

The Blatherings
Summer AS XL
(Gregorian 2015)

The Barony of Blatha an Oir

Words from Their Excellencies Hengist and Maricka:

Greetings unto Blatha an Oir,

The summer is here and with it the growing gardens, the fun times at the beach, and of course summer events! Since our last missive we have had a few events. Daffodil archery was a wonderful event. We thank Skookum once gain for allowing us to have it there and Gallant Lady Donea Morain for heading up the team.

We were the opposition once again in Honey War: War of the Reeses. Our heavy and rapier fighters fought hard, our artisans made beautiful things, and people volunteered for various things.

Embers and Ambrosia was once again held with many teachers coming from all over the kingdom. There was much learning and fun to be had by all. We were given dolls for largesse, and stone fired mugs from the Tribe children who also put on a skit. Thank you to Audny, Gaiseric, Emma and Zahra for putting on such a great event.

We look forward to coronation and Sabastian being put on vigil for Master of Defense

Of course we have one of our most important events coming up...AUTUMN WAR!!!! This year we will be attacking Paris! I understand that the city will be defended by a terrible fierce warrior who will stop at nothing to defeat his enemies. Will the Vikings be ready or will the Parisians successfully defend their BOOTY?

We have some demo's coming up, please get with our Baronial Castellan Thorwald (Walter Sprowls) if you're interested in being a part of the Demo Team.

Finally, we want to thank all those that work tirelessly to help keep this game we love going. You there! Don't think your works are going unnoticed! We see you! You keep this up and we're going to call you up in court! Seriously, keep up the good work, we appreciate each and every one of you.

We wish you a good summer and remember; drink water, less paperwork...

Hengist
Baron and War monger

Maricka
The Dread Baroness

An Tir Royalty:

Their Royal Majesties of An Tir,

Duke Havordh Ættarbani and Duchess Mary Grace of Gatland

Their Royal Highnesses of An Tir,

To be determined at [September Crown](#)

Their Highnesses of Summits,

Tanist Tryggr Trysson and Tanista Temperance Trewelove

Their Excellencies of Summits,

To be determined at [Summits Fall Coronet](#)

Their Highnesses of Tir Righ,

Tanist Olen Medvedovich Ovanov and ban-Tanist Chiara Fiamma

Their Excellencies of Tir Righ,

Tanist Vikingr and ban-Tanist Lishinia

The Coronets of Blatha an Oir,

Baron Hengist Helgason and Baroness Maricka Sigrunasdotter

(mka: Jon and Dena Morford)

253-341-7588 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)

-Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan (mka: Elisabeth Lewis)

Phone: 253-315-0118 (no calls after 9pm please)

Blatha an Oir Champions:

Lord Defender- Centurio Gavinus Britannicus Dominus

Rapier Champion- Lord Verith de Prendergast

Arts & Science Defender- Lady Kara Agnarsdottir

Archery Champion- Yeoman Sargent Lordship Gwalchwyn ap Gryffyn

Thrown Weapons Defender- Lord Verith de Prendergast

Pages of Blatha an Oir- Annabeth Fletcher and Astrid of Blatha 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://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/>

Progress of Thier Excellencies of Blatha an Oir:



Aug 12-17~Autumn War

Aug 20-23~Sport of Kings

Sept 4-7~September Crown Tournament

Sept 18-20~Lord Defender and Last Chance

Oct 24~Blatha an Oir Harvest Feast

Nov 14~Midhaven Harvest Feast

Blatha an Oir Upcoming Events:

(For more information please see our [website](#))

First Thursday Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Greetings! Socialize, potluck, 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 Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 @ 7-8:30 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 Blatha 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 September.

Weekly Archery Practice Every Sunday at 1pm at Skookum Archery Range, 11209 Shaw Rd. E., Puyallup, WA

Monthly Scribal Night Aug. 12, Sept. 9, and Oct. 14, at 6:30 – 9 p.m. Tacoma Star Center, 3873 S 66th St, Tacoma, WA 98409

Monthly Culinary Night Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7 at 7pm

Monthly Arts and Sciences Night Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22 at 7pm

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Welcome to Bealidh Pursuivant's Corner!

A common question heralds hear is "Where can I get some good ideas for names?" First, let's define an SCA name. Your SCA name is the name you'll use at SCA events. Since the SCA is mainly based on Europe before 1600 A.D., the name you pick should be one that might have been used during that time. Your SCA name should also be at least slightly different from your legal name, to reflect the difference between you and your SCA persona.¹ You also want to pick a name that you like and will remember—you might not want a story like Angelanne de Mercy.² It is also nice if your friends and the local heralds can pronounce it.

