



**The Blatherings
Spring AS XLIX
(Gregorian 2015)**

The Barony of Blatha an Oir

**Words from Their Excellencies Hengist
and Marika**

Greetings to the greatest Barony in the known world,
The weather is getting warmer, the trees and flowers
are budding and blooming. The land of the golden
blossom is truly blessed with beauty and an abundance
of wealth in her populace.

Our artisans craft cunning works wrought from the best
materials. The beauty of which amazes the world and
are pleasing to the eye.

Our wound snake wielders continue to feed the ravens,
heroes all. There are wars to be won. Who will be
counted among the host?

Those who work to make the events happen do so with
diligence unknown to make them the best they can be.

Will you volunteer your time?

The socials bring good food and drink to the wise who
choose to attend.

Yes, Blatha an Oir, we are blessed. Enjoy yourselves,
and enjoy the weather. You are what make this Barony
great.

Hengist Helgason

Proud Baron

Marika Sigrunasdotter

Proud Baroness

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,

Tanist Tryggr Trysson and Tanista Temperance Trewelove

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,

Tanist Olen Medvedovich Ovanov and ban-Tanist Chiara Fiamma

Their Excellencies of Tir Righ,

to be determined at [Tir Righ June Coronet Tournament](#)

The Coronets of Blatha an Oir,

Baron Hengist Helgason and Baroness Marike Sigrunasdotter

(mka: Jon and Dena Morford)

253-341-7588 Baron 253-666-2636 Baroness

(no calls after 8pm please)

Head of retinue: HL Arnóra Jóraddóttir (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 Gavinus Brittanicus 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:



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:

First Thursday May 7, June 4, and July 2 @ 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Greetings! Socialize, 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 April 26, May 24, June 28, and July 26 @ 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 April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16 @ 7-8 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. 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 Tuesday 6:30-8 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary School, 902 E. 53rd St., Tacoma, WA 98404 through September.

Weekly Archery Practice 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 Scribal Night April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, at 6:30 – 9 p.m. Tacoma Star Center, 3873 S 66th St, Tacoma, WA 98409

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Baronial Meeting Notes: January 15, 2015

Taken by HL Emma Maydekyng

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Markos de Villa Verde-

Checking acct. \$33,437.67 Money Market \$2,065.46 Total \$35,503.13

Heavy Marshal: Alasdair MacRoibeirt- absent reported by Baron Hengist

Sunday January 18th marks the first Blatha an Oir practice of 2015. In keeping with tradition we will be having an Ursulmas style tourney, with a prize for the tourney winner and a chiv prize. Location is at:

Seven Swords Academy

2321 104th St Ct S.

Lakewood, WA 98499

Practice and list begins at 11am with the tourney set to start at noon.

Archery: Shawna Kerr-

May start back up in February depending on the weather

Rapier: Verith de Prendergast- Absent

Lists: Angharad verch Reynulf-

Nothing to report. January tourney will be done by Emma and Audny.

Chirurgeon: Vacant- Still accepting applications

Arts & Sciences: Bellanette de Villa Verde-

Nothing to report. Stepping down and the position is open.

Herald: Zahra bint al-Rammah-

Consulting with 5 people. 4 devices, 4 names, 2 badges, and 1 re-submission in process.

There will be a consult table at Ursulmas – bring your checkbook as cash is not accepted.

Scribe: Annaka Poznanska-

Two Court Baronetcy scrolls were given at 12th Night done by Annaka

Scribal Night resumes 2nd Wednesday's at Tacoma Star Center

Eadgyth de Chelched won the Iron Scribal in the advanced division with

Daniella Zantiel coming in a close 2nd at 12th Night.

Castellan: Thorvald Einharson-

4 new contacts

Newcomers Orientation starts back up in February or March

Gold Key: Aleksandra Grozkaya-

Donations from Knut

Chronicler: open

Emma Maydekyng getting papers signed to be official

Web Mistress: Kara Agnarsdottir-

Domains for BAO & Autumn War have been renewed

Chamberlain: Otto Bauer-

Trailer was packed unbalanced will need to organize work party to repack.

Will bring banners and such to tourney on Sunday

Family Activities: Sabina Fletcher-

Have bought stuff for Candlemas

Meeting on Monday for Embers & Ambrosia/Celtic Bardic planning

Seneschal: Clare Keenan- absent reported by Baroness Marika

Bid for Sergeant Trials won by Angharad verch Reynulf

Arts & Sciences Officer position open

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marika-

Thank you for coming.

12th Night

On Saturday evening during the court of Their Majesties Savaric and Dalla, His Honorable Lord 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.

Saturday evening our most fabulous rapier champion bested all of his opponents and became the Queens Rapier Champion! Congratulations Verith de Prendergast. Daniella Zantiel and Nafel al Hadi received their Award of Arms. Congratulations Lady and Lord!!

Thrones Favors were presented to Baroness Elspeth nic Grath, Sir Gernon Valletort du Harfleur and Her Honorable Lady Ayse al Zahra.

