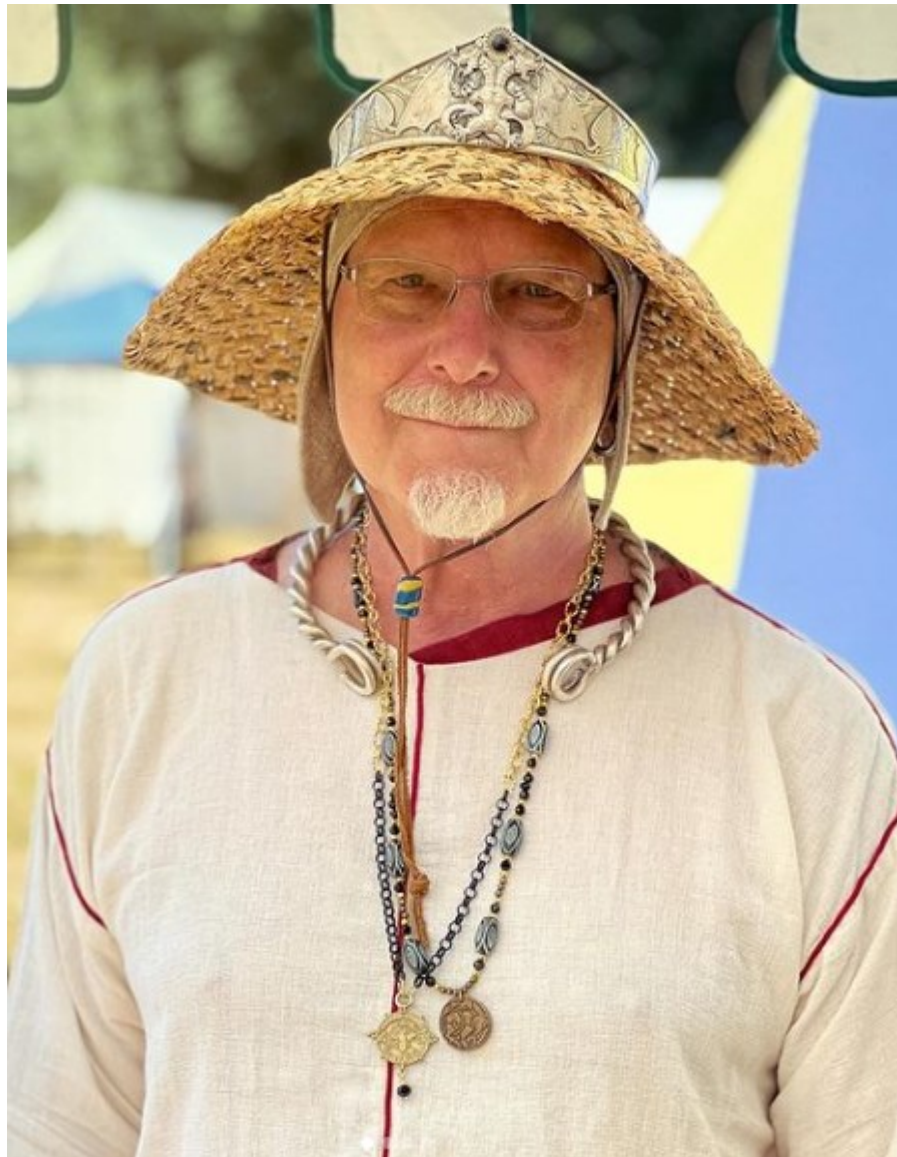




The Flames of the Dragon

August 2024

Anno Societatis LIX (59)



Congratulations to His Excellency Arlon the Wanderer! He received a King's Favor and Queen's Favor/Forget-Me-Not at July Coronation.

Photo Credit Ceara Nightshade, July Coronation, 2024

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Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Harvest Feast:** October 19 at Marcus Whitman Junior High in Port Orchard, WA. Event Steward Master Arontius of Bygelswade, Feast Coordinator Lady Thea of Midvale.
- **Candlemas:** February 1. Key Peninsula Civic Center reserved, seeking Event Steward.
- **Ostara:** March 29th. Island Lake Community Building off of Island Lake Road. Event Steward Adelheide Leeuwin
- Spring Arts & Sciences Play Day: TBD
- **June Faire/Kitsap Medieval Fair:** June 20-22. TBD.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesdays

- Armored, Rapier, and Target Thrown Weapons, 6:00-8:00
- Social and Arts & Science Classes, doors open at 6:00, classes and meetings start at 6:30 unless otherwise indicated. Over at 8:00.
- First Tuesday—Finance & Business Meetings, all are welcome! Doors open at 6:00 with the Finance Meeting starting at 6:30 and doors close at 8:00

Wednesdays

- Target Archery Practice from 5:00 to 8:00
 - Bring water, consider a hat, and wear sunscreen!

