

# Principality of the Summits



## Summits

Summits Moot

Winter Investiture

Meeting was called to order by Seamus.

Following recent format of having Investiture Moots online.

Words from Their Highnesses – Lin Dis was happy that so many people came to Moot. She would like to see as many people as possible attend Moot at Coronet. Not only because its vital to the success of the Principality but, also because it's important to the Branches so that they can get the help, support, and cheerleading they need. Their Highnesses thanked everyone for all their work at Investiture. His Highness really like the site where Investiture was held. Adiantum Yule was intimate and cozy, which was lovely. 12<sup>th</sup> Night in Adiantum. Ursulmas should have a lot of Summits folks headed up. Regional Fight Practice will be scheduled for Q1. Would like to see more reporting from the Shire-level. Their Highnesses would like to encourage more Branches in Summits to bid for Kingdom Events.

Congratulations to Isis and Brynjarr who were chosen to succeed the Adiantum throne. Big thanks to Baronin Ayla for all her work through the pandemic. Very excited for what the next 6 months will hold.

Ayla (Adiantum) – Changeover will happen at 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Champions, Sergeants, and Officers were released into the care of Their Highnesses at Adiantum Yule so that the changeover will not take up as much time in 12<sup>th</sup> Night court. Afterwards, everyone is invited out into the lobby to swear their oaths. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns about how the changeover will happen.

Milisandia & Piaras (Glyn Dwfn) – Would like to extend congratulations to Isis and Brynjarr and are looking forward to working with them. Will miss Ayla but, wish her a good and happy retirement.

Ximena (Terra Pomaria) – Excited to have Emma and Bato back as officers. Looking forward to Lin Dis & Weylyn's reign. The new puppy made an appearance.

### **Officer Reports:**

Seneschal – There was a Groups setting in 365 that was not set up correctly. Did the research and made sure to fix the setting. In a recent group email, I asked the Officers to report on both something positive about their office, as well as something they would like to see change.

Something Positive happening in my Office: I have had a few people come forward as interested in being Events Deputy, and one person interested in being a Recruitment and Retention Deputy. Had three people come forward about being an Events Deputy to help the Branches with all the steps involved with putting on an event. I am also happy with the number of Moot reports.

Something I would like to see change: There have been some, but I would like to see more Branches working together to Bid Kingdom Events, partner up for events and activities, and if a branch wishes to switch events reaching out and communicating between branches. Finally, I would like to see Summits get better about Quarterly reports. Reminder your reports are due the 15th the month after the end of the Quarter.

Quick Overview of my Office: Over all things are going ok. There are definitely times that I received multiple emails and messages throughout the day. If I have not taken care of something please reach out again, I likely got overwhelmed. Master Feridach has agreed to be my Deputy for the rest of my term, Cassandra is still helping, especially with Excel witchcraft.

Calendar – Not in attendance. Would like to remind people to log in to the Kingdom Website calendar to put in their EIFs.

Social Media – Social Media is going well. People are behaving themselves. If any branches want to send video clips, then I can post things from branches other than my own. Live streaming and Social Media aspects are going well. Adiantum borrowed the livestream kit for Yule, which went well. I do have a question about process: when an event is approved on the calendar, I should get an email letting me know so I can put the event page together, correct?

Seamus noted that there needs to be a conversation between Social Media and Calendar to best set up events.

Ayla asked for a sign that shows when the mic is hot. Zulaika says there are signs in the box but, she will look into other options as well.

Piaras thought it changed from top-down from bottom-up event FB creations. Zulaika is happy if local branches make the Principality a co-host.

Exchequer – Positive: Gotten things more stable as far as what needs to be tracked and cleared up.

Change: More people getting involved with the Exchequer position.

Update: Looking for a replacement. Will probably extending again but, that will be the second extension. Looking at getting view-only online access to Summits accounts. Took a loss for Summits Service Collegium but, it was an excellent event and much needed. Will be sending out reminder email for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports.

Balances of Principality accounts were given.

Seamus let everyone know that the loss was expected but, it was very important that the Principality get access to that information.

Chamberlain – Been working with Kingdom Chamberlain. Will be changes coming to how we do paperwork to coincide with Kingdom. Will need info on all regalia from all the branches. There will be an Excel spreadsheet that tracks the status of regalia.

A&S – Something Positive happening in my Office: The upcoming Summits A&S&B Championships event (now “Alpine Festival of the Arts”) has been expanded to two days (Presidents’ Day Weekend) to include

non-competitive displays by all artisans. This will enable greater participation in the event and a broader showcase for the artisans of the Summits.

Something I would like to see change: I would like to see a Summits "Collegium" become an annual event.

Quick overview of how my office is doing: . The Arts and Sciences are flourishing in our Principality, but we need more opportunities for our artisans to be seen by the greater Kingdom audience. This can (in part) be addressed by the expanded Alpine Festival of the Arts, and would also be aided by resumption of a Summits Collegium, allowing opportunities for artisans to share their knowledge and demonstrate their skills. Mistress

Taran Daestingr has agreed to be my Contingency Deputy for the office.