Kings favors were presented to Baron Sir Aleksii Konstantinovich Chernoi and Sir Gernon Valletort du Harfleur.

Forget-me-nots were presented to Sir Gernon Valletort de Harfleur, Her Honorable Lady Alyse al Zahra, Baroness Elspeth nic Grath, Her Honorable Lady Elizabeth Fitzwilliam and myself, Baroness Marika Sigrunardottir.

Bountiful hands were given to the Blatha an Oir royal clothier team: the team was Her Honorable Lady Annaka Poznanska, Her Honorable Lady Ambriel Svensdottir, Lady Audny Refsdottir, Her Honorable Lady Elizabeth FitzWilliam, myself, Baroness Marika Sigrunasdottir and Her Honorable Lady Eadgyth de Chelched (received prior to 12th night)

Old Business:

Candlemas

Bring stuff for swap meet

Traditionally sergeants declare

A&S classes: solar lamp, tea lights, embroidery, and embellishments

Bring table decorations, enclosed candles, handwork

<http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/events-gatherings/candlemas/>

New Business:

Daffodil

Working on bid for May 2nd

Embers & Ambrosia/Celtic Bardic

Site reserved, camping Friday and Saturday, RV hook-ups limited \$25/day

Will be walking site with Jazod Felygo to establish camping cap. 14 acres

15 teachers have volunteered so far

Pre-reg is availability to come soon

Customary

We had the room already reserved for January 1st, so we held the meeting for this instead of Thursday Social.

The proposed changes from the last time customary was reviewed were gone over and what revisions were done and why.

We need the populace to send in their proposals to the Baron and Baroness as soon as possible.

If the officers could please write a definition of their position.

There will be new positions and Kingdom law changes.

The Customary will be posted on the website. After it has been posted for 60 days without a substantial proposal submitted it will go into effect.

Please, get your proposals in sooner rather than later.

Ursulmas

We will be sharing eric space with Dragon's Laire and Glymm Mere.

Please be mindful of the limited space.

It would be great to have flyers of our events coming up to take and get the word out.

People are encouraged to make their personal wiki at

http://wiki.antir.sca.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

Adjourned: 7:56pm

Minutes taken by Emma Maydekyng

Baronial Meeting Notes: February 19, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: His Lordship Markos de Villa Verde-

Money Market \$2065

Checking \$28,951

Heavy Marshal: His Lordship Alasdair Mac Roibeirt-

We gave out 6 dozen roses at the Rose Tourney. There was a lot of public spectators.

February 22nd is the last day at the HEMA location 11 am.

Sunday, March 1st Sir Hathawulf Spearbreaker will be teaching a class at the Sheridan location.

March 3rd begins the regular Tuesday practice at the Sheridan location.

We have permission to store gear in Sir Aleksii's garage. Loaner gear is available but please make sure your guests put everything away where it belongs.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr-

Had our 1st practice of the year last Sunday with 8 people in attendance.

February 22nd is looking like good weather as well.

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- Absent

Lists: Her Ladyship Angharat verch Reynulf-

We had 20 people sign up on the lists at the Rose Tourney.

Chirurgeon:

This position no longer exists. There will be a guild.

Arts & Sciences: Her Ladyship Bellanette de Villa Verde-

March 15th 2pm Master Charles de Bourbon will be presenting a class on Sewing with Furs at 4105 Yakima Avenue, Tacoma, WA. Plan for about a 4 hour class; food and beverages available.

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah-

We have 5 names, 8 devices, and 2 badges going through the approval process.

We are currently consulting with 6 people regarding name & device registration.

On the most recent LoAR, Otto Bauer's device and Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuine's name were accepted.

Scribe: Her Ladyship Annaka Poznanska-

We had a class for new painters at Candlemas taught by our Baronial Scribe Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuine with several people attending.

Castellan: His Lordship Thorvald Einharson-

1 Knowne World Handbook left for sale

11 contacts this past month (10 of them at Candlemas).

1 solid contact at the Rose Tourney

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya-

3 people were lent clothes for Candlemas and were returned in good condition.

Gold Key was available at Rose Tourney but ended up not needed.

Chronicler: Her Ladyship Emma Maydekyng-

Was able to get a newsletter out.

Working on tracking down any items that may belong to the chronicler position.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- absent

Chamberlain: His Lordship Otto Bauer-

Taking inventory.

Need to have a day where we get together to get rid of things.

Family Activities: Her Ladyship Sabina Fletcher-

- Candlemas: The solar lantern class had 8 youth/teens and 4 adults. The jar tea light holders we had 6 youth/teen and 2 adults. 15 tea light holders were made. Had two thank you from guardians. One has never wanted to go to the classes and he had lot of fun. The other is not in to craftiness he also thank me for the fun. I received \$22.00 in donations. Which I turned into the gate person. I am planning on using the donated money for the office (table, pop up or table clothes) and not on supplies.
- Embers and Ambrosia: Working on my Family activities not as scary as you think class. I need to try some of the classes I have in mind for the youth/teen classes.
- Autumn War: Emailed the classes ideas to all three A&S people. Got a teacher from Ursulmas (catapults) need to find his contact information. Also made contact with some who emailed me how to do chain mail. Now to find a teacher.
- Defenders: Thinking on about keeping the activities unofficial like always.

