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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: Theo of MightRinwood

Rapier Combat Champion: Caillan Ruffio

Arts & Sciences Champion: *TBD*

Bardic Champion: *TBD*

Baronial Scribe: *TBD*

Announcements

In Search of...Baronial Officers!

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!

If you are interested in any of the positions below, please reach out to the [Seneschal!](#)

Webminister

The Webminister manages and oversees the Barony's online resources, ensuring they comply with current SCA and Atlantian policies. This includes uploading the Baronial Newsletter and Meeting Minutes each month, and updating the website on request of the Seneschal or Baronage. Additionally, the Web Minister advises the Barony on matters related to the internet.



An Interview with:

If anyone has any articles, poems, pictures that they would like published please send those to the seneschal. Thank you!



Regular Baronial Events

Roanoke: Thursday nights from 6-8(ish) pm. Fighting, A&S, and time to hang out and chat. Now at our indoor winter location: Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, Roanoke, VA

Dublin: Every other Tuesday (10/7, 10/21, 11/4) from 6-8pm. This is a new meeting! A&S only for now. 4668 Lee Hwy, Dublin, VA

Canton of Seven Hills/Lynchburg: Monday nights from 6-10pm. Fighting, archery, and A&S. Please contact Julie Foster (on the Seven Hills Facebook group) for the address.



Upcoming Baronial Events

Our next Baronial Event is King's Assessment (date TBD)



Upcoming Kingdom Events

February - 2026

02-14 - 02-14 : [Tourney of Manannan mac Lir XLIV](#) :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore) (K P)

02-14 - 02-14 : [Celebration Theodora](#) :Richmond VA (Caer Mear) (Pr)

02-20 - 02-22 : [Ymir 51: Tyr's Redemption](#) :Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P)

02-27 - 03-01 : [Children of Loki, Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday](#) :Richlands NC (Raven's Cove)

March - 2026

03-07 - 03-07 : [Kingdom Arts & Sciences](#) :Newport News VA (Tir-y-Don) (Q K Pr P)

03-14 - 03-22 : [Gulf Wars 2026](#) : (Gleann Abhann) (Q K Pr P)

03-21 - 03-21 : [Fight for Your Feast](#) :Carrollton VA (Marius)

03-21 - 03-21 : [Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday Bloodbath](#) :Vienna VA (Ponte Alto)

03-27 - 03-29 : [Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday & Investiture](#) :Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain) (Q K)

03-28 - 03-28 : [Defending The Gate](#) :Spotsylvania Courthouse VA (Sudentorre) (Pr P)

03-29 - 03-29 : [Storvik's Performer's Revel](#) :Cheverly (Hyattsville) MD (Storvik)



Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Attendees: Yuri Murasaki - Baroness
Póra Hrafnisdóttir (Thora) – Seneschal
Caoimhe inghean Ui Neill,– Exchequer
Aldemere Mac Rafe - Quartermaster
Tasmin de Boernherd - Arts & Science
Isabetta Seraphina di Petrillo - Chronicler
Edward Perry – Ice Castles Autocrat
Hagar the Black
Laura Graley de la Moore
Maesie of Black Diamond
Charlie Holt
Juliana Greene
Max Ellison
Stefan Cambion

Baronage -

Yuri Murasaki – **Baroness**

Agatha la Sommeliere – **Baroness**

Baroness Yuri said that they are going to Celebration Theodora in Caer Mear. Their next event will be Ymir.

Seneschal - Thora reporting: everything is going well. Took a Using Google Workspace for Your Group class at University. She will be getting together an email list for the Barony. If you would like to be on this list please send your email address to her.

Wanted to check on the procedure for the funds for archery that were requested. Per Exchequer the funds have to be approved and a check will be issued. The amount of \$500 was requested for arrows, netting backstop and safety equipment. If the amount is less than \$200 it can be voted on and approved at the same meeting. \$200 - \$500 can be voted on at the same meeting OR the request is published and then voted on at the next meeting. Anything over \$500 the request must be published. The request for archery equipment must be submitted as an itemized invoice and then will be published and voted on at the meeting the month after it is published.

Exchequer - Balances:

\$18,336.12 – Current funds

\$39.00 - Outstanding checks and are currently outdated

\$840.64 – quartermaster fund

\$100 – archery advancement fund

New Financial Policy:

- Changes are not done yet and should be next month.

Knight Marshal - Thora reporting

- Practice is going well with 3-4 heavy and about 3 rapier fighters showing. A&S is also going well
- River has requested meetings for New River Valley College and will get more information on this.

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MoAS - Tasmin reporting

Due to illness and weather there is nothing to report.

If you would like to show at KASF, you need to register for a display space on the event site: kasf.atlantia.sca.org

Quartermaster- Aldemere

- Aldemere has been steadily working through the lengthy list of repairs and improvements he presented last year.
- The walls for the baronial pavillion are still missing.
- Would like to plan some work days in March/April

Webminister - Not present

Chronicler - The January issue of the newsletter has been sent and needs to be published to the Barony's webpage before being published on other social media.

Herald - Seraphina has agreed to take the office of Herald. She needs the Seneschal and Baronesses to send approval to Triton Herald for this to happen.