All activities are currently held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Planned activities during Social

Aug 13 Games Night: Games Night hosted by Gamesminister Lady Lucy of Leke!

Aug 20 Meet-n-Greet and Q&A: Mingle with the 3 sets who have entered their names for Baronial Coronet followed by a moderated Question & Answer session.

Aug 27 Bardic Night: Drop-in Bardic Night, all skills and instruments welcome! Bring what you're working on, test out a piece with a small audience, and/or practice/jam with a group. Bardic arts include instrumental, singing, story-telling, poetry, and more!

Sept 3: Mingle with the 3 sets who have entered their names for Baronial Coronet followed by a moderated Question & Answer session.

Sept 10: Baronial Finance and Business Meeting! Updates about the state of the Barony, upcoming events, and projects. Everyone welcome!

VFW Hall Location

Henry Bryner Post 4992

9981 Central Valley Road NE

Bremerton, WA 98311

Do NOT PARK IN THE FIELD ACROSS THE STREET. Marked tow away zone.

Scribal Guild Meeting

August 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 in Port Orchard

Looking for inspiration: online manuscripts, libraries, other resources.

August 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 in Port Orchard

A second night for those who can't make Tuesday.

Picture: from the Textus Medici: Lapidarius.

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Culinary Guild Meeting

August 17th, Master Thangbrandr's in Suquamish

10:00 - 3:00 PM

3 charcoal grills will be up, please bring your favorite item to grill!



Around the Region

- **Lion's Gate September Crown:** August 30—Sept 2, Albion Fairgrounds, 23448 105th Ave. Maple Ridge, BC V2W 1G3. The Tournament for An Tir's next Crown! Also Archery, Equestrian, Rapier, Cut & Thrust, Thrown Weapons, and Youth Armored Combat Championships.
- **Glymm Mere Emprise of the Black Lion & Autumn War:** September 12-15: T90 Ranch, 16641 Old Hwy 99 SE Tenino, WA 98589. The Baronies of Blatha an Oir, Glymm Mere, Madrone, and Wyewood invite you to attend Autumn War—featuring Emprise of the Black Lion (a collaborative event).
- **Aquaterra Banner War:** September 20-22: Masonic Family Park, 24310 Mountain Loop Hwy; Granite Falls, WA 98252. In the Barony of Aquaterra, the Great Banner War has erupted, shattering the fragile peace that has reigned for nigh a year. Noble houses, each adorned with their heraldic symbols of power and lineage, now clash in a tumultuous struggle for supremacy. As banners unfurl atop ancient keeps and across battlefields stained with the echoes of history, alliances are forged and broken, ambitions kindled and dashed. Heroes rise from obscurity, wielding sword and strategy in equal measure, while the fate of kingdoms hangs in the balance. In this crucible of honor and treachery, only one house will ultimately claim the right to rule, while others fade into the annals of legend. Houses will declare their intent to vie for the Great War Chest at morning court on Saturday, September 21st. No house? No problem! Bid, barter and bribe competing houses for war points that you earn.
- **Wastekeep Chatelaine Symposium:** September 27-29: Naff Farm, 2761 Rd F NE; Moses Lake, WA 98827.
- **Vulcanfeldt Vulcanalia:** October 11-13: TBA. A festival of archery to include Traditional, Historical, and Novelty Shoots. Baronial Championships to include Heavy & Rapier Combat, Target Archery & Thrown Weapons, and Arts & Sciences. Themed party to celebrate Harvest.
- **Caladphort Rose and Thorn Symposium:** October 11-13: Shiloh Inn, 707 Ocean Shores Blvd; Ocean Shores, WA 98569. Join us as we celebrate the women and gender diverse combatants of all disciplines! A weekend of classes and practicums.

Receipts with Rycheza

A Newly Minted Pair: A Roman Cucumber Salad and Sikanjabîn for a cooling drink

With the hot weather as inspiration, this month's column bring you a couple of cooling dishes featuring mint. Mint was often used in the capacity of a sweetener, as it was in the Minted Melon Salad previously featured in this column, and also in more savory dishes such as the paring of mint jelly with roast lamb we see today.

Our Roman Cucumber Salad comes out of the Roman manuscript *de re coquinaria*. This cookbook hails at least the fourth century and some scholars point to earlier sources reaching possibly into the first century CE. Although attributed to the famed Roman gourmand Apicius, it is unlikely he was directly associated with the work, but rather his name became attached to it as a sort of endorsement a la the use of the fictional Betty Crocker in our own time.

Roman Minted Cucumber Salad

One cucumber- sliced (I generally leave the peel on, but you could peel the cucumber, or cut it in chunks, spears or any other way your heart desires.)

¼ cup red wine vinegar

1 tbsp honey

½ tsp fish sauce (available in the Asian section) Or substitute salt to taste.

