

# “The Blatherings”



*Distant together.*

**The Barony of  
Blatha an Dir**

**April 2021**

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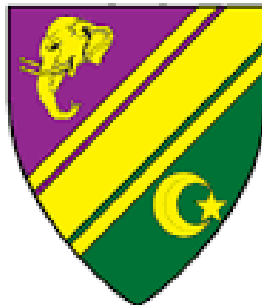
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# Blatha an Oir Upcoming Events on the Calendar

Date	Event
Mondays, 7pm	Virtual Sewing/Crafting Night
June 3rd, 2021 July 1st, 2021 August 5th, 2021 September 2nd, 2021 7pm	Online First Thursday Social
July 24th, 2021 10am - 9pm	Newcomer's Allthing (tentatively in person, likely virtual)
August 18th - 23rd, 2021	Autumn War (tentative in person)
September 17th - 19th, 2021	Lord Defender's (tentative in person)
November 6th, 2021 Noon - 10 pm	Harvest Feast (tentative in person)

Newcomer's All-Thing: Clothing and food for feasting. Arrows, axes, swords and stripey sticks. Tents, banners, and pageantry. Sewing, metalworking, and fancy wooden chairs. Songs, stories and music by firelight. There are so many things to learn about. It can be overwhelming. Join us at our AllThing and learn how to become involved with what interests you. For more information in the coming months please follow <https://www.facebook.com/BlathaAnOir>



## Their Excellencies of Blatha an Oir

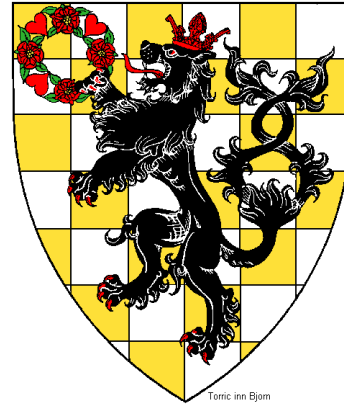
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## Royalty, Highnesses, and Officers

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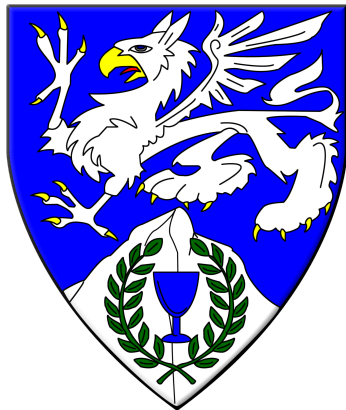


King Christian Bane



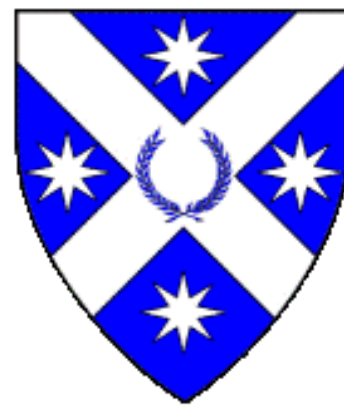
Queen Hélène d'Anjou

## Their Highnesses of the Summits



Prince Kenric and Princess Dagmar

## Their Highnesses of Tir Righ



Prince Vikingr Eriksson and  
Princess Lishinia Aurelia



## An Tir Populace Badge

*(Fieldless) A lion's head erased contourny sable.*

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# Words from Her Excellency

Words come hard right now. It has been over a year since I've been able to see most of you, other than online occasionally, and it is not only frustrating, but depressing to not be doing all of our usual activities. So many plans have been put on hold, inspiration for workouts, practices, and shenanigans often lost as we sit in a holding pattern waiting to be told we can finally start doing things officially again. We've missed out on so many events and in person classes or demos, and it hurts, I know. Not only are children growing like weeds, many of us are finding that COVID life has made much of our kit not as usable anymore, for a variety of reasons. For those who have managed to have households/pods/groups to support each other, I'm glad to hear it. For the ones in our fair land of the Golden Blossom who have been gifting delights of time and love from their kitchen these many months of exile, THANK YOU! To the ones who have been able to share their knowledge on the virtual platform, or continued to volunteer their time and labor, I appreciate you so, so, so much! As the members of the Kingdom on both sides of the border work towards a higher vaccination rate, hopefully we shall soon see the official word okaying official social activities such as practices. Until that time, know that if you need, I am open to listening and to try and assist where and however I can. As the sun shines more often and we see more daylight again, it is easier to attempt to regain that inspiration, to go back to projects that have been sitting in a time-out corner or abandoned with the loss of event deadlines, and start to go back to working on them. To take that extra walk around the block, or ten minutes at a pell, or working on a draw and aim on the bow - even consider taking one box of gear out to see what might need overhauling, it is so much easier to think of it when the sun is out and we aren't seeing only grey/rainy skies. Remember that everyone has been fighting the frustrations and stressors of only being online, often with many outside things also beating down on them, and try to be as courteous and gentle in your words as you would like them to be to you. Take heart that we will get to do things together again.

