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Baron and Baroness

to chronicler, BMDL, Baron Hello Debatable Lands! Salve Accolens!

We'd like to take a moment to say that we are in total awe of you. This year has been unlike any other in the entire history of the SCA. So many things have happened and are happening that, at times, can seem unbearable. Nevertheless, we see you caring for each other, supporting each other, lifting each other up, encouraging each other. You inspire us, and we are humbled.

We want to thank those of you who are keeping SCA activities alive, despite all the safety restrictions, who have jumped into the online resources that we have, or into their own projects or challenges (HUGE shout outs to the scribes working on backlogs, and to Mistress Antoinette and Baroness Shirin for running the Kingdom backlog contest!). Thank you to those in the Barony who continue to do what they can within the rules of our game, especially THL Hara, who consistently runs online sewing circle, and Breheynes Gwendolyn, who has hosted movies over Discord and encourages bardic activity, and also to Lady Tierrany, who hosted a virtual scribal tour that was pretty magical. (Remind us who we missed, if we missed any!)

We also want to thank those of you who hold the SCA, Aethelmearc, and the Barony in your hearts, but can't necessarily attend online activities. We see and love you, too. Don't feel any pressure to participate in ways that you cannot. We'll hold space for you until our environments are safe for you to join us again.

Thank you, too, to those that joined the Barony Meeting on Aethelmearc Day! It reminded us of the days gone by of going out the Sharp Edge after the business meetings, where ideas flowed freely, and inspiration and camaraderie was thick in the air!! It was truly a joy!

Some ideas that came up that we can do online - a virtual event (maybe 12th Night?), a virtual feast, a gathering where social pods come together and meet online, a Baronial cookbook, and more! And maybe the most exciting, a real-time go-ahead from Kingdom to hold archery and thrown weapons practices again! Provided we follow mitigation procedures, of course. Our marshals and seneschal are working on ways to do that safely here in our location, where virus cases and population density is high. A tricky thing, and we are grateful for their efforts! We are also looking into how to have a virtual Baronial Court.



All these, though, are yet still ideas.... what can you do (if you're able) to help make these or different ideas a reality? What other ideas do you have? What can you help with (we need it!)?

We'd also like to take a moment here to offer our love and condolences to those who have lost someone over these past months. There have been far too many. Death is never an easy thing, but to have to process it without the comfort of gatherings with friends seems especially cruel of the universe. We wish you all peace to you and yours.

Hang in there, our most beloved Barony... we are still in this together. Never hesitate to come to us with ideas, concerns, comments, and more. We are here for you. Wear a mask, wash your hands, stay safe. We will see you in the aether (and hopefully small, socially distant gatherings soon)! Remember, we are still all neighbors! Salve Accolens!

In Levitate et Caritate and Cheers

Baron Brandubh & Baroness Hilderun





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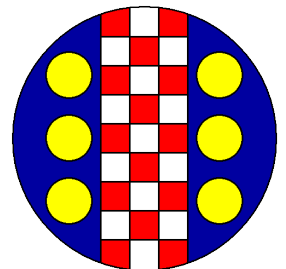
We have received an anonymous donation in honor of Sir Thomas Byron, Earl of Haverford.
The donator was impressed by his love for the SCA.

Other than that the office of the exchequer really does not have anything else happening.
Due to the correct situation of mundane world we have not had any other income or expenditures.

On Service

Lady Arthes of the Debatable Lands

Exchecquer





A Arts & Science

Greetings fine members of BMDL!!

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as your A&S Minister over the last 20 months. It has been inspiring to see everything you have learned and taught, even in the middle of a global plague.

That said, life carries on. In this case, life has carried on for myself and my deputies to include major life changes, college courses, and big household moves to *wonderful* reasons. My term ends in just 4 short months and both of my deputies have had to move on to other life pursuits. I also will not be seeking another term as grad school doesn't allow time for much A&S!

We are seeking deputies that may be interested in learning the office, potentially in preparation submitting a letter to assume the office in February. If you are interested in learning more about the A&S office or being an officer in general, please reach out to me directly.

