



The Flames of the Dragon



Imbolc comes from the Old Irish, *imbolc* meaning ‘in the belly’ a reference to the start of lambing season in southern Ireland.

A Gaelic tradition for February 1st, which pre-dates St. Brigid’s day—often celebrated with fresh cheese and flatbreads.

St Brigid’s Day, likely a Christianization of the Goddess Brigid, is celebrated by leaving food and drink for her along with clothing for her to bless.

St. Brigid’s crosses, to protect against fire, illness, and evil are more recent.

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February 2026, AS LX (60)

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In case you missed it, online offerings!

- **Virtual SCA Known World activity links, calendars, and information - <https://tinyurl.com/Virtual-SCA>** An unofficial listing gathering information on Virtual classes and activities in the SCA across the Known World. Amazing work!
- **[Cotsen Textile Traces Roundtable: Global Equine Cultures](#)**: Feb 26-27, 10-12:30 EST, FREE Virtual Program. [Register for the link to attend!](#)
- **[Plant Four On](#)**, March 28, Drachenwald Herbalists. Talk about plants and their use in SCA time period. Day of workshops and talks.
- **[Known World Combat Collegium](#)**, Sept 5-6, 2026 in Northshield (Stoughton, WI)
- **[Staging the Past: Living History, Live Audiences, Real Challenges](#)**. Berlin, 12-15 November, 2026. Online attendance available at NO COST [with registration](#). Full program in advance for review in May, 2026.

Upcoming Events & Activities



Accepting classes! Contact Karl inn irski artsnsoci@antir.org



Beltane April 24-26, 2026



A medieval-themed celebration of the beginning of summer

Hosted by the
Canton of Misty Ridge
& sponsored by the
Barony of Dragon's Laire

May 9 Spring Barnkalas (Spring Childrens' Festival) - Dragon's Laire celebrates the warming weather with Barnkalas. Our youth are the main focus of this relaxed event but everyone will enjoy the day. There will be Court, a YAC tournament, games, activities and a potluck buffet. "Barnkalas" is Swedish for "children's party".

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!

[Ursulwyck Medieval Faire Pre-Registration](#)—open until Feb 16th

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



Misty Ridge Calendar

Saturday

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

Sunday, Feb 15th, at 7:30 PM

- Business meeting online via Zoom and in-person at Social
- 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.

- [Page Turners Book Club](#), Wed, Feb 18th, 3:30-4:30, Poulsbo Library. 1st-3rd Grade, bring a book about friendship!
- [Seabeck Fix-it Fair](#), Sat, March 14th, 11 AM to 2 PM. Crosby Community & Event Venue. 2135 Christopher Rd NW; Seabeck, WA 98380. Visit kcowa.us/fixitfairs for more information.
- [2026 Spring Grafting Show](#), March 21, 10-4, West Side Improvement Club, 4109 E St. Bremerton. Presented by the Peninsula Fruit Club
- [Shibori Dyeing Workshop](#): Fold, Bind, Dye. March 21, 1:00-4:00 PM, \$75. Olympic Community College, Bremerton Bldg 8, Rm 146. Tickets available at link.
- [Brass Screw Consortium](#), June 12-14th. 19th Century Steampunk Extravaganza. Port Townsend.
- [29th Annual Gathering of Basketweavers](#), hosted by the Snoqualmie Tribe, Oct 2-3, 2026, Snoqualmie, WA. Early Registration is open.

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)

Feb 10th:

Feb 17th: Games! Scribal! 6:30pm. “Baronial Offices 101: What, Why, and How It All Works” by Baroness Furia.

Feb 24th: Bardic Night! All things Bardic are welcome! Story-telling, puppets, singing, playing, limericks (age appropriate), dance, hagiographies, reciting royal lineages...

Mar 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

On February 20th I will be doing a report out on some of the classes I took at virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium.

Scribal Resources

Sunday Night with the Scribes: Hosted on the SNWtS Youtube, got back and watch/review their classes

Culinary Arts Guild Meeting

February 26th, Thursday, 6 PM in Poulsbo

Candlemas after-action report, Upcoming Demos discussion

Imbolc is the 'traditional' start of spring in Ireland, lambs were born and the blackthorn bloomed.

