



# The Privy



The Barony of Terra Pomaria

## Words from Their Excellencies

August 8, 2014

Greetings to Our great populace,

We are very proud to say how well this season has been so far. So many have stepped up, stepped out of their comfort zones, taken on new challenges and made this Barony shine. Many of Our wise and wonderful experienced members and Peers have been coming out more and we respect and appreciate the wisdom they have been sharing with us all. We can't wait to see how grand the rest of the season proves to be.

Aggressive Negotiations are on the rise! We are looking forward to seeing Our populace rise up and squash Our cousins to the South in August. Points can be won through almost every possible task, so bring out your best! Marshallate, Service, A&S, and everything in between. Let's show them what our beloved Terra Pomaria does to shine! This is a great opportunity to try things you haven't before. Learn something new. Teach something new. Show off your talents. Bravely take the field. Take aim at the range. So much fun to be had by all.

We are so proud and grateful to everyone who has been so in incredibly helpful and supportive for Us on Our journey, Thank you to all.

Baron Peder & Baroness Ainslee

## Words From our Chronicler

All of the photos in this edition of the Privy were taken by either Morikawa Kenji Katashige or Tessina Felice Gianfigliuzzi. If you would like to see your photos published in the Privy, please contact the me at [tpchronicler@gmail.com](mailto:tpchronicler@gmail.com). We are also accepting articles from our populace at the same address.

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- *We need an event steward for two upcoming events! (Page 21)*
- *Bar Gemels Lost & Found (page 15)*
- *Several of the officers need contingency deputies and/or replacements (page 3)*



## Curia

### Their Royal Majesties of An Tir

Styrkarr Jarlskald and Dagrún Stjarna

### Their Highnesses of the Summits

Diego Rodrigues De Cordoba and Taraneh Al Zahra

### Their Excellencies of Terra Pomaria

Peder Georg Jensen and Ainslee Goldheart

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*“...What a family is without a steward, a ship without a pilot, a flock without a shepherd, a body without a head, the same, I think, is a kingdom without the health and safety of a good monarch.”*

*-Queen Elizabeth the First, to her brother King Edward c. 1550*



## Champions

**Heavy Defender:** Weylyn Middleleson

**Archery:** William Cristofore of Devonshire

**Arts & Sciences:** Rowan Spiritwalker

**Rapier:** Andrew Crowe

**Youth Champion:** Alisdair of Mugdock

## Local Gatherings

**Business Meeting:** 3rd Monday, 7pm, Round Table Pizza at 6055 Ulaili Drive NE in Keizer Station, Contact: Mathea at tpseneschal@gmail.com

**Thingmakers/Scribal:** 3rd Wednesday, 7pm. IKE Box, 229 Cottage ST. NE, Salem. Baronial scribal supplies will be available. Contact Fortune at: ladyfortunethomas@gmail.com

**Ceilidh:** 2nd Monday, October-May, 7 pm, Salem Heights Hall, 3505 Liberty Rd S, Salem (corner of Madrona & Liberty in south Salem). Contact: Fortune at ladyfortunethomas@gmail.com

**Equestrian Practice:** Generally every 4th Saturday 10am-2pm—RSVP required. Contact Tassi at peachpiggies@hotmail.com

**Archery Practice:** Two Fridays each month published on lists, 6:00 pm at 8457 Darley Rd SE in Aumsville. Contact: Keziah Murdock at muffy-mouse8@gmail.com

**A & S Day:** 4th Monday, 7-9 pm. Location published on lists prior to 4th Monday. Contact: Elena at Tpartsci@gmail.com

### Heavy Weapons / Rapier Fencing

**Fighter Practice:** Every Thursday, 7:00 PM at Clear Lake Elementary in Keizer. Heavy Contact: Weylyn at mattcshultz@gmail.com . Rapier Contact: Magdalena at ladymagdalena@yahoo.com

**Bardic Music Night:** To be determined. Contact: Juliana at julianavana@comcast.net 503-363-7512.



## Officers

The Barony is in need of officers in several positions! If you are interested in one of the open positions noted below, please contact the seneschal and the current officer (if there is one).



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<b>EQUESTRIAN MARSHAL:</b> HL Tassi peachypiggies@hotmail.com	<b>Past Term Limit</b> <b>Seeking Contingency Deputy</b>
<b>TARGET MARSHAL:</b> Keziah Murdock muffymouse8@gmail.com	<i>Term ending June 2016</i>
<b>RAPIER MARSHAL:</b> Magdalena von Freiberg ladymagdalena@yahoo.com	<i>Term ending January 2016</i> <b>Seeking Contingency Deputy</b>
<b>YOUTH ARMORED COMBAT: OPEN</b>	
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<b>WEB MINISTER:</b> HL Morikawa Kenji Katashige kenjisca@gmail.com	<b>Past Term Limit</b>
<b>CHIRURGEON: OPEN</b>	
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<b>SCRIBE: OPEN</b>	
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# Calendar

## August

- 1st-3rd—Briaroak Bash, Shire of Briaroak  
Roseburg, OR
- 8th-10th—Prelude to War 2, Aggressive Negotiations, Barony of Adiantum  
Eugene, OR
- 15th-17th—Lebus, Shire of Coeur du Val  
Corvallis, Benton County, OR
- 22nd-24th—Harvest Tourney/Summits Archery/Crimson Sky War, Shire of Corvaria  
Bend, Jefferson, Deschutes, & Crook Counties, OR
- 29th-Sept 1st—Sept. Crown Tournament, Barony of Lions Gate  
Vancouver, BC

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## September

- 5th-7th—Acorn War XXV, Shire of Mountain Edge  
Yamhill County, OR
- 5th-7th—Tain Bo, Shire of Glyn Dwfn  
Medford, Ashland, Jackson Counties, OR
- 12-14th—A&S Workshop Weekend, Canton of Kaldor Ness  
Columbia County, OR
- 19th-21st—Summits Fall Coronet & Bardic Championship, Barony of Adiantum  
Eugene, OR
- 26th-28th—Tymberhavene Birthday Bash, Shire of Tymberhavene  
Coos & Curry Counties, OR
- 27th—Arts Gathering, Barony of Dragon's Mist  
Washington County, OR

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## October

- 3rd-5th—Ancestral Remembrance Celebration, Shire of Myrtle Holt  
Grants Pass, OR
- 4th—Honour Feast and Three Mountains A&S Championship, Barony of Three Mountains  
Clackamas & Multnomah Counties, OR
- 11th-12th—Kingdom Heraldic & Scribal Symp., Shire of Midhaven  
Skagit and San Juan Counties, WA
- 25th—St. Crispin's Day, Shire of Mountain Edge  
Yamhill County, OR

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## May Business Meeting Minutes

### Terra Pomaria Officers Meeting—May 19, 2014

**Meeting Start:** 7:00 pm

**In Attendance:** Morikawa Kenji, Katashige, Maude, Melannei Athenaios, Mathea Volpella da Perugia, Peder Georg Jensen, Ainslee Goldheart, Catarine Quhiting, Nicholla Blackwolf, Lynneva Jacob, Milda de Hay, Berte le Webbere, Weylyn Middleston, Emelyn Fulredy, Fortune verch Thomas, Iskander ibn Ji'lid, Amira di Lupo, Rowan Spiritwalker, Fidelia Hawkwood. Attending remotely: Magdalena von Freiberg, Egen Brauer von Regensburg, Elena Marnach, Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne, and Alail Horsefriend.

Minutes taken by: Melannei Athenaios

### Baron and Baroness's Opening

**Words:** We had a lot of fun at Bar Gemels. Thank you Melannei! I always enjoy the pas d'armes. There's something to be said about an event when people travel from as far as Madrone year after year.

We are looking forward to Long & Short. It looks like it will be a lot of fun. The Baron wants to participate in the rapier tournament this year.

We need recommendations! We have gotten just about everyone that has been recommended to us. If there's someone inside the Barony, or even outside the Barony, that works really hard, please let us know.

### Officer Reports

**Seneschal:** The Seneschal's office has been pleasantly quiet this month. I've mostly been working on the wind-down from Bar Gemels and the wind-up to Long and Short. Both seem to be going relatively smoothly. I've also been working on the "Officer's Guide to Reporting," and a first draft should be ready to post soon.

**Exchequer:** Statement balance at the beginning of May was \$12293.62



Al Sayyid Azizah bint Rustam and her inspiration, Suvia filia Heriberti, presenting themselves in court as Azizah joined the lists at Summits March Coronet.

and our register balance is \$11591.61. We are still holding lthra funds as I wait the address to return them to. We have \$1000 in the regalia fund. I haven't transferred the \$269.00 over from the regalia fund fundraiser.

**Chamberlain:** We have most of the items from Bar Gemels accounted for. One thing I would like to request is that, when event teams are making something for an event that they are thinking "we can donate to the barony when we're done", they at least give me a heads up prior to the object's completion. I'm in the process of thinking about this and consulting on it, and I don't want to set up any unnecessary obstacles to generosity; but the fact remains that some large items, in particular, we may need to think about in terms of a storage solution.

**Librarian:** All is the same with the library. I received most of the boxes last month. I still have a few small piles to get I think, but for now everything else is here. Two event report books were passed into her possession at the meeting.

**Heavy Marshall:** It's been hit or miss on whether we have had fighter practice, because of Bar Gemels and Crown. I WILL be at fighter practice this week, but I understand there are 4 heavy tournaments at Egil's and that is a LOT of fighting. Baron Peder is fighting again! Bar Gemels was awesome! The Pas d'armes was great last year and I think we upped the energy this year.

Fighter practice has averaged 3-4 fighters except for Mid-Willamette had 12 people, including several fighters from Bend. Golden Apple is

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on hold while we wait for people to get off the injured list and get more attendance. It will probably be in October.

I am working on getting my Senior Marshall card. There are still two steps to do so.

An Tir West War we are canceling heavy fighter practice as both marshals will be on site already.

