



The Privy



The Baronry of Terra Pomaria

Words from Their Excellencies

What is the Sergeantry of Terra Pomaria?

Being a sergeant in the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), particularly within the Kingdom of An Tir, means holding a specific rank that is earned through a rigorous trial process, rather than being bestowed as an award. This tradition is described as being unique to An Tir.

Historically, the rank was created when An Tir was a principality far from the Kingdom's center, to ensure that individuals being considered for Knighthood were not only skilled fighters but also proficient in the other aspects of chivalry, such as arts, sciences, courtly manners, dancing, heraldry, and games. The idea was that if someone was a Sergeant, their abilities in non-fighting areas would be well-established, allowing the Chivalry to focus primarily on their fighting prowess when considering them for Knighthood.

The Path to Becoming a Sergeant

Aspiring sergeants embark on a journey that begins with a formal declaration of intent, often presented in court. In Terra Pomaria candidates receive a "Quest Book," outlining the specific requirements and tasks they must

complete within a set timeframe, typically one year. This quest book can be found on the Terra Pomaria Website under the sergeantry area. These tasks encompass a broad range of disciplines, including heraldry, calligraphy, medieval games, and persona development. Martial candidates must demonstrate



proficiency with various weapons and combat scenarios, while non-martial candidates focus on their chosen areas of expertise. Everyone is encouraged to participate in working through the quest book to learn more about the SCA, but not all participants will be asked to step up as Sergeants in service for the baron and baroness.

Key Aspects of What it Means to be a Sergeant Include:

Earned Rank: It is achieved by successfully completing a series of trials or tests that evaluate a wide range of skills and knowledge. If a candidate does not pass one of the tests, they do not receive the rank.

Fealty: Sergeants typically swear fealty (devotion and loyalty) directly to the landed Baroness of the branch for which they tested, although some Baronies may have fealty sworn to both the Baron and Baroness, or to the Coronet (Baron and Baroness together).

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What is the Sergeantry of Terra Pomaria?

Specialization: While "Sergeant-at-Arms" traditionally emphasized heavy combat, the Sergeantry includes specialized equivalent ranks for different areas:

Sergeant-at-Arms (emphasis on Heavy Martial Combat).

Yeoman (emphasis on Missile Combat and/or Target Archery/Thrown Weapons).

Gallant (emphasis on Rapier/Steel Combat).

Lancer (emphasis on Equestrian skills).

Courtier (specializing in courtly, arts & science, or service skills). Some Baronies use different names like Cohort (Adiantum) for those specializing in Arts and Sciences or Service, or Scholar (Seagirt) for those specializing in arts & sciences.

Comprehensive Trials:

The trials, though varying slightly by barony, are designed to test a candidate's proficiency and knowledge across numerous areas beyond just their specialization. These often include the following but are also adjusted to the needs and wishes of the Coronet and the individual's specialization:

Demonstrated Martial Skill and the ability to be a "challenge to fight" in their chosen area. This often requires owning and making part of their own armor/kit.

Knowledge of Military Sciences, tactics, armor, and weapons.

Proficiency in Marshalling and the Rules of the Lists, often requiring warranted junior marshal status.

Understanding and portrayal of their Persona, including historical context and daily life.

Knowledge of Heraldry, including blazoning/emblazoning arms, recognizing prominent arms, and understanding basic heraldic concepts. Having one's own device submitted or registered is often required.

Demonstrated Chivalric Behavior and Court Etiquette, including courtesy, knowledge of titles and forms of address, and understanding concepts like honor and courtly love.

Skills in Period Games, Dance, and Bardic Arts.

Knowledge of Practical and Domestic Sciences relevant to their persona's period.

Familiarity with SCA Corpora and An Tir Kingdom Law.

Knowledge of Geography within the SCA's Known World and often their persona's homeland.

Presenting work in Arts & Sciences.

Participation in Service and Event Management.

Formal application steps like submitting a Letter of Intent and a Petition.

A final private question from the Coronet or Baroness.

Role Model and Service:

Sergeants are expected to be role models, mentors, ambassadors, and administrators. They are vital contributors to baronial activities and are looked to as teachers and leaders who embody the ideals of chivalry. They are responsible for the safety and security of the Barony, serve as the Honor Guard for the Baroness, and perform ceremonial and service obligations. They act as counsel and advisors to the Baroness or Coronet.

