



**Fall Coronet 2016 Moot
September 18, 2016
Shire of Tymberhavene**

From their Alpine Highnesses, Sverre and Breaca

Yesterday was fantastic and it's all of you who make it fantastic. Thanks to Nye for making a lovely breakfast.

From the Tanist and Tanista, Tjorkill and Alina

Thank you for the outpouring of support. If you don't know who we are, please come make yourselves known. We want to start things off early and get the ball rolling as soon as possible for a smooth transition. Know that your full support goes to their Highnesses and then to us. Also, we need to figure out ways to get more people involved. Folks may not want to serve because of seeing others burn out.

Financial Report

General balance is up by about \$1400. Officers, remember you have a budget for your office. Remember that if you have a Principality Event coming up the next year, the budget must be submitted to the Exchequer for approval.

Summits Roll of Officers

Seneschal -

- As the new Seneschal for the Summits, I'm just getting to know the position better! In the roll, I hope to increase efficiency and make it easier for branch and summits officers to report, both for moot, for updates to Coronet-level events, and for quarterly reports. I'm also hoping to focus on being a support to other seneschals, helping them with issues they have and connecting them with individuals who may have found solutions to their problems. Ask for forgiveness as I make transition, lots of new things to learn.
- We have several open offices in the Summits that I would love to see filled! This includes our Social Media Deputy, Chamberlain, Family Activities Coordinator, Preceptor of Pages (unclear if this is still an active office?), Youth Armored Combat Deputy, C&T Deputy (will be added to the Officer Handbook), and Webminister. Please discuss with your local branches and see if there is interest from our populace to fill these positions! If you do not have a deputy lined up, please do so to avoid open offices. Pass on messages to the branches. We need to see if we can get several applicants for open offices.
- Some of the paperwork can be scanned and the originals thrown away. I can help with that. We will work on appropriate paper retention for your office.

Deputy Seneschal -

Calendar Deputy -

- Currently in transition to a new Calendar Deputy, Kanavati Manikkam. Much thanks to our outgoing Calendar Deputy, Cassandra Deveroux!

Social Media Deputy – *position vacant* - This deputy works with local media, knows “proper verbiage” that should be used on FB and other public spaces. Please contact the Seneschal if you are interested.

Bleu Grael Herald -

- *Success:* I have managed to get all of the Bleu Grael books corralled & am in the process of purchasing a couple of smaller tubs to triage them & make the most-used ones more portable. Learning more new tools to help heralds. Hope to have heraldic symposium in the summits. Going to hold regular herald meetings, keep constant education going, want to hold practice courts.
- *Challenge:* Getting full reporting & getting the branch officers & the Summits Court Coordinators to utilize Bleu Grael as their first line of resource.
- *Good idea:* Start the practice of meeting at every Summits Coronet event to talk about the state of heraldry & know who the other Summits heralds are & what help each one can give them or could receive from them.

Chancellor of the Exchequer -

- See the separate Financial Report. A deputy Exchequer is needed.

Chamberlain – *position vacant* – This deputy to the Exchequer oversees the Principality regalia. Please contact the Exchequer and Seneschal if you are interested.

Minister of Arts & Sciences -

- I have attended several events this Spring and Summer in my capacity as Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences, and while attending West/An Tir War served as volunteer Arts and Sciences Information Officer for the event, as well as taught classes featuring my newly-acquired Great Wheel, which generated a lot of interest and I daresay, excitement – which was exactly what I was hoping it would do. From that event sprang invitations to bring it to other events throughout AnTir. If I listed them all, this report would be far too long. Let’s just say I’ve been busy, and I’m going to continue to be busy. The other noteworthy event I attended this quarter was Autumn War, held in Blatha An Oir. I taught classes on spinning with the Great Wheel, and a period wool scour using stale urine. Both were very well attended. There were many other classes (and a Siege Cooking competition!) going on in the A&S area concurrent with what I was doing, which was awesome.
- *Challenges:* I’m happy to say that this quarter the only real challenge has been helping staff for the upcoming Principality Arts and Sciences/Bardic Championship work through complications with championship and event. A meeting is scheduled for Coronet with all parties to clarify matters.
- *Successes:* This quarter happening during event season, people weren’t getting together as much as during winter months, but what’s really awesome this summer is people are getting inspired and TALKING about Arts and Sciences, either in groups, small private conversations or one-on-one. Artists and artisans are usually rather solitary people, and sometimes it’s hard to get them to leave their lairs of creativity. This is an example of

one of the perks about having technology. If there is a connection, pictures and video and conversation about cool things seen somewhere else can and are being broadcast. It's not "my" success, but it IS a success, especially since I have witnessed/participated in a lot of it happening here in The Summits with increasing regularity.

