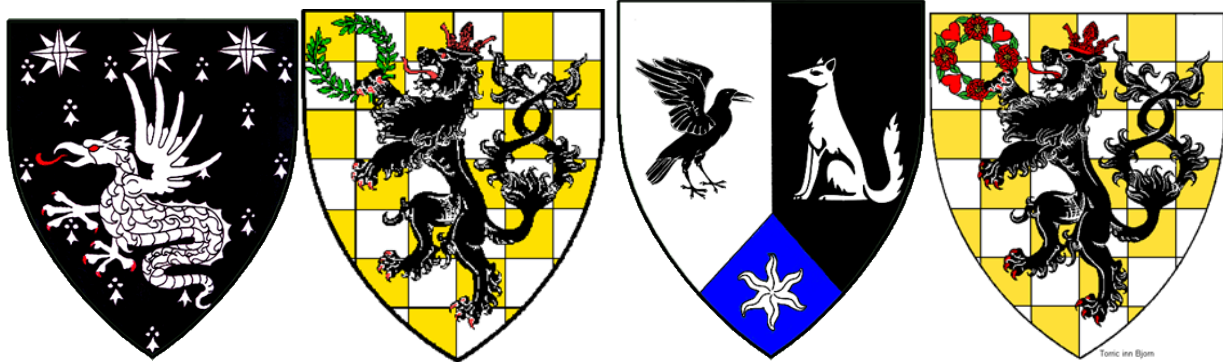


# The Blatherings

Spring AS LI  
(Gregorian 2017)  
The Barony of Blatha an Oir



## An Tir Royalty:

### Their Royal Majesties of An Tir

King Styrkarr Jarlskald and Queen Dagrún Stjarna

### Their Royal Highnesses of An Tir

TBA May Crown Tourney

### Their Highnesses of Summits,

Prince Tjorkill Kanne and Princess Alina of Folkstone

### Their Highnesses of Tir Righ,

Prince Einar Guntharson and Princess Glynis Fawr

### The Coronets of Blatha an Oir,

Baron Gernon Valletort du Harfleur and

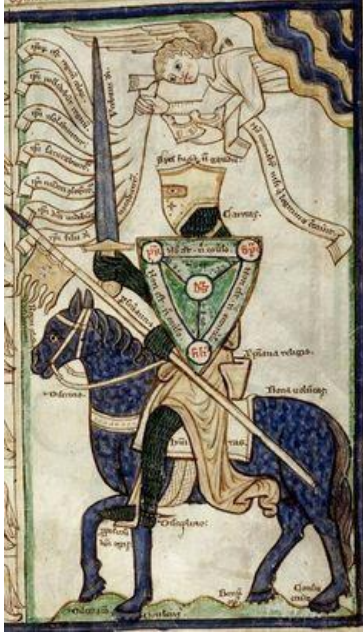
Baroness A'yse al-Zahra (mka: Darin and Alice Waller)

Phone: 253-732-9040 (A'yse) 253-732-4225 (Gernon)

### Head of Retinue

Mistress Elspeth nic Grath, O.P. (mka: Beth Park)

Phone: 253-255-4625



## *Blatha an Oir Champions:*

Lord Defender (Heavy Fighting) – Sir Guy Grimsson

Shield of the Barony (Heavy Fighting) – Asher der Jager

Rapier – Balian MacEoghain

Arts & Sciences – HL Audny Refsdottir, Sergeant of BaO

Archery – HL Phydeaux Weir

Thrown Weapons– HL Ivan Leskov

Baronial Pages – Thela Fletcher & Yoshi Kurohayashi

Bardic – Lady Annik de Venoux



Other baronial news and information can be found on our baronial web site.

<http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/>

# *Blatha an Oir Upcoming Events:*

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

## **Embers and Ambrosia**

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, at 3:00 PM Friday, 9:00 AM Saturday, ending Sunday

Swiss Sportsman Club Park

9205 198th Ave E

Bonney Lake, WA 98391

## **Autumn War**

August 10, 2017 to August 14, 2017

Name: Nix Ranch

220 Nix Road

Chehalis, WA 98532

Additional Gatherings...