6 fresh mint leaves, finely sliced. *

Combine all ingredients and let marinate, garnish with more mint, serve chilled or at room temp. 4-6 servings

*Tip: a great way to cut up the mint is a process called chiffonade. Rinse and dry the mint leaves, stack them and roll into a cylinder, slice across the leaves with a sharp knife. This gives you long thin shreds of mint and keeps the chopping process neat.

One mea culpa to add here, I find that for some obscure reason I have omitted the pepper called for in the original. Pepper (black or perhaps long pepper) was a great favorite in Roman cookery and used in recipes both savory and sweet. Please feel free to add in as much as you like.

Our second featured recipe is not my own but as a great favorite across the Known World, I include it here: While this is a modern recipe, Sikanjabîn is a flavored syrup originating in Arabic manuscripts presented as medicinal recipes for treating a variety of ailments. To-day we use it as the foundation for cooling drinks, diluting it with cold water to taste. It could also be combined with hot water as in the original recipe quoted below.

Simple Mint Sikanjabîn

4 cups sugar

2 1/2 cups water

1 cup wine vinegar

Handful of fresh mint or other herbs or spices.

Dissolve sugar in water over med high heat; when it comes to a boil add vinegar. Simmer 1/2 hour. Add a handful of mint, remove from fire, let cool. Strain out mint. Dilute the resulting syrup to taste with ice water. The syrup stores without refrigeration.

I have done this with a variety of flavorings from lemon to various herbs. Try experimenting with herbs like basil and lemon balm.

An original recipe from An Anonymous Andalusian Cookbook of the 13th Century

Translated by Charles Perry

Syrup of Simple Sikanjabîn (Oxymel)

Take a ratl of strong vinegar and mix it with two ratls of sugar, and cook all this until it takes the form of a syrup. Drink an ûqiya of this with three of hot water when fasting: it is beneficial for fevers of jaundice, and calms jaundice and cuts the thirst, since sikanjabîn syrup is beneficial in phlegmatic fevers: make it with six ûqiyas of sour vinegar for a ratl of honey and it is admirable.

Keep cool and keep cooking.

Contribute to The Flames!

We are looking for contributions to the Flames!

Doing something neat? Found a fantastic article or video that you want to share? Send it in!

Looking for art and photos! The newsletter benefits from your contributions to help break up the text and we love to brag about your skills. Oops! I mean spread the word-fame for our amazing artists! Dragons, SCA topics, scenic views of the Barony...

Please email submissions and/or questions to DragonsLaire.Chronicler@antir.org.

OFFICERS WANTED

Exchequer: Looking for a Step-up Deputy, please speak with HL Guiote de Bourgogne!

The Exchequer is the treasurer of the Barony and is responsible for the handling of all SCA funds within the Barony as described by the Kingdom and Society Exchequer handbooks.

Leads the Finance Committee and moderates the Finance Committee meetings. This is a Kingdom warranted position, which is required to send quarterly reports to a designated Kingdom Officer.

- a. Oversee the Steward, the Librarian, and the Finance Committee Clerk.
- b. Act as advisor to the June Faire Committee.
- c. Attend regional Exchequer symposiums, as able, in order to stay up to date on changes to law and policy. These trainings may be in person or via video conferencing.
- d. It is not a requirement that someone holding this Office have a degree or previous modern life job training in this type of position.

Webminister: Looking for a Technical Deputy, please speak with HL Máenach na Cailled.

I'm seeking a deputy to assist with technical duties related to the office such as maintenance of our Wordpress website (updating plugins, etc.), managing our email forwarding accounts, and keeping our domain name registrations current. The exact list of duties is flexible, and I'm happy to provide any assistance and training you might want. If you think you might be interested in becoming the next Webminister, this would be a great way to explore the idea. Thank you!

Lists: Please speak with Honorable Lady Furia "Dammit" Dommitia if you are interested.

The Minister of Lists is responsible for running tournaments at Baronial events, which will include Baronial Championships and may include Crown Tourneys.

- a. Maintain and stock the Lists box with appropriate forms as needed.
- b. Provide an inventory to the Baronial Steward annually, as requested.
- c. Make monthly reports at the Baronial business meeting and submit quarterly reports to the Kingdom Deputy Marshal for Lists
- d. At Tournaments:
 - Confirm that all combatants have fighter authorization cards.
 - Arrange and record the pairing of fighters at tournaments and demonstrations.
 - Compile a roster of fighters in their area with a note on the qualifications of each.
 - See that combat waivers are brought to and used at all functions which might involve fighting (armored combat, combat archery, rapier combat, or youth armored combat).
 - Assist the Kingdom List Minister at Kingdom events as available, work in conjunction and cooperation with the marshals and heralds to ensure a smoothly run event.

Games Minister: Looking for a Step-up Deputy, please speak with HL Lucy!