Seneschal: Her Ladyship Clare Keenan-

Her Ladyship Arnóra Jóraddóttir presided for Clare.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike-

In attendance.

Old Business:

- Harvest Feast: we received deposit back.
- Candlemas: 105 attendees; made \$77

New Business:

- Daffodil is set for May 2nd at the Skookum Archers Club. Gate opens at 8:30 a.m. Range opens at 9 a.m. There will be 2 walk-throughs, 2 fun

- shoots, thrown weapons, and atlatl. Potluck. Need to be off site by 5 p.m.
- Lord Defenders September 18-20th at the Long Branch Improvement Center. We are sharing site with Dragon's Laire for their Last Chance event.
 - Perhaps we could look into doing a format similar to Dragon's Laire for A&S research papers where the focus is on presentation instead of documentation.

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Her Ladyship Emma Maydekyng

Baronial Business Meeting

March 19, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: HL Markos de Villa Verde- Checking \$29,424.90 and Money Market \$2,065.50

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- Fight Practice is back to Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary School

Archery: Countess Shawna Kerr- Have been having a good turnout except for last Sunday's rainout. We have approval for semi-permanent range for thrown weapons in a covered area. All we need is a SCA Thrown Weapons Marshall present. We'll be putting up hay bales and hock stands that we can leave up. The barony has loaner thrown weapons in the trailer.

Rapier: Lord Verith de Prendergast- Attendance has been slow due to the transition over to Tuesday Fight Practice but I expect it to pick back up. We really enjoyed being at the Seven Swords Academy.

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – Nothing to report

Arts & Sciences: HL Bellanette de Villa Verde- This is my last meeting. The position is open; please apply.

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- We received a donated copy of an early 17th c book on Japanese standards- O-umajirushi- for the Barony's Heraldic Library. This was from a Kickstarter and PDFs are now available for personal copies. Another printing in hard copy will be happening soon. <http://o-umajirushi.xavid.us/get-the-translation.html>. We have 5 names, 8 devices, and

2 badges going through the approval process. We are currently consulting with 7 people regarding name & device registration.

Scribe: HL Annaka Poznanska- Scribal Night has been meeting on schedule. Customary is coming along with the re-format done. [See New Business]

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson- 2 new contacts

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- nothing to report

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- nothing to report

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- Propose that we use google apps for non-profits: has lots of services and would get more reliable email service. [Approved] I need people to email the changes that need to be done to the website. I need a deputy.

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer- Tabs for the trailer have been obtained. We are waiting for the eric to come back. Need to get in and itemize things for the spread sheet.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- 26 horse heads are done for the hobbyhorse project for Autumn War! Need 2 more dowel sticks. [Thorvald offered 2]. I need ideas for A & S prizes to give at Lord Defenders/Last Chance. Also, need ideas for the special project at Autumn War. I need another adult to assist at Autumn War with Family Activities. A background check is helpful but not necessary.

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- absent. Meeting chaired by Baroness Marika

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Sunday is War Practice at Sheridan Elementary School at 3pm

Old Business:

HL Alasdair won 1st place at the tourney at Kingdom A & S. Many people from Blatha an Oir helped out at the event and our thanks to all.

New Business:

- ♣ HL Sabina Fletcher passed out an idea for Family Activities web pages borrowed from the Kingdom of Caid <http://youth.sca-caid.org/>. This would be great to have as a resource! [Agreed]
- ♣ Baroness Marika stated it would be wonderful to also have web pages for scribal and heraldry things as well. [Agreed]
- ♣ NOTICE: Please submit your [request for gate seed money](#) to Treasurer at business meeting prior to your event.
- ♣ Archos Elsbeth of Shropshire presented information on the proposal for an omnibus peerage that is coming before the Board of Directors on April 18th. This is a peerage for all other martial activities

except rattan and rapier. Sir John Fitzraulf and Dutchess Tessa the Huntress have been working on this proposal. There is a Facebook group "Martial Peerage" and a webpage <http://omnibus.freeforums.org/>. Please email your feedback to directors@sca.org before April 18th. Thank you!

- ♣ Our own Lord Verith de Prendergast will be teaching a class at Art of War.
- ♣ The Customary 1st edit is done and up on the web site as of today. <http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/missives/> The Customary revision was begun in 2012 under Baron and Baroness Aleksii and Elspeth. There are updates to reflect changes in Kingdom law, many revisions, and changes in our officer positions. Please look this over and send proposals to Baron and Baroness Hengist and Marika via the link provided on the page. After 60 days with no substantial comment it will stand as the current Customary. Please give your comments sooner than later. Thank you!

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Minutes by Lady Emma Maydekyng

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