



The Flames of the Dragon



Harvest Feast 2025 setup

HL Feargus and m'Lord Dagr prepping vegetables

Decorations setup

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October 2025

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In case you missed it, online offerings!

- [**2025 Virtual West Coast Culinary Symposium**](#), sponsored by the West. November 16th from 8 AM to 5 PM Pacific.
- Taste of History: [**Hittite cuisine reborn in Turkiye**](#). Anadolu Agency
- [**Virtual Chatelaine Summit**](#), January 31, 2026. 10 AM Pacific time start.
- [**Known World Combat Collegium**](#), Sept 5-6, 2026 in Northshield (Stoughton, WI)
- [**5 ways to wear a himation**](#), Caterina da Savona

Upcoming Events & Activities



[Candlemas](#)—Hosted by the Barony of Blatha An Oir with Feast Coordinator Halldora Bjorn. Located at the Key Peninsula Civic Center: 17010 S Vaughn Rd NW; Vaughn, WA 98394.

- The event runs from 10 AM to 8 PM
- Details are currently scant but Arts & Science Activities are expected

Misty Ridge Calendar

Saturday

- Archery practice, 1:00 - 3:00 PM Saturdays.
- Please email Fearghus at mistyridge.marshall@antir.org for directions.

Monday, November 4th, at 7:30 PM

- Business meeting online via Zoom
- Meeting invite available through the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge Facebook group.



Modern Activities of Interest

Disclaimer: None of the following activities are associated with the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc or are sponsored/supported by it.

- Winter Swag on Sale—<https://vaughnpta.givebacks.com/shop>. Vaughn 5th Grade Fundraiser. For more information [go here](#).
- [This is Native Land](#), a PERMANENT exhibition at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, opens October 19th.
- Kitsap Library, Poulsbo—[Tween Hangout: Spooky Crafts](#). 10-25-25 from 2:00 to 4:00.
- West Sound Roller Derby [Dungeons & Derby](#) Oct 25th at 4 and 6 PM.
- [Salmon viewing etiquette](#)! Salmon viewing starts the first Saturday in November.
- Harvest Fest—Oct 24-26th at Miracle Ranch. 15999 Sidney Rd SW; Port Orchard, WA 98367
- GeekCraft EXPO [Seattle Holiday Market](#), November 28, 7 PM—10 PM.
- [Holiday on the Bay](#), Port Orchard Waterfront, December 6

VFW Hall Weekly Calendar

Tuesdays @ the VFW Hall

- 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.

Tuesdays @ the Silverdale Lutheran Church Annex: 11701 Ridgepoint Dr NW

- Armored and Rapier Practice. Youth Armored Combat on alternating weeks

Sundays @ the VFW Hall

- Thrown from 11:00—12:30
- Archery from 1:00—4:00 to 5:30 depending on light

Planned activities during Social (subject to change)

Oct 28th: Trunk or Treat. Out and indoor activities for youth and families. Treats, soup, ghosts galore! Costumes welcome but not required.

Nov 4: TBD

Nov 11: Finance and Business Meeting! Doors open at 6:00, meeting starts at 6:30. Youth Armored Combat Practice.

Nov 18: Scribes! Games! Youth Arts & Sciences

Nov 25: Bardic Night! Music, stories, song, dance! Youth Armored Combat Practice

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

Scribetober Part Deux—Scribetober Part Deux runs from Oct 16-30th

Check out the second round of prompts and see the examples provided and finished works by fellow scribes.

Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1083237756965951>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/988106157905069>



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Culinary Arts Guild Meeting

October meeting cancelled

November 20th Meeting: Saffron taste-testing, Candlemas recipe trying

December 13th Meeting: Winter potluck and treat exchange (savory or sweet)

THL Halldora Bjorn is exploring a feast of seasons with recipe from Italy for Candlemas

For those wondering... single-serve mini Torta Bianca (Ginger Cheesecakes) are likely to make a reappearance.



