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Our Baronage and Officers










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Black Diamond Baronial Champions

Archery Champions: Jason of Black Diamond *and* Darwin of Black Diamond

Armored Combat Champion: Helm Stearnsson

Rapier Combat Champion: Caillan Ruffio

Arts & Sciences Champion: *TBD*

Bardic Champion: *TBD*

Baronial Scribe: *TBD*

Please note that there was no June 2025 edition of Edicts and Epistles.

Announcements

Officers needed!

Have you ever thought about holding an office for your barony? Do you have any questions about what the offices entails? Please let us know! We will be happy to answer your questions!

Chatelaine

We are currently in need of a Baronial Chatelaine. The Chatelaine is typically the first point of contact for individuals interested in learning more about the Barony, and about the SCA overall. They are also the primary contact for those inquiring about demos or other outreach activities.

Herald

We will be in need of a Baronial Herald. Our current herald, Lord Edward, will be stepping down in January 2026, and we will need a new Herald at that point.

The Baronial Herald needs a bit of knowledge of being both a “voice” herald and a “book” herald. A “voice” herald advises Their Excellencies on court matters, and oversees court heraldry during events. A “book” herald helps with name and heraldic designing and submissions.

Upcoming Events

Our next Baronial Event will be Ice Castles, in January. Details will be announced as soon as they are available!

Upcoming Kingdom Events

July 2025

[Procrastinators Paradise - Last Chance Authorization and Sewing Day](#)

July 12, Barony of Dun Carriage, Waldorf, MD

Join us for a day of last chance authorizations for Pennsic and some Pennsic panic sewing and crafting. There will be a fund-raiser box lunch available and a pot luck dinner for those who wish to partake.

[Warrior's Games](#)

July 19, Canton of Tear- Sea's Shore, Harleyville, SC

The Canton of Tear- Sea's Shore invites you to an indoor/outdoor social full of games, competitions, food, fun and PRIZES!! There may even be the famous crushed ice by Mistress Adendra!! There are GAMES, GAMES and did I mention GAMES! Toss the sheep, foot race, caber toss, Weight throws/carries, and many more to strengthen the body of the warrior. Hnefetafl, Chess, Nine Man Morris, Five Lines and many more strategy games to strengthen the mind of the warrior.

[Pennsic War](#)

July 25 - August 19, 2025, Kingdom of Æthelmearc, Slippery Rock, PA

August 2025

[Neppie Wars](#)

August 23, 2025, Barony of Tir-y-don, Carrollton, VA

Pennsic looms large, but a war for Neppie is on the horizon! Neppie, beloved mascot of the Barony of Marinus's Archery Company, was a guest of honor at Tir-y-Don's Baronial Birthday in May and has not returned home. Tir-y-Don insists that Neppie requested their indefinite stay, but Marinus is not so sure...

Bring a friend, pick a side, and join us in the final battle for custody on August 23. This event will be newcomer-friendly -- whether you're new to archery, new to the SCA, or just looking for a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon, all are welcome! We will also have A&S, rapier, and armored combat demonstrations for you to check out, and a few competitions you'll be able to participate in -- no experience required!

Nottingham Coill Baronial Picnic

August 23, 2025, Barony of Nottingham Coill, Prosperity, SC

A time for us to gather, socialize and enjoy ourselves without a busy schedule. There is no fee for this event (though donations are welcomed).

Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2025

Call to order

Attendees: Agatha, Baroness; Yuri, Baroness; Thóra, Seneschal; Tasmin, MoAS & Deputy Seneschal; Mercy, Exchequer; Edward, Herald; Aldemere, acting Quarter Master; Helena, Webminister; Phoebe, Deputy Webminister; Hagar, Stefan, Krista, Julie.

Seneschal - Thóra:

Everything is going well. I am looking forward to University, and will be teaching two leatherwork classes. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Baronage - Agatha & Yuri:

Pennsic, King's Assessment, and Atlantia University are all coming up.

We are still in need of a Chateliane. Please contact us or the Seneschal if you are interested in this position.

We will need someone to herald us into Great Court at Pennsic. Please contact us if you're interested.

Heavy Combat and Rapier champions will be chosen at Assessments. We may choose the Arts and Sciences champion at that point, but we are still deciding that.

