



# Principality of the Summits

## Summits Moot – March Coronet

3/24/2024

- Meeting called to order
- His Royal Excellency Amalric thanked everyone for their presence at Moot
- His Excellency of Adiantum thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.
- Her Excellency of Glyn Dwfn thanked everyone and the event staff, and also encouraged attendance at upcoming events.
- Seneschal (Feradach mac Tralin, term ends Dec 2025)
  - Good first quarter, excited about upcoming camping events
  - announced the upcoming/currently open positions, and encouraged participation/becoming a deputy to learn about open positions, and talking to officers if interested.
  - is making a list of all the branch officers, will keep a spreadsheet and make sure they are all supported.
- Calendar Deputy (Zanobia Fiorentini, term ends March 2024):
  - Not present
- Social Media Officer (Zulaikha al-Zarqa, term ends March 2024):
  - Term ends March 2024
  - I am sorry to not be there in person, but the incoming SMO, Morgan, is there.
  - We were able to live stream courts and record performances and interviews at the Summits Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championship weekend.
  - There have been reports of questionable posts and such, which I've kept eyes open for, but haven't seen them on any Summits pages.
  - An Tir requested to be added as an admin to the Summits group, which was accomplished.
  - I would also like to take this time to remind the Branches of the Summits that all event pages on Facebook are required to have the hosting Branch Page, Summits Page, Seneschal, and Event Steward(s) as co-hosts, this is to make sure if something happens, it is likely that someone still has access to the page.
  - I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve my Principality in this capacity
- Event Deputy (Piaras mac Toirdhealbhagh, term ends Feb 2025)

- encouraged branches to take a look at the event rotation and start talking about events well in advance so that they are not faced with rushing before a deadline. Bids should be done 1 year in advance.
- Exchequer (Geiri Smidsson, term ends Jan 2026):
  - All 2023Q4 reports have now been turned over to Kingdom
  - 2024 Q1 reports are due 4/15
  - Travel – Gryphon \$3,413.23
  - Summits - \$3058.20
  - Regalia
    - total \$4482
    - Travel coronets \$2274.14
    - (\$2000 adv.)
  - YAFA - \$155
  - General fund: \$20,958.14
  - Total:
    - Checking \$14,264.50
    - MM \$17,800.48
- Chamberlain (Weylyn ibn Rustam, term ends Dec 2025):
  - he is looking at all of the items to see what needs to be updated. The next need is a new pavilion – the old one is falling down. He is looking for leads on where to buy them. His Royal Excellency Amalric recommended <https://www.rklodges.com/>. The trailer had no wheel or tongue security; Her Excellency Lindis donated a wheel chock, and His Excellency Weylyn donated a tongue lock. The awards are now under the Chamberlain’s purview, and he has found a place to obtain them at a good price. We are going through them faster than previously. His Highness Eduardo reiterated that award recommendations are desired.
- A & S Officer (Hrodnavar Hakonsson, term ends Sept 2024):
  - not present; the Seneschal presented the report:
  - All branches within the Summits regularly hold A&S meetings, where artisans and scholars gather to discuss and display their achievements. Summits artisans regularly display their skills at local events, including branch competitions, An Tir Kingdom Championship and the Coronet tournament.
  - The Alpine Festival of Arts and Sciences was held in February, and new Principality champions were selected for the Arts and Sciences and Bardic Arts.
  - All branches in the Principality have qualified ministers of Arts and Sciences. There have been 4 new A&S officers installed this quarter (Adiantum, Terra Pomaria, Glyn Dwfn, and Tymberhavene), showing a healthy turnover in volunteers and creative energy. The Summits A&S officer’s warrant expires in June, and he would like to step down at June Investiture (a replacement candidate is being considered). His Highness Eduardo mentioned that 161 people attended the Alpine Festival of Arts and Sciences.
- Herald (Myvanwy verch Robert, term ends June 2025)
  - There is now a contingency deputy (Ayla)