Around the Region

- **Collegium, Nov 7-9:** Three Rivers Convention Center & Red Lion Kennewick: Columbia Center.
- **Harvest Feast, Nov 15:** Sons of Norway Normanna Hall, 1106 S 15th St, Tacoma. Pre-registration closes Nov 3rd.
- **Heraldic & Scribal Symposium, Nov 15,** St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 11265 SW Cabot St, Beaverton, OR 97005.
- **Glymm Mere Yule,** Dec 6, no site provided at this time. Pre-reg required. Feast along the Spice Route from China to Yemen.
- **Aquaterra Good Yule,** Dec 6, Mount Vernon Library Commons. Pre-registration required for feast.
- **Madrone Yule**—A day of Dance, Art, & Music. Fauntleroy United Church of Christ, 9140 California Ave SW; Seattle, WA 98136. Hospitality table plus lunch by donation, Potluck for dinner.
- **Twelfth Night**—Jan 9-11, Hilton Bellevue; 300 112th Ave SE; Bellevue, WA 98004.

Baked Tamales

Redacted by Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Evidence for Mayan food stuffs can be found in the Mayan Codex as well as writings from Spanish explorers and colonizers, and archaeologic evidence from dig sites including pots, bones, and middens. I preferred America's First Cuisines but K'Oben provides an updated list of food items eaten although all recipes are entirely modern.

<https://www.famsi.org/mayawriting/codices/madrid.html>

Cole, Sophie D. 1994. America's First Cuisines. University of Texas Press, Ausin. Pgs 120-168.

O'Connor, Amber M. and Eugene N. Anderson. 2017. K'Oben: 3,000 Years of the Maya Hearth.

The foods eaten at a given time would depend both on season but also geographic location. The Mayan civilization was spread through what is now modern Guatamala, Belize, and the Yucatan Peninsula. Some times lived and farmed in pine forests, managing orchards with bees and farm plots with corn ripening at different times. Others lived on the plateaus with limited soil for farming of varying depths but increased access to the sea.

Corn is the primary food and grain for all tribes, with access to proteins based on status and geography. Pork or Turkey tamales are made for celebrations, from birthdays to holy days.

The Mayan have a clearly defined gender roles in relation to food preparation. The men hunt and butcher and grow much of the crops. The women grind the corn and preserve or prepare ingredients. Cooking that is steamed, boiled, or stewed is done by women. Baking or roasting, especially in the large earth ovens, is done by men.

Festival tamales are baked in large earth ovens, often incorporating steam where as smaller celebrations would steam tamales, similar to our common modern preparation.

The meat would have been prepared by thoroughly boiling it and then marinating with a variety of peppers and fruits. For preparation, it's theorized that they rolled, similar to a Swiss Roll desert, and then wrapped in leaves that would have provided additional flavor including a cinnamon equivalent.

It's not documented but it's likely that fat and broth from the boiling was used to mix the masa, especially in areas with scarcity.

Ingredients

4 cups masa

1 cup lard

3 cups broth

2 cups broth

2 tsp salt

1 Tbsp baking powder (completely modern, can be left out)

2 lb. pork shoulder, raw—if bone included, increase weight

1 Tbsp Mexican Oregano

1 tsp ground cinnamon

4 de Arbol chiles

2 Tbsp annatto*

1 cup lime juice

2 cup lemon juice

Corn husks for tamales—plan to use 1/4 to 1/2 the bag and you may need to soak more

Recipes makes 1 large roll or 5 slender roles.

I prefer a 2 day process, the masa provides the best texture when mixed the night prior to baking. The pork benefits from an extended marinade.

Instructions:

If you have a pressure cooker: Put your meat with 2 cups broth into your pressure cooker. Pressure cook for 45-55 minutes and then continue on slow until tender and easy to shred.

If you do not have a pressure cooker, put in your oven in a dish that can hold the meat plus 2 cups of broth. Cover and cook on 300 until the thickest part reaches 195-200. Let rest for 20-30 minutes, covered. Then shred.

While the pork is cooling to handleable, prepare the marinade.

Combine the lime juice, lemon juice, oregano, cinnamon, salt, chiles, and annatto in a large glass bowl or locking bag. Add the shredded pork, mixing and rotating. For at least 8 hours but up to 24.

If possible, whip the lard. This works best in a stand mixer or with an hand mixer but can be done with a whisk and patience.

Add the masa, salt, baring powder, and 2 cups of the broth. Mix thoroughly, slowly adding the remaining broth until you have a 'dough' that comes together. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours but overnight works best.

