



The Flames of the Dragon



Reliquary of the Journey and Adoration of the Magi,
French, circa 1200.

For a full description, visit the [Met Museum website](https://www.metmuseum.org). On
display at the Met Cloisters, Gallery 14.

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In case you missed it, online offerings!

- **Virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium 2026**, January 23-25.
Registration is now open: <https://forms.gle/tqPAZbY3FTakeutM8>
- **Virtual Chatelaine Summit**, January 31, 2026. 10 AM Pacific time start.
- **Triple Kingdom University**. Friday-Saturday February 6-7. Hosted by Lochac, Drachenwald, and Atlantia for a day of round the world classes! They are currently recruiting teachers with pre-registration to begin on January 26th.
- **Known World Combat Collegium**, Sept 5-6, 2026 in Northshield (Stoughton, WI)

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
- Arts & Science Activities are expected
- Bringing back charity tournaments for both rapier and heavy fighters. Donations encouraged but not required for participation.

Feast: Yes! You heard us right. We are planning a uniquely different Feast style... it's an all day Feast with four small meals throughout the day. The Feast will focus on 14th Century Italian foods and each meal will be themed around the four seasons. Since fish washing facilities will not be available between courses, we are supplying dishes and cutlery for the Lunch and Mid-day Meal. Personal Feast Gear is encouraged for the Evening Meals.

Tentative menu, subject to change based on ingredient availability. "V" denotes Vegetarian Option Available. Additional allergen concerns will be listed on the pre-registration form.

- **Lunch Course** – Autumn: Chicken with Orange Sauce, Leek & Onion Herb Soup (V), Frittata, Nucato (Candied Walnuts), Bread & Assorted Cheeses.
- **Mid-Day Course** – Winter: Roast Pork with Plum Sauce, Seasoned Salad (V), Vermicelli (V), Garlic Torte (V), Emperor's Fritter
- **Evening Course** – Spring: Roulade (Beef Rolls), Saffron Rice (V), Mountain Mushrooms (V), Broccoli (V)
- **Dessert Course** – Summer: Torta Communa, Dirola, Apple Fritter (V), Fresh Fruit

The Barony of Aquaterra's Ursulmas Medieval Faire is now two events: [Ursulmas Tournament](#) & [Ursulwyck Medieval Faire](#)!

Due to site cost and availability, our biggest event will be split in two.

Ursulmas Tournament will be SCA-focused and held in January at Ursulmas' usual arena at the Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA.

Ursulwyck Medieval Faire is now Aquaterra's public-facing demo, Champions and merchant event held in February at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mt. Vernon, WA. We hope to see you in our lands!

[Ursulmas Tournament Pre-Registration:](#)

Ursulmas Tournament More Info: <https://antir.org/events/ursulmas-tournament-2>

[Ursulwyck Medieval Faire Pre-Registration](#)

Ursulwyck Medieval Faire More Info: <https://linktr.ee/AQUrsulwyck>



Misty Ridge Calendar

Saturday

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

Sunday, January 4th

- Business meeting at Social with Zoom option
- Visit the website or [Facebook](#) for details



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.

Who is Krampus— Dragon's Laire's THL Halldora Bjorn was interviewed as part of a discussion on Krampus!

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 Practice every Tuesday. Rapier Practice 1st and 3rd, YAC 2nd and 4th.

Sundays @ the VFW Hall—weather dependent

- 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)

Jan 6th: Finance and Business Meeting! Doors open at 6:00, meeting starts at 6:30.

Jan 13th:

“Baronial Officers: What, Why, and How It All Works” with Her Excellency Furia Domitia!

Mock Armored Combat Tournament at Fighter Practice— emulate what you’ll see at Ursalmas!

Jan 20th Scribal activities! Medieval Games!

Jan 27th: TBA

Feb 3rd: Finance and Business Meeting! Doors open at 6:00, meeting starts at 6:30.

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

January 30th—TBA

Rare image of a woman teaching in an illuminated manuscript!

This is likely Geometria, an aspect of Sapientia/Philosophia, the personification of geometry. One of seven liberal artes frequently personified as a woman.

