



# Summer Investiture Moot

Shire of Corvaria

June 18, 2017

## Words from Their Alpine Highnesses, Durin and Ceridwen:

Thanks for coming. As a reminder, when you are scheduling activities at an event that involve Us, please clear that schedule with Us first. Her Highness is not a morning person and requests that you please try to not schedule 8am meetings; if that has to happen, We can manage it. Also, if schedules involving Us need to change, please let Us know. We try to be at all the places We

should, but if schedules change and We don't get that head's-up, that's a problem. We'll sacrifice doing what We want in order to be at places We need to be.

Her Highness' work schedule means there's not a specific time that's best for contact. Please email or contact Us via Facebook and We will try to reply when there's time.

## Financial Report:

### ACCOUNT BALANCES

	DEC. 2016	JUNE 2017
Bank Balance	19,558.71	21,967.05
Gryphon Travel Fund	1,576.00	2,173.45
Summits Travel Fund	2,618.75	2,718.75
Regalia Fund	854.50	1,104.50
General Fund	14,509.46	15,970.35

All branches were on time with their first quarter reports.

## Summits Roll of Officers

### **Seneschal – *Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh***

- I'm happy to report that, unlike my last report at moot, we have filled almost ALL of our open officer positions and have applications for others! It is amazing to see our populace step up and continue to make Summits an amazing place to play!
- Getting moot reports was extremely difficult this go around. I want to say I understand that lives are busy but I have attempted to make this report super easy and quick. I've seen reports that are just a few sentences and this is acceptable. This is your opportunity to brag about the great things going on, and to reach out with literally any troubles you are having! We can only all get better when we help each other by both identifying common issues and proposing solutions. I don't like using the "big stick" but continued failure to report can put a branch/officer position in jeopardy, so it's really important we hear something when these requests are sent out.
- Unfortunately, I'm still waiting on Kingdom to set up emails for Summits. There is also discussion which I read on the recent advertisement for a Webminister deputy of moving to a "shared platform" which is more user friendly. This makes me believe we may want to wait on Summits-specific hosting to see if this version of the server and platform is better than what we currently get.

- I had the opportunity to teach a class at Egils on officer recruitment and retention. I will be holding that again, although not sure when, so please come and let your voice be heard!

### **Deputy Seneschal – *Suvia filia Heriberti***

The new contingency deputy seneschal is Viscountess Suvia, once she gets back and signs her warrant. Please note this is not a replacement Seneschal, but an officer available in case the seneschal has to step away from the position unexpectedly.

### **Calendar Deputy - *Kanavati***

- The Kingdom is working on updating the process for submittal of events. Once complete, the process will be streamlined and should be easier to use by the populace.
- I am currently working on writing up a summary of my office so that future deputies will have a reference guide. It's not a difficult office, but it would be nice to have something handy.
- One challenge is we are sometimes having server issues.

### **Social Media Deputy - *Seamus o'Caelleigh***

If you are an Event Steward for a Principality Event, please get with me and I will make you a Facebook Event and make you the Co-Host.

### **Bleu Grael Herald - *Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne***

- Many thanks to Marya Demilion for running heraldry at March Coronet. Thanks to all of our volunteers.
- Tourney season is heating up, and there will be many tournaments and opportunities for voice heralds. Please follow Duke Tjorkill's example and consider volunteering to do a few rounds of field heraldry at a tournament near you. Experienced heralds are available to train.
- West An Tir War is coming, and there will be many opportunities there as well. Town criers are needed throughout the event to announce daily activities and especially schedule changes.
- The things I'm proudest of is something I did not do: it's the exemplary work of Rhi Lionsblood and Emelyn Boar in the great surge of armoury submissions prior to An Tir May Crown. Emelyn Boar (Emelyn Fulredy of Terra Pomaria) was recognized at Egils with a Goutte de Sang for her outstanding work in this effort. The Summits is blessed with talented and dedicated book heraldry staff.
- Challenges continue to be achieving 100% reporting, and getting more volunteers.
- For the next quarter, I'm going to try to get to as many Summits events as I can.