Regalia: Upon successful completion of the trials and swearing fealty, they have the right to wear specific regalia, such as a buckle, belt, cape, or brooch, as tokens of their rank.



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Relationship with Peerages: If an active sergeant becomes a member of certain Peerage Orders (Chivalry, Laurel, or Pelican) within the same marshalate area as their sergeant rank, they may resign their rank or be offered the status of Sergeant Emeritus. A peer may, however, hold a Sergeant rank in a different specialization.

Significance of a Sergeant

Becoming a sergeant is not merely about personal achievement; it signifies a commitment to uphold the values and responsibilities that sustain the SCA community. Sergeants serve as mentors, educators, and leaders, embodying the ideals of chivalry, courtesy, and service. They act as the barony's honor guard, assist in organizing events, and contribute to the training and development of new members. Their presence ensures the continuity of tradition and the fostering of a vibrant, engaged populace.

The Sergeantry program in An Tir offers a structured and enriching path for individuals to deepen their involvement in the SCA, cultivate a wide array of skills, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. It stands as a testament to the enduring appeal of medieval ideals and the collective effort to bring history to life through dedicated practice and fellowship.

In essence, being a sergeant is a commitment to upholding a high standard of skill, knowledge, and behavior across many facets of SCA participation, serving as a leader and role model within their barony, and maintaining fealty to their landed gentry.





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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*

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Heavy Defender: Sir William Geoffrey the Rogue

Archery: Lord John Wayland

Arts & Sciences: Nakkam Kanavati

Rapier: Lord Levi von Strausberg

Youth Champion: Leaf Wyndswift

Bardic: Maggie the Blind

Thrown Weapons: Bjorki Shieldbane

Youth Archery: Korra of Adiantum

Youth Champion: Melinda of Terra Pomaria

Local Gatherings

Archery/Thrown Weapons Practice: Practice is weekly on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Stonehenge Farms, 9755 Willamette St., Aumsville, OR

Arts and Science Night: TP A&S days occur one Sunday a month, Visit Terra Pomaria's A&S page on Facebook for details on time/locations.

Bardic Music Night: TBA

Business Meeting: Third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.

Ceilidh: Second Monday of every month from October to April, 7:00-8:00 PM. Location: TBA

Equestrian Practice: Time/Dates vary. Contact the Equestrian Marshal for details and to RSVP.

Heavy/Rapier Figher Practice: Wednesdays 7-9 PM. Stonehenge Farms, 9755 Willamette St., Aumsville, OR

Youth Combat Figher Practice: Same as Heavy but contact the Heavy Marshal to ensure a Youth Marshal will be available.

Scribal/Thingmakers Nights: TBA

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Submission deadline for the upcoming month's Privy is by Business Meet-ing (3rd Monday of the month) and may be sent by hardcopy, disk or email to the Chronicler.



Calendar

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May 9-10:

Exchequer Training day (Barony of Three Mountains)

May 9-11:

Tain Bo (Barony of Glyn Dwfn)

May 16-18:

May Crown (An Tir, Canton of Porte de l'Eau)

May 23-26:

Egil Skallagrimson Memorial Prize Tourney (Barony of Adiantum)

May 31:

Dragons Mist Champions (Barony of Dragon's Mist)

June 13-15:

Virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium (An Tir, Online)

June 13-15:

Tournament of Chivalry & Defense (Barony of Dragon's Mist)

June 14:

Fast and Loose (Barony of Adiantum)

June 20-22:

Summits Investiture (Summits, Shire of Myrtle Holt)

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The Wisdom of the Beguines

Disclaimer: This class and paper is solely intended for historical or informational/entertainment purposes, it's not intended to convert, sway, condemn or criticize anyone or any organized religion. The class is not intended to start debates or stir up controversy. Thank you for your courtesy,

Lady Elovel of Avalon

The wisdom of the Beguines, the forgotten story of a medieval woman's movement.

Who were the Beguines?

They began to form in various parts of Europe around 1200. They were laywomen, not nuns. They didn't take solemn vows in the Catholic Church nor live in monasteries as many women did at the time. They were not a designated religious order or a formal movement, they had no founder or established rules to live by. Yet, they all shared common elements such as chastity, simplicity and a strong sense of service to the poor and marginalized. They had a high business acumen while also having a strong commitment to the word of God. Beguines were self sufficient and self defined, not under the influence or management of any male father, husband, priest or guardian. They came from every social class and background and usually lived alone or within a community called a Beguinage. They were constantly suspected of heresy because of their independent lifestyle, activities and ability. They've lasted through wars, plagues, famine, chaotic political and religious upheavals and reversals, the last official Begine died in 2013.

