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Quarterly Newsletter for the Barony of al-
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From the Baron, and Baroness

Greetings al-Barran!

Since our last missive in this fine publication we've had the opportunity to host three events here in the barony and to travel to a great kingdom event.

We had the honor and pleasure of attending Coronation in the shire of Nahrun Kabirun. The courts were beautiful and memorable. We bade farewell to TRM Lief and Ansteys and bade a fond welcome to TRM Jaxx and Anna. The feast was fantastic, as was spending time

with both old and new friends. Coronation is always one of our favorite events; an opportunity to see the Society at its best, with all of the pomp, finery and beauty mixed with laughter, good times and individuals engaged in a true love of the game that we all play. If you have never attended a Coronation, we highly recommend that you add this unique event to your schedule.

We had a wonderful time at al-Barran Day of A&S this year. The event was well attended and there were a variety of classes offered in many different areas. We were honored to have TRM Jaxx and Anna in attendance. We had several people enter items in the Baronial A&S competition (part two of three) which was an artisan choice theme for this round. It was awesome to see all the entries and to read the documentation that inspired our artisans. During court, we swore in the new Herald, Lady Grainne, and put her right to work. There was a potluck lunch, a delicious dessert competition and a scroll competition. Many toys were collected for donation to Toys 4 Tots. Thank to everyone for being so generous and for attending and working to make this event special.



The day after Day of A&S we held our annual Toys 4 Tots Tournament. A great many toys were collected for needy children in the state. Thank you to everyone who donated toys. Also, thank you to the many artisans that donated to our prize table. We truly appreciate your generosity. Finally, a BIG thank you to Mistress Cailte and the amazing bakers of al-Barran, who once again put on an wonderful bake sale for the barony. Count Hrorek was victorious in the Heavy tournament to be named the Children's Champion. As an additional treat, the final round of the Rapier tournament was between Her Majesty's Protector of the Queen's Heart, Lord Julien de la Fontaine and the Baron's Blade, Lord Rados Schievone. After an amazing and well fought round, Lord Julien emerged victorious as our Children's Defender. The weather was perfect, the fighting was fierce and it was, as always, another perfect day in al-Barran.

Our Midwinter event was themed Scandinavian/Norse/Rus. We had a wonderful time enjoying the friends, fellowship and merriment that is Midwinter. We would like to thank Their Royal Majesties, Jaxx and Anna for attending and thanks also to all our cousins, who made the long trek from their respective baronies to join us in celebration. We held the final (of three) A&S competition. Thanks to all the judges and to all who made wonderful works of art and competed in the any of the three competitions. After the final scores were tallied for all three competitions, the new champion was THL Geoffrey who we tasked the next year with working hard to encourage and expand the arts and sciences in al-Barran, Congratulations! We also had a two silent auctions going, for the baronial travel fund, and a photo booth fundraiser for the Kingdom travel fund. Thanks to all who contributed to this endeavor by setting them up and working them. The lunch was tasty and the feast in the evening was great and filling. Thank you Baroness Bronwen Blackwell and her hard working kitchen crew for the delicious food. Thanks also to our autocrats, Baroness Bronwen and Duchess Cecilia, and all the staff who worked the event. Thanks finally to everyone who attended and helped to make this a wonderful and memorable Midwinter.

In Service to Stag and Scorpion,
Marc and Bianca
Baron and Baroness of al-Barran

From the Office of the Seneschal

Greetings Mighty al-Barran!

As I complete my first year as seneschal of this great Barony, I am looking back at the past year. I had some goals in mind when I stepped up to this office. I wanted to expand the knowledge base of the barony in many ways. I wanted new people to step up to being autocrats, we had 6 new ones this year. and they all did a wonderful job, Huzzah!

I wanted to have more access to the documents and reports for the people to have them. In the past most documents sat in paper form at the house of the respective office. Because of this sometimes either they never got passed on or the people who needed it didn't have access. Now with the Baronial google drive each office and event has their own folder to be kept forever. It can be easily passed to each new officer and autocrat. Hopefully this will help to keep continuity in our affairs.