### **Chancellor of the Exchequer – *Jennet mac Lachlan of Loch Fyne***

- My term as Chancellor of the Exchequer was extended; I am now happy to report that I have a replacement and that HL Marcello Fornarius will be taking over from me. We will have our Exchequer Training in September and Marcello will take over after that. In the

meantime, he is learning the ropes and being a tremendous support to me. Thank you, Marcello, for this and for giving this report on our behalf.

- If you have a Principality event coming up in the next year, per Financial Policy, a budget must be submitted to the Financial Committee for review and approval.
- The Chamberlain position has been filled and we thank Visc. Diana de Winterton for generously volunteering to fill this position together with the position of Gryphon Scribe.

#### **Chamberlain – *Diana de Winterton***

- The trailer received much needed work on the bearings and axle, and will need new tires. The current tires and wheels don't match.
- The feast gear box and box thrones have been refinished by His Highness. The box thrones and traveling thrones for the Tanist and Tanista need to be addressed.
- A project: I am compiling a list of all the current regalia to make trailer exchange easier (and to see what has been listed and get photos for a history book) but also lists and photos of regalia of Principality Officers. Anyone willing to submit stories, lists, photos, etc, is greatly appreciated.
- Lastly, the regalia turn-in amnesty effort is still going. If you or someone you know has something that likely could be past regalia, either speak to me or have SCA pony express send it my way. The only thing I may want is a story of its adventures.
- Ongoing: Continuing to work to replace lost regalia with new. Contact me if you want to donate time and labor.

#### **Minister of Arts & Sciences – *Rowan Spiritwalker (warrant extended)***

- All is going well in the area of A&S. The Arts and Sciences have been well represented at several events this quarter, most notably Spring Coronet at Coeur du Val.
- Marcus Valerius Taurus in Terra Pomaria is now A&S Deputy for the Coastal Region and has been holding monthly A&S days in the Newport area.
- Branch reports came in on time and all branches were represented with one exception.
- Report to Principality and Crown went out on time.

#### **Chronicler – *Aoibheall an Sionnach***

- Thanks to Berte le Webbere of Terra Pomaria for her service as Chronicler as she steps down. Also, thanks to Thorgeirr Eikenskjaldi as he steps up to become Chronicler of Glyn Dwfñ.
- Please take a moment to update the information for the regnum section of the Echoes. Please also provide a publishable email. This can be the current summits official email, or a personal email with your permission.
- Seneschals, if you are not already doing so, please take oversight of event announcements for your locality. At least once this quarter, we had announcements go out with missing or incorrect information. We had situations where the event information never showed up, or barely made it in on time. I will always try to get in touch with the event steward in those situations, but I need your help. We want all the events in the Summits to succeed, to be profitable, and to build word-fame for the branches.

### **Chatelaine – *Svala Picti***

- I'm a little backlogged right now, but I love the position. I'm still working on getting reports and information from the previous Chatelaine. Emails were sent but it didn't appear that files were attached.
- I have an old roster but not updates.

### **Gryphon Scribe – *Diana de Winterton***

- Terra Pomaria is holding an active scribal night, averaging 6-10 participants.
- Adiantum and Southmarch have scribal officers who are making efforts. Adiantum's activities surrounded Baronial charges for Egils, and Southmarch focused on Principality and Kingdom scrolls.
- Corvaria, although they do not have a scribal officer, updated their championship scrolls.
- Other activity has been from individuals. Many have expressed a desire to paint.

### **Family Activities Coordinator - *vacant***

- The Kingdom Officer reports that 17 YAFA tokens were officially released and presented. 41 tokens total were completed.
- There is one applicant in progress for the position of Summits Family Activities Coordinator!

### **Minister of the Lists – *Acacia Gryffyn***

- People seem to like the way I'm running Lists, I get many compliments during and after tournaments.
- I wish more people would take advantage of pre-reg opportunities, as it does make everything easier by verifying everything beforehand.
- I would really like to be able to attend a friend's wedding, which sadly is the Saturday of September Coronet. I am looking for an experienced Lists person to cover for the one event if possible.