Il have some projects I'm working on to increase excitement for fighting in the Barony. I am working with our local knights to see if they can come to practices and teach for 15 minutes even if they can't fight. Please, submit fighters for awards! There are baronial, principality, and kingdom martial awards. This is another way to help keep the excitement and energy going.

**Rapier Marshall:** Practices are going well, averaging 8 people. No incidents to report. I am currently researching for some practice drills to start working on.

At Bar Gemels, we had a tournament and some authorizations done. The tournament finals, Talon vs Andrew and Talon won. We had fighters from all over, including a good representation from Coeur du Val. His Excellency was authorized for single sword, and I worked on my senior promotion. Still waiting for that to go through.

I went to CDV practice last Tuesday, and helped with some of their authorizations. Both KRM and Summits Rapier Marshals were there. I am hopeful that it helped my promotion.

Long and Short is coming up. I will need some help. I need prizes for winner, best death, and best ring toss(for the spectator). I will need a list person and herald. People to help reset the Eric after the Defender Tournament with rugs. And last but

not least, someone to run the blessing/curse dice fundraiser. The fundraiser is to get monies to help pay for a two handed sword for the baronial loaner gear.

I am currently in need of a deputy. As summer approaches, I will be traveling a bit and need someone to help watch over practices.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please email me at [ladymagdalena@yahoo.com](mailto:ladymagdalena@yahoo.com)

Andrew won the Golden Apple tournament. Weylen entered! Weylen suggested that he and Magdalena discuss working together to have some cross over regarding him marshalling rapier and her marshalling heavy.

**List Mistress:** Absent due to family event. I am always willing to help with an event if asked, but my term is up and I'd like to pass it on. It's a fairly easy office. You get first row seating for fights. You help coordinate lists for the local events and the Golden apple tourneys for fighter practice once a month.

**Target Archery-VACANT:** No current interest. Soma has found a practice site and is having an open archery practice that is currently not an official SCA practice and we are hoping to get them official soon. Be aware that currently it is not an approved practice set up, with no SCA marshals supervising. If there is anyone interested in becoming the Barony's Target Archery Marshall, please contact Mathea. If you are interested in Archery in general, please contact Tassi or Soma or one of the other Archers in the barony or nearby.

**Equestrian Marshall:** Absent. There will be equestrian practice in June. It will be scheduled soon.

**Youth Combat Marshall:** VACANT. No

current interest.

**Herald:** I wanted to include status updates on the heraldic submissions that are in process from our branch, but it looks like there are some delays at the kingdom level, so no updates are forthcoming yet. But things will move along soon enough. For the meantime, no news about a submission is usually good news.

Anyone out there who wants advice, inspiration, research assistance, or paperwork assistance for their name or arms, please keep coming my way! I'm hoping to have to make lots and lots of flags.

In April we had Bar Gemels, which was lots of fun from my perspective. We had a number of wonderful volunteers helping with the various courts, tournaments, and town cries, and I got some good practice in myself. In addition to court, I got to run a happy little mini-ceremony to physically hand off an award which was formalized and put on the books before I even joined the SCA, but which never made it to its recipient. We received four absolutely beautiful entries for the heraldic portion of the Youth Champion's trials, such that it was painful to try to rank them. All in all, a lovely weekend.

I am so happy with the continued helpfulness and generosity of our local community of volunteer heralds—I'm still getting to know who they all are, but I'm enjoying all of them immensely. And getting so much help makes me want to give something back. With the permission of Their Excellencies, the Seneschal, and the Exchequer, I've used part of my office's budget (\$13) to buy a crossed-trumpets cookie stamp from Reannag Teine, which will stay with the Terra Pomaria Herald's regalia



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when I leave. (Ingredients for any cookies I make with it will come from me.)

I believe we're also all caught up on our OP updates. Yay! We did a number of spelling corrections, too. Please check your entries. If you see anything missing or incorrect, you can contact Dexter Gauntlet via the email address on the An Tir Herald's website, or you can poke me and I'll do it for you.

**Arts & Sciences:** It's May! Time to show off all the arts and sciences projects you've been working on. My apologies for not being present in person, being at work. We had no A&S day in May because of Bar Gemels, although there were several Ithra classes taught. May's A&S day will actually be in June, June 1. It will be the last Sunday A&S day until fall, because of event season. A&S will theoretically be switching to the fourth Monday evening, 7-9 PM or until everyone is tired. June 1 I will be teaching silk pennant painting; anyone who is interested please let me know ASAP so I can have all the materials. There may be a small fee for materials and I will be limiting the number of students to six.

Now the complex bit. I have two potential successors. Elena Marnach, who is my current deputy is one. Rowan, our current A&S champion, is the other. Both are good candidates, and I can see no serious problems with either. My term is up in June, and I would rather like to be able to step down while still supporting the arts. I will continue to make my home available for A&S gatherings if the new officer would like that.

Rowan spoke about the her Arts and Sciences experience. She has placed first at kingdom level A&S

competition and several regional competitions. She is our A&S champion. Learning Arts and Sciences and teaching them are her passions. She has worked in textiles, painting, metalworking, cooking, and soapmaking. If it has had anything to do with quasi-primitive living, she has probably had a hand in it. She is willing to travel to the coast for Arts and Sciences, but could not be a deputy if the candidate was chosen. She has been asked to head two guilds and she would direct her energies to



The final round at Summits March Coronet: Diego Rodriquez de Cordoba and Zytos Turk

those areas if not selected as Arts and Sciences Minister.

Elena was unable to attend due to a sick child. Her letter of intent indicates that her interests for Arts & Sciences include Sewing, Cooking, and Music. She is currently serving as the A&S Deputy and Contingency Deputy to Egen. She has organize classes at Prelude to War and helped to facilitate the advancement and exploration of the Arts & Sciences in the Coastal area of the Barony. She recognizes that there may be times when she cannot travel to the inland

portions of the Barony and has arranged for Egen to be her deputy to hold and attend events in those cases. She has many ideas for classes.

Rowan stepped out and much discussion ensued. The officers felt that both of the candidates were very good and it was very hard to make a decision. The decision finally came down to a blind vote, and Elena Marnach became the new A&S Minister for the Barony.

**Coastal Deputy:** Unfortunately due to family needs I am unable to make the meeting in person tonight. I will participate remotely if available.

No activities of note from a deputy prospective. I have scouted several sites of use in Lincoln County and I am working on some future ideas. If you are wanting to place a bid for an event but need a site I have a few various options depending on event.

Working on possible classes to include a pottery night, open fire cooking, children's garb, garb 101 for newcomers, weaving for children (and adults), period cooking for allergies and so on...

**Chronicler:** The Privy is almost ready to go out. I have one financial committee meeting minutes that need to be approved before I publish the Privy. It is written and literally just needs to be sent to the webminister once I receive approval. I am omitting all pictures and articles to keep the size under 25 pages. We'll be back to the 7th of the month publication schedule in June. The last published Privy, from February, has been accessed 80 times.

This month, all of the officers will receive an e-mail asking for permission to use their contact



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information on the website and Privy, and how they want their name to be listed. Please be sure to respond.

I am looking for a replacement. I am burned out and need to take a step back and rejuvenate.

**Grete Boke:** Absent. No report sent.

**Web Minister:** I have been updating the website. I keep hearing that there is someone who is willing to take my position, but I haven't seen her at a meeting yet. It was noted that Suvia has indicated interest, but has been traveling nearly constantly since the beginning of the year.

**Chirurgion:** VACANT. If you are interested in the position contact Kenji and Mathea.

**Chatelaine:** Ceilidh happened. It was a light attendance of 28. It was a potluck, and everyone went home full. Milda and Nicola won the table decorating contest. We had a mini court, and our herald and Gold Key swore in as officers.

I have a new deputy. Elena Marnach's husband Williame Dausoune Forester will be my contingency deputy. Marcus will still be my coastal deputy but is unable to be my contingency deputy due to work.

I met few newcomers at Bar Gemels. They were from the coast and were handled by my deputy. My deputy had nothing to report.

I am endeavoring to put together a coastal BBQ/gathering. Possible date is July 13th ( Sunday). I am looking at sites.

**Gold Key:** I have begun implementing a new check-out system for Gold Key

that involves whoever is checking out a piece of garb to hold onto that garment's ID tag and recording the name and phone number of whoever is borrowing it. We tried it at Bar Gemels with limited success, as there wasn't much call for Gold Key at the event. All of the garb that is in regular rotation currently has a tag and ID number. I'm trying to work out how best to apply this system to our feast gear, which is oddly more in-demand than the garb.

Also, I now have an official set of dishes for Gold Key in a pattern that reflects the colors of the barony. I hope to phase out other items I have accumulated/donated as prizes and newcomer goodies so that Gold Key's feast gear can be easily recognizable.

Scribe: I will be stepping down at the May business meeting. Held monthly meeting at IKE Box, 229 Cottage St. NE, Salem. If someone cannot step up, I cannot hold the Wednesday meeting. Fortune will help keep the scribal nights going through the next 3 months maximum. She cannot take the office on permanently.

Family Activities Coordinator: We held the Youth Championship at Bar Gemels. Unfortunately, due to sicknesses and mundane issues we only had 4 kids competing this year. They all brought their best and worked hard all day long. The ultimate winner was Alistair of Mugdock. In between the scheduled events all of the families on site came by off and on to participate in the various craft opportunities. I also went to Faire in the Grove in Dragon's Mist and spent most of the Saturday assisting with the Family activities booth.

### Past Events

Bar Gemels April 25-27, 2014: I am still working on the final report. Gate and feast income were \$3881 and costs were approximately \$2500. This gives an approximate net income of \$1381. Fundraiser for the regalia fund pulled in \$269.

This was a rough event. There were a lot of people who had specific roles at the event that ended up having family emergencies or illnesses. There were a lot of people that jumped in at the last minute, and you have my thanks!

There were definitely some hiccups with the kitchen. Going from the same kitchen maven for 5 years straight to someone new, we will need to get some things figured out there.

A complaint was made that the person running the kitchen was not sanitary due to her attire and lack of a hair net.

