



## Spring Coronet Moot – March 19, 2017

**Welcome and Words from Their Alpine Highnesses** - We have Heirs! We are very happy with the number of fighters in the lists, and the fights were amazing. The event went well, and We hope all had a great time.

**Words from the Tanist and Tanista** - We are working on the plan for Our reign. We need to plan Our progress, so will rely on the Summits reserve calendar and input from the branches. We are looking forward to a great summer.

### Summits Roll of Officers

**Seneschal** - *Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh*

1. We continue to have several open offices in the Summits, several of which are required for us to be a Principality, including:
  - a. Earl Marshal (must changeover in May - no apps)
  - b. Chatelaine (April – one potential applicant)
  - c. Exchequer (Needed no later than December 2017, apps in process)
  - d. Family Activities Coordinator (Vacant)
  - e. Rapier Deputy (Needed no later than December 2017, no apps)
  - f. Youth Armored Combat Deputy (Vacant, no apps)
  - g. Webminister (Vacant, no apps)
  - h. Archery Deputy (expires May, no apps)
  - i. Cut and Thrust Deputy (Vacant, no apps)
  - j. Equestrian Deputy (expires December 2017, no apps).
2. Summits ASB was a resounding success, with congratulations to our two new Champions, Seamus O'Caellaigh as Alpine Scholar and Iurii Victorev Belogorski as Summits Bard.
3. Reporting is still shaky. I must be CC'd on all Principality Officer reports. Please CC me so I can make sure my report is accurate and best demonstrates the greatness of our Principality! Please also make sure we are following reporting dates that were changed during Vesta and Turk's Reign: local branch officers must report on the 15th following the end of the reporting quarter, and Principality officers by the end of that same month. This IS different than Kingdom Law.
4. Still working on Office Emails; it has been a slow going process with Kingdom.

**Deputy Seneschal:** *Maeve Cunningham*

No report at this time, no special projects in the works.

**Calendar Deputy:** *Kanavati Manakkkam*

The most important update appears to be that I am now receiving emails directly from the Summits calendar email address!! Beyond that I feel that I have a solid grasp on my procedures and have not run into issues. Please copy the Kingdom Calendar on all requests for calendar entries.

**Social Media Deputy:** *Seamus o'Caellaigh*

The only thing I have to report is a question that has been posted on the Newsfeed asking what people would like to see on the Newsfeed. What do people want to see? Events? Announcements from the Crown and Coronet? Let me know!

**Bleu Grael Herald:** *Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne*

1. In the preceding quarter, I filed my required quarterly report with Black Lion Principal Herald, and updated the officer roster with new branch heralds.

2. Their Gracious Majesties have announced that all competitors and consorts planning to enter May Crown must have armoury at least in submission. Accordingly, we have been planning for an uptick in submissions. Marya Demi-Lion ran a consulting table at Alpine Scholar and acquired four submissions from two submitters. Rheinwylydd Lions Blood and Emelyn Fulredy are running the consultation table at Coronet. We will be planning a couple more consultations before Crown, tentatively one at Terra Pomaria fighter practice and one at a Coeur du Val fighter practice at least. Online submissions will also be cheerfully accepted for people willing to take that approach. The submission doesn't have to **\*pass\*** by Crown; just be submitted.

**Chancellor of the Exchequer:** *Jennet MacLachlan of Loch Fyne*

Account balances are good, especially in light of His Highness's request that we achieve balances equivalent to three years of operating expenses, and we have done that. All branches were on time for Q3 reports. As a reminder, for bids on Principality events, budgets for those events are due at minimum six months out from the event. That is a minimum, and further out is better, both for the Principality and for the hosting branch.

Gryphon Travel Fund:	\$1,691.45
Summits Travel Fund:	\$2,618.75
Regalia Fund:	\$1,104.50
General Fund:	\$14,813.38
Total Balance:	\$20,228.18

**Chamberlain:** *Diana de Winterton*

1. Getting organized and gathering past trailer inventories to have an accurate checklist for future reigns and to document what has been lost. Goals are to retain more regalia, promote accountability and regular maintenance of existing regalia.
2. Maintenance. Protecting the winter cloaks has been addressed, and maintenance on the trailer is being reviewed.
3. Locating lost regalia. A return amnesty has been instigated. Please encourage all populace who have items in their possession they feel may belong to the Principality to turn them into myself no questions asked (stories welcome). Will also provide a designated area for anonymous drop-off of items. Look for the solid blue pennant.

