



The Blatherings Winter AS XLIX (Gregorian 2014) The Barony of Blatha an Oir

Words from Their Excellencies Hengist and Marika:

Greetings unto the good and kind gentles of Blatha an Oir,

I have spent a lot of time reflecting upon this glorious barony. Back as far as I have been a part of it which is 20 years now. All of the incredible and amazing people we have here or that have been here. All that this barony has achieved and accomplished over the years. It's overwhelming.

I see the now and I see so many faces working so hard to create fabulous events, being diligent in their jobs as officers, participating in socials and practices, working hard and making time to do their part in making the dream flourish. The sewing nights and scribal, rapier, heavy fighting, culinary. The list goes on and on. We are surely a busy group!

Every one of you. Every part you play whether you feel it is large or small. Whether you are active now or were in the past. You are all the heartbeat of Blatha an Oir. To our newcomers who are jumping in head first. Our future looks so bright indeed.

When so many people with such diverse backgrounds can come together and make this thing we all love be great simply for the love this game and love of this barony. Can anything be more special? You all inspire me to no end and I am so honored to be in your company. Thank you for the continued inspiration Blatha an Oir. You humble me.

Marika Sigrunardottir
Baroness of Blatha an Oir

We bring tidings of great news! On Saturday evening during the court of Their Majesties Savaric and Dalla, Warin of Essex, squired to our very own Sir Gernon Valletort du Harfleur was placed on vigil to the order of the chivalry. His knighting will take place at May crown. If you can Make it to May crown to witness his elevation to knighthood and share in his and his families joy. Please do. This is our Baronies first knighting since his most excellent Excellency Sir Aleksii was knighted.

Saturday evening our most fabulous Rapier Champion vested all of his opponents and became the Queens Rapier Champion! Congratulations Verith de Prendergast.

We look forward to seeing you more as the days get longer and the nights shorter. Spring is almost upon us. Soon the trees will be green and the daffodils will be in bloom. We wish everyone the best of the new season and look forward to many events together.

In service always to the crown of An Tir and the beautiful land of the golden blossom
Hengist and Marika
Proud Baron and Baroness of Blatha an Oir.

An Tir Royalty:

Their Royal Majesties of An Tir,

King Savaric de Porte des Lions and Queen Dalla Hjalbaadsdottir

Their Royal Highnesses of An Tir,

to be determined at [May Crown](#)

Their Highnesses of Summits,

Prince William Geoffrey the Rogue and Princess Diana de Winterton

Their Excellencies of Summits,

to be determined [Summits March Coronet](#)

Their Highnesses of Avacal,

Prince Kvigr Ivarsson and Princess Svava Suanhuita

Their Royal Majesties of Avacal,

To be determined Avacal May Crown

May 1-3, 2015, Shire of Bitter End, Red Deer AB

Their Highnesses of Tir Righ,

Prince Kerrigan and Princess Lenora di Calizzan

Their Excellencies of Tir Righ,

Tanist Olen Medvedovich Ovanov and ban-Tanist Chiara Fiamma

The Coronets of Blatha an Oir:

Baron Hengist Helgason and Baroness Marike Sigrunasdotter (mka: Jon and De na 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 Gavius Britannicus Dominus

Rapier Champion- Lord Vertith 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- Sir Valtorr of Oslo

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:



Jan 23-25th ~Ursulmas (Aquaterra), day trip

Jan 31~Candlemas

Feb 14 ~Candlemas (Dragonslaire)

March 7~Kingdom A&S/Bardic Championship

April 10-12~Baroness' War/Hopping Phules War

March 17-19~Perfectly Period Feast North

May 2~Daffodil Archery

May 15-17~May Crown

May 22-25~Grand Thing X

May 29-31~Mayfaire

June 5-7~June Faire

June 19-21~Honey War- War of the Reeses

June 26-28~Embers and Ambrosia/Celtic Bardic

July 1-5~An Tir/West War

July 10-12~Dragon's Down XXIV

July 17-19~July Coronation

July 25-26~Game of Thrones and Stormgods

Aug 12-17~Autumn War

Aug 20-23~Sport of Kings

Sept 4-7~September Crown Tournament

Blatha an Oir Upcoming Events:

Candlemas January 31 @ 9:30 am - 10:00 pm \$8.00

The Barony of Blatha An Oir invites you to take refuge from the cold dark days at Winter's End as we fill the feast hall with candle light and good cheer. This ancient holiday is also known as Brigit's Day, and so we honor the Irish goddess and patron saint of smith craft, healing, and poetic inspiration with Gaming, our traditional SCA Swap Meet, Baronial Court, a Potluck Feast, and A&S Classes. For more

information <http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/event/candlemas-2015/>

First Thursday February 5 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm AND March 5 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Free

Greetings! As fall and winter is upon us, our socials will once again be changing from once a week to once a month. It's time to take the popular baronial social indoors for the rainy cold season! Social, 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. For more

information <http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/event/first-thursday/all/>

Monthly Tournament February 22 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm AND March 29 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Free/Donations accepted

Blatha an Oir monthly tourney, practice your tourney mind set, brush off the dust or just get some experience in the tourney environment. For more information

<http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/event/monthly-tournament/all/>

Business Meeting February 19 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pmish AND March 19 @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 pmish Free

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. For more information <http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/event/baronial-business-meeting/all/>

Weekly Sewing Nights Every Monday at 7pm at 4105 Yakima Ave, Tacoma, WA 98418

Weekly Fighter and Rapier Practice Every Sunday at 11am at Seven Swords Academy, 2321 104th St Ct S, Lakewood, WA 98499 through March.