**Business Meeting 4th 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 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 at 6:30pm at Sheridan Elementary School, 902 E. 53rd St., Tacoma, WA 98404

**Weekly Social** Every Tuesday at 6:00pm at 902 E. 53rd St, Tacoma, WA 98404 (across from fight practice. Please be respectful of the host's home).

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

**Monthly Scribal Night** 2nd Thursday at 6 – 9 p.m. Tacoma Star Center, 3873 S 66th St, Tacoma, WA 98409



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Baronial Business Meeting January 26, 2017 7 pm

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir-Checking: \$31,510.05. Money Trend Acct.: \$2,065.94. All baronial property must be reported to Exchequer via form available on baronial website and through Facebook page.

Heavy Marshal: HL Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh – Deputy HL Jazod reports first tourney of the season fought last weekend. Winner was Sir Aleksii. Fight practice continues Sundays at 1 pm. Two new fighters showed up at last practice, have had a good turnout at practices. No injuries to report.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Due to crown and the weather there have been no practices in January and will not be a practice this weekend due to Ursulmas. Will post to Gate and to Facebook if practice is on that weekend.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- No report, not present.

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf –HL Angharat not at tourney due to the plague.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle reported via email read by Ellisif Leifsdottir-

Fourth Quarter Arts and Sciences Report, covering October through December 2016

Activity in the Barony:

Sewing night - Mondays at the home of Angharad, in Tacoma.

Dance practice has moved to Fridays at the home of Countess Judith, in DuPont.

Soft armor kit construction and armor research has moved to Fridays at the home of HL Stefano, in DuPont.

Scribal workshop is the 2nd Thursday at the Star Center.

For directions to the regular events, please consult the baronial web page or Facebook.

The new baronial cloak project is in a holding pattern. Fabric has been cut and designs has been vetted.

Several classes were held at Harvest Feast in November. (I was out of country, so I missed it)

Letters of intent to enter at any level of Kingdom Arts, Sciences, and Bardic is Friday of 12th Night. Support the members of our barony who are competing. If you've never competed or judged, please be sure to check it out. It isn't scary!

Arts and Sciences championship has been moved to the same date as Bardic championship and Embers & Ambrosia, which is the last weekend in April. Letters of intent due at Candlemas.

Herald: HL Emma Maydekyng- No report; not present. Accepting letters of intent for Herald position. Position will be split to officer and deputy with duties split. Voice heralds accepted as needed per event.

Scribe: Lady Thomasina Fairamay-First scribal night of the year held, three attendees, next Scribal Night is the 2nd Thursday of February (the 9th).

Castellan: Lord Seigmund Faust – Report via email, read by Ellisif Leifsdottir. I have had one contact. The social went well. Mykel was in armor for the first time and Diana was in armor for the second time. We are having a social next week February 2nd at the South End Community Center 1614 99th Street East Tacoma, WA starting 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya reported by Deputy HL Audny- a new box of items has been received from Castellan, not yet inventoried. Garb borrowed at Harvest Feast. Everything has been cleaned/repared and is ready for use.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- New deputy chronicler, Taro Kurohayahsi, present. Accepting letters of intent for Chronicler position.

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- Working with deputy on preparing new Autumn War 2017 update event on Baronial web page. Forward new events to the web master for including on the baronial webpage. The domain has been renewed for this year, will need renewing again next January.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- Nothing to report.

Family Activities: open- Still open. Accepting letters of intent. Position will be easy to run with new YAFA program.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- Not present, sends her regards. Practice socials begin again in spring.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- Baronial trailer was stolen from storage site. Police report has been filed. No leads yet. If you see the trailer, call the Seneschal who will contact the police. Police advise stolen items generally take 6-12 mos to filter out to online for sale sites. Called for a vote to absorb Ratha an Oir funds back into baronial funds. Kingdom no longer RaO on its books, and the stronghold

has been inactive. Baroness Shawna and Baron Moonshadow have RaO items in their safe keeping. Unanimous vote to reabsorb funds. RaO can be started up again later, if interest allows.

