

the Blatherings

FALL AS I

(GREGORIAN 2015)

the BARONY OF BLATHA AN OIR

WORDS FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES HENGIST AND MARICKA:

Greetings unto the populace of the Land of the Golden Blossom,

The Barony continues to prosper, especially after our most Recent raid to the lands of the Franks. Autumn war seemed to be a big hit this year, and we've had more people come than in some time.

We have heard nothing but good about it. Thank you to the Steward team, and all the volunteers.

I would also like to thank Sir Gernon for being our opposition this year.

The leaves are turning and the time for harvest is upon us. Let us look to one more weekend of Martial and A&S trials at Lord Defenders at Last chance.

A combined event with the Barony of Dragonslaire. What a wonderful opportunity to show off how great we are and to see how wonderful they are.

As we think of things less martial, let us not forget harvest feast.

A time to show off our best clothes and what we've been doing this year.

Remember, taxes are due. How else can we continue to raid?

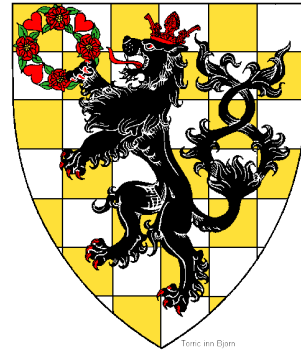
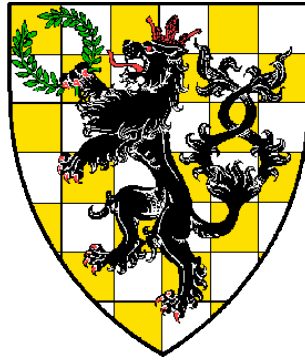
We will also be doing a good and toy drive again.

Lastly, let us not forget Sergeantry trials. Come out and see what it takes to become a Sargent or help test. It is a very exciting time for us, and it honors us that people would step up to this role.

We wish you well.

Hengist Helgessone
Baron

Maricka Sigrunasdotter
Baroness



AN tÍR ROYALTY:

**THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES OF AN tÍR,
DUKE HAVORDH ætgarbani AND DUCHESS MARY GRACE OF GAÖLAND**

**THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES OF AN tÍR,
PRINCE EIRIK DAEGARSSON AND PRINCESS DRÍFFINA ULFGARSDÓTTIR**

**THEIR HIGHNESSES OF SUMMITS,
GANISTÓ TRYGGR TRYSSON AND GANISTÁ TEMPERANCE GREWELove**

**THEIR EXCELLENCIES OF SUMMITS,
TO BE DETERMINED AT [SUMMITS FALL CORONET](#)**

**THEIR HIGHNESSES OF tÍR RIGH,
GANISTÓ VIKINGR AND BAN-GANISTÓ LISHINIA**

**THEIR EXCELLENCIES OF tÍR RIGH,
TO BE DETERMINED AT [tÍR RIGH NOVEMBER CORONET TOURNAMENT](#)**

**THE CORONETS OF BLAÖHA AN OIR,
BARON HENGIST HELGESSONE AND BARONESS MARICKA SIGRUNASDÓTTIR
(MKA: JON AND DENA MORFORD)**

253-341-7500 BARON 253-666-2636 BARONESS

(NO CALLS AFTER 8PM PLEASE)

-HEAD OF RETINUE: HL ARNÓRA JÓRADÓTTIR (MKA:ASHLEY PARK)

PHONE: 253-442-7620 (NO CALLS AFTER 8PM PLEASE)

-SENEŠAL: HL CLARE KEENAN (MKA: ELISABETH LEWIS)

PHONE: 253-315-0110 (NO CALLS AFTER 9PM PLEASE)

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BLAḠHA AN OIR CHAMPIONS:

LORD DEFENDER- CENTURIO GAVINUS BRITANNICUS DOMINUS

RAPIER CHAMPION- LORD VERGIH DE PRENDERGAST

ARTS & SCIENCE DEFENDER- LADY KARA AGNARSDOTTIR

ARCHERY CHAMPION- YEOMAN SARGENT LORDSHIP GWALCHG
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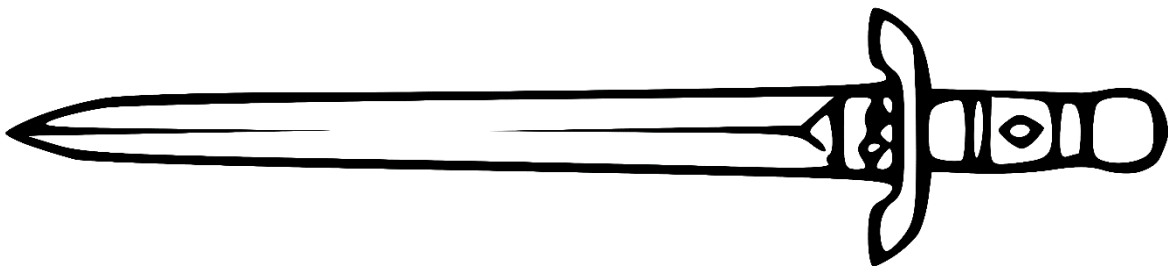
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PAGES OF BLAḠHA AN OIR-
ANNABETH FLETCHER AND ASTRID OF BLAḠHA AN OIR

BARDIC CHAMPION- THE HONORABLE LORD GARETH ALBARIC
OF EASTBROOK

SHIELD OF THE BARONY- LORD NJALL HROTHERGEIRSON

OTHER BARONIAL NEWS AND INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON
OUR BARONIAL WEB SITE. <http://blaḡhaanoir.anoir.sca.org/>





*PROGRESS OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES
OF BLAĠHA AN OIR:*

SEPTEMBER 18 - 20 LORD DEFENDER AND LAST CHANCE BLAĠHA AN OIR/DRAĠONSLAIRE

SEPTEMBER 26 ARTS UNFRAMED BARONY OF WGEWOOD

OCTOBER 02 - 04 SERGEANT'S TRIALS BARONY OF BLAĠHA AN OIR

OCTOBER 24 HARVEST FEAST BARONY OF BLAĠHA AN OIR

DECEMBER 12 YULE FEAST BARONY OF GLYMM MERE

JANUARY 08 - 10 AN OIR 12ĠH NIGHĠ BARONY OF DRAGON'S MIST

JANUARY 29 - 31 URSULMAS BARONY OF AQUATERRA

FEBRUARY 06 CANDLEMAS BARONY OF BLAĠHA AN OIR

BLAḠHA AN OIR UPCOMING EVENTS:

(FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE OUR [WEBSITE](#))

LORD DEFENDERS AND LAST CHANCE TOURNAMENTS

SEPTEMBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 20 | \$15

AUTOCRAT: [GABHIN MAC FINDLEAGH & MYRICK THE BEAR OP](#)
LORD DEFENDERS AND LAST CHANCE TOURNAMENTS

THE BARONIES OF DRAGON'S LAIRE AND BLAḠHA AN OIR INVITE YOU TO COME WITNESS THE GLORY OF THE TOURNAMENTS TO DECIDE THE NEW CHAMPIONS OF THE BARONIES OF BLAḠHA AN OIR AND DRAGON'S LAIRE. CHAMPIONS FOR ARMORED, RAPIER, ARCHERY, THROWN WEAPONS, AND YOUTH ARMORED COMBAT WILL BE DECIDED IN AN EPIC JOINT EVENT. TO ENTER THE COMPETITIONS ONE NEEDS SIMPLY TO DECLARE FOR EITHER BARONY AND COMPETE FOR THE HONOR TO BE NAMED A CHAMPION OF DRAGON'S LAIRE OR OF BLAḠHA AN OIR. BLAḠHA AN OIR WILL ALSO BE HOLDING THEIR A&S CHAMPIONSHIP AS WELL DURING THE DAY.

