

The Blatherings

Spring AS L (Gregorian 2016) The Barony of Blatha an Oir

Words from Their Excellencies Hengist and Maricka:

Greeting unto this fine Barony.

Spring has finally reached us. The sun kisses our upturned faces and warms the earth. The wet winter has given us plenty of water for our gardens to thrive.

With the coming of Spring and the warm weather we see lots of great things on the horizon for our great Barony. We have some great events coming up stewarded by some amazing people.

Fight practice has once again moved to Tuesday nights at the school. We look forward to getting back into training and practice. We must be prepared for WAR!!!

I want to thank our Brewers Guild for making a fine English ale for 100 beers war this year. Thank you also to those who volunteer. From the kitchen staff, to those helping at parking, at gate and to our crafter's who make wonderful largesse and pair our scrolls.

Remember, we have polling coming up. Everyone who is a member should be at polling. It's your Barony, get involved.

Hengist

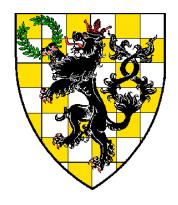
Maricka

Baron and Warmonger

Baroness









An Tir Royalty:

Their Royal Majesties of An Tir, Duke Eirik Daegarsson and Duchess Driffina Ulfgarsdottir

Their Royal Highnesses of An Tir, To be determined at May Crown

Their Highnesses of Summits, Praetor Ziitos Turk and Praetora Vestinia Antonia Aurelia

Their Excellencies of Summits, To be determined at Spring Coronet

Their Highnesses of Tir Righ, Thorwulf and Wulfwyn

Their Excellencies of Tir Righ, To be determined at <u>June Coronet</u>

The Coronets of Blatha an Oir,

Baron Hengist Helgessone and Baroness Maricka Sigrunasdotter (mka: Jon and Dena Morford, no calls after 8pm please) 253-341-7588 Baron 253-666-2636 Baroness

-Co-Heads of retinue:

HL Angharat verch Reynulf (mka: Jonnalyhn Wolfcat Prill) Phone: 253-377-8952

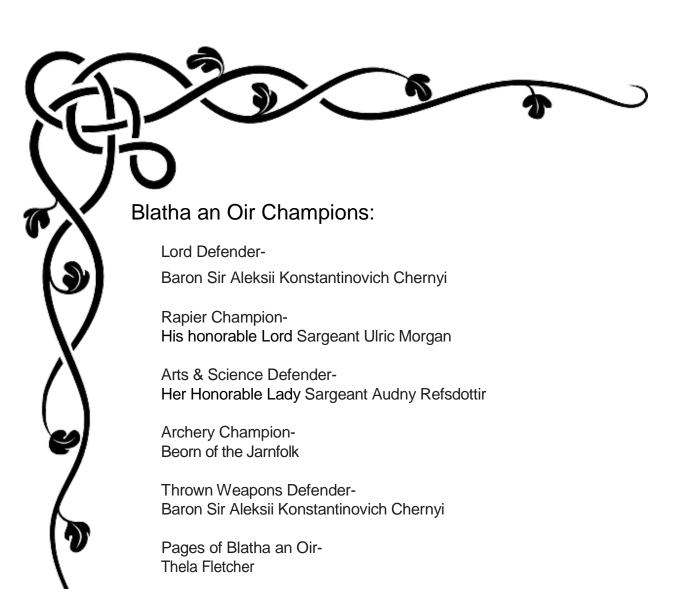
HL Audny Refsdottir (mka: Erin Severe)

Phone: 253-306-5996

-Seneschal:

HL Ellisif Leifsdotter (mka: Liz Howard)

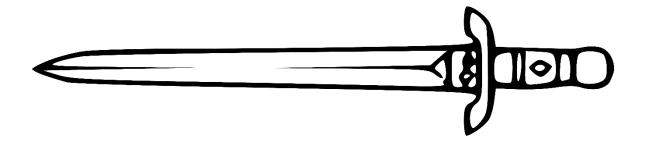
Phone: 253-961-0176 (no calls after 9pm)



Bardic Champion-His Honorable Lord Sargeant Gareth Albaric of Eastbrook

Shield of the Barony-Daner of The Jarnfolk

Other baronial news and information can be found on our baronial we b site. http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/