No, Baby Name books don't count and just because we know the word was used, doesn't mean the Romans actually named their children Dexter. Still, have no fear, we can assist! In the digital age, your answer can be as close as your fingertips, if you know where to find good and reliable sources.³


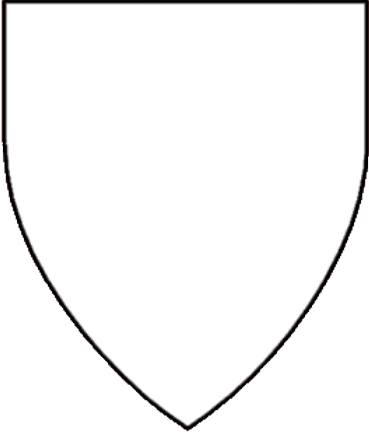
The Academy of Saint Gabriel (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/>) is a marvelous place to start. The Academy is a group of around 50 volunteers who research medieval names and armory, and constantly update with new information. The SCA College of Arms also has a page filled with sources for your perusal (<http://heraldry.sca.org/names.html>).



You may also want to check out www.familysearch.org. Be aware that not all of the batches recorded on this site are verified and accepted within the SCA. A herald will be able to help you tailor your search on this site.

Lastly, you can always contact a local herald or find a consulting table at your next event. We may be loud but we're not scary, honest.

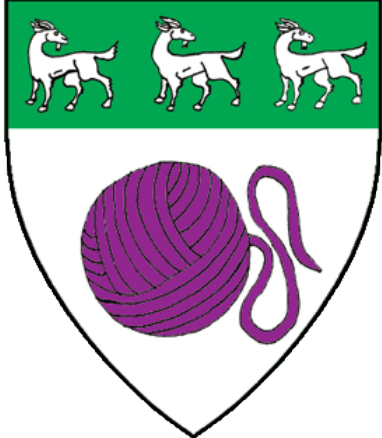
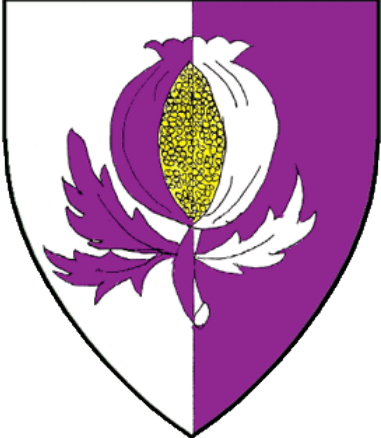
Yours In Service,
Sayyida Zahra bint al-Rammah
Bealidh Pursuivant


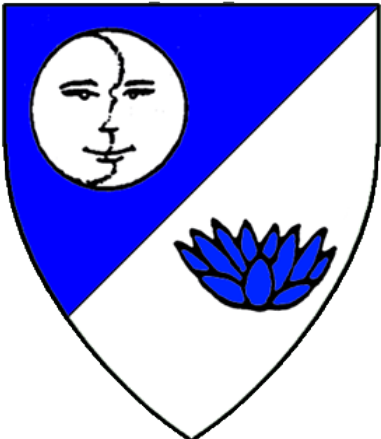
On the March 2015 Letter of Acceptances and Returns the following Names and Devices were Accepted:

<p>Emma Maydekyng (Name, Device & 2 Badges)</p>  <p>Or, five lozenges in chevron sable.</p>	<p>Hengist Helgessone (Name only)</p>  <p>Device in Process</p>
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<p>Maricka Sigrunsdotter (Name & Device)</p>  <p>Azure, on a plate between three hounds courant in annulo tails nowed argent, a crescent pendant azure.</p>	<p>Sumayya bint Ammar (Device only)</p>  <p>Sable, in fess a sun Or held by a demi-lion argent.</p>
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On the May 2015 Letter of Acceptances and Returns the following Name and Devices were Accepted:

<p>Auðný Refsdóttir (Name & Device)</p>  <p>Argent, a clew of yarn purpure and on a chief vert three goats statant regardant argent.</p>	<p>Bellanette de Villaverde (Device only)</p>  <p>Per pale argent and purpure, a pomegranate slipped and leaved counterchanged seeded Or.</p>
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<p>Marcos Amador de Villaverde (Device Only)</p>  <p>Or, two oak leaves conjoined in chevron inverted, in chief six acorns proper.</p>	<p>Zahra bint al-Rammah (Device only)</p>  <p>Per bend sinister azure and argent, a moon in her plenitude and a lotus flower in profile counterchanged.</p>
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Previous LOARs may be found here →<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/>

Article Sources:

- 1 - <http://www.antirheralds.org/nonheraldsfaq.html>
<http://www.antirheralds.org/nonheraldsfaq.html#nameideas>
- 2 - The Known World Handbook, pg. 25
- 3 - <http://heraldry.sca.org/welcome.html>

Baronial Business Meeting

April 16, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Deputy Kira Mikkelsdóttir - Checking \$27,877.08 and Money Market \$2,065.52

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- New fighters have been coming to practice. Need to schedule time for repairs on loaner armor.