HOSTED BY:

BARONIES OF DRAGON'S LAIRE AND BLAḠHA AN OIR

SACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY, WA AND KITSAP & N MASON COUNTIES, WA
EVENT STEWARD CONTACT INFO:

BARONY OF DRAGON'S LAIRE:

SHL MYRICK LE BEAR

CALEB DODGE

CALEB.L.DODGE@gmail.com

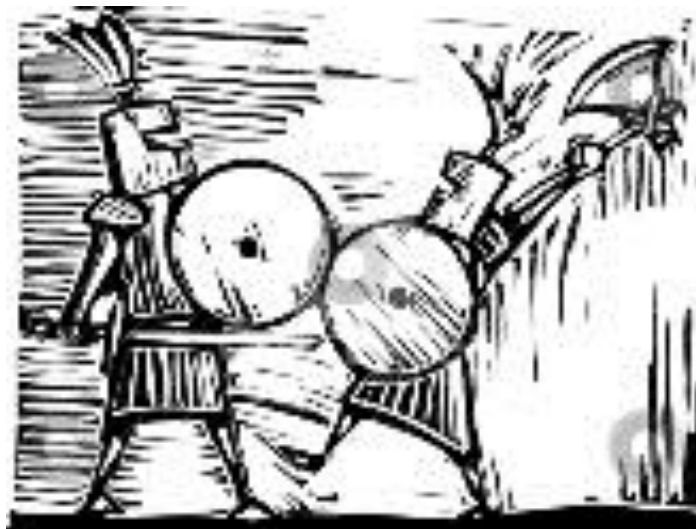
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BARONY OF BLAḠHA AN OIR:

SHL GABHIN MAC FINDLEAGH

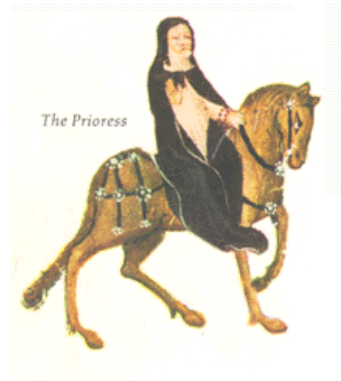
ROBERT BLACKETT

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SERGEANT'S TRIALS

OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 4 | \$15
SWISS SPORTSMAN CLUB PARK
9205 190th AVE E,
BONNEY LAKE, WA 98391
EVENT STEWARD: ANGHARAD VERCH REYNULF
(JONNALYHN PRILL) 253.377.8952
CELEDRAUGE@MAIL.COM



THE TIME DRAWS NIGH TO TEST THE METTLE AND KNOWLEDGE OF
BLAETHA AN OIR'S SERGEANTRY CANDIDATES! COME SUPPORT THEIR
TESTING, SPEND TIME ON THE RANGES OR IN COMBAT, AND ENJOY AN
EVENING FEAST WITH FRIENDS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER AT THE
SWISS SPORTSMAN CLUB.

FULL WEEKEND ADULT \$15 / SATURDAY DAYTRIP ADULT \$10 (PLUS \$5 NON-
MEMBER FEE IF APPLICABLE) YOUTH UNDER AGE 17 ARE FREE. TENT
CAMP FEE: \$10; RV CAMP FEE: \$15-THE SITE INCLUDES SHOWERS AND
BATHROOMS, NOT BIFFIES!

FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$10 WEEKEND COST/ \$5 SATURDAY COST, THERE WILL
BE MEALS (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/FRIDAY DINNER) INCLUDED-RESERVATIONS
STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BY SEPTEMBER 22ND TO ACCOMMODATE ANY
KNOWN ALLERGIES .

THERE WILL BE AN ARCHERY/THROWN WEAPONS RANGE SET UP AND
SPACE FOR BOTH HEAVY AND RAPIER COMBAT OPEN FOR USE TO ALL WHO
ATTEND THE EVENT. SATURDAY WILL HAVE A POTLUCK FEAST WITH THE
COURT OF LOVE AND BARDIC TESTING, THE EVENT WILL PROVIDE A MEAT
DISH. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE COURTESY OF AN INGREDIENT
LIST FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION.



