

The Blatherings

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

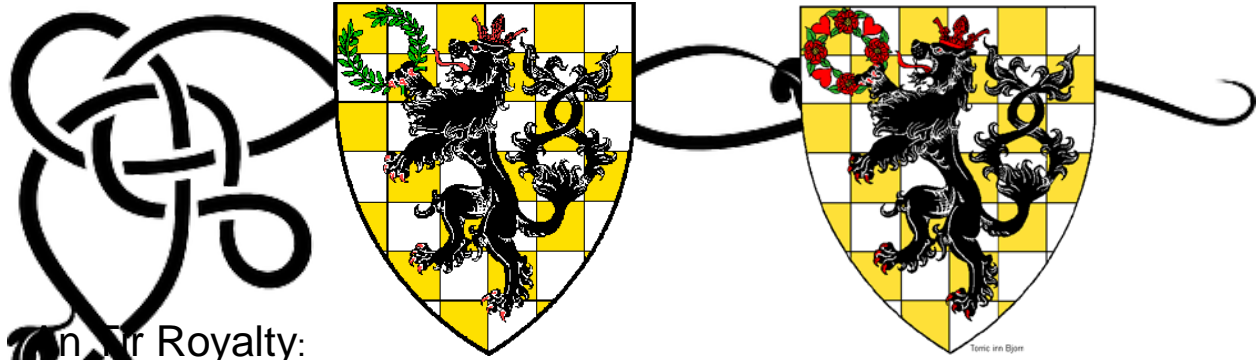
Words from Their Excellencies Hengist and Maricka:

Greetings unto the populace of the lands of the Golden blossom,

As some may have heard, Her Excellency and I announced in court at our Candlemas event that we will not be seeking another term as Baron and Baroness. Our time will be completed in August. We will do our best to have the coronet change over at Autumn War as is tradition. We will still continue to work hard serving the Barony as Baron and Baroness until that time comes. We still have work to do. We are reaching the end of our to do list so we feel that it is time to give over the coronets to whomever Their Majesties feel will be best suited.

*Always in service to the Crown of An Tir and the lands of the Golden Blossom
Hengist Helgessone Maricka Sigrunsdotter
Baron and Baroness of Blatha an Oir*





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,
 Prince Ziitos Turk and Princess Vestinia Antonia Aurelia

Their Excellencies of Summits,
 To be determined at [Spring Coronet](#)

Their Highnesses of Tir Righ,
 Tanist Vikingr and ban-Tanist Lishinia

Their Excellencies of Tir Righ,
 Tanist Thorwulf and ban-Tanist Wulfwyn

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)

Blatha an Oir Champions:

Lord Defender-

Baron Sir Aleksii Konstantinovich Chernyi

Rapier Champion-

His honorable Lord Sargeant Ulric Morgan

Arts & Science Defender-

Her Honorable Lady Sargeant Audny Refsdottir

Archery Champion-

Beorn of the Jarnfolk

Thrown Weapons Defender-

Baron Sir Aleksii Konstantinovich Chernyi

Pages of Blatha an Oir-

Thela Fletcher

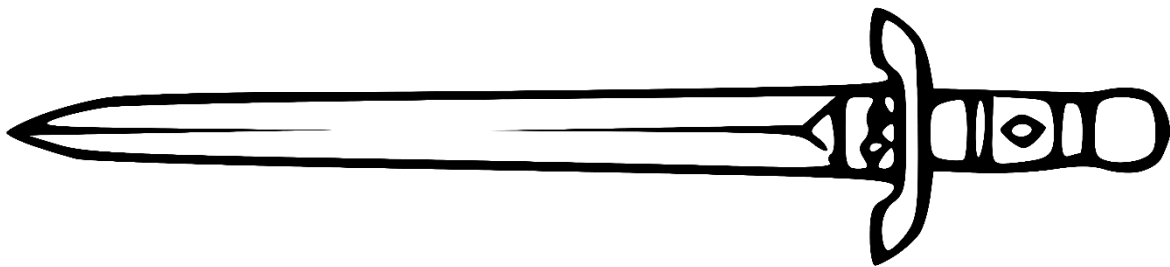
Bardic Champion-

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 website. <http://blathaanoir.antir.sca.org/>





Progress of Thier Excellencies

of Blatha an Oir: □ □ □ □

Feb 13 — [Candlemas — Barony of Dragons Laire](#)

Feb 20 — [Stromgard's Founding Revel — Barony of Stromgard](#)

March 5 — [Kingdom Arts and Sciences/Bardic Championship — Barony of Glymm Mere](#)

April 8-10 — [Baroness War — Barony of Vulcanfeldt](#)

April 29-May 1 — [Embers & Ambrosia/Daffodil/Celtic Bardic — Barony of Blatha an Oir](#)