Traditional foods include butter, cheese, bannock, and dried fruits.

What is bannock? Flat bread! In Ireland, this is traditionally made with oat flour and possibly barley or other available flours. For festivals, you could see herbs, dried fruit, bits of meat, or spices added

The Jan Culinary Guild Meeting, testing Candlemas Recipes:



Around the Region

- **Lyceum**—Mar 28th, Oakville Grange, 405 S. Temple St.; Oakville, WA 98568. Glymm Mere's Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships.
- **Baroness War**—Mar 27-29th, 812 Wallace Way; Grandview, WA 98930. Baronesses from around the Kingdom marshal their forces for war!
- **Honor War (Lyonsmarche)** - April 10-12th, Chief Timothy Park, Silcott Island, Clarkston, WA 99403. The Port of Silcott is once again besieged by roving bands of brigands from the East, and South, and North... well from all over. Thus do we call for aid from our Great Neighbors, those brave souls of the Inlands! Ties of old call to the Baronies of Wastekeep, Wealdsmere, and Vulkanfeldt, as well as good cousins throughout the lands of An Tir. Come to our aid, and a share of our bounty! Fighting and food, merry-making and mead! Let us all protect these lands of our Great King and Queen from the foul highwaymen.
- **Spring Colloquium** (Madrone) - April 11, No Location. Social and Educational Gathering, newcomers are encouraged to attend.
- **Mayfaire** (Glymm Mere) - May 1-3, No Location at this time. Glymm Mere's rattan and rapier championships.

Making Fresh Cheese

An entirely modern method cobbled together by Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Fresh, soft cheese is relatively easy to make in your home kitchen with ingredients that can be found at your local grocery store.

Equipment you will need:

Large, heavy bottom pot, needs to comfortably hold a gallon of milk

Stirring spoon

Cooking thermometer

Collander is helpful but technically optional

Cheesecloth or a very clean hand towel

Bowl to put finished product in

Ingredients

Gallon of milk—no ultra-pasteurized

3/4 Distilled White vinegar

1-2 Tsp Kosher Salt (to taste)

Cream* optional depending on what you're doing

1. Pot on to the stove, 1 gallon of milk into pot, bring to a simmer, stirring frequently, and maintain between 180-190 degrees. Do not scald and do not burn the bottom.
2. Remove from the heat, stir in 3/4 distilled white vinegar. You can sort of prod the developing curds toward the middle. Let stand 45-60 minutes.
3. Put your clean hand towel into the colander. Pour the cheese and whey into the cloth, being careful to avoid overflowing and dumping curds into your sink.
4. Let them drain for 15 minutes. Rinse gently with cold water. Then gather the edges and wring out your cheese bundle. You may want to redo this step if you think there is

a lot of retained whey.

Options:

You want a lump of fresh cheese:

Loosen your curd ball, salt (and add other flavorings such as herbs or garlic), form into shape, wrap in a new fresh towel to apply gently pressure or gently press into your storage container. Your cheese may drip out more liquid.

You want cottage cheese:

Put in your planned storage container, loosen your curd ball, salt, stir.

If you are eating immediately: add 1/2-3/4 cup cream, stir gently, serve.

Better; Let sit overnight, then add the cream, stir gently.

Good in the refrigerator, or equivalent temperature, for a week.



Photo credit: New England Cheese Making Supply Co. Cottage Cheese Recipe.

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.

ISO: A&S Step-up Deputy

If you are interested in becoming the next A&S Minister for Dragon's Laire in August, please send me a message here or an email at DragonsLaire.Artnsci@antir.org. It would be good to get some experience with Spring A&S Day and June Faire planning.