The term "Beguine" is a derogatory term that men started calling them when they started preaching publicly, it means to mumble or speak unclearly which, of course they didn't do, they were very effective preachers and were dedicated to saving the common folk from sin, an important task the church at the time wasn't doing very effectively. The Beguine stories are usually about a woman's search for a genuine self, seeking to put into common language or vernacular, the process of discovering that self and inviting others to join her search. They also believed that anyone could have a direct relationship with God and didn't need the church clergy as an intercessor. It's interesting to note that they self generated this idea well before Protestant reform which started hundreds of years later in 1517.

What did they do?

They were of great service! While trying to imitate the disciples of Christ, they served themselves, their sisters and their community. They served themselves in the highest by truly



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seeking whom they were as a person and not just accepting the custom and laws of the matriarchal establishment, the child, wife or slave/property of another man. The Beguines served each other by working, living and ministering to each as best they could alone or living together in loosely organized groups. They minister the populace in several important ways that no other group was doing at that time in history. Historically, there was a rise in the merchant class and being literate was considered beneficial for many classes and gender of people. They taught each other to read and write. Highly educated ones translated the church's Latin texts into the local vernacular so that the common folk could understand the Holy Scriptures and start developing a personal relationship with God on their own. The Beguines took in orphans, prostitutes and slaves (mostly women) and cared the best they could for the poor and marginalized. They cared for the sick and dying. Especially caring for lepers. Beguines were especially preferred attendants for the dying, a very important service as, many cultures believe that certain confessions, practices and prayers were necessary for a soul to depart from the material world and enter heaven (last rites, Tibetan book of the dead etc). Many people believed that they were Saints who had the power to read souls, intervene with heavenly beings and powers to heal illnesses, influence a dying person's assignment in Purgatory or Hell and to outright fast-track someone to Heaven legitimately, not as the church proffered via "donations". The Beguines were highly self-sufficient. Laws in the Western European area were changing a bit more to the favor of women and they were able to own property such as land and businesses alone, without male oversight. They were very good at business. They worked in the textile industry, as scribes, farmers, bakers, brewers, teachers and lay preachers. They often were so successful that the male tradesmen would complain and as a result their taxes were much higher than men, yet, still, they were profitable.

How did they come to be?

The Beguines blossomed in a time that many call the first renaissance. There was a time of relative calm and trade routes flourished. Agriculture techniques improved dramatically and there was an abundance of food. Because of increased trade, there was a lot more interaction with other cultures such as the Muslims (the Moors) who were conquering many places in Western Europe. The Crusades were also happening which resulted in two separate and strong influences. The first was the influx of new ideas and culture from returning crusaders and the second was women taking over for their missing men. The Beguines flourished along with the blossoming of "women worship" activities called "courtly love". A new, and exciting time of song and poetry specifically targeting married noble women. Started by the Troubadours, courtly love, or woman worship sprang into popularity unexpectedly after centuries of misogynistic behavior by men. It has been speculated that it became popular through two influences. The



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first being the Arab cultures were worshipping women in poetry and songs several centuries earlier and their influence was greatly expanded during the Middle Ages. And the second factor being the inheritance laws for male heirs. The inheritance laws required passing down of property to the first born male, leaving the rest of the sons to fend for themselves. They had few options at the time, they could join the crusades or find favor as another kingdom's knight as a vassal. Courtly love poetry and song was a way to influence or manipulate the castle's Lord via his Lady, thus ensuring him a position (a livelihood) in the royal court. Troubadour material was like the modern day greeting card or love song of the day. It's interesting to note that Troubadour poetry was one of the first casualties of the crusades. There's no agreement about just why the poetry was found subversive, it may have been taken as a symbol of the whole regional way of life which the Vatican found so offensive and courtly love poetry was found to be heretical. As the Cathartic crusade went on many Troubadours went into hiding while others replaced the Patron's wife to the Virgin Mary though they often used the word amia which means friend or lover.

How do they survive over the centuries?