Pull both the masa mixture and the marinated meat out of the fridge and let it sit for 20-30 minutes. You can choose to drain the extra liquid from the marinade and pull out the chilies at this time. Soak the corn husks in hot water, separating the clusters. After 20-30 minutes, shake off excess water.

Preheat your oven to 350. If you use convection, you may consider decreasing to 325.

I use parchment paper to make rolling out the masa cleaner and easier. If your dough is too wet, you can dust the parchment with extra masa or corn meal.

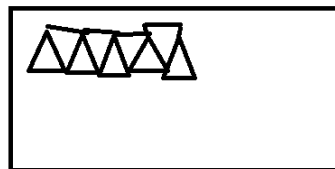
For 1 large roll: Put parchment paper on your preferred backing sheet. Layout your soaked corn husks so that they are covering the surface of where your roll will be (6" or so).

Roll out a rectangle 4" shorter than your baking sheet. Reviewers like a 1 cm (ish) thickness. One inch into the rectangle, spread the shredded pork in an even layer. Using your parchment paper, roll! You can press the masa against itself to create a seal, aim the seal line to be on the bottom.

Gently slide the roll onto the corn husks, folding the husks over and laying extra husks across the top. "Pin" into place using toothpicks. Yes the cornhusks are important. The texture and flavor difference are much improved!

Put an oven safe dish or baking sheet with ledge into the oven, fill with water to create steam.

Bake the tamale on 350F for 40-55 minutes. Bake time will depend on how thick your roll is, the internal temperature should be 165F.



For the 5 slender rolls.

You will still want the same baking sheet, parchment paper, and corn husks. You will want 4 to 6 corn husks per roll, they



can be wrapped in two ways. You will use less husks by laying them out the long way, and then laying a second layer over the top, pinning them in place with tooth picks (especially if you are using convection).

I rolled out a 4-5" wide rectangle and then placed a line of shredded pork down the middle, your goal is enough pork so that when you roll, you will have a slight overlap so you can seal the roll.

Repeat until you are out of masa, placing the rolls 1-2" apart on your baking sheet. You may need to use a second sheet, depending on the size of your rolls and baking sheet.

Bake at 350 for 20-30 minutes, reaching an internal temperature of 165F.

Remove the toothpicks and the over top corn husks prior to serving. Can be served hot or at room temperature.

*Annatto, also sometimes packaged as Achiote Molido, is an intense orange-red condiment and food coloring. It, like turmeric, can dye your hands, towels, or counters. Be warned.

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

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.
- 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.

Rapier Deputy:

We are in need of a new Baronial Rapier Marshal. Felix has decided to move more towards Rattan Combat - which I totally understand and support. So, in the meantime, it falls back to me as Regional Rapier Marshal. But, I can't (and shouldn't) hold two positions. This position is required to keep having regular Rapier Practice.

So, I'm accepting applications for a new Baronial Rapier Marshal. You don't even have to be a fighter. Non-fighting marshals are totally a thing.

Requirements:

Be a paid member

Be at least a Junior Rapier Marshal (we can take care of that)

Fill out quarterly reports to the regional Marshal (me)

Fill out monthly reports to the Barony

Enforce safety for Rapier fighters (including waiver sign-ins)

Maintain the loaner equipment

Take ownership of the Baronial Rapier Marshal email account

Be acceptable to the other officers of the Barony (they have to approve)

If you have any questions, or if you want to learn more, please feel free to contact me.

Merci,

Defenseur Jacques de Normandie, OP, OOD

Golden Dragon Pursuivant Looking for a replacement Herald.

The Herald acts as the voice of the Crown and of the Crown's Representatives, the Coronet. The Dragon's Lair 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.

The Herald provides 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 THL Pernell Camber about any position or consider asking about becoming a Deputy!

Want to be an Officer but aren't sure about a membership? Visit sca.org/member-services for additional details and also The [Signorotti Membership Assistance Fund](#)!

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Social Media Deputies: Anne of BearHeaven and Doc

Date of the meeting: 10/14/25

The Motion to approve the September Finance and Business Meeting Minutes from **Lucy of Leke**

Seconded: **Arion the Wanderer**

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

Dragon's Laire Finance Meeting

Barony of Dragon's Laire
Finance Meeting Report –
10.14.2025

Committee members:
Removed per SCA media policy.

