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(includes court report)



A word from our Baron and Baroness about Harvest Feast:

What a WONDERFUL feast! It was truly an amazing experience to see the Barony come together for a celebration after the trying times we've all been through this past year. The food was excellent and plentiful, the hall was a sight to behold, and the pageantry and artisanship of these lands were on display for all to see!

The King and Queen of An Tir did tell us how much they were impressed with the Sergeants and the populace of our Barony. Makes us proud to be able to represent you all to the entire Kingdom.

We were greatly moved to see them come and greet us personally for Harvest Feast, and it is our hope that we can welcome the King and Queen back to their lands in the near future.

The Autocrats, Baron Yusuf and Sft. Donea, and the rest of the autocrat team ran a near perfect event, for both Their Majesties and ourselves. We were wowed by the efforts they put into this event.

Many of you received recognition by their hand on Saturday, all well deserved. Your work and your grace represents us and the Barony well.

Among the people that were graced by Their Majesties (in no particular order):

HL Mabel de Wymburn- received her Jambe de Lion for her scribal skills!

HL Kathryn de Gonneville- her contributions to the Arts and Sciences have earned her a Jambe de Lion as well.

HL Una Glamdottir- Work with Pied Piper has earned her a Goutte de Sang.

Mathias Geirson- Has overseen the resurrection of the Youth Combat program in this area, and was wisely granted an Award of Arms.

Lord Robert (Redbear) Macalpyr- Our Baronial Marshal earned his Award of Arms- again!

HL Isabella of Wallingford- Our Games Mistress earned a well-deserved Award of Arms as well.

Annaka Poznanska- The Arts and Sciences Champion of our Barony earned an Award of Arms for her fine contributions.

Gwenhyfar verch Dafydd- Not only did she gain a little one to chase around one day, but she also received an Award of Arms.

Reina ap Ulric- Our Baronial Page earned the Lion's Cub! WOOHOO!

Baroness Elspeth nic Grath- for service to the Barony and to the Kingdom earned her Goutte De Sang.

How about this??? Our very own First Sergeant, HL Harold Thorgoodson von Rheinhold, was made by Grace of the King the PREMIER member in the Order of the Lion's strength, which signifies LONG LASTING contributions to our Society! I still don't think he realizes what a big deal that is!!!

We were also able to recognize some of you that have been in the Barony for a while now, and we look forward to doing more in the future. What a thrill it is to give someone the recognition they deserve.

They were:

John de Cannon- Our Chiurgeon received his Golden Blossom for his service to the Barony.

Sam Longtooth- Also received her Golden Blossom for her active heraldry on the field.

Tarafina bint KiyAn al-Herauiyya Kandahar- a LONG OVERDUE Golden Blossom was granted her!

Michael Octavian Neal- Gwenhyfar and Titus' little one became the first baby to receive our Citizenship award! (and Aleksii vows to make them pay a tax as well!)

Mathias Geirson- Was inducted into the right honorable Order of the Briar for his work with Youth Combat as well as service to us!

Annaka Poznanska- We honored her with induction into the Order of the Panthers Torch for her ceaseless work with putting forward the Arts and Sciences of our Barony. Also, Mistress Melusine d' Argent took her as an apprentice as well. The two scrolls she produced as a contract with her were mind-blowing!

Hersir Sven Redbeard was also able to grant a few favors that he wasn't able to get to in his final Court.

Everyone that we talked to had a good time. It was wonderful to see so many different people in our Barony gathered together having fun. We hope to further that atmosphere in other events that Blatha An Oir hosts.

In Service,
Baron Sir Aleksii Konstantinovich Chernoi
Baroness Elspeth nic Grath
Proud Baron and Baroness of Blatha An Oir

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.

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 Seneschal, Baron Kane Severus via email at seneschal@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
November 15, 2007

Officers Reports:

Marshall: Andrus Truemark won the Tourney. Practice continuing on Sundays. The lights have been turned on for the Tuesday night practice so it is a second official practice.

A&S: Planning for Candlemas was the main focus of the last meeting. We are going to have a Challenge so that people who desire can get In-Depth comments from judges and the populace. There will also be court and a bardic. The date is February 2nd.

