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Greetings from your Summits Chronicler

Hello, Summits! Thank you to all who contributed to this issue of the Echoes! And thank you for a great two years - it flew by! I will be stepping down at March Coronet, but never fear - I have found a FANTASTIC replacement! Make sure to attend March Coronet to find out who it is (pending Coronet approval)!

Please keep your ideas, feedback, and SUBMISSIONS coming - art, articles, photos, and anything else SCA-related that you'd like to share with the Principality!

Please send submissions to summitschronicler@antir.org.



In Service,
HL Elizabeth Chandler

Their Alpine Highnesses of the Summits



Prince FinRis and Princess Seraphina

Greetings unto the noble and beloved populace of the Principality of the Summits!

We send love and gratitude to each and every one of you.

From our first days among you, you have met us with warmth, kindness, and a spirit of cheerful service that is quintessentially Summits. We wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have stepped forward to help, to advise, to lend hands and hearts,

and to ensure that this reign is not only successful, but joyful.

It has been a true pleasure getting to know you: your households, your champions and artisans, your officers and event staff, and new and old friends alike. Every conversation shared, every moment of camaraderie has made this Principality feel more and more like home to us.

We are filled with a deep love for the Summits - its people, its beauty, its fierce pride, and its generous spirit. We are honored to serve you, and we look forward to all we will build together in the months ahead.

In service and in affection,

FinRis and Seraphina

Summits March Coronet Tournament

Greetings unto the Greatest Principality of the Known World!

Know that Their Alpine Highnesses, ever mindful of the days yet to come, cast their eyes toward the future. Though the burdens of state are borne with glad hearts, even the strongest may one day wish to lay aside the coronet and retire to their own estates. Yet Their Alpine Highnesses will not do so lightly, for they cannot be at ease until they are assured that the Summits shall be guarded and guided by worthy and capable heirs.

And so, how shall such heirs be proven? By arms and honor, as is our custom: a tournament!

Let all who would test their mettle and stake their claim make ready for March Coronet, held in the Barony of Adiantum, on March 28th!

Tournament Information:

- Double elimination, bring your best
- Each round before finals: best of three
- Finals: best three of five

Pre-registration is required (watch for the link to be announced!)

Pre-registration closes one week before Coronet

Come forth and enter, that Their Alpine Highnesses may take comfort and peace of mind- knowing their lands shall remain in strong hands, whatever the seasons may bring.

Entrance Requirements:

- Combatants and Inspirations must be Summits residents, register with lists prior to the lists closing March 20th and be present at the tournament
- Authorizations must be obtained prior to the beginning of the event, no "day-of" authorizations.
- Shield boards are required for all Combatants and Inspirations.
- In lieu of a letter of intent, please submit the speech you will use to introduce yourself and your inspiration during the processional. This can be presented in person, or by submitting to SummitsCoronet@antir.org. Their Highnesses would like to encourage flamboyance and offer the opportunity to practice preparing speeches in advance, as this is a key part of the role you are vying for. These must be presented before 11:59 pm on March 23rd.

Introducing

The Baronial Heirs of Adiantum



Muirenn inghean Uí Cléirigh
(pronounced like “mwoy-renn”)



Eoghan Ua Cléirigh
(pronounced like “owen”)

If you've spent any time in the Summits in the past few years, chances are you've interacted with these fine folks - now it's our pleasure to introduce them as the next Baron and Baroness of Adiantum! Read on to find out more about their personas, interests, likes/dislikes, and more! Eoghan and Muirenn will step up at Egils on Memorial Day Weekend!