**Minister of Arts & Sciences:** *Rowan Spiritwalker*

1. The first quarter of the year has been blessedly quiet, with no real challenges or problems to report.
2. The Summits Arts and Sciences/Bardic Championship event went very smoothly and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Seamus O'Calligh is the new Alpine Scholar; I am pleased to report that he already has plans for his tenure in place and has appraised me of said plans.
3. Reports for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter were turned in and compiled report sent to Their Majesties, Their Highnesses, Summits Seneschal and Kingdom Arts and Sciences Minister.
4. My only request this quarter is assistance in clarification to branch A&S ministers when their reports are due to my office.

**Chronicler:** *Aoibheall an Sionnach*

1. I received Chronicler reports from five regions in January: Adiantum, Corvaria, Glyn Dwfn, Myrtle Holt, and Terra Pomeria. I would like everyone to take notice of the wonderful work done by Her Ladyship Nim in Myrtle Holt, Lord Murchadh in Adiantum, Lady Aine and Lord Moudry in Corvaria, and Berte in Terra Pomaria. In an organization that cherishes and celebrates history, these folks are keeping our organizational history alive. Please thank them for their service.

2. Once you've thanked these folks, please help them get the support they need. With the exception of Corvaria, none of these Chroniclers has a deputy. Nim in Myrtle Holt has extended her warrant already; the Chroniclers in Terra Pomaria and Glyn Dwfn are nearing the end of their warrants. We can't create qualified deputies out of thin air, but we can spread some of the burden around. Develop ways to share note-taking at meetings; offer to write articles for the newsletter, or personally ask folks you know to share articles. Submit photographs and artwork (with proper submission forms, please). Offer to be the guest editor for a month. The Chronicler's position can be a lot of fun, but it is also challenging – like being an event steward every month. Don't let these good people burn out!
3. Principality Officers could use the Principality newsletter to inform the populace about their offices, rule changes, news, and announcements. I know several officers have mentioned writing articles – the deadline for the next newsletter is March 25!

**Chatelaine:** *Naible Martyn*

My time as Summits Chatelaine expires on the 2nd of April. I have posted the opening via the Summits page, the Summits Chatelaine page as well as speaking to potential volunteers personally, and I have an applicant. I will continue to do what I do regardless of titles or hats, but I need to regulate myself a little to avoid burnout.

**Gryphon Scribe:** *Diana de Winterton*

Reorganization is in progress. We are working with Kingdom to resolve issues with inconsistent sizes on scrolls for seals, and improving the process for seals.

**Minister of the Lists:** *Acacia Gryffin*

1. Pre-registrations have been popular and I believe are helping the tournaments move faster than in the past. I just wish 100% of folks would take advantage of it. It would make my job so much easier. Rae has offered to create a heraldry cheat sheet for those following along at home, which is only as good as the info we have prior to the event, but I think will be great. So yet another reason for folks to pre-reg!
2. I am hoping to get a deputy sometime soon. Someone who could fill in for me if need be, who is fully trained and could apply for the office if interested next year.
3. I am hoping to train (at Egils) an interested party who would like to take on Adiantum's Lists office.

**Earl Marshal:** *Luciano Foscari*

1. Reporting was poor last quarter. Three branches did not get their reports in on time, and only reported after being contacted by many people. Two of those branches now have new marshals, so hopefully this was just a one time thing. I received communication from the Kingdom Archery Deputy looking for the report from the Principality Archery Deputy. I don't know if they ever received it. The Principality Archery Deputy does not forward me their report, which they are supposed to do.
2. Coronet event stewards need to contact the PEM to make sure that they have a marshal for the event. The PEM is normally going to be the MIC for Coronet, but stewards need to make sure that is the case.
3. I will be stepping up as Kingdom Earl Marshal at May Crown, and need to step down as PEM. I've not received any applications for the job, although I have had two people express some interest. We need to have the changeover happen no later than Egils, as I cannot be both for long. There is a requirement that the PEM be a senior marshal for two years in any marshal discipline. That requirement can be waived, but Kingdom would rather see someone with that experience, if it is possible.

