

# the Blatherings

SUMMER AS LÍ

(GREGORIAN 2016)

the BARONY OF BLATHA AN OIR

**WORDS FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES HENGISÓ AND MARÍKA:**

*Greetings unto the greatest Barony in the known world.*

*Summer is waning. Autumn War is on the horizon and the season of change is in the air.*

*Our time as Baron and Baroness of Blatha an Oir is almost at its end. Our three year term being completed at Autumn War.*

*In the past three years Blatha an Oir has seen a lot. We started out as Baron and Baroness with a flooded out Autumn War. Then we, over the past years have lost four beloved populace members of the Barony due to health issues. Great sadness fell upon these lands. Us personally we lost four close family members and one beloved fur baby.*

*During this time we all came together and in spite of the peril and sadness we grew. We thrived. We have many new populace members, new households, old household refreshed and renewed, wonderful officers, amazing event stewards, all the things!*

We reorganized, completed daunting tasks together. Grew events to new numbers. We feasted. We laughed. And we cried. Together as an extended family that we all call Blatha an Oir.

All of this we did together out of love of this amazing Barony and this game that we play. We all continued this baronies efforts of moving forward and growing as a group.

In all of this we had some amazing things happen.

We had three and soon to be four new peers. One Knight, one Master of Defense, one Pelican and one Laurel (to be). The first time in our long history has this ever happened in a short amount of time. Four peers! Huzzah!!!

We also have a thriving sergeantry with four new sergeants in one year!

If that isn't enough, we also have the last white scarf ever made in the Kingdom of An Tir.

We foresee much more of this greatness happening in our baronies future.

Lastly, we were able to join hands and combine an event with Dragons Lair.

We warred tirelessly with Glymm Mere.

We have seen great numbers of attendance at Autumn War and now this year Embers. This Barony never ceases to amaze us.

We are so proud of every single person in this Barony. And it has been an incredible honor to serve you as your Baron and Baroness over the past three years.

We look forward to the future with bright eyes. Our successors Sir Gernon and HL Alyse are brilliant and capable next Excellencies and we can't wait to see what wonderful things they aspire, and inspire in this amazing Barony.

Blatha an Oir. We love you.

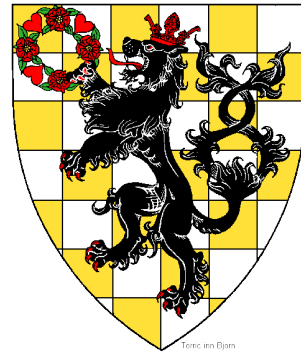
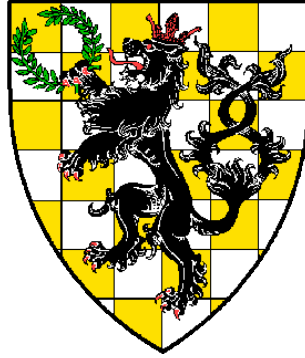
Thank you for the honor.

Hengist Helgassonne

Maricka Sigrunsdotter

Baron and Baroness of Blatha an Oir





## **AN TÍR ROYALTY:**

**THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES OF AN TÍR,  
KING KJARTAN DAEGARSON AND QUEEN SHA'YA KJARTANSKONA**

**THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES OF AN TÍR,  
TO BE DETERMINED AT [SEPTEMBER CROWN](#)**

**THEIR HIGHNESSES OF SUMMITS,  
PRINCE SVERRE BJORNHJARTA AND PRINCESS BREACA FLANNABHRA**

**THEIR EXCELLENCIES OF SUMMITS  
TO BE DETERMINED AT FALL CORONET - SEPTEMBER 16 - 18**

**THEIR HIGHNESSES OF TÍR RIGH,  
PRINCE THORWULF BJORNSSON AND PRINCESS WULFWYN OF MEDUSELD**

**THEIR EXCELLENCIES OF TÍR RIGH,  
TANIST ÍEUAN GOWER AND BAN-TANIST GWYNETH GOWER**

**THE CORONETS OF BLÁTHA AN OIR,  
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## BLAḠHA AN OIR CHAMPIONS:

LORD DEFENDER-

BARON SIR ALEKSII KONSTANTINOVICH CHERNYI

RAPIER CHAMPION-

HIS HONORABLE LORD SARGEANTŪ ULRIC MORGAN

ARTS & SCIENCE DEFENDER-

HER HONORABLE LADY SARGEANTŪ AUDNY REFSDOḠḠIR

ARCHERY CHAMPION-

BEORN OF THE JARNFOLK

THROWN WEAPONS DEFENDER-

BARON SIR ALEKSII KONSTANTINOVICH CHERNYI

PAGES OF BLAḠHA AN OIR-

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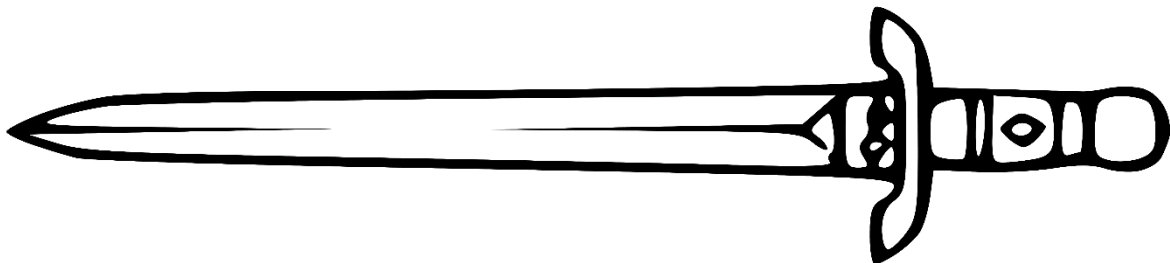
BARDIC CHAMPION-

HIS HONORABLE LORD SARGEANTŪ GAREḠH ALBARIC OF  
EASḠBROOK

SHIELD OF THE BARONY-

DANER OF THE JARNFOLK

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





*PROGRESS OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES  
OF BLAGHA AN OIR:*

*AUGUST 18-22*

*AUTUMN WAR - BARONY OF BLAGHA AN OIR*

# BLATHA AN OIR UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

## Welcome to Autumn War 2016!

A call to arms!

The Northmen have come to our shores to claim the lands and throne of England led by Baron Hengist Helgasson (aka Harald Hardrada). Count Sir Styrkarr Jarlsskald (aka Harold Godwinson) has called forth his Saxon warriors to meet him in battle...to fearlessly face the Raven feeder head on and keep he and his bloodthirsty warriors at bay.

Come join the Baron of Blatha an Oir as we celebrate the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harald Hardrada's attack on England and the Battle of Stamford Bridge. This five day event will include fighting (both heavy and rapier), archery, arts and sciences competitions, Thrown Weapons, brewing contests, siege cooking competition, Iron Needle contest and much, much more!

Site Fee: \$30 for the five day event or \$20 for one day. Children up to 17 years old are going to be guests of the Barony of Blatha an Oir. SCA Members receive a \$5 discount.

Site opens Thursday August 17 at 11am for merchants only and 1pm for the populace. Site closes Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm for EVERYONE.

Site address: Nix farm, 220 Nix Road, Chehalis, WA 98532.

### **Autumn War Important Information on Fires**

For those that smoke please remember that smoking is only allowed in your encampment. No smoking (even in your car) from the time you leave the paved street until you reach your encampment.

**ADDITIONAL GATHERINGS:**

**business meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 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 Blatna an Oir and/or gather information about our barony.

**weekly sewing nights every Monday at 7pm at 4105 Yakima Ave, Tacoma, WA 98410**

**weekly Fighter and Rapier practice every Tuesday 6:30 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary School, 902 E. 53rd St., Tacoma, WA 98404**

**weekly Archery practice every Sunday at 1pm at Skookum Archery Range, 11209 Shaw Rd. E., Puyallup, WA**

**monthly scribeal night 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6 - 9 p.m. Tacoma Star Center, 3073 S 66th St, Tacoma, WA 98409**





## Baronial Business Meeting April 21, 2016

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- \$30,632.39; \$2065.76

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- absent reported by Baron Hengist- 10 fighters at fight practice this past week.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- We've had 2 nicely attended practices in the past 2 weeks. Atlatl range is permanent.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- Nothing to report

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – Kingdom report in.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FitzWilliam of Carlisle reported by Lady Sigrid Erikkona-

Several baronial artisans contributed their handiwork and time to the Knight's Auction at 12th Night. Elizabeth FitzWilliam contributed baked goods and Angharat verch Reynulf facilitated bidding and security for the auction.

Classes: Several classes were held at our Candlemas, February 6th.

what class was held: beginning naalbinding  
who taught it: HL Audny Refsdottir  
how many folks attended: 7

what class was held: handsewing - make a coif  
who taught it: HL Elizabeth FitzWilliam  
how many folks attended 6

what class was held: Silent Heraldry  
who taught it: HL Sabina Fletcher  
how many folks attended 8

what class was held: Marzipan basics  
who taught it: HL Angharat verch Reynulf  
how many folks attended 5

Two artisans from the barony entered single entry items at Kingdom Arts, Sciences, and Bardic Competition, March 5th, hosted by Glymm Mere at Ocean Shores.

