

Principality of the Summits



Summits

Summits Moot

Winter Investiture

Meeting was called to order by Seamus.

Following recent format of having Coronet Moots In-Person.

Words from Their Highnesses –

- Her Highness was impressed by the turnout for Moot, showing the strength and dedication to service within the principality. Always remember that service is what keeps us going. Her Highness wanted to remind everyone that we are a volunteer organization and that everyone in the Society is truly doing the best they can and that all actions come from a place of love. Please remember that as we are dealing with each other, whether that be as officers, event attendees, event stewards – working up or down the chain. Our primary values in the Society are Kindness, Courtesy, Honor, and Respect. Let us try to show that to everyone we work with.
- His Highness wanted to thank the Chatelaine for providing breakfast.

Words from Their Alpine Excellencies –

- His Excellency expressed that a good deal of thought goes into preparation for a Coronet List when trying to determine what one would do if they won. His personal goal is to keep the mindset that we are all part of a large family. Let us be sure to put our best face and our love forward.
- Her Excellency was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support that they had received.

Isis and Brynjarr (Adiantum) –

- Her Excellency thanked everyone for all the help that everyone put in.

Ximena & Clovis (Terra Pomaria) –

- Her Excellency had many thanks to Their Excellencies Adiantum for coming to support them as much as they have in the short amount of time they have sat. Thanks also to Their Excellencies Glyn Dwfn for their continued Support.
- His Excellency was impressed by how everyone was a chatelaine and was open and welcoming to all the passers-by and newcomers.

Milisandia & Piaras (Glyn Dwfn) –

- Coronet Piaras wanted to say how wonderful it was to be able to be offsite, putting out mundane fires, and be completely confident that the event would run without worry. Many thanks to co-steward Ynez.
- Coronet Milisandia – Baron Brynjarr had suggested that Coronets trade business cards so that as everyone is being Chatelaine, folks can give out business cards for the branch the event is being held in. There was some speculation on which would be the best way to go about it, such as Dots.

Officer Reports:

Seneschal – Seamus O’Callaigh

- New Reporting Forms. Click-and-fill. Attached to Officer email addresses.
- Reporting from Branches Discussion. (Dates, Who reports, Quarterly reports vs Moot Reports, etc) Quarters are every 3 months. Jan, Feb, March – 1st quarter – due by the 15th to Summits Officer, who then has 15 days to get to Kingdoms.
- Email Account reminders – Officers need to check their assigned emails regularly.
- New Laws, Officer Handbook, Award Handbook... Still to come: Event Handbook

Calendar – Zanobia Fiorentini - Not in attendance.

- To get your event on the Kingdom Calendar, you need to have a login for the Kingdom website and submit your event that way. We are no longer filling out the PDF for Calendar.
- I'd like to pick up the ball on writing a tutorial on how to write event copy. I'll let you know when that gets to a good draft stage and have you review before sending it out.

Social Media – Zulaikha al-Zarqa

- If you are creating an Event on Facebook, please be sure to do it through the Page. Not on your personal account or through a group. If you create it in a private group, only people in that group can see it.
- Going well: have had some folks step up to help with streaming. Had the opportunity to work with the Kingdom stream team at 12th Night to see some of their process
- I plan to start looking for a deputy (after Bar Gemels most likely, due to being an event steward). I am hoping to start training my potential replacement and share some duties as well. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who may be, please let me know.
- Terra Pomaria was awarded the bid for July Coronation, so I will plan to work with the Kingdom team again, if anyone wants to help, even as a communication aid.
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Event Deputy – Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh

- Sole role is just to be a resource to help branches put in bids for and put together Principality events. 18mos should be when you start the conversation. 12mos should be when you actually start planning.