~ *Angharat verch Reynulf, OI, Barwnes Blatha an Oir*

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## April 2021 Business Meeting Notes

### Officer reports:

- Senechal: No changes to the customary.
- Exchequer:
  - o Financial balance was discussed.
  - o 1st quarter report submitted
- Heavy Marshal: Not present yet.
- Rapier Marshal: Nothing to report.
- Archery Marshal: Johann is staying in the office until replaced, probably in September. Nothing to report, quarterly report will be filed.
- Thrown Weapons: Nothing to report.
- Lists: Nothing to report.
- Webminister: Nothing to report, empty post.

- Arts and Sciences Sewing night events are ongoing. Class discussions etc going on.
- Chatelaine: 1 email from newcomer from Kingdom of the West. Should have more info besides Facebook.
- Golden Key: Vacant, in storage.
- Demo Coordinator: Open, nothing to report.
- Hospitality: Nothing to report.
- Scribe: Classes recently, call for charter and award designs is ongoing.
- Chamberlain: Nothing to report.
- Chronicler: Working on first newsletter. 1st quarterly report done.
- Family Activities: 1 inquiry about games etc. Helping with Newcomers All Thing.
- Herald: Court and class went well. 3 clients for names and possible devices. Report finalized and submitted by this weekend. Same for quarterly report.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Newcomers All-thing in July - Sorcha hosting if in person is permitted. Children's thrown weapons done. Kingdom calendar info sent out tomorrow. Call for teachers going out.
- Arontius in Dragon's Lair had a former bid for 12th night 2022 with BAO and Glymm Mere; pandemic changed that, now putting together a 2023 bid, at Ocean's Shores, quote from Convention Center, Shiloh tentative for hotel due to Sale, hash out on paper for contributions, profits, losses, currently led by Dragon's Lair; showing cooperation. Eventual step towards cooperation and a regional structure. Estimating 600 people at the door, not sure if high or low. Should have a better idea after Madrone's, \$15,000 income, \$8600 profit projected, split three ways. Need to schedule some planning time, write a cooperative statement. Set up meeting with Jonnalyhn to flesh out the event bid.
- SCA overall said June 1st for limited in person events. Set the expectations to follow our Kingdom rules, still no in person events here just yet. Items of a certain gravity should go through Seneschal, Baron/Baroness; comments need to be turned off; multiple posts or speculation about motives is uncalled for.
- Work from the Crown needs to come through officers without open comments
- No comments on the Customary, which means the Customary is up for a vote. Seneschal called for vote. Ratified by unanimous vote.
- Baron wanted to express to the populace that when there is a sad occasion like a banishment, that is not an occasion for cheers or comments. It's a time to nod and move on.

#### Action Items:

- Arontius to follow up with the Baroness
  - Anita to take any needed steps for finalizing the Customary
  - Francesca will continue organizing the Newcomers All Thing
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# ***BAD Did You Know: Peer Like Qualities***

What shall we learn today fairest Blatha An Oir...How about those PLQ (Peer Like Qualities) we hear so much about! I was always curious what was meant by this, and I assumed it was an "unspoken" rule...but...Tis not! BEHOLD! Here are the PLQ from ([http://antir.sca.wiki/index.php?title=Peer-Like\\_Qualities](http://antir.sca.wiki/index.php?title=Peer-Like_Qualities))

But WAIT! Before we get to them ...something to note.....PLQ are often seen as a "you will know it when you see it". Because the truth is that PLQs essentially come down to the individual assessing the behaviors, it's essentially about being a good person. The information listed below was created by Darbie Marlin to help create a framework for people to follow, while understanding that there is always room for growth!

"Whether you aspire to becoming a member of the Peerage (Knight, Master-at-Arms, Pelican, Laurel) or not, striving toward what is termed the Peer-Like Qualities is a worthy endeavor. They will assist you in your SCA dealings and may even carry over into the 20th Century.

## **I. Loyalty**

- A. Obeys the By-Laws of the SCA, Inc., the Rules of the List, and the laws of the Kingdom
- B. Shows respect to the Crown and representatives of the Crown
- C. Shows support of the ideals of the Society by being as authentic in dress, equipment and behavior as means permit.

