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From the Baron, and Baroness

Greetings al-Barran!

The last three months have been a whirlwind! Thank you to all who have assisted us here and abroad. We are so thankful to have such an amazing and thoughtful populace.

First, we had a fun day abroad (barely) in Drygestan at Drystone III and St Martins Collegium 2017. The site was beautiful, with tall trees and wild flowers, and due to the higher elevation and some clouds, the temperature was quite pleasant. There were a variety of classes (many taught by members of the barony) offered from the martial and heraldic variety to a basic stitch class and a bardic class, and we had a small bardic too! Lunch was a lovely discussion of virtues in agreeable company. Lord Mikailo was awarded a Golden Pheon. HE Bianca took an apprentice and Sir Bardolf took a squire and then we all demolished some cream puffs and other snacks! We want to thank the event steward and her staff for a wonderful event, well deserved congratulations to THL Erchambaut le Breton.

Next, we had the honor of attending Nock on Wood. We are so incredibly proud that our barony is host to an amazing event dedicated to archery. We saw amazing feats of skill, from both our local archers and many visiting archers from the surrounding area that chose to spend the day with us. We ended the day with a fantastic potluck. Thank you to all who attended and a special thanks to our autocrat THL Dietric. Thank you for a wonderful event!

After that, was Crown Tournament in the great barony of Unser Hafen. It was a very long drive but a nice event next to a duck pond and the luncheon was lovely. We saw many wonderful fights, and as you may have heard the new Prince and Princess are right here in our own barony, His Highness Darius of Jaxartes and Her Highness Anna Mactaggart. There were circles and a vigil. We witnessed the elevation of Asenath de Winter to the Order of the Laurel during a raging thunderstorm. But thunderstorm or no, court went on and we all survived!

We then attended Battlemoor. We had an amazing turnout in the baronial encampment. Several new Guidos and a new Black Mantle joined the ranks of the al-Barranian army. Thank you to everyone that attended and camped with the barony. We had a fun and fantastic time.

We were lucky enough to be able to attend the Santa Fe Renaissance Fair and spend time with the amazing populace of Drygestan. As always, the SCA encampment was the highlight of the fair. The fighting and arts displays were well liked by all the fair attendees. The autocrat of the event, THL Mathom did an outstanding job setting up the area. Seventy four individuals that live in the al-Barran area were interested in the SCA and left their contact information. We hope to see many new smiling faces at our events soon.

The last event was Champions. It had been one year since we had stepped up to the baronial seats and we could not have asked for a more wonderful anniversary. The fun, friendship and activities were all outstanding. Thank you to everyone who fought or worked or just attended and had fun. The event was the success it was because of you. Thank you to our amazing autocrat, Lady Phaidra Thebaia. You did a fantastic job with the event. Thank you, also, to all our new champions. We are so fortunate to have you and look forward to having fun and making amazing memories with you.

Estrella is coming up. Information on baronial land will be coming shortly. If you plan the camp with the barony, and we hope everyone will, please let us know.

In Service to Stag and Scorpion,

Marc Antoine and Bianca

Baron and Baroness of al-Barran

From the Office of the Seneschal

Greetings al-Barran!

I hope this missive finds you well. It is a busy time in the Barony. Champions went very well in large part to the autocrat, Lady Phaidra and her crew. Huzzah! Now we find ourselves in the busiest part of our year. Day of A&S, Toys for tots, and Midwinter are quickly approaching. I hope you all will attend these events. If you can, please volunteer to help the Autocrats. It takes many people to put on a good event.

Speaking of events we have Autocrats for Grand Outlandish 45! Lady Belatumara filia Disideri & Sir Fierien Greenholm have volunteered to run this event again to finish what they started last Outlandish. Huzzah!! They are looking for someone to train to put on the next GOT. If you are interested in learning how to run this premier event, please contact them.

I am looking for feedback on the al-Thing. These monthly meetings have good and bad points and the time for renewal is soon approaching. The cost for these meetings is \$140/per month, plus an hour of demos to the Club per month. Do you like it? Is the cost worth it? What would the alternative be? Please send you thoughts to me at seneschal@al-barran.outlands.org.

