



## 2016 March Coronet Moot

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Barony of Adiantum

**Words from their Alpine Highnesses:** It was a fantastic day, great fighting, and we're thrilled that the Summits is going into good hands. We're keeping good people in good positions, and thrilled about how this is going forward.

**From the Tanist and Ban-Tanist:** Thank you-we're both detail oriented, but will do our best not to micromanage. If you are running a Summits event, we would like for you to contact us as soon as possible. Also, the Ban-Tanist loves the bardic arts. If possible, please add bardic to your events for the Ban-Tanist. We want to have a principality encampment at Kingdom events. We ask everyone to come to Kingdom events and participate. We need to show the rest of Kingdom how amazing we are.

### Roll of Officers

**Seneschal:** I am extending my warrant to September, when my replacement – Piaras, current seneschal of Glyn Dwfn – will take over. Very excited about having him as the incoming Seneschal.

**Exchequer's Financial Report:** Money for the Summits comes from coronet events, championships, branch tithes/donations, and fundraising – the only reason we didn't lose any money this year is because officers didn't spend anything from their budgeted allocations. Try to make money – send in budgets for Principality events – branches need to donate, and to donate to the general fund.

**Contingency Deputy:** An event tracking process has been created that gives reminders, when things are due, event checklist, pre-formatted spreadsheets, EIF, reporting forms, after-event checklist, and links. The forms will be available in an electronic version on the Principality website – all branch seneschals should have copies and share with their event stewards.

**Social Media Deputy:** *currently vacant*

**Calendar Deputy:** no comments

**Chamberlain** (*position vacant – report given by Exchequer*): The Chamberlain's office has a new kneeling cushion for Their Highnesses, as well as two new carrying bags to place the travel thrones in (thank you to Taran Mac Tarl'a for sewing them).

A new coffee urn was purchased and delivered to the Principality Chatelaine, Naible Martyn "Nai"

Fabric has been purchased and a cloak is underway for the Principality Bardic Champion. The Principality trailer registration is due and I am awaiting the paperwork from Raffé (this may have been lost in the mail in which case we will need to get the information from the trailer to approach DMV) MOST IMPORTANTLY - the Office of the Chamberlain is empty and we are looking for a new Officer.

**Herald:** Countess Berengaria is stepping into the position.

**Arts and Sciences:** Looking at trying a “Persona pentathlon” similar to that done in other kingdoms – looking at bringing idea to Adiantum, and planning event bid in future. This will not be a competition, but a way to get feedback and mentoring.

I have been attended various events around the Principality and north into An Tir. I attended Adiantum’s MidWinter Feast to display my spinning and wool tool work, and demonstrated working with and spinning various fiber; in March I attended Kingdom Arts and Sciences to introduce myself in my capacity of Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences, display my work and garner some in-depth feedback. I attended House Capuchin’s Yearly Feast in February, but was unable to attend any events before that due to an unanticipated hospital stay. I will be attending March Coronet.

I am currently working on setting up a schedule to visit each Branch in the Principality on their A&S day/evening, and also working on setting up Principality A&S days, to be held in various locations in the Principality.

I am also working with Countess Berengaria to set up an Ithra session at the next Principality event; this isn’t written in stone yet but we are working on it. I would like to bring more Ithra sessions to the Principality in the future.

**Challenges:** I have been working on garnering photographs of things our artisans have created, to be mounted on poster board with what it is /who made it/what branch they are from, to be taken to events and displayed and added to – my thought that was at events where space is at a premium, these would be an asset and would show we do have fantastically creative people here in the Principality. The challenge has been in getting people to send photographs. I think many have winter doldrums or they are gearing up for tournament season and the request just kind of flies by. I’m not giving up though.

**Successes:** I have gotten enough photographs to give the project a good running start and adding to it should be easier as time passes and people see it “in action”.

**Chronicler:** Success - The Echoes has been published on or before the 1st of each month for six months now and continues to garner positive reviews.

**Challenges:** (1) Communicating with Principality officers, champions, and local seneschals/event stewards for submission of announcements and event updates. I cannot tell if people are receiving my submission reminders; (2) finding ways to make The Echoes available and relevant to the widest swath of people in the Principality.

**Idea:** To have each Principality Officer submit comments to the Echoes on a regular basis – to highlight accomplishments of the populace (like new martial rankings, heraldry that’s been approved, congratulating new local champions, and so on), share changes to rules, and educate folks about your office.

**Chatelaine:** One Success: The Principality Coffee urn has been replaced and coffee will no longer be an issue :)

**One Challenge:** Southmarch is badly in need of a strong Chatelaine and recruitment plan to increase growth, I hope to bring Corvarians down for a strategically placed demo sometime this summer to help them bring in some fresh blood.