HARVEST FEAST

OCTOBER 24 @ 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm | \$25

THE TIME OF HARVEST HAS ARRIVED AND WITH IT TAXES ARE DUE TO THE JUST, HONORABLE, AND RIGHTFUL RULERS OF BLAÐHA AN OIR. THEIR EXCELLENCIES HENGIST HELGESSONE AND MARICKA SIGRUNASDOTTIR HAVE TRAVELED TO THE NEAR EAST WHERE THEY OBSERVED THE RICH GIVING GOLD AND SILVER COINS, HEROES AND WARRIORS GIVING HORSES, AND OTHERS GIVING GIFTS SIMPLE AS APPLES. THOSE WITH GOOD FORTUNE WOULD HELP THOSE IN NEED. THESE GIFTS TO THE COURT SHOW THE GENEROSITY AND KINDLY SPIRIT OF THE BARONY, AND BY DOING SO THE COURT RETURNS THESE IDEALS IN KIND TO THOSE WHO MAY HAVE NEED. SUGGESTED ITEMS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR [WEBSITE](#).

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY. PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2015 AND WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE FEAST. FORMS MAY BE FOUND ON THE BLAÐHA AN OIR [WEBSITE](#)
SITE FEE: \$10.00, YOUTH 17 AND UNDER ARE FREE

FEAST FEE: \$15.00 PER ATTENDEE NMS FEE: \$5.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BARONY OF BLAÐHA AN OIR, SCA INC. AND MAIL TO: BARONY OF BLAÐHA AN OIR, SCA INC., HARVEST FEAST PRE-REGISTRATION, PO BOX 44351, TACOMA, WA 98440

SLAVONIAN AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
2306 N. 30TH STREET
TACOMA, WA 98403-3323

EVENT STEWARD: LADY ZAHRA BINĀ AL-RAMMAH (MKA ROBYN JACKSON)

CONTACT: 360-400-4023, [ZAHRA.BAO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:zahra.bao@gmail.com)

DEPUTY STEWARD: BARON YUSUF JA'BAR AL ĠIMBUKĠUWI EL ĠALOĠ

(MKA VINCENT STEWARD) CONTACT: [VINCENSTEWARDS@SPRINGMAIL.COM](mailto:vincentssteward@springmail.com)

FEAST PREPARED BY THE MEN OF THE TRIBE

ADDITIONAL GATHERINGS:

FIRST THURSDAY OCT. 1, NOV. 5, DEC. 3 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
GREETINGS! SOCIALIZE, POOLUCK, A&S, SCRIBAL, DANCING, LARGESS
PLANNING AND MAKING, CRAFTS, NEWCOMERS, AND MUCH MORE! SO
COME ON OUT AND MINGLE WITH THE BARONY, EAT GREAT FOOD,
LEARN A NEW SKILL, WORK ON PROJECTS, PLAN NEW PROJECTS, AND
DANCE! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING ANY NEWCOMERS IF YOU WISH.
BUSINESS MEETING OCT. 15, NOV. 19, DEC. 17 @ 7-9 p.m.

THE BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING IS A MONTHLY MEETING TO PLAN
EVENTS AND HANDLE BARONIAL BUSINESS. THE MEETING IS OPEN
TO BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS OF THE BARONY AND
NEWCOMERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND IN ORDER TO
CONNECT WITH THOSE ACTIVE IN BLAETHA AN OIR AND/OR GATHER
INFORMATION ABOUT OUR BARONY.



WEEKLY SEWING NIGHTS EVERY MONDAY
AT 7PM AT 4105 YAKIMA AVE, TACOMA,
WA 98418

WEEKLY FIGHTER AND RAPIER PRACTICE
EVERY TUESDAY 6:30-8 P.M. AT SHERIDAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 902 E. 53RD ST.,
TACOMA, WA 98404 THROUGH OCTOBER
6th. PRACTICE WILL THEN CHANGE TO
EVERY SUNDAY 11AM AT BEGINNING OCT.
11th SAME LOCATION.