Exchequer – Sindri inn harfagri

- Term is up at 11th Night. Cannot extend again.
- We've gotten several bank accounts updated! There was a lot of waiting and emailing, but most have had their changes go through! Reporting numbers are good, though folks don't always hit the Summits deadline. (Remember, if you're running late, just let me know!)
- Summits is looking for a new exchequer to take over at 11th Night 2023! Not only is this an important service to the Summits, but it looks great on your modern resume as a "regional treasurer!"

What does the Summits Exchequer do? They maintain the Summits accounts and reports (generally less activity than a branch), collect and review the quarterly reports from Summits branches to be passed on to Kingdom, and assist where needed. The Summits Exchequer is 1/3 of the Financial Committee for the Summits. The time commitment is variable; some months, there's very little for you to do beyond perhaps writing or depositing a check. In April, July, October, and January, the second half of the month ends up being a greater commitment as you prepare the Summits report and review the branch reports. It may be as little as a few hours (if no one's having trouble balancing their reports and you're not chasing any) and I don't think I've ever had more than 7-8 hours in a week (when I had some weird errors and was tracking down reports).

What skills does the exchequer need? They need to be proficient with Excel (note: Summits has a license, so you don't have to have Excel, just know how to use it), able to check and reply to emails in a timely manner, and review event bids, event reports, and quarterly reports for errors. They also need to be familiar with, at minimum, where to go look for the rules and guidelines for various financial questions that may come up. With a little extra attention, this is possible to do remotely if you are still not in a position to return to in-person events.

Is there training? What if I have questions? Yes! Feel free to contact Sindri (SummitsExchequer@antir.org), who will also figure out a time/method with whoever will be taking over to train them. Plus, Sindri isn't going anywhere and will still be around as the contingency deputy.

I'm interested! What do I do? Send your modern and SCA resumes to Sindri and Seamus (SummitsExchequer@antir.org and SummitsSeneschal@antir.org)

Chamberlain – Diana de Winterton - Not in attendance

- New Heirs and Champion means regalia changeover
- Still looking to incorporate new forms and new Kingdom expectations.
- Looking into bids to replace the Principality pavilion top.
- Their Highnesses want to request bids for travel coronets and Heirs thrones.
- Bids do not have to be formal, nor do you need to donate your time/energy/materials. Profit margins can absolutely be talked about and a direct-purchase is an option.
- Her Highness expressed that they have still not received bids for award tokens. This is not something that should be a stressor for the Coronet. It should be something that comes out of the budget and there should be a stockpile of them.
- Her Excellency Ayla made a pitch to investigate bids for new Heirs Thrones and Travel Thrones. The current thrones are rickety, breaking down, and quite narrow. She would like us to be sure that we are making sure our regalia is accessible-friendly. His Excellency Antoine put forth that they are also in need of at least a new paint job.

- Her Highness reminded everyone that Diana has been Chamberlain for a very long time and that if anyone were interested in the office, they should contact the Seneschal.

A&S – Hrod-Navar Hakonsson

- What have you done in your office in the last quarter?
 - As part of the 12th Night event team I coordinated A&S displays and musical performers for the event in January (Q1 2023). We had 12 A&S displays which were very well received. Many of the musical performers opted to join the Friday night Bardic event, which was a great success. Three performers entertained guests in the lobby and restaurant.
 - The 2023 Alpine Festival of the Arts was a great success. By making the event a full two days we were able to encourage more entrants in competitions and displays. The outgoing Summits Scholar and Bard both ran terrific competitions, Master Seamus organized our first Summits “Atheneum-like-event”, and the event stewards provided an excellent site. Overall a fantastic weekend. I am hopeful that the two-day format can become standard.
- Have you had any challenges or successes?
 - Challenges: Getting quarterly reports this time around has been very difficult.
 - Successes: Expanding A&S&B Championships to the “Alpine Festival of the Arts”
- Do you have any concerns or questions?
 - The outlying Shires are begging for more participation from the more populous areas.

Herald – Brendan ap Llewelyn - Not in attendance, no report.

- There is talk of a possible applicant but, please submit your application if you are interested in the position.