Weekly Archery Practice Resuming as soon as weather is better on every Sunday at 1pm at Skookum Archery Range, 11209 Shaw Rd. E., Puyallup, WA Watch [The Postern Gate](#) for announcement when it begins again.

Monthly Cooking Night Coming Soon!! Be alert for updates!

Baronial Meeting Notes: October 18, 2014

Notes by: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: HL Markos de Villa Verde- Money Market Account \$2,065.38, Interest \$0.02, Checking \$34,314.25 for a total of \$36,379.65

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- Practice has switched to Sundays. Attendance is down, but that is to be expected during off season. Practice is being posted to Facebook. There has been 1 new contact. Loaner gear is now on site at HEMA or will be by Sunday. Quarterly report has been sent in.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Practices continue to have a decent turnout because of good weather. If the good weather continues there will be practice on Sunday.

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- Absent

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf- Three different lists were kept at Lord Defender. There was a large turnout and paperwork has been submitted. The tourney last month was cancelled due to low attendance.

Chirurgeon: Vacant- Still accepting applications

Arts & Sciences: HL Bellanette de Villa Verde- Held first Meet & Make as well as First Thursday, it's transitional but seems to be going well.

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- Five consultations this past month, and 3 names & 6 pieces of armory have been submitted. Currently tracking 2 resubmissions through the process.

Scribe: HL Annaka Poznanska- Went to Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symposium. It was great. Represented the Barony at the consult table to get assistance regarding "Burning Spear/Sword/Arrow" awards. The result is "The Golden Spear/Sword/Arrow of Blatha an Oir." We will be resubmitting soon. Sold four Ceremonials, still some left at \$6 each. Also there are Charters available for painting.

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson- Quarterly report has been sent. New Comers being held on Sunday- 1 response so far. On Nov 15th Fruitland Grange has been in contact regarding a "how-to" demo. There will be at least 1 table, possibly more. Scribal & Fiber Arts are desired. May look into doing this jointly with Wyewood.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- Garb has been acquired and sorted through. Some pieces need to be removed. There's also fabric to make new things.

Chronicler: Lady Sumayya bint Amar- Absent

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- Absent

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer- Trailer & Storage are still there. Trailer was organized by The Tribe at Lord Defender- Thank You!

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- Four Youth Activities were held at Lord Defender. Also emailed copies of the Kingdom maps to two Sergeants

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- Reminder- Quarterly reports are due to Kingdom superiors. Also we still need bids for Celtic Bardic (March 13-15, 2015), Daffodil Archery (May 1-3, 2015), and Embers & Ambrosia (-June 26-28, 2015), Autumn War (August 12-17, 2015), Lord Defender (Sept. 18-20, 2015), and Harvest Feast (TBD 2015).

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Thank you all for coming.

Old Business:

Autumn War: Final numbers TBD

Lord Defender: 135 people, event was positive, great potluck, made money based on budget.

Harvest Feast: Excited for the feast. Fish, fowl, & pig will be served. Site tokens hand-made by The Tribe. Family Activities- Silverware, for everyone, no cost. Asking for femo clay donations 9 sets avail-able, bring your own set is suggested. Pre-reg closes Tuesday, October 21st. All previous Autumn War T-Shirt on clearance sale 5/\$20 all same size.

Candlemas: Event copy on website & budget needed. 2 rooms at the Slavonian Hall Family Activities- Salsa jar lanterns. Dancing Games Need Gate- Zophia & Otto have volunteered. Save stuff for the swap meet! Fun Times to be had!

All other events need bids, please. Asking for themes for Autumn War 2015

ABC Day: There was a Thank You card received, had a great response. There is a 1:30 video posted including fighting and Gareth, who was a huge hit. We had 6 fighters there. Date next year competes with Baron's Ball on October 3, 2015. Made 4 contacts.