Beguines were constantly suspected of immorality and heresy. Due to their independent, successful and critical (towards the Catholic Church Priests and Leaders), men and especially the clergy, have consistently sought to eradicate them. The ruling class of men believed that women were basically evil and only good for procreation. They shouldn't be literate, be free in any way to think, pursue personal growth or interests, let alone preach soul redemption or own property or business on their own. They were very careful to operate within the laws and were very astute in making friends with appropriate men to be their advocates and patrons. As mentioned earlier, Beguins developed the reputation as being highly effective and respected healers and as a sinners advocate. People sincerely believed that a Beguine could heal them or intervene for them and save them from a long purgatory or eternal damnation in hell. This ability made them a favorite to most. Most importantly, they were devout Catholics, following all of the laws, customs and traditions established by the Catholic Church. They did, though, focus their attention on the virgin mother, trying to imitate her in every way, with some bordering on heresy in believing and preaching that she could grant forgiveness and redemption, a tenet that opposes that Jesus Christ was the only way to God in heaven. The Beguines wrote poetry and songs that were rather different from the established understanding of their relationship with God. The Catholic Church taught that men could only have a secondary relationship with God that was experienced in the church via priests. Beguines believed that mortals could have a very intimate, almost sexual/romantic relationship with God as presented by the Song of Solomon found in the Bible and in the Psalter. They used the Catholic Psalter as a guide but



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crafted in their own interests. They were careful to not be associated with any other heretical groups existing at the same time such as the Cathars (Albigensians) who believed that God created only the spiritual world while the devil was responsible for the material world. They also didn't accept the normative Trinitarian understanding of Jesus, denying the divinity of Christ and the authority of the Pope.

How we can see their influence today.

There's many formal groups such as the government and formal Churches who attempt to care for the poor and marginalized today. Hospices, formal care for the terminally ill, was established only in 1960, growing in usage in the 70's. Families often took care of the poor and ill friends and relatives, but that support dwindled away with the nuclear family breakdown in the 1960's. There are some groups that truly reflect the service and religious care that the Beguines displayed. One of the most effective groups is Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Aside from the fact that they had a founder, they have no established leadership, no formal rules or dogma. They are highly effective in helping people recover from alcohol addiction. Their tenets are used in two spin off groups, Alanon and Alateen- the support groups for those affiliated by alcoholism, narcotics anonymous, helping those with drug addiction and Adult Children of Alcoholics- a support and recovery group for grown children who've been abused and traumatized by an alcoholic or any caregiver who's been neglectful or abusive. These groups are helping people in every nation worldwide. The group's three guiding pillars are recovery, unity and service. It is not a cult, but a spiritual movement and way of life very similar to the benevolence of early Christians and Buddhists.

Another group is the Quakers. They strive to live a life of simplicity, service and common sense. Their prayer services are very similar to the Beguines and AA, where there is a period of time where they sit in silence until someone is moved spiritually to speak. It is thought that everyone is able to speak and share the word of God or Higher Power. From their very beginning, Quakers had the ability to heal, to make themselves and others whole the Quakers were the first to establish the first humane institution for the mentally ill in this country. They, too, like the Beguines, are highly interested in discovering your own capabilities and your own individual path. They spoke out, nonviolently, against slavery and fought for equal rights for everyone. One of their sayings is "work makes love visible". Their other tenets are silence, worship, truth, simplicity, conscience, nonviolence, business, education and family. To them, everyone is a Friend.

These are just a few modern benevolent groups such as the Beguines, there are probably many



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more, can you name any?

What are some of the ways you're like the Beguines?

What could be preventing a group like this from blossoming today?

Reference books:

The Wisdom of the Beguines, the Forgotten Story of a Medieval Woman's Movement by Laura Swan

The Mirror of Simple Souls, Marguerite Porette, edited by Clare Kirtchberger, courtly love poetry

The Macclesfield Psalter by the Fitzwilliam museum, example of Beguine Illustration

The Book of Common Prayer by the Protestant Episcopal Church, Oxford University Press, a modern Psalter

A Quaker Book of Wisdom, Life Lessons in Simplicity, Service and Common Sense by Robert Lawrence Smith

The Book of Courtly Love, Medieval Stories and Songs edited by Robert Yagley

The Women Troubadours by Meg Bogin, courtly love poetry by women examples

Hadewijch, the Complete Works by a team from the classics of western spirituality, courtly love poetry examples by a woman

The Tibetan Book of the Dead, Arcturus Publishing, a non-Christian example of administering to the dead or dying

The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and AA Twelve Steps and Traditions, anonymous authors

The Dove's Neck Ring by Ibn Hazm, an example of Arabic love poetry worshipping women that possibly influenced courtly love poetry



March Business Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Christmas Caryl
Melannei
Stephan De Kilpatrick
Ximena
Adele Neuton
Raf Neuton
Elizabeth Neuton
Anna E von Engelberg
Cormac O'caseigh
Duke Roger
Wystan
Tassi
Lady Jack

Opening words from Their Excellencies

Anna: First thank you to those that came to the Resume Class and those that opened their house. The Barony received the complement that "the Barony of Terra Pomaria is not a place but a state of mind." It was appreciated by many. The next event I will be attending will be Summits Coronet.

