

# Annals of Eplheimr



The second Newsletter of the Barony of Eplaheimr!

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

A missive from our Baron and Baroness.

Greetings Unto All,

We hope everyone is surviving the plague well. We would love to see people, so know that you are very welcome to login on a Monday night for A&S comfy chats, Baronial meetings, or hopefully we will see some of you at the upcoming Kingdom University online event.

We have found that classes tend to work well online, so we think there will be a lot of great stuff at Kingdom University and we would like to encourage people to attend.

As we continue our journey through these pestilential times, we appear to be faced with some choices about how we wish to go forwards with the Barony.

While we have technically been a Barony ever since our proposal was approved by the SCA Board, there was a collective decision by the Shire to put that off until Investiture which was to have happened back in July this year. The plague has put paid to many a plan and will continue to do so.

From discussions in the AGM, there appeared to be a will to end the current limbo and as such everyone has been asked to consider the options.

A) We could ask the Crown to do an online launch event to officially proclaim Eplaheimr a Barony (without investing the Baron & Baroness at that time). This would be a unique option for which we can suggest whatever Eplaheimr thinks is best. Since it would be online, the Knowne World is our oyster. We could ask for short speeches from current Royalty, but also those who set certain foundation stones and who now live far away could be invited to be part of our day – e.g. Our sponsoring Shire, the Barony that wishes to twin with us, the historic founding Royalty etc. This could even be staged similar to a Peerage elevation only for an entire group. Our Officers could make speeches about brotherhood with the rest of LD and ID etc. It could be anything. This way, we could end any remnants of the Shire/Barony limbo and have an initial celebration of all that has been achieved in 25 years of Eplaheimr.

B) When we can all get together in person for a real event, we could hold the Investiture of the Baron and Baroness and have a face-to-face event to celebrate Eplaheimr's success. This is something we prefer ourselves as Eplaheimr doesn't seem to have large participation in online events and we would like to ensure that everybody gets to celebrate their part of the contribution to Eplaheimr. By having the online recognition of a Barony plus the in-person later investiture event, it would give us an opportunity to include everyone.

C) But if people prefer, we could have the launch and investiture online at the same time.

D) Or if people prefer, we could have the launch and investiture face to face at an event in the future when plague permits.

Eplaheimr is all of you and we would like to make sure that your efforts are recognised with the best formal launch of the Barony. We would love to hear your thoughts. This is not something we are going to decide, but will be bringing your thoughts to future meetings. Please email us at [baron.eplaheimr](mailto:baron.eplaheimr) or [baroness.eplaheimr@gmail.com](mailto:baroness.eplaheimr@gmail.com)

Etienne & Melisende

The Seneschal speaks:



A Chairde

To all in the Barony of Eplaheimr , on this windy Samhain, as we move from Autumn to Winter a “Hello, Beannachtaí ” to all. I encourage all our villages, households and populace to keep in contact with each other. Please pick up the phone, send an email, join us on Zoom on Monday nights for A&S. It is important in these unusual times to say hello and keep company even for a few minutes.

I am looking forward to my term as Seneschal. As we go into the winter months and we sit by the fireside , maybe take out the project you were meaning to finish, find an exciting new project or research you would like to begin. Contact the populace who may be able to give you advice and starting points.

Our meeting will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 followed by those who would like to remain on for Lunch after.

Slán go fóill

Meadhbh Róis Ineagh Uí Chaoimh

Seneschal of Barony Of Eplaheimr

## From the Pen of your Chronicler:

We have said *Slán go Fóil* and *go n-éirí an T-ádh Lann*

to our Seneschal Rogned Steingrimovna and *is é do bheatha* to our new Seneschal, Maebh Róis uí Chaomh.

Rognid worked tirelessly to make out Shire a Barony. She kept us on track when things got tuff. We thank her for her time and effort. She wrote a lovely poem to sum up her time as Seneschal.

My term as Eplaheimr Seneschal is complete.  
A time comparable to Shrewsbury cakes.  
A baker's dozen of six months each.  
Cakes with many flavours, some bitter, some sweet.  
Cakes of talent, service and daring feats.  
Favoured is the cake 'twas made from the virtuous crumbs of all the others;  
– All that is best in each other  
A cake fit for a Hero's portion  
Served proudly at the table of the Barony of Eplaheimr!  
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Our Lovely former Seneschal!

## **Notifications:**

Feast of Heraldry will not now take place in November.

There is a **shire meeting** on the **14<sup>th</sup> from 11 on Zoom**. We have heard a rumour that there will be a revel after. In this time of pestilence and plague, our friends and neighbours are close but separated, so far away. If only we could hear their voices and partake of their wisdom and council. There is a strange place called the '**Half Step house**'. Join us there for our ethereal meeting, join a class, or chat to long missed friends. Join the cráic at the 'Half Step House' after the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch for further information on the Book of Face and Email. Contact Órlaith Chaomhánach if you want to run a class, (Lord Odo de Fu will be doing a class on puppet manipulation) or just want for information.