### **Earl Marshal – *Sverre Bjornhjarta***

- I started my term in office as of the end of May and I am looking forward to serving the Principality in all marshal activities.
- Please help me ensure we get all reports in on time.
- Currently we are seeking a new Principality Rapier Marshal, as the current one is past his term (currently extended) and is actively seeking a replacement.
- I am excited to work with all the branches and to further all activities that fall under the martial banner within the Summits.

### **Archery Deputy - *Tryggr Tyresson***

- I am the new Archery Officer for the Summits. Until the link is changed on the Summits Officer page, my email is [parker@bendnet.com](mailto:parker@bendnet.com). I am looking forward to increasing the quantity and quality of archery and thrown weapons activity in our Principality.

- While compiling the warrant roster for Investiture, I discovered that several branches lack archery marshals/officers and many more lack thrown weapons marshals. Without these key members of our society, we cannot practice our art. I hope we can work together and make the Summits a formidable bastion of the missile arts. I am asking marshals near Briaroak, Coeur du Val, and Tymberhavene to please help them out.
- To all my reporting branch officers, please use the standard form found on the Library link on the An Tir web page under the marshal heading (form #17). I'd like to remind those branches who currently lack an archery officer that it is the duty of the Seneschals to make an archery and thrown weapons report to me at the end of each quarter. In the past, I rarely received marshal in charge reporting forms for archery and thrown weapons events in your area. Please make use of these forms (in this case form #19) within 30 days after your event.
- I am looking for a contingency deputy.

#### **Rapier Deputy – *Alail Horsefriend***

- The Arte of Defence is continuing to flourish within the Principality of the Summits
- We have a new senior marshal for rapier in the South, and we still have the largest per capita Rapier and Cut & Thrust communities in the Kingdom of An Tir.
- I am still looking for a successor for the Office of Summits Deputy for Rapier. I have received some interest, but no applications to date.

#### **Cut & Thrust Deputy – *Taran destingr***

To any event steward, I would love to see C&T tournaments at every event. If I am going, and you don't have one scheduled, I will run it. I want to see C&T as prevalent as heavy combat and rapier.

#### **Equestrian Deputy – *Anna von Engelberg***

- The Summer Equestrium was very successful. We had 32 riders and 59 people through the gate. The feedback we received was helpful and will make a better event the next time we do one!
- Outrider will be happening at ARC in July in Myrtle Holt.
- I will be stepping down at December Investiture. At this time, no one has indicated interest in filling the office after I leave.

#### **War Lord of the Summits – *position vacant***

#### **Youth Armored Combat Deputy – *position vacant***

#### **Webminister - *Suvia filia Heriberti***

We have a new Webminister that will be starting soon, Viscountess Suvia! Suvia will be working on redesign of the website. The current site requires knowledge of Dreamweaver, making it somewhat hard to update without specialized knowledge. We're also waiting to see what Kingdom comes up with in terms of web redesign.

## **Upcoming Championships**

### **Outrider of the Summits - ARC in Myrtle Holt (July) – *William Brannan***

Barring a change of plans by their Highnesses, the next Outrider will be chosen at the Ancestral Remembrance Celebration (ARC) in July. The competition will be in multiple parts, testing both pure horsemanship and mounted martial skills.

### **Captain of Eagles - Corvaria Summer Event (August) – *David de Rosier-Blanc***

- I send great apologies for my lack of ability to participate over the last few months. In particular, my very sincerest apologies to their Highnesses in not being able to assist in attending them at the events they have attended. I was pleased to be able to be with her Highness at Hocktide, though one event is far fewer than I'd hoped to cover. Our mundane world circumstances have become increasingly complicated in having coverage for our mundane world responsibilities, which has made it impossible for both Jennet and I to be gone from the ranch simultaneously.
- I had considered stepping down to my runner-up, but I'm afraid that his circumstances in being able to travel are none-the-better than my own, so that does not make sense. So, I forge forward doing as best I can.
- I have been in touch with the Archery Champion of Corvaria (also the event steward) for Harvest Festival in late August. We've had some introductory planning conversations as to the form of our respective championships and are trying to put together some fun archery challenges for our prospective competitors. Corvaria is looking into an alternate site if needed.