- *New:* I have added HL Duessa of Movilla as my Roving Deputy At Large, and she has proven to be a valuable asset. She is an extra set of eyes and ears for me, and her enthusiasm and willingness to participate is infectious to those who are around her at the events she attends. The following is her summary on this quarter:

Roving A&S Deputy: After Investiture I began working on A&S deputy duties which include traveling to the different areas in our Principality as well as through the Kingdom. I have reached out and contacted many people in the A&S areas of our society to get information regarding different areas of research as well as competitions. I became an Ithra Chancellor in Training earlier this summer, with the goal of bringing more Ithra classes to The Summits. Planning for September Coronet Ithra is completed at this time and the class list is on the website, and Ithra for Winter Investiture is nearly complete. At the recent Crown Tournament held in the Shire of Hauksgaror, Arts and Sciences was held in a building of its own. There were a LOT of things going on. One of the standouts was a "Laurel Petting Zoo", wherein the Laurels were available for chat/consultation, along with snacks and goodies to entice people to come in and talk. Nearly all of the people who were teaching and/or demonstrating had source books with them, and could show you examples and answers to any questions you had about what they were doing and why. I have also been working on compiling a list of Summits Laurels and their specialty for future quick reference when needed.

Chronicler -

- *Success* – I stepped up as Summits Chronicler one year ago at September Coronet. In the past year, we've expanded and standardized the newsletter format, increased subscribers, and produced a new issue of *The Echoes* every month on schedule. We are starting to consistently get expanded event information from localities, and we have several regular feature contributors. *The Echoes* is gaining a reputation among the populace as a beautiful and informative communications tool for the Summits.
- *Challenge* – Getting the Officers of the Summits to more fully utilize *The Echoes*, both to share official information with the populace, as well as to grow awareness about your particular office or realm of expertise.
- *Good Idea* – Ask Officers of the Summits to (1) subscribe to *The Echoes* (if you aren't already a subscriber); (2) to open and read *The Echoes* (at least for the next few months); and (3) to look for ways to use your official Principality newsletter to inform and educate the populace about what it is you do. And then please share feedback with the Chronicler, so we can work together to make that happen!

Chatelaine -

- *One Success:* Several Branches have completed Newcomer bags, as well as various alternative Newcomer identification tokens for use through the Summits. Extra special shout out to Adiantum for their efforts on this front. They've done demos and lots of

activities. I want to do some long-term planning for next summer, especially with regions like Southmarch, to bring in a “demo troop” to help attract new members.

- *One Challenge:* Getting that Newcomer image posted at Gate. I need to be more proactive throughout the Summits to help not only newcomers see and know what the logo stands for, but to get households to fly the banner of invitation as well. I’ve seen the Newcomers badge flying in a variety of places, please promote that.
- *One Great Idea:* It has been suggested that we put a little time and effort into the other side of the welcome wagon. I have spent all of my time and energy reaching out and bringing in newcomers that I have missed that there are many seasoned players that have no idea what exactly to do for or with an identified newcomer. I hadn’t thought about this side of the “transaction” and am encouraging efforts to offer insight and guidance to our gen pop regarding better first time interactions.

Gryphon Scribe – *position vacant*

From the outgoing officer:

- *Success:* Things are going well, as we have a wonderful Royal Scribe, doing a great job for Their Highnesses. I should be stepping down at this event, but am not sure, at this time, who will be my replacement. And there are some really talented scribes in the Principality that work very hard!!!! That is the good news part. (She is moving out of Kingdom.)
- *Challenge:* With creative people, sometimes the mundane requirements, such as getting their reports to me, on time is a problem. I have tried to remind them far enough ahead that they are not too late, so I hope my replacement has no problems with this.
- I would like to thank all the Scribes that I have worked with over these last 2 years, you have been fabulous!

Family Activities Coordinator – *position vacant* – This officer oversees activities designed to appeal to families with youth and small children. Contact the Seneschal if you are interested in this position.

Preceptor of Pages – *removing position from roll as duties are the same as FAC*

Minister of the Lists -

- I haven’t had a chance to look for a new lists paperwork box yet but hopefully can this week. I had great help with the Coronet tournament.