With the help of Lord Edric, I also created new bid and budget forms for events, along with a new handbook to help new autocrats have the information they need. If you are looking at maybe running an event please check it out on the seneschal's page on the website.

With the new year I have new goals in mind. I believe the new site for the al-Thing will be more cost effective and just in general a better fit for our meetings. Getting bids for events even earlier, although I believe that has gotten better. Doing more teaching about how to run events and be an officer. Communication is also a thing we all need to work on.

This next year I would also like to get a deputy or two to learn about this office. If you are interested in learning or helping with the seneschal's office please contact me at Mistress.Melodia@yahoo.com. This does not mean you have to become the seneschal. It is an opportunity to learn how this great Barony runs, to to help out.

In Service,

Mistress Melodia Shaw

From the List Minister

Greetings from your MOL,

We had several tournaments at al-Barran's Champions at the end of September, 2 heavy, 2 rapier, and 1 cut and thrust.

The heavy tourney for Baron's Champion and Baroness's Favor had 16 entrants, and was fought as a double elimination best 2 of 3. Lord Kendrick organised the tourney, while he and Sir Gregor Marshaled. Duke Walrick acted as the Herald, and Sir Gottfried was kind to run cards for me, as I had my hands full overseeing the list for both the heavy and rapier tourneys running at the same time. Bye fights were a destructive entertainment, but all brought their best and our Baron and Baroness did not have to thumb down anyone. The three final fighters were Sir Rowland, Sir Trevor, and Sir Simon. Sir Trevor and Sir Simon had one loss each, while Sir Rowland was undefeated. The organizers, with the Baron's consent, decided to have the two with losses fight for the right to meet Sir Rowland in the final. Sir Simon advanced, but the day was meant for Sir Rowland as he became our new Champion undefeated. For his prowess and valor, Sir Simon was granted the Baroness's Favor.

Concurrently the rapier tourney was held to choose the Protector Of the Baroness's Heart and Baron's Blade with 10 entrants. Master Otto was the organizer and chose to be the bye fighter for the double elimination best 2 of 3 as well as Marshaled. Baroness Bronwen Heralded and a one of our youth, Troy, ran cards for me. Master Siegfried and Lord Marius faced each other in the final round, with Master Siegfried winning to become the Protector Of the Baroness's Heart. Our Baron bestowed the title of Baron's Blade on Rados.

The cut and thrust tourney was renamed this year to honor our dearly departed Master Govannan, as Blackwell's No Quarter Tourney, with the title being called the Black Sword of al-Barran. Master Otto was again the organizer and Marshal for a round robin of 6 fighters with the bouts a best 2 of 3. THL Adalyd Heralded and I ran the list. Don Felix and Lord Marius tied the round robin and fought a final bout, with Don Felix triumphantly becoming the first Black Blade.

Sunday held the concurrent tourneys, Master Swordsman and Premier Blade.

The heavy tourney Master Swordsman is specifically a fight with single swords, a double elimination best 2 of 3, with the individual bouts set as fighting with dominate hand the first fight, the off hand on the second fight, and if there is a third fight back to the dominate hand. Organized by Master Bela who also fought any bye fights and Marshaled with Sir Brennan. Sir Brennan took turns with Sir Rowland Heralding. Sir Brennan's son, William, ran cards for me. Byes were designated non-destructive. 19 fighters entered, with the final fight between Sir Thomas and Sir Stavros, with Sir Thomas taking the field to be the new Master Swordsman.

The rapier Premier Blade was organized by Don Felix with him Marshaling and Heralding. Gregor the younger was kind enough to managed the list. Don Felix masterminded a grueling endurance tourney that was a kind of double round robin with each fighter staying in the field and fighting each other fighter in a row, then joining the line to do the same to the next fighter, resulting in each fighter eventually fighting everyone else twice. Nine fighters entered and Master Otto was the winner. I would note here an unfortunate bout, the details I am not sure on since I did not witness myself, but to the best of my knowledge was a bad point landing that resulted in injury and both fighters Lord Rodrigo and Lord Marius withdrew from the tourney. I am glad to report that Lord Rodrigo was checked medically and is fine.

