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Important Links

Hartwood Council Minutes/Officer reports etc <https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/library.html>

Kingdom officer current listing <https://antir.org/our-people/officers/>

SCA Kingdom calendar <https://antir.org/events/>

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Hartwood <https://antir.org/events/branches/kingdom-of-an-tir/tir-righ/hartwood/>

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Nearby branch info/calendar

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Lionsdale <https://antir.org/events/branches/kingdom-of-an-tir/tir-righ/lionsdale/>

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Hartwood Council

<https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/officers.html>

Hartwood Defenders

<https://hartwood.tirrigh.org/officers.html>



Apply for an Office

Please contact the [Seneschal](#) for details on specific positions
Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org

To become an officer of Hartwood, check the listings below to find your dream job, then please submit a Medieval/Modern resume and an application form found here:



OPEN: Chief Scribe

a. You can find information on this position here:

<https://scribes.antir.org/home/>

b. Or send an email to Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org for assistance

Hartwood Customary section 4.11:

The Scribe is responsible for scribal activities within the Shire.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Shire Scribe include:

- Performing the duties of the Office in accordance with the directions of Kingdom, and/or Principality superior(s).
- Working with Officials to ensure that ceremonial documents are produced to meet the needs of the Shire.
- The only documents required of this office are the official Shire documents.
- Working with the Shire Herald to ensure the accuracy and maintenance of the Order of Precedence and associated scribal records.
- Encouraging Shire scribal activities.

Notice Given: **Chatelaine**



a. You can find information on this position here:

<https://antir.org/offices/chatelaine/>

b. Or send an email to Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org for assistance

Hartwood Customary section 4.10:

The Chatelaine is responsible for ensuring that information and assistance are available for newcomers to the Shire.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Chatelaine include:

- Performing the office of the Chatelaine as required by directions from Kingdom and/or Principality superior(s).
- Ensuring that an up-to-date pamphlet and/or business cards, welcoming newcomers to the Shire, are provided at Shire activities, demonstrations, and as requested.
- Referring persons requesting information to Officials or persons who will assist them in areas of interest.
- Ensuring that a Newcomer's meeting is scheduled and open to those interested.
- Maintaining/disseminating information that presents a well-rounded view of the SCA.
- Overseeing Lesser Officers and/or deputies, which include:
 - a. The Gold Key Officer, who is responsible for maintaining and making available the Shire's supply of loaner/rental clothing, as requested.
 - b. The Demo Coordinator, who is in charge of coordinating SCA demos for the Shire.



Notice Given: TUTOR Minister

a. You can find information on this position here: <https://tutr.tirrigh.org/>

b. Or send an email to Hartwood.seneschal@tirrigh.org for assistance

Hartwood Customary section 4.12

The TUTOR Minister is responsible for TUTOR activity within the Shire, under the direction of The University of Tir Righ.

Duties and Responsibilities of the TUTOR Minister include:

Performing the duties of the Office in accordance with the directions of Kingdom, and/or Principality superior(s).

Working with Officials to ensure that TUTOR documents are produced and reported as needed for TUTOR.

Encouraging and overseeing educational activities both formal and informal.

I could eat...

(An ongoing series of recipes from the good old days)

"Umble Pie" - author unknown

Traditional Recipe includes only:

Ingredients

For the Filling:

Venison or Lamb Umbles:

Heart, liver, kidneys, tongue, etc., 1-2 lbs total.

Beef Suet: Equal weight to the umbles, finely chopped.

Apples: 6 large apples, chopped.

Currants/Dates: Half a pound of currants and a half a pound of stoned and sliced dates or mixed candied peel.

Seasoning: Salt, pepper, cloves, nutmeg, mace, cinnamon to taste.

Liquids: 1/2 pint of sack (dry white wine or sherry), the juice of one orange and two lemons.

For the Pastry:

A sturdy hot-water crust or a robust shortcrust pastry is recommended. A simple recipe uses flour, butter, salt, and cold water.

Instructions

Prepare the Umbles: Boil the organ meats until they are very tender. Allow them to cool completely, then chop them as small as meat for minced pies.

Mix the Filling: In a large bowl, combine the chopped umbles and an equal amount of finely shredded beef suet. Add the chopped apples, currants, and dates/candied peel.

Season: Season the mixture well with salt, pepper, cloves, nutmeg, mace, and cinnamon according to your palate. Mix all the ingredients well together.

Prepare the Pastry: Line the bottom and sides of your pie dish with the pastry. This might involve creating a raised, free-standing "coffin" (crust) as was traditional.