Archery: Countess Shawna Kerr- A few practices cancelled due to weather and holidays. We need thrown weapon marshals. Thrown weapon stand up and getting hay this weekend.

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- Glymm Mere folks have been coming up. A new person showed up and got some basic lessons.

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – There will be a tourney April 28th, the last Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m.

Arts & Sciences: open- Elizabeth FitzWilliam of Carlisle is interested if someone can attend business meeting for her.

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- We have 6 names, 11 devices, and 3 badges going through the approval process. We are currently consulting with 7 people regarding name & device registration. Paperwork for 2 names and 1 device has been completed. Hopefully those will be submitted soon. 1 name and device returned at Kingdom level; will be assisting with getting it resubmitted.

Scribe: HL Annaka Poznanska- Scribal Night has been meeting on the 2nd Wednesday at the Star Center for charter painting.

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson- 1 new contact

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- trying to get date set to have people help

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Ideas to post in newsletter pictures of the devices that are in submission process. Also thinking of doing interviews of baronial members.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- absent.

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer- getting articles that need to come back.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- Ordered items for Autumn War. Need donations of pieces of wood, upholstery nail tacks, lip gloss, solid ring perfumes, spent candles for wax tablets, organic bees wax, and jojoba oil.

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- reports are due at the end of this month. Please cc the Seneschal. Accepting applications for A&S Minister and Exchequer

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- Tuesday fight practice and social building back up. May Crown: 2 vigils- Angharat heading up Verith's and Elspeth heading up Warren's. We need food donations. We are also cooking for the autocrat team.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Have new business

Old Business:

Embers & Ambrosia: getting class descriptions; starting to put schedule together next week; copy was sent to The Crier; site will be mapped out next week; we have 1 confirmed candidate for Bardic; we're getting estimates for honey buckets & other necessities.

Candlemas: need to check on deposit status

Autumn War: sent stuff to be put on website; site tokens almost done!

New Business:

Customary Proposals:

Keep the Dean of Pages as a position – aye

Family Activities Coordinator is a lessor office – aye

Make a position for the Youth Armored Combat Marshal as a lessor office – aye

Baronial awards to be referred to The Ceremonial – aye

To put a term limit on our Defenders as 3 times – nay

Former page to help decide the incoming page – nay

Tabled on page 10.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Minutes by Lady Emma Maydekyng

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Baronial Business Meeting

May 21, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdóttir - Checking \$27,575.30 and Money Market \$2,065.54

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- absent. Reported by Baron Hengist- Fight practice continues to happen on Tuesday nights with War Practice following on the 2nd Tuesday. We may swap the 2nd Tuesday for the 3rd Tuesday. There will be a tournament in June.

Archery: Countess Shawna Kerr- We had a thrown weapons marshalling class by HL Ivan Leskov. There are now 13 new junior thrown weapon marshals. We will be having practice this Sunday.

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- absent

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – The tourney on April 28th was won by Baron Hengist

Arts & Sciences: position open

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- We currently have 1 new name, 1 new device, 1 name resubmission, and 2 device resubmissions on the most recent Kingdom Letter of Intent. We also have 4 names, 9 devices, and 1 badge going through the approval process. Emma Maydekyng's name, device, and badges; Hengist Helgessone's name; Maricka Sigrunsdotter's name & device; and Sumayya bint 'Ammar's device were accepted on the last Letter of Acceptance & Return.

Scribe: HL Annaka Poznanska- Nothing to report.

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson- 5 new people at May Social; 3 new through email. Possibly have the June social at their place – working out details. 2 demos coming up. July 25th the Pierce County Transit Rodeo is having a Game of Thrones theme and would like people dressed and mingle with crowd. The 2nd one is in late September, we have been asked by a teacher of the Lakewood S.D. to come and discuss feudalism to 7th graders; also discuss Romans/Greeks to 5th/6th graders.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- absent

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Apologies for getting minutes out late from April.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- we have been having email issues. We will use the real email addresses until this is resolved. We will have a meeting on Monday, May 31st at 1pm at the Starbucks on 72nd and I-5 for those with log in

access to come and get a refresher. The Chronicler and my deputy will be there.

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer- absent.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- Need 3 teachers for Autumn War.