**Kingdom university is from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of November**. It is a full week so go to the Drachenwald web page to see the massive amounts of classes, including three from our own Unegen of Eplaheimr.

**Investiture** in February is still scheduled in Petersburg, Co. Galway.

The area is noted for lovely landscape and numerous sites of interest for the Medieval Mind. Look forward to the November issue that will list exciting places to visit. You can then plan your extra Staycation before or after the event.

## **From the Chatelaine:**

Welcome to new members,

Sabrina Veale

Rose Elizabeth Hudson weighed in at 7lbs 5oz and will be attending her first event in February. (we Hope)

Aidan Carvill and his two sons

**If you have friends who are interested in joining us, let the Chatelaine know. We want our villages and Hamlets to grow.**

Villages and Hamlets, get your places registered and start to get your heraldry in to our herald, [herald.eplaheimr@gmail.com](mailto:herald.eplaheimr@gmail.com)

## From our MOAS

### HERALDRY NEWS: BARONIAL AWARD INSIGNIA

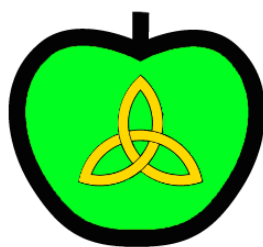
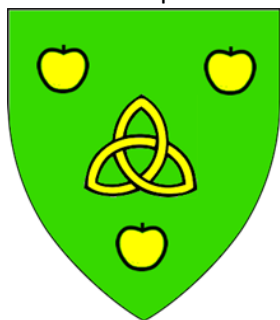
A team of very talented and kind heralds, lead by Master Dubhghall MacÉibhearáird and Mistress Memorantia van de Linde, have been conflict-checking and suggesting alternatives for our Award insignia and names. Unfortunately there are some conflicts with some of the designs that we currently have - in layman's terms, they're too close to what someone else has registered as their arms. As well as that, some of the charges (pictures) that we want to use may need some evidence that they were used/existed in period in order to be accepted by the College of Heraldry (those lovely people who decide if a name or device can be registered in the SCA).

A Device (AKA shield) will be trickier to pass than a Badge (no shield, so no background colour and potentially easier to replicate), so we have a number of alternatives that are trying to keep the primary Eplaheimr colours of Or and Vert. The images on the left are our original ideas, and those on the right are my copy-paste mock-ups of the suggested Badges.

#### 1. Tuatha de Dillon

**Original blazon: Vert, a Triquetra between three Apples Or.**

There is one possible conflict here.

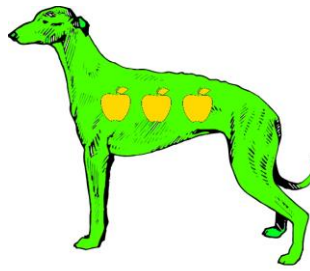


**Suggestion: (Fieldless) On an apple Or a triquetra Vert.**

#### 2. Tuatha de Cú na Shéirbhís

**Original blazon: Vert, a greyhound courant Argent**

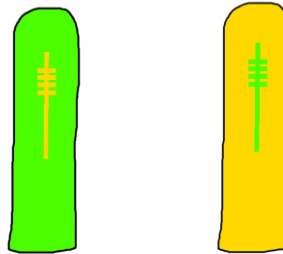
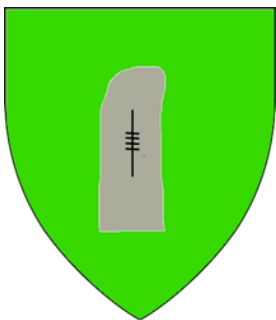
There are about four possible conflicts for this one.



**Suggestion: (Fieldless) on a greyhound Vert three apples O**

### 3. Tuatha de gCloch Ogham

**Original Blazon: Vert, on a menhir Argent the Ogham character edad Sable.**



No conflicts, but different challenges.

“The menhir can be charged with a letter, possibly even an Ogham letter, or it could be left as an artistic detail. For reference, runes have been registered as charges (but all symbols conflict). The Ogham edad would need to be drawn bulkier and given a more visible tincture, sable (or vert?) is fine. SCA hasn't registered any Ogham characters before so they need to be documented to period.”