We need award recommendations! Please send them in, either to us or via the Kingdom Award Recommendation System, which can be found here: <https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php>.

Chatelaine - Agatha:

We have several newcomers attending from the made demo. The demo at Wolfswood Faire is getting big enough to draw people from several states, and will be held on August 23rd this year.

Exchequer - Mercy:

I've just gotten into the meeting, nothing new. I do need to cut the checks for Assessments.

Webminister - Helena:

The website has been updated as needed. The archery champions are updated, a requested file was removed, and some formatting cleanup has been done. I will miss the next meeting, as I will be on vacation in Finland.

MoAS - Tasmin:

I have received my warrant, my email has been set up, and the quarterly report done on time. I do need some assistance with the Arts and Sciences at Assessments. (Hagar offered to help with this)

Herald - Edward:

I have been working on correcting information in the OP, to accurately reflect awards given out at Ice Castles. You should be able to see those updates soon, if you cannot see them already.

Old Business:

Kings Assessment - Julie, Deputy Autocrat:

We have a new site this year. It looks like a great place, and we are uploading new information to the website almost daily. With poor service and so is unable to attend this meeting.

Stefan: we still need a mailing address for the event.

Juliana: Pre-Registrations should go to Kiva. I will follow up with Kate Alice and let everyone know. Also, we will need help with setup on Friday, and tear down Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Scribes And Herald's Workshop - Hagar:

The scribes track looks great, we have a full class list. The heralds not so much, we will work on that at University.

Quartermaster- Aldemere:

In regards to Edward's Ice Castle bid, the second bid that was previously discussed is not going to happen, as that site is not responding. Edward should get his bid together, and I will talk to a couple of people to see about getting new bids in.

I have found the Quarter Master warrant. I will get that out within the next two weeks. The 20x20 canvas walls have still not been located. I'd like to request a blanket \$1,000 budget for maintenance, repairs, etc. That should cover my cost through the end of the year.

Motion for the \$1,000 budget by Tasmin, seconded by Aldemere. **Vote:** in favor, Phoebe, Agatha, Tasmin, Hagar, Edward, Stefan, Yuri, Julie, Thóra

New Business:

Aldemere:

I will be submitting a bid for September University with the Canton, at Linkhorn Middle School.

Edward:

I have talked to Juliana, and will get Royal retainer information set up.

Adjournment

Thóra adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be July 8th, 2025 at 8pm, via Google Meet.

Canton of Seven Hills

Canton Officers

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Canton Business Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Atlantia's Barony of Black Diamond's Canton of Seven Hills was held at the Pelican's Nest on June 16, 2025.

Attendees: Stoffel, Sadb, Maesie, Hannah, Jake, Hagar, Bridgid, Thora, Sigfrid, Roland, Phoebe, Julie, Theo

Reports

Seneschal - Stoffel:

We have emails! They should have come into your secondary email addresses. We may have to get a couple of them resent since the links only last 24-48 hours.

Knight's Marshall - Roland. Thank you for keeping waivers updated!

Exchequer - Maesie. We have \$6115.41, with outstanding checks for \$1,022.35, new balance will be \$5,093.14

MoAS - presented by Stoffel for Brittany:

August 16th date for newcomer fiber class, Saturday after Pennsic, weekend before Wolfswood. At Madison Heights library.

Main motions

Assessment:

Could always use help with set-up, we'll gather here at 5 to pack up tents and then head to the site. Anyone who can bring flat day-shades please bring them to provide shade. We will bring all of the water coolers that we can (2 at the field, 1 on the porch, 1 at archery, and tables to hold them). There will be a baronial heavy and rapier championship at the event! Open to pretty much all comers: Not just about skill but also about representation of Black Diamond. Round robin style. Talk up A&S! Talk up the event, all of the above. We are approved to be doing authorizations on Friday as well as Saturday.

University:

Bid information from Aldemere: Linkhorne Middle School, putting in the bid tomorrow. If anyone is interested in providing a charity luncheon, please reach out to Aldemere!

If you are interested in teaching a class, talk to Hagar, Sadb, Julie. We have enough room outside to do actual martial arts classes with sparring. One room is set up to teach cooking, as well.

If anyone is interested in Youth Fighting, please reach out! We need more Youth Marshals. Loads of new fighters and people coming in, please say hi!

Adjournment

Stoffel adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.