Progress of Thier Excellencies

of Blatha an Oir:

April 29-May 1 — <u>Embers & Ambrosia/Daffodil/Celtic Bardic — Barony of</u>
<u>Blatha an Oir</u>

May 14 — <u>Mayfaire — Barony of Glymm Mere</u>

May 20-22 — May Crown — Barony of Vulcanfeldt

May 27-30 — Grand Thing — Barony of Stromgard

June 4 — June Faire — Barony of Dragon's Laire

July 8-10 — Honey War — Barony of Glymm Mere

July 15-17 — July Coronation — Barony of Stromgard

August 17-22 — Autumn War — Barony of Blatha an Oir



Welcome to Bealidh Pursuivant's Corner!

Oh, the waiting game of the submission process.

You've taken your idea to the heralds. They asked you a million and one questions. They told you everything looked clear of conflict. You sent in your name and device just like they told you to, and now, you're waiting. Don't the herald's understand that it's been months and all you want to know is if you can finally display the silk banner you made right after you saw them?

Yes, dear submitter we know. We want nothing more than for you to proudly display your arms. We want you to rejoice when your name is shouted from the tourney field. And you will get to do all those things once the submission process is complete. It is roughly a 6 to 9 month process. Why so long? Well, let's break it down. A simplistic breakdown of the process can be done in five parts: submission to kingdom, kingdom commentary, submission to Laurel Sovereign of Arms (the chief Herald in the SCA), external commentary, and Letter of Acceptance and Returns.

Once you've mailed your submission or turned it in to an authorized consultation table, Lions Blood Herald & Boar Pursuivant create an internal Kingdom Letter of Intent which is then posted for Kingdom commentary. During this month heralds within the kingdom and a few from without will double check all the documentation and make sure that your consulting heralds didn't miss a conflict. It does happen. If everything checks out, at the end of that 30-day time Lions Blood will issue their decision letter showing all the names and devices that are being forwarded to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms and the College of Arms and those that are being returned to the submitter for some adjustments.

The College of Arms (senior heralds from each of the Kingdoms) will comment <u>on every Kingdom's Letter</u> for about 3 months. This is followed by about a month of discussion between Laurel Sovereign at Arms, Pelican Sovereign of Arms (who concentrates on names), and Wreath Sovereign of Arms (who concentrates on armory). After the Sovereigns at Arms make their decisions they start compiling the Letter of Acceptance and Returns. The College takes about a month to proofread this Letter because we

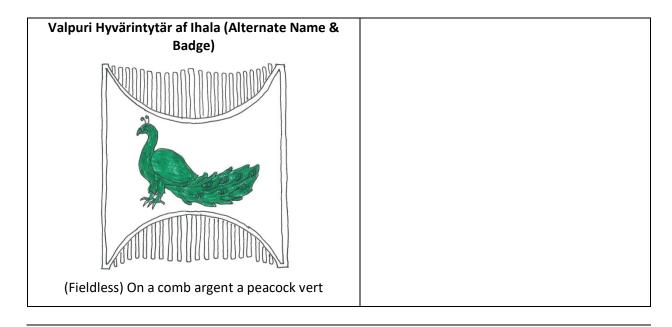
want to minimize the chance that any errors are published in the Letter. Once that month is up the Letter of Acceptance and Returns is issued and you should be notified by your Kingdom herald with the results.

If you are ever curious about what the status of your submission is, please don't hesitate to ask your consulting herald. They should be able to track it for you. Also, we want you to know that when we say that we can't talk to you about commentary it's not because we're trying to hide something from you. Commentary is a bit like Vegas-what happens in Commentary stays in Commentary. This is to save everyone's peace of mind.

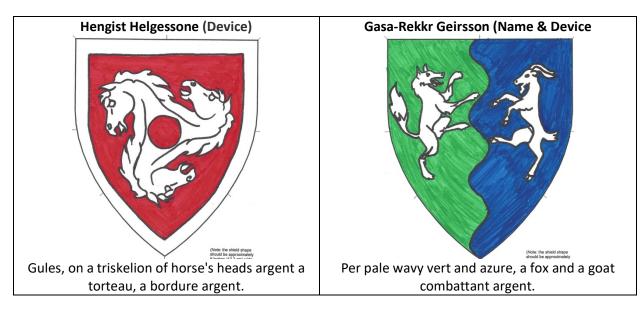
So stay excited. The time will go faster than you think, and soon that name and device will be yours for as long as you wish in the SCA.

