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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*

If anyone is interested in helping with the Queen's favors please go to
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/merryrose/permalink/10162345820870918/?rdid=jeZJ0XeF2pXxtJ9G#>



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!



Cooking with: Signora Isabetta Seraphina di Petrillo

Gluten Free Gingerbread

Ingredients:

½ c olive oil
1 c molasses mild, not blackstrap
½ c dark brown sugar
1.5 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon salt
2.5 c Gluten Free 1 for 1 flour (used Bob's red Mill)
1 c hot water just barely boiled
Powdered sugar for serving

Instructions:

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9x9" square cake pan or 8x10 casserole dish with a spray of olive oil, then dust with flour.

Combine the olive oil and egg in a large bowl, then whisk until smooth. Add the molasses and sugar, then whisk until very smooth and there are no remaining sugar lumps.

Add the baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, and salt, then whisk until smooth.

Add the all purpose flour and mix with a rubber spatula until most lumps are gone; the batter will be very thick. Pour in the hot water and stir until the batter is smooth, but be careful not to over-mix; the batter will be thin. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake 35-40 minutes or until the cake springs back when lightly pressed with two fingers in the center, or until a cake tested comes out clean.

Cool the cake completely in the pan (at least 2 hours). Dust with powdered sugar, then slice into squares and top with whipped cream.

Adapted for vegan and gluten free by Lady Celine Elizabeth de Meaux
from Danielle Esposti's website <https://oursaltykitchen.com/olive-oil-gingerbread-cake/>



Regular Baronial Events

Roanoke: Thursday nights from 6-9 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: Temporarily on hold; they are currently looking for a new location. Suggestions for a new location would be welcome. Please send suggestions to the Seneschal.

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, on July 11, 2026.



Upcoming Kingdom Events

May - 2026

05-22 - 05-25 : [Gem Joust](#) : Hanover VA (Caer Mear) (Q K)

05-29 - 05-31 : [Curly Cross II](#) : Apex NC (Nimenefeld) (Q K Pr P)

05-30 - 05-30 : [Skewered! 6](#) : Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)

June - 2026

06-05 - 06-08 : [Rumors of War- Part Tres](#) : Bryson City NC (Stormwall)

06-06 - 06-06 : [On Target](#) : Annapolis MD (Lochmere)

06-13 - 06-13 : [University of Atlantia](#) : Raleigh NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)

06-19 - 06-21 : [Victory on the Vine](#) : Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto) (Q K)

06-20 - 06-20 : [Allthing](#) : Garner NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Pr P)

06-26 - 06-28 : [Royal Archer Tournament](#) : Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills) (Q K)

06-27 - 06-27 : [Atlantian Bardic Madness II](#) : Roanoke VA (Atlantia)

May Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 8:10 pm

Attendees: Yuri Murasaki and Agatha la Sommeliere - Baronesses
Þóra Hrafnisdóttir (Thora) – Seneschal
Tasmin de Boernherd - Arts & Science
Isabetta Seraphina di Petrillo - Chronicler/Herald
Phoebe Priestess of Eir - Webminister
Aldemere Mac Rafe - Quartermaster
Hagar the Black
Torbjorn Joreksson
Juliana Greene
Siegfried von Hamburg
Alana a la Glace
Theo of MightRinwood
Edward Perry
Harland

Baronage - Baronesses Yuri Murasaki and Agatha la Sommeliere

Baroness Agatha reported that Baroness Yuri will be going to the May Day Demo in Forest, Baroness Agatha and Baroness Yuri will be going to Gem Joust, there will be a baronial encampment there so if anyone is interested in camping there please let her know. Their excellencies will not be attending Crown Tourney. They will also be attending King's Assessment in July and are asking for awards recommendations and are also in need of scrolls and medallion cords. She also wanted to remind people to send in recommendations for Kingdom awards. Baroness Agatha is also going to Bardic Madness in Roanoke.

Summer University will be happening outside of Raleigh which is about 2 ½ hours from Lynchburg.

Is anyone interested in having a Pennsic Pity Party (a party for those not attending Pennsic)?

Seneschal - Archery in Roanoke is still happening.

Exchequer - Thora reporting: Balance is \$17035.12, Quartermaster: \$840.64, Archery: \$100.00, checks: \$800.00, \$268.00 and \$1200.00.

