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Please Note, all nearby events scheduled for June have been either cancelled or moved to a virtual (online) format. Please reference the Kingdom of Atlantia website for up to date information. <http://www.atlantia.sca.org/events/atlantia-calendar-events>

☞ Baronial Polling Information: ☞

In preparation for the upcoming Baronial Polling, please see the following information regarding electronic polling. It is important that we all sign up for the electronic ballot. Each Paper Ballot costs the Barony just under \$2 per member and the Electronic Ballot is free, plus it greatly reduces the workload on the Monarchs.

Those that wish to use the Electronic Polling need to go to the ESP (www.polling.atlantia.sca.org) and switch over to the Baronial side (second menu item from the top, they should see all of the Baronial Arms across the top). There is now a huge link right on the home screen which states what type of ballot you are currently signed up for, a Paper Ballot is the default, or you may opt-in to use an Electronic Ballot. To change, simply click on the ballot type, the page that appears will show you your current account and membership information, and allow you to switch their preference to the other ballot type.

After that you will just need to wait for the Polling to open, once it does come back to the Baronial side of the ESP to fill out your polling. On the home page

of the ESP there is an option which will automatically send you an email when the Polling opens, as well as a reminder until you have completed it.

In the email to the Moo are step-by-step instructions!

Reminder: SCA Membership does not have a way to distinguish between adults and minors, and therefore neither do the accounts. For minors to use the Electronic Polling (and save the barony money even if they will not be replying to the polling at all) an account will need to be created for them, either by themselves or by their parents, and then linked to their membership, and finally that account must Opt-In for the Electronic Polling. Otherwise a Paper Ballot is required to be mailed to the member per SCA policy. Remember the SCA does not have a "minor membership", so in the membership arena everyone is treated as an adult.

Regards,

Duchess Esa Kirkepatrike

Stierbach Seneschal

☞ Baronial Letters of Intent ☞

Unto the reigning and former Royalty, and to the populace of the Barony of Stierbach, do we, Herr Wulff Nuremberger and Herrin Genefe Wölfelin, send our most sincere greetings!

By this missive, we express our desire to be considered in the next polling for Baron and Baroness of Stierbach. We feel that our support of all pursuits, Arts & Sciences and Martial activities alike, will allow us to guide and grow well this, our Barony.

We have been in the Society for nearly 20 years each, pursuing many endeavors and skills, practicing varied disciplines and arts, and interacting with many who have come to be counted as friends. Although we have recently taken time away from the Society for family and mundane pursuits, our hearts remain with the Barony and its interests.

In all that we have done, and in all that we have learned, we feel the greatest goal of these current Past Times is to pass one's skills to others. Through this, not only do all an activity's participants advance in their understanding and abilities, but the group sees its populace grow, and with it, so does the Society.

As Baron and Baroness, we would act as champions of the Barony, promoting the achievements of the populace, and bolstering the virtues of Stierbach to newcomers and Royalty alike.

Our intentions as Baron and Baroness include:

Traveling frequently throughout the Barony to attend practices, meetings and events

Learning of the many pursuits studied amongst the peoples of Stierbach

Working with the youth of Stierbach to encourage their curiosity, advance their skills, and recognize their achievements

Providing our own skill and experience to newcomers and established populace alike, giving of ourselves to the benefit of the Barony, Kingdom, and Society

Supporting and aiding the growth of the reigns of Their Majesties

As Baron and Baroness, we will not only take on the mantle of overseers of the Barony, but also continue to learn from and support those around us, whether from our fair Stierbach or elsewhere.

Respectfully, and in Service to the Dream,

Wulff & Genefe

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Unto Their Majesties Atlantia, Anton and Luned, and to the populace of the great barony of Stierbach do Duke Ragnarr Blackhammer and Domina Lynette Semere send greetings and announce our intention to be considered for the next baronage of Stierbach.

Both of us have experience serving as both a Coronet and a Crown. Ragnarr has reigned five times and Lynette twice and they both were the landed baronage of Dun Carraig for five years. We understand the amount of work that goes into being baronage as well as the sacrifices of time, money, etc. to try to do the job well. We both think it is all worth it when you get to see worthy people recognized. Beyond our time as royalty and baronage we both have many other qualifications that help when it comes to being the voice of the Crown to the people and the people to the Crown.