Stephen: I was at Ceilidh and had a wonderful time. I did also talk to some Sergeantry candidates. We are accepting candidates. I am looking forward to the Sergeantry process. I am also looking for interesting things that can be given out and show off our local art. If you see any let me know.

Officer reports:

Seneschal – Christmas Caryl (10/23-10/25):

TP is doing great, good practices, wonderful classes

We have had a request to help organize the stalls at Stonehenge farms. More info to come.

TP is accepting bids for 2 items that we would like to replace/create. Officially opening bids for:

Kneeling bench (about 2 feet wide and 18 inch high, strong and light weight, removable bar for additional support)

Terra Pomeria cushions

If you have questions or want to enter a bid please send your bid information (prices, design, etc) to the seneschal and their excellencies

Camp Taloalie work day is 3/29/25. This helps us get a discount for the site we are using for Bar Gemels, This helps get the site ready for events and we are the first to use it. If you cannot make this day the camp does host additional days.

Family Activities

Coordinator – OPEN

Grete Boke – OPEN

Gold Key – OPEN

Exchequer – HL Melannei de Athanaos – (5/22-5/25) - contingency Duke Roger

The bank balances did not change this month, they remain:

Ledger Balance: \$11,989.95

Bank Balance: \$12,293.06

The difference matches the total of uncashed checks.

The Finance Committee met after the February business meeting. All committee members were in attendance.

The committee discussed a bid for an "Artifacts of Life" event on March 21 2026 presented by our A&S Minister Sunna Regnbue. Before discussing the bid the exchequer changed the NMS fee from \$5 to \$10 to reflect recent changes and removed the NMS itself from the total income and expense amounts.

The bid estimated 110 attendees with a \$20 member site fee for a total income of \$2200. Expenses include \$960



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site fee, \$150 for Dayboard supplies, \$50 for site tokens, \$25 for printing and \$100 for general supplies. Expenses totaled \$1285.

The committee discussed that the estimated attendees may be overly optimistic for a brand new event. Break even would be 65 attendees.

A question came up concerning whether the event date would conflict with Summits Coronet and the Seneschal will follow up to confirm the date for Coronet and if the event date needed to be moved.

The committee voted to approve the bid as is, with the understanding that the event date may move and if that changes the site rental cost it could be revisited.

Not much has happened this month. The bank has received the paperwork from corporate, but it has been stalled out this month. I have left a message and email with my contact to see if we can get this moving.

I'm scheduling the finance committee meeting to revisit the policy Monday, March 31st 7-9 pm. I'll send out a message shortly with the current policy as well as Summits and An Tir

policies for those that want to review them in advance.

Chamberlain– Lady Aurelia de le Mer (11/19-11/21)

Nothing to report

Social Media – Elizabeth Neuton – (1/25-1/27)

I've set up three events on Facebook and made an Instagram post for Bar Gemels pre-registration.

Librarian – HL Adrienne von Brandenburg (5/23-5/25)

Heavy Marshal – Lord Bjorn of Ulster (3/24-26)

We've had another good month of Heavy Fighter Practices with no injuries. Our numbers improve each week with the weather and with Coronet approaching. Capt'n Randy and I are going to work on getting together 2 loaner kits before June fair. Which is great timing since I just saw the post about our friends at Stonehenge requesting help with moving our stuff around. I'm fairly open. I think we should pick a weekend or I can come to practice on a Wednesday an hour or 2 early to help move stuff then. I'll talk

to Randy to see what might work for him. I think quarterly reports are coming up so I'll take pictures this week of the sign in logs and send out the email by Friday.