One Great Idea: I want to organize a fundraising feast with a concert and auction competition to build up the travel fund or another worthy scadian cause perhaps incorporate it into a recruitment idea/event...

**Scribe:** The Scribal community is humming right along. We have a wonderful Royal Scribe who is working hard for Their Highnesses. I have gotten a Fabulous new Deputy - Lady Eleanor Teplin has agreed to be my deputy and I am thrilled. My term of office ends at September Coronet and the information about the position is in The Echoes. From the reports, from the scribes in the Principality, they have been busy creating and teaching. I require no additional funds at this time.

**Family Activities Coordinator:** *position vacant*

**Earl Marshal:** Reporting was good for the last quarter. All branches but Briaroak reported, with Couer du Val reporting late. There is still a lot of confusion amongst officers as to when they actually have to report. The changes to Principality law on this respect were not very well disseminated.

We should look at getting a new Principality C&T marshal. Don Chrestien is not currently active in the SCA.

**Rapier:** The Summits rapier community is thriving, and there have been no issues of note.

I would like to purchase a fencing mask tester for the office of Summits Rapier Marshal. I have forgotten the budget for the office as I have never spent any of it, but as a mask tester is @70 plus shipping I believe it is more than the budget and will require financial committee approval. This tool is necessary as masks are ideally supposed to be tested annually and I can not remember the last time a tester has been available; we need the tester so that the Marshallate can ensure that masks used in the Summits are both safe and in compliance.

**Archery Marshal:** No report

**Youth Armored Combat:** *Position vacant*

**Equestrian:** There are currently two scheduled events that include equestrian in the Summits this year.

- Hocktide in Glyn Dwfn: May 14-16 - Includes the competition for Outrider, Equestrian Champion of the Summits
- The Long and Short of It in Terra Pomaria: June 17-19

There are currently no official equestrian practices happening in the Summits, though Terra Pomaria plans to start up again once we get some nicer weather.

Any group who is interested in equestrian should contact me via the email provided on the Summits webpage (it is working now).

Seneschals, please send me an email for reports even if it only says "Nothing to report for Equestrian". This is required for my own reporting. I only heard from Glyn Dwfn, Myrtle Holt, and Terra Pomaria last time.

**Warlord:** Thanks to Cael and Dawnhela Hartsblood, we've had a covered area with indoor space to practice, we've already held two of the four scheduled practices.

Not as many new faces joining us as we hoped but new members trickle in each practice.

Robert Engleson has expressed interest in stepping up as my replacement. I wholeheartedly endorse this

**List Minister:** Fall Coronet lists ran efficiently and smoothly. Lots of compliments on that.

Challenge: Jumping in head first feeling like I don't have all of the info I need. The format for Captain of Cats was different, there were kinks but between Maeve and I we figured it out. Participants enjoyed themselves.

Good idea: Continue to offer pre-reg to help weed out any membership/authorization date issues beforehand and to attempt to have the processional order ironed out before as well.

**Webminister:** I am still the interim webminister. I've received no communication from anyone interested in taking over the job. I did receive an offer to help re-vamp the website from Rafny, to create a site that would be easier for someone to administer.

I update the website when people send me information to update. I'm still not sent information in a timely fashion for the website.

### **Roll of Champions**

**Defender of Summits:** I've spent some time solidifying plans for the champions tourney. At this time my plans are rather basic, if we have less than 6 fighters in the lists we will do a round robin format with a finals decided by the top two wins. If we have over 6 fighters in the lists, we will do a double elimination tourney with the top two going to a final. All formats will be "bring your best". I will need most of the center grass space for fighting fields, my hope is we have enough entrants to warrant 4 list fields. We would move down to one large field as the fighting progresses. Baron Peder has agreed to be the MIC for this due to this being my first event as the next Baron I doubt I will have the bandwidth to do much more than field marshaling. Things I will need: 4-5 field Marshals, Eric posts and lines, 1 hour set up on Friday, Summits list board and list shields, 2-4 field Heralds. The more field marshals and Heralds we have the faster the lists move. I would also like inspections and fighting to begin rather early, the heat has me concerned if we should push into the afternoon. That is as far as I have gotten so far in the planning. On my to-do list is to start soliciting Heralds and Marshals for commitments. Questions, please reach out!