It is the responsibility of the Games Minister to promote, teach, and support the practice of playing medieval games and pastimes. Games Ministers are encouraged to host activities at Social and Baronial events and are supported if they choose to pursue hosting medieval game nights.

Other duties include:

- a. Maintain, and inventory the Baronial game supply.
- b. Provide the updated inventory to the Steward in January.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald): Looking for a Step-up Deputy, please speak with HL Owain!

The Herald acts as the voice of the Crown and of the Crown's Representatives, the Coronet. The Dragon's Laire Baronial Herald uses the title of Golden Dragon Pursuivant. This is a Kingdom Warranted position, which is required to send quarterly reports to a designated Kingdom Officer.

- a) Provide heraldic services to the Barony including consultations, field heraldry, town cries, and court heraldry. The Baronial Herald is not required to be an expert in all areas but should know who to call upon to provide the services.

You can also speak with the Marquesa Laurellen about any position or consider asking about becoming a Deputy!

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Date of the meeting: August 6, 2024

The Motion to approve the June 4th Finance and Business Meeting Minutes: From Mateusz z Plocka

Seconded: Karl inn Irski

The Populace approved the motion, there were no Nays or Abstains.

The Motion to approve the July 9th Finance and Business Meeting Minutes: Furia Domitia

Seconded: Mateusz z Plocka

The Populace approved the motion, there were no Nays or Abstains.

Dragon's Laire Finance Meeting

Barony of Dragon's Laire

Finance Meeting Report – August

8.6.2024

Committee members:

- ◇ Tammie Dupuis, Branch President
- ◇ Kimberly Parks, Branch Treasurer
- ◇ Amanda Zeitler, Committee Member, via phone
- ◇ William David Peters, Committee Member

Non-Voting Committee members:

- Elizabeth Kamber, Deputy Branch President
- Heidi Schulmeyer, Deputy Branch Treasure

1. Account Balances: Request from Exchequer

2. Event Bids:

a. June Faire 6/14/2024

- i. Heidi – Proposed expense: \$30,450; income: \$45,500; profit: \$15,050
- ii. Ciar/Dammit - Proposed expense: \$28175; income: \$28,175; profit: \$7,325
- iii. Ciar/Dammit bid accepted
- iv. Chris/Maenach. Request to switch host site for event website. Currently hosted on weebly. Proposal to either have the kingdom host the website or move hosting to the same website as the Dragon's Laire website. Approved.
- v. Proposal to upgrade to add president's hall. Site fee \$10 for day, \$15 for weekend. Approved
- vi. Financial committee approved to add the Thunderbird arena, (War scenarios, heavy, missiles) for \$2400 + \$150 insurance. Approved
- vii. Request to purchase three pop-ups. ~130\$ for 12x12. Was approved last year and not purchased. Approved

Viii. Request to incentivize June faire volunteers at \$20/hr per person paid to their branch. With pre-sign up. Approved

Ix. **Final Numbers**, except still missing merchant fees

b. Harvest Fest 10/19/2024

i. Michael Rogers (Arontius) Event. Thea Sand (Thea of Midvale) Feast.

ii. Event proposal received. 10/19/2024 at Marcus Whitman Middle School

iii. 1400 site 1200, \$15 for adults, \$12 feast fee.

iv. **Halldora Bjorn taking over as Event Steward**

c. New Event Request – Ostara – 3/29/25

i. Heidi Schulmeyer/Adelheide Leeuwin

ii. Site cost \$50 per hour with 25% discount. \$375 for 10 hours

iii. Dry site, insurance will be required, 10\$-15\$ for site fee

iv. Approved for site. Want to see more detail monetary break down for the food portion.

v. Site cost increase to \$525. Event fee increase to \$20. Approved

vi. Approved to provide BBQ meat for the event estimated cost of \$800

vii. Half site fee paid for deposit 275.

viii. No new business

d. Candlemas 2025—Proposal

i. Jessy Gateman, Event Steward

ii. Key Peninsula Civic Center. \$15 feast fee, \$15 day fee, total estimated expenses \$3200, estimated income \$3375.

iii. Approved

3. Purchases/Expenditures/Fund-Raising:

a. Artunis, Request for 18 battle ponies to pull 9 chariots, will submit bid. Moved to a later date.

b. Brandy Stier/Ciar Ingen Fiachnea – Proposal to create a special Purpose and Dedicated fund. To use merchant fees received from June Faire to provide prizes for the tournaments. Cap of \$2000 per year. Approved, initial fund with fees earned from 2023 June Faire.

c. Arion/William David Peters – Request for proposal/bid for construction of two storage/carrying bags for the Baronial Chairs. Local request. Approved

d. Request from Deborah Jezek/Halldora to allocate \$50 of Chatelaine budget to the design of welcome banners and info bookmarks. Approved

e. Request from Owain for materials to help create Corbridge and coronet boxes. #150. Ap-

proved without icechest option. Approved for \$100.

f. Request to subscribe to Bitwarden, password management service. Allows to share passwords between certain number of people. \$40 per year. Approved.

g. PO BOX Fe, pay 6 months or a year? Approved for 12 months, \$364.