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- absent. Reported by Lady Ellisif Leifsdóttir- A&S position is open; please submit your application. The Exchequer position is officially filled by Kira Mikkelsdóttir. Accepting bids for Harvest Feast. The business meeting in June will need to relocate for the month. The Baron and Baroness have offered their place. It is changing to June 4th – bring chairs. The Thursday Social will be June 18th possibly at Thorvald Einharson's place. July, August and September we are swapping the days of Business Meeting and Thursday Social.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- We had 2 vigil's at Crown. Thank you to everyone that contributed. Having practice down at Wapato Park has been proposed. Soda goes on sale this weekend – stock up! I will be the largess coordinator for the new reign at Kingdom. Their Royal Highnesses will be at Autumn War. Permission to act as royal liaison? [Agreed]

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Crown was wonderful. Lord Warin of Essex was elevated to Knighthood. Lord Verith de Prendergast, our Baronial and Kingdom Rapier Champion, was elevated to the Order of the White Scarf. He will be the last Don inducted into that Order. Both are well deserved.

Old Business:

Embers & Ambrosia: June 26-28th, classes and camping for 3 days, site tokens and schedule will be finished next week, emailing instructors to get further information

Autumn War: web site is live, working out bugs. 906 site tokens are done. Event is Aug 12th-17th. Pre-reg will be mail-in or bring to a member of the autocrat team. Their Royal Highnesses will be there but at that time will be Their Royal Majesties. We need volunteers! HL Sabina Fletcher of Family Activities needs 2-3 teachers and A&S classes will be coordinated by HL Angharat verch Reynulf.

Lord Defenders will be held at Longbranch and combined with Dragon Laire's event to make space on Kingdom Calendar.

Sergeants Trials will be 1st weekend in October. We have several candidates. Come show your support and learn about the Sergeantry. There will be a potluck on Saturday.

New Business:

HL Jazod Felygo will be having a meeting at his house on May 30th at noon for a simple brewing session. Would like to get Baronial Brewer's Guild going again. Please come if you are interested brewing techniques new and old.

NEW RULE: the NMS needs to be turned in within 10 days after an event.

Their Royal Majesties have requested that accurate information about events be placed on the Kingdom Website. This information needs to be accessible by all. Facebook is not official.

Lady Kara Agnarsdottir is making largess bags for the Baron and Baroness and requests largess items to put in them to show how awesome Blatha an Oir continues to be. Please put a tag with your contact information on it.

Baroness Marika stated that largess for the youth is also needed.

The Customary:

Proposed: All Defenders get site fee waived to all Baronial events. – Nay will be resubmitted with new verbiage

Proposed: Wording to clarify minor waivers and notarization. – this is governed by Society law

Proposed: amending verbiage regarding the non-member surcharge – this is governed by Society law

Proposed: provide a definition for "trespasser" – this is in Exchequer Book not The Customary

Proposed: retaining the toy chests and challenges associated with them – Nay will be resubmitting with new wording

Her Ladyship Sabina's proposals are finished and we will continue next time with others.

Baroness Marika had a special thank you to us for our extra time given in working on The Customary.

Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by Lady Emma Maydekyng

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Baronial Meeting Notes June 4, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdóttir-

No bank statements to report on at this time.

Please report all Baronial property in your possession with current personal contact information and emergency contact information.

Financial Committee met with Kingdom Exchequer, Mistress Etienne, before the business meeting.

The Baronial Finances need fixed going forward. As a general statement more organization is needed.

Accounts receivable has not been reliably followed up on, such as always making sure to collect/ turn in receipts. This goes back as far as 2012. The Barony is currently owed \$1,300 in either cash or receipts.

The bottom line of Baronial finances will be influenced by this. Draws must be handled within 30 days, 60 at most, unless otherwise approved by the finance committee.

The Budget is currently in the review process to make a comprehensive, yearly budget rather than a monthly budget. Overall the Barony is in deficit by less than \$5,000. This is because of missing funds and poor event turnout among other factors. Something to consider is 2 years of savings to cover things like poor event turnout. Another thought to consider is moving the Money Market Account to a Savings Account. Overall the Barony is healthy and the goal is to keep it that way.

Officers are requested to submit a yearly budget by email to the Exchequer. This request should be turned in by June 18th and include how much you need for your budget and why you need it. Think about what you have done this year and what you hope to do in the next year.

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt-

We have had a few new people. There are more repairs needed on the loaner gear. Some shields should be replaced with lighter ones.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr-

We have had excellent turn out. We recently held a Thrown Weapons Marshalling class and ended with 13 Jr Marshalls. There will be no practice on Sunday June 7th because of June Faire. Practice on June 14th will be held at the Social, but there will be no reportable scores.

