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A word from our Baron/Baroness:

Greetings!

We are in a whirlwind of activity regarding our elevation, but we'd like to say 'thank you' to all who have supported us over the past few months. We are still sorting through regalia, getting to know our officers a bit better, and trying to further the Baronial interested throughout An Tir.

You'll notice that there have been some minor changes to the Barony. We believe they are for the better. There may be more changes coming. In that vein, we would like to hear from you, our populace. As your representatives to the Crown, we appreciate your input. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have concerns. Our contact information appears in this issue.

See you at Harvest Feast!

Aleksii & Elspeth
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!

Harvest Feast 2007

8 November 2007

The Barony of Blatha An Oir wishes to invite one and all to join us as we celebrate this year's bountiful harvest. This year's delicacies will come from the exotic lands of the Far and Middle East. The cuisines of Asia are among the most intriguing in the world, blending taste and tradition in remarkable combinations. Even so, many food lover have never had the pleasure of sampling authentic Asian dishes. Now, at Harvest Feast, you can enjoy the culinary creations of four Asian countries first-hand as you embark on a temptation-filled tour that begins with Japan and ends in the enchanting lands of Persia.

Baron Micheal Memorial Dessert Competition;

Many of us remember Baron Michael's love of food... especially dessert. This year we are presenting the first annual Baron Michael Memorial Dessert Competition. Please bring your favorite confection and the populous will vote for the winner. Make sure to bring a list of ingredients to assist those with food allergies.

Other competitions;

Populace vote for Best Asian-Themed Table and Best Asian-Themed Costume!

Class' Schedule;

10:00 am- Beginning Doumbek, Games 1:00 pm- Intro to Belly Dance
12:00 pm- Silk Painting, Origami 2:00 pm- Wrapping a Sari
12:30 pm- Silk Production & Spinning

Autocrat Team;

Autocrats: Baron Yusef Ja'Bar al Timbuktuwii el qalot
Lady Donea Morain
Server Coordinator: HL Maeve

Location; Wells Hall **Directions;** From I-5 North or South take exit 132 towards WA-16/Bremerton
(attached to Christ Episcopal Church) Merge onto WA-16 W, Exit onto Sprague Avenue
310 North K Street Turn right onto Division Street
Tacoma, WA 98403 Turn left onto N. K Street

Ticket Information;

Feast Reservation: Age 18+ (Adult) 15.00 Age 5-11 (Child) 5.00
Age 15-17 (Young Adult) 10.00 Age 0-4 (Young Child) 0.00
Picnic Reservation: 10.00
**Non-Member Surcharge of 3.00 applies for all non-members

Reservations/Ticket Purchase;

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Your Barony Needs YOU!

Blatha An Oir is currently accepting applications for:

Chatelaine/Gold Key
Archery Marshall
Lists
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>

Looking for a few good autocrats...

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

Candlemas
Celtic Bardic
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>

Officer's Meeting Minutes- Sept 13, 2007

7:00 pm

Constabulary- has lost & found items from Sept Crown & Autumn War. Not available via email, please contact by phone only.

Waterbearer- Elisabeth of the Mists turned in officer change form as HL Imyne is stepping down. Baroness Elspeth reminded that the position must be advertised/posted open prior to the actual changeover occurring.

Games Mistress- many activities at Sept Crown/Autumn War with good participation. Lack of volunteers made some activities difficult. Officer change form has not been received by Kingdom Gamesperson.

Pied Piper- activities went well at Sept Crown, approx 30 children participated. Autumn War activities did not happen due to the officer's attention being required for Baron Michael Breakfast planning.

Chronicler- looking for someone to take minutes for next two Business Meetings as will be unable to attend. Chronicler wants to add more flavor to the Blatherings. Inviting articles, artwork, and input from the populace.

Heavy Marshall- Sept Crown Squire Tourney had 69 entrants w/two injuries sustained, neither serious. 89 entered in Crown Tourney w/Sir Cedric the winner. Reports that Autumn War went well- reports of chivalry and honour from the battlefield.

Chiurgeon- no one transferred offsite. Youth Combat had one injury due to heat. Society may be doing an EMS training session in December. CPR & First Aid class may be happening in the next few weeks within the Barony, please contact Chiurgeon for more information.

Chatelaine/Gold Key- stepping down. Position is posted open on the website.

Heraldry- Camelot is good site for heraldry. One mounted town cry during event. Kingdom Heralds were pleased with the set-up for Sept Crown. Baronial Herald is working on the Order of Precedence listing for Sept Crown/Autumn War court reports.