Marshal – William Geoffrey the Rogue

Report given by outgoing Earl Marshal, Feradach mac Tralin mec Domongairt.

- We have a new Marshal who will have stepped up as of moot. Sir William Geoffrey is taking over as principality earl marshal. I will be handing over the account data to him after the event. I am grateful to their Highnesses and the Summits as a whole for allowing me the honor of taking on this position and I am glad that I can leave you all in capable hands. We had the second Summits fighter practice, and it was very well attended. I think that this will be a good community-building event, and hopefully, we will be able to attract enough high-level fighters from out of the region as well, with the promise of a whole day of combat. Our armored community has recovered well from the pandemic, and it is great to see so many active fighters and fighter practices. The Summits rapier community has not been as fortunate. An area that the marshal community can focus on is growing this sport back to its pre-pandemic strength. To do this, we need to get a Summits rapier deputy in place and spend more energy encouraging participation at events and regional practices.
- For reporting, we are mostly consistent. Last quarter there were a few marshals that sent their report to the Kingdom earl marshal rather than the Summits earl marshal. With the new

reporting forms we are looking at, this kind of mistake will be less likely. We do need to make sure that all sports are being reported for. If your area doesn't have a sport, such as archery or cut & thrust, please make sure to mention that in the marshal report.

Deputy – The Archery Marshal - Duncan McKai

Deputy – The Rapier Marshal

Deputy – The Cut & thrust Marshal – Antoine a la Langue d’Or

- Yay new C&T Champion! The community is strong. Some practices had fallen off but, they are coming back.
- Royal Kingdom C&T tournament is being discussed – possibly AWW.

Deputy – The Equestrian Marshal

Deputy – The War Lord of the Summits

Deputy – The Youth Armored Combat Officer

Chatelaine – Deirdre ne Phadraig macGroigair

- Have had some issues with email. Will be getting ahold of Webminister to see if they can help with that.
- Would like to start a pilot program for newcomers. Merit badges would be given out as they take various classes.

Chronicler – Ayla Roth

- Need to get permissions set up so that I can post Echoes to SM by myself so that the SMO does not have to do it.
- Get to say for the third time since stepping up as Chronicler that there is a new Defender of Summits.
- Have grand plans to do periodicals about important processes that we don't do regularly such as Baronial changeovers or regalia bids so that folks have a better idea of what to expect when they happen.
- HE Antoine wants to do spotlights on folks to submit to Echoes. Her Highness was encouraging.

Web Minister – Adele Neuton

- This last quarter was quiet, but important content was updated on the website. Often my job as Webminister is simply to publish the work of others, such as posting The Echoes, updating award details, or replacing an online document with an updated version. This last quarter all three of these things happened, and I'm proud of all the work my fellow officers have put into these projects. As of 2023, we now have an updated Summits Award Handbook, the Summits Reserved Calendar has been adjusted, and a gorgeous new addition of The Echoes has been published.
- This last cycle slipped a bit, probably because I wasn't as vigilant about reminding people that reports were due. But in general, the Webministers in the Summits are responsive and timely in their reporting. I'm curious how using the new online forms will affect this.

Scribe – Fortune verch Thomas

- People are making amazing art!! and We have several new painters in the summits. I LOVE seeing all the art. I am due to step down in December, and I need to find a replacement. I'd like to start the search soon so I can teach all the little things that happen at the beginning and the end of each reign.
- Last time I was able to get into the email I was only receiving reports from Terra Pomaria. I'm not even sure which other groups have scribes. But I should be getting reports from the seneschals, and I'm not. Positive: people are beginning to paint again after the COVID break. Beautiful art is happening.
- Her Highness wanted to give a commendation to Adrian von Brandenurg. She is the reign scribe for Weylyn and Lindis. She has created a vibrant community of scribes. Charters and scrolls have been given out that were created by individuals from all over the knowne world. More than 40 scribes are on the team. She has created a community that lifts each other up and provides support for those who don't have a local community.