Baroness Ainslee proposed that we have a Bar Gemels meeting where people who normally do not come to business meetings could attend and discuss what they would like to see at Bar Gemels. There have been some on social media that indicate this might be helpful. The idea was tabled until the next meeting.

### Upcoming Events

**Long & Short, June 4-6, 2014:** The good news is that most of the elements of Long and Short seem to be falling into place. The not-quite-bad news is that there are still several things that need to be taken care of between now and the event in two weeks.

First, we have tournament details worked out for the Archery and Heavy Championships, and Rapier's



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details are solidified if not written down as yet. Iurii has been fabulous in getting everything put together, including brand new targets to match the Rapier Tourney's Princess Bride Theme. We will need to procure hay bales for the targets' backstops, but Debbie at Parks has approved their use, provided we clean up any hay bits that might come loose. It was recommended that Fidelia contact Tassi to get a good price on straw or hay bales.

We are in need of someone to run Lists. I have talked to a few people already and have received two maybes and a no, so if anyone would like to volunteer as a definite yes, we'd really appreciate it.

I have not received word from any merchants as yet, but will be sending out a request for merchants and teachers later this week to the TP and Summits mailing lists.

I'm going over the final layout of the site map and will likely need to borrow tents/pavilions from the populace for the Children's Activities area and the A&S area. If you have any such shade/inclement weather shelters, please let me know. Ulf and Duessa may be able to provide one for Children's Activities, so Fidelia will check with them.

We will be having a planning meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 at IKE Box for anyone who would like to volunteer or help out in any way. We'll be discussing safety signage for archery, the logistics of the A&S Meet and Greet (ribbons!), picnic area decorations (more ribbons!), the Baroness Social, and the menu/meat for the potluck, among other things.

**Marion County fair, July 10-14, 2014:** Fortune hasn't heard back from the fairgrounds.  
**Toledo Summer Festival July 25-27,**



Diego Rodriquez de Cordoba and Taraneh Al Zahra at March Coronet (before becoming the Heirs to the Alpine Throne).

**2014:** Cancelled. Marcus cannot get the time off.

**Canterbury Renaissance Faire July 26-27, 2014:** They want us to come back, but they haven't responded to Fortune's e-mails since the end of April.

**Prelude to War August 8-10, 2014:** Nothing new to report.

**State Fair August, 23-24, 2014:** Nothing new to report.

**Acorn War, September 5-7, 2014:** Duke Amalric is not sure what he needs. Simon is going to run their gate. Mistress Tamar is looking for teachers.

**Martinmas, November 2, 2014:** There have been no bids. We NEED bids ASAP!

### Old Business

**Customary revisions:** Postponed until next month's business meeting.

**Fund-raising ideas:** Garage sale. We

are looking at doing a Coastal Ceilidh on the same weekend that was proposed last month. Tabled until the next meeting.

**Kingdom Event Exploratory Committee:** No action.

**Gate FAQ:** No action.

**Social Media Presence:** Our Facebook group has been changed to a recognized Facebook page. We have also set up a "fan" Facebook page, meant to be our face for the public. The Chatelaine is currently running the page. The Chronicler will send the Chatelaine the list of people we have model release forms. We need a Social Media officer. Anyone interested would need to be comfortable with Facebook, as this is the medium the Barony seems to have gravitated toward.

### New Business

**Society board of directors:** the Director of the Board of Directors has stepped down. He put an open letter on his status in facebook today tendering his resignation.

**House of the Empty Challis:** This is an unofficial house that is launching at An Tir/West War. They are to eventually be in every kingdom throughout the Knowne World. The Empty Chalice is a group of 'non-imbibers' that gather for encouragement and support for one another. They wish to aid and assist those who want to live the SCA dream without fear or discomfort of losing what they have worked so hard and long to achieve - their sobriety. You can find more information in the Facebook SCA group.

**Meeting ended:** 9:10 pm.





## June Business Meeting Minutes

### Terra Pomaria Officers Meeting— June 16, 2014

**Meeting Start:** 7:05 pm

**In Attendance:** Melannei Athenaios, Fidelia Hawkwood, Madelena von Frieberg, Emelyn Fulredy, Simon Swanbourne, Acacia Gryffyn, Mealla an Duna, Ulf the Wanderer, Kezia Murdock, Alyn Trewpeny, Fortune verch Thomas, Nichollaa Blackwolf, Milda de'Hay, Amira di Lupo, Egen Brauer Von Regensburg, Mathea Volpella da Perusia, Elena Marnach, Williame Dausoune Forrester, and Tassi hestamathr. **Attending via Google Hangout:** Ainslee Goldheart, Rowan Spiritwalker, Alail Horsefriend.

Minutes taken by: Melannei Athenaios

### Baron and Baronessa's Opening

**Words:** Their Excellencies are unable to be here tonight. Her Excellency is trying to attend via the google hangout. They have also provided words: Greetings all, We hope everyone is enjoying their eventing season so far. Long and Short was a great event. There have been so many compliments paid that we would like to pass on to the stewards and all of the great people who made the event successful. Thank you Fidelia and Milda and crew. We have a busy season ahead. And Terra Pomaria has the honor of being home to our very soon to be Prince and Princess, Sir Diego and Lady Taraneh! We hope to see more people coming to events throughout the season. When there are camping events that we are attending we will do our best to arrange a Group area for members of the Barony if there is enough interest in each event. Currently that is AT/W War and Coronation. Thank you to those who have been

making recommendations and we look forward to hearing from more people about the great deeds of the people of Terra Pomaria, thanks to all of you the wordfame of Our Barony is conituing to grow and grow. Soon it will swell to bring fear to Our \*two-headed furry\* cousins to the south. And with war on the brink, they should fear us! We look forward to a great season everyone!

### Officer Reports

**Seneschal:** Mostly quiet this month; Long and Short had no major drama.

Quarterly reports are due July 31. I recommend that you get them in much sooner.

I have had some questions regarding officer records. For all records, I should have copies of three things in the Seneschal files: blue card, driver's license, and the Change of Officer form. Every time you renew your membership, I need to get a copy of the blue card. If you move and update your driver's license, please send me your new license. Electronic copies are fine, as long as they're legible. Driver's licenses are always kept under the Seneschals.

If you have business with the financial committee, please send them to the financial committee a few days before the business meeting, as we need 2-3 days, pre

**Social Media Deputy-VACANT:** This office needs to be under the seneschal. If you are interested The social media deputy will need to coordinate with the Chatelaine's office and the Webminister office. This is a cutting edge position. Terra Pomaria is one of the first local branches in An Tir to enter the Social Media ground.

**Family Activities Coordinator:** Long and Short was very successful in the family activities. Since all of the classes were right next door in the A&S tent and the fighting could be seen from the tables, we did not have any abandoned kids. The children had a great time coloring wooden lion masks and paper crowns. We had so many kids we actually ran out of masks! My plans for croquet fell apart and it became a game of just hit the ball around but don't hit each other.

My background check expires this summer. My wife has just ordered paperwork for both of us, and we'll mail them in at the same time.

Once the YAFA program gets going, I will be looking for a successor. I want to stay in office to get that going.

It has been confirmed that the Family Activities Coordinator is the Seneschal's deputy. This changes nothing other than FAC should keep the seneschal in the loop if he does Family activities for another group.

**Exchequer:** Statement balance as of 5/31/14 was \$11,434.96. Our balance as of 6/16/14 is \$11,939.88 \$574.57 of which is Ithra's. We also have \$1090 in the Regalia fund. This gives us a general fund balance of \$10,275.31.

Melannei noted that the gate count at Long & Short was \$29 short. Most likely an adult was entered on the sheet but money wasn't collected accidentally. The other \$11 we weren't able to find the cause, but could have been a matter of incorrect change.

**Chamberlain:** May & June have been rather busy from a variety of angles; the biggest event on our calendar, of course, was Long & Short at Adair



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Park last weekend. Melannei has provided me with a list of goods returned to the shed after the event, and mentioned there were other goods being returned by others.

Our new Defender Babe, Leora the Red, met with myself and Baroness Ainslee briefly to describe her plans to refurbish the lining of the Defender cloaks. She plans to donate her time and supplies.

Still planning to get together the Regalia Committee; time is in short supply for almost everyone leading up to Investiture and the War, even with school out. We may end up trying out an online meeting tool; I'm still exploring that, but my work has gotten really busy since last weekend and will likely be so until the end of the month.

I don't have any unusual expenditures nor projects in train right now.

**Librarian:** Nothing with the library has changed. it's still in my care and I still plan to continue on as Librarian. Other things just need to be settled first so I can refocus. If you want to check something out, there is a partial list of books on the baronial website, and you can contact me to look through the rest or to check one out.

**Heavy Marshall:** Absent. No injuries to report for practice this month. Practices have been between 2-4 heavy fighters. I'm ecstatic to report that Lady Azizah is back to fighting health! We had one new fighter (old returning fighter) come to last week's practice. I'm currently working on trying to get them to come to more.

I'm giving everyone fair warning, the first practice in July is being canceled due to west war. It shouldn't be an issue however because I don't know

of any fighters from our barony who are not going!

This upcoming Thursday I have a feeling will be light on heavy fighters. Sir Rustam and Azizah are at practice at 3M's practice so I'm sure they will not attend. I will be at practice in-case anyone wants to fight however.

**Rapier Marshall:** Once again, the fighter practices have been going well. No issues to report. I am still waiting for confirmation on my marshal status. We have one Senior and 2 junior marshals in the area,



The Tanist of the Summits practicing his technique with the children at Bar Gemels.

currently. Long and short was a great success. The victor was Luciano Foscarri with our own Andrew Crowe in the finals. We managed to raise \$112 that I'd like to go towards a two handed sword for our loaner gear. I got a quote from Armand for a basic two handed sword for \$300. It's a great price. Since they usually run \$400 to \$450.