Please feel free to ask questions, also. [Karl inn irski]

The Minister of Arts and Sciences is a Kingdom warranted position responsible for reporting quarterly to the Kingdom Officer. They are also responsible for fostering the practice of period arts and sciences within the Barony, including participation in the Dragon's Laire Scholars Program. Duties include:

- a) Organize and support the annual Arts & Sciences presentation and Championships, Bardic presentations and Championships, and Scholars program presentations.
- b) Schedule and oversee A&S play days, which are typically held in April and late October/early November.
- c) Organize and support A&S and Bardic activities at other Baronial events and Socials.
- d) Recruit and support deputies to assist with tasks and projects as well as the Games Minister position.

Social Media Officer, Caterina da Savona

My warrant will expire on April 30th, so I'm looking for our next Social Media Officer! (If desired, I'll stay on as a consulting deputy for up to a year-- but it's time to step back and ask someone new to take over.) Contact me on any platform you prefer, and let's chat.

A Deputy Officer position who reports to the Seneschal and is also warranted through the Kingdom Social Media Officer. The Social Media Officer is responsible for maintaining and monitoring all branch social media accounts including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube in coordination with the Seneschal and the branch Webminister. Additional duties include:

- a) Join and be involved in the Kingdom designated communication paths including social media and official email.
- b) Branch event creation on appropriate social media sites for branch or branch sponsored activities and events.
- c) Creating or coordinating the creation of print and online media to advertise for branch and branch sponsored Kingdom Events.
- d)** Coordinating with Event Stewards for branch or branch sponsored events so that they are advertised

Chief Archer

Looking for a step-up Deputy for Chief Archer.

The Chief Archer is responsible for the conduct of Society-legal target archery within the Barony. Duties and responsibilities are described in the An Tir Book of Target, the An Tir Book of Combat, and the SCA Marshal's Handbook. If archery via horseback occurs, the An Tir Book of Horse must also be consulted.

- (a) Run the weekly archery practice for both long and short range, coordinating with Baronial archery marshals to ensure appropriate coverage.
- (b) Maintain Baronial loaner gear in appropriate condition and supply annual in-

ventory to Baronial Steward as requested.

(c) Submit scores in a timely manner and by deadlines set by Kingdom and Society.

(d) Make monthly reports at the Baronial business meeting and submit quarterly reports to the Kingdom Deputy Marshal for Archery.

Youth Armored Combat Marshal (Deputy)

The Youth Armored Combat Officer is responsible for the conduct of Society-legal youth-armored combat as described in the Society and Kingdom YAC Manuals.

a) Successfully apply for and pass a Society background check and complete An Tir YAC Marshall training to become at least a Junior Marshall.

b) Run YAC practices.

c) Promote and support YAC activities at Baronial events and Baronial sponsored Kingdom Events.

d) This includes maintenance and inventory of the Baronial YAC loaner gear.

e) Make monthly reports at the Baronial business meeting and submit quarterly reports to the Kingdom Deputy Marshal for Youth Armored Combat and Baronial Marshall.

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](#)!

12th Night Not-Our-Court Report cont!

January 9th:

Adelheide Leeuwin: Forget-me-not

Jenae' la Joyeaux: Lion's Strength

Jenae' la Joyeaux: King's Favor

Jenae' la Joyeaux: Forget-me-Not

Talendus del Albero: Lion's Strength

Talendus del Albero: King's Favor

Talendus del Albero: Forget-me-Not

January 10th:

Adelheide Leeuwin: Augmentation of Arms

But Ciar! There are a few names missing!

Shhh! Those are going to be presented at a later date!

Candlemas Court Report

Awarded on behalf of the Crown:

Cethair Pengryth: Leo Minor

Minimus Maximus Petrus: Leo Minor

Awarded by Dragon's Laire (alphabetical):

Aelin of Dragon's Laire: Snapdragon

Ashe of Dragon's Laire: Snapdragon

Beowulf Ildson: Snapdragon

Eilidh Keldeth: Dragon's Pearl

Iohannus 'Owain' ap Gwyllim Pengryth:
Dragon's Pearl

Tiernan of House Awry: Snapdragon

Top 10 of An Tir (listed in order of first appearance)

Alaricus Simmonds:

- Royal Round Open Bow, 96.3, 3rd
- Longbow, 76.3, 4th
- Period Recurve, 102, 1st
- Period Longbow, 91.3, 1st