May 14 — [Mayfaire — Barony of Glymm Mere](#)

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 heralds 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 on every Kingdom's Letter 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

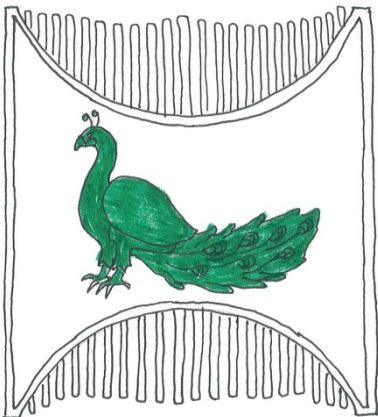
and Returns. The College takes about a month to proofread this Letter because we want to minimize the chance that any errors are published in the Letter. Once that month is up the Letter of Acceptance and Returns is issued and you should be notified by your Kingdom herald with the results.

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.

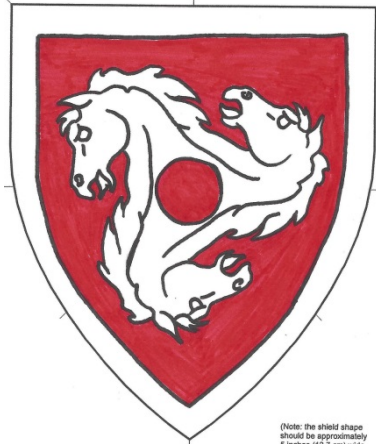
Yours In Service,
Sayyida Zahra bint al-Rammah
Bealidh Pursuivant

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

<p>Valpuri Hyvärintytär af Ihala (Alternate Name & Badge)</p>  <p>(Fieldless) On a comb argent a peacock vert</p>	
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On the September 2015 Letter of Acceptances and Returns the following Names and Devices were Accepted:

Hengist Helgessone (Device)



Gules, on a triskelion of horse's heads argent a torteau, a bordure argent.

(Note: the shield shape should be approximately 6 inches x 7.5 cm wide)

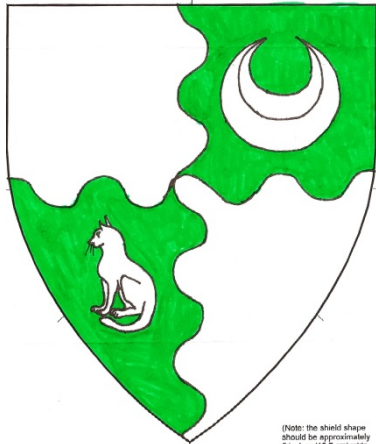
Gasa-Rekkir Geirsson (Name & Device)



Per pale wavy vert and azure, a fox and a goat combattant argent.

(Note: the shield shape should be approximately 6 inches x 7.5 cm wide)


Anastasia Darnel (Name & Device)



Quarterly wavy argent and vert, a crescent and a domestic cat sejant argent.

(Note: the shield shape should be approximately 6 inches x 7.5 cm wide)

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

<p>Order of the Golden Arrow of Blatha an Oir (Name)</p> <p>For those showing excellence on the Archery Range</p>	<p>Order of the Golden Blade of Blatha an Oir (Name)</p> <p>For those showing excellence on the Rapier Field</p>
<p>Order of the Golden Spear of Blatha an Oir (Name)</p> <p>For those showing excellence in Armored Combat</p>	<p>Kira Mikkeldotter (Name only)</p>
<p>Njáll Hróðgeirsson (Name & Device)</p> 	
<p>Sable, a chevron couched from dexter interlaced with a chevron couched from sinister Or.</p>	

Previous LOARs may be found here → <http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/>

A Guide to the Heraldic Submissions Process by Dmitrii Volkovich, Pale Herald

<http://heraldry.sca.org/FAQs/submissions.html>

Blatha an Oir Upcoming Events:

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

Embers & Ambrosia

Greetings Good Gentles of Blatha An Oir!

This year we have combined three of our Blatha an Oir events together for an epic weekend of awesome! Embers and Ambrosia, Celtic Bardic, AND Daffodil Archery will be taking place at the Swiss Sportsmen's Club in Bonney Lake on the weekend of April 30th-May 1st, 2016. Lots of information in this post, but stick with me!

General event info:

The site fee \$15 (\$5 NMS for those who are not members), with a \$10 tent fee for camping if you wish to stay overnight through to Sunday morning. RV parking/camping is available, \$20 for full hook up and \$15 for dry. Our Instructors will have a lower entrance fee of \$10 as a thank-you for volunteering. Youths, aged 17 and younger, to enter for free with their approving/legal guardians.

Gratefully Yours,

HL Audny Refsdottir (and the entire event team!)