1. Account Balances: members can request from Exchequer
2. Event Bids:
 - a. Autumn War 9/11/2025 - 9/14/2025
 - i. Rosa Marcella is Event Steward; Myskia Billingr is Event Co-Steward
 - ii. Request DL run the Archery field and buy into the event for 10% of expenses in exchange for 10% of the profit plus reimbursement for buy-in.
 - iii. Buy in is estimated at \$1385; return on investment is estimated at \$1090. Total return (buy in plus profit) is estimated at \$2475.
 - iv. Intention is to utilize profit for archery program enhancements.
 - v. Approved.
 - vi. DL's 10% cost share is due by 15 October.
 - vii. DL cost share payment sent 15 September.
 - b. Harvest Feast 10/11/2025
 - i. Halldora Bjorn
 - ii. Event proposal. Site, Village Green Community Center, Kingston, WA. Site cost \$2390.
 - iii. Day Fee \$20, Feast Fee \$15.
 - iv. Estimated Expenses \$4475; Estimated Income \$4800; Estimated Profit \$325.
 - v. Harvest feast PayPal preregistration was requested and approved
 - vi. Approved comps (currently TE and the 2 Champions (A&S and Bardic) as per Customary) are noted.
 - vii. The Finance Committee deliberated virtually and decided to make Harvest Feast a

free event (optional donation). Refund requests are due Today using the Google Form posted online. Refunds (minus paypal fees) will be made via check in the coming weeks.

- c. Fall A&S Day Camp – Tentative Saturday September 6th
 - i. Karl inn irski is Event Steward
 - ii. Event proposal. Site, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Kitchen access.
 - iii. \$200 Security Deposit (donation) Paid to site.
 - iv. Successfully completed

- d. Dragon's Laire SCA Yard Sale – Tentative Sunday September 28th
 - i. Countess E is organizing
 - ii. Site, VFW Hall
 - iii. Site cost to be determined
 - iv. Accept Donations
 - v. Site cost was \$100, paid to the VFW on the day of the event

- 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. 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. Request to purchase equipment used to stream business meetings online. Approx cost 300-350. Approved
 - d. Misty ridge - Request for funds to purchase equipment for archery practice. ~450. Approved to purchase target matt @~290. Will resource through current baronial supply for equipment to give to Misty Ridge.
 - e. Request from YAC to purchase new equipment. Prices requested.
 - i. 2 helmets, 2 pairs gloves, 2 shield bosses, 2 gorget neck padding, and supplies for gen repairs. Will submit check request for reimbursement. Approved.
 - f. Request for funds to purchase signs to use during Baronial Courts to help announce awards. ~\$110 Approved.
 - g. Printing – one handbook, 20 waivers per tourney. (add to budget annually)

(approved)

- h. Web-team: request to move domain name and hosting to new providers. Increase capacity and reduce cost. (approved)
- i. Storage unit: too much stuff, safety hazard. Barony items dispersed across numerous homes. Could we have June Faire stuff in a second smaller storage unit? - not really (approved). Storage unit prices have doubled, so this is now on hold. New Storage Unit options presented and one approved by finance committee. First 6 months paid for.
- j. Request to allow \$20 per month allowance for digital communication functionality; options will be explored by the Web team. REVISIT IN OCTOBER.
- k. Request – Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge requests reimbursement for physical copies of Incipient Canton Petition to Kingdom for delivery to the Sovers. \$200.67. Approved.

4. Administrative Actions:

- a. Suggestion to transfer CD to high interest savings account. Look into the process. Maturity date 3-15, 202, will decide after maturity date. Passed maturity date. Revisit in 2026.
- b. Proposal: Heavy/Rapier/YAC Winter Indoor Space at Silverdale Lutheran Church 7 October to 31 March minus 23 Dec. Comes out to about \$750 (\$30/night for 25 weeks). Approved. Payment made.
- c. Officers and Guilds. Start thinking about your expected 2026 operating expenses. We will be setting the baronial budget at the January business meeting. Another plea for 2026 Operating Budgets.
- d. Stale checks – if you receive a reimbursement check, make sure to deposit it within 60 days of receipt and before the end of the calendar year to allow for clean financial reporting to Kingdom and Society. Suggestion: Have “Void if not cashed within 60 days” printed on checks upon next available opportunity.
- e. Paid for Annual VFW Hall rental for Tuesdays. \$1300.