Erikk MacLost:

- Royal Round Open Bow, 98.7, 2nd
- York* Handbow, 165, 3rd

Fina Wythebow:

- Longbow, 73, 8th

Fearghus MacCulloch:

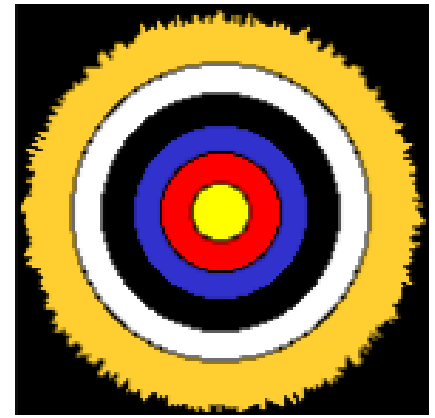
- Crossbow, 106.3, 3rd
- Period Crossbow, 120.7, 2nd

Thomas of Salisbury:

- Period Longbow, 63.3, 5th

Kara Bjorki:

- York Handbow, 22, 10th



Royal Round Target, from
An Tir Book of Target



Period Bow Royal Round
Target, from An Tir Book of
Target

For further details on types of bows and shoots, please review the [An Tir Book of Target!](#)

*A York Round consists of 12 ends of 6 arrows shot from 100 yards, 8 ends of 6 arrows shot at 80 yards, and 4 ends of 6 arrows shot at 60 yards with either a handbow or crossbow, using the same bow for all shoots.

Officers of the Barony & Canton

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Social Media Deputies: Anne of BearHeaven and Doc

Date of the meeting: 2/3/26

The Motion to approve the January Finance and Business Meeting Minutes from **Tiernan of House Awry**

Seconded: **Brian of Cardiff**

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

Dragon's Laire Finance Meeting

Barony of Dragon's Laire
Finance Meeting Report –
02.03.2026

Committee members:

- Pernell Camber, Branch President
- Nikippa Lakaina, Branch Treasurer
- Furia Dommitia, Committee Member
- Arion the Wanderer (standing in for Conrad Ross), Committee Member

Non-Voting Committee members:

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

1. Account Balances: can be requested from the Exchequer by Members

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.
- VIII. BAO is waiting on Kingdom PayPal coordinator for final totals before sending cost share payment.
- IX. Followed up with BAO Exchequer regarding missing check.
- X. **Check received in the amount \$1,912.59, which includes the return of the buy in amount. The income DL received from the event was \$527.59.**

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.
- XI. One refund was missed. Check written and sent.**
- XII. Updated: Income from donations minus PayPal fees and refunds: \$2316.44. Expenses: \$4,184.20. Net loss: \$1867.76.**

c.) June Faire – 19-21 June 2026

- I. Tiernan of House Awry is Event Steward & Cedric is Co-Steward
- II. Event Proposal Presented
- III. New Event Bid/Budget**
- IV. Site deposit check request**

d.) Beltane– 24-26 April 2026

- I. Event Steward: Veleda ingen Kee
- II. Location: Salish Trails Campground, Port Angeles
- III. By Donation
- IV. Estimated Cost: \$985. Estimated Income: \$1000. Estimated Profit: \$15
- V. Approved
- VI. Site deposit check delivered to Veleda at 12th Night**

e. Bid for Kingdom Arts & Sciences and Queens Rapier Championship—April 17-

18 April 2027

- I. Event Steward: Ciar ingen Fiachnae
- II. Kitsap Conference Center
- III. Estimated Cost: \$11,744.44. Estimated Income: \$11,760. Estimated profit ~\$15
- IV. Need 392 attendees to break even.
- V. Approved at the Baronial Level.
- VI. Submitting to Kingdom for consideration
- VII. **Kingdom Approved**
- VIII. **Site deposit delivered**

f.) Spring A&S Day Camp—4 April 2026

- I. Event Steward: Karl inn irski
- II. Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- III. **Site deposit/donation check delivered to site**

g.) Spring Barnkalas—9 May 2026, proposed at Business Meeting

- I. Event Steward: Dagr Bjorneskegg
- II. **Site: Kitsap County Parks Department**

