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From Their Excellencies

Greetings to the populace of the Barony of al-Barran! It has been a busy few months from attending events, working on projects, and preparing for war. It seems like time literally flew by!

November was our Day of A&S event. There were many classes and round tables throughout the day. Thanks to the HL Akilina and her staff for running the event. The luncheon was delicious and I ate “several” of Sir Trevor’s apple fritters because they were unbelievably hot and delicious. As a matter of fact everything I ate from the lunch table was wonderful. Toys were donated. Fun and learning was accomplished.

November was also our hugely successful Toys for Tots event. There was a children’s carnival that all of the kids enjoyed immensely, a build your own Sheppard pie lunch and a great tournament with many fighters. And did I mention toys??? So many toys were donated this year for the local children in need. By close on Sunday we collected 612 toys, raised \$1070. dollars to be donated as well as an additional \$460. courtesy of the Masonic Lodge Sandia Mountain #72. Thanks to our autocrat Lady Raelina and her staff for all their hard work. Thanks to the Ballut Abyad Shriners for the use of the site and building. Thanks all who fought in the tourneys, made, ran or bought delicious items from the bake sale, volunteered at the children's carnival inside, or contributed to supplying or donating to the donation lunch, and of course thanks to all who donated so many toys both Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to HE Sir Raymond's as usual for the lovely prize table with so many wonderful items. No one went home empty handed! Thanks to the War Drum Guild for setting the mood on the tourney field. The household that contributed the most toys was The Old Fabled inn, and thus earned the honor of displaying the lovely new banner made by Sir Trevor in honor of the occasion for the coming year. HE Master Otto won the individual competition of who brought the most toys and won the golden ticket which provides one entrance into Grand Outlandish 2019 free of charge. Thanks to everyone who donated toys.

In December we attended Caer Galen’s Midwinter and investiture. We saw our dear cousins Finn and Cinara’s final court and retirement to their estates with court baronies. We watched Hayashi and Shoshanna invested as the next Baron and Baroness of Caer Galen. They will have big shoes to fill but they are enthusiastic and ready to work.

Next in December we had our Midwinter event and War practice. Midwinter was well attended and full of activity! Thanks to Lady Phaidra and her staff for putting on a

incredible event. Their majesties attended and court and circles were held. The feast prepared by Lady Cassia and her staff was delicious and plentiful. There were bardic performances, a performance by the Stag's Choir, caroling, court dancing and even Middle Eastern dancing and drumming! The Hall was beautifully decorated. Thanks to those who judged the final round of the A&S competition. Congratulations to the HL Akilina who was announced as the new A&S Champion. It was a very close competition and we look forward to seeing next year's competition. The Shrine bar opened at 10:00 am and the party did not stop until time to clean up! Thanks to all who attended from near and far and also to all involved for your hard work in making Midwinter such a wonderful event.

The Midwinter war practice the next day was well attended and the war drum guild was there with rhythmic support. Thanks to all the fighters who came out to prepare for the upcoming battles at Estrella War in the Kingdom of Atenvedlt.

In January we attended Citadel of the Southern Pass 12th night. It was lovely to see our cousins and visit their lands. During the baronial court, a lovely sundial was presented to their Excellencies of Citadel. Later in the court, Tariq and Elieth announced to the populace their plans to retire in the coming months. Between the 2 courts, the Stags choir performed. Many members of al-Barran attended, and the feast was put on by our own Lord Rafael. Lady Raelina served as the royal liaison and various members of the barony taught classes at the event. A good time was had by all.

Later in January we headed to the North for Dragonsspine Candlemas and Investiture. It was a busy day of Courts, meetings and merriment. There was also a shrine bar! We sadly witnessed the stepping down of our beloved cousins Gianni and Jeanette. We also were present for the investing of the new Baron and Baroness, Seamus and Angel and saw their first court before feast. Master Gianni and HL Jeanette receive their court baronies.

We also had three al-things, the last one just happened! It was a super busy and well attended al-thing and we had a financial committee meeting, a Grand Outlandish coordinators meeting, the populace meeting and a meeting of musicians who are preparing for the upcoming Renaissance Faire in April. There was also a wonderful potluck and as I stated at the beginning, again time flew by!!!!

