



***The Madrone Leaf***

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## *The Sergeantry*

The Sergeantry is a uniquely An Tirian tradition. It began when An Tir was a principality and a long, long way from the Crown. Candidates for sergeantry were tested in all the skills of knighthood: arts, sciences, warfare, courtly manners, dancing, heraldry and games. When the Crowns did come to An Tir, we could assure them that these fine gentles were worthy of consideration. They are generally in direct fealty (devotion and loyalty) to the Baroness of the branch for which they tested or the Baron if they are Courtiers.

Though originally created to recognize and encourage heavy fighting, Baronesses have expanded their sergeantry to include other martial and non-martial skills.

- [Sergeants](#) : specializing in heavy weapon fighting.
- [Gallants](#) : specializing in rapier skills
- [Yeomen](#) : specializing in war/missile/archery skills
- [Courtiers](#) : specializing in courtly/arts & science skills
- [Lancers](#) : specializing in equestrian skills

(Taken from the An Tir Wiki.)

### *Events:*

August brings about the very exciting [North Sound Sergeantry Trials](#), which is the culmination of a year of preparation and testing for our candidates: Yeoman, Gallant, Sergeant, Lancer, and Courtier. This year, the Baronies of Aquaterra, Madrone and Wyewood and the Shire of Midhaven have come together to present Sergeantry Trials and York Rounds on Saturday, and the Sable Rose Emprise Equestrian Challenge, Rapier Prize Tourney, and Youth Armored Combat Competition on

Sunday. Their Majesties will be in attendance on Saturday for part of the day.

## Emprise

Madrone is known far and wide for our signature event every year, the Emprise of the Black Lion. If you are new to our fair Barony, this Event is a showcase for our very active Equestrian Guild. It is also a long-standing successful partnership with our neighbors to the South in Wyewood.

The Emprise is *"A tournament inspired by the 1460 treatise by René of Anjou"*.

The Guild trains year round in equestrian games, much of it in preparation for the Emprise. This year there will be seven different games that competitors can choose from as well as a mounted archery tournament on Sunday. The [Madrone Equestrian Guild Event copy](#) has information on the games, format, scoring, judges, and overall composition of games. There will also be archery (York rounds!) and armored combat, including both a pas de armes and a single sword grand melee.







## A & S: Costuming/Cotehardie

The [cotehardie](#) is one of the most popular garments for both men and women in the SCA.

Several of these sources can be found on the Facebook Group "[Age of the Cotehardie](#)" with pertinent discussions.

Some [history of cotehardies](#).

[Patterns & Measurement Guide](#) (There is also a section on major sources)

[Worksheet](#) for measurements and pattern pieces.

[Front seam supportive bodice tutorial](#).

Effigies for both [men](#) and [women](#) showing both button-front and spiral-laced cotehardies and button sleeves:





(A tutorial on making [fabric buttons](#).)

Pictorial showing a [parti-color cotehardie](#) with plaid as well as solid fabrics from The Master of Estamariu: Detail of the Altarpiece of St. Vincent, Estamariu, Catalunya (Catalonia).



There are numerous resources available for viewing the style of the cotehardie, fabrics, dyes, and construction history online.