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

- a. Purchase of three Baronial Day Shades- 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 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. Lucy 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. 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 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

Autumn War:

Autumn War was a whirlwind adventure! It was amazing to join the Dragon's Laire forces on the field side by side as Battle Coronets, we shared shade with Legio, friends from far and wide, and visiting Royalty, and as Court went on into the wee hours, our amazing populace, already doing double duty as Baronial and Royal Retinue, saved us from the imminent threat of legendary rainstorms by



tearing down and packing away our entire encampment before the first drops fell. We are incredibly blessed to be amongst amazing people and deeply grateful for you all.

Yard Sale:

So many showed up to buy, sell, and trade gear, it truly felt like the social event of the weekend. A huge thanks to Countess E for coordinating what is becoming a highly anticipated happening, drawing in people from near and far! It truly is such a wonderful way to de-clutter our spaces and make this great game more accessible to others!

Harvest Feast:

We had a wonderful day last weekend at a beautiful site for Harvest Feast, and were overjoyed to spend some time enjoying food, friends, and family. The A&S displays were wonderful and the Bardic performances were breathtaking and inspiring. We'd like to extend our deepest gratitude to our former A&S and Bardic Champions for their time and service. We are excited to see what mischief our new Champions will inspire. The scholars' presentations drew big crowds and even generated an impromptu tavern reading. The food was a marvelous exploration of New World dishes and the kitchen staff brought joy and abundance. If you missed either Court and wish to see our fantastic folks receive recognition, you can view them all at the Baronial Youtube thanks to the amazing livestream crew. Last, but certainly not least, thank you so much to Haldora and Ciar for hosting a fantastic feast and giving us a warm light of community and friendship while the world feels a little shaky.

Sergeants:

During Court we announced a reopening for a new batch of aspirants for the sergeantry program. Once again, this will remain open from Harvest Feast until Candlemas, February 7th, we are accepting illuminated letters of intent (with the accommodation of reading a letter of intent on video as an alternative). Please note, they don't have to be on an acidic etched brass plate but wow that was impressive.

Award recommendations (paraphrased by Ciar):

If you would like to recommend someone for an award or recognition, we have a handy form on our website.

There is a handy form on the Kingdom website for Kingdom forms, this one does require you create a login.

If you are just not into the forms. You CAN HAVE A WORD WITH US! You can pull either one of us aside for a word at Social or you can send an email.

Don't know which award, doesn't matter! Spread the word fame of your friend, family, or a complete stranger you saw on the field doing the thing. We promise to take notes.

Seneschal, Pernell Camber

Remarks: <name redacted> has volunteered to help out and learn more about the seneschal job. She is currently busy on Tuesdays with a play but you'll be seeing more of her after that. It's an exciting job so come check it out and decide if you would like a turn as seneschal.

The Dragon's Laire PO Box address has changed to 1004 (used to be 99) Dragon's Laire, PO Box 1004, Silverdale, WA 98383, just one of the needed updates to the DL Customary review that is coming up.

Did you enjoy seeing people get recognized in court at Harvest Feast? Help make it happen! It's easy. Ask me how.

Seneschal Deputies

Social Media Officer, Caterina da Savona

I'm looking for people to mentor in the fine art of event communications! Learn effective online strategies and to navigate Wordpress and Facebook's Page/Event tools (Discord and Google calendar, too, if you like). September was busy-- we featured A&S Day Camp, the SCA Yard Sale, Harvest Feast, and the fall change in martial practices. Shout out to all the event organizers and marshals who contributed info! A few fake "pay for vendor space" scammers continue to show up on our Facebook events, every week.

Our Discord shows healthy growth, though it's still small -- about 10% the size of our FB group. The team posts Baronial communications to Facebook + our website + Discord, so that all our populace members have equal access.