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 func-

tionality; 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 Sovereigns. \$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.

i. Request – Dragon's Laire Armorial Display. Canvas Drop Cloth, LCD Projector, Permanent Markers, Acrylic Paints, Brushes, Storage Bins. \$380. Approved

j. **Cost of storage facility increasing to \$479 per month in March (\$80 per month increase). 6 months payment, \$2874.**

k. **Dye for flags—black, red, yellow. 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. 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.

c. Paid for Annual VFW Hall rental for Tuesdays. \$1300.

d. Dragons Laire Budget for 2026. Summary of changes:

i. Increase VFW Hall Rental line by \$300

ii. Add Winter Practice Location line by \$750

iii. Increase Baronial Storage Unit line by \$1000

iv. Add Baronial Zoom line \$200

v. Decrease PO Box Rental line \$200

vi. Decrease June Faire line \$10000

vii. Add Beltane and Ostara/Spring Fling/SCA Yard Sale \$1500 each

viii. Decrease A&S Day Camps \$500

ix. Increase YAC \$200

x. Increase Miscellaneous Baronial Projects \$200

xi. Increase Prize Tourney \$10

xii. Increase Scribal Guild \$200

e. Kitsap Bank has merged with Heritage Bank. By September, our accounts

will be through Heritage.

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. 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. 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 to the fine folks of Dragon's Laire currently experiencing faux Spring,

The time when our Baron returns to the sunlight grows closer but is not yet upon us. Speaking of which, he sends his sincere regrets that he will not be able to attend Candlemas this upcoming weekend but Yarl Sam continues to steal him away from us.

12th Night was an incredible time and it was so wonderful to see so many Dragon's Laire folks moving, shaking, and making the site a beautiful place to Dream. We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who signed up for retinue and were graciously loaned to Their Majesties and Highnesses. Our sincere congratulations to all of those recognized in Court, your awards are sincerely well-deserved. Again, our deepest gratitude for Bianca di Baldassarre Saturnio and Akizuki Soujirou Kaoru for the incredible outfits we wore on Saturday of 12th Night. We will never have adequate words to thank you both.

Ursulmas was its normal glorious adventure of all the rattan you can eat, all the arrows you can shoot, all the axes and spears you can throw, and all of the camaraderie that comes with it. Thank you to everyone who made the trek into the frosty plains of Aquaterra to bring all of the warmth of home.

Candlemas is this upcoming weekend and I'm looking forward to an incredible day of Feasting at the hands of the incredibly capable Haldora. The class list looks like such fun and Their Excellencies Elizabethe and Nels are planning a Coronets Conversation as they prepare for their well-deserved rest and The Barony of Blatha an Oir heads toward poling so be sure to bring any questions you may have.

Ursulwyk, which will be comprised of the A&S Demos and Merchants previously part of Urusulmas, will be on February 28th at a new site in Aquaterra. Thanks to the helium-handed duo of Karl and Bjorki, Dragon's Laire will be well-represented so we hope to see you there!

Sergeants! The time is nigh! The acceptance of Letters of intent will close on Saturday so, please, if you are even thinking of the path, please get your letters to me before then. Sergeants are a community focused on learning, teaching, exploring, and getting out of your comfort zone to learn more about this wonderful Game we play with no time limit on how long or where your path takes you. I understand that Sergeants have planned classes and gatherings for each Tuesday following Candlemas until April.

The light is slowing returning to us, the birds are confused, and tomorrow is supposed to be 60 so Happy February!

Yours in Service,

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

Seneschal Deputies

Social Media Officer, Caterina da Savona

My warrant expires April 30th & I'm looking for our next Social Media Officer! Do you want to help the Barony know What's Going On?!? Contact me on any platform you prefer, and let's chat. (If desired, I'll stay on as a consulting deputy for up to a year.)

* A&S Day Camp on April 4th and Beltane at Misty Ridge went Facebook-official this month! The Baronial website is also updated -- and both events are featured on our Discord. Click "interested" or "going" on Facebook to get notifications when new event info is posted there.