Lynette is a member of the Order of the Laurel with an emphasis on costuming and metal casting. She is also a member of the Order of the Pelican. She has experience doing fundraising, running waterbearing, autocrating events and retaining to name a few of the numerous things she does. She is also Companion of the Yew Bow for her skill in combat archery as well as being authorized in both armored and rapier combat.

Ragnarr is a member of the Order of the Chivalry as well as the Order of the Pelican. He has experience autocrating, marshaling, heralding and setting courts and lots of set up and take down experience. He is also a Companion of the White Scarf for his skill in rapier and of the Sea Stag for his teaching of the fighting arts.

We believe that a good set of baronage needs to try to champion all facets of the barony. This doesn't mean that they need to do all of the things but they do need to support them. Between the two of us we have interests in armored combat, rapier, archery, heraldry, and many different arts and sciences. We are both even equestrian authorized.

It is our opinion that there are two main roles for the baronage while serving in

the role. One is to be the pipeline to and from the Crown. That can be the sharing of concerns from the Crown to the populace or making sure that Their Majesties are aware of a particular person and the work they are doing. This leads into the second role, recognizing worthy people. We both feel strongly that this is one of if not the primary job responsibility of being landed baronage.

It is our honor to put our names forward for consideration for this important role and responsibility. We do so with an understanding of what the job entails and a willingness to step forward and serve the barony and its people. We know that no matter who Their Majesties choose the barony will be well served.

In service to the barony and the kingdom we remain,

Duke Ragnarr and Domina Lynette

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☞ Baronial Business Meeting Notes: May 12th ☞

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Deputy Seneschal, Mistress Aine ingen Chuimin.

Officers present:

Baron Dietrich Saphir zum Drache
Baroness Karin Taylor de Cameron
Deputy Seneschal and Holiday Faire autocrat, Mistress Aine ingen Chuimin
Web minister, Master Richard Wymarc

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mistress Ceridwen ferch Rhys ap Michael
Deputy Exchequer Baroness Briana Maclukas
Herald, Lord James of Carinthia
Chronicler and Social Media Deputy, Lady Isobel of Carnewyth
Steward: Lady Johanna Van den Vaerst
Spring Crown autocrat, Lord Adelic Falke
Baronial Birthday autocrat, Lord Grim Kirk of Greymoor
Lochmere Arrow autocrat, Mistress Arnbjörg Karlsdottir

Total populace in attendance: 16

Words from their Excellencies:

A second letter of intent (was) needed and their Excellencies may extend for a year if their majesties so desire. The Baron and Baroness are missing everyone and a virtual social hours will be forthcoming. Please reach out if you need help.

Officer Reports:

Exchequer: First quarter report was filed with no issues. A \$150 storage fee was unable to be voted on without a quorum.

Chronicler: submissions are welcome for the next newsletter.

Steward: Pennsic trailer storage fee is being investigated.

Web: The website is running smoothly.

Herald: Ongoing submissions in progress.

Ongoing Business:

Lochmere Arrow - may be tagged onto another event, such as Defending the Gate 2021.

Spring Crown - there has been no news about spring crown. Paypal refunds are in progress although the fees will be forfeit.

Baronial Birthday - the site is planning to be open by mid-June, there is still no feastocrat so there may not be a feast which may be better given the current public health concerns.

Holiday Faire - the theme is planned to be a 14th century French court festival. Reservations will open post-Pennsic. Invoices will be sent letter due to the uncertainty. A plan for hosting extra vendors was discussed in case of increased interest with all the summer cancellations.

Additional Announcements:

Summer University will be held entirely online.

Please let their Excellencies know about any award recommendations to the Kingdom so that they may also submit.

Canton of Sudentorre update: the financial committee has put together a budget.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, currently planned to take place again via Web Ex.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

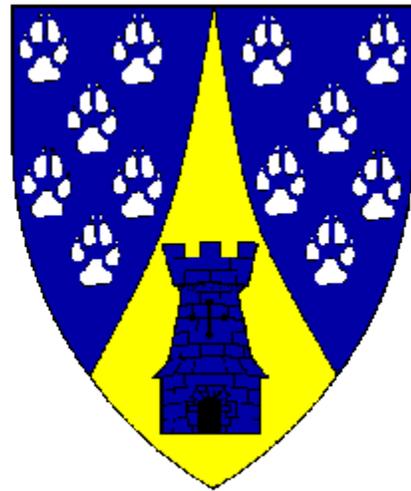
☞ Spotlight: Get to know your Barony! ☜

Name: Mistress Blitha of Wolfhou

Device: Azure semy of wolf's paw prints argent, on a pile inverted ployé throughout Or a tower azure. I have not yet augmented my arms officially with the golden scissors, but when I do, they will be placed among the left hand (as you look at the device) wolf paws.