Lists – Godwynn Reynard

- Nothing to report ahead of the event since all of the exciting things for my office take place at the event. I will have a much better report at moot.
- To the best of my knowledge, none of the local branches have local lists officers and I have not received reports from any of the branches' seneschals either.
- Both tournaments went well.
- Many fighters liked pre-reg for lists so that there was no need to pull out their card, etc on site. Only down side to that is that there needs to be a close-date to allow Lists time to get everything confirmed.
- Going forward, there will be a "Mundane Name" box to fill out to make sure that member auths are easier to find. Only one person has to show auth on site
- 17 entrants in Coronet. 8 rounds and then Finals. Ended up needing a round robin for the final 3 combatants.
- His Highness asked that as those deadlines loom for martial pre-reg, that Marshals, Seneschals, and Coronets actively remind people to get theirs submitted. Links for pre-reg will be included on Kingdom and Principality websites.
- Having pre-reg saves headaches on site for Lists and Heralds. It also encourages entrants to show a level of preparedness and helps the Coronet have conversations with those entrants about any concerns *before* the day-of. As well as allowing SMO the opportunity to put together fighter cards for those following along at home.
- Godwynn thanked Visc. Elizabetta and Fingall for helping herald.
- Her Highness wanted to publicly recognize the new Herald who tried their hand at field heraldry for the first time.
- There was praise for how efficient Lists were run during the Coronet tournament.

Family Activities Coordinator – OPEN

- A conversation was had about how to encourage youth participation when there is not a YAC marshal or Family Activities Coordinator

- Recommendations were made to include youths in classes and workshops that their parents would be attending. If you put out a class description, be sure to indicate what the appropriate age range is.

Branch Reports:

Adiantum –

- Adiantum has signed a Volunteer Agreement with the State Parks office for Lynx Hollow Park (Egils site), ensuring the long-term viability of the site and influence on improvements, to include increased accessibility. We also got an early start on Egils planning & contracts, held a successful 12th Night, and completed turnover of Baronial Coronets.
- Please keep the Seneschal in the loop when deadlines are close and reports haven't been received. I can't be of assistance if I'm unaware of the problem.
- Adiantum Birthday Bash is scheduled for April 15th, including Baronial Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Youth Archery Championships. Egils is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend and will host the Summits Hunter (Thrown Weapons) competition in addition to the traditional Three Pillars and Memorial Tournament events. Briaroak – No Report

Briaroak –

- Although we have had some decrease in our weekly fighter practices and A+S meetings, plans are being put into place to make some changes that will, hopefully, boost the numbers. We have some new Shire officers that I am really excited to be working with....New ideas always a good thing!!!
- Her Highness wanted to let people know that there has been a good deal of energy on the page. There is someone working on Siege Weapons.
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Coeur de Val –

- We have been working hard to revive CDV's culture and sense of community. One of the ways I am attempting to do this is by incorporating more community activities into our fighter practices. We have had a scribal class, and choir practice for the Summit's Choir, headed by CDV members, before each scheduled fight practice. I am also making an effort to be more engaged on social media with updates and photo's taken at classes and events.
- We are very proud of how the choir is moving forward, and hope to continue to gain membership from across the summits!
- Most of our officers in CDV are pretty on top of things, they just need to be reminded.
- We are currently working on two possible events for this summer.

Corvaria –

- Good Gentles of the Summits,
Through the voices of our Shire's most esteemed ambassadors, their Excellencies, Viscount Trggr & Viscountess Temperance, I send you greetings from our Ravens lands.

The best thing that has happened since my last report was the event, Summits Festival of the Arts. We had a great showing to this event as more people than was expected came and we were very happy to see them. The beautiful exhibits were wonderful to see. Our Shire's new Minister of the Arts learned from an experienced judge, Snori, and our beloved Viscountess Temperance won the day as being named, Scholar of An Tir. Many people donated time and offerings that was most helpful, such as the Shire of Timberhaven, who graciously provided multiple soups for our Sunday lunch. Of course the presence of our glorious Prince and Princess, added to the ambience and even made a great impression on the Europeans who showed up unexpectedly to see the fighter practice.