Aoife's Chatelaine video series is getting a lot of online love. HUZAH! We also worked with the Kingdom livestream team to start breaking into court livestreaming, and our tech team will be learning more about An Tir's paid solution, Streamyard. You can watch Harvest Feast morning AND evening court at [http://www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/@dragonslaresca1294)

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Be advised that our Facebook populace group on the "Most Recent" setting no longer buries people by algorithm ranking, it buries everyone equally by date. There is so much traffic in our group, there is no setting that will guarantee everybody sees everything! Posts going to smaller, more topic-focused groups, are being downgraded by the news-feed algorithm. (Small groups can only generate so many likes/comments toward algorithm "brownie points.") I encourage moderators of small groups to share instructions

with your group members on how EACH PERSON can set notifications for your Group to high priority. I'm happy to show you how to do this!

As always, a special thank you to Bianca di Baldasarre Saturnio & Akizuki Soujirou for running our Discord, Anne of BearsHaven and Doc for representing Misty Ridge, our partners on the Webminister team, and to all the officers who help me populate the monthly "what's happening" post with YOUR activities.

DEIB, Jessy Gateman

Greetings Mighty Barony,

Fall is upon us and with it brings feasting season! As we celebrate Harvest Feast on Saturday let us remember our values of inclusion and belonging and ask one of our many new comers to share a table with us. You never know when you'll make a new friend!

October happens to be Mental Illness Awareness Month. As the days grow shorter and "The Grey" settles in lets remember to check in on friends who we don't see as often. Some times a simple "I'm thinking about you and miss you" text can bring a smile to someone's day. If you struggle with mental health remember that you're not alone and that many of us do as well. I personally struggle with anxiety, depression, and self esteem issues.

As always I am here to serve you with any challenges or problems you may be having with diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. You matter and your presence in the Barony matters. We're happy you're here. If there is any way I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to reach out.

In Service,

HL Jessy "Jess" Gateman, she/her DEIB Officer

Family Activities, Pak Sol Hwa

Report for YAFA for September is that we didn't do much. For Harvest Feast we had about 7 to 10 youth that joined our activity of Salish beaded necklace making and Corn husk doll making from the first nations in our South East regions. I can't wait to have another day this coming month to have an activity for our youth! YIS Lady Pak Sol Hwa

Exchequer, Nikippa Lakaina

Steward, Kloe of Thira

Good afternoon, to the most awesome Barony in the known world,

With the end of camping events, for the most part, we have started the daunting process of moving from the old storage unit to the new facility. This is being done in small steps, and a larger move is in our near future now that the culinary items have been put in their new place after harvest feast.

We're looking at doing another move on October 18th. With the hopeful final move will take place on November 15th.

The reason for the slower moving is that we are taking the time to clean off everything that we possibly can to ensure that no unwanted guests, or their smell, come with us.

Please remember if you need any supplies for an event that the list of items you are requesting needs to be to me 1 week prior to the event, at the latest to ensure that time can be set aside to gather and check out all items to those who need them. Transportation to and from the event is up to the event team unless prior arrangements have been made. All items need to be returned within the next week following the event. A check out and in form will be required to ensure all items are returned.

Yours in service,

Kloe of Thira, Hanim

Baronial Steward

Dragon's Laire

An Tir

Librarian, Karl inn Irski

Nothing to report for the month of September, 2025

YIS,

Karl inn irski

Arts & Sciences Minister, Karl inn Irski

Fall A&S Day held on 9/6, with a good turnout. Classes:

- Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth: Shoe Patterning & Shoemaking
- Bianca Di Baldassarre Saturnio: Beginner Wool Needle Felting

- Thea of Midvale: Lavender Wands
- Lucy of Leek: Corn Tortilla Making
- Stuart of House Awry: Basic Armor Patterning
- Jessy 'Jess' Gateman: Rectangular Construction

Bardic circle was held on the 23rd, but was a bit disorganized - always looking for tips/ ideas to improve, if you have experience with bardic circles

Gamesminister, Lucy of Leke

Baronial Marshal Posiedonous Lakon

Practices are continuing at the Silverdale Lutheran Church.

A successful tournament was held at harvest feast with 9 combatants. No incidents or injuries to report.

