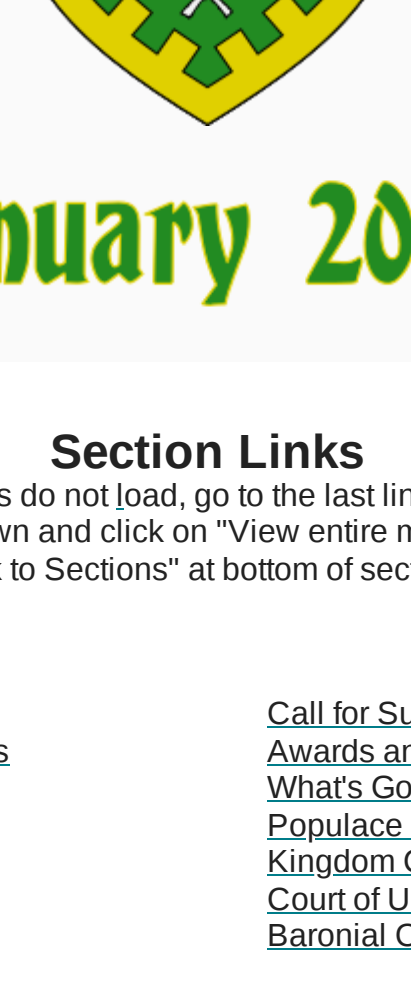


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The official newsletter of the

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## January 2024

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# Baronial Buzz

Unto the Populace and Friends of Unser Hafen

We are in the midst of Winter, and there are still many events that you can attend. Recently we went to Caer Galen Midwinter where we saw the new Baron and Baroness invested, a wonderful bardic competition and a lovely feast. Our Baroness made and donated new hangings (like ours) to Caer Galen. Several awards were given from the Crown: Caden Niccoson – Promise of the Outlands; Lord Sigismund von Vökenstager – Stag's Blood; Don Tryffin Macaulraig and Sir Uchtreo Liefsson – Stag's Heart. Congratulations All!

Caerthe Twelfth Night is coming soon – both Countess Kitta and Countess Richenda will be receiving peerages, so let's support them both.

Unser Hafen's Winter Oasis is in February. Volunteers are always appreciated so contact the Steward if you can.

We have been lucky with the weather for outdoor fighting, but we are glad that we should be going back inside at the CSU Fieldhouse near the end of January.

The days have begun to get longer once again, so let's enjoy our companionship together at our activities and events as we await Spring.

Yours in Service,  
Richenda, Baron  
Freana, Baroness

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# Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings and many Blessings!

I hope your Holiday Season has been filled with joy, good food and laughter! As we go through the turn of the wheel into a New Year, may we all feel a sense of being reenergized with the focus needed to obtain our goals and the overwhelming need to continue to create a welcoming community! I look forward to seeing you all at Caerthe's 12th Night when two of our own will be given great honor and made Peers of the Realm.

For those that join us at fighter practices on Sundays, the time of change is upon us. See below for the details:

- Two more Fighter practices outside at Edora Park, 1420 E Stuart St, near the large pavilion called Shelter #11, as [weather permits](#).
  - Noon to 3 pm on January 7 and 14
- January 21 is CANCELLED due to Coronation
- Back to our old time and moving indoors, effective January 28 through March 24:
  - Time: 2 pm to 5 pm
  - Location: Indoors at the CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse, 901 S College Ave, Fort Collins

Reminder: Easy access to the calendar

- Did you know that you can add the Unser Hafen calendar to your Google calendar?
- See the information on our calendar page for more information: <https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/calendar>

As always, contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns!

Blessings,  
Elthne  
Seneschal of Unser Hafen

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# Herald's Call

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Heraldic Office Hours were a great success last month, and I will definitely be continuing them! I have settled on the first Thursday of the month from 6:00-9:00 pm at Grimm Brothers Brewhouse in Loveland. I will be having them in January! I'm also open to having them more often if there's interest or my to-do list keeps increasing in size, so drop me a line if you want to talk heraldry!