As we prepare to head out to Estrella War next week, I hope those who are going will have a safe journey and a memorable war. Drink plenty of water, check your car fluids and tires, double check your packing list and we will see you all at war and hope you will attend the Outlands Party in the Outlands Royal camp on Thursday night and Guido Court on Saturday in the al-Barran camp and have some green chili stew! Fight with honor,

In Service,

Marc and Bianca, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran

From The Seneschal

Greetings!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Seneschal. I'm excited for the opportunity to serve the Barony in this new position. I would also like to thank Mistress Melodia for her service over the last two years and for her guidance as I prepared to take the reins.

Please know that I am available to hear your concerns and will do my best to address any issues that may come up while I am Seneschal. You can contact me via phone at (505) 569-1082 or via email at phaidra.thebaia@gmail.com.

I also want to take the time to remind everyone to be kind to each other and work together with myself, Their Excellencies, and the officers of this Barony to make our corner of the SCA the best it can be!

In Service,

Lady Phaidra Thebaia

Seneschal

Barony of al-Barran

From The Reeve's Office

From the Reeve: THL Edric Capellarius

Greetings!

What a a great year! In the last quarter we ended with Day of A&S, Toys for Tots and Midwinter. They were very well attended, and I appreciate all the volunteers who made sure it was awesome! Thank you especially to all the gate coordinators and gate volunteers at each event!

As I stated in my last report, I will be stepping down in May at Grand Outlandish and the Baronial Officers will be seeking an individual to replace me. If you are interested in volunteering to becoming the next Reeve (Exchequer) for al-Barran, please send a letter of intent to myself (reeve@al-barran.outlands.org), the Seneschal (seneschal@al-barran.outlands.org), and the Baron & Baroness (coronet@al-barran.outlands.org). Please include your legal name, SCA name, membership number and expiration date, a phone number, a brief statement on why you would like to be the Reeve, and any related background in financial management/record keeping. Be advised that this position requires that you hold an active membership while you are an Officer of the Barony. The deadline for letters of intent will be March 31, 2019.

At the financial committee meting held in February, His Grace, Duke Walrick de Blakeney, was appointed to replace Master Siegfried for one of the committee's populace seat positions. We are excited to have him on the committee and look forward to his input over the next two years! Again, thanks to Master Siegfried for taking the time to volunteer for the Financial Committee! I appreciate all your hard work and support!

I have thoroughly enjoyed the three years serving as the Barony's Reeve, and worked diligently to ensure that the office was organized well enough for the next person to take the reins. My heartfelt thanks to all the past and present Baronial Officers who thought that I would do well as Reeve, and supported me while in office. My personal thanks to my Deputies, Leoni (Tina Landa), AEdheluulf munuc (Jeff Phipps), and Gilbert (Anthony

Posada). Thank you! Also, I would like to thank Ymany Murray (Amanda Snodgrass) for all your help to the Reeve's office and personal support!

If you have any questions regarding the Reeve office, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always willing to give you a brief summary of the rules, duties, and responsibilities of the Office/Committee.

Finally, below you will find the fourth quarter bank balance report for al-Barran. The financial committee has continued to ensure that the financials are strong and have made many tough decisions over the year. The Barony's funds have again increased from last quarter due to events being very successful and receiving the 2018 Estrella volunteer hours check from the Kingdom in the amount of \$930.00. Thank you to all those who volunteered at Estrella! Overall, the funds have increased from the January 1, 2018 beginning balance and the Net Worth ending in a positive amount!

**4th Quarter Financial Report
As of December 31, 2018**

General Fund	\$ 22,241.17
Travel Fund	<u>284.99</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 22,526.16</u>

Arts, and Sciences

From the Office of the A&S Minister

Good Day al-Barran!

Your A&S Minister here with the 4th quarter news, events, and all things A&S!



October was a calm month to catch up on projects as we had no events going on in al-Barran. Some of our artisans did however attend Queen's Prize at the Feast of St. Goliath in Socorro. To the left you will see a display done by Akilina Ianikitova and the beautiful fabric she was able to obtain for this outfit!

Below was Rowland de Grey's pilgrim display. You can see the various items that your typical traveler would carry including delicious salted pork! Yum!

Queen's prize is a wonderful way to get commentary on your projects as it gives a relaxed environment. I highly recommend this event for newcomers as there isn't the pressure of judging, just talking about what you created or researched and getting feedback!



Next event in al-Barran was the informative Day of A&S in November! There were various classes throughout the day and the second round of our A&S Champion competition. Entrants in the competition received their judge scores and feedback while also competing for populace choice and best in category.