WEEKLY ARCHERY PRACTICE EVERY
SUNDAY AT 1PM AT SKOOKUM ARCHERY
RANGE, 11209 SHAW RD. E., PUGALUP, WA
MONTHLY SCRIBAL NIGHT OCT. 14, NOV. 11,
DEC. 9 AT 6:30 - 9 P.M. TACOMA STAR
CENTER, 3873 S 66th ST, TACOMA, WA
98409

MONTHLY CULINARY NIGHT OCT. 7 NOV. 4,

DEC. 2 AT 7PM CONTACT [RAPHELLA](#) FOR DIRECTIONS

MONTHLY ARTS AND SCIENCES NIGHT OCT. 22, NOV. 26, DEC. 6 AT
7PM CONTACT [ELIZABETH](#) FOR DIRECTIONS



Welcome back to Bealidh Pursuivant's Corner!

So you have your name all ready to submit, right? Good because you cannot register a heraldic device without a name. Now let us work on your device. Historically and in the SCA, your device or arms is like your personal logo. Its purpose is to allow your friends, or even your enemies, to identify you from a distance. Since the main purpose was identification it became very important that no two people had the same arms registered. This is why the College of Arms came to be and why the SCA adopted our own College to ensure that each person have their own individual device.

A heraldic device is composed of different charges (objects, creatures, geometric shapes) arranged on a field (background). Good devices are simple yet memorable. They have easily identifiable charges and have high contrast-like street signs. You can begin by placing a few charges on a triangle-shaped shield. Then start by pick two colors (red, blue, green, black, and purple) and one metal (white/silver, yellow/gold) or fur (ermine, erminois, vair). Play around with the arrangement of the charges and the colors.

Once you have your idea get together with your herald, or drop by a "Heraldic Consultation Table" at any event which has one. (HINT- There will be one at 12th Night and one at Ursalmus!) After your herald has conflict checked your device to make sure it looks legal and unique, make sure **you** like it. Put it up on your refrigerator, or in your office, for a few weeks. If you're still as happy with it afterwards, mail it in or give it to the heralds to begin the process of "registering" it, so it can be uniquely yours in the SCA!

Yours In Service,
Sayyida Zahra bint al-Rammah
Bealidh Pursuivant

On the June 2015 Letter of Acceptances and Returns the following Names and Devices were Accepted:

Biorn biarnylr Atlason (Device only)



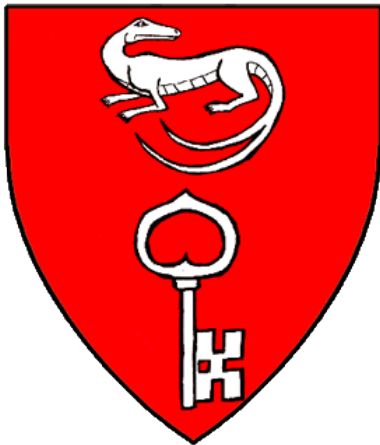
Sable, a bear's head affronty erased and on a chief embattled Or five crescents pendant gules.

Warin of Essex (Name change & Device)



Per chevron vert and argent, three mullets pierced Or and a griffin sable.

Kára Agnarsdóttir (Name & Device)



Gules, in pale a natural salamander statant regardant queue-forchy and a key inverted argent.

John Drakkus Blackrogue (Badge)



(Fieldless) On a dragon displayed sable two swords in saltire Or.

Previous LOARs may be found here →<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/>

Baronial Meeting Notes: July 2, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdottir- Checking Account \$27,750.30, Money Market Account \$2,065.56

At the Financial Meeting there was discussion of putting the Money Market into a Savings Account. This was met with approval.

Please know that Officer Budgets are PAST DUE and now need to be turned in to the Exchequer.

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- Not present

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- No archery during June. Practices on the 12th and 18th may be moving to 4PM. Please watch for notices on The Gate.

Also, please consider donating spare archery supplies- gloves, bracers, etc., to the loaner gear. It doesn't have to be new, just usable. Please see full request posted on The Gate.