Golden Apple this month was fun. It was a Water of Life tournament. The victor was Simon Swanbourne. He won a great heraldry book donated by Andrew. Next month's Golden Apple will be on July 10th.

**List Mistress:** At Long & Short 9 people fought in the heavy

tournament. Of those, 4 fought for the championship. Weylyn Middleton is our new Heavy Champion. William Christofore is our new Archery champion. We are unsure what has happened to the list report for archery.

**Target Archery-VACANT:** We have one applicant, Keziah Murdock. She is a Junior Archery Marshall and working on her thrown weapons marshal. She can make it out to the coast about once per month and would love to include the other side of the mountains in archery. She has been playing for just over a year.

We have a practice site near Aumsville. As soon as it is approved by a senior marshal or baronial TAM we can have an official practice. Peder got his junior target marshal at Long & Short. We have at least two senior marshals in the area, Tassi and Baron Gawin in the area.

After a brief discussion the officers agreed that they do not have any reservations regarding Keziah taking the office.

**Equestrian Marshall:** Next practice will be June 28th at the Hernandez Ranch. Practices for the year will be updated on the website.

**Youth Armed Combat-VACANT:** Williame and Elena are both working on becoming YAC marshalls.

**Herald:** If you have not heard from me about your submission, check with me. I do worry about things getting lost. There's been some satisfying movement in our local submissions. Tassi's name and arms have gone on to the Laurel level for commentary, so congrats and good luck to her as she enters the final few months!



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We've also seen the arms for Eiríkr skreyja go up on OSCAR. Somebody quickly caught a conflict that I had totally missed, but it seems likely that we'll be able to obtain a letter of permission to conflict. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

I want to remind everyone to consider writing a Blanket Letter of Permission to Conflict. It's absolutely fine if you don't want to, but many people don't know that they exist. :) This still protects your armory from anyone registering an exact copy, but it helps out by opening up more possibilities for other people's registrations. For example, our Eiríkr's proposed device is a green field, with a red chevron fimbriated in white. The one it was found in conflict with has a gold field with black brickwork outlines, and a plain red chevron. It's amazing how unlike two things can look while still being considered heraldically related—the only difference that "counts" between these two is the background color! So if you've never thought about Blanket Permission to Conflict before, please think about it now, and I can help you make it happen. It's free!

I'm continuing to get lots of contacts about everyone's names and arms, and it continues to delight me. There are a lot of great ideas out there in Terra Pomaria. I'm looking forward to next month, when I'll be able to report on the four members of the barony whose submissions have begun the process so far in June. Or maybe more! If you've finished filling out your forms, don't forget to send them in!

Check the OP to make sure everything you think you have received is on there. Sometimes there are holes.

Who got awards at long & Short?

Weylyn and Leora got Bengalgard. Ji'lid became a member of the Hasel-note. Santinis received a Ruby Gimstone for service, Weylyn got an Emerald Gimstone for martial contributions. William Christofore is our new Archery Champion and Weylyn Middleleson is the new Heavy Champion.

**Arts & Sciences:** Since the last Business meeting lots has happened for A&S!

First thank you all for allowing me to step into this position. I am very excited about this new journey.

Egen hosted and taught a wonderful Banner Painting Class at the May A&S night. I was not able to attend but the feedback was amazing and there is enough interest that we will be looking into having another opportunity for this class.

At the Long & Short of It the Regalia was passed on and is now in my possession. We are still working on the email transition but hopefully it should be finished by the Business Meeting.

The June A&S night falls the same week as An Tir/West War so we will be canceling June. I would love to give Egen and Mathea a break for a month or two before taking them up on their offer to hold project nights at their home.

I am working on Setting up a regular A&S night in Lincoln County. We are leaning towards a Wednesday night for the Summer Months and then an Available Sunday during the winter.

I am also working with Fortune on her Summer Project out in Lincoln County to have some A&S displays or activities.

If you are in the Valley and are willing to host the A&S nights please let me

know. I need a contingency deputy and a deputy that might be willing to hold A&S nights in the Valley.

We will keep the A&S nights in the Valley the same as is on the website.

**Chronicler:** The Privy has resumed publication. The March-May issue went out at the beginning of this month. I am currently running late on the June Privy, but it will be going out this week.

I have gained permission to publish a few articles from out-of-kingdom writers, but I am still looking for articles written by our local populace.

I would like to step down from this office. I am past my 2-year-term and need a break. It requires that you attend business meetings and take notes, or arrange to have someone take notes for you, send out those notes to the yahoo group, and send out a newsletter once a month. Currently the barony has a laptop that you can use for these purposes. Please contact me if you are interested in the office to discuss.

**Grete Boke:** Absent. Nothing will be going on for the summer. Soma is looking at a way of sharing photos, including social media. Mathea will work with Soma regarding Social Media.

**Web Minister:** I think I am caught up on changes with updates on the website. Suvia was interested in the office, but as she has now been tapped to be the Summits Seneschal, she is not available. If you are interested in the position, Kenji is well over his 2 year term. It is a job that you do not have to be in the Willamette Valley to do!

**Chirurgeon: VACANT.** If you are interested in the position contact



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Kenji and Mathea. No news on the Society's decision regarding keeping or disbanding the chirurgionate.

**Chatelaine:** It's summer that means it's Tourney season! It also seems to mean that it is DEMO season! Let the games begin!

No Ceilidh this month. We are nearing the time period where I either need to renew our contract at Salem heights Hall, or find a new location. We are contracted through December, but it can take quite a while to set up a new contract. If you have any info, insights, questions, please let me know me. At Long and Short there were several newcomers. I talked to many, as did my deputy. The scavenger hunt went well. I am thinking of having a SCA history class at celidh in the fall.

My deputy Marcus has resigned due to life. This is sad, but I understand.

**Gold Key:** Nothing major to report. About half a dozen items were loaned out during Long and Short and have all been returned. The new tag system appears to be working well. Visual inventory will be worked on some time this summer. It doesn't appear to be adding much complications at gate. If you have anything you would like to donate, I would be happy to take them. I need floor length chemises. It would be nice to have men's pants as well. Perhaps scrub pants or pajama pants, with a drawstring waist would be helpful. I have space to store and bring them. Pants are super easy to sew, so it would be great to have a sewing day to do. Elena is looking at doing something like that for A&S.

**Scribe:** Scribal night last month, we had ten people. Half the people were putting together necklaces for

Largess, the other half were doing scribally things. We all had a good time. Scribal night is this week, Wednesday. I have cards for people to paint. I don't have much for charters right now. That's normal for this stage in a reign. From baronial supplies, I had 1 original and 2



Somatra Devi at the archery range at Bar Gemels.

charter given at Long & Short. I am working on a master for one charter for the barony. I am going to submit a request to print charters as we are running low.

### Past Events

**Bar Gemels April 25-27, 2014:** I am very close to having the final report. I thought I had it but just got the definite numbers from the exchequer and they are different, so I need to find the differences and fix the report.

My earlier estimation on numbers was incorrect. It appears to have been missing our people who pre-reg'd. There were 198 people on site.

The kitchen brought in \$1018 dollars and gate brought in \$2863. With the Regalia fundraiser of \$269. the event brought in a total of \$4150. With expenses of \$2551.83, this left us a profit of \$1598.17. That's more than half our operating budget for the year!

There were several complaints about the kitchen, regarding rudeness and attire of the staff and the lateness of the meals. The feedback has been addressed with the head of kitchen. Since Karise has moved, I don't think she would want to cook for Bar Gemels again, but if it did come up I would strongly recommend a front end manager to handled the buffet line.

I have discussed the kitchen with Mhairi, who recommends having a kitchen team with no one person in charge of more than two meals and working support staff for one more. A coordinator is good, but It's too much for one person to handle all the meals.

It was asked if the tavern kitchen in Bar Gemels still works, as there were many staffing issues in the kitchen. There was an apparent lack of volunteers in the kitchen, but there were volunteers that felt that they were being turned away.

We didn't have any activities on Sunday, due to a lack of sign-ups and/or rain. I'd recommend, to ease our schedule and to make the most use of our time, that we try putting some very popular activities on Sunday. For example, we have a dedicated rapier community. I think we could count on them to attend for a Sunday rapier tournament.

Despite the difficulties, it seemed like most people had fun. I want to send out a big thank you again to everyone who helped make it



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happen. I will have my final report at the meeting.

We want to have a Bar Gemels brainstorming session, to discuss what people want to see in Bar Gemels. Wednesday July 9th 7:00 pm.

**Long & Short, June 4-6, 2014:** An official report will be submitted later this month. In the meantime:

There were 105 bodies through the gate, including 73 paying adults, 20 NMS, 17 comps, 14 children, and 1 youth. There were 23 "tents" including the semi-truck belonging to our visitor from afar.

The good news is, we made money! Not much, but it appears that we are \$115.91 in the black, including reconciliation discrepancies and a tithe to Coeur du Val.

Check requests are being given to Simon tonight for biffies and meat. Other requests (site copy printing, last-minute salad and veggies, tithe) will be sent as soon as the link to the online form is working. If you need reimbursement and have not talked to me, please let me know.

We are unsure what has happened to the list report for archery. Kirstin and I are currently tracking it down. Reports for Heavy and Rapier have already been sent to me. I also want to suggest doing the War Practice on Saturday and Rapier on Sunday.

It was recommended facing court toward archery or the parking lot to avoid the sun in eyes.

### Upcoming Events

**Montessori Discovery Center, June 18, 2014:** A lady approached me at Long and Short to come to her school this week. Due to a computer

failure at her end I didn't get all the info until yesterday. The demo will take place at 1:30pm on Wednesday June 18th at Montessori Discovery Center at 1055 Electric Avenue SE. The demo is an educational demo for 3-9yos. They are learning about the middle ages and just finished a unit on the fall of the roman empire. Specifically what she is looking for is "Whatever time period is your specialty would work out just fine...the kids will love anything you present about everyday life and the inter-workings of how everybody worked together." Fairly broad. I was planning on bringing my period board games, clothing, weaving, painting and an armor bits people can loan me. No weapons allowed in the school. Fortune will put out a NOT SPECIFIC call out on the lists and Facebook.