The Baronial Heirs of Adlantum

Muirenn's Activities

Scribal
Experimental Archaeology
Bardic
Foraging
Pigment/Paint Processing
Weaving/Basketry

Muirenn's Preferences

FOOD -

Likes: Chocolate, Fruit (especially blackberry, mango, & peach), Cheese
Dislikes: Mushrooms, Shellfish, sweet sauces on meat
Allergies: None

DRINK -

Likes: Tea, sparkling water
Dislikes: Alcohol, coffee
COLORS- Green, Brown, Silver

COMMUNICATION:

In person, taking notes if I need to remember information
FB messenger (Insta or Discord)
Text

Call as a last resort or for anything urgent

Preferred Title(s) -

Before Step Up: Bantiarna
After Step Up: Banrígh-Tuatha (ban-REE-TOO-ha)

Eoghan Ua Cléirigh is an 11th century Connacht Flaith (Noble), of the Uí Fhiachrach Aidhne, living within an ancient crannóg (Fortified Island Home) that is his Túaithe (Land's) Dun (fortified settlement). He spends his days tending his land, guiding his fine (Clann), leading his kerns (light foot soldiers) on raids, and raising his children with his wife Muirenn inghean Uí Cléirigh.

Muirenn inghean Uí Cléirigh is an 11th century Connacht (central west coast Irish) Flaith (Noble), who married Eoghan from a neighboring clan. She and her family reside on the crannog (Fortified Island Home) that his fine (clan) built up over the generations. She spends her days raising her children, cattle, and kitchen garden as well as foraging for food, medicine and materials for their home and art. If time allows, she trades pigment supplies at the 300 year old Cong Monastery.

Eoghan's Activities

Armored Combat
Archery
Thrown Weapons
Calligraphy
Blacksmithing
Heraldry

Eoghan's Preferences

FOOD -
Likes: Just about everything, especially likes trying new things.
Dislikes: Mango, Dark Chocolate
Allergies: None, must be careful with sausage

DRINK -
Likes: Water, Tea (w/cream & sugar), Coffee (w/cream & sugar), Whisky, Whiskey, Gin, Tequila, Associated cocktails (especially london mule and old fashioned), Wine, Beer (darker & maltier the better).

Dislikes: Super Sweet drinks, Vodka, Rum (except in some cocktails), IPAs.

COLORS-
Likes: Green, Brown, Mustard, Burgundy
Dislikes: Pastels

Preferred Title(s) -

Before Step Up: Archos, Tiarna
After Step Up: Rígh-Tuatha (REE-TOO-ha)

Grace in Action: Building a Better Event—and a Stronger Society

By Baronin Ayla Thomas Roth

There's a special kind of magic that surrounds a well-run event. It's in the quiet hum of shared effort, the warmth of a welcome, and the feeling that everything—from feast to court—unfolds with care. But behind that ease is something far more intentional: grace in action.

Stewards, autocrats, coordinators—whatever the title, the task remains the same: to gather people together in joyful, meaningful ways. It's a role that calls for balance, creativity, and calm under pressure. And it's one that's made smoother—not harder—when we all commit to supporting one another with open, respectful communication from the very beginning.

Early and Often: Communication in Planning

If you're helping with—or even just participating in—an event, one of the most powerful tools at your disposal is early communication. Want to host a vigil? Coordinate with the steward as soon as possible. Have a concern about site flow or accessibility? Speak up—but do it respectfully, with an intent to collaborate, not control. Do adjustments need to be made to the "traditional" schedule for the benefit of Crown, Coronet, or Populace?

These are not obstacles, they are opportunities. Clear, courteous communication from the start helps prevent misunderstandings, builds trust, and gives everyone space to do their best work. When we approach planning as a conversation rather than a contest, the entire event benefits.

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It's also worth remembering that many decisions made by the Crown—or the Coronet—are informed by conversations and considerations that are not always visible to the broader populace. The work of Royalty and Landed Coronets is constant and often tireless, and not every choice they make will be immediately understood by everyone. If you don't receive the answer you hoped for, it doesn't mean your voice wasn't heard—it may mean that a broader picture had to be considered. Grace, in this case, looks like trust: trust that your leaders are balancing many needs, often quietly, and doing their best to serve all corners of the Kingdom or Principality with fairness and care.