The event autocrat, Akilina Ianikitova, took home populace choice with her Ruskala bracelets, very nice!



Below is a snapshot of our five entrants that we had at Day of A&S.



The following day al-Barran had their Toys 4 Tots event. The cook's guild put on their awesome bake sale and was able to raise a little over \$600! That was fantastic!



Finally ending out the year with friendship and merriment, was Midwinter in December. Our artisans got together under the guidance of Duchess Cecilia to invest in making backdrops and table linens for the barony to use for years to come.

Midwinter ended the A&S Champion competition with the third and final round. Scores were given to Their Excellency's to tally up and this year's winner and new A&S Champion is Akilina! Congratulations to her and may you work

diligently in bringing more A&S to al-Barran! To all the artisans in our populace, get you pieces and research ready for the A&S competition in 2019 because the first round will be here before you know it! I also want to thank all the judges for taking time at these events to give commentary on the entries. I know some of you don't like to do judging and I am so grateful to each of you! We look to you for guidance in the arts and sciences.

Apple and Honey Challah Bread
Made by Josefina del Castillo
Midwinter 2018



Reveling at Midwinter!



Please keep in mind that I would love to feature your pictures, articles, artwork, reviews, etc. in The Shaft quarterly newsletter. If you would like to contribute something, please get ahold of me! You can email me at artsandsciences@al-barran.outlands.org or my SCA email of rois.longain@gmail.com. Thanks!

In Service,
Lady Róis
A&S Minister of al-Barran



Sewing Circle: Sunday evenings, 6:00pm – 09:00pm.
Scribal/Project Night: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month.

Minister of Lists.

Greetings from your Minister of Lists,

September weekend of 21st to the 23rd held al-Barran Champions, a clear and sunny set of days enjoying the first of Autumn.

Saturday morning the Heavy and Rapier tourneys were held concurrently on a split field. The Heavy decided the Baron's Champion, as well as picked from the contenders was chosen the Bearer of the Baroness' Favor. Sir Roland organized the tourney and was Herald, while Sir Gregor Marshaled and Johanna ran the List. The format was a double elimination with best 2 of 3, and the even numbered rounds the fighters would have matched weapons, while the odd would be weapon of choice. The byes were destructive entertainment challenges, but no one was given a loss by Their Excellencies. The List had 14 fighters and ended in 7 rounds. Not everyone that fought was fighting for the title of champion, and with Their Excellencies permission entered the List to only fight. This resulted in that the final 3 in the 6th round were all not fighting for champion, and it was determined that ILO became the Champion of al-Barran. The final 3 were Sir Roger, Asakura, and Lady Nerienda. Sir Roger was the only one with no losses, so Asakura and Lady Nerienda were matched to determine who would face Sir Roger in the final round. On the field though, Asakura yielded to Lady Nerienda, preferring that she should face Roger, as he got to fight Roger all the time elsewhere. After an energetic battle that seemed to please both fighters, in the end it was Sir Roger that won the tourney. In conclusion, Her Excellency chose Lord Johan to be the Bearer of the Baroness' Favor and Lord Lugonn was given the honor of the Flower of Chivalry.

On the neighboring field held the Rapier tourney of Protector of the Baroness' Heart and among the contenders would be chosen my His Excellency to be Baron's Blade. Lady Lucrezia was the tourney organizer and acted as Marshal, alongside Master Otto, who also acted as Herald. Lord Gregor the Younger stepped in to help run cards, and Mistress Catriona ran the List. The List had six fighters and it was decided to use a round robin format, with the final top two results would meet for a final deciding round. In the end it was Lord Rados meeting Lord Constantine with Rados having 5 wins and undefeated to

Constantine with 4 wins. Lord Rados prevailed to be Champion as Protector of the Baroness' Heart and Lord Constantine was named by His Excellency as the Baron's Blade. Mistress Brigitta was honored with the Flower of Chivalry.

Saturday afternoon held the Cut and Thrust Tourney, Blackwell's No Quarter Tourney, to determine the next Black Blade of al-Barran. Three fighters were prepared for the challenge, and the format was chosen as a Swiss Five. This consisted of five rounds of a short round robin in each round, with each round using a different weapon style combination, and each bout being a single fight. The tourney organizer and Marshal was Her Excellency Bronwen and Master Angus acting as both Marshal and Herald, while Johanna ran the List. At the end of a grueling length of battles, Master Siegfried was victorious with 7 wins, Master Otto with 5 wins, and Mistress Brigitta with 3 wins.