### **Coastal Ceilidh/BBQ, July 13, 2014:**

The two site options are Fogerty Creek and Gleneden. Fogerty Creek is preferable. They are both \$150 unless we have more than 50 people, which would make it \$1 each person.

I hope that the barony will be willing to provide the main dish, and have the rest of the food be potluck. I would also like \$150 to provide hamburgers, buns, condiments. This is an estimate, I haven't been able to price things yet. I won't be advertising the food to the public, it's more to feed the volunteers. Probably feeding 50 people. I have access to two portable barbeques.

There is an activities website in Lincoln county to advertise, There's also free advertising on the radios.

The goal of this is a SCA BBQ/ Coastal Ceilidh. Garb is encouraged, not required. I do not know if we can have fighter practice yet. We can't stick anything in the ground, but we

can use the indoor blocks if we can do fighter practice. We also cannot have projectiles.

This is a potential site for camping in the future. If we offer services after a positive event, we may get discounts in the future.

Tentative time frame is 1:00 until Sunset.

### **Canterbury Renaissance Faire July 26-27, 2014:**

I Finally heard back from them. They need us to fill out forms, and get them back ASAP. What I need to know right now for the is how big of a space we need, and what tents and such are available. I have a few more weeks to get our gate list put together. Looking for 2 marshalls. I need a Rapier marshal onsite and a heavy marshal onsite. fighting will be for demo purposes. No Non-carded fighters allowed. (there are a few loopholes to this, but I'll talk to the marshalls about it) Nothing non period allowed to be visible. Looking to demo as many A&S as possible, and the apparently really liked us having period board games and such there. I'd like to do the same thing we did last year, \$100 for food water and ice for the volunteers.

Last year we had a demo camp of what a medieval camp would look like. People could walk through the camp to see what things looked like. We can get our gate list in free. Minors are welcome, as long as their toys are period. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know. I MUST have commitments by July 21st. I can put you on the gate list for one day if you can only make one.

### **Prelude to War August 8-10, 2014:**

No updates. Almost everything is worth War Points! Volunteering, making someone laugh, shenanigans, winning a competition, participation! Bring people from the



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surrounding areas and we'll get more points! I will have more information before the next business meeting. Do stuff! Win Points! Help our side win the WAR! Correction: Aggressive Negotiations!

**State Fair August, 23-24, 2014:** Fortune has no idea on the details yet. She will most likely be out of town, so Kenji will be handling the demo. Kenji is not at the meeting.

**Acorn War, September 5-7, 2014:** I have not heard from Duke Amalric.

**Yoshikai elementary:** This demo will happen in the fall. It is unknown if it is an all-school demo or if it's just a few classrooms. It may be an evening in the fall, an assembly in the gym, or small demos in certain classes. The principal is excited about it though. More details to follow.

**Martinmas, November 2, 2014: NO BIDS!** We have a sad seneschal. Please talk to Mathea if you are interested and she can help you get a bid together.

**Bar Gemels, April 24-26, 2015:** Accepting bids until August business meeting.

**Long & Short, June 5-7, 2015:** Accepting bids until October business meeting.

### Old Business

**Customary revisions:** Tabled until next business meeting.

**Fund-raising ideas:** Tabled until next business meeting.

**Kingdom Event Exploratory Committee:** No activity since last month.

**Gate FAQ:** No activity since last month.

**Social Media Presence:** We have an official discussion facebook group and a fan page that Fortune has been posting too. Elena says being a Social media deputy (which we need) is not hard, and she is happy to help anyone who takes the job. She cannot take the job as she has a Kingdom level social media position.

**Officer's Guide to Reporting:** Mathea is really close to a first draft.

**Event Guide:** No action on this.

### New Business

None.

Meeting ended: 8:59 p.m.

## Bar Gemels Lost & Found

These are the lost and found items from Bar Gemels. If any of them are yours, please contact me at [melilou.mitch@gmail.com](mailto:melilou.mitch@gmail.com) and I will be happy to arrange its return!

Yours in Service,

Melannei Athenaios  
Event Steward





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### Terra Pomaria Officers Meeting— June 21, 2014

**Meeting Start:** 7:02 pm

**In Attendance:** Melannei Athenaios, Williame Davisoune Forester, Elena Marnach, Berte le Webbere, Eirikr Skreya, Misty Thorsgard, Fidelia Hawkwood, Santinus Contarini, Simon Swanbourne, Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne, Alail Horsefriend, Emelyn Fulredy, Magdalena von Frieberg, Keziah Murdock, Mathea Volpella Perusia, Diego Rodrigues, Ainslee Goldheart, Tassi, Ulf the Wanderer, Maude, Iskander ibn Jalid, Fortune verch Thomas, Alna Trewpeny, Christian the Grey. **Attending remotely:** No one during the meeting.

Minutes taken by: Melannei Athenaios

### Baron and Baronessa's Opening

**Words:** We had a good time at Coronation. It's going to be a really fun reign. Since Their Majesties have been a Baron and Baroness they are very Baron/Baroness friendly and it is going to be an exciting reign.

Canterbury Renaissance Faire is this weekend. It should be a lot of fun!

### Officer Reports

**Seneschal:** Please get your Quarterly reports in. So far I have only received 2. Fortune indicates that she was asked to give a verbal report at Coronation. We did a follow-up meeting at Bar Gemels. We had a really productive and focused discussion. I will let Melannei cover that when she wraps up Bar Gemels.

**Social Media Deputy-VACANT:** We need someone who is Facebook savvy. Anybody interested please get in touch with me and Their

Excellencies.

**Family Activities Coordinator:** Life has been quiet in the last month. My only update from Family Activities is that my new background check came back and I already sent a copy to the seneschal e-mail. Kingdom events are going to be free for all minors for a year. This will be a trial run and then they will see if they want to adopt it permanently. It is before the finance committee for the Summits as well and looks likely to pass. We haven't heard anything on the YAFA badges.

**Exchequer:** I would like to discuss mirroring Kingdom's policy for children site fees. This really is an investment in the future of the SCA. We will also discuss day fees at the same time as there have been some complaints regarding not having them. Statement balance as of 6/30/14 was \$12,101.38. Our balance as of 7/16/14 is \$11,897.10 \$574.57 of which is lthra's. We also have \$1090 in the Regalia fund. This gives us a general fund balance of \$10,436.81. I am halfway through my third year as exchequer and I am looking for a successor. I can only do 4 years, so I really need to have time to train them.

**Chamberlain:** This month I went to the baronial shed with the new baronial archery marshal, Keziah, in our hunt for any archery equipment. She took away with her a few things she might find useful, and my advice to consider asking the barony's populace at large for a possible donation of a long measuring tape for the range. Sir Alail also suggested using that tape to make a couple of permanent rope or cloth "range measures" that can be stored and stretched out each time instead of

borrowing or using a measuring tape each time. I believe Somatra offered use of the necessary tape. The Baron & Baroness also had more of the archery gear after Long & Short, so Keziah now knows what is there and can begin to plan her practices accordingly.

I attended the Bar Gemels debrief and one of the things we discussed was buying something like Harbor Freight canvas tarps to make some drapings that can be used to create the now-desired tunnel of chow in front of the kitchen window for food plan diners to pass through. Another item that came up was the desirability of purchasing some cooking aprons for the barony, which I would like to do as soon as possible.

A final item is that Sir Alail and I took our wooden cart to Coronation, and it seemed to be the hit of the event; two things are coming out of that. One is that I playfully suggested a donation to the Terra Pomaria Regalia Fund as cart rent, and I have \$5 to donate to that cause as a result; the second is that Sir Alail is now pondering a class on building your own cart for those interested parties. It breaks down flat, and he had to make it for no-drive-on-grounds events because I kept tipping over the single-wheel barrow he had previously.

**Librarian:** Absent. No report sent.

**Heavy Marshall:** No injuries at practice to report other than normal bumps and bruises! We have had 3-5 fighters every week we have had practices. We have had two non-carded fighters coming out every few weeks that seem excited about fighting. They fit well and I'm working on keeping that excitement going so



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they continue with our game!

One change that is being implemented immediately at practice is work has come down from earl marshal, all fighters carded and non carded will need to sign in with me before practice begins. I will work over the next week to get an extra marshal binder to Peder so in the event I am not on site we still can have practice. I have clarification that I do not need to witness the signatures as long as a marshal of any discipline is there we are good.

We have missed two practices in the last month due to major events on those weekends. I want to make sure everyone knows I don't foresee this happening again in the next month. We have some nice fighting events coming up but I don't see them interrupting our Thursday fun!

Anyone with Hockey gloves needs to change their hand protection. They have been outlawed for 3 years. Please donate them to the YAC folks as they are perfectly legal there.

**Rapier Marshall:** Practices have been going well. Happily, no incidents or injuries to report. We are averaging 8 people per practice. Talbot and Kat have been coming to visit us, helping to teach and practice. The Golden Apple was fun. The victor was Kenji! Next Golden Apple will be August 14th.

I recieved notification through list that they just needed one more form to process my elevation to Senior. When that passes, I will start promoting those who wish to be elevated to junior, with Don Andrew Crowe.

On that note, for those who have not heard, Andrew Crowe has been elevated to the Order of the White Scarf. This happened at An Tir West war.

Don't forget, Canterbury is this

weekend, and we have quite a few volunteers coming for Rapier. It will be fun.

**List Mistress:** Absent. Mhairi's term is expired. She needs a successor. If you are interested please send an e-mail of intent to the seneschal, their Excellencies, Mhairi and Weylyn.



Tanista Taraneh Al Zahra at Bar Gemels

**Target Archery:** It was a quiet month on the archery front, as I have not been in office long. We had 1 official practice. 5 people attended. 2 people shot for scores and the scores were reported. There were no injuries requiring medical attention.

