

# The Blatherings

## Fall AS LI (Gregorian 2016) The Barony of Blatha an Oir

Words from Their Excellencies Gernon and A'yse:

*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.*

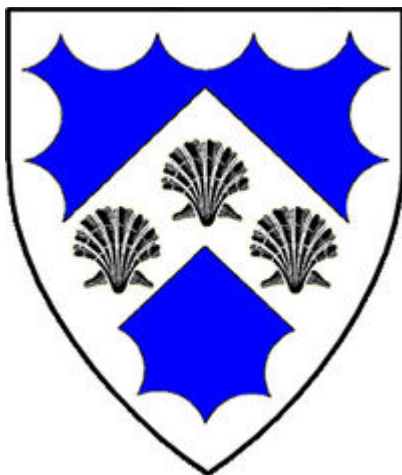
*Thank you for the honor.*

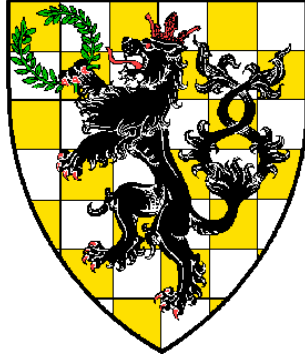
*Gernon Valletort du Harfleur*

*A'yse al Zahra*

*Baron and Baroness of Blatha an Oir*

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## An Tir Royalty:

**Their Royal Majesties of An Tir,**  
King Kjartan Daegarson and Queen Sha'ya Kjartanskona

**Their Royal Highnesses of An Tir,**  
Jarl Styrkarr Jarlskald and Princess Dagrún Stjarna

**Their Highnesses of Summits,**  
Prince Sverre Bjornhjarta and Princess Breaca Flannabhra

### **Their Excellencies of Summits**

**Their Highnesses of Tir Righ,**  
Tanist Ieuan Gower and ban-Tanist Gwyneth Gower

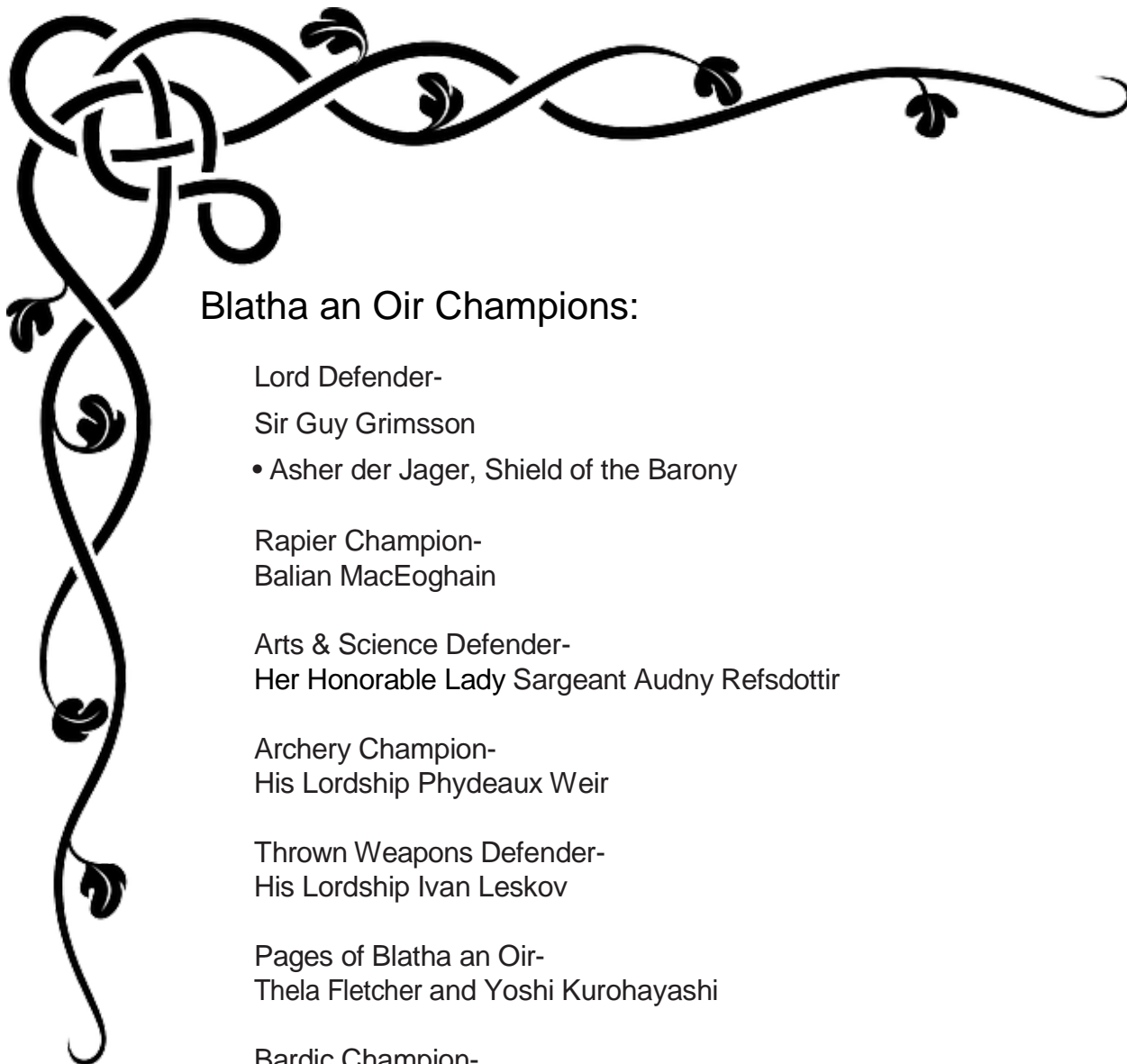
**The Coronets of Blatha an Oir,**  
Baron Gernon Valletort du Harfleur and  
Baroness A'yse al-Zahra (mka: Darin and Alice Waller)  
Phone: 253-732-9040 (A'yse) 253-732-4225 (Gernon)