Duchess Verina mentioned that Summits used to have Griffin College and might be a style of event that we can look back into. New Ithra is set up so that Summits can have it's own college within it and have access to the content therein.

Herald – Not in attendance, no report.

Marshal – Positive: Practices look like they are doing well and have seen good turnout for tournaments. Would like to see regional practices happening more often.

We had the Captain of Cats investiture tournament. Everything went well and there were no issues. I am still looking for a replacement for the Earl Marshal/Heavy Marshal position.

I have one application but would like more before making a decision. The Summits rapier marshal position is still open.

Deputy – The Archery Marshal - Duncan McKai Term ends: Sept 2024

Deputy – The Rapier Marshal

Deputy – The Cut & thrust Marshal

Deputy – The Equestrian Marshal

Deputy – The War Lord of the Summits

Deputy – The Youth Armored Combat Officer

Chatelaine – Not in attendance, no report.

Chronicler – Good: Talking with Her Highness about some thought on how to get Echoes more widely-read. One of the topic that's come up is demystifying the process of Baronial Polling, Changeovers, and what it's like to be a Baronial Coronet. Have thought about doing a monthly mini-Echoes with little snippets and stories about various processes that don't get openly examined very often in Summits.

Will definitely have more focus after stepping down.

Seamus says we can get Chronicler set up on the Principality page to be a contributor.

Web Minister – Something Positive happening in your Office: I broke my isolation and spent 2 hours at an actual event - my first time back since March 2020. It was nice to see familiar faces again, and I actually loved putting together and hosting the Webminister class at Summits Service Collegium. I was able to meet some of the branch Webministers from around the Principality, and the class became a casual roundtable where we shared tips, suggestions, and experiences regarding the office.

Something you would like to see change: Things are relatively smooth at the moment. Of course, getting photo and model release forms filled out are an ongoing task that seems far more complicated than it should be. But I don't have any solutions, other than staying proactive and just making sure the paperwork happens.

Quick overview of how your office is doing: Things are steady and quiet. I get several requests a month for email password resets. Keeping the various details on the website up-to-date (royalty/champions/officers) is always a work in progress. On a personal note, I've been putting energy into the newly minted An Tir Livestreaming Crew. Just like photos and written reports help us keep a history, the court livestreams help preserve special moments for people being acknowledged in court. It also makes events more accessible for people who can't attend in person. We're always looking for volunteers, and if anyone is interested in being part of this new, cutting edge facet of the game, I'd love to hear from them.

Scribe – Positive: people are beginning to paint again after the COVID break. Beautiful art is happening.

Change: access to scribal information. I have plans for the new year to put info on the website.

Overview: lots of charters have been painted and the populace is being recognized. We have used most of the sealing wax and I will need to replenish that in the new year, as well as the plastic sleeves charters are given out in for protection. If people want to paint a charter for Weylyn and Lindis please contact HL Adrienne ven Brandenburg and she will deliver.

Lists – Was sick for Winter Investiture, HL Gwyneth Blackthorn ran lists in her absence. HE William Geoffrey the Rogue was victorious in the Capt. of the Cats Champion Tournament. Thank you to Randulf Greenwall for Heralding, Piaras, Bowen, and Victor for marshaling, Miriam Fenix for running, and Elsa and Iurri for fighting Bye's.

Family Activities Coordinator – OPEN

### **Branch Reports:**

Adiantum – Successes: Baronial Polling complete and Heirs announced. Planning for 12th Night 2020 is almost complete and we are ready to put on a spectacular event.

Challenges: Baronial transition. New visions, new personalities, new communication.

Rapid growth in child involvement from the occasional sighting before COVID to regular participation in archery, thrown weapons, and arts & sciences. Yule had 8-10 children doing A&S projects and making a presentation to their Highnesses. Adapting programs and awards to keep them engaged.

Great Ideas: Developing a volunteer agreement with State Parks to ensure the long-term access and affordability of the Egils site.

Briaroak – No Report

Coeur de Val – Shifted some offices around. As a group, brainstorming ways to get the branch back together as a team.

Corvaria – Branch is mostly focused on Alpine Festival of the Arts. Everything else is being pushed off until after that. This is reflective of how few of our people are participating.

Glyn Dwfn – Inez has been sick for some time. She has found a new deputy as her's moved to Corvaria recently. Marshal Practice is put off until after the new year. All other gatherings going strong. Preparing for Coronet. All is going well.