Knight Marshal - Thora: There were some new people at practice. Re-authorization, get form from MOL and have the MOL mark off which form you are re-auth for, have it signed by marshal all must go through DEM training and sent to Giacomo.

MoAS - Tasmin - Helped with largesse last month. If you would like to make any Queen's favors they can be mailed in. For medallion cords at least 4 strands of perle cotton/crochet thread in black/gold or royal blue/white at least 20" long or longer.

Quartermaster- Aldemere - New poles are almost done. Trying to schedule a work day in June to go through the cooking gear and would like to talk with any cooks about kitchen gear. Who has the walls for the 20x20 pavillion? Who had them last?

Webminister - Phoebe - Uploaded April meeting minutes.

Chronicler - Seraphina - The April Newsletter has been posted to the Facebook page. Meeting minutes do not have to be posted on the Baronial webpage as they are already posted in the newsletter.

Herald - Seraphina - Nothing to report.

Chatelaine - Baroness Agatha - There were some people from Blacksburg at the meeting in Madison Heights, several at Roanoke. More people at Pulaski. Try to get new people to go to events.

Old Business:

Archery practice is still happening but check on the Facebook page. This will be switching to throw weapons.

Hagar - Classes for Bardic Madness and patrons for challenges are needed.

King's Assessment - Siegfried: Walked the site and turned in a check for deposit/damages. There will be an evening court. He is working on the schedule. They will be using a google form/paypal for registration. This will be posted on various channels. The Prince and Princess will also be attending. There's a call out for help for set-up.

June 28 there will be a regional practice at Roland's, rapier, heavy and possible archery/combat archery if marshals can be found.

University bid: Will be held at the school again the cost is \$1400. There will be a dayboard. The bid for this was accepted in March.

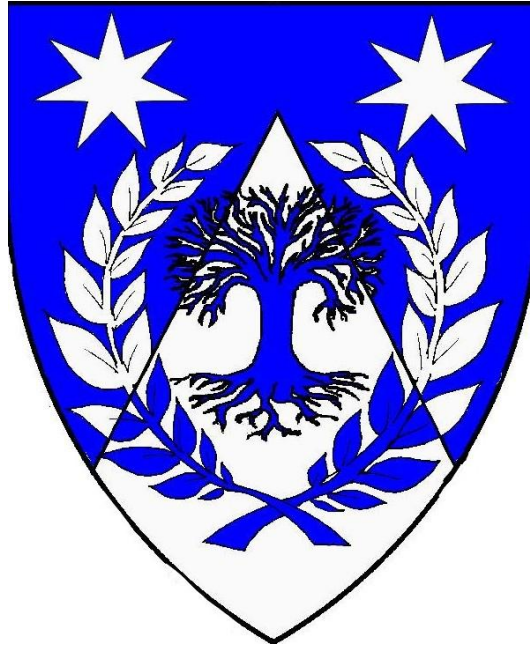
David Hess has a ballista. Aldemere has a ballista that needs work. He also has a "wheel barrow of death" that he would like to build for the barony.

Harland: Has info for his bread class. Brittany has been ill and will get this scheduled as soon as she is feeling better.

New Business: There was no new business

Adjournment: Thóra adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Canton of Seven Hills



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May Canton Business 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 May 18, 2026.

Attendees

Phoebe, Jake, Bridgid, Brittany, Julie, Seraphina, Hagar, Stoffel, Agatha, Thora,

Reports

Knight Marshall - Stoffel. Nothing to report. The regional practice will be June 28 for anyone trying to promote. Please make sure non-members are signing waivers.

MoAS - Brittany. There is a baking class in the works for basic bread-making and medieval recipes. The church can host 5 people for that class. For scheduling, we are considering during a Monday night practice, or a weekend.

Hagar offered a reminder about us wanting to do a Japanese garb-making class.

Exchequer

The current balance is \$3,935.78. We may have to change banks in the future, as there may be some concerns with the current bank.

Upcoming Events

-There are events coming up that will be put online

-Gem Joust is this weekend!

-On Target (archery event) June 8

- Victory on the Vine June 19-21

- Bardic Madness June 27

- King's Assessment July 11

-Borders Without Walls August 28-30 (Meradies)

New Business

- Start/keep talking up King's Assessment!

Adjournment

Stoffel adjourned meeting at 7:16pm.