First Thursday: It went well with about 40 people in attendance, 3 new comers. Plenty of meeting, socializing, dancing. It was nice to be inside out of the weather. It's a great way for new comers to meet the Barony & explore. Maybe put up a sign on the table to let people know what's going on, example- "Scribal," "New Comers Nook," Heraldry" Dancing from 5-7, then move tables to allow for more sitting Monthly Facebook event with posting for potluck

New Business:

Family Activities: 9 solar lights & jars are available to make solar lanterns. When is the populace interested? Suggested for Candlemas: State that there are finite numbers available on first sign- up, beyond that people will need to bring supplies. Adjourned: 7:53PM

November Business Meeting

Notes by: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: HL Markos de Villa Verde- Did not make it to the PO Box

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair Mac Roibeirt- Last practice of the year on Sunday until January 18, 2015.

Archery: Countess Shawna Kerr- Not present

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- Not Present

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf- Nothing to report until after the tourney on Sunday

Chirurgeon: Vacant- Still accepting applications

Arts & Sciences: HL Bellanette de Villa Verde- Nothing to report. There was no meeting held because of Thanksgiving.

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- Working with 5 people on submissions paperwork. Two devices and one name were recently accepted. Two resubmissions, one name, and one device are currently going through the acceptance process.

Scribe: HL Annaka Poznanska- Nothing new to report.

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson- Four new contacts were made. The demo at Do It Yourself Fest occurred, there was not much interest.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- Three people were garbed at Harvest Feast. There will be a sewing night in the future to repair old garb and make new.

Chronicler: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah (deputy) - The position is open and now accepting applications. Also looking for a Grete Booke Officer (Baronial historian) - this is a deputy position.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- Emails are working. If there are notifications about events, please email them- the earlier the better. Disclosures can be found on the website.

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer- Totes for table cloths and t-shirts need returned to storage.

Family Activities: HL Sebina Fletcher- Two Adults, two youth, and seventeen teens attended for the silverware class at Harvest Feast.

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- Bids are needed for Celtic Bardic, Daffodil Archery, Embers and Ambrosia, Autumn War, Lord Defender, and Harvest Feast 2015. The Customary process will begin on First Thursday in January, hopefully followed by Social. Second meeting will be First Thursday in March.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Hello Everybody!

Old Business:

-Harvest Feast: About 100 people in attendance. The following were collected in "taxes"- \$467 for The Wounded Warrior Project, a lot of food for the food bank, and a good amount of toys for Toys for Tots. The site was cleaned up and locked up by 11:30PM.

-Candlemas: Three commitments for classes. Site copy will be on the web by 12/1. Still looking for help with set up and the Swap Meet. There will be room for A&S displays

New Business:

-There is rattan in the loaner Iron Key. There is a desire to look into polypropylene as approved by Kingdom for replacements. Two sword lengths would be \$24.

-Lord Defender/Youth Champion: There is discussion about a youth champion. A small committee will discuss the criteria; potentially this may be a mini-sergeants trial. The hope is to have this ready by Lord Defender 2015. Will this award require Kingdom approval?

-Celtic Bardic & Ember and Ambrosia: These events will be combined in June on the weekend following Honey War: War of the Reese's.

-Kingdom A&S Fight Practice: To enter fighters must bring a mostly fighter made A&S project.

-First Thursday December: This will be appetizers only. The December Business Meeting will be very short and followed by the traditional Potluck Social.

Adjourned: 7:73PM

BLATH AN OIR BUSINESS MEETING

December 18, 2014

Taken by HL Emma Maydekyng

Old Business:

- Positions open: *Chirurgeon and Family Activities*
- Reports are due January 31st
- Customary Meeting will be held *January 1, 2015 at 5 p.m. at the South End Community Center, 1614 99th Street East Tacoma, WA.* Please email the **Seneschal AND the Baroness if you need further information before the meeting. There will be socializing after meeting.**
- Thursday Social is cancelled for January 2015

Officers Reports

Exchequer: Money Market Acct. Bal. = \$2,065

Regular Acct. Bal. = \$34,751

Herald: 3 names and 6 devices are in progress and we are doing paperwork on 6 items.

Heavy Marshall: Fight practice is suspended until January 18. Alasdair is continuing to research the neoprene swords

Rapier Marshall: New people have been coming to train

Archery Marshall: Practice suspended and will resume in February

List Mistress: The winner of the Heavy Tournament November 23rd was [Kveldulf Haukrsson](#) and [Rudorm Firemane](#) was the recipient of the Chivalry Prize.

Chronicler: Position has been applied for by Emma

Web Mistress: Candlemas site copy has been updated

Scribe: Suspended for the holidays; will resume January

Family Activities: Have price checked items for Autumn War

Chamberlain: Not present

Demo Coordinator: Nothing to report

Castellan: Nothing to report

Gold Key: Nothing to report

A&S: Not present

New Business

12th Night, January 9-11: the barony will be hosting a hospitality room at the main hotel for all who wish to come, grab a bite, take a rest, or just hang out. It will be available all weekend until 11pm

Embers & Ambrosia/Celtic Bardic has been awarded to Lady Audny Refsdottir. The event will be held June 26-28 at a place to be determined.

Autumn War has been awarded to Lady Ellisif Leifsdottir.

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