Baron Gernon & Baroness A'yse- After trailer theft, offers of aid throughout the Kingdom have been tremendous. Glymm Mere offered to lend any items required for holding events. The barony of Tera Premera will be holding an A&S day to create/paint new baronial pennants to donate to the barony. Dame Johanna has offered to make new banner to donate.

old Business:

First social of the year held.

New Business

Candlemas will be held 2/11/17. Please RSVP. We must have head count to provide for banquet permit which is required by the site. Court of Love to be held with prize for the winner. Roast beef and soup for main course.

Embers and Ambrosia will be held 4/28-4/30/2017 at the Swiss Sportsman's club. Three contenders for A&S champion. Baronial Bardic champion to run Celtic Bardic. Letters of Intent to Compete for Bardic Champion should be sent to B&B and to Champion. Baron Yusuf to run archery tourney with archery champion. GM pavilions to be lent if needed. Classes will be Ithra qualified. There is a separate tent fee of \$10 per tent, this is a site requirement. Their Majesties will be in attendance.

Adjourned: 7:58 pm

## Baronial February 2017 Business Meeting

### Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- The dilapidated state of the trailer used for the castle, currently at Brian's house. Called for a vote to be removed from the financial report. Populace voted and a majority called in favor of removing trailer from financial report.

Please remember to report Baronial property including but not limited to sergeant buckles. We need to make sure resources are returned to the barony and this includes documenting resources currently in use so that a complete list of assets may be made. This is a Kingdom requirement. Sergeant's buckles are not expected to be returned unless Sergeant's wish to.

A "new" trailer to replace the previous trailer has been discovered. The trailer is the same size of the previous trailer, is an identifiable shade of blue, it has locks, and will be outfitted with a tongue lock and door lock. The trailer is being sold by Sir Einar, and the cost is \$2,500. A vote was called for from the populace and approved by a majority vote for the purchase of the trailer.

The barony currently does not have enough in the account for two years of events so it is vital that all peoples of the barony promote the upcoming events to draw in newcomers. The current balance is \$2,300 below last year's balance due to lost assets. Budget is online for review and has been approved for the upcoming event calendar.

Vote called for to approve this year's budget. Budget approved with majority vote.

\$2,065 Money trend account will be closed and used to purchase new trailer. Primary checking account balance is 30,855.87.

Herald: - Mickel of Morganwc has submitted and been accepted as Herald effective today complete with the "New Herald" smell.

Heavy Marshal: HL Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh – Deputy reporting. Two new fighters rounding out the field of fourteen which included knights and squires. The Heavy Marshal reports no injuries.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast-Not present. No report.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- No new business.

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf –No recent Baronial tournaments.



Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- reported by Deputy Kurohayashi Kintaro Nobu – Present and recording.

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- Has changed and modernized the Baronial web presence and made it more user friendly for the mobile devices. Site is still being improved. Improvements will include pages and attachments on updated requirements for sargentry, which will include the standards of those who currently serve, a page highlighting the Peers of the Barony and the Baronial Sergeants. The Web Master reminds those who have not already done so to make sure spelling of one's title and standard are accurate.

Web Mistress: Please keep in mind, pictures may not be used without a release, double check the An Tir Wiki for accuracy and current information documenting all awards, and the device link is active.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle – The classes at Candlemas were well attended it is therefore vitally important that teachers share their knowledge with their fellow gentry. An extension is also required to continue in current position to HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle. Position may be available soon please ask for more information.

Scribe: Lady Thomasina Fairamay-Well attended scribal meeting. Due to members getting lost at the STAR center, first scribe to arrive will check in at the front desk to give location of the meeting. Kingdom charters are in the works, new member from Alabama will be joining meeting shortly, and next meeting will be the second Thursday in March.