As always if you are interested in running an event, please talk to me. Any events that are over for the year are open for bids. My goal is to have the next year already set up at least 6 months before. Please read the event stewards handbook and look at the bid and budget forms on the seneschal's page of the website.

I am looking for some deputies to learn about my office and help with the running of it. One specific area would be taking notes at the meetings and transcribing these for posting on the website. This doesn't mean you would be taking over, just a chance to learn about the office, and help out the Barony, and me. Please contact me if interested.

In Service

Mistress Melodia Shaw

Seneschal

From the office of the A&S Minister

Greetings to the populace of al-Barran! There are several items of interest for this posting. The time for me to step down at Arts & Sciences minister is getting closer and I would really like to have a deputy who is interested in taking over this fine office sometime in December or January. If you are interested, please contact me at artsandsciences@al-barran.outlands.org for more details.

al-Barran Day of Arts and Sciences is November 18, 2017 at Sandia Preparatory School! If you are planning to enter any of the competitions that day the information is below. We are looking for judges of all kinds too... please contact me either here or through email outlandsdeputy@yahoo.com.

All competitions are open to all - young and young at heart! --**There will be a dessert competition - please include an ingredient list. Documentation is not required but encouraged. Winners will be chosen by populace choice and any ties will be resolved by judges.

**Blank scroll competition - scrolls need to be for Baronial awards and may or may not have text with blanks for the recipient's name and the dates. Populace choice will help decide this contest and Her Excellency will resolve any ties.

**The main competition will be in the standard categories from Kingdom A&S competitions. This is the second of the three competitions to choose the al-Barran A&S Champion. The first was held at Champions (Best Scorpion in Any Medium) and any of those who entered will have 5 extra points added to their score for this event. The third and final one will be at al-Barran Midwinter and the champion will be chosen at that event.

They do not have to be themed but must have some sort of documentation. These entries must be pre-registered to me at outlandsdeputy@yahoo.com by November 11 and any paper submissions need to be sent along with your information so the judges can have time to read them.

The link to the competition categories is below! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or Her Excellency Bianca Michelle Wilson.

<http://www.outlands.org/kingdom-a-s-competition-divisions-categories>

Yours in service,

Mistress Cerydwen

From the Reeve's Office

Greetings!

We had 2 great events during the 3rd quarter, Nock on Wood and Champions! The Exchequer's office ran the gate for Nock on wood and we saw many in attendance! The financial committee also approved budget submissions for Day of A&S and Midwinter! Thank you to those Autocrats for volunteering your time to make those events awesome!

As reported last quarter, the Society has released a new Exchequers Handbook, and Financial Policy. My Deputies and I are still reviewing the documents to ensure our policy meets Society and Kingdom policy.

Moving forward, please be aware that I will be holding financial committee meetings at the monthly al-Things through 2017. Be aware that these are public meetings and are welcome to sit and listen to the discussions!

Lastly, I will soon be requesting letters of intent to fill the populace financial committee seat that will be vacated on December 31, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering your time to assist that Barony decide on financial matters and to see the administrative side of this organization, I would encourage you to send a letter! When the announcement is sent in early November, we will be accepting those letters!

Below you will find the third quarter bank balance report for al-Barran and as you can see, the Barony is still in good financial health. The funds have still decreased from the January 1, 2017 beginning balance, but we have one more major event in our future, including planned mini-events. The financial committee will be discussion fund raisers to bolster the coffers during their meetings, but if you have any ideas for fundraisers, we always welcome your suggestions!