British Library (BL Burney MS 275, f. 293r). It is a high-quality scholastic compilation produced in the early fourteenth century for Franciscus Caracciolo of Naples, chancellor of Paris (in office 1309; d. 1316), intended as a gift for his patron, King Robert of Naples (b. 1278; d. 1343).



Culinary Arts Guild Meeting

January 22nd: TBA

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



Arcimboldo's Four Seasons, evoking ages of man, temperaments, and the seasons associated with them. [Interesting article](#) about the painter and the variations on the four seasons 'portraits' he painted.

[Funny Faces: Arcimboldo's Four Seasons](#). The Garden History Blog, posted April 13, 2024. Link from 11/11/25.

Around the Region

- [Twelfth Night](#)—Jan 9-11, Hilton Bellevue; 300 112th Ave SE; Bellevue, WA 98004.
- **Ursulmas** (Aquaterra) —Jan 24 and 25th, Evergreen State Fairgrounds; 14405 179th Ave SE; Monroe, WA 98272. Annual Tourneys with Armored, Combat Archery, Rapier, Thrown, and Youth Armored Combat! Best-dressed Bear Competition!
- **Feast of Saint Bubba** (Wyewood)—Feb 14th, Auburn Senior Activity Center, 808 9th St SE; Auburn, WA 98002. Wyewood's Arts & Sciences and Bardic Arts Championships and Feast. Dessert Auction.
- **Ursulwyck Medieval Faire**—Feb 28th, Skagit County Fairgrounds, 501 Taylor St., Bldg. D; Mt Vernon, WA 98242.
- **Lyceum**—Mar 28th, Oakville Grange, 405 S. Temple St.; Oakville, WA 98568. Glymm Mere's Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships.

Three Sisters Stew

Redacted by the Honorable Lucy of Leke

First served at Harvest Feast 2025

Three Sisters Stew from Harvest Feast 2025

The Three Sisters of pre-Columbia North America were squash, beans and maize (corn). Together, these ingredients provide most of the nutrients a body needs for a good life. Maize might be eaten unprocessed but was often nixtamalized* - prepared with an alkaline solution to remove the hulls and make the maize more digestible, more flavorful, and even more nutritious by making additional vitamins and minerals available. Nixtamalized maize is dried and ground (masa) or used whole (hominy*). It is important to use hominy in this stew; using whole kernel corn will yield a very different end product.

The ingredients are simple and easily found. I used the standard canned hominy available in most grocery stores. (The tortillas on the side were commercially made with masa.) I prefer a mix of beans rather than all one type to enhance the final flavor, though any combination of chili beans would work. The combination I sourced in a bulk foods section included Red Beans, Pinto Beans, Kidney Beans, Great Northern, and Black Beans. For the third sister, I chose to use canned pumpkin puree. I made this choice because at the time when I was making test batches, fresh winter squash was not available. It tastes quite good, and really simplified the preparation, so I left it in. An alternate approach would be to peel and cube an acorn or butternut squash.

(Ciar's note: Central and South American food research shows that squash flesh was often dried and ground up to be later used as a thickener in soups and stews. Pureed fits right in!)

I used pre-made vegetable broth, though chicken or beef broth would both work if you are not vegan. The seasonings included chopped onion and garlic, diced mild chili peppers, sage and salt. Tasted with just these ingredients, this stew is ok but not worth seconds. It is missing pepper, specifically the chili peppers native to North America. Our modern taste for chili peppers varies widely so instead of making it to my tastes, so I

opted for a pepper sauce bar at the feast. You can choose to include hot peppers directly in the stew, or even to add black pepper.

As with many stews and chilis, a long slow cooking time enhances the flavors. This recipe was made using an electric pressure cooker (Instapot), which keeps the cooking time shorter. At the event, the stew slowly simmered for 4 hours in electric roasters. It could be easily adapted for dutch oven or electric slow cooker (Crock Pot): just make sure the beans get some extra cooking time before adding other ingredients.