## **II. Courtesy**

- A. Truthfulness
  - a. does not lie or break their word
  - b. does not repeat gossip
- B. Generosity
  - a. gives any opponent, at a game or on the field, the benefit of the doubt
  - b. is willing to share knowledge and impart skills
  - c. practices hospitality to the fullest of their means.

## **III. Restraint**

- A. is always self-controlled
- B. speaks softly and politely
- C. true strength lets them remain calm when others rant

## **IV. Gallantry**

- A. always remembers that their consort and/or liege are the inspiration of all honor and, for their sake, shows respect to all
- B. is ever conscious that their actions reflect not on them alone, but on their consort and/or liege and are careful to do naught but honor it their name

## **V. Courtliness**

- A. strives to learn and practice those manners and skills that will make them worthy of a civilized court
- B. displays a knowledge of courtly etiquette and proper forms of address
- C. acquainted with all and able to practice at least one of the following:
  - a. Dance -- at minimum, identify basic dances done at court and do one couple dance and one circle dance

- b. Music -- at minimum, identify common period instruments played at court
- c. Literature -- at minimum, be familiar with period literature, i.e., stories, poetry, drama
- d. Games -- at minimum, identify Chess pieces and recognize the basic moves
- e. Heraldry -- Blazon own arms and identify common heraldic terms

#### VI. Martial

Fighters, regardless of specialty, display an ability to best the best and consistently demonstrate chivalry on the field.

#### VII. Service

Those who labor with loyal devotion at the endless, unglamorous tasks that keep the Society going.

#### VIII. Arts and Science

Those who attain a standard of excellence equal to that of their prospective peers in some art, skill, or area of knowledge, and have made this art, skill or knowledge available for service and instruction, above and beyond that which is expected of SCA members.

#### IX. Obligations

- A. to continue to share their knowledge and skills with others, teach, take students, men-at-arms, squires, apprentices, or protégé as appropriate to their order
- B. to set examples of courteous and noble behavior
- C. to graciously accept hospitality and to offer it in return to the fullest their means will allow.

[\(Direct Link\)](#)

The Wiki pages are full of such wonderful knowledge compiled by the populace! Have something to share? Consider contributing to the Kingdom Wiki! Perhaps you are seeking something? Check there!

In Service to the Dream!

*~Lady Nykera Drago D'Argento  
A&S Officer of BAO  
Rebellious Scribe of BAO*

**Post Script on Peer Like Qualities from Her Excellency, Angharat verch Reynulf, OL,  
Barwnes Blatha an Oir:**

To go along with this – Admonishments of a Peer, which I learned from Master Terajan.

1. Know that to be a Peer is to hold a sacred trust; and that the obligations will demand your efforts every moment of your life.
2. A Peer must seek excellence in all endeavors, not for their own good, but for the good of others.
3. A Peer must always seek justice, truth tempered with mercy.

4. A Peer must remain loyal to the people and ideals he/she/they choose to live by.
  5. A Peer must always defend their kingdom, their family, and those who depend upon them.
  6. A Peer must have the courage to sacrifice for the precepts and people they value.
  7. A Peer must have faith in their beliefs.
  8. A Peer values the contributions of others and does not boast of their own accomplishments.
  9. A Peer must be generous as far as their resources allow.
  10. A Peer recognizes that true nobility arises from the journey, not the destination.
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## *Youtube Class Links*

Check out videos of some of the awesome recent BAO classes here:

Intro to Shield Painting: [youtube.com/watch?v=5JJZ5n03MEQ](https://youtube.com/watch?v=5JJZ5n03MEQ)

Intro to Heavy Fighting: [youtu.be/9XnjMPq5H0c](https://youtu.be/9XnjMPq5H0c)

Intro to Heraldry: [youtu.be/X\\_-VYHkfQKw](https://youtu.be/X_-VYHkfQKw)

Scribal Series: Intro to Design: [youtu.be/iOxaUBoC4i0](https://youtu.be/iOxaUBoC4i0)

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## **SCA at home: Period Recipe to Brighten Your Day**

### **Extemporaneous Soup**

(Version from Kat Ginere, student to Barwnes Angharat verch Reynulf, based on experimenting with the recipe in *Le Menagier de Paris*, as shown in the *Medieval Kitchen* by Odile Redon, Francoise Sabban & Silvano Serventi)

History: *Le Menagier de Paris* dates from 1393, and is written from the point of view of an elderly husband instructing a young wife on keeping a household. This is an example of one of the most common recipes in the book, for a potage meant to be prepared quickly for unexpected guests.