Baron Aleksii:

*Would like to see more use of the Officer Email list as has not been used much in the last several years.

*Opened discussion on combining the Officer's Meeting and General Business Meeting into one meeting, would eliminate a second meeting each month. Officer response was positive. **This will be the last separate Officer's Meeting.** In the future, Officer Meeting will be held from 7:00-7:30 with the Business Meeting to follow.

*Opened discussion on Thursday Business Meeting day. During tourney season, several important officers have been unable to attend & meetings have been canceled. Considering moving meeting to Wednesday but this does not need to happen immediately as feasting season is just starting. May need to find new site for meeting as there could be a scheduling conflict with the current site.

Baroness Elspeth- positive response to Baron Michael Memorial Breakfast.

Business Meeting- Sept 20,2007

7pm

Seneschal:

3000 total in attendance for Autumn War & September Crown; Roughly 1200 paid attendees for September Crown, 1000 for Autumn War, 400 over the week between. There are roughly 100 tickets still to count. These figures do not include children, comp's, or royals.

Volunteer hours are still being counted.

Volunteer Raffle numbers are still be calculated. The prizes will be distributed & the volunteer will be awarded. If you still have volunteer hours, please report immediately.

Baron Yusuf- Harvest Feast tickets on sale now. Those wishing to attend but would prefer to bring their own food, please buy a picnic ticket. Would like to do a grand procession into feast. Site opens at 9:30, dinner at 5pm. Check website for class information.

Seneschal- Requesting bids for events for 2008. Considering new events, as well. Field of Cloth of Gold will be headed for Madrone for 2008. Considering bringing Newcomer's back as a multi-barony event possibly in very early spring.

Demo Coordinator- Demo on Monday 9/24 1pm. Mackalvie Elementary at 56th & Portland in Tacoma. Need to be there at 12:30. Includes show & tell. Please sign-in weapons. Would like some heavy fighters.

Chiurgeon- Autumn War was boring but shorthanded for volunteers. EMS/First Aid would like to do a December workshop on how to assist heavy fighters/SCA. Mundane classes for 2 first aid classes to be held in the next year, at the convenience of the populace.

Marshal- Crown Squire tourney was lots of fun, 69 fighters with minor injuries. 89 in Crown tournament, went well. Tuesday night practice is still unofficial- don't forget the official Sunday practice. Marshal is looking for a deputy or folks interested in attending a marshalling class. Reports due Oct 7- please send something by Sept 30.

Constabulary- Reorganized but not dissolved. No issues to report.

Scribe- 8 people helped on scrolls for Autumn War, lots of awards given.

Jeweler's Guild- Trying to obtain award blanks for the artisan.

Chamberlain- 4 tables purchased. 2 more sandwich boards were stolen for a totla of 5 stolen. Discussion over new signs/possibly purchasing a permanent directional sign w/state. Lost and found to be posted on the website.

Arts & Sciences- Sept Crown/Autumn War had lots of teachers. There were 27 classes with 42 hours of instruction, which were well attended. A&S gathering to be held at Katherine D'Gonneville's home.

Herald- Consulting table was well staffed for Autumn War/Sept Crown. Many thanks to those who volunteered.

Chatelaine- Office is open for bids.

Pied Piper- Stepped down. Open for bids.

(Business Meeting minutes, continued)

Chronicler- Unable to attend next two meetings. Katherine D'Gonneville to take notes.

Pyotr- Chatelaines must now be warranted.

Jeweler's Guild to meet on Sept 25 Baron/Baroness' home.

Baroness Elspeth- The baronial cloaks need to be dry cleaned. Would like information on the individuals who did the embroidery.

Baron Aleksii-

Officer's Meeting and Business Meeting now combined. First 30 minutes of Business Meeting will be Officer's Meeting. At 7:30, the meeting will open for general discussion.

The Blatherings- would like to see a paper copy again. To include copies for new persons, Chatelaine/Seneschal etc. Barony would pay for expenses. Figures for printing 25-30 copies per month to be researched.

Seneschal- Would like to see all officers have a deputy. If you are an officer without a deputy, please try to get one!

End of Meeting

Word Search: People in the SCA

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king, queen, rapier, pelican, knight, laurel, seneschal, baroness, chatelaine, waterbearer, piedpiper,
duchess, duke, count, chronicler, herald, marshall, autocrat, listmistress, gamesmistress,
artsandsciences, lady, lord, prince, princess,

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