Prep for Embers and Ambrosia at the end of April is in full swing. The classes and instructors are amazing. This event will also host the Daffodil Archery Tourney and the Bardic Championship.

Sewing Night continues on Monday evenings, except for the fourth Monday, which is now project night at the Knights of Pythias Hall, downtown Tacoma.

Scribal continues the second Wednesday.

April: outside the reporting period, but has info pertaining to future events. Several members of the barony attended the Arts and Sciences Day camp, hosted by Dragon's Lair. This is NOT an official SCA function, but rather a casual gathering of those who wish to learn, create, and share. Blatha an Oir will look for a location to host a regional day camp in November.

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- Nothing to report

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Lady Thomasina Fairamay- last Wednesday we had 3 scribes including 1 newcomer. 3 concept designs approved. Restocking seals soon. 16 of 17 Kingdom charters turned in and looked great.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – 2 emails: 1 rapier and 1 family. Brian Blackwood, a gentle new to the area, appreciated his welcome.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- absent

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Nothing to report

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- class schedule is up and \_\_\_\_\_ blathaanoir dot org. Continue to make updates. Need pictures of our populace with personae biography.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- Have tabs for the trailer. Getting ready for Embers & Ambrosia. Throw weapons

Family Activities: Open Position-

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath absent reported by His Lordship Jazod—social at fight practice is going well. Need help with Kingdom retinue at Embers & Ambrosia.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- Baronial letters of intent and resumes due May 1<sup>st</sup>. May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the meet and greet the candidates. June 2<sup>nd</sup> is polling. Please notify Seneschal by May 19<sup>th</sup> if you need an absentee ballot.

Need bids by next business meeting. Lord Defenders in September may have a place in process. Harvest Feast, place is possible.

Deputies are needed for all positions.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- Please send in recommendations for awards. Three weeks ago our only candidate for Sergeantry had to withdraw from trials. However, we are still going to support Wyewood's Sergeantry Trials on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business: Cloak design finalized. Project Monday will design colors. Goal to have them done by Autumn War.

New Business:

Embers & Ambrosia:

- Tent and RV fees are for weekend not per day
- 7 vendors coming
- Need donations for archery competition; small items would be appreciated
- Information is on our website
- 3 people are competing for Bardic Champion
- Need volunteers for setup, tear down and gate
- Set up at 1 or 2 Friday

Autumn War:

- Biffys are reserved
- Event team meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm at Jazod's house
- Starting the schedule

Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

Baronial Business Meeting  
May 19, 2016

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- \$2065.78 & \$30,282.39. We raised \$439 for the regalia fund and purchased the fabric. Have \$237 left.

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt reported by Jazod – Duke Patrick from Caid came out last Tuesday. We've been averaging 5-10 fighters each week with a couple new fighters as well.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- 3 practices since last business meeting. We have a functional atlatl range. No practice next Sunday due to Crown. No one has used thrown weapons in a year. Need to find a good home for it.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- absent

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – I'm in need of a deputy.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FitzWilliam of Carlisle reported by Lady Sigrid Erikkona – A big thank you to all that taught classes at Embers & Ambrosia. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 6-9 pm we are having a project night at the Pythias Hall. This month we will work on Gold Key. Sometimes we will have demos or classes. Please bring your project and join us!

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- absent

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Lady Thomasina Fairamay- We met last week. Tasia ran the evening with our new baronial member, Rose who is doing fabulous work. We are working on Panthers to be replaced. Golden Weapon almost done.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – We have 2 members new to our barony from Drachenweld. I've had contact with 2 people through the website but haven't met up with them yet.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya reported by new deputy Audny – Bringing the stuff to project night so we can inventory everything and take stock to get ready for Autumn War.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- The newsletter finally got out.

Web Mistress: Baron Sir Aleksii- Audny is the new deputy. I've put up some old newspaper articles that Knut had from '83. Very fun to read to get a sense of how the SCA was at that time. If anyone has any newspaper articles about our barony or its members please consider sharing them on our website. Audny can do Wiki.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- Everything came back from Embers & Ambrosia nice and packed. Please give me 2 days notice if you need something. Also, please let me know if you have any baronial property.