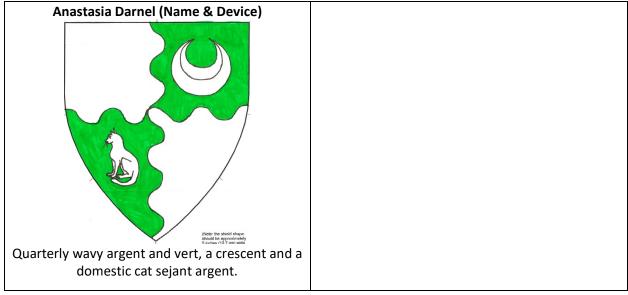
Yours In Service, Sayyida Zahra bint al-Rammah Bealidh Pursuivant

On the July 2015 Letter of Acceptances and Returns the following Names and Devices were Accepted:



On the September 2015 Letter of Acceptances and Returns the following Names and Devices were Accepted:





On the November 2015 Letter of Acceptances and Returns the following Names and Devices were Accepted:

Order of the Golden Arrow of Blatha an Oir (Name)	Order of the Golden Blade of Blatha an Oir (Name)
For those showing excellence on the Archery Range	For those showing excellence on the Rapier Field
Order of the Golden Spear of Blatha an Oir (Name)	Kira Mikkeldotter (Name only)
For those showing excellence in Armored Combat	
Njáll Hróðgeirsson (Name & Device) (Note: the shield shape channels of the support of of the	
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Previous LOARs may be found here → http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/ <u>A Guide to the Heraldic Submissions Process</u> by Dmitrii Volkovich, Pale Herald http://heraldry.sca.org/FAQs/submissions.html

Blatha an Oir Upcoming Events:

(For more information please see our website)

Welcome to Autumn War 2016!

A call to arms!

The Northmen have come to our shores to claim the lands and throne of England led by Baron Hengist Helgasson (aka Harald Hardrada). Count Sir Styrkarr Jarlsskald (aka Harold Godwinson) has called forth his Saxon warriors to meet him in battle...to fearlessly face the Raven feeder head on and keep he and his bloodthirsty warriors at bay.

Come join the Baron of Blatha an Oir as we celebrate the 950th anniversary of Harald Hardrada's attack on England and the Battle of Stamford Bridge. This five day event will include fighting (both heavy and rapier), archery, arts and sciences competitions, Thrown Weapons, brewing contests, siege cooking competition, Iron Needle contest and much, much more!

Site Fee: \$30 for the five day event or \$20 for one day. Children up to 17 years old are going to be guests of the Barony of Blatha an Oir. SCA Members receive a \$5 discount.

Site opens Thursday August 17 at 11am for merchants only and 1pm for the populace. Site closes Monday August 22nd at 3pm for EVERYONE.

Site address: Nix farm, 220 Nix Road, Chehalis, WA 98532.

Autumn War Important Information on Fires

For those that smoke please remember that smoking is only allowed in your encampment. No smoking (even in your car) from the time you leave the paved street until you reach your encampment.

Additional gatherings:

Business Meeting 3rd 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 6:30 p.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 2nd Wednesday at 6 – 9 p.m. Tacoma Star Center, 3873 S 66th St, Tacoma, WA 98409



Baronial Meeting Notes: January 21, 2016

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdóttir- Please cash checks issued in 2015. Checking account - \$31,855.66, which includes funds being held for Rath an Oir and the Karl Redstone Tourney Fund. The Money Market account is currently \$2,065.70, which is up \$0.02.

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt, reported by HE Hengist Helgessone-Practice resumes this weekend on January 24th at 2pm. There will be an Ursulmas-style prize tourney. Loaner gear will be available, first come first armored.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr, reported by HL Clare Keenan- Nothing until February at the earliest. As always, weather permitting.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast-Practice will resume on the 24th at 11am. There will also be a prize tourney on the 24th.