Ingredients per person: 2 tbl parsley, 1 cup water, 2 tbl butter or fat, ½ slice bread, egg, ½ tsp vinegar, ½ tsp verjuice or lemon, pinch each of ginger, nutmeg, cloves, salt

Fry parsley in butter, add water and boil. Salt, add bread. When soft, mash it and add the eggs, pushing the resulting mash through a coarse sieve. Add in spices, flavoring.

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## From the Barwnes' Kitchen...

We all know that Barwnes Angharat loves to cook and sew. During this time of isolation it has been challenging to do either without folks to share it with. Here is one of her favorite Welsh treats – used during her Sergeantry trials, served at many camping events, her vigil and during Culinary nights.

Murder Giant and Petite Tzarina approved!

## Welsh Cakes (Pice ar y maen)

Ingredients:



8 oz (1 cup) flour	½ tsp baking powder
2 oz (4 TBSP) butter	¼ tsp mixed spice (Poudre Douce)
2 oz (4 TBSP) lard	1 egg, beaten
3 oz (6 TBSP) sugar	Pinch salt
2 oz (¼ cup) currants	Milk to mix

Image from Barwnes Angharat  
at a Culinary Night.

Note: You can substitute lard for more butter if desired. Poudre Douce or Poudre Forte are two medieval mixed spice blends that work well for this, or you can use nutmeg, cinnamon and clove.

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and spice together, then rub in the butter until it looks like fine crumbs. Add the sugar, currants, and egg and mix with milk to make a moist paste, like short crust.

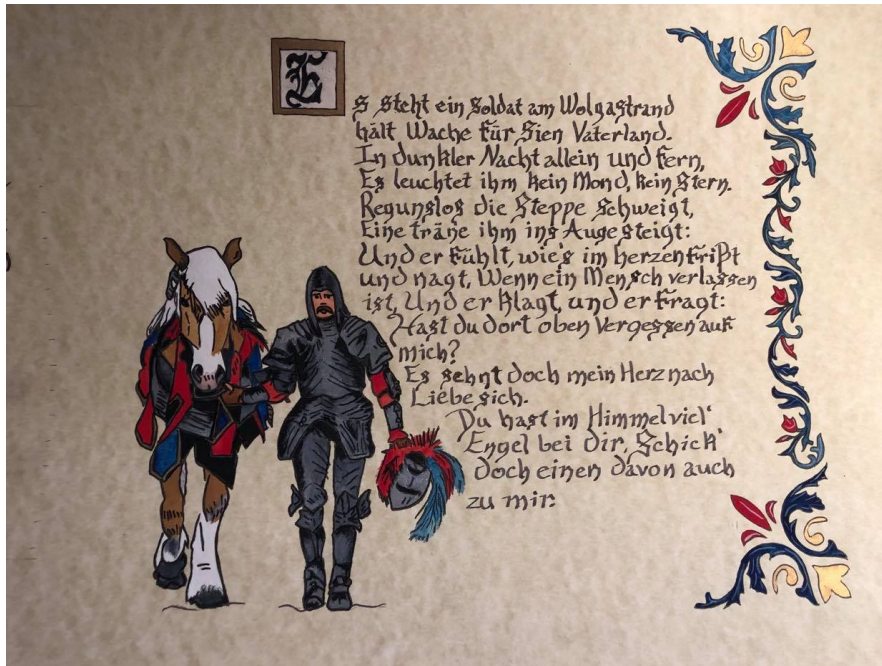
On a floured surface, roll to about ¼" thick and cut into 2 ½" circles. You can bake these on a greased griddle for about 3 minutes per side, until golden brown. Other ways can be using a bakestone, in the oven on baking sheets like cookies (at 350 F for roughly 10–12 minutes), or in a dutch oven. Optionally, you can sprinkle with sugar before or after baking, and while not necessary, they taste best when warm with butter or clotted cream. Makes approximately 20.



Image from Barwnes Angharat at a Culinary Night.

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## Arts and Sciences Spotlight



*This is a beautiful art piece inspired by the Volgalied, done by Blatha an Oir's own Lady Nykera Drago D'Argento, Student to Baroness Angharat verch Reynulf.*

**Do you have a piece, display, or article you would like to see appear in a future issue of the Blatherings? Email Kat Ginere at [BlathanOir.Chronicler@antir.org](mailto:BlathanOir.Chronicler@antir.org).**