Chief Archer, Brian of Cardiff

Sunday, October 5 marked the start of Winter Practice hours for us. Though the initial turnout was small, we still had a fun time. It turns out that trying to stay past 3 Pm wasn't all that effective, given how fast the sun is setting this time of year. Last Sunday was a failure due to the Chief Archer falling ill and needing to retreat for medical care. I will ensure that all necessary forms are available in the shed for those times when a deputy needs to take over for me. I hope this precaution will not prove to be necessary in the future.

Yours in Service,

Brian of Cardiff, OGGS

Chief Archer, Barony of Dragon's Laire

Heavy Martial: Ketill Cedricson

Today marks the first day at our indoor practice facility at Silverdale Lutheran Church. Practice is held in the far building and not the main church building. Please park on the far side closer to our end instead of the main church building. For those who were there last year, its the same spot.

Nothing else to report.

Church Address:

11701 Ridegepoint Dr NW, Silverdale WA 98383

Lists: Halldora Bjorn

The List Team was asked to support the various tournaments at Dragon's Laire Harvest Feast. Lyleth volunteered to run list for these events.

Rapier, OPEN

Siege, Owain ap Gwyllyam Pengryth

Thrown, Robert the Tailor and Deputy Kara Bjorki

Good day kind Gentles, with day light fading fast and the weather shifting attendance for practice has decreased. As well we are now moving to Winter schedule. Other than this there is nothing new to report.

Youth Armored Combat (YAC), Lyndi of Summergate

Hello dragons laire

We had 2 practice last month

And 4 participants

We have 2 practices schedules and we canceled out autumn pumpkin patch battle do to the ground being unsafe for youth combat

Looking forward to more training In The winter

Chatelaine, Aoife Aileanach

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to the greatest Barony in the greatest Kingdom in the known world,

The month of September was filled with assisting our newcomers with garb, helping make connections within our barony and with the society as a whole, and creating videos.

Our Codex is being fully updated with every barony, shire, and canton! Complete with links and QR codes, it will be available for the public to look through to find their local branch.

Gold key is currently residing in its new home and Galan has never been happier to get

his storage sheds back. With the new location of garb it is very important that any request for gold key be placed at least 2 weeks before an event if at all possible.

If you missed the announcement: Tiernan of House Awry and Aelin are the deputy chate-laines for our amazing barony. I am so grateful to be part of a phenomenal team. If you see a newcomer please let one of us know so we can personally connect with them as that is part of our ongoing mission.

Gratefully yours,

Aoife Ailénach

Ps: Mark your calendar: The Known World Newcomer's Symposium is happening on November 29th via zoom and costs zero dollars! It is an amazing day of learning, round table discussions and simply enjoying each other's company. The best part is there is something to learn even if you have been playing for years and years! I hope you join us!

Chronicler, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Q3 report submitted to the Kingdom Chronicler.

I am always looking for content! Photos, art, what you're working on, what you're interested in, local events, neat articles... all welcome!

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald), Owain ap Gwylliam Pengryth

Remarks: looking for a replacement officer! Owain's time as Golden Dragon Pursuivant has come to an end and he is moving to a new role. If you are interested, please speak with Owain or Pernell.

Baronial Scribe, Kara Bjorki

Remarks: Had a very busy September preparing for Harvest Feast. If you are interested in Scribetober, the Guild has prompts for you to practice with. Scribal activities will be available at HarvestFeast as well.

Webminister, Kira Kirova

to maximize baronial funds.

Special thanks to Maenach and Caterina for managing web duties while the web minister has been moving house.

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers Guild, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

We had a great meeting in September with much cooking! We test cooked 5 redactions (recipe interpretations) from another researcher and provided feedback. Otilia and spouse were kind enough to host and provide access to her cooking equipment and her garden!

Much tasty food was eaten, feedback was provided on both the cooking process and the results and leftovers were dispersed.

October: Plan to meet on the 23rd, location TBD, test-tasting different Saffron.

November: Plan to meet on the 13th (early), at Halldora's in Poulsbo. We're going to test some of the planned Candlemas recipes.

December: Holiday potluck and dessert exchange. Date and location TBD as we coordinate in group.

Interested in our activities? Everyone is welcome! You can also join our Facebook Group (Dragon's Laire Culinary Arts Guild even if you can't make meetings and just have questions or want to share what you're working on!