I am also working on a Blazon for Scribes class to be taught at an upcoming Scribal Night, so keep an eye out for that. Precise date to come, but it will be announced here and on Facebook.

Finally, I'll be holding another Heraldic Consultation Table at Winter Oasis, so if you can't make Office Hours, please feel free to come talk to me then.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any of your questions or concerns about heraldry!

Don Andreas von Meißen  
Barbican Pursuivant

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# Scribal

Greetings fellow Scribes!

It is January: Time for a new year and a new start! Join us for an Open Project and Set Our Course Scribal Night on Monday, January 15th, where we can talk about what we would like to learn or discuss in the coming year.

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org) with your ideas!

Yours in Service,

Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,  
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Thomas

Scribal Night is held on the 3rd Monday of the Month  
at the home of Regalis dei Falchi,  
5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown CO.  
[map](#).

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# Fighter Practice

TIME AND LOCATION ARE CHANGING TO THE USUAL WINTER LOCATION OF CSU FIELD HOUSE AT THE END OF JANUARY

Starting Sunday January 28th, fighter practice will be held every Sunday at

Until then, practice will continue to be held (weather permitting) at

Edora Park  
Shelter #1  
1420 E Stuart St, Fort Collins, CO 80525  
[map](#)

- January 7th Edora Park, noon to 3:00 pm
- January 14th, Edora Park, noon to 3:00 pm
- January 21st CANCELLED for Winter Coronation
- January 28th Practice moves to CSU Glen Morris Fieldhouse, 901 S. College Ave., Fort Collins from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Glenn Morris Fieldhouse [map](#)

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# Medieval Night

NO MEDIEVAL NIGHT ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY.

Medieval Night will resume as usual Monday, February 5th.

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# White Rose Inn

The White Rose Inn is Open!

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. If you are interested in medieval food, there will be a short talk and things to taste test. Bring along and share your own culinary experiments if you want. Not into cooking? Come test what others have made. Or just come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation. Don't live in Unser Hafen? You are welcome as well.

Come Taste, Test, And Talk. No SCA garb is required, and you are welcome to bring along food if you didn't have time for dinner.

The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley.

Wednesday Jan 10, 2024  
Middle Eastern Foods

January's White Rose Inn topic will be Middle Eastern Foods, in preparation for the Winter Oasis on February 17th, which will feature both a potluck feast and a "Not Baklava" dessert competition.

The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Richenda and Baron Freana  
1232 Lawrence Drive, Fort Collins  
Phone (913) 219-3809  
[Links: https://leathikeasultan.com/dishes/](https://leathikeasultan.com/dishes/)

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# Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to [chronicle@unserhafen.org](mailto:chronicle@unserhafen.org) and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to [webminister@unserhafen.org](mailto:webminister@unserhafen.org) and [chronicle@unserhafen.org](mailto:chronicle@unserhafen.org) as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (expect February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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# Awards and Recognitions

Editor's note: This article will continue to be printed for ease of access.

## Hype Your Friends!

We all see amazing acts at SCA events and activities. From bards who grant us an exceptionally moving performance, to the fighter who steps off the field to encourage a newcomer, or a Herald who roams camp every morning to give daily announcements - there is so much that happens at any event that often goes missed by those able to recognize great works. The Crown and Baronage of any group relies heavily on award recommendations to ensure their populace is properly recognized. With a new King and Queen on the SCA Throne, now is an ideal time to brag on your friends so here's a guide to get you started!

Q: How do I know what awards there are?

A: Unser Hafen awards, those that can be granted by our Baron and Baroness, can be found at [www.outlands.org/baronial-awards](https://www.outlands.org/baronial-awards)

- This page offers a great visual reference for what awards belong to Unser Hafen.

For Kingdom awards, those granted by our King and Queen, visit <http://www.outlandsheralds.org/>

- Precedence & Awards (<http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/>)
- "Awards by Kingdom or Barony", on the left hand side, will take you to a page where awards for the Outlands, and every Barony within, are detailed.
- Select "Outlands" to see your options.
  - You can explore Unser Hafen's, and other Baronies', awards here as well
  - Please note some awards have very specific requirements while others are "closed" and are no longer being issued.