* As always, 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 beloved Barony,

Can you feel it? Today is the halfway point between winter and spring. Our days are getting longer and the darkness is receding. There is noticeable growth of early bloomers in my flower bed reminding me that spring is just around the corner.

As we leave the physical darkness behind us let us remember and hold space for our friends and members who are still facing darkness in these unpredictable times. While we may leave current politics at the door the stress and anxiety of them follows us into the SCA. Be gentle with each other. Remember that each person you interact with, both in the SCA and outside of it, is facing struggles that you don't know about. Extend grace to those who may be a little short or curt with you, and treat others the way you would want someone to treat you.

I am here for you. If you're feeling unwelcome or like you don't fit in please reach out to me. There is a place for everyone within the SCA.

In Service,

Jessy "Jess" Gateman, she/her

Family Activities, Pak Sol Hwa

No report provided.

Exchequer, Nikippa Lakaina

Steward, Kloe of Thira

No report provided.

Librarian, Karl inn Irski

Nothing to report

Arts & Sciences Minister, Karl inn Irski

The Monthly A&S Minister report for the briefly frozen but now warm and moist (?) Barony of Dragon's Laire:

- No classes were held in January. Her Excellency, Furia Dommitia, had a class planned covering Baronial Offices, but it is delayed, possibly happening in February, being scheduled as I type this report.
- Planning is underway for the Dragon's Laire Spring A&S Day, to be held April 4th at OSLC in Bremerton. If you would like to teach/share your knowledge and passion, please message or email me (DragonsLaire.ArtNSci@AnTir.org). We already have 8 classes/activities in the works but have plenty of space at the venue and in the schedule!
- The Bardic Circle on the 4th Tuesday of January was great fun. We had one gentle with a mix of recorder and singing, one with recitation/singing, one with bouzouki/singing, and one with guzheng/mountain dulcimer. The Bardic Circle is every month on the 4th Tuesday, and we welcome any form of period/adjacent entertainment, including juggling, stage magic, puppetry, singing, instrumentals, recitation, storytelling, etc.
- Planning has started for the Artisan Village and Bardic Stage for June Faire. Once again, I am deeply indebted to Mrq Laurellen de Brandevin, Countess E, and Dame Gwen the Potter for their invaluable assistance with the Artisan Village.
- I reach my 2 years as A&S Minister in August. This is early, but I would like to identify a step-up Deputy so they can gain experience in planning A&S Day and June Faire. Please contact me with any questions or if you are interested.
- Shameless plug: I will have a booth in the Artisan Village at the Ursulwyck Medieval Faire (2/28), playing music and chatting about my instruments, their history, and the indi-

rect trade between the Vikings and China. Please stop by and say Hi if you are attending!

Gamesminister, Lucy of Leke

Board games of all luck/skill levels will be available at Candlemas and February socials. Bring a friend for a little non-martial head-to-head competition!

In service,

Lucy

Baronial Marshal Posiedonous Lakon

Nothing of note to report this period.

Chief Archer, Brian of Cardiff

Greetings Good Gentles from your Chief Archer!

There is not much to report for January; being a notoriously wet and cold month, we had only two actual practice sessions this with no competitions or archery demos to report.

With the prospect of June Faire looming in our headlights, I remind all archers to do your equipment checks and maintenance before Tourney Season starts so you don't show up at an event with a bow string somebody's pet bunn-bunn chewed to pieces in the off season and no replacement!

Another thing I'm going to ping on in coming months is my replacement. I plan to stay on through the summer, but it's time to turn this office over to someone younger and healthier than me. You don't have to be an Archery Marshal to be Chief Archer; the rest of us will see to your Marshal training once you are on the job!

That's all I have for this month. Eat sensibly, get plenty of sleep, drink lots of water, and hug the people you love.

Until next time, I humbly remain

Yours in Service,

Brian of Cardiff, OGGS

Chief Archer, Barony of Dragon's Laire

Heavy Martial: Ketill Cedricson

We continue to have a healthy practice with easily 6+ every practice. Nothing else to re-

port.

