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Archery Protector: Guy Blackthumb (Prelude to War 2023)
Bardic (Hummingbird) Champion: Lucrezia De Alanis (Lyceum 2023)
Equestrian Champion: Ivan Leskov (Honey War 2019)
Rapier Protector: Corey the Impatient (May Faire 2024)
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Glymm Mere Calendar

Baronial Coronet Progress

- Harvest Tourney
- Autumn War

Business Meetings

First Tuesday at 6:30 PM at St Benedict's Episcopal Church (910 Bowker St SE Lacey) - the Baronial Financial Committee Meeting and at 7:00 PM is the Baronial Business Meeting

- Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This is the best way to find out what is happening in our barony and see who is in charge of what. It is also a great way to meet people and get involved. The meeting lasts about an hour.

Third Monday at the Hoquiam Timberland Library at 5:30 is the Canton of Caladphort business meeting

2nd Tuesday at 6:30 (1185 State Route 603 Chehalis) is the Crow's Gate Business Meeting

Weekly events

Wednesday fight practices at Garfield Elementary in Olympia starting at 6 pm

Friday fight practices at Library Garage in Hoquiam starting at 5:30

3rd Tuesday scribal at St Benedict's Church Lacey starting at 6pm

3rd Thursday is an Arts & Sciences night – watch Facebook for themes and locations

*Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health.

August Financial Committee Meeting

Melissa of Dalmatia	Natasha Orionova
Mikael of MacLeod	Aleksei Zateev
Volk the Grey	Vende
Alasdair	Tommaso Dragonetti
Wolfegar	Ysmiralda
Cole	Angelica Caramon
Barbara de La Medewe	Daffyd
Zanetta Zavata	Alessandra
Catrine la Crostiere	Danielle Walkingstick
Theodora Pleustissa	iPad 10
Yamamoto Yukiko	Sir Brehan
Tamsyn L'Argent	Valentine l'Argent

Meeting Opens August 13 – 6:46

Finance Report

- We have money!
- Profits from July coronation will be split evenly between the Barony and Canton of Caladphort
- Check for buy into Autumn war was cut yesterday – we are 15% of the total initial costs – for 15% of total profits
- July coronation
 - We had 611 people with our initial break even being 200 or so.
 - Gate was \$75 off and we're not sure what happened – we need to get more volunteers. That was essentially 3 persons.
 - We had a \$2,000 + profit
- Business Cards – Restocking – Melissa will order 1000 from Canva with all the qr codes – final financial numbers for those will come out of the Chatelain budget.

Meeting closed at 6:57

August Business Meeting

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Opens August 13 – 7:01

Minutes were approved

Recent Events:

July Coronation

- What worked
 - Really popular event!
 - River feature was 10/10
 - Beautiful site
 - Site owner made a fabulous bridge
 - Ice Cream truck & Food vender
 - Ice was available to purchase
 - Site owner worked with us to make it great
 - Relatively flat no big holes
 - Mobility aid user feedback
 - Didn't feel super crowded
 - Archery was super visible
 - RV location was great – super lush
 - Close access to town
 - Easy to find and GPS knew where it was
 - We should do a formal letter of thanks.
- How can we do better next time
 - From the vendors
 - Dust level was pretty high next to the road
 - There was a vendor around the corner
 - Maybe not be around the eric
 - Ability to have our location visible before the event.
 - Access to maps ahead of time would have been nice
 - No official Town Crier – or scheduled crier
 - The local officers need to inform the kingdom level so that way everyone knows what volunteer positions.
 - We need to be better about recruiting volunteers – needed at least 50% more volunteers
 - A checklist might be (revamped) needed for running events
 - Asking for limited time (less than 2 hrs)
 - Online volunteer sign up is prevalent – but maybe need onsite volunteer point for people to sign up for.