Alas, like many other Shires in the Kingdom, we are suffering from lack of participation from our populace to assist in key positions or activities. Therefore our fall event is not yet scheduled.

In attempts to overcome this obstacle, we are having a social this spring to reunite our members, families and friends in games, revelry, food and fun. This is an attempt to motivate and encourage help from those who are inclined and who can be mentored by those who are willing and talented.

In closing of offer my congratulations to the new Tanist and Tanista and wish them good health.

In service to the dream, the land of the Sable Lion, and the land of the Argent Griffin,
HL Rowan Keele

Corvaria ~ Seneschal

- HE Temperance indicated that there may not be an August event due to lack of participation.
- All the current Greater Officers have decided that they will not be seeking another Shire office when their term is up though, they are happy to deputy to someone if there is interest.

Glyn Dwfn –

- Nothing really planned, but I have gained a deputy which is an amazing help. With Coronet about to start and Tain Bo coming up we're keeping busy which is a great thing, it's nice to see our Branch continue to stay up to things post-covid.
- I really liked the idea of a form for submitting reports and if there's a way for everyone to get CC'd on all those reports for the branches, I think that would really streamline things and make it easier to both submit and receive reports.
- Summits Coronet this weekend and Tain Bo in May!
- HE Piaras plugged Tain Bo, saying that there is an enormous number of activities available – no matter your particular interest. The Barony is actually spending money on advertising and is having a public-facing market.

Mountain Edge –

- What is neat is we have had several art/science activities which had over 10-20 people attend, which is a high for us! What is also neat is we are moving in and out charters to and from Adrienne, the Seneschal Scribe. She also came to visit our Art&Science activity as well.
- What is cool is our local elementary school would like us to come do a demo at their school end of the year fair.
- What is good is we have a new exchequer named Ulfgeirr and new chatelaine named Duke Almaric.

- Contact me via seneschal email if you haven't received a report and I'll track down our officer. So, far we are going okay. I think there was one we couldn't get due to individual having a baby.
- We have a March Defenders Tourney and then will be holding June Investiture in McMinnville.

Myrtleholt –

- We are looking at a new site on a branch members farm this afternoon for September Coronet. It is just North of Grants Pass. We are hoping that it will have good access and plenty of space for camping.
- New members! Myrtleholt has a few new people who have been consistently coming to A&S Mondays. Mariah was just at Coronet yesterday, selling belt blanks and taking custom orders.
- Looking forward to our upcoming feast event on Apr. 8th at Kerby Belt Building, St. Eggburts promises to be full of fun, good food, paper hat contest, and lots of foolishness.

Southmarch –

- Holding monthly Arts and Sciences Events at the WaFd Klamath Lake Conference Room. Elected Scribe and holding monthly Arts and Sciences events. Shire Arts and Sciences/Scribal Officer and Social Media Officer have completed 29 Scrolls and 5 thank you cards for Summits. Something we have planned for new Quarter: We will be holding an Arts and Sciences event at the county library every fourth Tuesday in garb called Time Travel Tuesday with the SCA, this will be open to the public to see. Teachers are welcome to come and help. Shire has been successfully testing the functionality of using Discord for broadcasting meetings due to it being free with unlimited time. Arts and Sciences Officer is coordinating with a Book Herald to come down for 2 days and assist the Shire in getting Devices made and registered. Shire has submitted up the insurance request for Fighter Practice at the Fairgrounds. This will provide an in-door area to do heavy and rapier practice during inclement weather.
- Event for next Quarter: May Revel, May 6th. We will be holding our Arts and Sciences, Archery, and first Shire Bardic Championships. We will doing Heavy Fighting War Scenarios and Rapier Competitions; we will also be doing a Potluck style dinner.
- Her Highness would like aware recommendations for May Revel
- Thanks to Tryggr, Temperance, and Milisandia for their continued support. Summits sent 16 people from Southmarch to Service Collegium.
- 25 people made it out to the last business meeting and all officer positions are currently covered.