Respecting the Framework: Camping, Check-In, and Prereg

It can be tempting to treat event logistics as flexible—but some pieces exist to support everyone, not just the individual. If the event has a check-in process, please honor it. If preregistration is required, it's not a suggestion. And if there are site rules about where you can camp, park, or unload, it's not meant as a personal inconvenience—it's there to make things run smoothly for everyone.

Even when you've “always camped in that spot” or “know someone who can just check you in later,” consider what it means to model best behavior. Our actions quietly teach others what's expected—and when we cooperate, we make it easier on those running the event and those new to the game.

This includes members of the Royalty, too. If Their Majesties are attending your event, please don't assign them a camping space or dictate Their schedule without a conversation. Reach out. Ask. Coordinate. Courtesy doesn't end with rank—it begins with it.

Holding Space: Court Is Not Just Another Item on the Schedule

When it comes to Court, the expectations shift from logistical to ceremonial—and the need for grace becomes even more vital.

Court is the heart of a reign. It is where the Crown or Coronet recognizes service, inspires through words, and gives shape to the dream. It's not simply a time slot; it's a moment of shared pageantry, emotion, and meaning.

If something unexpected happens during Court—if a scroll is delayed, or a protocol seems off—grace asks us to pause. To observe. To not call out across the hall, correct from the sidelines, or visibly express disapproval. These actions undermine the Crown and Coronet, the heralds, and the dignity of the space itself.

If you believe something needs to be addressed, do so afterward, in private, and with courtesy. Not everything requires public correction. Often, it simply requires trust and time.



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Tradition Meets Growth

Some of us carry with us decades of experience. Others are just finding their footing. Both are vital. But leadership, whether formal or informal, is not a badge we pin on and forget—it's a way of being, practiced daily.

So ask yourself:

- Am I giving others room to learn and lead?
- Am I speaking from experience, or clinging to the past?
- Am I helping our Society evolve—or just insisting it stay familiar?

Grace in action means we give each other space to succeed and space to stumble. It means asking questions, not assuming control. It means stepping forward when needed—and stepping back when someone else is ready.

The Society is not a museum—it's a living dream. And like any dream worth building, it depends on all of us choosing respect, curiosity, and care.

So wherever you serve—behind a feast table, under a peerage medallion, at Gate, on the thrones, or quietly in the back of the hall—thank you. Show up with kindness. Speak early and often. And let your grace be the kind that builds something better.



Submission Information

The Echoes is published four times per year, and distributed in January, April, July, and October. Additional issues may be published at the discretion of the Chronicler.

Deadline: The deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month prior to release, approximately one week prior to publication. Submissions should be emailed to the Chronicler at SummitsChronicler@antir.org.

Formatting: Acceptable formats include: Text attachments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Rich Text Format (RTF); Photo/artwork attachments in JPG, GIF, or TIFF formats; text embedded in an email document. Please do not include special formatting (e.g. decorative fonts, multiple spaces, and the like) as those must be removed prior to insertion.

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All such information is available on multiple sites on-line and can be updated in a much more timely manner. Please consult the Kingdom Calendar.

HL Elizabeth Chandler

Chronicler, Summits

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Principality Regnum

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May be given at Summits Spring and Fall Coronets



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Alpine Scholar - Arts and Sciences Champion
Margaret Ingen Domnall

Traditionally changes once yearly at Summits Arts and Sciences and Bardic.



Summits Bardic Champion
Colette La Trouvere

Traditionally changes once yearly at Summits Arts and Sciences and Bardic.



Captain of Eagles - Archery Champion
Wilhelm der Munech

This event is hosted on a rotating basis and branches choose to be part of the rotation every odd year at Winter Investiture.



Captain of Cats - Rapier Champion
Melody Brightsmith

Traditionally changes once yearly at 11th Night (Winter Investiture).



Sword of the Mountain - Cut & Thrust Champion
Victor de Guers

Traditionally changes once yearly at March Coronet.



Hunter of the Summits - Thrown Weapons Champion
Bjorki Shieldsbane

Traditionally changes once yearly.