Castellan: Lord Seigmund Faust –Not present. Report read by Seneschal, good social attendance with three new contacts. Keurig has donated coffee to the Barony.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- the Baroness has reestablished contact with the Masonic Hall in Tacoma. The hall which has been recently renovated, holds 329 people within the banquet hall, has a large formal chapel/court room that accommodates 271 people with several thrones, and a separate formal area that may accommodate 60 people with a fireplace. Furthermore, the kitchen has a microwave, two large "prep" sinks, food trolleys, pots and pans, and an industrial dishwasher separate from the dishwashing room where there is a secondary industrial dishwasher and sink! There is PLENTY of off street parking, tacks in the walls are okay, there is a ladder, and they are flexible with allowing people in early for decorating. All this and more for \$800 with a \$300 deposit. If the hall is booked within the same calendar year, the price drops down to \$500! In addition, there are multiple money saving

configurations available if a smaller attendance is expected and the representative is flexible. Three cheers for the Baroness!

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya. Reported by Deputy HL Audny- No new business.

Family Activities: open (May be filled soon! More information to come!)

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- New trailer will need a home for one month until a new storage facility is found. Currently researching prices on replacement tent poles, stakes, and ropes for remaining top, and eric stakes. Wheel lock for new trailer will be delivered on the 28th of February. Donations to the Barony include a five gallon water cooler and a pop-up.

Baron Gernon & Baroness A'yse- A name and device are required to participate in this year's Crown Tourney. Aid will be given to those in need of completing the submission from our new herald Mickel of Morganwc. Financial aid is available through Kingdom as well as from the Baron Gernon and several other Knights, should finances be lacking and the request made in a timely manner. For those needing shield plaques for crown tourney, the Barony has some available and several members of the populace have volunteered to paint them with devices. The Rose Tourney will go forward when weather permits, event will be on short notice. Please come out to support the barony.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- We have enough money for current events and purchase a gently used trailer with a tongue lock (boot arriving by the 28th). Boot will be coming out of the Chamberlin's budget. Finances will be discussed after every meeting save this one, as they were covered in Exchequer report.

Old Business:

Candlemas was held and the turn-out was good. A&S and gate classes held. The populace brought a large quantity of food and drink. The location was acquired on short notice. However, the site manager was pleased with the cleanliness of the site and offered to waive security deposit in the future.

New Business

Upcoming event Embers and Ambrosia! Site tokens are being made, Anita will be decorating the hall, classes to include lampworking, calligraphy, and possibly a fight theory class by Duke Paul. Seven vendors have signed up for the event and preregistration will begin shortly. Moonshadow has made and donated leather badges as prizes for the archery tourney.

Autumn War- Biffies and garbage service has been arranged. The Chamberlin will be contacting site owner soon. Theme will be BAO vs. Ship Crew, the website is being updated and under construction. Preregister will be open in early March per Exchequer.

Lord Defenders- Bid has been received at the time of meeting.

Sergeants Trials- Event site needed. May be combining event with another Barony.

Harvest Feast- Accepting bids.

Accepting all 2018 event bids.

Notes by "Taro" Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

## Baronial March 2017 Business Meeting

### Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- Current warrant is up and a one year extension is in process. Baroness Shauna (as signor) will close the money trend account with a balance of \$2,065.98. The primary account has a balance of \$31,248.87. Financial meeting to follow the business meeting.

Herald: Mickel of Morganwc- One device in process, two consulted devices and standards, with five awards.

Heavy Marshal: HL Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh – Deputy reporting. Fight practice schedule change from Sundays to Tuesdays at 6:30 starting April 4th. Rose Tourney will be Sunday the 26th and starts at 11 a.m., 10 a.m. for set-up. Bring pop-ups.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast-Not present. No report.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Had practice with three ranges operational and with scoring available. Atlatl starting set-up on Saturday TBA. Thrown weapons marshal will submit scores.

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf –Will be at Rose Tourney to run lists.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- reported by Deputy Kurohayashi Kintaro Nobu – Present and recording.

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- Continuing work on peers and Sargentry pages on baronial website. Still need submissions for a complete list, will have a complete list on Facebook and Blatha an Oir website within the next few months.