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf, reported by HE Maricka Sigrunsdotter- There will be tournaments held on Sunday, January 24 beginning at 11:00am. HL Emma will be in charge of lists.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle- Monday Sewing nights continue at the home of HL Angharad ver' Reynulf. Scribal nights are held the second Wednesday of the month. HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam continues to offer banner painting, as requested by individuals. A hair lacing session will be offered, when there is interest and time. Sergeants' Trials were the first weekend in October, with three new sergeants joining the ranks. Congratulations to Audny, Zahra, and Colin! The Laurel Road Show from Dragon's Laire presented another class on documentation and preparing for competition, October 18. A second session was held 13 December. At Harvest Feast, 24 October, several classes were offered: woven buttons, Mead making, and a sergeantry discussion group. On 8 November, brewers gathered to discuss the resurrection of the guild and the different types and brewing techniques of mead. They met again in December to brew a batch of mead. December saw many people feverishly sewing and baking for 12th Night! Projects and events on the horizon: Candlemas is 6 February and several classes will be held. Kingdom Arts, Sciences, and Bardic Competition is the first weekend in March. Several members of the barony are entering single entries for judging. Maestra Rafaella is looking to gather an interested group for a 'culinary field trip'. This may actually be several outings, hitting such places at Uwajimaya, Paldo, Pacific Foods, and

other spots. Embers and Ambrosia has been combined with Celtic Bardic and Daffodil Archery, 29 April to 1 May 2016.

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- 2 names, 1 device, and 3 order names were on the most recent Letter of Acceptance and Return. Heraldry Night will resume in February.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Thomasina Fairmay- First scribal night of the new year occurred, small but good. The scribes will begin working on designs and text for the new official orders. As always, Blossom charters could use painting.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope, reported by HL Zahra bint al-Rammah - HE Hengist & Lord Agmundr each brought a guest to the regional war practice held January 16th. There have been no other contacts.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- Gold Key could use a deputy.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng, reported by HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- If you would like to submit an article for The Blatherings, please contact HL Emma by the 29th.

Web Mistress: Baron Sir Aleksii, as reported by HL Jazod Felygo- Officers, please submit the proper spelling of your name along with a picture for use on the website.

Chamberlain: OPEN, reported by Kira Mikkeldotter- The Exchequer is in possession of the keys to the trailer and storage unit until a new Chamberlain is appointed.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher-

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- Not present and no report sent for the meeting.

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- Clare will be stepping down. Any applications are due by midnight 1/21/2016 and interviews will be conducted the following week.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Hi, everyone. Thanks for coming.

Old Business:

-The thrown weapons stumps are still at HL Thorvald's. Arrangements will be made to collect them.

- -Refurbishing/Recreating Baronial cloaks/regalia. There has been a proposal for funds for material. Annaka offered a reminder update that the old cloaks are currently in her possession as a team had been formed but due to lack of funds no progress was made. HE Sven offered to refurbish the clasps. A pass the hat for donations at Candlemas was proposed and met with positive feedback.
- -Candlemas is February 6, 2016. There will be a by donation lunch of soups and bread as well as a sit down, pre-registered only feast. There will be A&S classes, the traditional swap meet to clean out the life in the SCA clutter and get new, and Sergeantry Candidates should be prepared to declare.

New Business:

- -Embers and Ambrosia is April 30th & May 1st. The calendar is updated and the Crier Copy has been turned in. There will be merchants. Fun shoots are planned and the call for class instructors has been inssued.
- -A note from the Exchequer: NMS <u>must</u> be charged for any advertised event. This includes advertising the event on Facebook, not just the Crier. Also, Paypal as a pre-registration payment option is still in process. We will be updated as information becomes available.
- -Autumn War has been awarded to HL Jazod Felygo. Please help him by offering to volunteer; volunteer often.
- -Wyewood has approached us about a combined Trials for 2016. Further discussion will follow.
- -Champions banners could also use refurbishing and/or replacing. Further discussion to follow.
- -A demo request was received from The Cub Scouts. They are doing a theme event on Tuesday, April 26th- Cubs in Shining Armor. They are requesting lessons in knighthood. This information will be forwarded to the Castellan and the Knights and Sergeants of the Barony will be contacted.