### **Head of Retinue**

Mistress Elspeth nic Grath, O.P. (mka: Beth Park)  
Phone: 253-255-4625

### **Seneschal:**

HL Ellisif Leifsdotter (mka: Liz Howard)  
Phone: 253-961-0176 (no calls after 9pm)



## Blatha an Oir Champions:

Lord Defender-

Sir Guy Grimsson

- Asher der Jager, Shield of the Barony

Rapier Champion-

Balian MacEoghain

Arts & Science Defender-

Her Honorable Lady Sargeant Audny Refsdottir

Archery Champion-

His Lordship Phydeaux Weir

Thrown Weapons Defender-

His Lordship Ivan Leskov

Pages of Blatha an Oir-

Thela Fletcher and Yoshi Kurohayashi

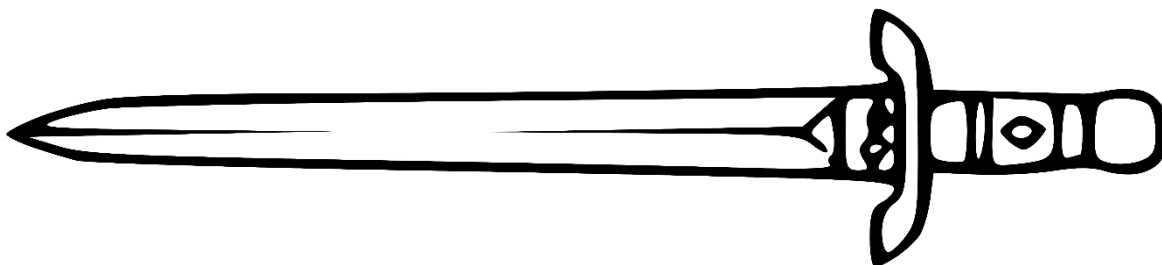
Bardic Champion-

His Honorable Lord Sargeant Gareth Albaric of Eastbrook

Shield of the Barony-

Asher der Jager

**Other baronial news and information can be found on our baronial website. <http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/>**





*Progress of Thier Excellencies  
of Blatha an Oir: □ □ □ □*

*August 18-22*

*Autumn War — Barony of Blatha an Oir*

# Blatha an Oir Upcoming Events:

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

## Harvest Feast

November 5<sup>th</sup>. 2016, at 12 PM – 9 PM, Saturday  
Slavonian American Benevolent Society  
2306 N. 30th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98403-3323

## Candlemas

February 6, 2016  
Slavonian Hall (Lower Level) 2306 North 30th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98403

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 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 Sunday 11:00 a.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 Scribal Night** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6 – 9 p.m. Tacoma Star Center, 3873 S 66th St, Tacoma, WA 98409





# Baronial Business Meeting July 21, 2016

## Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- \$29,811 and \$2065

Heavy Marshal: HL Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh – Last Tuesday there were 5 knights including Kingdom Champion.

Reported by Baron Hengist: Sergeant Gabhin won the Squire's Tourney at July Coronation. HUZDAH!

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Only 1 practice this month – this coming weekend.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- not present

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – no activities

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FitzWilliam of Carlisle reported by Lady Sigrid Erikkona – Sewing nights continue on Monday nights. Project night is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Any ideas you want or need to have happen at Autumn War let Elizabeth know.