- People often won't volunteer until schedules are posted.
- Small events can often start people on their volunteer path
- Parking attendant didn't show up
- Approx. 50 people volunteered before the event – and 30 folk probably showed up to volunteer. Building in extra volunteers can't be wrong.
- It's helpful to have the "benefits" of the volunteer spot
- Need a parking spot for Gate for folk to pull in and then move
- Folk were parked in a Fire Lane
- Contract vs Verbal Agreement
 - If there are deliverables or expectations it needs to be a contract in writing
- Loading and unloading the trailer
 - Probably need to have a "teamster" team that's a packing, set up, break down, loading, and put back into the storage unit.
- Tape and stakes is probably a better layout option for camping
- Fighter water didn't make it to the field until after the squire's tourney
 - No official water bearer position anymore – a water person does need to be designated

Upcoming Events:

Autumn War 12-15 of September

- A&S extravaganza!
- A dozen folk lined up for teaching
- Wood working tourney
- Dirty half dozen
- Possibly a costume class
- Please bring tables!
- Out of the Storage Unit
 - Dragon wing for next to the list (stakes and ropes)
 - Thrones (pegs and cushions too!)
 - All tables and Chairs and signage
 - Melissa has volunteered to be chamberlain for Autumn war Wednesday night.
- Volk is official Town Cry
- A Baronial court will be live streamed to honor our champions

Ye old Farmers Market Aug 17

- Shelton Farmers market
- SCA will be there fighting demoing and vending

Harvest Tourney & New Comers Night Sept 7

- Second weekend in September
- Have gotten formal approval

Rose and Thorn Oct 11-13

- All classes have been collected
- There will be cc at gate
- Hotel block is open and filling up

Yule Dec 7

- We're at Heritage hall
- Pre-reg for Yule probably opening in October so request is going in later this week

Officer Reports

Exchequer

- We have money
- We received the check from June Fair!
- We made money from July Coronation! But we need to get everything in otherwise we're only eligible for 10% of profits rather than 40%
- Double checking with Kingdom exchequer for who can take CC at gate.
- Double checking with kingdom exchequer for retention of hard copy stuff

Arts & Sciences

- A&S night didn't happen. Will resume on August 22nd.
- Thank you to HL Ailynn Catriona Moirea, Mistress Caitlin Wintour, HL Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir, Dame Elisabeth Piper, L Thea of Midvale who taught classes at July Coronation.

Herald

- July has been a slow month, no consults or submissions.
- Plans for the wall hanging proposal and a consult table at Rose and Thorne are in the works.

Heavy

- This is a combined monthly report for June and July. Mundane life demanded my attention last month, thank you for your patience.
- Practice for both months saw a consistent attendance of 12-15 authorized fighters, 5 non-members. Some plus or minus depending on weather and events weekends. No injuries to report.
- Equipment status is green, there is enough for everyone currently however more crafting days in the future will help us evolve our armory.
- The armoring day went well and good work was done. I intend to host another early September in preparation for Autumn War.

Provost of Fence

- No loss of equipment, injuries, property.
- Getting deputies to do Marshal classes for getting junior at Rapier and C&T

Archery

- July 5-7, Centralia Fantasy Festival.
 - Archery booth was well attended again this year, with hay bale backing to targets so there was far less loss of arrows.
 - Festival budget paid for arrows as well, so no baronial funds were expended.
 - 15 people left contact information for me to reach out to them post event.
 - I sent them FB group info for local canton and barony, as well as the canton's discord group. Hoping to see some at practices/events.
- July 14th, Practice. One attendee.
- July 19-21, Coronation.
 - 24 signed in archers, 10 RR scores recorded.
 - Much positive feedback on range layout and location.
 - I had six new youth archers, two of which are from Olympia. Hoping that they're going to become active going forward.
 - The more senior archers very much enjoyed that the range was at the gate/entrance, front and center.
 - Many thanks to Snorri for transporting the archery trailer back from the event.
- July 28th, Practice.
 - Five attendees. Two were recruited from Centralia Fantasy Festival. The mother/daughter duo (from Olympia) said they'd try to attend every other week to not interfere completely with their other obligations.
- The four standing targets that were brought down are fully re-painted, reassembled, and in service on the range. Two are left at Griffonwood, and need to be brought down - when Aleksei has time/wherewithal with which to do so.
- Spoke to Gryphon, who intends to go up and mark the parts of the carport at Griffonwood so it can be disassembled and then reconstructed by matching the labeled parts. Once that pre-work is done, we'll go up to pull the legs out from under it so the structure can be taken apart.
- When the last targets and carport are removed, we can do an assessment of what's left - whether it comes here or goes to a dump.