Lists: Halldora Bjorn

Remarks: Call out Felix for holding practice tourneys and allowing new people to get familiar with the process and to allow new lists people to practice as well.

Rapier, Briar Rose

In January we had our first authorization of the year! We had some new faces (new to me) join us along with a couple of the heavy fighters to practice rapier and welcome our new authorized fighter. In general practices are still going well at the winter location.

In service,

Briar Rose

Siege, Owain ap Gwylliam Pengryth

Remarks: Siege is meeting every 3rd Tuesday and welcomes those who want to shoot target, war, or just participate in building and repairing machines.

Thrown, Robert the Tailor and Deputy Kara Bjorki

Nothing to report, due to weather not allowing us to hold practice

Youth Armored Combat (YAC), Lyndi of Summergate

Remarks: Looking to step down at the end of her warrant.

Chatelaine, Aoife Aileanach

Greetings to the greatest Barony in the known world!

During this slower month we have been focusing on assisting our newcomers, and our still pretty new players, with connections within our barony and with the society as a whole. We have been sharing all of the tips and tricks so our newcomers are ready for the unique events that happen at this time of the year.

Our chatelaine team is looking forward to working closely with the Junefair team to help iron out the public demo aspects.

Remarks:

Chronicler, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

The Flames of the Dragon continue. The January edition included the Not-our-Court Report, recognizing Dragon's Lairians as they are recognized in various courts.

The Gamesminister, Arts & Sciences Minister, and Social Media Officer are looking for step-up Deputies!

Golden Dragon Pursuivant (Herald), Morigaine de Gaius

Attended business meeting, conversed with member regarding ongoing name consolidation project.

Continue to gather names for volunteer list

Moriganya

Baronial Scribe, Kara Bjorki

Hello good [gentles] this is the monthly report from Scribal,

We have been painting at our weekly social. There have been over 10 people who have been actively joining in on [scribal] painting. We have been working to get ready for Candlemas as well as working on getting a few of the new charters painted and ready to be handed out. There are a few more charters in the works.

Webminister, Kira Kirova

I attended the kingdom webminister meeting on behalf of the barony to bring back information regarding the status of web and email servers. Kitsapmedievalfaire.org's domine was renewed.

Guilds & Groups

Culinary & Spirit-makers Guild, Ciar ingen Fiachnae

Greetings!

The Culinary Guild met in January to assist with the preparation and taste-testing of several Candlemas Feast recipes with 8 in attendance. Based on recipes from Italy, each mini-Feast celebrates a season both with seasonal offerings and to balance the humors!

February is Imbolc in Gaelic cultures, meaning 'in the belly', a reference to the start of lambing season and the return of fresh cheese and milk to the diet! During the Middle Ag-

es this became the Feast of Brigid, where followers left out food and drink in order to receive blessings.

We have been invited back to Beltane, in April, to demo. This will be at the new site and, facilities and restrictions allowing, we'll experiment with a new-to-us brazier where we can do some spit roasting.

Scribal Guild, Tamlyn of Wyntersea

Lady Lyndi lead us on our Playing with Pigments play date January 19th, four scribes were in attendance. Paint was made:-)

On February 20th I will be doing a report out on some of the classes I took at virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium.

Decorations Committee, Adelheide Leeuwijn & Deputy Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir

Monthly report for the Beautification committee. There has been progress in choosing which designs to move forward with for the new banners that will be ready for June Faire 2026.

Repairs on the street flags has begun and will be ready for June Faire as well. Inventory of the colors of the street flags will be forthcoming.

YIS

HL Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir

Event Updates

Beltane 2026:

No report provided.

Spring Barnkalas:

Drangon's Laire Spring Barnkalas Monthly Report 2/3/26.

Greetings to the populace! The Spring Barnkalas is going to be a youth-centric day of events including YAC, Bardic, and A&S activities. There will be a pot-luck meal preceded by a baronial court.

The event has been presented to the Barony with a proposed date of May 9 at the Island Lake Community Building. The event was approved by the Barony at the January business meeting.

The site is secured on the contingency that reservation is paid no later than 2/5/26. The financials will be presented for approval at the February business meeting on 2/3/26.