4. Administrative Actions:

a. **Looking for Deputy Exchequer**

b. 2024 Budget—review for approval. Increase request for Scribal from \$300 to \$500. Addition of Beautification, budget \$300. Addition of fund for Prize Tournament. Approved.

c. Arion/William David Peters - Request from for regalia for Thrown Weapons champion. Total cost of \$261. Approved

d. **Suggestion to transfer CD to high interest savings account. Look into the process.**

e. **Proposal to reimburse TRM's gas expense for visit to Harvest Feast. Approved.**

5. Long Term Maintenance Agenda Items (Maintained on this agenda until resolved):

a. Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades- Amanda Zeitler (AKA HE Kloe of Thira)

i. Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades: Canvas was received in June. Poles, ropes, and stakes to be manufactured / acquired and Day Shades assembled for storage. Her Excellency Kloe is managing this effort at the moment. Several people volunteered to assist in this work. M'Lord Kamar (MKA Raymond Hicks) volunteered the use of an Industrial Sewing Machine for the manufacture of Canvas Bags in which to store Baronial Owned Equipment. If you have equipment, or time, you can donate for this cause, please contact Her Excellency Kloe. Susan Levitt purchased new rope. Reimbursement for supplies and a one-time travel allowance approved by the DLFC on 04/12/2021 to Susan Levitt. What is next for the project? Left to purchase: poles and pins, and stakes. Hold on acquiring poles due to the increased cost of lumber. Focus on acquiring stakes. Needs physical help to assess tents and number of stakes needed. David Meyers (AKA Thangbrandr) to submit a bid for pole pins and tent stakes. Approved. Reimbursement made 02/01/22. Dining fly poles bid - Lucy Submitted bid for poles. Approved for purchase of materials. Waiting for reimbursement request. Bag project will re-visit after June Faire. Tent bag project to be taken over by Amanda Zeitler (AKA HE Kloe of Thira) Baroness is requesting funds. Supplies have been received. Waiting for Receipts to reconcile the cash advice. **Now waiting for finished bags. In process.**

Dragon's Laire Business Meeting

Written reports are as submitted with only minor corrections for egregious spelling errors.

In-person additions from the meeting will be noted.

Words from Their Excellencies

Greetings unto the Most Noble Populace of the Best Barony in the Knowne World,

We wish to thank Jarl Ulfgar and Jarla Juhara for a wonderful Reign. It was a privilege to serve as Their representatives for the Barony. We look forward to working with Their Royal Majesties Eirik and Brynhildr as we prepare to step down as your Baroness and Baron at Harvest Feast. We are blessed with having 3 strong couples hoping to guide the Barony into the future. Dragon's Laire will be in good hands no matter which couple the Crown selects.

In other news, the Deputy Society Marshal for Siege commended Arkhai for his work in getting the rules finalized for Target Siege in the July 2024 Commendations to the Board of Directors missive from the Society Marshal.

Recommend someone for a Baronial or Kingdom Award!

Help Us honor those who make the Dream a reality!

Do you know someone who deserves an Award for their hard work, martial skills and/or their contributions to the Arts and Sciences? Tell us or tell the Crown. Don't know how? Ask us!

Since the Crown will be at our Harvest Feast, think very hard on who should get a Kingdom level award. Check their name in the Order of Precedence (<https://op.antirheralds.org/>) to see what they already have. You may be surprised that someone you thought had a certain award, doesn't have it because everyone thought they already had it. Let's make Harvest Feast a memorable event honoring our populace.

July Coronation

A few hardy souls braved the hot July sun and traveled to the Chehalis River valley for the Coronation of Eirik and Brynhildr. The site was lovely with river access that was quite welcome after a very HOT Saturday of activities.

Shout outs go to Poseidonous for making it into the final 4 for the Squires Tourney AND the final 8 of the Armored Champion Tourney. He also tied for 1st place in the Delightful Duo Largess contest with 2 lovely tourney chests. Septimus just missed the final 8 in the Armored Champion Tourney by one fight.

Morgan received the Chivalry prize (one of the tourney chests Poseidonous made!) in the Armored Champion Tourney. Kettill, Morgan, Posiedonous and Septimus all fought well and gained word-fame and notice from the Chivalry. As always Aoife (E-fah) was there supporting the fighters and making sure they were hydrated and cared for.

