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Things to do in Blatha An Oir

Heavy Fight Practices:

Official Practice every Sunday at 1pm on the playground at Camas Prairie Elementary School on 176ths St E and B Street in Spanaway

Unofficial Fight Practice suspended until further notice, please see Postern Gate for updates

Arts and Sciences Gathering:

4th Wednesday, check with Arts & Sciences officer for more information

Baronial Business Meeting:

3rd Thursday of the month. South East Tacoma Community Center at 1614 99th Street East.

Scribal Gatherings:

1st Tuesday of month at 6pm at Baron/Baroness' home.

Jeweler's Guild:

3rd Tuesday of month at 6pm at Baron/Baroness' home.

Rath An Oir:

Please contact Rath An Oir's Seneschal for more information.

If you know of any other gatherings or meetings, please email chronicler@blathaanoir.org with the information. Thank you.

CANDLEMAS

Date: February 2, 2008

Site: Alder Room at the Sprinker Recreation Center

14824 'C' Street South

Tacoma, WA 98444

The Barony of Blatha An Oir invites you to take refuge from the cold dark days at Winter's End as we fill the feast hall with candle light and good cheer. This ancient holiday is also known as Brigit's Day, and so we honor the Irish goddess and patron saint of smithcraft, healing, and poetic inspiration with an A&S Challenge, a Games tournament, Court, and a Bardic.

Site Information: Alcoholic Beverages are allowed IN THE EVENT ROOM ONLY, period containers please. Enclosed flame candles, banners, and festive decorations are encouraged. If you have open flame candle holders, bring a drip pan to protect the tablecloths.

Potluck Dinner: The Barony will provide roast beef. Each person please bring a potluck dish- appetizer, main dish, side dish, bread, or dessert to serve 10 people. If your dish needs to be heated, bring it in a crock pot, or other heating and serving dish. There is limited space in the refrigerator- dishes that need to be kept cold should be brought in an ice chest.

A&S Challenge: Artisans are encouraged to bring one chem for presentation to the judges and display for the populace. Judges will provide in-depth feedback for all entries. Documentation is encouraged. Entries can be displayed on a table or a floor stand (entrants need to provide their own stand.) Prizes will be awarded. Pre-registration is recommended. To reserve your display space contact Agnes berengarii de girona at agnesberengarii@dolan-viney.com

Bardic: In the evening, we will have a casual open Bardic in the Lord Defender style. Anyone who would like to tell a story, recite a poem, play a musical instrument, do a dramatic reading, perform a song, dance, or scene from a play, or otherwise entertain the all-ages audience, is encouraged to participate. A CD player will be provided for those who want to bring recorded music to accompany their presentation.

Schedule:

12:00 Noon- Site opens

1:00 pm- A&S Challenge, Mancala Tournament and Open Gaming, A&S Classes, and Heraldry Consults begin.

5:00 pm- Court

After Court- Potluck Feast and Bardic

9:45 pm- Site closes.

For a detailed schedule and additional information about the A&S Challenge, Classes, Games, and Bardic, please visit the Barony of Blatha An Oir website at <https://www.blathaanoir.org>.

Event Fees: \$6.00 per person for adults and youth. Children 6 years old and under are free. Family Cap is \$24. (include 2 adults and your own minor children)

Non-member surcharge of \$3.00 applies. Please make cheques payable to SCA Inc. Barony of Blatha An Oir.

Reservations are strongly recommended, as seating space is limited. Reserve your space today by contacting Agnes berengarii de girona at agnesberengarii@dolan-viney.com.

Looking for a few good autocrats...

Blatha An Oir is searching for autocrats for the 2008 calendar year. We are accepting applications for:

Daffodil Archery Shoot

Lord Defenders

Field of Cloth of Gold

Autumn War

Harvest Feast

And other new, fun or interesting events!

If interested, please submit a bid form to the Baron via email at baron@blathaanoir.org or through standard mail.

The bid form can be found at:

<http://www.blathaanoir.org/forms/Admin/Autocrat%20bid%20form.pdf>

Baronial Business Meeting
Thursday, Jan 17

Officers' reports:

Exchequer: People – get your expenditure reports in ASAP!! If you have receipts, turn them in to the Exchequer. Our books are unbalanced (MANY outstanding receipts). 4th quarter reports are due.

A&S: Registration is FULL for Candlemas. Hope to see you all there! A&S meeting 1/23/08 (Wednesday) at Chevy's Restaurant on 38th St South (near Tacoma Mall). Social from 6:30-7:00 pm. Meeting starts at 7 pm.