Embers and Ambrosia/Daffodil Archery/Celtic Bardic

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 Sunday 11-1 at Sheridan Elementary School, 902 E. 53rd St., Tacoma, WA 98404 will change to Tuesday night around daylight savings time

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 October 15, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdóttir- \$31,705.77 of which \$1050 for Carl Redstone Youth Tournament and \$3000 for Rath an Oir is earmarked. Money Market acct. \$2064.64

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- Meeting on Sundays now. We have 2 new Jr and 1 new Sr Marshal. His Lordship Sergeant Gabhin Mac Findleagh will be my deputy until June when he will take over as baronial heavy marshal. Sunday after Harvest Feast will have Baroness B'day Bash tourney.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Practice is still going on Sundays. Dragon's Laire did all the archery for Lord Defenders. We have 2 new Jr. TAMs. At the Nov. 11th practice we will have Sgt. Candidate Specialty Testing. Sgt. Trials did well for Candidates.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- absent

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – Nothing to report.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth Fitzwilliam of Carlisle – There was an arts and sciences display and a brewing competition Baronial champions was held 18-20 September in conjunction with Dragons Laire's Last Chance Tourney. The new Arts and Sciences champion is HL Audny Refsdottir. She is chock-full of enthusiasm, skill, and knowledge, truly an asset to the barony and to the kingdom. Projects and events on the horizon: The Baronial ceremonial cloaks for the Baron and Baroness will be made anew, with the actual construction commencing after Autumn War. HL Annaka Poznanska will spearhead the project. Several classes are being planned for Harvest Feast, 24th October. A Laurel team from Dragon's Laire will be presenting to any who wish to attend a class on documentation and preparing for competition on October 18th 1-3 pm at Angharat verch Reynulf's home. Dates and time to be announced. Master Charles du Bourbon will give a talk on using furs as artifice in period clothing. 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

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- In process: 3 Order names 4 names, 4 devices. Joint Heraldry Night for November has not been scheduled we may postpone until after the holidays.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by HL Annaka Poznanska- Scribal night rescheduled to 10/21 due to illness. Expense report will be in soon but real life is interfering.

Castellan: HL Thorvald Einharson - ABC Demo went over well and we are wanted back again next year on Oct 1st in Spanaway. Lord Domhnall Wardrope takes over as new Castellan.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya: Gold Key was provided by Dragons Laire at Lord Defenders.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Newsletter got put up.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- absent

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer reported by Thorvald Einharson and Kira Mikkelsdóttir: Trailer is still at Thorvald's. Storage unit is going up to \$116/month from \$105. Parking is going up to \$55/month from \$50 effective Nov 1st – will see if we are grandfathered in as we are paid to January.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- Lord Defenders had a lot of children. Aubrey provided a lot of the activities. Canton Silver Hart was sent a copy of my activity book.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- [missed]

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- Need event bids for Candlemas, Embers & Ambrosia, Daffodil Archery, Autumn War, Lord Defender, and Harvest Feast for the 2016 year.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- As of Harvest Feast we will have 2 new unofficial positions of Head Chef's filled by Merlyn and Mykel. Thanks to them for doing all the cooking these past few years! Next year marks the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings and the Battle of Stanford Bridge so Autumn War will be themed Norman vs Anglo-Saxon. I call forth the mighty warriors of the Barony to fight against Count Styrkarr Jarlsskald's army. We will have many activities planned including tourneys, bridge battle, and children's activities. There will be an arts and sciences competition based on the Bayeux Tapestry. We need your taxes to reward those who deserve recognition.

Old Business:

Lord Defenders – Congratulations to Baron Sir Aleksii Konstantinovich Chernoi the barony's new Heavy and Thrown Weapons Champion; Her Ladyship Audny Refsdottir the new Arts and Sciences Champion; Biorn biarnylr Atlason the new Archery Champion; and His Lordship Ulric Morgan the new Rapier Champion!

Sergeant's Trials: -- was held at the Swiss and 3 of the 4 candidates were successful. Congratulations to Sergeant Colin Graham and Courtiers Audny Refsdottir and Zahra bint al-

Rammah! Please continue to encourage Baron Yusuf as he resumes testing on November 1st and 14th.

New Business:

Harvest Feast: October 24th Pre-registration closes tonight. Menu is 50% vegan and 99% gluten free. We will start at noon with classes, court and then the feast.

Demo Tourney - October 25th 1:30 pm Wapato Park at I-5 and 72nd will be ~~The Baroness Birthday Bash~~

Beat Cancer with a Stick Tourney. Modified round robin all weapon styles. May be in combination with Connor Hume Memorial Tourney. Her Excellency, Baroness Maricka will be making black and pink valkyrie bags with the proceeds to go to Her Ladyship Sophia Francesca Bruno who is giving fierce battle to cancer.