The end of November saw the al-Barran Toys For Tots event, and there are no tourneys scheduled in December, so this will be my last report for 2017.

On November 19 of 2017 was held our annual Toys For Tots event, with both a Rattan and Rapier tournament. A large field divided in half was set up to accommodate a complicated Rattan format.

Lord Alexander devised a tourney with several formats combined, including two bearpits and a final bracket. We had 23 fighters enter the heavy list. The first of two pits was were all the fighters would start, to qualify for the second pit, a fighter would have to have won two fights in succession, then line up for the second pit. In the second pit, a fighter would need to win three fights in succession to earn a spot on a bracket. One hour was given and 11 fighters at the end succeeded to the bracket. A break was then called for the fighters to rest, opening the fields for the Rapier tournament to begin. Many Marshals were on the field to help including Lady Phadria, Sir Gregor, Young Gregor, and Sir Simon. Sir Rowland Heralded. I ran the list, but was gratefully assisted by Duke Walrick who could see over fighters and help keep track on the field to relay information to me. His adorable daughters, Cora and Sophia, ran cards for me for both the Rattan and the Rapier later. When the fighters returned, Duke Alrik, who was the winner of last years tourney, chose to fight non-destructive fights for the five on the 16 slot bracket that did not have a challenger for that first round, fighting a best 2 of 3 bouts, and as the nature of the bracket system, it was single elimination. The final four were Count Hrorek, Lord Kendrick, Sir Decimus, and Sir Buqu, with Hrorek and Decimus meeting for the final round. It was an energetic fight taking all of the 3 bouts, but it was Count Hrorek in the end victorious.

During the rest before the final portion of the Rattan tourney, we started the Rapier tourney. We had ten fighters enter the list organized by Don Michael who also Marshaled. Young Gregor tried Heralding for the first time, and did a fine job, while I Listed and little Sophia ran cards. Don Michael chose a double elimination, best 2 of 3 format, fighting on one of the two sides of the field. Master Otto chose to fight the destructive bye fights. Don Michael also declared that double kills would not be re-fought and counted as a loss for both fighters. Mid-way through the tourney, the Rattan fighters returned to fight on the other half of the field, the timing of the fights on both sides lined up well to have the final two from both sides be ready at the same time, so the middle barrier was removed in order to have the final fights play on the entire field. The rapier fighters went first, followed by the Rattan as described above. Three Rapier fighters were part of the final, with Lord Marius and Lord Julien De Lafontaine meeting and Lord Rados fighting a bye with Master Otto. Lord Julien and Lord Rados had no losses at this point. Rados gained a loss from Otto in his bye fight, while both Marius and Julien earned losses in double kills. This was a second loss for Marius, so Julien and Rados entered the final even. It was noted that this was a battle of the Protector of the Queen's Heart in the form of Lord Julien, and the new Barron's Blade as Lord Rados, who was not yet a Lord at this point, having been given his Arms at Court after. Both fighters represented their offices with prowess and grace, but it was Lord Julien that claimed victory after an epic match. Congratulations to all for a fantastic tourney day.

In Service,

THL Johanna Morganstern

From the Knight Marshall

Sunday practice: average 18 unbelted, 4 chivalry

Wednesday practice: average 8 unbelted, 3 chivalry

Thursday practice: average 6 unbelted

No injuries or incidents to report for regular practice.

Midwinter War Practice: We had approximately 70 fighters! I counted at least 20 chivalry. We had 3 minor injuries, but the fighters did not seek medical attention. I was made aware of an incident between 2 Dukes, and am assured it is being handled by the Chivalry.