Chronicler: absent

Scribe: absent

Chiurgeon: absent

Herald: VERY busy year, and successful. Many devices passed! Gwenyfar has been busy on the Stronghold, as well. Consult table will be at Candlemas. Note from 12th Night – please make sure you are using the most current forms when making submissions. West Kingdom Voice Herald Symposium is in Sacramento, CA, March 8-9, 2008. Known World Heraldic Symposium is in London, UK, Sept 5-7, 2008. Three Mountains hopes to sponsor a "Heraldic Road Show" and would like our heralds to participate.

Games: Workshops during Candlemas, as well as a Mancala tournament. Many prizes!

Demos: BIG demo coming up on 12 April at McChord AFB Family Day. Standby for more details. Great forum for new recruit drive.

Marshall: Please give feedback on fight practices. We have two standing weekly times – Tuesday evenings at Sheridan Elementary (Across from Their Excellencies' home) and Sunday afternoons at Camas Prairie Elementary. Stronghold desires to get practice re-established there. Getting on base/post is MUCH easier these days, as long as you have license, registration & proof of insurance. ****NEXT FIGHT PRACTICE AT FT LEWIS WILL BE 20 FEB AT NELSON REC CENTER****This is an INDOOR practice!! Start time about 6:30.

Many have asked what else is there to do besides fight. Practice is a very social event. Many projects are worked on at those times. 1st Tuesday hosts a scribal night, 3rd Tuesday hosts Jeweler's Guild, 5th Tuesdays are dedicated to Largess projects.

Meeting Notes:

We have one bid in for Daffodil Archery Shoot. The date for that event is 24 May, Skookum Archery Club. Looks to be a lovely time.

From 12th Night –

- Noble Estate meeting well attended. Many baronies stated they are seeing a decline in events. Causes are thought to be rising fuel costs, lack of autocrats, and other factors. We are very fortunate here to have so many choices as to what to do each weekend.
- Raven Fund donation deferred until Ursalmas. Yes, we are on Their Majesties calendar!!
- Their Majesties would like an approximation on attendance for interkingdom wars.
- An Tir – West War was 100% profit shared. Shire of Timberhaven worked VERY hard and now has a good start as a result. May we all follow this example.

June Faire is in Port Gamble at a new site. It has been said this is a very primitive site. Be prepared to haul your own water & hike into the event.

Sergeant's Trials still need a meeting of the minds amongst the Sargeantry to determine the dates for declarations and trials. Standby for details...

Autumn War is slated for second weekend in August – 8th through 11th. Yes, there is the ren faire at the same time...

Last words from Their Excellencies

“AUTOCRATS!!” exclaimed Baron Aleksei.

“LARGESS!!” implored Baroness Elspeth.

We have SO many talented people out there – flaunt your stuff!

(MANY THANKS to Elizabeth FitzWilliam for taking notes in a pinch! Thank you! Thank you!)

Baronial Business Meeting & Social December 20, 2007

Baron- IMMEDIATE opening for Seneschal. Baron Kane Severus has served our Barony well for two years. Applications are being taken now for the seneschal office. For an application, please see blathaanoir.org

Harvest Feast Autocrat- made slightly under \$2000.

Baron

- Expressed great gratitude for Harvest Feast autocrat team.
- No Celtic Bardic bids have been turned in, but Barony would really like to hold. If interested, please submit bid immediately.
- Candlemas to be held Feb 2. More details to come.
- Lord Defender date has been proposed for the week after Honey War
- King has proposed a new law: Baronies are to provide volunteers for An Tir war effort. Peers would be expected to help provide 3 people to the effort. Barons would be expected to provide 10 people to interkingdom wars.
- An Tir/West War in Oregon may now have a permanent site

Candlemas Autocrat

- Date Feb 2 (1st Saturday in February)
- A&S Challenge- 1 item challenge to display. All levels welcome to participate.
- Will have a potluck feast
- Set-up and tear-down crew still needed
- Website information will be up soon

Chiurgeon- Would like to offer January First Aid course. Cost would be \$7. Date to be determined. Please contact Chiurgeon directly about dates for.

Knut- announced will not be at Ursulmas. Also, he has contact information for Gleowyne, for those interested.

Baron & Baroness- Lord Defenders bids needed now!!

Your Barony Needs YOU!

The tournament season is fast approaching and we need your help for the following offices:

Seneschal
Chatelaine/Gold Key
Archery Marshall
Lists
Waterbearer
Pied Piper
Dean of Pages

To apply, please send an application to the Baron and Baroness via email at baron@blathaanoir.org or through standard mail.

The officer application form can be found at:
<http://www.blathaanoir.org/forms/Admin/Blatha%20An%20Oir%20Officer%20Application.pdf>

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Waterbearer: office open

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Demo Coordinator: Baron Moonshadow

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