Ingredients for ~3qts

One pound of dried chili beans (I prefer mixed beans, but pinto, black, red, cranberry, white, navy are all good)

Two 15 oz. cans of hominy, drained

One 32 oz. box of soup broth

One 15 oz. can of pureed pumpkin (make sure it does not have added sugar)

One medium Spanish or yellow onion

One clove garlic or 1 tsp of prepared crushed garlic (you can add more if you like garlic)

About one pound of mild chili peppers (Hatch, Anaheim, ancho, etc.), washed (possible to substitute bell pepper but not recommended)

1-2 tbs ground sage

1-2 tsp salt

Optional: Diced hot chili peppers to taste

Preparation

Soak the beans overnight to soften

Drain off the soak water and rinse the beans

Recover the beans with fresh water and parboil ~10 minutes

Rinse the beans again with cold water and return to the pot

Drain the hominy and add to the pot

Add all of the vegetable broth to the pot

Cook on high pressure for 9 minutes, or at the default setting for beans on your pressure cooker

While the cooking cycle is on, prepare the remaining ingredients

Peel and chop the onion to about 1/2 cup worth (more if you like onion)

Peel and mince or crush the garlic

Halve the mild chilis, remove seeds and veins, then chop to a size that fits easily on a spoon

Optional: Prepare the hot peppers - remove seeds and chop, or open a tin of jalapeños
Quick cool the pressure cooker by opening the steam vent after the cooking cycle has ended

Stir in the pumpkin, onion, garlic and mild pepper

Add the sage and salt, stirring in well

Taste to check the flavor balance and adjust if needed - kind of dull, add salt, not smokey enough, add sage

Optional: add hot peppers

Cover the pot and cook on low pressure for 1 hour, or slow cook low for 4 hours

Serve with warmed masa tortillas and hot sauces to taste.

Meat variation

I tasted a similar dish, lamb and hominy stew, in a Hopi village in Northern Arizona.

Lamb, beef and chicken are all introduced foods brought by Europeans: rabbit, venison, javelina or turkey would be authentic to the pre-contact period.

If you decide to use meat, choose a slow cooking option. I suggest browning a pound of cubed stew meat or even ground meat in the pot while the parboiled beans are draining.

Remove the meat, but not the fond, then return to the first cooking stage of beans, hominy and broth. Add the browned meat back with the remaining ingredients for the second cooking stage. With more bulk in the pot, you may need to add additional liquid. The flavor profile will be different, so you may want to adjust salt and sage as well.

*Nixtamalization is a European interpretation of a Nuaatl word from Aztec Mexico.

Hominy is a European interpretation of an Algonquin word.

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.

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](#)!

Introducing new Officers!

Officers of the Barony & Canton

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Social Media Deputies: Anne of BearHeaven and Doc

Date of the meeting: 12/2/25

The Motion to approve the November Finance and Business Meeting Minutes from Kloe of Thira

Seconded: Jessy Gatemen.

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

Dragon's Laire Finance Meeting

Barony of Dragon's Laire
Finance Meeting Report –
12.02.2025

Committee members:

- Pernell Camber, Branch President
- Nikippa Lakaina, Branch Treasurer
- Furia Dommitia, Committee Member
- Conrad Cedricson, Committee Member

Non-Voting Committee members:

- Guiote de Bourgogne, Deputy Branch Treasurer
- Ciar ingen Fiachnae, Populus

1. Account Balances: As of , 2025

- Checking: \$49,693.34
- Savings: \$34,359.86
- CD: \$10,689.31

2. Event Bids:

a) a. Autumn War 9/11/2025 - 9/14/2025

- Rosa Marcella is Event Steward; Myskia Billingr is Event Co-Steward
- Request DL run the Archery field and buy into the event for 10% of expense in exchange for 10% of the profit plus reimbursement for buy-in.
- Buy in is estimated at \$1385; return on investment is estimated at \$1090. Total return (buy in plus profit) is estimated at \$2475.
- Intention is to utilize profit for archery program enhancements.
- Approved.
- DL's 10% cost share is due by 15 October.
- DL cost share payment sent 15 September.
- BAO is waiting on Kingdom PayPal coordinator for final totals before sending cost share payment.

b. Harvest Feast 10/11/2025

- i. Halldora Bjorn is Event Steward
- 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.
- viii. Refund checks have been issued.
- ix. Income from donations, minus PayPal fees and refunds: \$2,350.25. Expenses: \$4,184.20. Net loss: -\$1,833.95
- x. Check from Kingdom Pay Pal Deputy received and deposited.