Daffodil Parade – Need to see if there is enough support to do a demo on April 9th the same weekend as Baroness War. There is a \$25 entry fee to the parade so we need to know ahead of time if there are people willing to come in garb and armor, hand out pamphlets

Adjourned: 7:41 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lady Emma Maydekyng and her thanks to Her Ladyship Angharat for taking notes when she was late.

Baronial Meeting November 19, 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdóttir- \$32,460.74 of which \$1050 for Carl Redstone Youth Tournament and \$3000 for Rath an Oir is earmarked. Money Market acct. \$2065.66. Harvest Feast deposit returned **Heavy Marshal:** HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- absent.

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- Season ended in October. Good results – waiting for Kingdom to release. Resume end of January.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- absent

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf – Baronial Birthday Bash had several fighters and rapiers. Some made donation – thank you. Glass beads from Sophia.

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle – absent

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- nothing new to report.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Thomasina Fairmay- October got moved to 3rd Wed. Scribal Night is on hold until January

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope – 1 contact via Facebook, met at fight practice very excited. Thorvald – DIY Demo – lots of interest, continue next year.

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya: absent.

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Donate an article for The Blatherings.

Web Mistress: Lady Kara Agnarsdottir- absent

Chamberlain: HL Otto Bauer nothing to report. Kira Mikkelsdóttir-- Trailer at Storage Unit. Thrown Weapons targets still at Thorvalds need moved. Merlyn has trailer keys. Dawn has storage keys.

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- absent.

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- absent

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- Candlemas by Annaka and Fancis. Stepdown 1/30/16 at Candlemas, submit SCA and Modern Resumes if more interest, interviews, announced Jan Business Mtg.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Regional War Practice Saturday Nov 21st

Old Business:

Need new web minister – Baron Sir Aleksii volunteered.

Trailer adapter donated by Mykel

Harvest Feast: 71 adults, \$388, Fisher House, handful toys, food to Pierce County Food Bank.

New Business:

December 1st Thursday Cancelled

Holiday Potluck after Dec 17th Business Meeting

Looking for new site for Autumn War in Pierce County. Minimum 100 acres; clear and flat; \$3500-4000; Ellisif volunteers to be Mr. Nix liaison – he wants 1 person to talk to, acknowledging that Event Steward is ultimately in charge.

Candlemas – February 6th - \$8 +NMS; side board lunch – soups and bread, suggested donation of \$2 going for BAO General Fund; provide seated feast Italian greatest hits \$12 pre-reg only; swap-meet, A&S classes, hall open at 10am, Sergeantry declare at this event.

Adjourned: 7:31 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lady Emma Maydekyng and her thanks to Lady Zahra for taking notes

Baronial Meeting December 2015

Officers' Reports:

Exchequer: Kira Mikkelsdóttir- \$31,855.66 in checking and \$2065.68 in money market

Heavy Marshal: HL Alasdair MacRoibeirt- absent. Reported by Baron Hengist Jan 17th there will be War Practice

Archery: Baroness Shawna Kerr- no activity. Start back up in January depending on the weather.

Rapier: HL Verith de Prendergast- Start back up about January 16th

Lists: HL Angharat verch Reynulf - absent

Arts & Sciences: HL Elizabeth FittzWilliam of Carlisle – Lady Sigrid Erikkona the Arts and Sciences deputy reported that the Barony of Wyewood is having a competition challenge.

Herald: Lady Zahra bint al-Rammah- Joint heraldry night will resume in January.

Scribe: Lady Eibhlin inghean Fhionghuinne reported by Thomasina Fairmay- no activity

Castellan: Lord Domhnall Wardrope - absent

Gold Key: Lady Aleksandra Grozkaya- absent

Chronicler: HL Emma Maydekyng- Please submit artwork and articles for The Blatherings

Web Minister: Baron Sir Aleksii- have login and will be starting after Christmas. Requests pictures from past events and of the populous.

Chamberlain: - position open. Kira Mikkelsdottir reported that Merlin has locker keys and Kira has trailer key

Family Activities: HL Sabina Fletcher- absent

Hospitality Coordinator: Baroness Elspeth Nic Grath- nothing to report

Seneschal: HL Clare Keenan- End of year reports due by the end of January. Need bids for Autumn War. Need Seneschal SCA/Modern resume due by January Business Mtg.

Baron Hengist & Baroness Marike- Our "vassal barony" Glymm Mere didn't pay their tithe and Refused and Rebuffed us! WAR!!!! We have wagered 50 hand-crafted brews for "The 100 Beers War"

Old Business:

New Business:

Brewery Guild

Culinary Guild

Adjourned: 7:27 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Emma Maydekyng

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