Thrown

- No Officer/No report yet

Youth Combat

- We are still awaiting marshal training which looks as if it will be at Autumn War, since I am unable to make it to September Crown. Once this is done, we can begin actual YAC activities.

Lists

- Does not have access to a computer

Chronicler

- Published last night

Bardic

- No officer/No report

Chatelaine

- Most contacts this month have been at fighter practice on Wednesdays.
 - Some interest has been from the neighborhood.
 - At least one gentleman has returned several times and is bringing his boys.
 - It is also very helpful that when someone interested in the fighting itself that the fighters jump on board and give them any information they may need.
- Some brochures have been handed out along with some cards. I am currently seeking resources for obtaining more.

Gold Key

- One loan out in July

Scribe

- No Report yet

Family Activities

- Centralia Fantasy Festival hosted the SCA demo July 5-7. Coloring sheets and games were given out and played to engage the guests about learning about us.
 - Many people were interested and stayed to color and play games in the tent.

Chamberline

- Trailer is back at the storage unit and needs to be unpacked
- Currently Trailer is locked with a personal lock as the baronial hitch lock is somewhere in the trailer – supposedly
- Officer has stepped down
- Brehan and Allistair went through the trailer and some of the storage and went through and tossed

Web minister

- There's been some instability – but it's been stable since the roll back

Social Media

- Nothing much to report. Did a few event date changes. Everything is moving along smoothly.

Cantons

- Caladphort
 - Focus was July coronation
 - The Althing didn't happen – other life took priority
 - Catrine and Master Eric are planning on moving to Florida
 - Looking for replacements

Seneschal.

- No Report yet

Their Excellencies

- Denver's memorial is Sept 28th and we're all welcome – info will be posted to social media
- Thank you July coronation team! You all did such a great job

Old Business

New Business

- **New Site in Shelton**
 - Possible location for something like May Faire

- Looking to make sure that both Site Owner and Barony come out of this relationship happy
- Would have to have a detailed contract
- **New bids for Kingdom events**
 - Include all the things that Kingdom wants in initial bids so that way we're not caught off guard for adjustments
- **Mikael**
 - He's donated 1 (possibly 2) dell laptop's to the barony for use.
- **Volk**
 - Commissioned Bjorn (Wilhelm?) for a Serjeantry banner
 - Volk wants to be able to fly the Serjeantry banner wherever he is so he can speak to what the Serjeantry is.

Good of the Barony

- - Fight practice – court nights
 - One in Sept & Trunk or treat in October
 - Their Excellencies are going to host a bonfire space at rutledge farms in October for the barony
- Meeting Closed – 8:53



9/3/24 Glymm Mere Meetings

Financial Committee Meeting

- We have money.
- In good financial shape. Autumn War, R&T outlays are already covered by event profit this year.
- Motion approved to prompt officers to submit 2025 budget requests by October FC meeting.
- Waiting on Kingdom for PayPal Coronation resolution.
- Zoom cost added to Seneschal budget request.
- Check resent to BaO for GM Autumn War share.
- Caladphort signed a contract for a storage unit for canton storage. Theodora to provide digital copy of contract to Financial Committee.

Business Meeting

Adoption of Minutes (delayed)

Upcoming Events

- Autumn War -
 - 2 days of a&s classes,
 - 5 stations in the building.
 - Sign-ups for classes and and signage for where a&s and class lists displayed.
 - Baronial trailer going to site - assuming Kat and Mikael will be taking it and staking out GM encampment.
 - Baron Dunstan sitting vigil for elevation to Laurel.
 - Sat GM baronial Court.
 - Classes posted on the Autumn War event website.
- Rose & Thorn -
 - Event pretty much put together.
 - Schedule coming.
 - Outkingdom attendance expected.
 - Theodora will need the thrones and water coolers delivered to site.
 - Pre-reg opens this week.
 - Hotel currently at 25 reservations.
 - Full staff booked.
 - TRMs, TEs attending.
- Yule -
 - Feast experimentation ongoing for event.
- Harvest Demo
 - This coming weekend.
- YAFA Social Game Nights in September at Newcomers
 - (CONFIRM DATE RESERVED WITH CHURCH and let Barbara know)
- Sigmund Event Proposal -
 - Looking to create an event that includes a ransom tourney event - a cool tradition that would be great to come again a William Marshal Grand Tournament.
 - Proposing purses as site tokens, to bet on the combat or donate.
 - Pomp and circumstance and pageantry.
 - Ransom based upon the rank of the fighter.
 - At a new site - Kelso - 1 day event to start.
 - Option to expand to a larger event.
 - Event limited to 100 people.
 - Field of Cloth of Gold push to April or August.
 - Sigmund to put together a 200 person proposal and send to officers.
 - HL Isabella suggest visiting site before event to assess.