Family Activities: Open Position- Waiting on background check.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath-

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- June 2<sup>nd</sup> is polling. Please bring your proof of membership. We will be switching up the day of the August business meeting and possibly September's as well.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- Our Noble Cousins of Glymm Mere, Baron Dunstan and Baroness Aelisia have REFUSED to pay taxes due us! We have to

march south to stomp them AGAIN! I will have to place my hob nailed foot on their NECKS!

Please sign up at gate, cook bacon, marshall, or any volunteering to help us get War Points. Our brewers are brewing 10 gallons of beer for war.

Sir Morgan will be at practice next Tuesday to take pictures of An Tir fighters. If you would like to be recognized on this webpage please come in your best armour.

Sir Aleksii is asking for volunteers to be in a Dune themed War Video to do before Honey War.

#### Old Business:

Embers & Ambrosia, Daffodil, Celtic Bardic Event: We had 158 Adults present. There was \$1000 site fee, \$90 for straw, \$5 copies, and some other miscellaneous things and we still made \$1720 profit. There was lots of excitement about next year. I recommend keeping the events together next year.

Award Charms: Call for someone that can do casting to make our daffodil and briar award charms. OR If you have any ideas please let the Baron & Baroness know. We are thinking possibly doing medallions in the same style as Kingdom? This would be viable price-wise and would work well as a back-up. We need to get something figured out by June Business Meeting. We hope to beta test a chat feature to RESPECTFULLY discuss this on the baronial webpage.

Autumn War: coins have been ordered and are being worked on right now; garbage contract signing tomorrow; biffy contract is done, the website is mostly up; & PRE-REG is set up.

#### New Business:

We have 2 bids for Lord Defender.

Need bid for Harvest Feast; we have a hall. This will be the first feast for the new Baron & Baroness and needs to be special. Deadline for bids is June Business Meeting.

Need bids for Candlemas, Daffodil, Celtic Bardic, and Embers & Ambrosia.

We are resuming discussion with Longbranch.

The Swiss Sportsman Club is changing its policy. They will be requiring a member of their club that is a male with Swiss blood. To be a member you have to attend meetings, volunteer work hours, and \$300. Barony may be able to assist with part of \$300.

Audny is heading up a subcommittee to have an event that is youth focused – perhaps teaming up with neighboring baronies. Please contact her if you are interested in this idea.

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.



## Baronial Business Meeting June 16, 2016

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- \$30,311.46 and money market has \$2,065.80

Heavy Marshal: reported by HL Jazod Felygo- no injuries

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- practice is happening and there has been participation

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- absent

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – will be getting with Gabbhain Mac Findlay to discuss getting some tournaments set up

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FitzWilliam of Carlisle reported by Lady Sigrid Erikkona- absent

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- absent

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Lady Thomasina Fairamay- We had 5 painters at the last scribal night. Concepts have been approved for the next baron and baroness. Great Sword is being painted; Great Arrow awaiting language.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – A new person came to practice and had a really good time. Got a donation of garb, feast gear, & jewelry. Will have an auction for the jewelry.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya reported by deputy HL Audny- I have all the Gold Key and fabric. Will bring to project night.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Nothing to report

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- Website for Autumn War is up and running again. I need your announcement if you are running an activity for Autumn War. Deputy should get password tonight. Please submit your old photos and articles. Send me announcements to put on website – don't only post on Facebook.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- Everything was still there as of 2 weeks ago. If you need anything, I will be there on June 26<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. to meet with someone else.

Family Activities: Open Position- Julianna resubmitting paperwork.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- Nothing to report.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- Need bids for Harvest Feast and Candlemas. Dates for Embers & Ambrosia have been sent for calendar.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- This Sunday at 10 am we are doing the video for Honey War. Come in your armour & garb to Sir Aleksii's house.

Old Business:

Autumn War

- 15 confirmed merchants; 2 food merchants have applied
- Copy in for Crier July and August issue
- Insurance check next Tuesday
- Deposit for Mr. Nix is getting mailed
- Hay needs to be ordered
- A&S classes are coming along

There may be dog coursing.  
Youth Combat is coming along.

New Business:

- Lord Defenders:  
Deposit for site is done.  
Had contact with all Champions except Rapier  
Have a contact name for Honeybuckets  
Saturday night will be a vigil style potluck. Delicious looking foods presented for people to nibble on and move about to visit.
- Suggestion to move Arts and Sciences Championship to Embers & Ambrosia. Bardic Champion will be held then as well. All parties think it's a great idea. Audny will get notice to Aleksii for webpage.
- Found a local business to get an estimate for the seal matrix moulds. Sir Gernon stated that between he and his squires they have about 80% of the equipment necessary to do castings.

Adjourned: 7:35 pm

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