Earl Marshal -

- I did not receive reports from Southmarch this quarter. Coeur du Val turned theirs in late. With reminders, I did receive reports from Equestrian, Rapier, and Archery deputies. I’ve not heard from Warlord. (cc reports to individual deputies)
- I would like more training on the Roster Warrants. What are they supposed to look like and when are they due?

- I've asked that the Cut & Thrust Deputy position be added to the Officer Handbook, and that we publish that we are seeking someone for the office. (The Seneschal will work with the Coronet to review and amend the handbook.)
- The challenge for this office is getting people to report in on time and to get people to report issues and injuries. We had one injury this quarter, and the fighter didn't want to fill out an injury report. We need to remind people that injury and issue reports aren't a bad thing. People will not get in trouble from one injury/issue report. If there are numerous reports from the same person

Archery Deputy -

- A challenge is that the reporting is useless for analytics without regular, reliable reports from downstream officers.
- A success is that several branches are reporting regularly.
- A good idea is to overhaul the reporting system to reflect needs-based data collection.

Rapier Deputy – (term up, willing to extend)

- *Success:* Two new branch rapier marshals have stepped up and reporting is currently as good as it has ever been for the Summit's Rapier marshallate. Reporting is up to 40% - we're getting better.
- *Challenge:* My term is up! I am asking for an extension, but for anyone who might be interested in the position of Summit's Deputy for Rapier, NOW! is the time to be thinking about applying for the job when it comes open. Rapier marshal for the Summit's is not a difficult task, and is an excellent way to become familiar with the joys and challenges of being a Principality officer. Both myself and Master Viktor would love to see new blood in this office.
- *Good Idea:* The good idea is Viscount Luciano's; I would like to see his thrust measuring "machine", make the rounds of major events for the rest of the season so that all have an opportunity to measure themselves against it, and broaden his data pool at the same time.

Equestrian Deputy -

- *One success:* For Summits Equestrians, one of our own is now Kingdom Equestrian Champion. Successful Equestrian participation at The Long & Short of It, even though it was during 50 year.
- *One challenge:* Hearing from any shire or barony Seneschals about interest or not interest in equestrian (I hear from Terra Pomeria, Glyn Dwfn, and Myrtleholt at report time). The number of people willing/able to compete for Outrider has been decreasing
- *One idea:* An event that includes those activities that have been included in the Order of the Valiant idea (archery, siege, thrown weapons, equestrian)

War Lord of the Summits - NO REPORT

Youth Armored Combat Deputy – *position vacant* – Please contact the Earl Marshal and the Seneschal if you are interested in this position.

Webminister – *position vacant* – Rafny has the framework built for a new site using WordPress, and is gradually moving content into it. Her recommendation is that all branches should consider moving to WordPress, as it is simple to update and requires no specialized coding skills. She is willing to train a new Webminister. Suggestions were made regarding hosting our own server space, offering training to all local webministers, and ensuring that the Principality officer have the login codes for all local web sites.

Upcoming Championships

Captain of Eagles - ARC (October) -

- The next Captain of Eagles tourney will be held on Saturday October 1, at ARC. Since last year's tourney involved ax, atlatl, archery, and shooting combat archery with a helm on; we decided this year would be just archery. Details will be available at the event. I plan to handicap crossbows. Taking the format from the Olympics,
- The Summit's Archery Champion, later renamed the Captain of Eagles, was initially created as an archery championship and we have included "An Tir Skeet," shooting combat arrows at armored combatants some years. Other items have been added at times that are under thrown weapons. At some point it should be discussed whether a thrown weapons championship should be added or should we continue to vary the components of Captain of Eagles. I do not know the current participation numbers.

Captain of Cats - Winter Investiture (December) -

- I have been in consistent contact with the event steward for Winter Investiture and I believe we are making good progress. The issue of whether or not there are indoor erics for the event came up and the barony is looking at potentially creating some and/or we will use chairs from the site and attach ropes. Hopefully there will be more information to come. It would be good to know if the Summits itself owns any indoor eric poles.
- I have posted the format, both online and in the Echoes, and will post again to encourage people to create personal heraldic devices and, of course, to enter. My hope is to have 20 or more entrants this year which would be a significant increase, but I believe something that can be accomplished. I have taken to contacting individual fighters to encourage them to enter as a way of trying to increase participation. I would really like Captain of Cats to follow the culture of QRC where fighters enter for the experience more than the title.