**Archery Deputy:** *Hrothric of Fenwald*

*No report*

**Rapier Deputy:** *Alail Horsefriend*

1. The Arte of Defence is continuing to flourish in the Principality of the Summits!
2. Reporting for the last quarter was on time for those groups who report; and there were no injuries or incidents. The Summit's rapier community continues to flourish, and is in the forefront of the Cut and Thrust Melee experiment. The Cut and Thrust Melee experiment has been approved and Taran Destingr is the marshal in charge of the melee experiment for the southern Summit's. Rumor has it that there WILL be Cut and Thrust Melee at AnTir/West War! :)
3. I am STILL looking for a successor for the Office Summit's Deputy for Rapier, I must step down no later than Fall Coronet. This is an office with a low workload, normally a few hours a Quarter, and is an excellent introduction to Principality level service.

**Equestrian Deputy:** *Anna von Engelberg*

1. I have started the process of looking for a replacement. My term ends in December, but I also may not be living in the Summits prior to that date. I have posted to the Facebook boards and let the other senior equestrian marshals in the Summits know I am looking for a replacement. No one is interested at this time.
2. Terra Pomaria is sponsoring an Equestrium the first weekend in June. Announcements have been made in the Echoes and on various Facebook pages. Primary contacts are Sir William Brannan or Anna von Engelberg. (Troy and Nancy Griffith: [Troy@troygriffith.com](mailto:Troy@troygriffith.com) or [nancy@troygriffith.com](mailto:nancy@troygriffith.com))
3. There is sadly a lack of equestrian activity in the Summits at this time. Terra Pomaria is the only officially active group at this time. We hope that the Equestrium will help to bolster some interest. The lack of active (members) equestrians within the Summits is a challenge. Four senior marshals in the southern region of the Summits have had real life happen, and it is entirely possible that two of the senior marshals in the northern region are also about to have real life happen. If other groups are interested, Sir William and I would be happy to come do training for a little help with gas money!

**From The Coronet:** *We want the equestrian community to grow, so we need to teach, support, etc - or we need to know "we don't want it". The modern public is always asking 'where's the horses?', and An Tir is getting to be known for EQ abilities.*

**War Lord of the Summits:** *position vacant*

Position is effectively vacant as the current officeholder has failed to get warranted or communicate with the Earl Marshal. The Coronet is seeking applicants, and persons considering this position should understand that travel is expected. The primary purpose of the Warlord is to promote expertise in all martial forms, and to help develop the skills and martial prowess of the Summits on the battlefield.

**Upcoming Championships**

**Captain of Tigers - Spring Coronet (March)** - Bowen Doyle is our new champion!

**Defender of the Summits - Summer Investiture (June)** – *Ivan Shield Bane*: The tournament will take place at June Investiture and will be a bring your best, double elimination standard tournament. Information will be forthcoming soon.

**Outrider of the Summits - ARC in Myrtle Holt (July)** – *William Brannan*: I will be talking with the Prince and Princess at Coronet about the Outrider competition and whether or not we should go ahead with it this year based on the number of active equestrians (who are members) within the Summits. The

tournament is slated to be held in Myrtleholt, July 29-30, 2017, at David and Jennet's home. At this time, I do not know what equipment will be available for the competition, though if there is to be one, we will be bringing what we can fit into our truck.

**Captain of Eagles - Corvaria Summer Event (August)** – *David de Rosier-Blanc*: I'm working on what I'd like to have be both my Champion's Archery challenge during my tenure, and I'm considering ideas for the format of my championship. At this time, I am looking for contact from the hosting branch for the championship (Corvaria at Harvest Tourney); and I can't find any documents on the Summits website to possibly glean info from... without any of this, I'm rather "in the dark" as to what to plan for where and when... Help?

**Alpine Scholar - A&S & Bardic 2018 (February)** - *Seamus o'Caellaigh*: The guidelines for next year's competition have been decided. The requirements are:

- a. 3 entries with at least one entry being from a different area of study.
- b. Research papers are considered an entry.
- c. One of the entries may be a Bardic entry.

Timeline for when letters of intent are due will be forthcoming. I also hope to have an "Artisans of the Summits" meeting at June Investiture to figure out what issues our artists are facing and how we can support each other.