A big thank you goes to our brand new member Ceara who joined the webteam and posted event activities to Instagram. Sigridr taught a well attended class on her seed to fabric flax journey and was complemented by the Kingdom A&S Minister on her presentation. As always, Halldóra was everywhere doing everything, including Lists, the Delightful Duo, Retinue and who can keep track of all the other stuff? ... does that woman EVER sit down? Dammit and Aldehyde did retinue for incoming and outgoing Crowns. Talon and Jenae are doing some heavy lifting for Their Royal Majesties Eirik and Brynhildr as Head of Retinue and Court Coordinator. Morgan is serving as Head of the King's Guard.

Ciar kept Her Excellency Kloe company and supplied much needed support to various members of the Barony, as well as an amazing curry dinner, alongside contributions from the populace, for the camp. Baron Ralg organized a Saturday Pancake breakfast for the Baronial camp. Maenach was of wonderful support as well. Jacques ran Live Stream for Courts, while Baroness Alessandra ran various lists and offered him support as needed.

BaO's Newcomer's Althing / Lord Defender

Caterina da Savona taught Rectangular Construction 101- Pattern making for beginners and Rectangular Construction 102- Intro to pattern variation/layers.

In Joyful Service to the Barony, the Kingdom, and the Dream,

Kloe, Baroness Arion, Baron

Seneschal, Laurellen de Brandevin

Remarks:

Seneschal Deputies

Social Media Officer, Caterina da Savona

July saw us continuing to "wake up" our Instagram account @dragonslaireasca, with posts from An Tir West War and July Coronation -- the latter thanks to our new Web & Social Media deputy, Ceara. Having two people for Instagram should increase our coverage of DL events!

- Facebook is active as always. Scammers already had to be removed from Harvest Feast event comments. Advertising (Facebook and Discord) is ongoing for our SCA Yard Sale on August 18th, and just beginning for Harvest Feast on October 19th. As a quick overview of what's going on each month, watch for my "Highlighted Activities" post on Facebook / website / Discord.

- Our unofficial Discord continues to grow slowly, with Bianca di Baldassarre Saturnio as Discord deputy and Akizuki Soujirou Karou as backup admin. Bianca is looking for a good time to teach "Intro to Discord" -- maybe at A&S day camp? -- in the interim, the Discord team offers excellent informal help to new users. There's a pinned post in our Facebook group with the Discord link & a link in the #dragons-laie channel on the An Tir Discord server.

- And we held our second-ever Tech Team meeting between the SMO/Webminister/deputies. Topics included password management, the need to share images/documents across the team, and improved integration between platforms. Ceara has jumped in here, too.

- It's pretty wonderful that our Barony has volunteers with such a wide range of experience in internet-facing services!

DEIB, Jessy Gateman

Remarks: Hispanic Heritage month is September 15-October 15th! Lets take the opportunity to learn.

Family Activities, Pak Sol Hwa: no report

Exchequer, Guiote de Bourgogne

Steward, Conrad Ross

Great and powerful Barony of Dragon's Laire!

Here in is your Baronial Steward report for August 2024.

We've reached high summer and our canvas has traveled along with our populace, all Baronial canvas has returned safe and soundly, there are no updates yet on the pole replacement plan but it will be worked on.

Yours in service

Conrad

Librarian, Karl inn Irski

Oh great populace of Dragon's Laire - Herein lies the Librarian report covering the month of July.

It seemed like a very short month for me, as I spent a week in the wilds of NE Oregon studying the Bardic arts of the Mountain Dulcimer, then was laid low for a week with the COVID plague.

However, some progress was made toward a universally accessible online library! I successfully loaded a WordPress plugin called 'Library Management System' into my personal sandbox WordPress site and did some testing. With that testing satisfactory, I acquired an advanced version that allows bulk loading, unlimited books/categories/users. Now I will test this version. If it passes these tests (and it is looking fairly good) I will work with the Web Minister and deputies to install and test on the DL website.

In Service,

Karl inn irski

Arts & Sciences Minister, Karl inn Irski

Remarks from Seneschal Laurellen de Brandevin: Karl has agreed to step as our NEW Arts & Sciences Minister! He will be coordinating the Championships at Harvest Feast.

Remarks: Look for the announcements regarding Arts & Sciences and Bardic on the website and Facebook!

Gamesminister, Lucy of Leke

July was a busy month but not for game playing. August is looking similar (oh, the mundanity!) though I did receive a suggestion to organize a modern game night at Tracyton Movie Theater. I am looking in to that. I will bring bocce for the August games night. Come

and hurl with us!

In service, Lucy

Chatelaine, Halldora Bjorn

Good day, Mighty Barony! Dragon's Laire has been very busy warmly welcoming new folks and showing them all the fun stuff we do. We've had several folks get so excited that they've indicated they want to get more involved with our group. They tell me they really enjoy watching the impromptu demos that occur when people bring their projects to Social to work on them. I'd like to highly encourage more of this until we are able to stand up more formal classes in the Fall. If possible, consider bringing some items to work on, and consider bringing extra materials and showing folks how to get started on their own project.