Alpine Scholar - A&S & Bardic (February) -

- Preparations for the Championship are underway. There have been problems getting what I was hoping for together, but with any luck we'll get those sorted out. At the current time there are three folks who intend to enter and I'm hoping for a few more.
- I am sponsoring some competitions both at Fall Coronet and Winter Investiture and have been busy getting some fun prizes together.
- After the heat of Investiture it was good to get back to my coastal home and unpack in the cool! I taught blackwork at War in the Trees the next weekend and instead of heat there, it was wind! I also taught at Kaldor Ness A&S weekend and at Lebus despite my

trying to not be away from my mundane business on weekends. The latter two events accommodated my desire to teach on Sunday, so I got to do both!

- Quite a lot of my blackwork is currently on display in Tymberhavene as that shire has set up a display in a local library.
- One of our own, a Jewel of the Summits, Seamus O'Caellaigh, has produced an Herbal of the native plants of his home shire and it's been wonderful to hear the folks who have gone on herb walks with him delightedly recounting the herbs they have learned!
- 50th Year, WestAn Tir War and displays are many events this summer have inspired many to do Arts & Sciences projects and I've been spreading what inspiration I could through the House Capuchin blog and folks that I'm touch with through that and a number of Facebook groups.
- During the summer I've been busy with culinary research, more on my blackwork (I have a new copy of a period Modelbuch with my style of embroidery designs!) moving my herb garden to my new place and creating toys for Their Highnesses' largesse pile. I'm teaching a Balls workshop at Amergin's and am hoping to do more classes, displays and Arts & Sciences nights in other places around our fair Principality during the fall and winter months.

Bard of the Summits - A&S & Bardic (February) -

- The format for the Bardic ontest is two pieces of anything (filk, sca traditional, etc). No documentation is required (though it might get you an extra point or two depending on the judges). The top 3 people will perform a third piece hopefully in front of royalty or at court.
- The only difficulty at the moment is that I am hearing that the cost for the event is too high so I am encouraging people to day trip, but that will be effected by what the weather conditions are in February. I am even finding it hard to find a ride for that very reason, but it's way off still so I am not worrying yet.

Captain of Tigers - Spring Coronet (March) -

- I will be throwing the Principality Cut & Thrust Championship at March Coronet.

Branch Seneschals

Adiantum -

- *Successes* - no real activity to report other than business as usual (practices, A&S nights, scribal nights, etc)
- *Challenges* - Background check requirements for REQUIRED OFFICERS...Slower than Molasses
- *Great Ideas* - None at this time

Briaroak -

- *Success*: This quarter we have four new members that are taking an active part in the shire. Several members have also come back to be in active status as well.

- *Challenge:* The new Principality event we are hosting in February. The logistics of a three day event in February has been a big challenging. Trying to get everything needed and staying in budget is not easy. (Still having Briaroak Birl)
- *Good idea:* As usual I only have them when I need them and right now I am fresh out.

Coeur du Val -

- *The Good:* Lebus - we made a bit of money, and have a new champion, Samwell of Coeur du Val won the day.
- *The Challenge:* We are going to start working on increasing our events per year. Possible date changes to Lebus to make it more of a yearly thing. Wanting to assist surrounding areas, such as Linn County, feel more a part of CdV. Going to start digitizing records to make it easy to see
- *Good Idea:* Our amazing Chatelaine has brought up many new ideas at the last meeting regarding member retention. One very well received idea was that of creating a buddy system. Older members of the group will be greeting newcomers, and helping them find their joy in the SCA. We will also be adding more arts and newcomers activities to our fighter practice to assist with helping people feel more a part of the magic.
- One thing that I would like to see from others: I would adore seeing more people do shadowing (like you would have at a job) so people might get a chance to look into positions without the freak out of responsibility. Really to show that SCA jobs can be fun and rewarding. Take the mystery and “fear” issues out of the picture.