Q: When should I submit an award recommendation?

A: Every chance you get! Kingdom recommendations get uploaded to a database that compiles when an individual receives multiple recommendations so don't worry about duplicates. Duplicate recommendations can actually help a hopeful's chances. Do worry about timing, however! Most awards require the Crown or Baronage to request a scroll from their scribes. This process can take two to three months so please be sure to look ahead when thinking of recommendations. For Baronial events you can go to [unserhafen.org](https://unserhafen.org) and visit the "Calendar & Events" tab. For Baronial events go to [www.outlands.org](https://www.outlands.org) and find "Events" along the top. While there, pay attention to the "Royal Progress" column that shows which events Their Majesties plan to attend.

Q: How do I know what awards a person already has?

A: From the same Wimble website as listed above, go to the left and select "All Awards" and the Order for the Outlands and Baronies". This will show all awards listed under their respective group which will link to a roster of every person who has received that award in the past. You can search an individual by their SCA name for a filtered list that shows all the awards that one person has received. It is important to note that one person is assigned to keeping this website updated, and they rely on Court Heralds from the Crown and Baronies to send email updates of what awards have been issued. Sometimes there are delays in updates to Wimble.

Q: What are the awards I can recommend?

A: Just about anything that exists so long as the individual lives in or has done service for the group that registered the award. It is important to make sure that the award matches the service.

Q: What awards should I NOT recommend?

A: Count/Countess, Duke/Duchess, or Viscount/Viscountess cannot really be recommended as these are elevations that are granted only at the end of a reign to the individuals stepping down from being Crown or reigning over a Principality. There are also awards specifically designed for the Crown or Baronage to issue based on personal service and exemplary grace during a reign (e.g. Cordon Royal, Queen's Cypher, Queen's Grace, or Torchbearer of Unser Hafen).

Q: What does 'armigerous' and 'non-armigerous' mean?

A: Armigerous awards carry with them an Award of Arms (AoA). When an armigerous award is given, the recipient automatically becomes a Lord/Lady/Noble of the Realm if they had not been granted an Award of Arms previously. Non-armigerous awards, then, do not carry an AoA.

Q: How do I submit an award recommendation?

A: For Kingdom awards go to <https://www.outlands.org/>

- Login/Logout - You will have to create login credentials to have access to the Awards Recommendation link. It does not take much, and it allows the system to send you a confirmation email once your recommendation is complete. A submitter does not have to be a paid SCA member to sign up for this website.
- "Award Recommendations" is the first link under Outlands Quick Links on the right
- "Review Kingdom Award Info" will open another tab to the Wimble website where all Precedence and Awards are documented.
- "Submit an Award Recommendation" opens the form needed to do just that.
  - All required fields have red stars
  - Note that you do not have to know much of the hopeful's information but having a name and the local group where they reside will go far in helping the Crown find the person you have submitted
  - There is another handy link in the middle of the form, "Outlands Awards Descriptions", that will take you to the Awards by Group list on the Wimble page.
  - Once you submit a recommendation, the information will be entered in a massive database that the Crown has access to.

For Unser Hafen Awards simply let our Baron and Baroness know with a note, a discreet conversation or an email ([baron@unserhafen.org](mailto:baron@unserhafen.org) and [baroness@unserhafen.org](mailto:baroness@unserhafen.org))

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# Baronial Goings On

**Armoured and Fencing Practice**  
Sundays, 12 noon - 3:00 PM  
Edora Park in Fort Collins [map](#) \*\*  
Moving to CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse, 2-5 pm, on January 28th. [map](#)

Visit the [Website](#) for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule.

We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!  
Garb is encouraged

**A&S Armouring**  
Join us at Armouring and Fencing Practice on most Sundays! See above for more info. Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.

