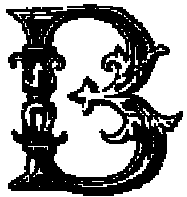


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Missive from their Excellencies . . .

Greetings!

People everywhere are still talking about the fun that they had at Autumn War, and we couldn't be more happy about it! Once again, thanks to everyone that made that event possible! There are so many names that we couldn't possibly name them all, but you made Autumn War memorable for us in many different ways, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Now that the tournament season is (mostly) over, it's time to start thinking about Harvest Feast. It's being held in Wells Hall, and the person to contact for reservations is Katheryn de Gonneville at Katheryn98501@yahoo.com. It promises to be a great time, but the hall only holds so many people and it would be a shame if you missed it because you didn't register in time, wouldn't it???

We are fortunate to have TWO fight practice/social events a week here in Blatha An Oir, Tuesdays at Sheridan Elementary and Sundays at Camas Prairie Elementary in Spanaway. Come on and check us out if you haven't already. We're looking to start a Rapier practice up on Tuesday nights at Sheridan Elementary, and our Rapier Defender is looking forward to crossing swords with some of you there!

The Baron and Baroness are looking for additional retinue to serve us through next year. If you're interested, please contact our new Head of Retinue, Aisha al' Zahra at arwallar@comcast.net.

We're forming a committee for Autumn War 2009. Interested in helping shape the premier war in our area??? Let us know!! We would like to thank HL Robert Mackalpyn (aka: Redbear) for his many years of service to the Barony. As of now, he is currently looking for a replacement for Baronial Heavy Marshal. If you're interested, please see our Seneschal, Elizabeth FitzWilliam.

In service to the Dream,
Baron Aleksii Konstantinovich Chernoi and Baroness Elspeth
nic Grath
Proud Baron and Baroness of Blatha An Oir

Things to do in Blatha an Oir

Baronial Business Meeting: It's the best place to find out what's going on in your barony!
South End Community Center
1614 99th St E
Tacoma, WA
Next Meeting: August 21, 2008 (Third Thursday)

Newcomer's Classes: A series of classes designed to help newcomers to the SCA. Please contact Agnes berengarii de girona for more information.
Krazy Kat Fiberhaus
3013 6th Ave., Suite A, Tacoma, WA
Next Class: Persona Development
August 25, 2008, 7:PM (Last Monday)

Fight Practice: Learn Heavy Armoured Combat!
Camas Prairie Elementary School
176th St. E and B St., Spanaway, WA
Every Sunday 1:PM

Unofficial Fight Practice
Sheridan Elementary School
52nd and McKinley, Tacoma, WA
Every Tuesday 5:PM

Arts and Sciences: Learn to Make Medieval Things!
Please contact [Annaka Poznanska](#) at 206-782-6701 for more information.
Each Fourth Wednesday of the Month.

Scribal Gathering: Learn Calligraphy and Illumination.
Contact Mabel de Wymburn at 253-274-0813 for more information.
Each First Tuesday of the Month.

Baronial Meeting Notes

Old Business-

Officer's Reports –

Baron/Baroness: September Crown was lots of fun. We couldn't hear much from Court, due to the distance from the Crown. We were in the Baronial Pop up do to rain. Lots of good people were honored in Court. Master Mishka's Memorial was worthy of him.

The date for Honey War has been blacked out by Midhaven for one of their events. This goes against an agreement that was made with them last year. Godric, Baron of Glymm Mere, suggested that we move Honey War to September, defeating the purpose of moving Autumn War to August (too cold, kids in school, etc.). The other option is to see if they are willing to switch weekends and conflict with Lord Defender's. We need to find another option. We made the commitment to support Honey War. However, we are finding that we bending over backwards to please other branches far too often. Discussion of different issues with all the events being blacked out. Nobody seems to want to make any concessions except for us. The seneschal will be working to black out all the Autumn War dates that we will need as much as possible. Autumn War and Harvest Feast are the *only* dates that we have blacked out.

Discussion of different options to handle this issue, ideas on sites that might help alleviate timing issues.

We have a baronial Live Journal.

Seneschal: Still looking for a Baronial Reeve. The person will be responsible for the Castle, set up, upkeep and transportation. If there isn't anyone willing to take this on by 12.31.2008, the Castle will be put up for sale. If it isn't sold within 3 months, the Castle will be appropriately disposed of.

Herald:

Arts & Sciences: Gathering at Melusine's for a Bardic gathering on Wednesday. Culinary and Costumer's Guild doing stuff.

Marshal: Sunday's practice has been going well. Tuesday's practice has been going well. We had Sir Michael the Tall come and fight all comers. In urgent need of a replacement Marshall!!! Please submit an application to their Excellencies and the Seneschal if you are interested.

Exchequer: We have \$24, 500 in the Bank . Few checks to go out. Mostly, expect Harvest Feast checks...Laptop needed to be scrubbed and cleaned. Looking for a copy of Quicken 2005, due to the disc going missing. In discussion, maybe look into updated to a newer version. There are several checks outstanding.

Chronicler: The Blathering's went out last month. We will be trying to get this month's within the week or so. Trying to get information from Rath an Oir, for the Blathering's.

Chatelaine: Persona Class was well attended. Baron Moonshadow and Thorir brought all their peeps and talked to the 3 newcomers that we had. I have had one lady contact me on a regular basis regarding setting up

names and other stuff. Monday, September 29, is this month's newcomer's night. Our topic will be basic garb....