In Service,

Lady Phaidra Thebaia

Knight Marshal

Barony of al-Barran

From the office of the A&S Minister

Greetings to the populace of al-Barran! It is with great pleasure that I announce our new Arts and Sciences Champion - THLord Geoffrey fitz Robert. This was chosen and awarded at our recent Midwinter. Congratulations, Your Lordship! Your work is lovely. The entrants all put up a good fight and it was lovely to see all the beautiful and varied things that were entered in the three events that led up to the final one.

I will be stepping down as the Baronial Arts and Sciences minister in the near future. I would like to take this time to thank you all for the privilege of being able to steer the arts in the barony for the past two years. We have amazing artisans in our Barony! Keep up the awesome work!

Yours in service,

Mistress Cerydwen

From the Reeve's Office

Greetings!

What a great 4th quarter full of events! The office assisted with Toys for Tots, Day of A&S, and Midwinter! Thank you to all the gate staff for their outstanding job!!

Also during the 4th quarter, I had the opportunity to attend Stags Con and have discussion with other Exchequers in the Kingdom. This was a awesome event hosted by Caerthe!

Below you will find the first quarter bank balance report for al-Barran and as you can see, the Barony is still in good financial health. The Barony's funds have increased from last quarter, mainly due to the event income from Midwinter. The funds have still decreased from the January 1, 2017 beginning balance, but we have fundraising plans throughout the year, and for the 2018 Ren Faire!

4th Quarter Financial Report As of December 31, 2017

General Fund	\$ 14,814.36
Travel Fund	<u>382.86</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 15,197.22</u>

Lord Edric Capellarius

As of 31 December 2017 (continued on following page)

Income Statement

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

INCOME		Total	
Fund Raising		\$1872.79	
Direct Contributions/Donations: (No Activity)		6.00	
Activity Related: Demos & Activity Fees		2,591.00	
Adjusted Event Income		15,670.00	
Funds Transferred In - Within Kingdom		-	
Funds Transferred In - Outside Kingdom		-	
Net Inventory Sales Income			
Gross Income from Sales		900.00	
Cost of Goods	(1,921.57)		(1,021.57)
Other Income		-	
TOTAL GROSS INCOME			\$19,588.47
EXPENSES (Summary of O&A, AR and FR)			
Bad Debts		-	
Bank Service Charges		4.20	
Depreciation		394.47	
Equipment Rental & Maintenance		7,022.83	
Fees & Honoraria		198.64	
Food		3,409.02	
General Supplies		2,157.89	
Insurance (NON-SCA)		375.00	
Occupancy & Site Charges		4,823.57	
Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental		126.00	
Printing & Publications		6.43	
Released Equipment		-	
Telephone		-	
Travel (Gas, Tolls, Airfare)		1,026.40	
Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account		2,615.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$22,159.45
NET INCOME (LOSS)			\$(2,570.98)

Comparative Balance Statement

January 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

Start		End	
ASSETS	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	Difference
Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash	16,244.33\$	\$15,197.22	(1,047.11)\$
Cash Earning Interest	-	-	-
Receivables	900.00	-	(900.00)
Inventory For Sale (T-Shirts)	1,298.62	69.22	(1,229.40)
Regalia & Non-Depreciated Equipment	-	-	-
Depreciated Equipment	7,312.19	7,812.19	500.00
MINUS Accumulated Depreciation	(6,182.18)	(6,579.65)	(394.47)
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-
Other Assets	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	19,572.96\$	17,001.98\$	(2,570.98)\$
LIABILITIES			
Newsletter Subscriptions Due	-\$	-\$	-\$
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-
Payables	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-\$	-\$	-\$
NET WORTH	19,572.96\$	15,423.98\$	(2,570.98)\$

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.