Several Newcomers have expressed interest in learning more about Bardic circles and performing at them. Thanks to Carl Willis-Ford for starting up a regular bardic gathering at our Social meetings. It was wonderful hearing the beautiful music within the VFW hall and seeing so many Newcomers sharing their musical interest with us. There were definitely a variety of instruments put on show for all of us to see and hear. Many are looking forward to participating in a Kingdom Bardic Circle at upcoming events.

On July 16, the third Tuesday of the month, our Newcomers had the opportunity to patch into the Kingdom's Newcomer Academy on-line course. This is a 5 part program that helps Newcomers navigate getting started and involved in the SCA. Each month is a different topic, and folks can jump into the program at anytime since the classes will roll-over and start again once the series is ended. We watched the class during Social, and afterwards had Q&A session to review what was discussed and how it applies to our Barony. The next class will be on Aug 20 at 6:00 pm in the VFW Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend...it's not just for Newcomers.

The Shelton Farmer's Market has asked the local Baronies to come and give demo's to the public on Aug 17, 10:00 - 3:00. We encourage as many folks as possible to please come and support this event. Further details are presented seperately.

Finally, it's with a loud "Huzzah!" that I announce that Aoife (Amanda McNeil) has volunteered to take over as Chatelaine! We will start the transition process and she will officially take over as of Oct 1, 2024.

With kind regards,

Halldora Bjorn

DL Chatelaine

Remarks: m'Lady Aoife Aileanach has agree to be Step-up Deputy, we will be working on transitioning the office over the next few months.

Baronial Marshal Furia Dommitia

Remarks: Nothing new to report for Armored or Siege. New Thrown Weapons Officers, Robert the Tailor with Deputy Bjorki. Look for Thrown Weapons practices to resume!

Chief Archer, Brian of Cardiff

Greetings and Felicitations!

As the Dry Season progresses, archery practices have been well-attended, by both new and returning archers. Fortunately, heat cancellations have been few so far, and attendance has been steady. In a new development, archery practice has been extended, running now from 5 to 8 PM, instead of 5 to 7 PM (still on Wednesdays). This is because late afternoon/early evening sunshine has been blinding everyone on the shooting line. Extending the time allows our archers to take advantage of advancing shade to shoot without burning their eyes out. Response has been enthusiastically positive so far.

As the Dry Season continues through the coming weeks, temperatures are sure to increase, so everyone (even non-archers) needs to make sure to wear sunscreen and stay aggressively hydrated. Heatstroke ruins everybody's fun. By the way, if you aren't an archer (yet) come to practice! We'll get you kitted out and start you on your archery journey!

Yours In Service,

Brian of Cardiff

Chief Archer, Dragon's Laire

Heavy Martial, Ketil Cedricson

Lists: Open

Rapier, Felix Fitz Pierce

We have had continued practices with some breaks because of the heat. Even with the heat we have had fighters come back.

In Service,

Felix Fitz Pierce.

Siege, Wu Zhi

Thrown, Robert the Tailor and Kara Bjorki

Youth Armored Combat (YAC): open

Chronicler, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

The Flames continue to be published! We will be approving the June and July Business Meeting minutes this month.

We have a Newly Minted Pair of recipes from THL Rycheza to be enjoyed this month in the overwhelming heat!

As always, seeking content! Art, articles, links, neat research, other things you are doing that people in our Barony may be interested in.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald), Iohannus “Owain” ap Gwyllim Pengryth

Baronial Scribe, Adelheide Leeuwin

Stepping down this month to transition the office to Kara Bjorki!

Webminister, Máenach na Cailled

Are you ready for some polling? Caterina constructed a captivating catalog of candidates! Care to consult the catalog? C... I mean, see here: <https://dragonslaire.antir.org/wordpress/welcome/baronial-polling-2024/>

Many thanks to the candidates for providing the materials, and for their patience and cooperation while we work out policy compliance with said materials. Now that the dust has settled, we'll make this information easier to find.

Our second Tech Team meeting saw us hash out our initial Bitwarden needs. I've signed up for an account and sent out invites, and we'll start collecting and categorizing our credentials chortly. Uhh... shortly. We also discussed some storage strategies, which I'm still working on investigating.

Ceara, welcome to the Tech Team! Thank you for jumping in head-first! In addition to all the things Caterina mentioned in her report, thank you (!!) for volunteering to help with the June Faire / Kitsap Medieval Faire time-between-times.

Also, a big thanks to Karl for mostly-independently digging into the Library Management

System plugin. It sounds like the tests and exploration are going well so far, and I look forward to us working together to get it up and running on our website!

As always:

* If you're an officer (new or existing) and don't have access to your antir.org email account, please contact the kingdom webminister and/or seneschal.