**Alpine Scholar - Arts and Sciences Champion:** After being surprised at becoming the Scholar for this year I thought it might be a good idea to find out from the Jewels of the Summits what my duties should be and what was expected of me. I hope to hand a notebook to the next Scholar with some of this information to make it a little easier! Everyone has been very helpful and I appreciate their input and insight! I'm making a bit of progress on getting the ideas for the next A&S Championship together and hope to have something concrete by the end of the month.

In January I put up a display of the things that I had entered in the Championship in December, along with some project that other members of House Capuchin had created. The pin display and spinning were put away by the time this picture was taken, but you

can see both my things and my student, Sadb's Holbein-style blackwork (right in the middle) in the picture. Sumus bigas (We're a team!) is our motto, so we did this together.

In February I was feast-o-crat for House Capuchin's Winter Feast (not an official event). I've posted the tested recipes and research in a cookbook form here, <http://wp.me/p6tYq4-V8> for folks to make use of.

I've been making marzipan and rabbit pies for Coronet this month as well setting up a place for folks to display their artistry. I'm hoping for both displays and active demonstrations of various projects.

On a personal level I'm working on the usual projects and started experimenting with solid ring purses, or aumonieres. There's a page here: [Almspurses http://wp.me/p6tYq4-UD](http://wp.me/p6tYq4-UD) I'm also trying to get some Ithra classes going and starting to set up to hit an event in each branch during my year. If you want me to come display or teach something, (Ithra or not!) find me on Facebook.

**Outrider of the Summits - Equestrian Champion:** Communication with Glyn Dwfn continuing as we figure out how to set up the Champion competition. Potential competitors, please remember you must be a member to compete and be the Outrider. Remember to bring your membership cards to the event if you want to compete for Outrider. The plan is to have a combination of martial and trail obstacles on one course and a separate pageantry section. This may be done to (period-esque) music or not. Please plan to introduce yourself and your Warhorse and then show them off for approximately 3 minutes. (We will have a portable speaker system that can be hooked up to an MP3 player or phone)

### **Roll of Branches**

**Barony of Adiantum:** Successes - Amergin's and Mid-Winter's Feast! Fun was had by ALL!

Challenge- Background Check requirements for REQUIRED OFFICERS. Slow as Molasses

Great Ideas -None at this time.

**Shire of Briaroak:** Briaroak is doing well. We were faced with the challenge of replacing one of our major officers, our Exchequer, but all is well and she attended the Exchequer training that was just held. There are no foreseeable complications at this point. We have three events of note coming up. First Bash is 8/5-8/7, weather permitting we will have archery back this year. we hope to see everyone there. The second is Bash Feast 2/4/17. The third is the first Principality Alpine Scholar/Bardic Championship 2/24-2/26 2017. At the March meeting it will be discussed as to whether we will be holding Birl in 2017 or not. Since it would mean holding 2 events in 3 weeks.

**Shire of Coeur du Val:** Success - We're here and we have our gear sorted out. :-)

Challenge - need to find a replacement for the office of the Seneschal by June, when I step down at the end of my term (I will not be extending it for mundane life reasons.)

Great idea - I have no idea most of the time who is warranted or not (including myself), and must therefore take people at their word. Can there be a public roster of branch officers, etc., in the Summits that is maintained online so that we may confirm whether or not we and our fellow officers a) have been warranted and/or acknowledge to hold those positions and b) have contact info that can be swiftly updated for all who need to contact them in one location. I realize there should be some sort of basic security to prevent spamming and the like, but as officers we've already granted permission for such information to be published and it would be helpful if all of the officers at all levels within the Principality were listed. And perhaps short job descriptions for someone who is wondering who to address for specific topics? Sorry for the ramble, I hope that makes good sense.

**Shire of Corvaria:** One success - Having only one officer position vacant.

One challenge - Getting Exchequer training on this side of the mountain for us to pull from a bigger pool of exchequers

One great idea - Think about using a shared Google Doc that you can create and invite all the officers of the Summits that can fill in their portion of the document for moot and quarterly reports.

**Shire of Glyn Dwn:** Success- While it's still somewhat of a struggle, I've had brand new event stewards step up and wanting to enthusiastically put in a bid for Samhain, and looks like Tain Bo as well! What's even more great is I didn't end up having to prod them to do it, they wanted to do it themselves! As with any new event steward, they will need extra help keeping on time, but I will be completing my event stewarding binders before I am no longer Seneschal in September/October which should greatly help future stewards.

Challenge: Almost every officer position in our branch is coming open this year! We have deputies lined up for almost all of them, which is awesome and a real success, but we are still working to get a few more lined up. One of goals before we feel comfortable as a branch pursuing baronial status is that have all baronial officer positions filled at all times and 3 of the major offices with deputies that do nothing other than be a deputy (this forces us to expand our officer pool). I'm sure we'll keep all of these offices filled with no gaps.

