing list, a heavy list, as well as youth combat. For more information about the event, site address, and reservation information visit [here](#).

The Feast of John Barleycorn— September 7-9, 2018 held in North Salem, NY
An event with a little (or a lot) of something for everyone! Some activities that are already planned: Thrown Weapons, Archery, Heavy Armored Combat, Sir Edward's Challenge, Fencing, Youth Combat, Dancing, Brewing Contest, A&S display, Period Table and Lawn Games, many varied classes, Metal Smiths' Symposium, and a grand feast with a Masque in the honor of our patron, Sir John Barleycorn. For more information about the event, site address, and reservations visit [here](#).

Near-by Activities of Interest

Hrim Schola— March 17
A schola event dedicated to fiber arts hosted by Dragonship Haven and BBM. The site in Middlefield, CT is open from 10 AM-6 PM. For more information and registration please visit the EK [announcement](#).

Symposium on the Basics of Book Heraldry
A mini-schola for consulting heralds and those who would like to learn about the topic. Informal discussion and hands-on practice with the heraldic submission process, armory design, and name research. For more detailed information visit [this page](#).

Details: Saturday, March 31, 2018
12-5 PM
255 W. 105th St., #21, New York, NY
For more information on getting to the [site](#).
For questions contact Mathghamhain at [herald@ostgardr.eastkingdom.org](#).

Balfar's Challenge

April 21
An event focused on marshal activities: heavy, fencing, archery, thrown, and youth combat. Also, a second annual heraldic challenge is listed. The site in Meriden, CT is open from 9/9:30 AM-7 PM. For more information please visit the EK [announcement](#).

Ask Master Richard

Master Richard the Poor of Ely, OP, CM, CSC, et al., has been active in the Society for over 35 years. He likes to consider himself something of an expert on the customs and traditions of the East Kingdom. Whether he actually is remains to be determined, but in the meantime, he will answer your questions on those topics.

Q: At the Bardic / A&S Championships, there were so many important people around! As a newcomer, I was worried that I might accidentally offend someone by not using their correct title. Is there an easy way to tell who is who? And what are the proper forms of address for them?

A: Good question! It can be intimidating to see all those VIPs around and have no clue about how to behave around them without coming across like a fool. While there are a whole bunch of guides to the "sumptuary customs" that govern regalia and who gets to wear what, a lot of people don't always wear all their bling. Or it's not easy to identify what sort of bling they have on, until you get really close.

So here are some shortcuts.
First, most people can get away with wearing a plain metal or cloth circlet on their heads. Supposedly, it's reserved for people who have been given Awards of Arms, but most people aren't even aware of that custom. Other than a simple "My Lord" or "My Lady," they don't get a special form of address. So you do not have to worry about those, and look for the fancy ones.

A silver coronet with animals on it – they're supposed to be tigers – is restricted to the Prince and Princess of the East. That's the Official Princely Coronet. They are addressed as "Your Highness," like Real World princes and princesses (duh).

A coronet with those squarish tabs and indents like you see on a chess rook denotes a Count / Countess. They've been King / Queen once and can be addressed as "Your Excellency." A coronet with leaves sticking up at the top – they're in groups of three, and there are almost always six groups, because you can't

really fit any more on – denote a Duke / Duchess. They are addressed as "Your Grace."

A fancy coronet with six "things" on it – usually pearls, but they can be anything from simple points to gemstones to mini-animals – is for a Baron / Baroness. Call them by "Your Excellency." Some of these can get pretty elaborate, with different metals and detail work. Landed barons (like our own Viceroy and Vice-reine) may often have six of their barony's symbols on their coronet. An Dubhaigeainn has a set with ducks on them; Concordia goes with snowflakes....

If you spot a coronet that looks like a laurel wreath, that person is a Master of the Laurel. Or a Pelican; the Pelicans can wear a circlet of feathers – which at a distance can be mistaken for leaves. Call them both "Master." A person wearing a white belt and a large gold ring is a Knight. "Sir" works for them.

There are a couple of different Crowns that are used by the King and Queen. Most don't have their own identifiers. Look for REALLY BIG and REALLY FANCY coronets, being worn by people with LOTS of bling, and generally in conversation with people with less impressive bling. Obviously, call them "Your Majesty."

Even this can appear daunting. Fortunately, there are two "shortcuts."
First, titles are cumulative. Higher ones don't really replace lower ones, they just add to it. The "lowest" rank that gets a title and form of address is the Baron / Baroness. So if you're not sure, going with "Your Excellency" is safe. Remember, if they look "excellent," they probably are!

Secondly, and more importantly, by the time a person got to whatever elevated station they now occupy, they should have learned that it isn't really worth the bother to make a fuss over proper forms of address. If you slip up and use the wrong one, it's not a big deal. And if they DO make a stink about it, they DESERVE to be insulted.

Questions for Master Richard can be sent via the [chronicler's office](#).

Meeting Highlights

Gold Key- Seónaid inghean mhic Aidh has volunteered to make unisex tunics for gold key use. Money was approved for this venture. Francisco de Braga also plans on working on this effort by sewing during A&S gatherings.

Heavy Practice- The King has offered to assist us in getting loaner gear. Establishing a practice is a high priority for the group.

New events have been added to the roster—
o White Plains Library Demo to be held at the end of August. (Date is to be confirmed with the site.) Francisco de Braga was appointed to run the demo.
o River Schola (A Northpass Schola) was proposed for the fall. Seónaid inghean mhic Aidh endorsed as the event steward.

Revised event—
o Decameront— this event was considered during the June 2017 meeting, but voted on during March's meeting. It is scheduled for April 27, 2019. Lilie Dubh inghean ui Mordha is designated as the event steward. More information about this immersion event will be forthcoming.

Tavern was a successful event. Many new attendees interested in becoming members.

The exchequer is waiting for an appointment from kingdom to do the book review. This is a prerequisite for Paypal approval.

Apollodora of Delphi was voted into the office of Chamberlain.

Seónaid inghean mhic Aidh was voted into the office of MoL.

FoN Committee— there was a discussion of the differences between Barony, Province, and Shire. Specific plans tabled until the the fall.

Oliver de Bainbrig is organizing a "gaggle" for EK 50th camping.

Friderich has many opportunities for people interested in helping in the kitchen at events, especially for Brew U and Lions Awaken. If you are interested, contact him... He would also like to get a group together to redact recipes from primary sources.

For a more thorough account of the meeting please find the meeting notes [here](#).

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