Terra Pomaria –

- Excited that their Barony gets to host July Coronation
- Site is near Willamette Mission. 60 acre property, two minutes off the freeway.
- His Highness is excited we get to host a Kingdom Level camping event, which we haven't done in a number of years.
- Reach out to the event staff if you are interested in helping.
- This is an excellent opportunity to work with Kingdom officers.
- Adrian and Lucas von Brandenburg volunteered to wrangle the RVs
- Bar Gemels is coming up in April. The camp raised their rates significantly but, they are taking off a goodly chunk of the fee in return for a work party.

- Held a Marshallate event a few weeks ago. Got folks authed in Heavy, Rapier, C&T. YAC authorizations will happen as background checks get processed.

Tymberhavene –

- Mooselmas coming up in July where the new Bocci Ball Champion will be chosen. At Sturdivant Park. 5th Weekend in July.

Summits Event Reports:

A&S/Bardic – Corvaria – Recap

- Summits coffee pot died at the event. The Shire paid to replace it.
- Had a great turnout.
- Having classes as a requirement for A&S entry seemed to draw more people than might have come otherwise.

March Coronet – Glyn Dwfn

- 168 adults, 19 youths through gate
- Captured \$2990.00
- Not a lot of non-members but there were a fair number of comps.
- Should break even

Captain of Eagles/Summits Hunter – Adiantum (Egils)

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June Investiture – Mountain Edge

- Put in a bid, awaiting the go ahead from Principality.
- New site outside of McMinville at an artist collective. The site is terraced and rather large.
- Excited to finally be able to host a Summits event.

September Coronet – Myrtle Holt

- Looking at a site just north of Grants Pass. Most likely to be Elsa who puts in a bid.

Winter Investiture – Southmarch

- Two location options. One is the Shiloh and the other is the Scottish Rite.
- There are pros and cons to both.
- Party Train is the recommendation. There will be volunteers to ferry people to and from.

Alpine Festival of the Arts ('24) – Terra Pomaria

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Spring Coronet ('24) – Tymberhavene

- Looking at a couple of sites.

Wrap Up:

There was a conversation around how to package and promote Offices within our local groups. Reminders were made to be encouraging and positive, even if you are currently exhausted at the end of your term. Do NOT “give condolences” for those who take on new jobs/offices.

HE Piaras reminded everyone that it is a very gentle balance when encouraging newer people to become officers. Do Not pounce on them at their first event/meeting/gathering. Take time to explain each Office to them – at their pace – and encourage them to contribute at their level of readiness.

A conversation about the use of language that does not demean newcomers was had.

Being a formal deputy is not the only option. Informal shadowing can be offered to anyone interested in what the office does.

Her Highness would like to encourage Officers to highlight what it is your office does instead of saying, “I have nothing to report.” Service Collegium was an amazing event. There were a number of people excited to take offices after the event. A Service Collegium does not have to be a branch-specific event – the entirety of Summits can contribute to this kind of event.

A reminder was made that when it is time for reporting, that officers should report down the chain as well. For example, the next branch business meeting after Moot is a great time to report Principality-level goings-on to your local area on any information your group needs to be aware of.

HE Temperance Trewlove, Alpine Scholar, is committed to visiting each branch to support their Arts & Sciences. She asks that local groups reach out to her so that she can plan and support them. She would also like to establish a document resource for Summits.

Involvement with Shrewsbury is bigger than a single branch can sustain on their own. Her Excellency is hoping for more Summits support. As such, she is organizing a Summits Village. Iurii is now the Shrewsbury fight director.

Adrian von Brandenburg would like to encourage people to recommend people for Summits Awards.