Blitha In The 'Spotlight': Many, many years ago (like in 1998 or 1999), when Eleanor was in High School, she needed transportation to an SCA Event. She was part of the "Medieval History Club" at Fluvanna High School, and they would go with their history teacher, Lady Caterina/Lady Ingrid/Carolyn Quenstad, to SCA Events. But they needed another adult chaperone and driver, so Eleanor asked me to drive on the conditions that I did not say I was her mom, that I did not hang out with her, and that I would have to wear medieval clothing. She planned to introduce me to some others she thought I would like to hang out with who did weaving and felting and sewing. I was agreeable, because she was my daughter, and I liked history. She did introduce me to some interesting folks who were doing interesting things, and at feast, she even served me and the table I was sitting at. On the way home, there was much joyful chatter of all that each person had done. It was a wonderful day, and I was hooked! Through Eleanor and her older brother, who also was in the History Club, the entire family became interested in going to SCA Events. This History Club had become an SCA Chapter, the College of Caer Gallen, and later was known as the

College of Caer Gelinyiog (but that is a different story), and as a group of High Schoolers under the age of 18, adults able to take the leadership positions of Seneschal, Exchequer, Herald, or Ministers were in short supply. I cooked my first few feasts, and became Seneschal of that Group. Allen took up Archery, and became an archery marshal and a Herald.



And then we moved to the Fredericksburg area and became active with the Canton of Sudentur (with umlauts over the Us, and that too is another story!), which became the Canton of Sudentorre. As the kids grew in Middle School, High School, and then College, we would go to Events in one car, and scatter to each one's interests and friends. We would come back together for Feast and then to return home. I have heard said that "kids these days don't talk to their parents", but I wonder if those parents did not do things near their kids, and then listen and share their activities and successes and failures and interests as a family. It worked for us. The SCA provided

opportunities to learn new skills together (like calligraphy, illumination, archery, thrown weapons, atlatl, board games, embroidery...), to be responsible adults (even if you were the teen, if you said you would do something, it was not your parents you let down if you did not do it, it was a larger community who would help you if you needed and asked for help...), and to become interesting people! I am so very proud of my 4 biological kids, a daughter-in-law, and all my myriad of extra kids whom I hopefully have touched positively by teaching new skills, helping them over life hurdles, and being a sounding board when needed over the many, many years I've been in the SCA!



As for what I like to do? I started off focusing on the early 1300's, because I liked the clothes and the foods. This branched to Viking culture, and then further to the Anglo-Saxons, the

Mongolians, the Elizabethans, the Normans, the Japanese, the Germanic, the Italian Renaissance, and will spread further to wherever else my fancy will wander. I keep finding an implement that was used in some culture in the past, and then making it and learning how to use it and where it fit into its time and culture. A rigid heddle was my first project. I did not even know what it was called at first when I made it! Then there were different needle cases and different buttons for each age and culture... There are so many different rabbit holes to go down and discoveries to make! And after learning something, there are people to share it with through A&S competitions and displays, by teaching classes, and just plain sharing the info one on one. But I think my very favorite thing in the SCA is the new folks. New people come to the SCA looking for something to do, seeking help with a project, or just searching for some unknown something. People are fascinating! I enjoy meeting the new folks, helping them learn what they seek, find what they like to do, helping them "find their tribe", and I end up learning from them as much as they may learn from the rest of us. I enjoy this SCA Life I lead, a foot in both worlds, and I plan on continuing for many, many more years!

☞ Scheduled Practices, Classes, and Meetings ☞

All in person meetings and practices have been cancelled for Stierbach and Sudentorre due to quarantine restrictions. Please see the Moo email listserv and our official facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stierbach/> for up to date changes regarding populace business meetings and conference call information.

Baronial Business Meeting

Meets: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next Meeting Tuesday, June 9th, 2020

Contact the Stierbach seneschal@stierbach.org for more information.

Canton of Sudentorre Business Meeting

Meets: Third Tuesday of the month
Contact the Sudentorre Seneschal for more information (585) 309-3282

Newcomers:

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