c. June Faire – 19-21 June 2026

- i. Tiernan of House Awry is Event Steward & Cedric is Co-Steward
- ii. Event Proposal Presented

d. Beltane – 24-26 April 2026

- i. Proposal Incoming

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. Printing – one handbook, 20 waivers per tourney. (add to budget annually) (approved)
- d. Web-team: request to move domain name and hosting to new providers. Increase capacity and reduce cost. (approved)

- e. 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.
- f. Request to allow \$20 per month allowance for digital communication functionality; options will be explored by the Web team. Zoom available now.
- g. 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.
- h. Request - DL Court Coordinator, Artunis– Purchase beads, wiring, and tools to make kits for making awards necklaces. 5 kits costs approx. \$240 plus additional \$200-\$300 additional for beads. 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. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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- 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 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 of Leke purchased new rope. Reimbursement for supplies and a one-time travel allowance approved by the DLFC on 04/12/2021 to Lucy of Leke. 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 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

To the chilly and cheerily illuminated populace of Dragon's Laire,

To address the elephant in the room, or rather, not in the room, His Excellency has been called away to go a-viking, bidding the sun and us, adieu for the winter months. Luckily, Dragon's Laire has a cache of capable coronets to draw upon and His Excellency Sir Cedric has graciously agreed to sit as Baron for the evening.

The calendar for December looks fun and festive starting with this weekend. We wish safe travels to those traveling to Aquaterra Yule and a small group of us are heading to Glymm Mere Yule. If you're looking for a Yule, Madrone's Yule is the following weekend. Karl has also been filling the Social calendar with activities and classes throughout this frosty month so there's something to look forward to every week.

12th Night looks like it will be a fun time and we can't wait to see what magic Sigridr works as a key member of the Decorations Team. I did want to remind everyone to check out the Kingdom Calendar for Ursulmas as there have been some major changes to the event. While I'm glad the A&S demos and merchants will no longer be refrigerated, I'm sad those activities have been moved to a different event at a different time.

Conrad and I have spent the last while talking about what makes us grateful and you might be surprised how often the Barony showed up on that list. We are blown away by how active and vibrant Social has been thus far through the holiday season. It is such a joy to see everyone come together as family, friends, and community. Thank you for being such a huge part of both of our hearts.

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

Social on 12/23 and/or 12/30. I'm bringing warm savory food. Probably Pork Posole one night and Turkey Chili. 12/23 is bardic night so I'm hoping to sing at least one seasonal song on 12/23 even if I'm doing a solo. So far I'm planning on Dona Nobis which sounds amazing in a round so join me! Hem marking is needed so close to 12th Night so if you need a hem length marked bring your new creation and we'll mark it.

A fantastic way to get to know more people and how things work in the barony is to volunteer to help. I'm still discovering the things people do to make Dragon's Lair run so well. Come check it out! One of your amazing jobs is seneschal. If you become interested in that job why not shadow me now and start leisurely reading and start the job with confidence and ease in October 2026?

Please recommend deserving people for awards. Their Majesties and our Baroness and Baron can't see all the wonderful things that are going on all the time so let them know and recommend deserving people for awards. It's easy and 12th Night is coming! Ask for help if you want it or sit down with me and give me information so I can write it for you!

Seneschal Deputies

Social Media Officer, Caterina da Savona

Happy holidays from your social media team! November was quiet for event support. Bianca and Akizuki quickly dealt with a spammer on Discord-- a person spammed several An Tir servers-- and fine-tuned our settings to prevent "just anybody" from tagging everybody!

* Facebook continues to randomly put a small percentage of our populace Group posts into spam jail, from which moderators must individually release each post. Of course, the platform doesn't INFORM us there are things requiring attention. We are checking manually, but there may be a delay of 1-3 days.

* Aoife & Morgan's intro-to-the-SCA short video series continues to grow, both in content and internet popularity! Check it out if you haven't already: it's on the Baronial Facebook page, Instagram, our YouTube channel, and TikTok.