Corvaria -

- One success for our branch was getting in the rotation for the Archery and Equestrian championships. We are most excited about the equestrian championship because it is going to open up a lot of new sites that we were unable to use because they require horses.
- One challenge we are facing is trying to pull in the older members who show up on our member roster but are not active. Also need to get more autocrats.
- One good idea was one of our shire members that recently stewarded an event used his personal dump trailer to collect garbage instead of renting a dumpster from a disposal company which in turn saved the shire a big chunk of money.
- Archery Championship will be held at Harvest Tournament

Glyn Dwfn

- *One Success:* One success Glyn Dwfn has had since the last Principality moot is Taín Bó! The event went very well and we earned over \$500. The Shire is planning to publicly tithe a portion of the proceeds to the Principality at Fall Coronet.
- *One Challenge:* One challenge Glyn Dwfn has had is finding a site for September Coronet 2017/May Crown 2018 (which we are considering putting in a bid for once a location is found), as one site that was inspected proved to be unsuitable and there have been some difficulties in finding another site.

- *One Good Idea*: One good idea we have had has been to train the new Seneschal in how to run a Shire and what forms happen when, instead of throwing her to the wolves. She's very appreciative.

Myrtle Holt -

- My success and challenge has been focused around our ARC event. The challenge is that it is very close to Great Western War. Due to a lot of people enjoying attending GWW in the past few years, ARC's attendance has fallen a tad lower than we would like.
- I believe our event stewards have found a solution to this! The things planned for the event sound like a blast, and they have created a story and fitted a bit of Myrtle Holt history into it! We are also opening up to the public (with this being advertised), on Saturday, so it will be a bit like a demo, as well, and will hopefully generate some new people! (\$6 admission - \$5 NMS, \$1 site fee)
- This idea is one that we have heard of other branches using, so I guess my idea, would be for more branches to use this to their advantage as well.

Southmarch -

- Frostbite is coming up Nov 10th thru the 13th. We have TRM permission to conflict with An Tir Collegium. The site fee will be \$50 with food all inclusive.

Terra Pomaria -

- In the last quarter my Barony has settled rather gracefully into the flow of not only a new Seneschal but also a new Baron and Baroness with all three of us stepping into place at the same time. Handily the three of us work very well together and know that we all have the best interests of the Barony as a whole at heart. I have spent much of this past quarter adjusting from being Deputy Seneschal to full Seneschal and being reminded that I do not have to do everything. No one will think less of me for asking for help. To that end I have taken on (with the council's approval and Their Excellencies' permission) a project deputy to digitize and sort through the archived paperwork per the SCA's document retention policy to streamline the archives. We are also having each Officer focus on using their gmail addresses for reporting to facilitate ease of transition between holders of each office. Offices with high document retention rates; Marshals, Scribe, etc are encouraged to create Dropbox accounts linked to their Office gmail account in order that important documents can also move with the office.
- My current challenge is one I had truly hoped to be resolved by now, and that is the reason for the delay in my report. The change in the wording regarding equestrian insurance is troubling for my Barony for a number of reasons. Most pressing being that we hold our weekly Archery Practices at Stonehenge Farms which is a working horse training and stabling facility. Horses are present on site because they live there, and in inclement weather we hold our practices in the arena though the horses are kept separate from the archery participants by walls and fences. There is also the question of Renaissance and State or County fairs where we have Demo booths. Again horses are present even though our participants have nothing to do with them, but with the current wording I feel that equestrian insurance would be required which would preclude us from

participating in what have been very successful demos in the past. I would not feel secure taking out an insurance certificate for equestrians that were not being supervised by our Marshals. I have followed up with the Society Seneschal who stated that he would try to get back to me this week, however I could not in good conscious delay my report further.

- I did have an idea. My other challenge is a lack of interested, or willing, Event Stewards. So I have spoken with their Excellencies about publishing a list of the Baronial events and their requirements. The Kingdom has a similar list most of the Kingdom events, site requirements, activities, etc. I think a list like this would simplify things and perhaps make it a bit less intimidating for potential Event Stewards looking to dip their toes into these exciting waters.
- Going to open bids for Bar Gemels (needing an autocrat) to outside members. If no autocrat is determined by 10/11, this event will not be held in 2017.

Tymberhavene -

- *Success:* Fall Coronet
- *Challenge:* Attracting fighters. Currently there is no fighter practice because we don't have any interested fighters.
- *Good Idea:* Tymberhavene putting in a Kingdom event bid (we are talking about September Crown 2017)

Upcoming Coronet & Principality Events

September Coronet 2016 - Tymberhavene

- 109 people came through gate for receipts of \$1975 (gross). High praise for the autocrat! A principality shadowing for potential event stewards would be good, as well as an outline/checklist of what is needed for each Principality event.