* If you're an officer and you're not sure whether or not you have an antir.org email account, I can answer that question. Contact me at: DragonsLaire.Webminister@antir.org

* If you have questions about or suggestions for the website, send us an email: web-folks@dragonslaire.org

Yours in service,

Máenach na Cailled,

Webminister, Dragon's Laire

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers Guild, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings Sun-drenched Barony on this slightly cooler eve,

First, many thanks to Thea of Midvale for both hosting and doing most of the cooking!

The Harvest Feast Preview was well received. Thea & Rycheza will be working on transforming Thea's recipes into a cookbook to have available at the feast (oooo! new cookbook and a different region!)

Several months of discussion were had, using a ranked vote system of participating guild members, our updated name is The Dragon's Laire Culinary Arts Guild. For those curious the second place choice was Dragon's Laire Guild of Culinary Arts so we certainly had a theme. The mission statement will be expanded on and posted to the website and social media as we do our updates over the next month.

We are discussing options for a lunch at the Fall Arts & Sciences Day Camp.

Ciar was offered and said yes to Ostara lunch. This is going to be inspired by both seasonal foods and the cultures that celebrated Ostara (oooo dumplings fried in honey...) Recipe development over the winter.

Next meeting is currently set for August 17th from 10-3 at Master Thangbrandr's! This does conflict with the recently announced Shelton Farmer's Market Medieval Faire demo so we're in discussions about that.

Please check out the Newly Minted Pair in this month's Flames, out at the end of the week.

Also we encourage the consumption of sekanjabin and sorbets for combating the summer heat and maintaining balance.

Beautifications Committee, Adelheide Leeuwin & Deputy Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir

Remarks: Reminder that if you are doing an event or activity and would like something in the keeping of the Beautifications Committee you need to contact them as they are not the default decorators.

Event Updates

Harvest Feast 2024 , Halldora Bjorn.

Remarks: More news to come, just got the event.

Candlemas, Jessy Gateman

Ostara, Adelheide Leeuwin

June Faire/Kitsap Medieval Faire, 2025:

Remarks from Seneschal Laurellen de Brandevin, We are still looking for an Event Steward. You will have a great team of Officers to support you!

New Business

Fearghus MacCulloch:

Proposal: To change Section 4.03 (b) of the Customary of the Barony of Dragon's Lair to allow deputy marshals for all martial activities supported by the Barony to reside outside of the geographic boundaries of the Barony.

Background: The issue of whether the proposed Canton of Misty Ridge can hold official martial practices or not continues to arise. The Governing Documents of the SCA, The Seneschal's Handbook, the Marshal's handbook, and the Kingdom of An Tir Handbook address events held by official branches of the SCA.

Conclusion: If the Customary is changed to allow deputy marshals of Baronial martial activities to reside outside of the Barony's borders, members of the proposed Canton could be appointed as deputy marshals. This would allow the Barony to hold official practices in the proposed Canton that could be run by local members and be covered by the SCA practices within the proposed Canton during its incipient stage. Kingdom approval of this plan would need to be obtained.

Summary of Remarks:

There was an extended discussion which resulted in the attending Populace agreeing that they were in support of pursuing an update that would allow official activities to occur in Jefferson and Clallam Counties under the auspices of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, including Marshals but also other roles such as Arts & Sciences or Herald to encourage additional activities.

Steps that need to occur:

- Discussion with the Kingdom Seneschal to see if the proposed change would be approved.
- Terminology as many Baronial Officer Marshal positions are already officially Deputies of the Baronial Marshal.
- Update the Customary and Appendix 1

Oh by the way...

Officer notes from the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge

The July Business Meeting for the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge was held in person on August 5th.

Future meetings will be the 4th Monday of the month.

Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge Herald monthly report: July 27, 2024

This month did notice any heraldic submissions but I did work on a device and name for a client and we are waiting for them to get or money order ready to send. I received an email from the Lions Blood Herald that a letter of support had not been sent in for our Canton name, device, and badge submission. I sent them mine and let the other officers know to send one in as well. I am also continuing to check OSCAR regularly to see if any of the past submissions have come through.

Yours in Service,

Máel Cáemgein mac Sheamuis Ui Chonchobair (Kevin Franklin)

Canton of Misty Ridge Herald

Monthly Canton Marshal's Report for the Proposed Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge Marshal Fearghus MacCulloch, submitted July 31, 2024:

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Since there is some issue that is delaying the approval of the Canton we have started holding unofficial practices. We have held two unofficial practices so far.

Archery: July 21, six archers in attendance

Heavy Weapons: July 29, Three fighters in attendance

Monthly Canton Archery Marshal's Report for the Proposed Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge Marshal Fearghus MacCulloch, submitted July 31, 2024:

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Since there is some issue that is delaying the approval of the Canton we have started holding unofficial practices. We have held one unofficial archery practice so far. It was held on July 21, and we had six archers attend.

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