Adjourned: 7:50pm

Baronial Meeting February 18, 2016

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldótter-

- Business Checking \$31,750.28; Money Market \$2065.72.
- The budget is available now. Last year's events profit and loss are attached to budget.
- If there is something that needs to be in the budget write to the financial committee.
- We raised \$382 for the regalia project. The baron of Stromgard has promised us \$50.

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt-

- The Rose Tourney will be this Sunday at 11 am.
- My last tourney to marshal and Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh will take over as the barony's new Heavy Marshal.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr-

- With weather and events happening there has been no activity.
- Skookum Archery is discussing a permanent atlatl range that could run independent of the rest of the archery. Looking to happen around mid-March.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- absent.

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – There will be a tourney this Sunday.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle reported by Lady Sigrid Erikkona –

- Classes at Candlemas were a great success thanks to teachers and students.
- If there are any classes anyone would like to have come talk to Elizabeth, me or our A&S Champion Audny. We'll teach it if you don't want to or find someone who will.
- Alasdair, Audny and Elizabeth all have Kingdom level A&S submissions this year. Everyone is highly encouraged to enter any and all A&S competitions they can!

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah-

- Court at Candlemas was heralded by HL Emma Maydekyng who will be stepping up as Bealidh Pursuivant at Autumn War. She did a great job for her first time as a voice herald.
- The most recent Letter of Acceptance & Returns dated for December 2015 has been released. It is available for viewing at http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/
- Joint Heraldry Night with Glymm Mere resumes at the Steilacoom Library on Monday, March 14, 2016 starting at 7:00pm.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Lady Thomasina Fairamay-

- Preliminary designs for the new The Golden Arrow/Blade/Spear of Blatha an Oir award are finished and awaiting wording.
- Taylor Tomblin is stepping up as a new deputy scribe.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope -

• Demo this Sunday. There will be 2 pop-ups and 2 tables. We need A&S items to display.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- absent

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng-

- Received kudos from Kingdom Chronicler on the last newsletter. Thank you everyone for your patience with me to get it done.
- Thank you everyone for your encouragement to herald.

Web Minister: Baron Sir Aleksii-

- Fixing links that were broken and officer emails. Autumn War emails will get reworked so they are in control of the barony.
- In the process of adding media: music, pictures and video. Please consider posting your items to the website and not Facebook only.
- Officers please send me pictures of yourself if you are comfortable with having your image next to your position to help new people know who you are.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo-

- Everything has been brought back except the kneeling pillow which has been found.
- A hitch lock will be bought. Lock was missing on trailer tonight when I
 went to get the pop-ups. Looks like nothing was stolen.
- The forms are done to get things checked out.

Family Activities: Open Position-

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath-

- Bring finger food to the demo Sunday. Please don't bring chips.
- Will have the hot pots for coffee, tea and cocoa for as long as it lasts.

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir-

- Many changes right now and everyone is working together to help transition smoothly.
- Need bids for Lord Defenders and Harvest Feast.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka-

- We announced at Candlemas that we are stepping down at Autumn War. Lots needs to happen between now and then. If you are interested, send your Letter of Intent, mundane and SCA resumes to us, the Seneschal, and the King and Queen by April 2nd.
- The polling process has changed since last time and we'll be working with Kingdom closely on this. The decision has to be made during this reign.
- [*Scribal has requested interested prospects to please send their charter concepts to start the process now.]

Old Business:

- Candlemas was wonderful this year. Dame Raffaella di Contino and her team did a great job. Thank you all for your generosity.
- 82 attendees. 15 NMS. 62 stayed for feast. Netted \$166 with a budget of \$165.

New Business:

- HL Knut and HL Hroswitha provided 2 jars of pickles for the Rose Tourney.
- Embers & Ambrosia:
 - o novelty shoots being worked out; open range will be available;
 - a few merchants are lined up already; merchant fee is a donation for the tourney;
 - o bardic in the evening.
 - o [Emma brought up making a new name for the event as its combined now but the combination is temporary.]
- Autumn War:
 - have team together except for throw weapons and parking.
 - o Fire Mountain Keep have agreed to loan us signs and gate tent;
 - o letter being sent to Mr. Nix with dates;
 - o Missive being put together for Kingdom Crier and calendar;
 - Walt made flier for us to promote at the events we attend between now and then;
 - o team meeting March 8th.

Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Minutes by HL Emma Maydekyng

Baronial Meeting March 17, 2016

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Lady Kira Mikkeldótter- \$57 was donated to the regalia & award fund. We continue to take donations. The 2016 Budget is still available. \$30,759 and \$2066

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- absent. Reported by Baron Hengist – We meet one more week on Sunday at 11am March 20th. Easter weekend there will be no practice. We meet again Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30pm at the Sheridan School.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Weather continues to prevent practice. Will email group when we meet next.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- absent

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – The Rose Tourney was February 21st. It was raining but many roses were given out.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle - absent

Herald: HL Zahra bint al-Rammah- Joint Heraldry Night was held March 14th with 13 people in attendance: 1 name and 2 devices. We also have 2 going through the process. Next Joint Heraldry Night to be determined.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Lady Thomasina Fairamay- We have monthly scribal gatherings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month where scribes from the barony can meet up with other scribes to work on charters or to simply pick up new or drop off completed charters. At the last meeting March 9th there were 3 scribes attending. Next gathering is April 13th at The Star Center at 630pmish-9. The designs are in process. We will be making seals to restock for the coming year soon. The seal matrix is wearing out. We will be replacing with an estimated cost of \$235. We have 17 Kingdom Charters with a due date of early April. Kingdom Awards to be presented: AOAs – Kassandra Hakeonsdotter (AS 48) includes necklace and Jasper Braffton (AS 50) includes circlet.

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – Made 2 new contacts at the Rose Tourney. Will be following up with them by email.

Demo Coordinator - absent

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- absent

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- nothing to report

Web Minister: Baron Sir Aleksii- Waiting for pictures. Facebook is not official; please submit to the website. Our website is now 99% in compliance with Kingdom Law.

Chamberlain: HL Jazod Felygo- We have a new top for the canopy. Everything back except pillows which the Baron and Baroness have.

Family Activities: Open Position-

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath-absent

Seneschal: HL Ellisif Leifsdottir- New Polling Process. Important dates:

- April 20th Nominations due to Their Excellencies and Seneschal
- May 1st Letters of Intent/Resumes due to Their Excellencies and Seneschal
- May 5th Baronial Meet & Greet @ South End Community Center
- May 21st Meet Their Majesties at May Crown
- June 2nd Polling date @ South End Community Center

*from Scribal Team: please get in contact with scribal to get concept designs started as soon as possible.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Maricka- Fight practice this Sunday at 11am at Sheridan Elementary School

Old Business: none reported.

New Business:

- Socials: JJ at Knights of Pythion has offered their hall FREE on the 4th Monday of the month. Will be checking on parking situation. Reported by THL Audny
- Embers & Ambrosia: reported by Event Steward THL Audny Baron Josef has offered to do another roundtable with other former barons and baronesses; several laurels have volunteered to teach; Dr. Ward who sings old Nordic songs is coming; site tokens are being made; and The Costumers Guild and A&S has issued a Triathlon Challenge
- Autumn War: reported by Event Steward THL Jazod We had our 1st meeting; made contact with The Monier's Guild to do site tokens with a commemorative edition; dumpsters and biffies will be reserved this week; still need thrown weapons MIC and someone to run Iron Needle

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The Blatherings: Spring 2016 issue created by HL Emma Maydekyng. Submission Deadline: Quarterly deadline is Jan 1st, April 1st, July 1st, October 1st Submissions: Submissions welcome! Artwork, articles, reports on events, poetry, or what have you. Acceptance of submissions and time of use will be at the chronicler's discretion and as space permits. Please create all articles in a Word document. All artwork in a Jpeg format. Please cite your sources. Remember your permission to publish form! Articles will be edited for common spelling errors, grammar errors and formatting style. Disclaimer: This is the Spring 2016 issue of The Blatherings, a publication of the Barony of Blatha an Oir of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.). The Blatherings is available online at http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/ to print out or view.