Officers Reports

- Exchequer - See Financial Committee meeting notes
- Social Media:
 - A quiet month in Social Media.
 - Made a Facebook event for the October 26 social at Rutledge Farm.
 - Made a Facebook event for the Harvest Tourney on September 7.
 - Both have been posted on the Barony's page, and all three chat groups.
- Gold Key:
 - nothing for August - flurry for Autumn War.
- Chatelaine:
 - Over the month of August, I have not been able to attend as many events as I wanted to due to unforeseen health issues.
 - Most contact has been at fighter practice.
 - There have been plenty of community contacts. Lots of interest from people in the neighborhood.
- A&S:
 - Fantastic Demo in Shelton on the 17th of August. Thank you all that shared your skills. I am sure we will have some more interested folks show up because of it.
 - A&S evening at House RavenHart was attended well. Thank you to His Excellency Master Thorwald for running an intro to Pewter casting workshop.
 - Look for an upcoming in-depth all-day class starting with carving your own mold and ending with a final cast piece.
- Herald:
 - Scheduled 2 heraldic consults. Continued working on heraldic banner project.
- Youth Activities:
 - Working on setting up a monthly youth activities night at the church.
- Archery:
 - Nearly zero attendance at practices, with the exception of their Excellencies one weekend.
 - Planning underway for Autumn War archery championship tourney - as well as taking mobile stands to set up and support our northerly neighbors on the range.
 - September is likely to be the end of practices for the year.
- Youth Armored Combat:
 - August was spent still trying to get marshal training for Ian and myself. This will, hopefully, happen at Autumn War.
- Rapier:
 - Going to start alternating practices by week with C&T, and coordinate with BaO.
- Webminister:
 - Site was restored to an earlier version by kingdom early in the month and then reupdated after a bad update was causing PHP resource utilization issues. This month I worked on putting up new events on the website as they were brought to my attention. Still waiting on YAFA/Game night clarification on dates/times for event posts. Minor website revisions made. Updates to plugins as well as removal of some plugins that were no longer needed. Still waiting on update chatelaine words and updated head shot of new Chatelaine for Welcome/Chatelaine page.
 - Need clarification on how to do a budget request for next year-- is there a form, if so where do I find it and who do I submit it to and when is it due?
 - Note: I will not be at the meeting next week as my mom is visiting from AZ.
- CP Sen:
 - Lady Theodora officially Seneschal. Had an Althing last month. Patricia moving her scribed a&s night. Paulus made amazing flyers. Fighter practice to 5:30-7:30 on Fridays.
- CG Sen:
 - (Chatelaine) Newcomers night coming up on 9/17 in Napavine. A few folks coming up. Sewing night coming up (contact Gracia). CrowsFeast on 11/9. Looking for entertainers and attendance. Bardic competition.

- GM Sen:
 - Quieter Aug. Busy Sept-Oct. New Heirs.
- Their Excellencies:
 - Had a lovely time at Sept Crown. Next event attending is Autumn War.
 - HE Valentine doing military service for 1 month.
 - HE Tamsyn attending R&T, Crows Gate Newcomers Night. Harvest Feast.
 - On 9/28 in Hoquiam is Denver's memorial.
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Gold Key:
 - Really pretty rare for newcomers to know and be comfortable asking to borrow clothing.
 - Doesn't think that we need the clothing racks (in the trailer).
 - Proposal to convert the Gold Key from a library to a garb donation upon purchasing a membership.
 - GK still to accept donations of used garb.
 - CG Chatelaine has had folks ask for gold key garb.
 - Discussion about setting up a gold key tent an event with a key/ID collateral.
- Good of the Barony