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- not present.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Lady Thomasina Fairamay- 12 people present at last Scribal night! Great Weapons Award in production. Seal has been ordered. August moves to 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – No new contracts. There will be a fight demo July 30-31<sup>st</sup> at The Highland Games. GlamFolk doing some A&S stuff.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya reported by Deputy HL Audny- Elizabeth FitzWilliam donated \$20 and I bought 4 new totes and laundry soap. Garments cleaned. Many need repair or repurposed. Lots of wonderful headwear was made at Honey War by Renee, Jonnalyhn, Tasia, and myself.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- nothing to report

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- Autumn War activities getting updated ASAP. Please send your pictures for the website.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- Everything is ok. There has been no progress on tent. Have rings and will put on.

Family Activities: Open Position-

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- reported by Jazod – Continue to have social night during fight practice Tuesday nights at 6:30.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- Accepting bids for the following events in 2017:

Candlemas 2/11  
Embers and Ambrosia 4/28-30  
Autumn War Aug 9-14  
Lord Defender 9/15—17  
Sergeants' Trials 10/13-15  
Harvest Feast 11/4

Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- It's our next to last business meeting and we are just so filled with love for this barony and the people that make it up.

Old Business:

Autumn War: Youth prizes obtained; schedules are coming together; need to get ahold of hay guy; gravel is getting figured out; Torchlight Tourney Friday night; Kids tourney on war field on Saturday; A&S classes almost filled out; Need more than one recommendation for awards so send them in – we have lots of worthy members

Lord Defenders: site obtained, shopping for better biffy prices.

Adjourned:

# Baronial Business Meeting August 4, 2016

## Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- No bank statement mailed yet due to our moved up business meeting.

Heavy Marshal: HL Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh – Practice still on Tuesday at the school with approx. 10 fighters and 4-5 Knights.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Had a practice last weekend and will have another this weekend.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- not present

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – nothing to report

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle reported by Deputy Lady Sigrid Erikkona – nothing to report

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- I'm stepping down at Autumn War and Emma Maydekyng is stepping up. 1 Name and 4 Devices are in process.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Deputy Lady Thomasina Fairamay- We had scribal night last night with 3 painters. Thank you Nextellencies for coming. We will have another next Wednesday leading up to Autumn War. 6 p.m. at the Star Center. This Saturday the matrix and charm mold will be picked up. At Autumn War Eibhlin is stepping down and I will be stepping up.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – We had a demo at the Highland Games; thanks to all who came and showed up. 5 people signed up and I've sent them emails. There were 6 new people at last fight practice.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya reported by Deputy HL Audny- Everything is at my place. Trying to repair. Will have at Autumn War.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Will try to get quarterly done ASAP.

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- site has been updated.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- By Tuesday the trailer will be packed. We've paid storage through January. The trailer has new tires, lube and tabs.

Family Activities: not present

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- We've been having wonderful socials for 3-4 weeks now with approx. 45 people in attendance in the backyard.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- Accepting bids for all events in 2017. The deadline for Candlemas is September business meeting. Kira has past data for prior events. We have herald and scribe officer change forms that need signing tonight.

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Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- Our last meeting and it's bittersweet. We are very confident in our successors.

Old Business:

Autumn War:

Meeting with Mr. Nix on Sunday.  
Will get ahold of Fire Mtn. Keep re signs  
Tuesday the trailer will be packed  
Site copy will be done Wed.  
Gravel comes next Mon. or Tuesday  
Hay guy straightened out over the next couple weeks.  
Please volunteer!

Lord Defenders:

Still need to hear from Ulrich about rapier.

New Business

Harvest Feast: nothing new to report.

Adjourned: 7:21 p.m.

# Baronial Business Meeting September 15, 2016

## Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldóttir- \$33,978 \$2065

Heavy Marshal: HL Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh – Date change for fight practice.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Practices are happening. Autumn War was sparse because of heat and volunteers

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- Not present

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – nothing to report

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FitzWilliam of Carlisle reported by Deputy Lady Sigrid Erikkona – Autumn War had classes – well attended due to heat

Herald: HL Emma Maydekyng- Not present

Scribe: Lady Thomasina Fairamay- Busy last few months. Changing to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Star Center. Will have scribal at Lord Defenders

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – Not present

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya reported by Deputy HL Audny- Will be a Lord Defenders Saturday morning in building.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Not present

Web Master: Baron Sir Aleksii- email issues resolved – working on updating website. Deputy getting training. Wiki Audny

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- Storage # change. 1 old 10x10 frame is dead from Autumn War.

Family Activities: Open

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- At September Crown Elizabeth was on vigil. Good turnout at fight practice. Going to Sunday afternoons in October.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir-

Baron Gernon & Baroness A'yse- Do we want to do hospitality @ 12<sup>th</sup> Night

Old Business:

New Business

Adjourned: Minutes taken by Ellisif; typed by Emma.

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