### **Captain of Cats - Winter Investiture (December) – *Andrew Crowe***

We will have a standard double elimination tournament. All participants will be required to have a shield board. Please send an email or a Facebook message to me if you are planning to enter.

### **Alpine Scholar - A&S & Bardic 2018 (February) - *Seamus o'Caelleigh, Iurii Victorev Belogorski***

- Alpine Scholar is only 8 months away! It will be held in Southmarch at the Shilo Inn, a very nice hotel with meeting rooms
- Requirements include 3 entries, with one being from a different area of study.
- There will also be a Single Entry available to get the same level of feedback that is given to those entering the Full Alpine Scholar Championship. Additionally, there will be a Team Contest and a Documentation-Less contest!
- Letters of Intent have previously been due at Winter Investiture, but I am thinking of moving that date forward.
- The Bardic Champion likes the style we've been doing, where competitors mix with people competing. I want it to be low stress and enjoyable – I want a lot of competitors, so please come compete.

## **Branch Seneschals**

### **Adiantum – *William Jakes***

- I have stepped up as seneschal to fill out the current term, which ends in September 2018.
- Egil's Tournament was a huge success! We had 776 people through gate, which is an increase of 39 from the previous year.
- A challenge is that the background check requirements for required officers is slower than molasses. We're still waiting for our FAC to receive her finalized Background Check, and she steps down in September!
- We are working on a new location for Amergin's Event in October. We are trying to team up with the Willamette Leadership Academy to hold our event with a possibility of doing a Demo for their High School students on the Friday of the event. This would allow us to get to the site early and set up during school hours and do the demo after setup. The school actually studies the Middle Ages as part of their curriculum and this would give them a chance to see it in action. Negotiations are continuing at this time.

### **Briar oak - *Sleibhin O'leannachain***

- Nothing much new to report since the last report.
- The main problem I am experiencing is the lack of willing participants to fill Shire offices and event steward positions.

### **Coeur du Val - *Solbella haTayeret***

- We have new deputies for A&S and Chatelaine! The Herald position is open again, and the A&S Minister is staying on for another year.
- The branch is currently in the polling process to officially add Linn County to its rolls. The date has been set and notification given out on Facebook, in the Crier, and in the Echoes. The official polling will be held August 10.
- The branch was awarded the Summits Seneschal & Exchequer retreat bid which is set for September 23 (more at the end of moot).
- The True Arte of Defense event had to change dates due to the venue. The date will be announced soon, hopefully in early or mid October! A new EIF will be put in as soon as we have a date!
- There has been some discussion about sharing a Kingdom event with Terra Pomaria. More will be discussed soon.
- Some concerns include being unsure if the Exchequer has been approved. Also we are not sure if the Summits has received the updated March Coronet report which was mailed 2 weeks ago.

### **Corvaria - *Tighearnan Cearrbhach o'Faolain***

- I am the new seneschal; we are currently small but trying to grow. We are working hard to make sure Harvest Tourney/Summits Archery goes off without a hitch. The Harvest and Summits Archery Championship event is August 25 - 27, 2017, at Culver City Park. Corvaria's Heavy and Archery Championships will be held there, along with a Rapier prize tournament.

- The branch is doing a demo at the upcoming Canterbury Faire. Contact me if you want to be part of the demo.

### **Glyn Dwn – *Kathren of Carnforth***

- Hocktide went logistically well, although we had only about 50 people, much smaller attendance than we had hoped.
- We are starting to kick into gear for Táin Bó and look forward to it.
- We have finally managed to secure a site for September Coronet and had our budget approved, and planning is starting in earnest.
- In regards to challenges, I am leaving for the summer and will be in Three Mountains through September. I will be at branch events, barring unforeseen circumstances, but have every faith in my deputy, Milisandia, who will be running branch business meetings and representing the branch locally. I have already explained this to the branch and assured them I will still be available and acting as Seneschal by long-distance means of communications (email, phone, Facebook, etc.)