Rapier Marshal – Lord Levi von Strausberg (10/21-10/23)

No Report

Target Archery Marshal – Master Otto Gottlieb (3/24-26)

No Report

Equestrian Marshal – HL Tassi – (2010-2022)

I have ordered insurance for the 2025 practice for the following dates:

April 19, 2025
May 3, 2025
May 24, 2025
May 31, 2025
June 7, 2025
June 14, 2025
July 5, 2025
July 12, 2025
July 26, 2025
August 9, 2025
August 22, 2025
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November 1, 2025
November 8, 2025
November 15, 2025
November 22, 2025
November 29, 2025
December 6, 2025

I'll be working with social media/webministers to get this updated on the website and posted on the book of faces.

Lists Minister – Alyn Trewpeny (9/24-9/26)

No report

Youth Armored Combat – OPEN Herald – Ximena - (3/25-3/27)

Ximena (former Baroness of TP) would like to be considered for this position.

Voting approved Ximena as the new Herald.

Ximena sang the opening part to "I am my own Grandpa" based on a comment from His excellency and the baronial lineage.

Arts and Sciences-Sunna Regnbue – (2/22-2/24)

Chronicler – HL Morikawa

Kenji Katashige (8/24-8/26)

Feb edition of the Privy has been posted.

If you have any articles or information you would like in the Privy please email me.

Web Minister – Lord Cormac O'caseigh (5/23-5/25)

This month I did the following:

Uploaded the February edition of The Privy

Updated the reign progress for their Excellencies Terra Pomaria

Updated the name for our A&S Minister to "Sunna Regnbue"

I have requests to upload class materials from Krysta and add dates for the 2025 Equestrian practices which I will do this week.

Chatelaine/Castellan – Adele Neuton (1/25-1/27)

This month has been quiet. We had a good turnout at Ceilidh with 13 attendees, and I received one email inquiry from a newcomer.

As for tracking down supplies, I've received a small stack of brochures, which is a nice start. I've learned that the QR code on the existing business cards is outdated, which means I'll need to reprint if I want to have cards.

Scribe - HL Wystan Albryght – (2/23-2/25)

The scribal activities within the barony since the last month's meeting included:

Principality and kingdom level awards being produced within the barony

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March Business Meeting Notes

needed.

Past Events:

Upcoming events/Possible Events:

Bar Gemels 2025 - Aurelia de le Mer

Site clean up day 3/29, let us know if you are going. Does not have to be a full day can also come for what time you have.

Canterbury Demo 2025 – Fortune

Our application has been submitted and received. The owner said she would get back to us to let us know about approval later. This was anticipated since we aren't doing all three weekends.

Long and Short 2025 – Rafe and Adele Neuton

We have a first draft for the Crier copy, still working on the Kingdom Calendar copy, and the Facebook page copy.

We have a quote from Ace Septic, but Lady Aurelia has a cheaper quote for Bar Gemels from Oregon Portable Toilets LLC. If we can get the same prices from this company, we could order more biffies, and in

addition, we would like to look into reducing site fee by \$5, because of the savings.

We are seeking candidates for several roles: Gate Lead, Town Crier Lead, and Childrens Activity Lead. Their Excellencies have approved the schedule.

We need to get a hold of Stonehenge to get a site contract, we will then be able to order the site insurance.

There are plans in place for C&T tournament

Fall Event (Martinmas/ Feast of Apple and Song) 2025 – Open for bids as of 12/16/24, closes March meeting.

Bids are closed, no bids

Winter Investiture 2025 – Open for bids as of

09/16/24

Christmas is working on a framework for the event.

Artifacts of a Life March 2026 – Sunna Reignbo, OL

No report at this time

Demos? - bids need to be approved if they want reimbursement.

Old Business:

New Business:

See Seneschal section about bids for Regalia

Closing Words

Hoping to see as many of you as we can at Coronet and if not hopefully, we will have good

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ation at
the camp
clean up.
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e
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to Each
Other.





April Business Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Kenji
Adele Neuton
Rafe Neuton
Elizabeth Neuton
HE Stefan De Kilpatrick
Anna Gray
Alyna Trewpenny
HE Anna E von Engelberg
Melannei
Ximena
Tassi
Wystan
Sunna
Levi Grimes
Christmas
Clovis
Jack

Opening words from Their Excellencies

(Stefan) I can say with certainty I have seen love from our neighbors to the north. I have attended recent events and was welcomed. I have watched their upcoming highnesses complete as well as defenders competing. I recommend all to go to these 1 day events, they are enjoyable and a good way to meet our neighbors. I have attended Ceilidh and feel welcomed by all.