Assemble the Pie: Fill the pie crust with the meat mixture. Before closing, pour in the sack (wine/sherry), orange juice, and lemon juice.

Bake: Top the pie with a pastry lid, crimp the edges to seal, and cut a few slits in the top for steam to escape. Bake until the crust is golden brown and the filling is cooked through.

Serve: Serve the umble pie hot to the table.

Uncredited recipe



Levate Vexillum

Show Hartwood Colours!

Halima al-Rakkasa

Are you a Hartwood enthusiast? Would you like some ideas to help you show it? Besides wearing the colours of green, white, black, and gold, and praising Hartwood from the rooftops, you can embellish your clothing, tableware, tents, and more with Hartwood's badge.

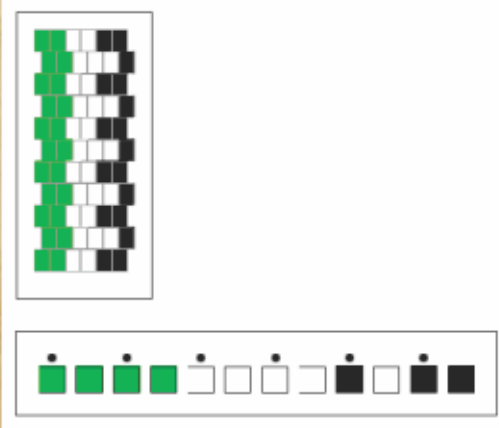
The badge:



A pattern for embroidery or beading:



A pattern for inkle weaving, being the crenelations of the badge:



The badge can also be painted onto belt favours, armbands, tunics, surcoats, hoods, chair covers, tablecloths, napkins, feast boxes, banners, and anything else that will hold paint.

What are you waiting for? Go create!

Merchant's Corner

A (~~Rant~~) Plea for Sanity

Good Gentles...

I have just found out that a new form of Bigotry (misogyny/racism/classism/ageism etc.) has come to be. I am apparently guilty. Mea Culpa. Mea MAXIMA Culpa in fact.

It is called "reverse bullying" and it seems terrible.

As I NOW understand it: equality, inclusion, and basic respect can go "too far" and make some "people" uncomfortable. Discomfort is bad.

We want everyone to be at ease and to feel respected within our fair Society.

It is perhaps a hard line to identify, after so many years of fighting for the basic right to exist for the LGBTQ2S crowd, as well as Visible Minorities, Women, Children, Poor People and all the Others. I use the term Others to identify anyone who might have been missed, or for anyone who might have missed the point... that anyone not Straight/White/Rich/Male sometimes falls between the cracks in the façade of our modern world.

Since I myself did not understand until it was pointedly explained to me, I thought perhaps it is time to explore this new idea and spread the knowledge around, so we can all strive to get better at getting along.

As I understand it, this new term is a fresh new attempt to frame the existence of the Others (and whether they actually have rights) as a political issue. It is, of course, NOT.

Obviously, we in the SCA do not allow politics to interfere with having a good time, sorry, I meant to say: Indulging in Medieval Re-creation and educating the general public.

In fact, Corpora apparently forbids explicitly the members of our Society from Championing a political cause. This is Right, IMHO. Your personal politics have no effect on the static and unchanging history from which we draw our inspiration and our joy. Though now that I think it over, we do ban slavery, rape, animal cruelty, and torture from our events. These were all thought (in error) to be political issues. We now understand them to be basic decency, not politics.

The thing is, calling something political does not make it so. We get confused sometimes about the difference between political issues vs things said by politicians.

Politicians are not special, they are usually just some guy who got elected, with an opinion, and nothing else.

A good way to determine if something is a political issue is as follows:

1. Does this issue affect everyone equally? (eg: every citizen)
2. And are there different opinions? (eg: should we fund public transit with tax revenue?)

3. If yes to both, POLITICS

OR

1. Does this issue affect only SOME people? (eg: women or persons of colour)

2. Is it brought forward by people who are unaffected? (eg: White cis men)

3. If yes to both, NOT POLITICS.

Why does everything have to be a rainbow? Why not?

It is one of the choices, why is that the one that bothers you?

A good question to ponder.

Inclusion means a safe space for ALL People, even Bigots. Truly. I believe that.

I will say that again, for those in the back...Safe for Bigots, but not safe for Bigotry.

It has to be a safe place for the everyone, or else how can we come to know each other and learn?