Web Mistress: Please keep in mind, pictures may not be used without a release, double check the An Tir Wiki for accuracy and current information documenting all awards, and the device link is active.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle – Not a lot on the A&S front, cloaks are moving forward for Autumn War.

Scribe: Lady Thomasina Fairamay-Scribal night has new designs in process and pre-production. Scribal night is the second Thursday of every month at the Star Center.

Castellan: Lord Seigmund Faust – Not present, report read by Seneschal. I have had 2 email contacts and I met with 2 people who are rejoining at the social. The social is still going strong and everyone's having a blast so we are doing again next month on the 6th. We are doing a demo/rose tourney on Sunday the

26th at the corner of 72nd and Sheridan at Wapato Park in Tacoma. Please come in garb and bring a project. I have started the organization of the demo for the WHO convention June 9th and 10th if you would like to participate I need an RSVP because you will need a badge. If you have any questions feel free to message me you can send emails to me from the baronial website

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- Rose Tourney Sunday. Bring snacks. BYOB social April 4th. Reminder, taxes are due and the one last tax extension comes due at Embers. A list of Largess is available on Facebook and depends on what comes through the Dragonslair auction. Donate something you make or services! Such as, creating a custom banner, tunic, or craft.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya. No new donations. Need donation of time and volunteers for minor repairs, sort, and clean.

Family Activities: Applicant for position working through the process.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- Have gone through storage on Tuesday and found the old canvas 20x30 top and its matching walls. This is an old but functional set that needs to be washed before use. May still need to build poles and uprights to test. All of the old baronial pillows and clothing/cloaks are rotting and have to be stored in a temperature controlled area. Old Autumn War shirts have been written off as they are over two years old. They will be donated to anyone present at the meeting or to Goodwill. There are other items including mannequins which will be donated or stored elsewhere to preserve condition and make room.

Kingdom Youth Officer: Embers will be the first event to have youth and achievement (YAFA) classes. Children will receive tokens at court for Archery and Calligraphy. Youth must be signed up for YAFA to get tokens. Appropriate ages are 5-14/15. Division one classes are meant to be taken by a child with their parent assisting. Participation forms must be signed off by an A&S officer. Officer available to answer any questions about the program through email.

Baron Gernon & Baroness A'yse- Rose Tourney this Sunday marks the last weekend fight practice. Please remember to be respectful when visiting Beth's house during Tuesday socials. The Barony of Green Mountains had a baronial meeting this week and voted to donate \$500 to help our barony. This is another sign of our Baronies pulling together to support us in our time of need and reminds us of why we participate in the SCA. In an effort to show thanks, the Baroness would like to put together largess baskets to the baronies which have donated items or funds to BaO and thank you cards from the populace. Scribes

will make thank you scrolls to be signed. Agreed that deadline for this should be June Faire.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- Be respectful of the Kingdom Judging form and those who use it. The form is not up for debate. Format is up to the champion. Remember to be respectful when communicating with other members of the SCA online.

Old Business:

None.

New Business

Upcoming event Embers and Ambrosia! Ten vendors, four bardic with possible fifth competitor, and three A&S submissions. Camping will be tight this year, make sure to preregister ASAP! Friday has one class for gate, all other classes are on Saturday with Sunday reserved for clean-up and goodbyes. Mistress Christiana will teach a class on the Kingdom A&S judging forms. Baronial tea to be held at 1pm on Saturday. Majesties will be camping the whole weekend. Dragons Lair Laurels will be setting up cooking demo again this year. Duke Paul Bellatrix will be teaching fight theory classes. Our own Baron and Baroness will also be teaching classes. Aestal Herald will be consulting on device and name submissions. Scribal will be available to pain shield designs for list shields. Barony gift of name and standard submission will be extended if needed, seven are still available. Archery support (three man team) in charge of missile ranges would be appreciated.

Archery marshal requested to be contacted by the E&A archery tourney team.

Notes by "Taro" Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

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