Water bearing:

Chirurgeon:

Scribe: New scribal deputy, Annaka, will be asking for folks who haven't received their award scrolls, to verify the date on the OP. We will need some more supplies for painting scrolls. Found a source for the envelopes, but we would need to buy 250.

Games: There will be a backgammon tournament and other games at Harvest Feast. Tarna will be taking over the Games position.

Chamberlain: Morgan is in need of a replacement, please talk to her regarding taking over this position.

Demo: Archery demo in Skookam Archery Range would like us a Demo for their Youth Archery.

Rath an Oir: Been having meetings.

Old Business:

Autumn War –

Harvest Feast – happening on Nov. 1

New Business –

We have a Live Journal community

The Shire of Fire Mountain Keep has requested that we move Autumn War to another weekend due to it conflicting with their event Dragon's Down War. We have two concessions that we will offer them. 1. If they move their event, we will support their event and 2. if they would like to hold their champion tourneys at Autumn War, we will make space for their tourneys.

Dame Tamlyn will be hosting monthly scribal classes. Anyone wishing to do scribal things are welcome.

End Meeting

Newcomer's Classes

For those new to the SCA and those just new to the Barony of Blatha an Oir, we bid you welcome!

I am The Honorable Agnes berengarii de girona and I am the Chatelaine for The Barony of Blatha an Oir. Chatelaine is an SCA term for "Welcome Wagon Lady". So, I am here to help you by providing guidance through this new world of the Society for Creative Anachronisms, Inc. Like many clubs, being new can be a bit overwhelming and that is why I am here.

In Blatha an Oir, we are hosting a series of classes to help the SCA newcomer. All classes will be on the last Monday of the Month. Classes will be held in the classroom of Krazy Kat Fiberhaus, 3013 6th Ave, Suite A, Tacoma, WA (for directions call: 253-627-8559). I encourage all newcomers to attend as many of the classes as they can. Here is the current class list:

October 27 - Protocol and Etiquette

Harvest Feast

November 1, 2008

Come to Blatha an Oir as we rejoice in Iberian splendor during the Age of Discovery and savor our bountiful harvest. Our Feast-o-crat, [Agnes berengarii de girona](mailto:agnesberengarii@dolan-viney.com) (agnesberengarii@dolan-viney.com), will prepare a sumptuous Spanish feast featuring Iberian dishes and newly discovered New World delicacies. The site is Wells Hall located at 310 N K St, Tacoma, WA 98403. The site will open at 1:PM and close at midnight. Serving will begin at 6:00 (tentatively).

Persona Based Arts and Sciences Challenge: Persona-Based A&S Challenge: We will be offering a unique opportunity for the populace to obtain feedback from a panel of persona research experts. Participants are invited to present one complete or in-process Arts and Sciences Project or Article that you wish to submit for publication (Blatherings, TI, FTSO, Guild Newsletter) for feedback from the judges. The focus of the presentation will be on how the item would have been made in period and how it relates to their persona. Participants will receive feedback on both their item and on their persona presentation. This activity is recommended for anyone interested in the Sergeantry, competing in an A&S contest, or who wants to further their persona development. Pre-registration is recommended, as time slots are limited. Written Articles must be submitted at least one week prior to the Challenge. Contact [Annaka Poznanska](mailto:Annaka.Poznanska@alphamike99@yahoo.com) (alphamike99@yahoo.com) for more information.

Bardic Performances: We invite ALL performers to entertain Their Excellencies and the populace during and after dinner. If you would like to perform at this low-key, just-for-fun bardic, e-mail [Gleowine](mailto:aheadley@nwifc.org) (aheadley@nwifc.org) or contact him on site.

Baronial Charter Award Design Contest: Greetings good gentles. A Baronial Charter Award Design Contest will take place at Harvest Feast this year. Bring your new designs for Baronial Charters! His Excellency favors polar bears and Her Excellency favors turtles. We need submissions for all three of the chartered awards - Blossom, Briar and Panthers torch. For more detailed information, please contact [Mabel de Wyburn](mailto:Mabel.de.Wyburn@blathaanoir.org) (scribe@blathaanoir.org). Favored designs by Their Excellencies will be put into rotation to be given away to deserving individuals!

Backgammon Tourney: Gamesters - we will be holding a Backgammon Tourney with prizes for most wins and most games played. Contact [Isabella de Wallingford](mailto:Isabella.de.Wallingford@nwfc.org) (aheadley@nwfc.org) for more information.

Pre-Registration: Reservations can be taken via email by [Katheryn de Gonneville](mailto:katheryn98501@yahoo.com) (katheryn98501@yahoo.com). Site Fee \$15.00 per person. Non-member surcharge of \$3.00 will be enforced. Checks payable to Barony of Blatha an Oir, SCA, Inc. Your reservations will be confirmed upon payment and must be postmarked before October 21, 2008. Please mail payment along with the SCA names of the attendees to Katheryn Haverinen 3143 S 19th ST, Tacoma, WA 98405.

Site Info:
[Wells Hall](#)
[310 N K St](#)
[Tacoma, WA 98403](#)

Directions: From I-5, take Exit 133 towards Highway 16. When merging onto Highway 16, immediately take the Sprague St. Exit. Follow Sprague to 6th Ave. This is a 5 Way Intersection. Turn right onto Division. Follow Division to K St. Turn Left onto K St. Wells Hall will be on the Left.

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