Next you will be telling me I can't drive a car without a license.

These are OBVIOUSLY and expressly the thoughts of Aristophanes Emporos and his mundane doppelganger, Scot. I do not represent the Council of the Shire of Hartwood at large or anyone else. Please feel free to address any issues you have with this article with me directly.

Proudly displaying my Colours



Greetings Tir Righ!

I will be organizing the decorating for
February Investiture.

In light of all the exciting news about **Tir Righ's Road to Kingdom**, **Hartwood's Road to Barony** and our **incoming Princes** we have come up with the theme
"Wear Your Colours with Pride!"

I wanted to celebrate all the amazing Branches that make up Tir Righ as well as the rainbows which are so special to our incoming Princes.

So please dress in your Branches' colours, and wear many colours in support of our new Princes!

Please bring your Branches banners too! And indoor holes/poles.

I will be looking for volunteers for set up and take down teams (since some of us are morning folk, and others are night owls.)

I will be creating a FB group to discuss details, so pm me if you would like to help out.

Let's celebrate Tir Righ!

Aline de Seez, OP

The Road to the Barony



Road to the Barony

Mad Progress V3.0

Unto the members of the Shire of Hartwood does Master John Macandrew extend warmest greetings. A reminder to bring those closest to you near (or at least by Zoom) and enjoy this festive season. And Zooming we have been.

Our Fundraising committee met on the 8th of December to review our successes (just over \$3,000 raised) and to plan out our activities for Tir Righ Investiture and Daffodil. There are a few other spectacular projects but I have to wait a little to announce them as they are still works in progress.

Our Regalia committee met November 20th and is expected to meet again December 29th. There is truly no rest for the wicked. Having completed the circlet specifications they are now working on cloaks and thrones. This prep work will only be presented to potential vendors once both Kingdom and the Board of Directors sign off on our promotion to Barony.

Our Steering committee will literally be meeting as the newsletter goes into print with their meeting on December 15th. I will provide a brief update once the minutes are approved.

And those weren't the only meetings. Letitia, Alicia, and myself met with the Kingdom Seneschal and the New Branches deputy. Among the items discussed were the issues all branches are having with postal codes, which help us determine population numbers as well which members can actually vote once the official voting for Baron and Baroness begins. Additionally in this area is the issue of the dividing line between Seagirt and Hartwood. Alicia is working on reviewing such maps as electoral or regional maps that provide a clear division. This will need to be reviewed and approved by both Seagirt and Hartwood. Stay tuned.

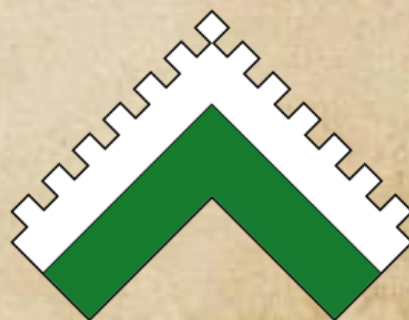
We also requested that Kingdom initiate our unofficial poll of Hartwood members so we could get an accurate gauge on what percentage fully support this move. You might have seen a recent poll of this type for "Tir Righ – Road to Kingdom". We are awaiting response from Kingdom on when this poll will take place.

Lastly with both Tir Righ and Investiture being held in Hartwood it is very important you:

- attend,
- write award recommendations, and
- wear the Shire populace badge on your person or the Shire colours; green and white.

Let's show the Principality how ready we are to move to Barony.

Master John Macandrew, OP, OM



Call to Action Page

What can I do to be more ...Medieval?

1. Register your Arms with the Heralds

- a. The Local Herald will help you!
- b. Research is fun!
- c. You will register your name as well...guaranteed!

2. Recommend people you know for Awards they deserve

- a. Many people don't have the Awards you think they do!
- b. Even if they have it, maybe they get looked at for something else... just by being mentioned!

3. Travel to a nearby event

- a. Like, the next Shire/Barony/Canton over...

4. Attend local events

- a. Provide a couch for the Scadian you met at the event we just talked about one group over!

5. Help out at events

- a. Help set up, Help tear down, Help keep things on track...
- b. Be a voice Herald
- c. Help set up someone's tent when they arrive late.

6. Develop your Persona further

7. Take up a new and absurd hobby in the SCA

- a. Make a plan, pack your car for an event, realize your car is too small, get a new friend with a bigger car...
- b. You need the bigger car to carry your fletching equipment? Maybe your spinning wheel? Forge?