- Has been having trouble obtaining reports – those who do not submit them may have to be removed. Reports are required even if there is no herald or activity.
- Asny mentioned that it is the responsibility of the Seneschal to provide a report
- His Royal Excellency Amalric inquired about an example/template for those who might not know what to report.
- Marshal (William Geoffrey the Rogue, term ends March 2025)
  - Tournaments held yesterday – Captain of Tigers and Coronet (17 participants in Coronet)
  - Deputy: Archery Marshal (Duncan McKai, term ends Sept 2024)
  - Deputy: Rapier Marshal (Alejandro Romero, term ends June 2025)
    - Things are going well for Rapier. We are getting more marshals authorized every month. We are seeing practices in most of our branches. There is some great cross over between heavy and rapier now. We had 4 fighters in the sweet 16 of QRC and that was awesome.
    - On the downside we have been seeing some slowing in growth which I assume will pick back up now that the weather is getting better.
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  - Deputy: Cut and Thrust Marshal (Antoine a la Langue d’Or, warrant expired)
    - 7 competitors for Captain of Tigers; Adriano won. No injuries; 1 small incident with broken armor. Broken blade/lost tips at Adiantum championship; remember to check tips, especially when it’s raining. Adiantum, Coeur de Val, and Glyn Dwfn all holding C&T practices.
    - Would like to see a standard for marshaling; C&T is more subtle than heavy. It’s helpful when marshal (or a marshal/herald team) announces what has just happened, to make it more obvious for spectators.
  - Deputy: Equestrian Marshal
  - Deputy: War Lord of the Summits
  - Deputy: Youth Armored Combat Officer
- Mistress of the Lists (Godwynn Reynard, term ends June 2024) – not present; report emailed)
  - On March 23rd, Summits held their Captain of Tigers (C&T Champion) Tournament. The format was double round robin with the top two advancing to the finals.
  - On March 23, the Principality of the Summits held their March Coronet Tournament. After a round robin style qualifying round, the top two competitors from each of the two fields advances to the single elimination semi-final round. In the finals, Duke Amalric Blackhart bested Sir Marcus Longinius Rufus to win the tournament.
- In the finals, Adriano Foscari bested Brenainn Robertson to win the championship.
- Chatelaine: (Deirdre ni Phadraig macGroigair, term ends Sept 2024)
- Chronicler: (Elizabeth Chandler, term ends March 2026)
  - Outgoing Chronicler Ayla Roth:
    - The Chronicler position is required for the Summits.

- Elizabeth Chandler – new Chronicler; has experience with these kinds of duties.
  - Incoming Chronicler Elizabeth Chandler:
    - Newsletters:
      - Goal is to publish monthly
      - Newsletter materials due the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month
      - Would love to include papers, art, etc – please send!
- Web Minister: (Adele Neuton, term ended Sept 2023)
  - Finished updating Summits awards page from most recent Award Handbook. Was previously out of date. Some great awards in the Summits, and the updated descriptions are available on the website.
  - Updating champions and officers has been easier in recent weeks – people communicated about corrections needed, which is much appreciated.
  - A replacement is being sought; please contact if interested and have experience with web development/WordPress. A good office for someone who prefers to volunteer from home.
- His Highness Eduardo and His Royal Excellency Amalric encouraged award recommendations. His Highness Eduardo is planning to give a class on award recommendations at Bar Gemels.
- Gryphon Scribe (Adrienne von Brandenburg, term ends Dec 2025)
  - Challenging to obtain reports from branches; will be getting more aggressive. Some branches are very diligent. Interested in teaching classes in any branch.
- Family Activities Coordinator (OPEN)
- Branch Reports:
  - Adiantum:
    - Seneschal: Expecting 2 event bids at Council this coming week; this will wrap up events for the year. His Excellency Brynjarr noted that YAC certs are being pursued, and that a demo was held at a local middle school.
  - Briaroak – no report
  - Coeur de Val
    - Sir Rufus: More social nights are being discussed, June investiture is coming up, things are going well.
  - Corvaria
    - Seneschal: Our theme: Growing energy. The Shire has seen an uptick in participation. One of our slumbering peers has reengaged with the SCA and is creating excitement. We've been alternating socials (like small events in garb) with informal work gatherings to make tunics and have had new people join us. In February, we held our first in-person (hybrid) business meeting since COVID. We had our first official archery practice of the season this past Wednesday. As the weather improves, we will add official heavy fighter practices. Several people are interested in doing rapier. We will host Murder in the Desert again in August and hope to include the Summits Hunter and Captain of Eagles competitions at that—

Fahim is working on the bid. We also have agreed to swap Winter Investiture for September Coronet. So, we are excited about the trade and very much looking forward to seeing the Coronet in Corvaria in August and September. Our greatest challenge is convincing volunteers to make time for the SCA. To that end, I would love to hear how others celebrate their volunteers and show them that their efforts matter.