I have not been approached by any newcomers and have been given some feedback about practice times and days. The goal for archery and thrown weapons at this time is to get us established and practicing. Our current location, while not the best for the majority of the population is a fantastic site with the possibility of

being able to host indoor practices during the off season.

I have received a \$20 donation to buy paper targets, so I have purchased them.

Bera is going to throw away the styrofoam targets in the shed that are falling apart. There were no objections.

Melannei has three thrown weapons rounds (without the stand) in her garage. The stand itself is in the shed.

At Long & Short lurii assembled & donated two new metal bow stands for Terra Pomaria's archery gear. The Archery Championship went very smoothly, and he wanted to thank Fidelia, Their Excellencies and all who helped in big and small ways for all of your help and support.

**Equestrian Marshall:** Last practice was in June 28th. We had 3 riders, 4 horses and 3 spectators. Next practice is scheduled for July 26th, but will need to be canceled due to weather and health reasons on my part.

**Youth Combat Marshall: VACANT.** No current interest. Anybody who is interested please let Mathea, Weylyn, and Their Excellencies know. This office does require a background check, and Mathea can get that going for you if you would like take this office.

**Herald:** Early in the month, we had four Barony members enter the system: the soon-to-be Prince and Princess with their names and arms, Lynneva Jacob, and Santinus Contarini. Congrats and good luck to them! Even more people rolled in in July, so there will be more of this sort of good news to announce in the next newsletter too. Alas, a few



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delays in the pipeline have continued but as of this publication I've received e-mails from all but one of the people I was waiting on, so hooray! Hope springs eternal. The only loose thread now is Milda's lost paperwork, but we're working on that and we'll get to the bottom of it soon. Long & Short was awesome. I'm starting to get to know the people who most enjoy doing different sort of work and match them up with it, which is a great boon. At this event I got some good practice in with running all over the site gathering information for court--and rearranging it on the fly, too! That was a lot of fun.

**Arts & Sciences:** July has been a slow month. We canceled our June A&S due to West/An Tir War.

I would like to make Misty Thorsgard my Deputy. Misty lives on this side of the mountain pass so if I am not able to make it here, she should still be able to. Misty enjoys later period garb. She would not take on the contingency deputy position. Egen will take that position.

Our Next A&S night is scheduled for July 28th at 7pm. This will be a project and visiting night. We are in need of a location. Mathea and Egen

We would like to add a Coastal A&S night to our calendar with our first one scheduled for August 13th at 6pm. (Location to be determined) . The Lincoln City Library will allow us to use a room free of charge unless we want to bring food because we are a not-for-profit.

We also have an August 25th Valley night scheduled. The plan is a largesse work party and project night. If you are interested in hosting please let me know.

We are also looking at a Once a

Quarter A&S day in The Grande Ronde Area. This would start with September and then Again in December. These would take place at the Grande Ronde Tribal Community Center. This rents for \$50 for non-tribal members however Eirikr Skreya has offered to reserve it for free when we want to use it. This is a very big site.

Prior to the Coastal Ceilidh I taught and informal quick clamming class and Egen turned the fruits of his labors into an amazing fun dish to share with all at the event. If anyone else is interested in this please let me know. As long as I have a couple weeks notice I can arrange to teach anyone willing to come visit. All diggers must have an Oregon Shellfish license. They are \$7 for the remainder of the year and you can buy them at any sporting goods store.

There are several people on the coast that are interested in Inkle Weaving.

Mathea is putting all of these dates on the google calendar so we can keep track of it.

**Chronicler:** The Privy has not gone out. I am working on getting it out ASAP. I need a successor and soon. I do not want to leave the Barony in the lurch, but it is very clear my family's needs will not allow me to keep it much longer. The office requires that you take notes at the business meetings, publish those notes on the lists within a week, and then publish the Privy once a month. We've eliminated a great deal of the paperwork by making the Privy an online newsletter. Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested in the position.

I am partly through contacting all the

officers to confirm the information they want in the Privy and the internet. This includes contact information. If I haven't contacted you, I will be doing so soon. It is vital that everyone respond even if the information is correct so that we have a written record of your permission.

Melannei was recognized in court at Coronation for excellence in service as Chronicler. Yes, she is willing to train a replacement.

**Grete Boke:** Nothing to report.

**Web Minister:** I have not received any new updates to the web site and have not done much work on it this month otherwise. On a side note the principality officer has stepped down and the position is now taking applications for a replacement.

It was noted at the meeting that Check request form on our website has a broken link. Tassi said that the Populace form on the website seems to be working.

**Chirurgion:** VACANT. No word on whether this office will be continuing yet. If you are interested in the office, please contact Mathea or Kenji (the principality chirurgion).

**Chatelaine:** We were contacted via the newcomers portal by 2 newcomers. I've replied to both via email as well as by phone to one gentleman. I haven't seen them at anything yet, but I hope to soon.

**Gold Key:** Nothing to report! Distracted by school and surgery. Will have more hopefully in September.

**Scribe-VACANT:** We've had 2 scribal nights since the last business meeting. Evening one had 8 people, 4 of which were painting cards.



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Evening 2 had 4 people...all of whom were painting. I am happy to say that there were new people to painting at both sessions.

I'm looking to design some new charters for the Barony, and am going to need to buy some supplies for our scribal box (paper towels, toothpicks...small but needed items.)

Azizah and I completed the charter designs for the Principality. Azizah's designs are beautiful and we should use her as a resource more often!

I need to step down in September, and need someone to take this office over soon. All that anyone needs to do in this job is to be at the scribal night once a month and the business meeting once a month. If a scroll needs to be done, you'd need to find someone to paint it, and Berte and Fortune are happy to provide a list of resources. You are a scribal coordinator. You don't even need to know how to paint although knowing the basics is preferred.

### Past Events

**Bar Gemels April 25-27, 2014:** The numbers provided in the last business meeting were correct. I found the errors in my report, and they did not impact the final totals. We had a wrap up meeting regarding Bar Gemels last week. The purpose of the meeting was not to focus on what was done wrong, but how things could be improved.

Clovis of Terra Pomaria has volunteered to work a Head of Kitchen if a prospective event steward does not have one lined up. This is one of the hardest jobs to fill and most important to this particular event. His contact information may not be correct in the populace directory. I have permission to pass his current contact information on to

anyone considering a bid.

Here are some key thoughts that came from the meeting:

1) Recruiting volunteers for key positions (including kitchen staff) should be done in advance, and directly. General calls work for many



Egen Brauer von Regensburg at the Pas d'armes at Bar Gemels.

things, but not kitchen staff or supervisory staff.

2) Communication within the kitchen staff is key. We recommend having directions on the wall so that unexpected help can quickly be inserted where there is a need and the kitchen head doesn't need to be constantly interrupted. This would also be helpful if the head of kitchen is unavailable to give direction. Bera is considering teaching a class on her method.

3) It is also recommended that ANY kitchen head should not have to focus on serving the populace

directly. The head of kitchen should be focused on making sure the food is being prepared correctly and in a timely manner. A front end manager is a good idea, as they can focus on making sure that area is staffed and they can be an intermediary between the populace and the head cook.

4) A bardic display during dinner just doesn't work in this hall, and many would say it doesn't fit the "feel" of Bar Gemels. The room is too crowded and people are going in and out due to the cafeteria style of the kitchen. I'd recommend doing a bardic after dinner by the fire. A bawdy bardic is popular, or perhaps doing an all ages bardic starting at 9 pm and switch to bawdy bardic at 10.

5) We don't recommend charging for beverages in the future, and being somewhat flexible on the charge for children's meals, or a meal where someone with allergies is unable to eat a large portion of what they would be charged for is also recommended. This kitchen is a big draw for attendance, and usually makes some income for the barony besides. It is more important to have a reputation for hospitality than it is to make a huge profit on meals..You could certainly put a donation jar by the beverage bar.

6) The "tavern" theme to Bar Gemels has been problematic in the past few years. There is certainly a desire to keep traditions, but we also want to be as family friendly as we can, as well as following SCA rules. A suggestion was made to talk up the "Inn at Bar Gemels" which would have the same friendly feel and focus on the kitchen that Bar Gemels is known for.

7) The Bar Wench Smackdown is problematic. Mathea has been talking to the kingdom seneschal and has received word that adult



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boffer situations should not be sponsored by the SCA in any way. It can't be on the event copy or in the official erics.

A lot of what makes the Bar Wench Smackdown popular is the people who don't heavy fight have an opportunity to do something. We want to keep that element in Bar Gemels. Suggestions for substitutions for the Smackdown would be a Caber Toss or Frying Pan Toss like at the Mountain Man events.

8) No one who chose to attend the meeting championed a return of the Bar Brawl. I know there was some discussion on Facebook of a wish to return, but the meeting was announced on Facebook specifically asking what people wanted to see at future Bar Gemels. Without having anyone willing to talk to the event staff or officers about how to deal with the safety concerns and lack of participation, it seems this is something that may need to be let go. We do recommend having a "fun" heavy tourney on Sunday especially if you are doing a Pas d'armes on the Saturday. Suggestions made were a roses tourney or ransom tourney.

9) The big canvas banners that made a tunnel over the kitchen muffled the noise of the populace, and made it easier for the kitchen staff to hear people in line. but they did make it hard to see them. It also kept falling down. The chamberlain is looking into making replacements that are lightweight and allow light in, This would also cut down on the storage space needed.

**Long & Short, June 4-6, 2014:** I have a final report but I have been having trouble getting in touch with Milda to get her approval due to my health. Nothing has changed since the last business meeting.

**Coastal Ceilidh/BBQ, July 13, 2014:** Despite Thor's wrath we had 49 people at our coastal ceilidh. Several of them were people that had heard of the SCA via word of mouth and were excited to see us. Food was eaten, games were played, clams were cooked. It was a good time and definitely a success. There were about half newcomers. There was a misunderstanding concerning whether we could rent the structure that day, but the parks told us they would not kick us out if we sat and held the structure. There were three heavy fighters, and there was a marshall-in-charge. I will check with Egen and make sure a report is filed.