### **Myrtle Holt – *Kiara Buchanan***

- Myrtle Holt has several events coming up:
  - a. ARC is coming along well and will have the Summits Equestrian Championship. It will also have the Shire's EQ Championship, as well as the Myrtle Holt Osprey Archery Championship, the Myrtle Holt Heavy Defender Tournament, and the Ronald Hawkwood Memorial single sword tournament. There will be a brewing competition as well as classes; contact Megan if you want to teach.
  - b. The 11th Night site is reserved and the down payment made. There is an excellent feast and event staff including our autocrat, Vicaria Vesta.
  - c. A few weeks later in the beginning of the year we will have our Hogmanay feast. We have many people working hard to make sure all of these events are excellent.
- Our accounts are in great standing and the only issue we have is needing more paid members.
- We have had some changes in officers for which I'm obtaining current membership cards. Our Chronicler is stepping down and David is stepping up into that position. Our Chatelaine is stepping down and Brian Buchanan is stepping into that position. Our Archery Marshal is stepping down and Amir is stepping into that position. We also have a new Deputy Seneschal with Bowen stepping into that position and Alfric stepping into the Marshal position.

### **Southmarch - *Arkadii L'vovich***

- Since the last Moot, we have held one event here in the Shire. Our May Revel event was rather poorly attended. Despite this, it was a fun and cozy event and we still broke even on the event costs.
- We had a very successful fundraiser in January, one which has been arranged as a yearly recurring event. This has put the shire on a firm financial footing for the foreseeable future.

- We have scouted a site for the Shire to host next year's Principality A&S&B event, submitted our bid packet and are awaiting feedback on the packet to finalize the arrangements.
- With winter's hold finally breaking (despite receiving snow last week!) we have been holding fighter practices regularly again. The shire also continues to hold Arts & Sciences days, with recent ones working on hall decorations and heraldic submissions.

### **Terra Pomaria – *Gwyneth Blackthorne***

- Terra Pomaria has had an eventful Spring with Bar Gemels and Summer Equestrium, both great events with good turnouts.
- Equestrium was the first event of its kind in our Kingdom as a strictly educational event for the Equestrian community, and was attended by Populace from Summits, Central An Tir, Tir Righ, The West, and Caid.
- We have submitted our bid for March Coronet 2018 and hope to hear back from the Principality Finance Committee soon with their comments.

### **Tymberhavene – *Yrmegard de Groet***

- Our web minister has resigned. We've had one fighter practice, then travel and life got in the way of the next one. We have identified someone interested in taking on branch Marshal once he gets his cards updated for An Tir. A&S nights are well attended.
- We 'Drowned' in the Trees last weekend and got good war practice in, despite the torrential rain. The A&S defender competition had zero entrants at the event, though. We are scheduled to host Summer Investiture in 2018.
- We are still having attendance issues at business meetings and experimenting with other ways to make that better.
- My term as Seneschal is up in November, and I have not yet been able to identify a potential replacement.

### **Upcoming Coronet & Principality Events**

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

- Preparations for September Coronet are progressing well. After some delays, we secured a site and approved a budget. The event will be held at Joseph Stewart State Park on September 15-17 and Iurii Victorev Belogorski is the event steward.
- I am preparing to speak to the Principality Officers about involvement in organizing the event. Since it's a state park, I'm not sure we will be allowed to do archery. I would also like to hold a C&T and rapier tournament.
- The Crier copy and EIF have been submitted.
- I am planning a second visit to the site in order to get a better impression of the potential layout.

### **Exchequer & Seneschal Training & Retreat 2017 - Coeur du Val**

- A bid was received and awarded for the Shire of Coeur du Val to host this year's Exchequer & Seneschal Training & Retreat! The event stewards are Cillian Fitzwilliam and Rheinwyllydd verch Einion Llanaelhaearn.
- The event will be held Saturday, September 23rd from 10am - 7pm
- The cost is free and is open to anyone in these officer positions or anyone that is willing or interested in learning about these positions.
- Branches may be able to pay for the gas to the event and lodging if it is in your financial policy and the funds are approved through the policy's process and laws.
- The Shire will provide coffee service and lunch at no additional charge, though donations are greatly appreciated.
- There will be a potluck social the evening before the event (Friday) at the home of Solbella ha-Tayaret in Albany Oregon.
- The Shire will be coordinating crash space for those who are traveling to the event.