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast-

Practice has been hit or miss. Verith will be bringing his students to fight at Honey War.

Lists: HL Angharad ver' Reynulf-

There was no tourney last month.

Arts & Sciences: Vacant-

Elisabette FittzWilliam submitted for the office.

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah-

Nothing to report at this time.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne-

Please return any Kingdom Charters in your possession to Eibhlin or Thomasina at June Faire. June 10th is the next Scribal Night at the Star Center.

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson-

Nothing to report at this time.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya-

Proposal: Due to time constraints, repairs to loaner garb would go faster if it were brought to meetings, sent home for repairs, and returned to Gold Key when finished. Approved.

It was also proposed that these might be a great thing to do as an A&S night to teach period hand-sewing techniques or brought to Embers and Ambrosia and worked on during social time.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng-

Article submissions for The Blatherings are due June 30th.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir-

Missives on the website will be more active with updates going forward. Please remember that while things are cross-posted, Facebook is not an official line of communication. Please check the website. Also, please email event information so that it can be posted on the website.

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer-

No update at this time.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher-

For Autumn War we are requesting the following items and any donations would be appreciated:

- Baking soda
- Essential oils
- Clear plastic goblets
- Clear plastic plates
- Glue sticks
- Poly stuffing
- 5/8" ribbon
- Buttons
- Rubberbands

We will also need the use of approximately 8 claw hammers. We also need teachers and at least 1 person to sit with Sebina through the day to make sure we stay compliant. Please consider volunteering.

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan-

Please review & heed the Exchequer report. Let us know and we can work with you.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike-

Thank you for coming. Hope you enjoy the lawn. Welcome to our yard.

Old Business:

- **Embers and Ambrosia**
 - Class list has been posted
 - 3 pre-registrations
 - Site fee & biffy rental have been paid for.
 - Please push the event to help bring in attendance. This is our premiere A&S event.
 - It's very close- located in Sumner.
 - It is combined with Celtic Bardic. Please think about competing for Bardic Champion.
 - Still looking for volunteers, specifically for parking. The site has asked that we not drive on the grass. Perhaps a loan of safety vest from those who have them would be beneficial for parking volunteers.
- **Autumn War**
 - Have received 1 pre-registration.
 - Please help push the event and share on social media.

- Remember, as always, to police yourself and help police others in regards to packing out at the end of the event. We always want to leave an event site in better condition than when we arrived.
- Discussions with Mr. Nix have arranged that the cows will be moved sooner than 2 weeks before the event.
- The website is live
- War scenarios will hopefully be posted soon.
- **Lord Defender**
 - This event is being combined with Dragons Laire's Last Chance.
 - Held September 18-20th
 - This will be held at Longbranch
 - There will be a total four erics- 2 for heavy fighting and 2 for rapier- 1 for each Barony
 - There is room for archery, A&S will be held in the hall, and kitchen access is available
 - Dragons Laire will determine the necessary requirements for Equestrian Championship
- **Sergeantry Trials**
 - Held October 3rd
 - Baron Yusuf has been accepted by Her Excellency and the Sergeant Major as a Yeoman candidate
- **Harvest Feast**
 - Now accepting bids

New Business:

- **Please remember to bring a peanut butter donation to the social on June 14th. See missive for location & time details.**
- **Family Activities Office is open**
 - The office requires a background check.
 - If you are interested and have questions on what this office entails, please contact HL Sebina.
- **ABC Day**
 - They would like us to come back. The Barony cannot commit at this time because it conflicts with Sergeantry Trials. This however will be discussed with the Demo Coordinator.
- **Archery Loaner Gear**
 - The loaner gear needs updated.
 - Donations would be greatly appreciated. They do not need to be new, but in decent condition and functional.
 - Useable leather that may be donated could be used to make new gloves and bracers.

Adjourned: 7:50PM

The Blatherings: Summer 2015 issue created by HL Emma Maydekyng. Submission Deadline: Quarterly deadline is Jan 1st, April 1st, July 1st, October 1st Submissions: Submissions welcome! Artwork, articles, reports on events, poetry, or what have you. Acceptance of submissions and time of use will be at the chronicler's discretion and as space permits. Please create all articles in a word Doc. All artwork in a Jpeg format. Please cite your sources. Remember your permission to publish form! Articles will be edited for common spelling errors, grammar errors and formatting style. Disclaimer: This is the Summer 2015 issue of The Blatherings, a publication of the Barony of Blatha an Oir of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.). The Blatherings is available online at <http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/> to print out or view.