

June 2025 Blatha an Oir Business Meeting

In Attendance

Kira Mikkeldotter - Chronicler

Ellisif Leifsdottir – Seneschal

Andromacha of Lesbos

Bella Beaureguard – Social Media

Thomasina Fairamay – Scribe

Sebastian – Rapier Marshall

Aeffe Michaelsdottir – Web

Admundr Glumsson-

Mickeal MacCleod

Adhemar

Melissa of Dalmatia

Elisabeth and Nels (Their Excellencies)

Gunagunda

Francisca

Seneschal – Thanking everyone for being here and supporting Barony

Exchequer – May bank statements have not been received; we are working on online access. As soon as information is received it will be sent out to official emails

Herald – We have an official Herald, but we are missing a lot of reports.

Seneschal asked about a deputy Herald.

Cunagunda reports that Caterina was interested in being a deputy.

Seneschal, we need a deputy and possibly a new Herald due to no activity

Rapier – Looking for a replacement has been doing this for 7 years and is having some health issues. There has been practice and well attended

Heavy Marshal – Not here. Agmundr reporting. Marshal is looking for a replacement also. Agmundr is willing to step into the position but will hold the spot for 30 days with the announcement of position is needed. There has been practice, consistent people showing up and even newcomers.

The announcement will go out for Rapier and Heavy Marshall, we will need to review next meeting if we have applicants.

Archery – NO report

Web – Have not done a whole lot with the website this month, except for doing things with events. Updating Champions is on her list of things to do.

Would like to reiterate, All information goes to Westminster and Social Media, They will post it on line and all the official places.

We need to find a way to make it work for everybody.

Social media – Working on email access, New Views to the Barony Page and the Populace page is trending upward. Has made headway on the Discord and people who will help moderate Discord. Waiting on the email so she can set up the discord. Everything is looking in the upward turn on those things. Seneschal would like the Discord to go through the official email. If people have other places, they would like to see us Present to let her know

A&S – Embers and Ambrosia went well. We had more than 30 classes. She is proud of the Barony and the Event Team. New A&S Champion and New Bardic Champion –

Looking for more people to Demo LD

Sergeant Major– Nothing to report for SGTRY – Need to get with Active members and organize a day to work on books, there are some kinks that need worked out.

Chronicler – Blatherings was released. We are up to date on reporting.

Chatelaine - Great Demo – A lot of people and about a dozen cards went out.

Will post the social to July 8th – in the park –

Would we like to do newcomers classes at the Social Again? Will work on when we will start them

Reminder: From Seneschal We are all Chatelaines. Not Just Francisca

Scribe – Everything going well, scribal gathering has a good group of people. Almost ready for LD and the awards – Moving on to hand things to Sabillia at LD

Chamberlain - Everything is back from Embers. Shoutout to Freyborn for getting tent steaks straightened

Angharat has one of the tents and will return after dried out from June Faire

Looking for a deputy to learn to take over

YAFA – Needs to work on something for LD and AW – Needs to discuss what the options are for LD. She hasn't started on AW because of Athenaeum. She is working with a deputy Liz

YAC – Went to Aquaterra and spoke with Sarah Pixie and discuss kits. Got to look at materials that needed for Youth Kits – She is on the list to take classes for the book work for YAC Marshals. She is going to work with Sarah for AW and YAC. Aquaterra has two of our Barony stuff for YAC – Shields and odd and ends

HIS EXCELLENCY has youth gear in the heavy fighting stuff he has at his home.

Their Excellencies --- Officers we need officers, and they need deputies – Officers are not doing their job, they are not present or doing their reports. We need these who will do their reports to the Barony and to the Kingdom – And all officers need deputies.

Events –

Embers&Ambrosia - We will touch on it next meeting for financials – Event had a good turn out and over 30 Classes

Rose Tourney – Chivalry Prizes to Thana and to Gamal – Was a well attended event

Lord Defender – Everything going on pace and on time – Insurance is being sent it. A&S is working on some displays

Spot has been chosen at Wapato and they are excited to use the area.

Seneschal sending in insurance –

Will send stuff to Web as soon as they have the official OK from Tacoma Parks

AW – AW planning is happening; they are working on a site walk. They need Rapier MIC, and a Volunteers Coordinator

Harvest Feast Nov 15th– They are working on a general menu and will work on that with the Seneschal and their Excellencies after Athenaum – they have their Location and nothing else to report.

Candlemas – Contract has been sent in – there will be more discussion after AW – Nothing new to report.

Seneschal Report – First Full Month as Seneschal, asks the officers for patience. If there are suggestions, please reach out to her. She may be the seneschal, but she would not be able to do her job without having the officers. Thank you to the Web for always reminding people to send stuff to her. We need to stay in compliance. If we are not doing our reports and don't have the officers, we will not be a Barony – If you are looking at leaving your position please make sure you have a deputy before doing so. If you know someone who is struggling, contact her so she can help.