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- Not present.

Lists: HL Angharad ver' Reynulf- Not present

Arts & Sciences: HL Elisabethe FittzWilliam- Not present

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- Audny's name & device, Bellanette, Marcos, & Zahra's devices were accepted on the recent LoAR.

Two name & one device are on the current Kingdom Letter of Intent. Five names, seven devices, and two badges are current at Laurel level.

Scribe: HL Annaka Poznanska- The resubmission of new awards is going forward. Kingdom charter are due NOW. Please mail completed charters to the Kingdom Scribe. Annaka is stepping down as Deputy Scribe. If you are interested in being a Deputy, which does not require you to step up, please contact Eibhlin.

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson- There has been no response to recent demo calls.

July 25th for Pierce County Transit- Game of Thrones theme for ambiance.

Late September, date TBD for Lakewood School, 7th & 8th graders to discuss feudalism. Moonshadow & Their Excellencies have volunteered. We were also contacted about a discussion on the Greeks & Romans. Thorvald passed this on to Gavin.

Oct 3 is ABC Days-Thorvald will proceed forward with this as he will not be attending Sergertry Trials.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- One person garbed at Embers & Ambrosia, another person looked. We have a need for lighter weight garb. The fabric we currently have is heavy weight. Donations of lightweight fabric is requested. A good place to look is Goodwill for cotton sheets- solids & stripes.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Accepting articles for The Blatherings until the end of the month.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- Please make sure to send in any information you want posted on the website.

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer- Not present, no report given. Items discussed regarding the trailer were: Sunday the 5th will be a Clean, repair, & re-organize the Baronial Trailer at Thorvald's. The trailer is also in need of servicing. They will be looking into a spiderweb set-up similar to Angharad's. The trailer also needs a basic Baronial Meeting Notes: July 2, 2015 Zahra bint al-Rammah toolbox with; hammers, screwdrivers, etc., everything an event steward team needs to set up. A physical deputy, someone to assist with the constant inventory and moving of items, is needed.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- At Embers & Ambrosia there were four youth/teens and one adult for the batik/sashes/glass painting. Everyone enjoyed it. Five youth/teens for the clay lantern class. Parents were impressed. Students did more than one. No one showed up for finger puppets. Might be due to a house call, the youth had to go home early. Working on finishing the Family Activity Officer Notebook, then will speak to Kara about posting it on the website. Still looking for teachers for Autumn War.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth NicGrath- Not present

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- Reports are due to Kingdom superiors at the end of the month- be early, not late. Meeting in September needs a new venue as the community center is not available. Taking suggestions- perhaps a library. The Barony can use more Donations and Volunteering to keep the Barony healthy and functioning. There may be a fundraiser in the future. As an example to run an event like Autumn War there is initial out of pocket expense of \$12,000 to \$14,000 and over half of that is just biffy rental.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- Thank you everyone for coming to the meeting and all the work you do.

Old Business:

- Embers and Ambrosia
 - No heat casualties- yay! The site was great, even with the heat and mosquitos. The event was wonderful and had over 102 people in attendance. Looking positive toward next year. Potentially combining next year with another Barony. Special thanks to Jeff for impromptu Gate assistance.
 - As always, thanks to everyone who pushed the event into their newsfeeds on social media, it helps encourage attendance. Please remember this for upcoming events like Autumn War.
 - An event steward checklist for receiving the trailer and at least how to close up the trailer.
- Autumn War
 - 5 pre-registration received. Checks for pre-registration are being cashed weekly.
 - Please contact Alizand for Merchant registration
 - The event needs listed on The Steps
- Last Chance at Lord Defender- no update at this time
- Need Bids for Harvest Feast

New Business:

- One customary edit: Page requirement to attend (2) Two Baronial events.
 - Edit approved.