* As always, thank you to Bianca di Baldassarre 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

Happy Winter Holidays to our wonderful Barony! Whether you celebrate Christmas, Yule, Hanukkah, Saturnalia, the winter solstice, or other seasonal celebrations I hope it is filled with love and light.

As the days of darkness set in please remember to keep tabs on your mental health. This time of year can come with many challenges and it's ok to sit out a party or celebration if it would be harmful to your mental health. Traditions are peer pressure from dead people; feel free to create new traditions if the old ones aren't working for you. A few years ago I had run myself ragged with doing all the decorating, shopping, wrapping, baking, and more that I was exhausted and couldn't take on making a fancy dinner. Instead we went out for Chinese starting a new tradition that my parents and sister now join in on. Now I make a reservation instead of planning a meal. Everyone orders something they enjoy and I don't have to plan, cook, and clean. Yay!

With the financial challenges many of our populace have faced the last few months consider giving the gift of Gate Fees for an event, or paying for a friend's SCA membership. Other thoughtful gifts for SCAdian friends include feast gear (fabric napkins, period-ish silverware, wooden plates or bowls, hand painted pottery, etc), period drinking vessels, trim for garb, a couple yards of fabric, period buttons, turtle brooches, period-ish jewelry, handmade beads, or tools for their current A&S obsession.

As always, I'm here for you. Feel free to reach out if you're struggling or if I can help you find your place within the Barony. You matter, your presence enriches the Barony, and I'm happy you're here.

In Service,

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

Family Activities, Pak Sol Hwa

No report

Exchequer, Nikippa Lakaina

Steward, Kloe of Thira

Remarks: The storage unit move is almost complete. We will be out by the end of December.

Librarian, Karl inn Irski

Nothing to report.

In Service,

Karl inn irski

Arts & Sciences Minister, Karl inn Irski

November was a quiet month after the hoopla of October and Harvest Feast, and marks the beginning of the official Holiday Season.

We had a small Bardic session on 11/25, and Kara Bjorki taught a class on making Blueberry Ink.

The Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge is having a Bardic-oriented Social on Sunday, 12/14, which I will be attending in the spirit of camaraderie with the Canton and, because Bardic!

There was some question about a 4th week Social and Bardic, but it has been decided that we will have Social that week, so Bardic will be happening at Social on 12/23.

In Service,

Karl inn irski

Gamesminister, Lucy of Leke

It's a turkey of a report for November. I think I was able to make quite a bit of progress on a knitting project without people clamoring for board games. I don't remember too well because later in the week I made a long overdue pilgrimage to my family home. I brought games with me and taught my mother how to beat me in hnefetafl in her first game. I also tried to teach my mostly blind aunt how to play Nine Men Morris, but despite her enthusiasm, not being able to see all the pieces at once or tell one color from the other made it a disaster.

For December I will have board games available every week. If I remember, I will bring along the game Carcassonne, a modern game with a medieval theme.

In service, Lucy

Baronial Marshal Posiedonous Lakon

Practices continue in the Silverdale Lutheran Church. Practices are well attended, making this a good investment for heavy, rapier, and YAC.

No injuries to report.

Chief Archer, Brian of Cardiff

Heavy Martial: Ketill Cedricson

Nothing to report

Lists: Halldora Bjorn

On Nov 25th, the Dragon's Laire Heavy Fighters held a mock Round Robin Tournament during their regular fighter practice session. This gave an opportunity for new fighters to experience this style of competition, and also the ability to train new folks on how to run list.

We had 8 fighters sign up for the Tournament, and Master Cedric Wulfravn and Defensuer Jacques de Normandie were Marshals. Lists was Lord Basil with back up by Baronessa Alessandra da Montefeltro. Sir Posidonis and Farkas advanced to the best 3 out of 5 final where they went all 5 rounds before Farkas won the tournament. Wilhelm, Squire to Sir Gernon of Blatha an Our was awarded Most Chivalrous.

Rapier, Briar Rose

Tuesday rapier practices have been going on regularly at the Silverdale church location. Since it is usually just me, I typically do drills and will work in with the heavy fighters to remain active. The transition away from electrical tape for securing sword tips has been in effect, but we are going to explore other options other than athletic/hockey tape since we have been experiencing an issue with hanging threads.