**Calligraphy &/or Illumination**  
Contact: Galen FitzThomas & Regalis dei Falchi Email: [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org)

**Scribal Night**  
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, or virtually - check the [Book of Faces](#) for links to the meetings.  
For more information contact [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org).

**Equestrian Practice**  
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor  
970-420-6652

**Archery Practice**  
Winter archery practice is the second Saturday of the month from 11am to 1 pm, indoors at Rocky Mountain Archery, 4518 Innovation Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80525, just north of Harmony Drive ([map](#)).

Note: We may start a few minutes late to allow everyone to clear out of private events before opening.

Visit the [Website](#) for changes/additions and more info. Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. To protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

(Dance and Embroidery Guild are currently inactive.)

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Check the Unser Hafen [website](#) or [The Book of Faces](#) for additional upcoming events and locations.

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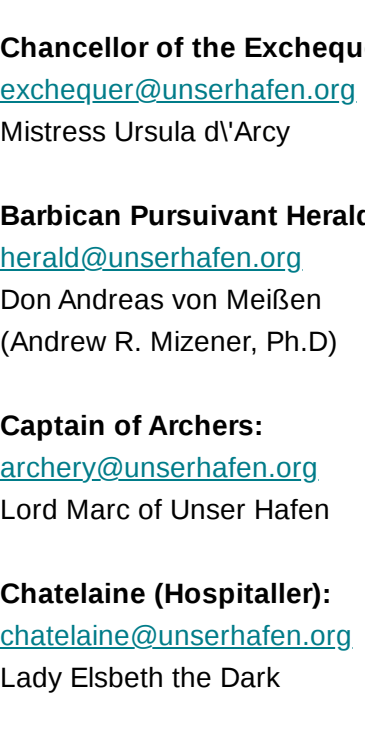
Wednesday, January 17th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

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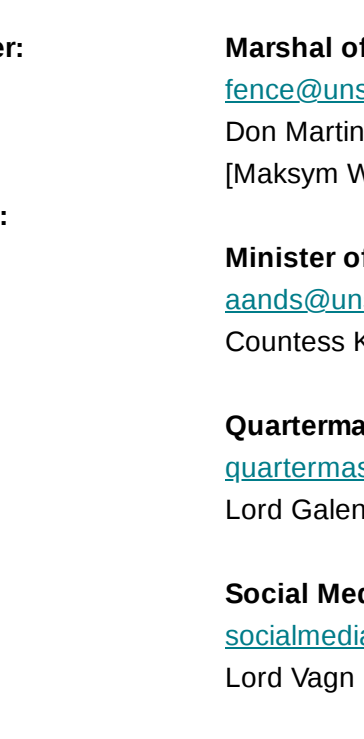
# Kingdom Calendar

Please visit <https://www.outlands.org/events> for the most up-to-date information.

# Court of Unser Hafen



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**Defender** - Lord Lycus (of Stag's Pass)  
**Protector** - Don Andreas  
**Warden** - Sir Rand the Tracker  
**Equerry** - Lady Amina  
**Arts & Sciences Champion** - Lady Euphemia de Argyll  
**Pencerdid Bard** - Lord Vagn Egilsson  
**Barbican Pursuivant** - Don Andreas von Meissen  
**Head of Household** - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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# Baronial Officers

Officers and Responsibilities

Seneschal - President  
Chancellor of the Exchequer - Treasurer  
Barbican Pursuivant Herald - Submits name and army applications  
Chatelaine/Hospitalier - Assists Newcomers  
Gold Key - Loans period-looking garb and least gear to event participants  
Knight Marshal - Oversees combat activities  
Marshal of Fence - Oversees fencing activities (Rapier, Cut and Thrush)  
Captain of Archers - Oversees archery activities  
Minister of Arts and Sciences - Oversees all art and science activities  
Equestrian - Coordinates creation of award scrolls  
Esquire - Oversees activities involving Horses  
Chronicler - Editor of the Newsletter  
Social Media - Oversees social media postings of events/communications  
Webminister - Oversees the running of the websites of the barony  
Quartermaster - Maintains, inventories and stores physical property of the barony

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