Adjourned: 8:00PM

Baronial Meeting August 2015

Officers' Reports:

- Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdóttir- \$28,419 end of June; Rath an Oir \$3,052; \$1000 Carl Stone Tourney; Money Market \$2065; storage paid through Jan. 31, 2016. Financial Committee consists of Exchequer, Seneschal, the Baron and Baroness, Shawna and Elizabeth are at-large members. 65% of the debt is cleared with 6 items left to go. Per Kingdom – we are no longer authorized to recompense individuals for paper and ink. We need to use a copy center. We do have a 10% discount at Kinko's; Seneschal has info to obtain the discount. Still need budgets from Scribal and Rapier.
- Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- absent
- Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- We've had a couple of practices but weather and events precluded a couple. Knut donated some archery gloves and finger tabs but we do need more.
- Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- absent
- Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – nothing to report
- Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle- Attended Costume Colleg and have lots of idea. Any requests to learn please email me or use facebook
- Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- Combined Heraldry with Glymm Mere this Monday at 7pm. Last month 6 people showed up and 2 consults were done.
- Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne- absent. Reported by Shawna that scribes are meeting on 3rd Wednesdays
- Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson- We had a demo July 25th. Five people showed up and we made 3 new contacts.
- Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- If possible, pre-arrange to loaner cloths to make sure we have something that will work. I'd like to make a "Gold Key Kit" to quick fix things/alter on-site ie zip ties and safety pins.
- Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- We have a new feature in The Blatherings. It's called "Bealidh Pursuivant's Corner" and is written by our Baronial Herald, Sayyida Zahra bint al-Rammah. My gratitude to her for making this idea come to fruition.
- Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir-
- Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer- A lot of help from wonderful people and my thanks to Thorvald for revamping the trailer. It looks awesome. Thorvald did a wonderful job.
- Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- Desparate need for a 2nd person at Autumn War and also I will soon be stepping down.
- Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- absent
- Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- I need to have bid for Harvest Feast by Monday at midnight or I will have to cancel event. Site costs have doubled in past year.
- Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- Autumn War is our premier event and we should do our best to welcome all those from outside the barony. We are combining Celtic Bardic, Daffodil, and Embers and Ambrosia events into just one event next year.

Old Business:

Autumn War: We are on for rapier, A&S, and we are listed in Kingdom Events. There will be siege cooking – Baron vs Baroness. 1000 site tokens have been

strung. The Tribe has been fantastic with their help. Volunteers are needed at archery, gate, parking, family activities, and water bearing. 2 hours of volunteering you get a ticket for a raffle prize.

New Business:

Signs have been fixed

Paint and garage springs were donated by The Tribe.

Large tent pegs, stakes and port-a-holes are needed.

We are getting a stake puller for \$15.

We need to get the tire bearings done August 16th –the 21st while the trailer is empty. Otto is getting quotes to have the work done.

Lord Defender: reported by HL Andromacha of Lesbos. We have re-done the event bid looking at \$150 each Barony. Long Branch has gone from \$660 to \$1500 to rent the hall and grounds for a 3 day weekend however the kitchen is now \$150/day. Communications between officers and champions need to cc Gavin and Myrick, the event stewards. We need atlatl targets from BaO. RV and large groups need to have reservation by the end of August to Andromacha. Hall is available to sleep in but have to be cleared out by 9 am. Family Activities needs donations for prizes. Alasdair has donated a box.

Adjourned: 9:05 pm

Prepared by: Lady Emma Maydekyng

Baronial Meeting September 3, 2015

Officers' Reports:

- **Exchequer:** Kira Mikkelsdóttir- \$27,605.57 of which \$1050 for Carl Redstone Youth Tournament and \$3000 for Rath an Oir is earmarked. Money Market acct. \$2065.60
- **Heavy Marshal:** HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- Warrant is up at end of month. The requirement to be Heavy Marshall is to be a Junior Marshall but a Senior is preferred. You don't have to be a fighter. Tuesday practices have been happening. October 11th practice will switch to Sundays.
- **Archery:** Baroness Shawna Kerr- There were 90 participants at Autumn War with quite a few first timers. A big thank you to Archos Thomas of Salsberg and to Archos Alaricus Simmonds for setting everything up on Wednesday and running the range Thursday and Friday. Also a thank you to Tamsin Fairamay and Eibhíohlin inghen Fhionghuinne for running some fun shoots. The York Round was a big success.
- **Rapier:** HL Verith de Prendergast- absent
- **Lists:** HL Angharat verch Reynulf – Nothing to report except that I got the Kingdom Report done.
- **Arts & Sciences:** HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle – absent
- **Herald:** Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- August 10th we had Joint Heraldry Night. Monday, September 14th we will be having another at the Steilacoom Library. The October meeting has been requested to be held in Glymm Mere. In process: 3 names, 4 device, and 1 badge.
- **Scribe:** Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by HL Annaka Poznanska- Scribal night has been happening. Attended Kingdom Meet & Greet: 20 people were there and it was great fun.
- **Castellan:** HL Thorvald Einharson- October my term is over. 6 new contacts. Demo on October 3rd ABC at Bethel HS – Arts and Sciences needed. Trailer is done. Need locks for spare tire and ball. May need new plug.
- **Gold Key:** Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya reported by Thorvald Einharson: Gold Key was used at Autumn War and everything was returned. We need an extra tote for hangers with a hinging lid.
- **Chronicler:** HL Emma Maydekyng- Nothing to report.
- **Web Mistress:** Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- Term up end of September. Updates are all up. Preregistration form for Harvest Feast is up. Proposal to integrate twitter onto webpage >>>will follow through with Society as to procedures and rules.
- **Chamberlain:** HL Otto Bauer reported by Thorvald Einharson: Trailer is maintained.
- **Family Activities:** HL Sabina Fletcher- Autumn War had over 100 children. We need 2 teachers/table/class for next year. Parents need to be with their children that are 12 and under and we need a way to ensure this.
- **Hospitality Coordinator:** Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- absent
- **Seneschal:** HL Clare Keenan- Need event stewards for Candlemas, Autumn War, Lord Defender, and Harvest Feast.
- **Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike-** We had so much fun at Autumn War it was wonderful and exciting. The fighters had a great time.

Old Business:

- **Autumn War** – Big thanks to The Tribe everything was handled and no emergency vehicles came! It was a real pleasure to do. Final count is either 1002 or 1020 will be counting one more time. Only complaints were 2 people about walking to war field. We had one 30' road and the rest were 17' to accommodate more camp space but it was noted that some people had a hard time driving around the corners.

New Business:

- **Lord Defenders/Last Chance** – site opens at 3pm; the site is paid for; 98 spots in hall to camp but things need to be removed by 9am; no longer accepting camping reservations; there is overflow parking 2 blocks up the road at the Longbranch Church --- please bring canned good item to donate to Church; 9 RV and quite a few large encampments have contacted us; Ellisif the deputy seneschal will be on-site. There is an issue with tall grass not being mowed. Arts and Sciences entries are needed. There will be Populace Arts and Sciences with 3 sections: youth, adult and laurel.
- **Sergeant's Trials** – 1st weekend of October at the Swiss Sportsmen Club. Friday night will be stone soup and the candidates' written test. There will be rapier and heavy for all to come to. Saturday Night is a potluck Feast. HL Audny, Lady Zahra, and Baron Josef are the candidates. Close down Sunday.
- **Harvest Feast:** Pre-registration closes 15th with only 120 spaces so register early. Cost is \$25 plus NMS we are allowing off board for a different price. The men of the tribe are putting together a Middle Eastern cuisine/Persian.
- **Castle vs Hay Bales:** There was lively discussion on saving money on buying hay bales by resurrecting the castle. There is a trailer with no brakes that can be picked up in the same area as Lord Defenders will be. Some background was given (paraphrased here) there was a lack of people to maintain the castle, store it and transport it. It was agreed that we could put the call out to see if anyone would step forward. Another option is to rent the one Stromgard has.
- **Raising Money:** Fundraisers have to be approved by the Financial Committee; donation jars can be put out for instance at fighter practice; we can have a feast for the public and charge for it. It was unclear if we can have a raffle and it was decided to follow up by finding out how other groups are doing it.

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lady Emma Maydekyng

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