### Upcoming Events

**Canterbury Renaissance Faire July 26-27, 2014:** this weekend! Gate list has been turned in. Set up is going to be on Friday afternoon. If you have the ability to help me please let me know. I'll be emailing details to those on the gate list on what is expected. Fortune requested \$100 for food and water for the volunteers at the Canterbury faire. This is the same amount approved as last year.

**Prelude to War August 8-10, 2014:** No news. Fidelia would like to step down from Liason. Baron Peder offered to take over.

**State Fair August, 23, 2014:** This gets interesting. I don't know if it's happening yet. Karin (lady in charge of Artisan village) wants us there, but this year they do not have a non-profit booth. But They LOVE us. She is working with the new people in charge of the state fair (no longer state parks) and is attempting to get us actual demo slots near their stage for Rapier or heavy demos. We would have to provide our own tents. One for a booth, and one for fighters to

ditch their stuff. She is talking to Berte and we are trying to get answers ASAP. The day would be the first Saturday of the state fair. The state fair has removed the "non-profit" tent this year but they are still interested in having us present. Fortune has more information and we are coordinating the demo. They understand that we will only be able to be there one day. We would have two demo tents. I'd like to use the Gate Pop Up and another tent that would have walls to allow fighters to hide there gear and get changed.

**Acorn War, September 5-7, 2014:** I have not heard from Duke Amalric. I will check in with him this week. They are looking for teachers of classes.

**Yoshikai elementary-fall:** I haven't heard anything, but July isn't a great month to communicate with schools.

**Martinmas, November 2, 2014:** We have a bid from Williame Dausoune Forester. The bid originally was approved by the finance committee with child site fees, but in light of the kingdom and principality decisions to waive them for a year, the officers discussed changing the site fees slightly in order to waive the child site fees. The following bid includes the site fees agreed on by the event stewards, finance committee and populace at the business meeting:

*We are proposing a bid for Martinmas held Oct 29-Nov 2. And we are presenting Fall at the Coast theme.*

### Event Stewards

*Lord Williame Dausoune Forester*

*Lady Mealla an Dunaidh*

### Feast Steward

*Lady Elena Marnach*

### Supervising Event Steward

*Fortune verch Thomas*



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### Date of Event

November 1, 2014

### Proposed Location

Lincoln City Community Center

### Site usage hours

830am-9pm

### Site provides

Exclusive use of Kitchen, Dining hall, Gym, and Classroom

Use of all tables and Chairs. Site has told us 19 rounds and 6-8 Rectangles. visit to site had about 9 rounds and 4 rectangles in the dining hall. The remainder are currently being repaired and we do not know yet if they will be done prior to the event.

We should be able to borrow tables from the SDA church next door. Member of planning team is a member (Rachelle of Terra Pomaria)

### Proposed Use of Site

Classroom for Royal Ready room

Gym for Rapier Dining Hall for Feast, Court, A&S, Games Tournament

Merchants will be set up in either Gym or Dining hall based on number requested

### Proposed Event Times

10am-7pm

### Activities to happen at event

Rapier Championship, A&S Championship, Bardic, Family activities, Table Setting Contest, and Games Tournament, Possible Largesse Competition

### Food for day

Afternoon Dayboard by Donation

### Early Evening Feast Fees

- 12 and older \$10
- 6-12yrs \$5

- 0-5yrs Free with paying adult

### Proposed Site Fees

- Adult (18 and over) \$12
- Child (17 and under) \$0

### Gate Needs

Because of the nature of this site we must have a minimum of two people at gate at all times if not more. Chatelaine is a preferred person to help with very public location. We will have printed brochures as well as an informational sign up at gate in case a Chatelaine is not available to answer questions.

### Merchanting

Allowed. Must bring own tables. Ask for Small donation to event (Prizes)

Expenses Budgeted	
Site	\$550
Feast	\$400
Printing	\$50
Site Token	\$50
Prizes	\$50
Insurance Certificate	\$50
Incidentals (décor must be hung with Command hooks or similar items)	\$50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1200</b>

Break even Income	
60 Adults Gate @ \$12 =	\$720
50 Adults Feast @ \$10 =	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1220</b>

The feast budget includes a buffer as we will be getting a donation of local seafood in season. Other proteins besides seafood will be offered and procedures will be in place to avoid

cross contamination.

We want to run an allergy friendly feast because we do have so many folks in the barony with food allergies.

Deposit needed of \$137. We are penciled in until business meeting. Remaining balance will be due 2 weeks before event.

### **Bar Gemels, April 24-26, 2015:**

Accepting bids until November business meeting. Clovis has volunteered to Run the Kitchen if needed.

### **Long & Short, June 5-7, 2015:**

Accepting bids until October business meeting.

### Old Business

**Customary revisions:** Tabled until next business meeting.

**Fund-raising ideas:** Cart Rental at events: Bera and Alail are willing to loan the cart Alail made.

### **Kingdom Event Exploratory**

**Committee:** No activity since last month.

**Gate FAQ:** The FAQ is done. We are interested having a training class. There is interest at the business meeting.

**Social Media Presence:** No further movement on this, probably until we get a Social media officer.

**Officer's Guide to Reporting:** Almost done.

**Event Guide:** No action on this.

### New Business

### **Lincoln County Library Demo-Fall:**

They want a medieval night and would like us to come and help out. Apparently they were trying to get hold of us a couple years back when we have a lot of officer turnover and



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they got lost in the shuffle. They are very interested in both having us put up posters and doing a demo. Fortune will work on contacting them.

**Baron fighting in Coronet:** Yesterday, our cousins to the south said goodbye to a member of their Barony. Baron Durin was able to take Ragnarr as his squire before his passing. That meant a lot to Ragnarr. This is a big reminder that you should not put off things you want to do until tomorrow. I have always wanted to make my Baroness a Princess. With that in mind, I would like to ask for your support when I enter the lists at September Coronet. I have no illusions as to my chances of victory, but I am entering with the intent to win.

**Pageantry at Coronet:** Amir Diego requests that you show your best at Coronet. Bring your banners, Bring your bardic. The King will be here. I would ask you to marshall our talents and our finery and make it look good. The King is putting a lot of attention toward the Summits and I would like us to return it in kind.

**Populace Directory:** Simon will get one out this month. Simon needs someone to take this project on. He is unable to do the work due to his modern job.

**Meeting ended:** 8:57 pm

## Finance Committee Minutes

**Finance committee meeting initiated via e-mail June 1, 2014** at 7:55 pm by Laura McNamar.

**E-mails were sent** to Vern Pierce, Meredith Alden, Cherie and George Beatie, Matt Shultz, Denise Van Dyke, and Melanie Mitchell.

Laura is the event steward for Long & Short 2014. She was submitting the complimentary pass list for Long & Short to be approved by the finance committee. Her message was as follows:

*Not all Royals and Visiting Nobility are confirmed to be attending, and in some cases are confirmed not to be intending, but are included just in case. Also, Kenji has said he would be willing to be CIC in addition to supervising, but is going to be looking for volunteers in the meantime.*

### Royals

Prince Aaron Duncan (confirmed attending)  
Princess Jennet MacLachlan of Loch Fyne  
Tanist Diego Rodriguez de Cordoba  
Tanista Taraneh Al Zahra

### Visiting Nobility

Adiantum Baron Durin Oldenmoor Tjorkilskin  
Adiantum Baroness Ceridwen ferch Morgan  
Dragon's Mist Baron Refr  
Dragon's Mist Baroness Svava  
Three Mt's Baron Aedan  
Three Mts Baroness Alexandria

### Event Staff Required by Customary

Baron Peder Georg Jensen  
Baroness Ainslee Goldheart  
Mathea Volpella da Perusia (Seneschal)



Ulf the Wanderer and his daughter at Family Activities during Bar Gemels.



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Kenji (Supervising Event Steward)  
 Fidelia Hawkwood (Event Steward)  
 Milda de Hay (Event Steward,  
 Volunteer Coordinator)  
 Melannei Athenaios (Deputy  
 Exchequer)

Alyna Truepenny (Lists)  
 Iurii Levchenich (Archery Champion  
 and MIC)

Weylyn Middleson (Heavy MIC)  
 Magdalena von Freiberg (Rapier  
 MIC)

Emelyn Fulredy (Herald)  
 TBA (Chirurgeon in Charge)

### Other Event Staff

Maude (Gate Coordinator)  
 Egen Brauer von Regensburg (Meat  
 Master)

Ulf the Wanderer (Youth Activities)

Vis. William Geoffrey the Rogue  
 (Warlord of the Summits – War  
 Practice)

The finance committee approved the  
 list as submitted.

**Meeting ended** June 3, 2014 at  
 12:47 pm.

**Minutes compiled from e-mail record**  
 by Melanie Mitchell.



### **Finance committee meeting began on June 6, 2014. In Attendance:**

Cherie Beatie, Laura McNamar,  
 Weylyn Middleson and Meredith  
 Alden. Additionally Melanie Mitchell  
 submitted her vote (acting as deputy  
 for Treasurer/Exchequer) via  
 facebook messaging.

Laura McNamar indicated that while  
 she had listed Iurii Levchenich as  
 Marshall in Charge of archery at  
 Long & Short when requesting  
 complimentary passes (comps), he is  
 not a Senior Marshall and had asked

Johanna Truepenny to act as MIC.  
 She requested that Johanna's name  
 be added to the comp list.

According to our financial policy the  
 Champion should have a comp to the  
 event where their successor is  
 named, and the Marshall in charge  
 of each marshallate activity should  
 have one as well.

Meredith expressed her  
 disagreement with the policy itself.  
 The finance committee approved the  
 addition to the comp list.

**Meeting ended** June 6, 2014 at 8:34  
 pm.

**Minutes compiled from facebook  
 messaging record** by Melanie  
 Mitchell.



**Finance committee meeting initiated  
 via e-mail** June 17, 2014 12:12 pm  
 by Traci Earhart.

**E-mails were sent to** Vern Pierce,  
 Meredith Alden, Cherie and George  
 Beatie, Matt Shultz, Denise Van  
 Dyke, and Melanie Mitchell.