Mountain Edge – No Report

Myrtleholt – No Report

Southmarch – Have you had any challenges or successes? Elected new shire Marshal, had majority of officers and others from the Shire attend the Summits Service Collegium in November. Identified a site for May Revel on May 6th. Will require a security deposit as well as a separate check for site reservation fee. This is due on the 1st of January. Holding monthly A&S events after business meeting, next A&S will be to practice painting on blank charters that have already been sent to the shire in the mail

Do you have any concerns or questions? Waiting on ExChecker Account at the bank to be able to work on reserving a place for Indoor Fighter Practice and pay required security deposit for Midland Event Center for May Revel. If we don't have account, we will be holding a vote to agree on repayment to event coordinator for security deposit and site reservation fee.

What can the Summits Officers do to assist you? Waiting on ExChecker Account to be able to pay deposits for Conference Room for Business Meetings, Possible deposit to Fairgrounds for fighter practice and Security Deposit for Event Center for May Revel.

What is something you would like to see improved in your area? Shire Officially meeting weekly for Official Practice, coordinate at least one A&S event a Month, and have at least one Archery Practice a month if possible.

Shire would like to thank everyone for their assistance with Collegium and the responses from other Officers to our questions.

Terra Pomaria – Firstly, I would like to call attention to Their Excellencies Terra Pomaria and their efforts. His Excellency Thegn Clovis submitted and was approved to be Event Steward for our Winter's End event in late January. Meanwhile Her Excellency Baronessa Ximena's extraordinary efforts to secure a location for our monthly social gatherings known as Ceilidhs. HEX's dedication to the social well-being of our Baronial populace is a wonder to witness.

The Barony is still seeking bids for Bar Gemels, Long and Short, and (now) Martinmas. While His LORDSHIP (huzzah!) Stephen de Kilpatrick is an excellent event steward; he ran two events back-to-back. I hope that more stewards step forward.

Much of Terra Pomaria's populace have been occupied at the Principality level as this current and the most recent Principality Coronets live within our borders. It is wonderful to see so many Terra Pomarian's behind (and on) the thrones of our fair Principality.

Now that Investiture is behind us, Her Excellency Viscountess Emma von Bern will be resuming the office of Seneschal. It has been my pleasure to serve these last 7 months.

Tymberhavene – Decided as a branch to no longer do War in the Trees. Looking at doing another event in June.

### **Summits Event Reports:**

Kingdom Event Board for the Principality – Feradach is helping to put together a group to help and encourage branches in Summits to put on at least one Kingdom Event per year. Will be reaching out to branches for potential event sites. If there are sites that are too expensive for a small branch event, it might not be so expensive for a Kingdom event. The idea is that all of Summits can come together to put on these events. July Cor is coming up. If there is anyone interested in being an Event Steward or has a site option, please reach out and let Feradach know.

Collegium – Terra Pomaria – Recap. Had 84 attendees. 54 people pre-registered. Instructors were comped. Felt it was more important to make sure the classes were quality. Came in at a loss around \$1300, which was something we were expecting. All-in-all, it was viewed as a success.

Winter Investiture – Coeur du Val – Recap. Numbers were down a bit due to sicknesses and TRM not being able to make it. Perhaps should have kept gate open a little longer. 140 adults through gate. 122 members. Overall income of about \$200. Paypal working at site was great. Card-swipes is cheaper than invoicing ahead of time. Thanks to everyone who was well enough to make it to the event. Big thanks to the team. Max capacity is around 250 and parking can get tricky with more attendees so, maybe not great for a Kingdom event.

A&S/Bardic – Corvaria – Planning for Alpine Festival of the Arts. At Shilo in Bend. Reservation info is out. Hoping we run out of rooms. We have more we can get but, want to make sure we hit the minimum. Crier copy was sent in an accepted. Championship info is posted and announced in court. Seamus has posted a Google form to pre-register for the Artisan Showcase. Nai is interested in running a food-related convo. Fight practice as long as you aren't using polearms. Possible fundraiser. And anything else we can possibly cram into the weekend.

Sindri suggested doing something with the Live Stream to showcase the artisans.

March Coronet – Glyn Dwfn - Summits Spring Coronet planning is going strong. We have secured the location and just have to pay the deposit (Our branch has determined to just pay the full fee instead so we only have to write on check) to confirm which happens in January. We are looking for a nearby local hotel to see about a group rate. We will be doing the \$5 pre-reg only sack lunch and information on that should be going out soon. Now that Their Highnesses have stepped up we'll be discussing with them needs for meetings and other items for the schedule. Moot will be Sunday at the Expo. Site does not allow dogs and is non-smoking.

Captain of Eagles/Summits Hunter – Need Bids. May-August.

June Investiture – Mountain Edge. Myvanwy will be stewarding. Sites are slow about getting back to us. Had a new private site to look at. If nothing, Their Excellencies Terra Pomaria will allow us to use the Aumsville site.

September Coronet: Myrtle Holt

Winter Investiture: Southmarch – Looking at sites.

**Wrap Up:**

His Highness is excited for all the activities to look forward to. Next Moot will be in person and would like to see a ton of people there. Hopefully will help getting deputy positions filled.