Sunday morning saw the last of the tourneys with the Heavy and Rapier again running concurrently.

On the Heavy field would determine Master Swordsman. This format is a single sword, double elimination, best 2 of 3, with the first bout sword in the right hand, 2nd bout in left hand, and if there is a 3rd, it was hand of choice. A fighter must yield the field if the sword arm was taken and double kills could be re-fought only 3 times before both fighters would take a loss. HRH Hrorek volunteered to fight any byes, non-destructive. Sir Thomas was the organizer and Marshal, while Johanna ran the list. The Heralding duties were split with Thomas announcing the the matches in each round, then handing off the cards to Johanna to announce each pair and who would make ready. Sir Thomas would make sure to communicate clearly the results of each to Johanna. The List contained 14 fighters with 6 rounds, and by an amusing quirk of chance, only one bye fight was required in the entire tourney in the 5th round, that saw a final three fighters, Sir Decimus, Sir Stavros, and Lord Oleg. Lord Oleg won against Sir Stavros, and Sir Decimus as undefeated and drawing the bye. Lord Oleg then meet Sir Decimus in the final round with Sir Decimus victorious.

The neighboring field held the Rapier Premier Blade. This List had 6 fighters, and was fought as best 2 of 3 bouts, round robin, with destructive double kills. Master Otto was all the tourney organizer, the Marshal, and the Herald, Master Siegfried ran the List, while Lord Gregor the Younger ran cards. The top two at the end was Lord Rados with 4 wins, and Lord Constantine undefeated with 5 wins, making him the winner.

The next call for this office will be November 18 for Toys For Tots Tournament, to the best of my knowledge.

In service, THL Johanna Morganstern

From the Rapier Marshal

We've had a decent turn out for Rapier for the last few weeks. Currently, we have a good deal of our Rapier force working with the Heavy Fighters to get up to speed with Spears so that we can fight with the Queen's force. They're doing a good job there.

War practice at Saint Goliath was well attended as well. The Goliards will be a force to be reckoned with on the fields at Estrella War so keep an eye out for them.

Wednesday Night Rapier Practice is canceled February 13th and 20th for those preparing and attending War.

Sunday, February 17th is the LAST CHANCE to get your Authorization Cards updated before Estrella War. We will have an Authorizing Marshal at Baronial Fighter Practice to get you ready and authorized.

Be safe. Check your gear. Finish your projects and pack your stuff. We prepare for war!

-Lucrezia de Carducci, Provost

Baronial Rapier Marshal

From the Archery Marshal

No accidents, incidents, nor injuries.

Outside practice at the ranch suspended due to weather/snow/mud.

Indoor practice is located at the Archery Shoppe. There is an SCA discount of \$5/hr for range time, with loaner gear available.

Several al-Barranians competed in the USAA NM State Indoor Archery Championships at the Archery Shoppe in their SCA garb with period style modern bows and arrows.

Women's Modern Horsebow

Lady Hette the Spoon (CWF, Deputy CoA for al-Baran) won 1st and set a new state record.

Lady Anna of al-Barran (CWF) took 2nd.

Lady Onyx Haven (CWF) took 3rd.

Men's Modern Horsebow

THL Mikhailo (CWF, CGP, AIR, CoA for al-Barran) took 2nd.

Events

February 2019				
2	Shire of Windkeep	Tri-Baronial	K/Q	Kaleria
9	College of Saint Goliath	Goliath War Practice	K/Q	
19-25	Kingdom of Atenveldt	Estrella War	K/Q	
March 2019				
9-10	Barony of al-Barran	Outlands Crown Tournament	K/Q/ P/P	Sir Marc-Antoine, Mistress Bianca, Lady Phaidra
9-17	Kingdom of Gleann Abhann	Gulf		
April 2019				
6-7	Barony of Caerthe	Golden Thimble 2019		Lady Zephine
13	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	Kingdom A&S Competition, Queen's Prize, and Invest	K/Q	Mistress Constance and Mistress Joella
27	Barony of Aarquelle	Aarquelle Defender		Florie
27	Shire of Blackwater Keep	Blackwater Keep Collegium & Defender		