One Great Idea (OK 2): This year, I decided that I wanted our annual budgets and officer expenditures to be more public and available for members to see. In previous years, there was no real public record of how much each officer had, how much they had spent in that office, and how much the Shire had spent in their annual budget. So I created the following google sheet, protected so that only I and the Exchequer can edit it while all others can view and comment on it:

- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lpkW8UGruzMtZzjKcL7GRTVXTs7HejtVGACyIdsafiE/edit?usp=sharing>

I'm hoping with this information out there, we continue to work on being more transparent and show that we are operating efficiently and effectively. I would like to see other branches do this.

Another thing we as a Shire adopted that I would love to see other branches (especially those that may struggle with funds) do was we passed a balanced budget initiative in our financial policy this year (this initiative was brought forward to the Financial Committee from a shire member and officer, Hrothric of Fenwald). This means that our annual officer budgets (excluded event budgets of course) cannot total more than the profit we made from the previous year. If we didn't make a bunch, we have a small annual budget BUT can request additional funds on a case by case basis after or when the funds run out. While we can still spend over the amount we made, it forces the branch to consider last year's financials to keep the branch financially solvent and should always ensure that the branches funds increase over time.

**Incipient Barony of Myrtleholt:** Success- A great meeting with Principality and Kingdom people, who helped clarify things. (For me at least)

Challenge- Learning new things about the process of growing from a Shire to a Barony. It's a good challenge, but it can feel intimidating at times.

Idea- None that I can think of at present.

**Shire of Southmarch:** Success new members

Challenge getting new members to events and out of just the shire

Good idea car pool

Also May Revel is coming up 7th of may it will be a free event with pot luck feast

**Barony of Terra Pomaria:** Successes - Polling went great - big turnout, energized populace, big surge in involvement

Challenges - Surprise changeover between seneschals in mid-polling

Good idea - Holding a service discussion roundtable and "job fair" to show potential officers what each office involves

**Shire of Tymberhavene:** Success - Have gotten people to contribute ideas about meeting locations, including we're having our first south-of-Coos-Bay meeting in a long time on Thursday.

Challenge - Between life happening and sickness running through the group, getting quorum at meetings has been difficult.

Good Idea - Can't think of any right now.

**Coronet Event Reports** – (Event Steward, EIF/DRF, Crier/Echoes, Venue, Insurance)

**2016 March Coronet:** silent auction made over \$600; we did not lose money – 150+ through gate

**2016 Summer Investiture** (Date change!): The site contract has been signed, and I have done a complete walk through of the site. We have emailed the various principality marshals and officers to inquire what if anything they needed from me. His Excellency Peder will be the Heavy MIC. The Defender Tourney format will be a Bring your Best. I

am looking for volunteers to Run Gate, filed Marshal, Setup, Herald and many other tasks.

**2016 Fall Coronet:** Please find attached my updated event proposal/budget for Fall Coronet 2016.

Success: The site is completely reserved with plenty of space for the entire event.

Challenge: The site was \$162 more than originally budgeted. This was to secure additional space and an additional day for set up.

Great Idea: Tymberhavene will be offering its traditional Friday night soups and breads to all far travelers. This will be accomplished by donations from the Shire. We will also have coffee and tea set up in the two separate covered areas.

The event is already listed on the Kingdom calendar and has its official Facebook page established. As this is my first Principality level event, if there is something I am missing please do not hesitate to let me know.

**2016 Winter Investiture:** Presenting ideas at Adiantum Moot this month and then will communicate with Royals. Lords Marcello Fornarius and Gwyn ap Llewellyn, Event Stewards for Winter Investiture 2016, do provide to you this Event Report: Planning goes smoothly to date. Site selection has resulted in one primary site, with a bid on the table. We expect to have finalization within the next few weeks. As Alpine Scholar will not be held at this event, it will not appear on future reports. Feast Stewards have been identified, HL Rafny Garansdottir and Lord Skjaldar-Þorsteinn will be in charge of providing dinner. The site is discretely wet. All in all, everything looks good at this point.

**2017 Arts and Sciences and Bardic Championship:** BriarOak – Looking at camp which provides 3 meals/day (\$40 pp per day includes room/board); considering doing fighting prize tourney with Laurels making prizes.

A&S – hoping to have several requirements for Alpine Scholar (teaching demo) – required three things, but could be same area as opposed to different area

Bardic – had summits participation at Kingdom A&S, and had royal support – TP starting bardic championship – think we may run like done last at ARC.