- Glyn Dwfn
  - Fighter practices are being held; A&S and bardic every other week (for bardic, one is open and one is more of a workshop/choral practice).
  - Tain Bo is coming up; be sure to get award recommendations in by Bar Gemels
- Mountain Edge
  - Things going well in Mountain Edge – about 20 active members, currently holding 8 offices. Some new and current members showing talent and time (puppet show, weekly scribal night, displaying largesse at A&S competition, creating armor, garb, songs, volunteering time for retinue, officer positions and other service, hospitality and generosity.
  - SuperPractice once a month – heavy, rapier, scribal, social, and other A&S. Gearing up for Defender event on April 20.
  - Acorn War – McMinnville at Yamhill County Fairgrounds. Challenge: steep cost for equestrian insurance – will ask Kingdom for financial help.
  - Planning a 4 day demo at end of July/early August – would like volunteers from other baronies.
- Myrtleholt
  - 6 active members, 4 officers need warrants re-upped. Need to contact A&S minister. Would like ideas for recruiting in areas with small populations.
- Southmarch
  - (Royal Sponsor) Continuing to lose active members; some participate in SCA but not the shire, some other memberships have lapsed (including Exchequer, who was removed from account). Only have deputy exchequer, looking for backup. Now have only the seneschal and previous Summits exchequer as signatories on bank account (waiting for bank to notify when current exchequer can be added), looking for other populace volunteers for additional signatories. Continued tension at business meetings.
  - May Revel is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, will include A&S/Archery competitions. (His Highness Eduardo noted that May Revel is not yet on the Kingdom Calendar.)
- Terra Pomaria
  - Terra Pomaria is doing well in many areas. Fighter and Archery practices have been occurring weekly at Stonehenge Farms in Aumsville. Equestrian practices are back in swing twice a month at their new location, also in Aumsville. Business meetings are virtually

held and have been well attended. And our monthly casual gathering, Ceilidh, has been well supported and fun. We have two more Ceilidh's before the end of the season where we pause for a few months.

- Like many regions within the SCA, we continue to see an increase in participation and folks trying to expand their skills in new ways. Elovell is running her first event (Bar Gemels), some folks are taking on Baronial offices or event roles for the first time, and we have had an abundance of teachers volunteer, so I'm excited to see what they bring! We've had several Officer changes:
- Baronial Marshal/Heavy Marshal – Sir Bato stepped down and Lord Bjorn of Ulster has stepped up.
- · A&S Officer – HE Genevieve has stepped down and HE Agatha Iris has stepped up.
- · Archery Marshal – HL Luther has stepped down and HE Otto Gotlieb has stepped up.
- · Chronicler – HL Ja'lid has taken on a new deputy: HL Morikawa Kenji Katshige, who will take over the office in August 2024.
- Upcoming Events: Bar Gemels ES: Lady Elovell of Avalon, the Long and Short of It ES: HL Luther Gutman and HL Zulaikha al Za'rqa, and TP's Fall celebration who's bid is in process and has not been awarded yet.
- The two areas we seem to struggle with the most are: Volunteers for specific offices/roles and planning far enough ahead with things like bids. Regarding the first, no one wants to commit to being the Social Media officer or Chatelain officer and we always struggle to find folks to commit for setup and teardown crew for events. Regarding the second, we always open bids as soon as possible, but we don't usually get a committed bid till about 4 to 6 months out from the event. I'd like to see this extended and plan to meet with officers regarding these items. Mostly to try to identify the causes and pool solutions. Any advice or resources you have to help with these challenges, please let me know. I'd love to see what others are doing and plan to reach out to some other Seneschals to see what they do.
- My next individual challenge to address is the website calendar and see if we can add things like bid open/close dates, reminders, and fun items. I'm not sure how the calendar works, but am excited to learn!
- Tymberhavene
  - Coronet had 143 people through gate and \$300 profit.
- Summits Event Reports
  - Summer Investiture: Coeur de Val
    - Sir Rufus: Event site being sought; county parks no longer allow camping. 1 more solid lead, but it may need to be a day event. There will be a

decision within the next week. Some sites are too expensive (example \$8K for a campable site).

- Fall Coronet : Corvaria
  - Temperance: Culver State Park – covered area, kitchen, more bathrooms, no charge (donation). Thinking about hiring a kitchen. Captain of Eagles tournament will take place.
- Winter Investiture
  - Antoine: Site secured; bid will be presented at council tomorrow. The bid will be sent to the Principality next month.
- Alpine Festival of the Arts:
  - Ashland Inn and Suites – bid in progress – beautiful site
- March Coronet 2025 – research in progress
- His Highness Eduardo mentioned that their Highnesses's disappointment had been made known at not getting 12<sup>th</sup> Night in the Summits. He encouraged more event bids from the Summits. Feredach also encouraged this – it helps the Summits, and the Principality will support it.
- Feredach mentioned that when struggles come up in smaller branches, please reach out, as the Principality wants to help them succeed.

Other:

- His Highness Eduardo again encouraged award recommendations.
- Antoine – there is a fighter practice in Adiantum (in Creswell) – indoors, warm, informal A&S
- Bjorn – Terra Pomaria regional practice; more of these are needed.
- Feredach recommended setting up reminders for reports
- His Highness Finn thanked everyone for their hard work

The meeting was adjourned.