Siege, Owain ap Gwylliam Pengryth

Thrown, Robert the Tailor and Deputy Kara Bjorki

Nothing new to report.

Youth Armored Combat (YAC), Lyndi of Summergate

We have one practice for yac on the second Tuesday and one online call for people to learn more about the rulebook for yac as parent and as Marshall

Sincerely

Lyndi of summergate

Chatelaine, Aoife Aileanach

Good Morning, Good Day, and Good Evening!

The month was filled with assisting our newcomers with connections within our barony and with the society as a whole.

As we are fully into feast season, if you find that you are in need of garb please make sure you connect with one of the team about 2 weeks before an event. If you notice that there is some garb that you just aren't reaching for anymore, give it a second life by gifting it to Gold Key!

Gratefully yours in service,

Aoife Ailénach

Chronicler, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Nothing to report.

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald), Morgania

No report submitted.

Baronial Scribe, Kara Bjorki

No report submitted.

Webminister, Kira Kirova

It should be noted that future requests for access to the baronial zoom account should go through email or discord as Facebook flagged messages with requests for login information.

The web minister supported two individuals/guilds with access to the baronial zoom account and the domain transfer project was initiated.

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers Guild, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

The guild had a great Candlemas recipe taste testing and also experienced taste-testing saffron from different locations! Very educational! Very scented!

The December meeting is our annual potluck and treat exchange!

Scribal Guild, Tamlyn of Wyntersea

Warmest Greetings,

November's Scribal Guild Meeting included a class on how to paint the Morgan Black Hours style, including Zoom, there were seven in attendance.

This month, on December 11th, Lady Lyndi of Summergate will be giving a class, "Paint a Pearl" which would be especially useful to all of those who may end up doing Pearl scrolls. Class will start at 7pm, Zoom will be started by 6:30pm.

We will also be discussing potential Scribal Guild classes for meetings through June. I will have reached the two year mark as Guildhead by then, please contact me if you are interested in becoming the new Guildhead.

Decorations Committee, Adelheide Leeuwin & Deputy Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir

Event Updates

June Faire 2026:

Site layout and overall vision still being finalized.

- More concrete information expected by the January business meeting.
- Volunteers sought; official roles to be assigned after the vision is set.

New Bids

- Karl inn irski: Spring A&S Play Day, expecting April-ish

Oh by the way...

- Sigridr is looking for additional silk banners to hang at 12th Night. If you have one that you are willing to have hung up, please get in touch with her!

Officer notes from the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge

The December Business Meeting for the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge was held online via Zoom and in-person, December 14th, 2025

Canton Seneschal, Veleda ingen Kee

November Monthly Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge Seneschal's Report

- We continued to follow up our Petition to Advance to Canton status and drafted and submitted a Customary for the Canton of Misty Ridges based on the Dragon's Laire Customary to respond to the Kingdom's comments.
- Weather permitting weekly archery practice is held on Saturdays from 1 to 3 PM.
- We held the routine Canton business meeting on November 2nd and attended Dragon's Laire's Business Meeting on November 3rd to present a proposed site and plan for Beltane 2026 and will follow up with an Event Proposal. Dragon's Laire's Seneschal noticed the Form 14 to add Lady Culfre MacQuohollistar as the Chatelaine for Canton of Misty Ridge at the Dragon's Laire Business Meeting requesting feedback from the populace.
- We held another unofficial social locally on Sunday, November 9th that was well attended and Canton members agreed to hold future business meetings in person at the socials the second Sunday of each month. We have noticed the new meeting time and date for December on the website and social media.

YIS,

Veleda Ingen Kee

Seneschal

Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge

Canton report for Exchequer, Jeffery of Jarrow

There was not financial activity in December 2025

Canton report for Marshal & Chief Archer, Fearghus MacCulloch

Monthly Canton Marshal's Report for the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge, Marshal Fearghus MacCulloch, submitted December 1, 2025:

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 no practices this month due to inclement weather, lack of attendance, and a holiday.

Canton report for Herald, Máel Cáemgein mac Sheamuis Ui Choncho-bair

No report received by Chronicler

Canton report for Chatelaine, Culfre McQuhollastar

No report received by Chronicler

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