Herald: Harvest Feast went well; there were many great displays of Heraldry. There is a consult table planned for Candlemas. The Known Worlde Herald's Symposium will be in London in September 2008.

Demo Coordinator: No demos are scheduled at this time. There was discussion about a park demo/picnic in April.

Scribe: Hot off the presses are some of the new Charters. Thank you for paintings.

Games: Mancala Tournament planned for Candlemas.

Chirgeon: Baroness Rowan reporting for the Office. Nobody was hurt at Harvest Feast.

Chatelaine: Nothing to report.

Exchequer: Current Bank Balance approximately \$20,000. The Quarterly Report is done. Harvest Hall looked good when we were done with it.

Chamberlain: Everything is back from Harvest Feast except a Medium sized White Board. She has the Lost & Found.

Web Mistress: Comcast emails seem to be okay except that His Excellency receives email but at the time of this report could not send.

List Mistress: There is a new List Mistress Officer.

Jeweler's Guild: The Jeweler's Guild meeting is Tuesday, November 20th at Their Excellencies house. The plan is to learn to cut metal with a saw in delicate shapes. There was a possible token for La Lis Vert shown.

Seneschal: His Majesty was impressed with the decorations at Harvest Feast and grateful for the Autocrats adjusting to accommodate the added court.

Business:

Words of Their Excellencies: The report from Crown Council is that His Majesty is calling for a War Levy. As a Landed Baron His Excellency needs to bring 10 people (fighters of any sort and volunteers all count) to InterKingdom Wars (AnTir-West, Pennsic, Oasis War, etc.) to fulfill his levy.

Event dates for the following year:

Candlemas: 2/2/2008 Has been awarded to Annika (A&S Minister). Will be held in the Alder Room at Sprinkler Recreation Center. Site will open at Noon for the Populace.

Daffodil Archery: 5/24/2008

Lord Defender: 6/28/2008 unsure of date since it conflicts with Madrone.

FOCOG: TBA

Autumn War: 9/11-14/2008

Sergeants Trials: October

There was much discussion about Calendar dates and blackout dates.

The December meeting will follow tradition with Socializing, Snacking and just a little business. The meeting is scheduled for December 20th.

Baronial Meeting
October 18, 2007

Officers Reports:

Marshall: Practice continuing on Sundays. Tuesday evening practice will become a second official practice. A request to get the lights of the school turned on for the practice have been submitted and will hopefully be answered soon.

A&S: Candlemas bid for an A&S day. Meeting 4th Wednesday will be needlework social.

Herald: Devices in process.

Demo Coordinator: Demo at McIlveigh Middle School was fun and well received. No other demos scheduled at this time.

Scribe: Working on new charter designs.

Games: Byzantine chess workshop at Harvest Feast.

Chatelaine: Nothing to report.

Exchequer: At end of September, account balance was \$30,000. This amount is before Crown/Autumn War expenses. Crown had 1163 paid adults. Net for event estimated at \$4,569.88.

Business:

Words of Their Excellencies:

Officers are admonished to obtain deputies.

Postern gate is to be used for all SCA related correspondence such as event bids and open offices. There will be no censoring. Follow simple basic courtesy such as rereading an email before sending it.

Comcast email issues are still being researched and options are being looked into.

Also looking into the possibility of a second email list for off topic and out of period posts and discussions.

Elizabeth FitzWilliam has agreed to be deputy to the Seneschal's office.

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Daffodil Archery: 5/10 – 11/2008

Lord Defender: 6/28/2008

FOCOG: TBA

Autumn War: TBA

Sergeants Trials: October

Your Barony Needs YOU!

Blatha An Oir is currently accepting applications for:

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

To apply, please send an application to the Seneschal, Baron Kane Severus via email at seneschal@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>

Officer Listings

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Archery Marshal: office open

Waterbearer: office open

Pied Piper: office open

Scribe: Lady Mabel de Wymburn (Jennifer Wansing)
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Dean of Pages: office open

Sergeant Major: Gavin MacKinlay

Demo Coordinator: Baron Moonshadow

Web Team: Baroness Anne of Bearshaven

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