Traci is the Chatelaine for the  
 Barony. Her message follows:

*What: Coastal Ceilidh/mini Demo*

*Where: South Fogarty Creek State  
 Park Pavillion*

*When: July 13th at 1pm*

*Further info:*

*In an effort to help unify our barony  
 and get to know all the newcomers  
 on the Coast, we are going to hold a  
 coastal Ceilidh. It is my hope to have*

*a fighter practice and BBQ. We will  
 advertise to newcomers through  
 many free avenues that available in  
 Lincoln county, and possibly through  
 the radio and newspapers. I have 2  
 parts to the budget. The BBQ is not  
 for the random public that will arrive.  
 It is feed our members and  
 volunteers. I would like the barony to  
 provide h, hotdogs, buns and  
 condiments. I'm going to ask  
 members of our barony to bring side  
 dishes and their own drinks. This  
 event is a combo baronial picnic and  
 demo. The demo part will be the  
 possible fighter practice of both  
 Rapier and Heavy depending on who  
 shows up. I will also encourage  
 people to bring period games and  
 any A&S that they wish to show off. I  
 will also be bringing the demo  
 boards and brochures.*

*Part 1: \$150- This is for the park  
 reservation. We need to pay them  
 soon.*

*Part 2: \$150- an estimate for food. I  
 am sure this is an over estimate, but  
 wished to err on the side of to much  
 rather than too little.*

*Please let me know ASAP so I can  
 confirm our reservation and pay for  
 it. If I don't do this soon, we will lose  
 our site.*

There was some discussion of  
 whether \$150 for food was too high  
 and if it should be lowered and the  
 additional funds spent on advertising  
 or printing. Traci explained that the  
 money would be paying for the  
 following items:

- Burgers
- Hotdogs
- Buns for burgers



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Buns for hotdogs  
 Mustard  
 Ketchup  
 Relish  
 Tomatoes  
 Lettuce  
 Onions  
 Cheese  
 Plates  
 Napkins  
 Silverware  
 Cups  
 Tablecloths  
 Propane for the grill



The Prince and Princess of the Summits processing into court at June Investiture.

Traci advised them that advertising was free and that she would not need to make a specific printing of brochures for this demo. If she needs brochures she will make a separate request at a later time.

The finance committee approved the rental of the structure but continued to deliberate the food budget. Traci notified the committee that we no longer needed to rent the structure, but she needed to purchase food right away.

It was noted that if we are feeding 50 people, that's \$3 per person. For cups, plates, napkins, etc., those materials can then go to the Chatelaine's office for ceilidh this fall. This was considered to be reasonable. The committee approved the \$150 expenditure for food for the coastal ceilidh.

**Meeting ended** July 9, 2014 at 12:57 pm.

**Minutes compiled from e-mail record** by Melanie Mitchell.

## Archery Practice!

I am Keziah Murdock, the brand new Target Archery Marshal. Official Archery practices are up and running!

Practice Dates: August 15

Range Address: 8457 Darley Rd SE

September 12

Aumsville, OR 97325

September 26

These are all on Fridays from 6 pm to 8 pm or so. Other Fridays at the range are available for unofficial practice. Come join us!

Coastal People! I would love to come and fling arrows on the other side of the mountains and allow you all to practice officially too! I will also need your help in scouting a location and set up. I would be hard pressed to find a location here in the valley, and well the coast is way out of my realm of understanding. Looking forward to getting us up and running there soon too!





## Taillis, Dried Fruit Pudding

(from the Viandier of Taillevent)

By Mistress Belphoebe de Givet

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As published in Atlantia's "The Oak" Issue No. 23, 2007.

I decided to compete at the Atlantian Pentathlon in Persona at the 2007 Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival. As you may know, the Pentathlon in Persona competition involves entering five items in at least three categories, which would have been made, used, worn, eaten, or owned by your persona. In my case, I was trying to develop my persona, Belphoebe de Givet, the daughter of a judge from Rouen, and wife of an Italian merchant, during the 16th Century Wars of Religion.

At the point I had made my decision, I already had figured out the other four entries, which fit the criteria for the competition and also related to my persona. <sup>1</sup> I will not elaborate on those entries, as this article pertains specific to the fifth one, a type of dried-fruit bread pudding called taillis.

Because I had to come up not only with an appropriate entry, but one that fit my northern French persona, I jumped head on to research the types of foodstuffs that would have been available and/or common in that particular region on France.

Most of the sources I found are of an earlier period. However, my theory is that recipes do not always go out of fashion. I believe they remain very much in place regionally, especially taking into account that the ingredients are usually still available and that family recipes tend to be passed on for generations.

In regards to period northern French cookery, there are five important compilations of recipes: the Enseignements, Le Viandier de Taillevent, Le Ménagier de Paris, Du fait de cuisine, and Vivendier. <sup>2</sup>

Le Viandier was written by Guillaume Tirel, alias Taillevent (Old French: "slicewind") (1310-1395), who was the cook for several French kings including Philip VI, Charles V, and Charles VI. This book has been influential on subsequent books concerning French cuisine and important to food historians as a detailed source on the medieval cuisine of northern France. <sup>3</sup>

One of the things that is most interesting about late medieval French cooking is that animal milk was not drunk by adults, and appears only rarely as an ingredient in recipes. It is not that cow and goat's milk were not available. They were. However, animal milk could not be kept on hand for cooking. It was good primarily for the making of butter or, especially, of cheese. According to Terence Scully, the northern French cooks used a good deal of nut milk, which was more dependable and longer-lasting than animal milk. <sup>4</sup>

I have to say that this aroused my curiosity so I decided to experiment a bit with the almond milk, to see how it compared to animal milk. I prepared some fresh almond milk and left it out without refrigeration just to see how fast it would go bad. The milk turned very sour within 48 hours, which makes me think that the durability of the nut milk may not be necessarily that much higher than animal milk.

Of course, in order to obtain more accurate results, I should be experimenting with fresh, unpasteurized milk as opposed to store-bought milk, which is full of preservatives, and put both samples on similar containers over the counter. Only



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then will I be able to accurately assess which one goes bad first.

Nevertheless, one thing is for sure: I have never smelled worse turned milk than nut milk. So if you are going to make it and reserve it for later, do yourself a favor and refrigerate it immediately. It will separate while in the fridge, but that is normal. But if you leave it out unrefrigerated, you will live to regret it as the smell will knock your socks off.

On the other hand one can store almonds for months at a time without them going bad, and it is probably cheaper than keeping a farm animal. I believe almonds were the period equivalent of powdered milk. You could keep it in your pantry and then use it to make milk as necessary. The other advantage of almond milk is that it is completely vegetarian. That makes it perfect for cookery during Lent.

Northern French cuisine was also characterized by use of color, and thus saffron was often used for that purpose. The recipe that I tried to reproduce came from the Viandier and is as follows:

“Take figs, raisins, boiled almond milk, echaudés, wafers, and crusts of white bread cut into little squares, and boil your milk, with saffron to give it color, and with sugar, and then boil everything together until it is thick enough to cut; serve in bowls.”<sup>5</sup>

There are a number of French versions of this thick pudding made from almond milk and dried fruits. The name taillis probably comes from the verb tailler, “to cut,” and means that the final product is firm enough to be cut into pieces with a knife. Echaudés, wafers, and crusts of white bread are used here to thicken the taillis. However, we do not know what went into these wafers, and we can only guess at how échaudés were made.<sup>6</sup>

My redaction is as follows:

<b>Ingredients:</b>	
<u>Almond Milk</u>	<u>Pudding</u>
4 cups of water	1/3 of a 1 lb. loaf of French bread, dry and cut in small cubes
1 cup blanched almonds	8 Carr’s whole wheat crackers, cracked in small pieces
	1 cup of raisins, well rinsed
<u>Topping:</u>	6 dried figs, well rinsed
Toasted almonds and sugar	1 cup of white sugar
	7 threads of saffron

For the almond milk: Blanch the almonds first. For that, you will bring water to a boil in a saucepan or pot. Once it starts boiling, take it off the heat. Next, put your raw, unpeeled almonds in it and let them soak for about two minutes. After that, drain them in a colander and run the almonds through cold water. Finally, peel the almonds by squeezing them between your thumb and forefinger. Voilà, now you have blanched almonds!

Once your almonds have been blanched, put them in another pot with water and let them soak overnight until they are plump again. Then put half of the almonds and water in a blender and blend on high for a while. Strain through a cheese-cloth, squeezing as much liquid as you can.



## Taillis, Dried Fruit Pudding cont.

Repeat with the rest of the almonds and water. The milk may separate after a while sitting in the fridge. It is normal. Don't worry about it. All you need to do is shake it and you will have your nice, whole almond milk back.

Bring the almond milk to a boil and add the saffron and the sugar. This is important because if the saffron does not get completely dissolved, you will end up with strands that will make your pudding taste like paella. (I picked up this little tip from my mother, a great paella maker.) Add the bread and the wheat crackers. Over low heat, simmer, stirring constantly, until the bread crumbs soften and the mixture begins to thicken. Add the dried fruit and continue to cook over very low heat for about 15 minutes, stirring frequently and making sure the thickening mixture does not burn. It gets quite stiff, so you end up with a good upper-body workout to boot!

When the mixture is quite thick, turn it into a deep dish. I turned it into a square mold.

Refrigerate it until you wish to serve it. When ready to serve, turn it over onto your serving dish. Sprinkle sugar on it and toasted almonds (optional). Cut it in pieces and serve it in bowls.

### Notes

- 1.) A doll, an embroidered muff, a visage mask, and a dentifrice powder.
- 2.) Scully, Terence. *Regional Cuisines of Medieval Europe: A Book of Essays*, ed. Melitta Weiss Adamson. (New York: Routledge, 2001), p. 48.
- 3.) Wikipedia.com: Guillaume Tirel. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taillevent> (Accessed 12/19/2007).
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