3rd Quarter Financial Report

Lord Edric Capellarius

As of September 30, 2017 (continued on following page)

Income Statement

January 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017

INCOME		Total	
Fund Raising		387.31\$	
Direct Contributions/Donations: (No Activity)		6.00	
Activity Related: Demos & Activity Fees		2,591.00	
Adjusted Event Income		10,930.00	
Funds Transferred In - Within Kingdom		-	
Funds Transferred In - Outside Kingdom		-	
Net Inventory Sales Income			
Gross Income from Sales		900.00	
Cost of Goods	(1,770.66)		(870.66)
Other Income		-	
TOTAL GROSS INCOME			13,043.65\$
EXPENSES (Summary of O&A, AR and FR)			
Bad Debts		-	
Bank Service Charges		4.20	
Depreciation		-	
Equipment Rental & Maintenance		7,022.83	
Fees & Honoraria		198.64	
Food		2,128.61	
General Supplies		1,860.95	
Insurance (NON-SCA)		375.00	
Occupancy & Site Charges		2,623.57	
Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental		126.00	
Printing & Publications		6.43	
Released Equipment		-	
Telephone		-	
Travel (Gas, Tolls, Airfare)		936.40	
Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account		1,910.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			17,192.63
NET INCOME (LOSS)			(4,148.98)\$

Comparative Balance Statement

January 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

Start		End	
ASSETS	1/1/2017	9/30/2017	Difference
Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash	16,244.33\$	13,373.84\$	(2,870.49)\$
Cash Earning Interest	-	-	-
Receivables	900.00	200.00	(700.00)
Inventory For Sale (T-Shirts)	1,298.62	220.13	(1,078.49)
Regalia & Non-Depreciated Equipment	-	-	-
Depreciated Equipment	7,312.19	7,812.19	500.00
MINUS Accumulated Depreciation	(6,182.18)	(6,182.18)	-
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-
Other Assets	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	19,572.96\$	15,423.98\$	(4,148.98)\$
LIABILITIES			
Newsletter Subscriptions Due	-\$	-\$	-\$
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-
Payables	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-\$	-\$	-\$
NET WORTH	19,572.96\$	15,423.98\$	(4,148.98)\$

Upcoming events

The next quarter brings us a multitude of events around the barony, below are just what are listed, if you'd like to attend, or help, please contact the autocrats for their assistance.

Nov-17			
4	Barony of Dragonsspine	Holiday Bazaar	Adelaisa
12-Nov	Shire of Nahrun Kabirun	Coronation	
18	Barony of al-Barran	al-Barran Day of A&S	Hardwin
18	Shire of Windkeep	Harvest Celebration	Ursula
19	Barony of al-Barran	Toys for Tots	Alexander
Dec-17			
2	Shire of Rio de las Animas	Yule Revel	Ra
2	Barony of Unser Hafen	Yule at Wellmark Keep	Rosalind
2	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine A&S	Attani
9	Barony of Caer Galen	Caer Galen Midwinter	Michaelangelo
16-17	Barony of al-Barran	al-Barran Midwinter and War Practice	Bronwen
Jan-18			
6	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	Twelfth Night	Aoife
7-Jun	Barony of Caerthe	Caerthe 12th Night & War Practice	Dianna & Alasdair
13	Barony of Aarquelle	Viking Vinter Vonderlandt	Felicita
20	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	12th Night Feast and War Practice	Mariah
27	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine Candlemas	Antonio
27	Shire of Bryngolau	St Brigid's Day Celebration	Llywus

In Closing...

Greetings,

My name is Constantine de La Cortez, and recently I agreed to preside over the Shaft, I wish to write a few words of thanks, to you, the reader, to the contributors, and to the society at large. Without each of you, playing whatever small part we each play in this grand game, it would be at a loss. At each event, gathering, or proceeding I attend, I am both humbled, and overjoyed at the community we continue to foster, and grow into a wonderful, and heartwarming thing. Be it simple gestures, or grand designs, I am taken aback by just how wonderful this community acts towards each other. Personally, I've only been with the community a short while, but feel more at home here, than anywhere else I've been in most of my mundane life. For these, and innumerable tiny gestures that happen each and every day across our great barony, I thank you.

In closing, aside from thanks, I wish to implore you, the reader to let me know how we're doing. If you wish to share stories of triumph, tribulation, tales of deeds gone unnoticed, or simply photographs from around the barony are always welcomed, and encouraged.

Yours in Service,

Constantine de La Cortez.