Kingdom of the Outlands Crown Tournament

March 10, 2018 – Sunday, March 11, 2018

OPENS: 8:00AM

CLOSES: 5:00PM

Menaul School, 301 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque New Mexico, 87107

Event Steward: Sabiha al-Zarqa' al-Karakiyya, BaronessSabiha@gmail.com

505-331-6334 (please leave a message or send inquires via text)

Site Fee: Adult Event Registration (16 and older) \$15,

Adult Member Discount Event Registration (16 and older) \$10,

Children (15 and under) Free,

Family cap \$40

Make checks payable to "SCA Inc - Barony of al-Barran"

A lunch of stews and breads will be provided with site fee.

Site is "Very" Discretely Wet

His Majesty Darius of Jaxartes and Her Majesty Anna MacTaggart invite all to the Barony of al-Barran for Their Spring Crown Tournament. Join Their Majesties and bear witness as the next Crown of the Outlands is determined.

Lodging;

Clubhouse Inn and Suites

1315 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107 (2 minutes from site, 0.7 miles)

(505) 345-0010

~\$65 per night, ask for the Menaul School Event Rate

Directions to Site;

From the North: head south on I-25 to Albuquerque, NM, Take exit 227 towards Candelaria/Comanche /Menaul. Turn right (west) on Menaul (0.7 miles), Menaul school will be on the left (north).

From the South: head North on I-25 to Albuquerque, NM, Take exit 225 toward Lomas/Menaul/Candelaria, use/take Frontage Rd N to Menaul Blvd NE, Turn left (west) on Menaul (0.7 miles), Menaul school will be on the left (north).

Sworded Affair

April 7, 2018

Autocrat Lady Lucrezia de Carducci

anschinske@gmail.com

505-514-7669

Site: Sandia Prep

532 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

Adult Event Registration \$15

Adult Member Discounted price: \$10

Youth (7-17) \$5

Child (under 7) free

There will be donation lunch

Site is dry

2018 Albuquerque Renaissance Faire

April 28 2018 10:00am-5:00pm

Autocrat Mistress Elisee de Calais

ELISEEDECALAIS@AOL.COM

505-259-6564

Site is Free for Volunteers

No outside alcohol

Site:

ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM

9201 BALLOON MUSEUM DRIVE NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Grand Outlandish XLV

Sponsoring Group: al-Baran

Dates: 5/24-28/18

Times: 12:00 pm 5/24/18 open, 12:00 pm 5/28/18 closed

Stewards SCA Name: Lady Belatumara filia Disideri & Sir Fierien Greenholm

Stewards Mundane Name: Bethany Stephens (Green), Aaron Green

Stewards Email: bellatumara@gmail.com/greenisgold50@gmail.com

Site Name: Triskeles Farms

Address: 171 Sundance Kid Road Edgewood, NM 87015

Site is wet

Building The Dream - In addition to the Lord of Outlandish and other well known events held at Grand Outlandish, Building Workshops will be scheduled throughout the year where individual groups may come and work on-site to build your dream camp. All semi-permanent structures and plans for building should be approved by Countess Gilliana (gillian@processlocal.com). We will also be holding fund raisers for the General Site Improvements Projects which include: completing the showers, adding roadway lighting, graveling the road, ADA/paid parking, RV camping, trailer pull-through and general parking improvements. We plan on holding a "Most Inspired Project" Competition during GOT XLV where all of these site improvements would be voted on by the populace. This would be a friendly competition showcasing all the wonderful site improvements and honoring those who are "Building the Dream."

March 2018

10-11	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Crown Tournament</u>
17	Barony of Caerthe	Caerthe Newcomer's Collegium
23-25	Shire of Nahrun Kabirun	Siege of the City

April 2018

14	Barony of Caerthe	<u>Kingdom A&S Competition</u>
21	Barony of Unser Hafen	Brewer's Feast and Social
28	Barony of Aarquelle	Spring Defender
28	Barony of al-Barran	Albuquerque Renaissance Faire - DEMO

May 2018

5-6	Barony of Caerthe	Coronation
24-28	Barony of al-Barran	Grand Outlandish XLV
25-28	Barony of Caerthe	Condotierri