Winter Investiture 2016 - Adiantum

- We have a contract, Crier/Echoes copy is in, and plans are proceeding apace. More work will happen once we're done with Amergin's. Now that we know Royal heirs and Alpine heirs we will have more to work with as well. The site has a full gym and community hall, plus three meeting rooms. Dame Johanna is making a giant Summits banner for the event.

A&S & Bardic 2017 - Briaroak

- Everything is progressing nicely. I am bringing the contract to Coronet for review by the principality Seneschal. Ithra classes are in the process of being acquired. A letter is being sent to the Laurels requesting prizes for the heavy and rapier tournaments. Three each would be wonderful. We're also asking if they would participate in a "dinner with the Laurels" where everyone can ask laurels every question they ever wanted to, but were too shy to ask. There will be a single entry competition for those who do not want to do Alpine Scholar but still want feedback. Event hours are Fri 2pm-Sun 3pm.

March Coronet 2017 - Coeur du Val

- Autocrat: Viscountess Diane deWinterton; Co-Autocrat: Solbella. Location: Benton County Fairgrounds Auditorium. Opens Friday around 3pm through Sunday at 3pm. Some barrack style camping (indoors), tent camping (on the outdoor lawn) and rv camping available. We're working on getting deals with 1-2 local hotels for discounted rooms.
- In the works: A&S Fabulous 6 largess competition, displays, classes; a Rapier prize tourney and cut and thrust prize tourney; possibility for a Consort's Tea and a Friday night Masked Ball with dancing!

June Investiture 2017 - Corvaria

- We are currently working on getting event stewards for this event. We have 2 event teams interested but as of right now we have no event bids. The event will most likely be held at the Sisters High School soccer and baseball fields with plenty of shade and space to house a ton of people. As soon as we have a bid form and a team to take on this task, we will push the paperwork through.

September Coronet 2017 - Glyn Dwfn

- We have opened up bids for Coronet and do not yet have a team of event stewards.

Other Business

Seneschal & Exchequer Retreat in Three Mountains, November 18-20

- I would like all Seneschals and Exchequers to look at going to this retreat for annual training. As this is closer than most of these symposiums, we can use this as a stop-gap for our own Summits-specific training. I will look at restarting the Seneschal & Exchequer training in the Summits after this year.
- The retreat is \$85 and includes alls lodging and meals! This cost should be covered by your particular branch but would need to be covered in your financial policy.

Contracts and Equestrian Insurance

- Kingdom sent out an update on some issues they were having with contracts being signed that held the Society liable for things we should not be. All local event contracts must be reviewed by your local seneschal. All Principality events must have the contract reviewed by the Summits Seneschal. Kingdom event contracts must be reviewed by the Kingdom Seneschal.
- The language we are looking for that raises red flags is "indemnification", "indemnify", "hold harmless." If these terms are in your site contract, that contract needs to be reviewed up the chain!
- Clarification was also given that any event with horses must have equestrian insurance activated. Clarification is being sought on situations where there are horses in another area of site but not as part of the space rented by the SCA or in situations where the SCA holds a demo where horses exist but are, theoretically, covered by the main demo coordinator and the SCA is just a guest.

Event Sites: Areas are having problems getting event sites, and we are hearing that the SCA is losing its good reputation for keeping sites “better than we found them”. It is important that we work with site owners to learn their regulations and to follow them. We have lost state park sites because of problems self-policing late night noise and rudeness to “mundane park rangers”. Site owners speak to each other, and they will talk about problems they have with our groups. Alternately, we have some site owners who are very happy to work with us because we have been good tenants. We need to speak appropriately to owners about the types of activities planned, and work to rebuild our good reputation.

Final comments from Their Alpine Highnesses: Thank you for making this first half of Our reign go so smoothly. Please submit award recommendations for both Principality and Kingdom awards – there are people who are deserving. Keep sending recommendations, even if you’ve done it before, until the person gets their award. We have beautiful AoA circlets, but have only given away three during Our reign. If you know someone deserving, please recommend them.

Final comments from the Tanist and Tanista: We are really excited to see this group of people; the Summits is in very good hands. We want to promote communication, mentoring, and helping get people excited about doing what you love. It’s so odd in this era of information, how little good information – and how much dis-information -- people have. It’s not the people in this room we need to talk with, it’s the populace in general. Report to everyone – it won’t hurt. We’d like to hear everything that’s going on. Promote the positive; encourage, encourage, encourage. Thank you all.