### **Branch Seneschals**

#### **Adiantum – *Gwyn ap Llewellyn***

1. Successes
  - a. New Chamberlain is working out very well in position.
  - b. New Heavy Marshal and Rapier Marshal voted in.
  - c. Several new Baronial members (newcomers and transplants) have come to Council meetings.
2. Challenges
  - a. Attendance at Midwinter's Feast a little lower than expected. Still reached break-even for costs.
  - b. Still have openings for Youth Armored Combat Marshal and Lists Minister, both have been open for years. Officer pool is very small relative to population size
  - c. Miss-billing issue with sanitation services provider (Buck's) over a Seadogs event last July has not been resolved and Adiantum is still listed as responsible party, which is not accurate. Work continues on solution.
3. Great Ideas
  - a. Chamberlain has designed and is building a rolling in-storage-unit cart for storing Pavilion poles to maximize space

#### **Briaroak - *Sleibhin O'leannachain***

1. Having just stepped in to the office of Seneschal, there have not been many activities that have occurred since I stepped up at Birl. However, I am extremely proud of the fact that 2 members of the shire were able to plan and execute a very successful, first time event.
  - a. Lady Dawnhella and Lady Violante planned and stewarded the Alpine Arts and Sciences and Bardic event the weekend of Feb 24-26th. Being a first time event, we were all unsure of the success the event would enjoy but we were all very pleasantly surprised at the profitability of the event and the praise the event received.

2. The main problem I am experiencing is the lack of willing participants to fill Shire offices and event steward positions. It seems that the same group of people are constantly playing "musical seats" as far as these positions.

**Coeur du Val - Solbella haTayeret**

1. Had some changes in officers.
2. We have another event in the works: "True art of defense" which will be a wonderful event featuring rapier, cut and thrust, and courtly graces. Later we will be getting "A stitch in time" A&S event ready for October.
3. We as a shire still would like to adopt Linn County and get that moving!

**Corvaria - Thaddeus MacGreagair**

1. Everything is pretty ok now that we have Investiture under way.
2. My term is coming to an end at June Investiture. I am pretty sure I have found a suitable successor who will be taking over. (since there was only one person interested) My deputy Tighearnan will be stepping up when my term is done. I will make sure that the paperwork is in order.

**Glyn Dwfn – Kathren of Carnforth**

1. Glyn Dwfn now has a Family Activities Coordinator and is starting to look into the process of becoming a barony.
2. The major challenge we are currently having is with event stewards who are extremely difficult to get ahold of.

**Myrtle Holt – Keara Buchanan**

*No report.*

**Southmarch - Arkadii L'vovich**

1. New Seneschal, Arkadii L'vovich (MKA Rick Mowery)!
2. Spring is going well in the shire, and there is little to report at this time.
3. Plans are underway for Summits ASB 2018!

**Terra Pomaria – Gwyneth Blackthorne**

1. Terra Pomaria is well into preparation for Bar Gemels.
2. A challenge we are facing is finding a site that will allow a bid with the preferred profit margin vs breaking even or having slim profits, while still being a weekend long event.
3. A success is the generosity of our Populace with their time and skills in creating items to send to our fellow Barony of Blatha an Oir. We will be sending banners for their officers and the games donated at Bar Gemels, as well as items donated by the populace to their event the last weekend in April.

**Tymberhavene – Yrmegard de Groet**

1. Next principality event: June investiture, 2018.
  - a. Which date is correct, there are 5 weekends in June in 2018?
  - b. The site we usually use can only be booked in person 9 months in advance of the date reserved.
  - c. Given it is a principality event, how do you want to proceed with contacts? We use this site 1-2 times a year, and I can furnish you with contact for current event (war in the trees) if this would help.
2. Our next local event is War in the Trees, June 9-11, at West Laverne park in Coquille. Come on out for a fun weekend and war practice before ATWW!

## **Upcoming Coronet & Principality Events**

### **March Coronet 2017 - Coeur du Val -**

1. Well, We live in an amazing area! Huge thank you to the following folks
  - a. Adiantum: For loaning us their amazing banners
  - b. Tim the Brewer: Organizing and making a great lunch
  - c. Livia: She is the gate queen!
  - d. Driffina: Stepping into BIG shoes last min
  - e. Luciano: For being a Marshal in Charge for the event
  - f. Finngal: For taking the field heralding by the horns
  - g. and MANY MANY more!!!
2. 169 people in attendance.
3. Branches should make every effort to make Coronets & Investitures two-day events, so officers don't feel they are held over for Moot as punishment for serving.

### **June Investiture 2017 - Corvaria**

1. Planning for Summer Investiture is coming along. The contract with the event center has been signed, the deposit has been paid, and the insurance certificate requested. We're just beginning to see requests for time, space and activities. Cost is ~\$3,200 with a \$20 site fee and \$10 day-trip fee. 150 attendees needed to break even. We request a policy be established that children be free for Summits events.
2. By the time this report is presented, event copy will be turned into both the Crier and Echoes.