Scribal Guild, Tamlyn of Wyntersea

September Guild meetings (In person and by Zoom) were held September 25th [5 participants] and 26th [4 participants] to prepare for ScribeTober in the month of October. We developed a Youth/new scribe friendly Prompt List (see Official Dragon's Laire Scribes Facebook group for more detailed information) and prepared cards.

Cards were brought to and distributed for Youth and Adult participants at the September 30th Social.

Lady Lyndi of Summergate has some additional Youth cards, for those interested in using

one of the week's prompts. Adults are making cards to trade with youth after ScribeTober is over.

Decorations Committee, Adelheide Leeuwin & Deputy Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir

Remarks: Working on projects continues. Sigridr is involved with 12th Night Decorations. Looking for personal banners to hang on the glass at the hotel.

Event Updates

Harvest Feast

Greetings Rain-drenched Barony!

Harvest Feast was a resounding success in part due to the many hands making light work! Our grateful thanks to those who helped with setup Friday evening, helped in the kitchen and scullery, and stayed to help with tear-down and pack out! The event team was given a thumbs up and were off site just after 8 PM.

This event could not have come together without the support of the Baronial Officers. The Finance Committee who approved the event and then approved making it free so all who wished could attend, the Marshals for fight practice, Scribetober, Youth and Family Activities, and last but not least, Karl inn Irski. Karl organized the Baronial Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships, assisted with Scholars, and also participated in both the Bardic Championship and Scholar's paper and presentation!

Live streaming! We have members near and far who attend our events and our Courts made possible due to the generosity of time and spirit of these volunteers. We had a pretty last minute ask for streaming and they stepped up to get it done.

As of 3 PM Saturday, we had preregistration for 167 with a final attendance of 140. Approximately 20 youth!!!

There were 2 competitors for Arts & Sciences, 3 for Bardic, and 5 Scholars. Congratulations to all who participated and Huzzah to Sigridr and Zabelle, our new Champions!

Final Court Counts: 6 pieces of Kingdom Business handed to their recipients and 18 Baronial recognitions! A joyful noise!

If you missed it, evening Court was livestreamed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HSbcauehJg>

The final financial report will be in November as the receipts are submitted.

In service,

Halldora Bjorn, one of our new Wyverns

(ghost written by Ciar ingen Fiachnae)

New Bids

Cedric of Wlfraven and Tiernan of House Awry have proposed a joint event team for June Faire 2026 with some investigation into event sites. The proposal to return to Port Gamble is not feasible at this time.

Ciar ingen Fiachnae proposed that the joint team be approved with the expectation that they would submit a finance plan in November. Approved by the attendees of the October meeting.

Oh by the way...

Officer notes from the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge

The September Business Meeting for the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge was held online via Zoom, September 8th, 2025

Canton Seneschal, Velda ingen Kee

September Monthly Misty Ridge Seneschal's Report

- We updated our Petition to Advance to Canton status and sent the updated version to the Dragon's Lair chain of command on September 10th. We have not sent it to the Kingdom and are waiting for instructions from the Barony.
- Weather permitting weekly archery practice is held on Saturdays from 1 to 3 PM.
- We held the routine Canton business meeting on the first Monday September 8th, 2025. Our Herald Mael ran the meeting on my behalf.
- We held another unofficial social locally on Sunday, September 14th was well attended including former Shire members. We agreed to hold monthly unofficial socials at this meeting in the future. It is at no charge since Lady Culfre MacQuohollistar is a resident.

YIS,

Velda Ingen Kee

Seneschal

Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge

Canton report for Exchequer, Jeffery of Jarrow

There were no financial transactions in the month of September.

YIS,

Jeffery of Jarrow

Canton report for Marshal & Chief Archer, Fearghus MacCulloch

The Incipient Canton has two marshals, one in target archery and one in heavy weapons. Target archery is still the only martial activity that holds practices on a regular basis.

We held two practices this month. The practices and attendances are as follows:

09-06-2025, 2 archers

09-27-2025, 2 archers

Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge Herald monthly report: January 31, 2025

Working on name Submission for Culfre McQuhollastar.

Yours in Service,

Máel Cáemgein mac Sheamuis Ui Chonchobair

Canton of Misty Ridge herald

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