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

- Investiture will be held December 9-10 in the Incipient Barony of Myrtle Holt, at the Josephine County Fairgrounds, Floral Building and Host House (the Host House will only be used for Sunday's Moot meeting).
- The Event Steward is Vicaria Vesta with a feast team of David de Rosier-Blanc, Keara Rylyn, and Brian Buchanan. The feast will be a team event, using monies pooled with Hogmany budget to purchase in bulk.
- The EIF/DRF has been processed through the Principality Calendar, though as of 6/11, there has been no response from the Kingdom Calendar for Event Copy. We will send in the Echoes and Crier Copies at the same time.
- The deposit for JoCo Fairgrounds will be paid much closer to the event itself; the site suggested November.
- In August, we will be making contact with hotels to discuss group room blocks.
- We will be waiting until after the current reign/July Coronation to ask the current Captain of Cats about the tournament format. *Note from Seneschal - this format has been announced at last moot, and should be advertised.*
- We have put out tentative feelers about classes (to fill up what used to be the time for Alpine Scholar), but it's so far away, it's not a pressing issue in anyone's schedule(s).

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

- The bid for A&S&B in the Shire of Southmarch was submitted early June and has been approved with small adjustments. The event will be held February 9 - 11, 2018 with gate opening at 2pm and the event closing Sunday at 11am. The cost will be \$25/person with a \$5 discount for members of the SCA.
- The event will be held at the Shilo Inn in Klamath Falls which boasts all mini-suites, an indoor pool/sauna, billiards, and a lot of conference spaces for the event itself. The suites are a very reasonable \$79/night which includes a hot breakfast in the morning.

- There will be a fully optional dinner feast catered by the hotel Saturday night which will be \$35 and will require those interested to pre-pay/agree to the dinner. If a minimum # of interested individuals are not met, the feast will be cancelled with no penalty to the SCA.
- There will be a Ball with dancing led by the Shire's own Arkasha.
- Of course, the Alpine Scholar and Bard of the Summits competitions will be held. There will also be classes and displays of Arts & Sciences.

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

- A bid has been submitted for March Coronet 2018 with a proposed location of the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner, Oregon. The event would be held March 16 - 18.
- The site boasts cabins, ample meeting spaces, indoor fighting space, showers, etc.
- More details to come as this bid is still in progress and a decision on the bid and budget have not yet been approved by the Summits Financial Committee.

### **June Investiture 2018 - Tymberhavene**

- Brendan ap Llewelyn and Yrmegard de Groet will be co-autocratting. The dates will be June 22-24, 2018.
- We plan to hold it at the same site we last held Coronet: West Laverne Park in Coquille.
- We are working on a tentative budget. Last year that site cost \$918.
- We will be able to reserve the site no sooner than 9 months in advance.

### **Other Business**

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

- Just a reminder that branches who wish to enter or leave the rotations for Captain of Eagles and the Outrider of the Summits competitions need to discuss and vote at a business meeting and have the decision reflected in the business meeting minutes. The branch seneschal must then present the group's decision at Winter Investiture Curia/Moot.
- The branches hosting 2018 are already set which is: Captain of Eagles (Myrtle Holt), Outrider (Corvaria).

### **Bids for Kingdom Events**

The Kingdom would like to have more events in Summits, so remember they won't come if we don't host it.

- Terra Pomaria is willing to put in joint bid with another branch to get a Kingdom event here. 500-800 people make costs easier to handle.
- The An Tir-West War site could be available for September Crown, and can host the equestrian competition. Tymberhavene does not have the people to run Crown, but if other folks are willing to hold positions, then we will be able to bid on it.
- Adiantum is trying to get a 12<sup>th</sup> Night bid possibly for 2019.

**Messages From the An Tir Events Page**

Remember to check your spam folder if you are missing kingdom event emails.

**Alpine Highnesses' Closing Remarks**

Thank you all. It's going to be a fun summer.