**Suggestions:**

**1. (Fieldless) On a menhir Vert the Ogham character edad Or**

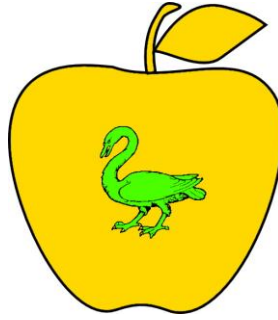
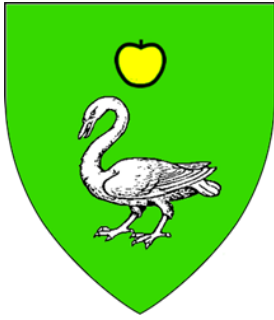
**2. (Fieldless) On a menhir Or the Ogham character edad Vert**

(yes, I know they look sketchy. My paint.Net skills are too...)

### 4. Tuatha d'Eala

**Original Blazon: Vert, a Swan close Argent and in chief an Apple Or**

Conflict check TBD

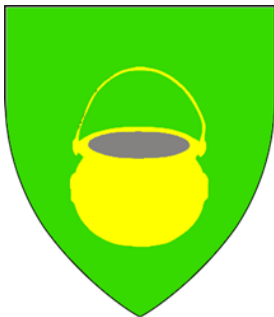


**Suggestion: (Fieldless) On an apple Or a swan close Vert**

## 5. Tuatha d'Coire na h-Eplaheimr

**Original Blazon: Vert, a cauldron Or.**

Conflict check TBD



**Suggestions:**

- 1. On a cauldron Vert an apple Or**
- 2. On an apple Or a cauldron Vert**

## 6. Tuatha de Dhéise

**Original Blazon: Vert, an anvil Argent**





I think registering the name is going to be the bigger issue here.  
Conflict check TBD, no alternative suggestion yet.

**Suggestions:**

1. (Fieldless) On an anvil Vert, an apple Or
2. (Fieldless) On an apple Or, an anvil Vert

## 7. Tuatha de Lunula

Original Blazon: Vert, a lunula/torque inverted/cresented Or

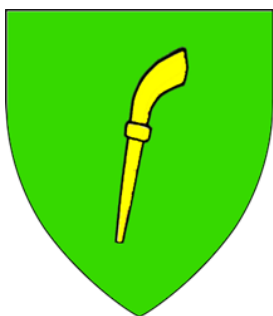


Conflict check TBD, no alternative suggestion yet.

- SCA heraldry accepts a torque (<https://mistholme.com/?s=torque>).
- The above picture looks very much like a heraldic crescent (<https://mistholme.com/dictionary/crescent/>).

## 8. Tuatha de Corn na Cogadh

Original Blazon: Vert, a warhorn Or



Conflict check TBD, no alternative suggestion yet.

- SCA has registered such instruments as cornetto (<http://mistholme.com/dictionary/cornetto/>) and various horns (<http://mistholme.com/dictionary/horn/>) that bear some reminiscence to this warhorn. The instrument would need to be documented

## 9. Tuatha de Carhad Ór

Original Blazon: Vert, a chariot Or



Conflict check TBD, no alternative suggestion yet.

SCA has registered a chariot once, in 1972 and it's likely considered a type of wagon (<http://mistholme.com/dictionary/wagon/>). It's unclear whether a two-wheeled chariot as above is acceptable, and would need to be documented. Would a war-wagon do?

## 10. Tuatha den Lámh Airgid

Original Blazon: Per pale Or and Vert, a hand Argent



Conflict check TBD, no alternative suggestion yet.

The alternate device would be bounced as we can't have Or on Argent (yellow apples on white Chief/strip on top)

### **OUR NEW TEAM:**

Our AGM in September we voted in new officers.

Exchequer: Lady Hikka Susinen (Hilde Sinboeck)

Web minister: Lord Sigtrygg (Timothy Green)

Chatelaine: Lord Culainn of St.Elmo's fire (Ian Healy)

Seneschal: Lady Meadhbh Róis Ineagh Uí Chaoimh (Ger Clarke)

We send good cheer to Kier of Eplaheimr, who has become Captain of Archers for Insulae Draconis. HUZAH.

### **These officers will be serving another term:**

Moas: Lady Fianna Rua Nic Mhathúna (Vina Mc Mahon) is staying on but has taken Viscountess Sagadis as her deputy. (Melodi Grundy)

Herald: Baron Merlin Sparhawk (John George)

Chronicler: Viscountess Susannah of York (Sue Callaghan)

Knight Marshal: Lord Unegen of Eplaheimr (Yan Cousot)

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Join us on Monday nights for A&S from 7-9 on Zoom. Catch up with your friends and learn all about the projects being done this winter. We need to be ready for Investiture in February.

Our thanks to Lady Edel for the sewing of the Baronial cloaks. We now have the embroidery to do. Looking for volunteers to place a few stitches. The cloaks are currently in the possession of the Chronicler.

*Ó pheann an chróinéara,*

Susannah