(Anna) I want to thank all of you for being here tonight, this is the least sexy part of the SCA but we cannot do this without you. I look forward to seeing all of you

at our upcoming event.

Officer reports:**Seneschal – Christmas Caryl (10/23-10/25)**

Hazah to the event stewards. I am looking forward to the upcoming events. From an outside perspective you are all amazing.

Their highnesses are looking for award recommendations. If you know anyone please send in that information even if you are not sure what award they should get, write it up and send it in.

If you are an officer, think about your step down and prepare. Do you have a deputy, get things ready to hand off, and reach out for help.

Family Activities Coordinator – OPEN**Grete Boke – OPEN****Gold Key – OPEN****Librarian - OPEN****Exchequer – HL Melannei de Athanaos – (5/22-5/25) - contingency Duke Roger**

Ledger Balance: \$10,424.37

Bank Balance: \$12,035.48

The difference matches the total of uncashed checks.

It has been a very rough month for me on the modern life end of things and I didn't get as much done as I hoped. My quarterly report has been sent to the Principality Exchequer. The Finance Committee met and got through about ¾ of the financial policy. I have sent an updated version to the committee to review. We'll discuss whether we can finish it after the business meeting or if we need to make other arrangements.

I have left messages and emailed my contact at US Bank repeatedly but haven't received anything back. At this point it may be better to schedule an in-person signature change meeting, because we don't have to work through this particular contact. I'll check in with the Summits Exchequer and see if that would be possible on their end.

This storage has been paid up for the next 3 months

Chamberlain– Lady Aurelia de le Mer (11/19-11/21)

Not a whole lot to report



April Business Meeting Notes

Request received to borrow our poles and ropes	Everything is going fine, we have a few regulars. Nothing else to report.	2/25: 7 3/4: 4 3/11: Oops. Forgot to take attendance. 3/18: 3 (I think a few people forgot to sign-in) 3/25: 7 4/1: 9 4/8: 13 4/15: 9
Some items are being repaired such as wall hangings	I would like to put out the idea of a new scroll for the Rapier championship. Discussion about if we want to have another champion scroll. Levi to write up what he is interested in and send it to the Seneschal for her to look into bids	We held a fantastic game of HORSE for the bi-monthly Golden Arrow Shoot. m'Lord Cassian, previous winner, suggested it. We set out all kinds of targets to shoot and Archos Duncan called the positions and targets to shoot at. It was close, but Lord Erik took home the apple.
Bar Gemels is coming up and we will be using some Baronial equipment for that event	Discussion about his time as the Rapier marshal, Levi reports he is happy to remain but if anyone else is interested he is happy to step aside and help them.	Lady Elovel has been treating us to some different novelty targets. m'Lord Donald has enjoyed shooting them and is getting quite good with his instinctive shooting.
The Burlap wall hangings: There are several burlap wall hangings and something that looks like a shade that have not been used for a long time. I will be posting information to help determine what we should do with them.	No injuries to report	Then with the time change and warmer weather, we experimented with opening the back door of the barn to shoot 40 yards. Lady Elovel was able to record a royal round, which we haven't done in some time.
Ximena: I believe they were decorated during a Bar Gemels (per Rafe: in 2002) and were used to decorate the hall	Target Archery Marshal – Master Otto Gottlieb (3/24-26)	I believe Luther and Bjorki also recorded royal round scores for thrown weapons last week (4/15).
Social Media – Elizabeth Neuton – (1/25-1/27)	Sorry I missed last month's meeting & report. Archery practice has been going well. Archos Duncan has had some health concerns and was out for a couple of weeks, but is doing much better. HL Luther was also out with a sprained wrist but came to practice last week (4/15) and marshaled thrown weapons practice, which brought Bjorki out of the woodwork.	
I posted a link to the February Privy, and created the Equestrian Practice events for this year on the Facebook.		
Heavy Marshal – Lord Bjorn of Ulster (3/24-26)		
No report		
Rapier Marshal – Lord Levi von Strausberg (10/21-10/23)	Attendance has been as follows:	



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This year will be a little more challenging for us to move targets to Bar Gamels. THL Luther is unable to move all of our gear in one trip with his awesome RV. We'll figure something out...

That's all to report!

Equestrian Marshal – HL Tassi – (2010-2022)

Not much to report-no activity for this month. Practice for 4/19 cancelled. I've asked our Social Media Deputy to add me to the FB event so I can modify them-which she has done. Now I'll be working to add more pictures and information.