Customary and Financial and the customary need to be updated and change the verbiage on when they are supposed to be reviewed. Customary needs to be done every two years,

Financial every year and they need to correspond in the dates. Because at this time we cannot review the financial with out changing the customary.

Please read through what is on the website. We will be rereading it and reviewing then and bring them up one at a time to review a little bit each meeting.

Bella would like to work with Lissa about talking about classes.

Andromacha – Hybrid meeting for the populace – July 17th. 6-8 at the Pierce County Library

WRITTEN REPORTS SENT IN

WEB REPORT

Most of my work this month has been related to events, specifically the Baroness Elspeth Memorial Rose Tourney and the upcoming Autumn War. I have not updated the champions from Embers (bad Webminister!), but I will be requesting info from our Bardic and A&S Champions soon so that that information can be updated.

If we can get solid scanned .pdfs of old Blatherings from Johann and/or Knut, I would like to create a BaO History page and post them there.

Updates are progressing much better, now that the site has been migrated to the new server by Kingdom Web.

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SOCIAL MEDIA WRITTEN REPORT

Social media is glad to say we have more participation online. We are having a steady increase of views on our fb pages. The down part right now is still not having access to the official email so we can create a discord server to connect with the crowd not on fb. There are plans in place to inquire about moderators that generally are not fb users to help with moderating the discord. I have talked to Caterina da Sanova about organization of the discord and how to automate it if that is the direction we want to go. We are moving forward.

YIS,

Bella de Beauregard

Good evening, Good Gentles!

SCRIBAL WRITTEN REPORT

Scribal is doing well. All of the supplies ordered in May have arrived, so my successor will have everything she needs when she takes over in July.

Our monthly Gathering went well on Saturday, June 14th, with four people in attendance. We are well on our way to having everything ready for Lord Defenders and Autumn War. The next Scribal Gathering will be July 12, from 1-4pm in at our usual location in Spanaway.

YIS,

Thomasina Fairamay

BAO Scribe

A&S: Lots of stuff to report this month!

A&S WRITTEN REPORT

Embers and Ambrosia had over 30 classes and more than 15 instructors and demonstrators spread over two days. There was a good turnout in most classes with Pysansky an obvious favorite for many. We had metal casting, fiber arts, dancing, and several classes for bardic, persona development, and research. We had a service track that included classes on how to be an event steward and how to inform the public about your event. A great job by our Event steward team.

The A&S championship was done as classes as well, and the three instructors did a great job. I really enjoyed that format. We had three competitors, with Lady Sibilila winning the day. Bardic championship had two competitors with performances twice on Saturday. Sergeant Gareth won overall. A huge thank you to the outgoing champions, Lady Gondul and Lord Gammel, for their work and dedication.

Our Monday sewing nights are ongoing at Meistres Angharat's home, she helps a wide variety of folks with projects and it's a good place to be social. Contact her with any questions.

The Rose tourney included a few A&S demo items, including a gown on display, coloring opportunities for children, a lucet and cookie demo, and ambassadors bringing visitors around to show off the arts displayed on various garb and shields. It gave us an opportunity to work on the plans and layout for Lord Defender as well, which I appreciate.

Culinary Night on the 11th had 15 people in attendance for "The Forme de Cury."

A&S Demo opportunities coming up: Lord Defender. I've spoken to the three main hosts of the culinary guild, and they have stated they will work on having information to demo, as having actual food or cooking on site is tricky. I will be in attendance and will be demoing weaving, I've had several other people reach out and state they want to participate as well, including Lady Sibilia who wants to run a scribal area. I will network at June Faire this Saturday and at Athenaeum to see if I can get a few other people to come join us.

I've also volunteered to help coordinate the A&S track for 12th night and Candlemas, so if you would like to teach a class or run a demo area, please let me know.

Sergeantry: I have received a letter of intent from our Webminister to declare at Harvest Feast. I would like to schedule a meeting before that happens so that we can finalize some issues that have come up with the new system. Tentatively we will be having a get together in-person in July with the active sergeants and anyone who is emeritus that would like to participate/help.

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YAFA AND YAC WRITTEN REPORT

Good day! I will be aiding Dragons Lairs YAFFA @June Faire.

As for YAC when I was aiding Aquaterra with YAFFA for Boars Hunt I had time to speak to Kingdom YAC Sergeant about kit needs requirements. Also found out She will be holding online course for Jr Marshal paperwork knowledge and physical on hands throughout this year to certify all of those Interested South of Snohomish County. Her next event for YAC will be Autism War. After Athenaeum I will begin to gather a list of materials and cost for such to be written into a bid to get a kit built for our Barony as well. That is all I have to report at this time.

HL Gondul The Unwitty

BAO YAC&YAFFA Officer.

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