June Faire 2026 (Tiernan of House Awry and Cedric Wlfraven):

Remarks: Trying to make the event a little more cozy, the layout may be different from what you are used to.

Doing a site walkthrough on the 28th of Feb at the Fairgrounds, at 10 AM.

Spring A&S Play Day 2026 (Karl inn irski):

Remarks: No update, looking for teachers!

KAS & QRC 2027 (Ciar ingen Fiachnae):

Event Report for Kingdom A&S and Queen's Rapier Championship 2027:

The Event bid from Dragon's Laire was approved at Kingdom Curia in January. The event site contract was approved and signed by the Kingdom Seneschal and the hotel contracts will be completed shortly.

The event will be relatively quiet for the next several months as the 2026 event will happen in March.

Thank you to those who have offered to help! We will start assembling a team in late spring.

New Bids

Oh by the way...

Countess E: Volunteered to take care of the Feast/Potluck for Beltane. Opening positions to Misty Ridge first and then to the wider Barony. Playing with the format as a potluck at a camp event.

Kara Bjorki: There is a Period Cat Scribal competition.

Dagr: May have a utility trailer to donate to the Barony for storing the YAC equipment.

Halldora: Reminder for Candlemas—because it is an all day feast, please bring Feast Gear for the supper meal but the event will provide plates and utensils for the first 2 course. Do not wash your dishes in the bathroom sinks.

Halldora: Kingdom western largess deputy. Kingdom is looking for largess.

Eric MacLost: Had a large meeting at 12th Night to discuss what Bardic looks like in An Tir. Bards will start providing entertainment before Courts—went well at Ursulmas. Bards are also working to have smaller local championships in order to give Bards practice outside of Baronial and Kingdom Championships.

Brighid: July Coronation has been awarded as a Kingdom bid at Fort Stevens near Astoria. Primitive site, large, near the beach. There are RV sites and Yurts that can be reserved but that will have to be through the park rather than the event.

Officer notes from the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge

The February Business Meeting for the Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge was held online via Zoom and in-person, February 15th, 2025

Canton Seneschal, Veleda ingen Kee

January Monthly Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge Seneschal's Report

- We continue our efforts to advance to official Canton status. On January 6, 2026, we received recommended edits from the An Tir Kingdom Seneschal to our draft Customary and expect to respond with an edited version in early February.
- Weather limited weekly archery practice, and we were able to host one.
- We held an in-person, unofficial social and routine Canton business meeting on January 4, 2026. Karl inn irski, the Dragon's Laire Arts & Sciences, officer attended sharing with the attendees how to enter A&S competitions. He also agreed to assist with planning the A&S for Beltane 2026.
- At our Business Meeting, we continued to discuss planning and staffing for Beltane 2026. We attended the Dragon's Laire Business meeting on [January] 6th, and the Finance Committee approved the Beltane 2026 Event Proposal and budget.
- We secured the site with the check, several of the Beltane 2026 Planning Committee attend a site visit, and the Dragon's Laire Seneschal has signed the contract.

YIS,

Veleda of Misty Ridge

Seneschal

Incipient Canton of Misty Ridge

Canton report for Exchequer, Jeffery of Jarrow

No report at this time.

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. Planning has begun for the Canton's 2026 Beltane Celebration. I have contacted the Baronial Marshals for rapier, thrown weapons and youth combat to ask if they are willing to run activities for the event since we don't have marshals in those fields. Sven Red Beard is now an authorized Heavy Weapons Senior Marshal and will be running the heavy weapons fighting.

We held one practice this month. All others were cancelled due to inclement

Canton report for Herald, Máel Cáemgein mac Sheamuis Ui Chonchobair

Digital submissions were made for the following.

Veleda of Misty Ridge: Name and Device

Culfre McQuhollastar: Device

Vladislav Razvan: Name and Device

Yours in Service,

Máel Cáemgein mac Sheamuis Ui Chonchobair

Canton of Misty Ridge herald

Canton report for Chatelaine, Culfre McQuhollastar

No report provided.

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