The Webminister also updated practice dates on the TP site so we are all set there!

Next practice is May 3!

I submitted my quarterly report as well as a request for reimbursement for insurance.

Very much looking forward to seeing folks at Bar Gamels!

Lists Minister – Alyna Trewpeny (9/24-9/26).

Nothing to report

Youth Armored Combat – OPEN Herald – HE Ximena - (3/25-3/27)

Greetings! The paperwork has been completed for me to be Baronial Herald and I have access to the email account. HL Aurelia has reached out about heralding for Bar Gamels and Sarnat will be covering the field heraldry for the event. If anyone is interested in assisting with town cry, please contact me.

Arts and Sciences Agatha/ Sunna – (2/22-2/24)

We last month had a waxed cup cover workshop, there were 3 of us but he got many of them completed.

I have not schedule a meeting for April

There are 6 offerings at Bar Gamels I hope people with partake

I will be looking for people interested in teaching classes in the near future.

Does your Branch have regular meetings (online counts!)? Yes. We have an A&S day most months.

When does your branch meet?

(online meet-ups count): Once a month on a Sunday afternoon, and at TP events.

What have you done in your office in the last quarter (nothing is not an acceptable answer)?

In February, we held a bag making workshop for baronial largesse. Several folks attended to help.

In March, we held a waxed covers workshop for site tokens at Bar Gamels. Three gentles were in attendance.

Have you had any challenges or successes

Success—meeting in a member's home was a great change from meeting at Ike Box

Challenges- None at this time

Do you have any concerns or questions?

I did not set up an April meeting, but we will be at Bar Gamels where classes are being offered.

What can the Summits Officer do to assist you?

Help to advertise Arts and Sciences activities.



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What is something you would like to see improved in your area?

More regular arts and sciences gatherings.

Chronicler – HL Morikawa Kenji Katashige (8/24-8/26)

I am working on the next edition of the Privy and will be able to include an article from a member of our Barony

If you are interested in having a picture or artwork in the Privy I am happy to add them but will require the release forms to be able to publish.

Web Minister – Lord Cormac O'caseigh (5/23-5/25)

This month I updated the dates for Equestrian practices on our Gatherings page.

I have not gotten Krysta's class added to our website yet. I am planning to go with her Excellency's suggestion of making a 'Classes' page under Publications to hold that, and future materials.

Chatelaine/Castellan – Adele Nueton (1/25-1/27)

This month went by way too fast! I've volunteered to run

Gold Key at Bar Gemels, so I'll use that area as my newcomer point. I'm printing some black and white flyers and newcomer information to have on hand, and I've decided to use my own printer, since it's a fraction of the cost of using a printshop like Staples.

I generated a new QR code for the Barony's website URL with my Adobe account. It doesn't expire, and I'll be supplying it to the demo team and anyone else who needs it going forward.

We had 10 people at Ceilidh, and this month I only had one newcomer inquiry over email.

Scribe - HL Wylan Albryght – (2/23-2/25)

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Hopefully the weather will not rain.

Biffys have been paid for, site copy is ready to be printed, I have gate seed money, I have been communicating with the site owner

One issue that has come up is some of the table we have used in the past on site were left outside and are damaged. I have been working on solutions.

The cabins have new bunks and mattresses that no longer



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have the weight restrictions

Investiture

approved if they want reimbursement.

Hot water should be available in the shower.

Winter Investiture 2025 – Christmas Caryl

Old Business:

Canterbury Demo 2025 – Fortune

TP Rapier and A&S championships will be at Winter Investiture

New Business:

The Faire has returned to two weekends instead of the 3 weekends there were thinking about.

Artifacts of a Life March 2026 – Sunna Reignbo, OL

Closing Words

We are waiting on paperwork to return.

Check requested for a down payment on the site

(Anna) I hope to see all of you this weekend, even if it rains it will be fine.

Long and Short 2025 – Rafe and Adele Neuton

I would like to get started on a website for the event to make information easily accessible

(Stefan) *joke made about not realizing there was an event.* I am looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend, there may or may not be brisket.

April crier copy has been approved and will be submitted

The event is on the calendar

Demos? - bids need to be

They are working on updating the calendar page

Updated info will be on the calendar page

Need candidates for several positions

Fall Event:

Cancelled

Rapier and A&S championships will be at Winter