Chatelaine - There will be a demo on April 18 at Stable Craft Brewing in Waynesboro. Please contact Max with any questions.

Old Business:

Ice Castles (Edward, autocrat) - Due to the weather the event was cancelled. Edward said that since the site was paid for that another event could be scheduled for another date at the same site.

New Business:

Event Bardic Madness in Salem on June 27.

Edward - Sent in a bid for King's Assessment, would like to have it at the site for Ice Castles. The bid was sent to the Seneschal. Aldemere said that King's Assessment was at that site twice and both times the site was double booked which made for a not so great event, and asked if we could get a refund. Caoimhe said that the site is not obligated to give a refund, nothing about a refund was in the contract for the site.

Charlie - Submitted an event bid for 2027 Ice Castles. They would be using PayPal instead of SCORES. There would be a different format for heavy fighting. Archery - Toshiyaki (sp?) event and possibly horseback archery. A&S - calligraphy class/comp. Haiku competition. Charlie would be autocrat, Maesie - reservations, Aldemere - marshall, Jake - MOL.

Hagar - Kingdom University is looking for sites for the June and September events. Would like to use the same site as last September if possible for a June event. The paperwork would need to be re-submitted for this. A motion to re-submit the paperwork was made and passed.

Their Excellencies asked when to enter bids for University? Hagar suggested doing it as soon as possible. Laura said that people should be allowed to submit paperwork now if it is ready. Hagar asked since a bid has already been sent do we vote on it now? Thora wasn't sure.

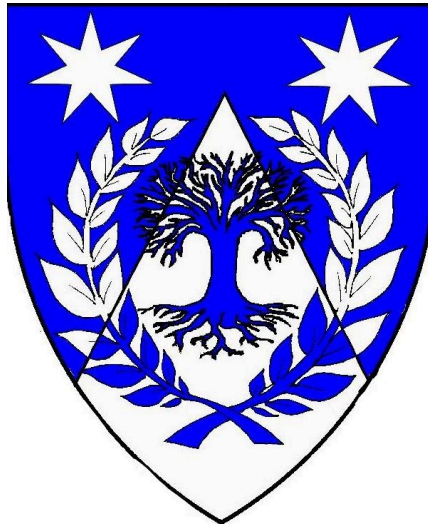
Stephan said that there is a bad link for fighter practice on the barony's website and on the kingdom website there are no counties listed for the canton of seven hills. He was advised that someone will reach out to the kingdom webminister to have this corrected.

Max - Working on a bid for King's Assessment with a 7/11 date. He said he has it almost done he just needs to get marshalls and has someone for the feast.

Adjournment

Thora adjourned the meeting at 9 :25pm.

Canton of Seven Hills



Canton Officers

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Canton Business Meeting Minutes

December 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 1/19/2026.

Attendees Laura, Bridgid, Seraphina, Agatha, Yuri, Jake, Theo, Harland, Aldemere, Julianna, Roland, Ben, Charlie, Brittany, Phoebe, Sadb, Robbie, Stacy, Maesie, Sigurd, Margaret, Megan, Austin,

Reports

Seneschal was presented by Laura: Financial policy must be re-approved every January. There will be things coming down from Society, we will have to re-write at that time. As for now, the populace votes in favor 17 in favor, none opposed. Members of the financial committee are set unless they would like to change

Upcoming events: Ice Castles this weekend. Any changes made to Ice Castles will be posted by Thursday night. The information will come out on as many channels as possible

Feb 6 is Winter University

Feb 14 is Celebration Theodora in Caer Mear for a smaller, more low-key event

Feb 20 is the start of Ymir. The feast may already be sold out. Pre-registration is recommended

Knight's Marshall was presented by Roland:

Some changes made to the handbook. For heavy fighters, you will require further armor behind your shield. Authorizations will be renewed every 4 years. Please read your handbook!

MaoS was presented by Brittany:

Documentation class coming up next month, look out for more information! (as it stands, class will be in person)

February: Event-ing 101 class possible

March: cording class possible (lucet)

Chatelaine was presented by Amanda:

Newcomers coming relatively slowly, but we have a few people who have started coming recently!

Probably planning an upcoming SCA 101 class for the spring. Goldkey will be coming to Ice Castles.

Exchequer was presented by Maesie:

We currently have \$4,202.78

New Business

Volunteer opportunities!:

Allen has some projects to work on with upcoming work days. Day shades, poles, painting/wood staining, inventory, etc. Show up for an activity

Aldemere has spoken with the head of the history department at E.C. Glass High School. She is spreading word about us to her teachers, so he will be attending the next department meeting (at the end of February). They would love for us to show off what we do, probably at the end of the year. We can decide how much hands-on the students can participate in.

Aldemere was contacted by a woman through Caer Mear who works at an adult learning center. On the first Friday and Saturday of April they are doing their annual fair, this year with a medieval theme. They would love for us to come and do whatever we can there. They are meeting next week to discuss whether or not overnight camping or fires are allowed. This site is about 1 hour away from here, in a region that has no SCA presence.

Wolfwoods Faire has reached out wanting us to participate this year again

Stablecraft brewery has reached out wanting us to participate this year again

There is a brewery that has reached out asking whether we would like to use them as a site or participate in any of their events

Adjournment

Laura adjourned meeting at 7:23p.