### **September Coronet 2017 - Glyn Dwfn**

1. We are trying to connect with the proposed September Coronet site to get final numbers for the budget; if I don't hear from them by Tuesday, I will submit a budget with the numbers we have been using.

### **Winter Investiture 2017 - Myrtle Holt**

1. Will be submitting a budget/bid for approval at March Coronet
2. Currently does not have a Feast Steward, so I have no feast cost to add to the budget. This means I can't offer a budget for approval, which means I can't get the site contract.
3. *Seneschal - Provided feedback/advice on how to fill out budget if planning on a feast even without feast steward.*

### **A&S & Bardic 2018 - Southmarch**

1. Preparations are under way for the next year's Principality Bardic competition to be held in Southmarch.
2. We have a prospective event steward (Viscountess Ekaterina Aleksandrovna) and are negotiating with a promising site.
3. Further details and an event bid forthcoming shortly.

*Reminder from Seneschal:* Budget must be submitted, along with site information, by 6 months before the event, but preferably before. Budget must be approved and contract looked over by Seneschal before any contracts may be signed.

### **March Coronet 2018 - Terra Pomaria**

1. We have several of our members researching potential sites for March Coronet 2018. I apologize that we do not yet have bids to submit, we are waiting to hear back from a few more (hopefully reasonably priced) event sites.
2. A challenge we are facing is finding a site that will allow a bid with the preferred profit margin vs breaking even or having slim profits, while still being a weekend long event.

### **Bids for Summits Exchequer & Seneschal Training/Retreat**

1. We are going to be doing an Exchequer and Seneschal Training again, so long as a viable bid is received and approved by the financial committee!
2. Preference for event timeline would be early to mid Fall 2017 but ALL bids will be considered and weighed against all other options. Event would be 3 days.
3. There is a \$400 budget from the Summits to offset site costs. Preference will be given to bids that meet all our needs and avoid a site fee, but, again, all bids will be considered including those with a small site fee (branches can reimburse if within their financial policies to do so).
4. Necessary accommodations
  - a. At least 2 large meeting areas, one for Seneschals and one for Exchequers.
  - b. Access to WIFI and electrical outlets.
  - c. Restrooms.
5. Highly preferred accommodations
  - a. Kitchen
  - b. Sleeping quarters (dorm-style)
6. Bids will be accepted immediately, and awarded no earlier than one month from now and no later than June Investiture.

### **Outrider and Captain of Eagles Rotation Changes - Winter Investiture 2017**

1. Current Championship Rotations are as Follows
  - a. Captain of Eagles (to be held between May & August)
    - i. 2016 - Myrtle Holt (Complete)
    - ii. 2017 - Corvaria (August)
    - iii. 2018 - Myrtle Holt (Pending)
  - b. Outrider of the Summits (to be held between May and August)
    - i. 2016 - Glyn Dwfn (Complete)
    - ii. 2017 - Myrtle Holt (July)
    - iii. 2018 - Corvaria (Pending)
2. Per Event Policy of the Summits (Article III.A, Section 2), any branch in good standing in the Principality may choose to enter or leave the rotation to host a Principality Championship Event on odd numbered years (2017). This discussion and vote must be reflected in the branch's business meeting minutes. The Branch Seneschal MUST declare the branch's intentions to enter or leave the rotation at Winter Investiture Moot (2017 this year).
3. Branches are determined for 2018 as waiting for changes at Winter Investiture would not allow these branches adequate time to prepare.
4. If interested in getting into rotation, please submit request to get into rotation. Also, all seneschals need to regularly check with their branches about the status of their branch in the event rotation.
5. To be discussed further: Changing Outrider to a bid process instead of a rotation format, as this is a unique competition; preparations are difficult and costly, etc. It may be better to have as part of already scheduled horse events.

### **Final Words from Their Highnesses:**

Venue costs are going up, which drives site fees up and attendance down. In Canada they have instituted a policy of children are free, and a \$5 discount with current student ID or proof of age 65 or over. You may think this cuts into the margin of the event, but I suggest that isn't the case. These people may have not been able to afford to attend at the higher rate, so by offering the discount it is possible to bring in people who otherwise may not have been able to attend. I'd like to consider a similar policy for the Summits.