In Service

~Baroness Isabel Fleuretan



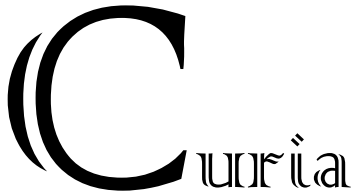
Chronicler

Good day everyone!

I don't really have much to say, as the office of the Exchequer before me I don't have much going on. I personally have not been that active due to the current restrictions and am very thankful that we were able to do some archery! I look forward to seeing everyone again.

Drottin Skjoldbjorn

Chronicler Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands



Kingdom Curia took place online on Thursday, October 1st, for the Reign of King Maynard and Queen Lia-dain. What is Curia? The term “Curia” is used as shorthand for the Curia Regis. Basically, it’s the Royal Council – a gathering of people, led by the King and Queen, held to conduct the Kingdom’s business. It’s a business meeting for the Kingdom. (You can read more here: <https://aethelmearcgazette.com/2016/09/21/curious-about-curia/>)

Though discussions were robust, here are some of the points relevant to our populace:

The Kingdom Seneschal and Royalty thank the Kingdom's people for their fortitude and being awesome.

Kingdom Exchequer: the 2020 budget was amended due to pandemic, but we are still in excellent shape. Some changes to Financial Policy, including adding a refund policy and incorporating SCARS, the Society online event registration system, which will be live when events happen again. Take note event stewards!!

Silver Buccle (Kingdom Herald): THL Sophie has stepped down for personal reasons, and Baron Brandubh is serving as interim for three months to call for letters and facilitation of some administrative duties.

Knight Marshal: Fighting and fencing prohibition is now in place until Jan 31st, to align with society date for resuming events.

Kingdom Webminister: Some exciting things coming from transitioning to Google for Non-Profits. Look for announcements in the coming months.

New Kingdom Awards have been registered with the College of Heralds: The Order of Howlings Wolf (for merit), and the Award of the Golden Mirror (for excellence in non-martial period kit)

From Their Majesties: Update to the Golden Thorn award to clarify that it is intended for acts of valor, not service.

From Their Majesties: New Kingdom award: The Crown’s Treasure: "Given those individuals who substantially contribute in providing items to illustrate the largess of the Crown and Kingdom. This honor should be bestowed sparingly, in recognition of individuals who provide exceptional contributions through extraordinary efforts and outstanding artistry. The token for this award is a pennant with a gold crown on a red field. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can be so recognized." This is specifically for acts of art.

Groups are highly encouraged to speak to the Kingdom if they want to run a Kingdom event but feel they don't have the funds. Also, individuals and groups that may have project ideas are encouraged to talk to the Kingdom. We have available funds.

Our neighbor, the Shire of Gryffyns Keep, has elected to dissolve. Their zip codes will revert to Crown Lands, and neighboring groups may petition for them. If we have any folks that were in GK zip codes, let our Baronial Seneschal, THL Muirgheal, know!!



CORONETS

Hello Debatable Lands! We are happy to announce that the Baronial Coronets have been cleaned and have had their gilding re-plated! We'd like to extend our sincere thanks and admiration to Sinclair Jewelry, the artisan Brandy Sinclair (Lady Prima Argentia), and the facilitator, Evelyn O'Hagan, for completing this project. The Coronets have never looked better! Images courtesy of Brandy Sinclair. Thank you so much!









Before



After





Hello Debatable Lands, from Baroness Hilda! We have been wracking our brains to figure out how to engage the folks that would like to participate more in SCA, in this time of no events and heavily restricted gatherings. Then we realized that we actually have projects that the various officers, position-holders, and other folks would like to complete.

These projects are in various states of completion, from fully staffed to just ideas. If you see something that you are interested in, would like more information on, would like to help with, or would like to lead (where needed), just let the folks noted know!

Compile a list of Baronial Champions (with pics), especially for H&B's tenure - need volunteer

Compile a list of historical Baronial Officers (with dates) - need volunteer (there's a list of the earlier years already)

Index the content of online Althings - need volunteer

Facilitate a second flag buy from Sir O's SCA flags (social project, no Baronial funds involved). Project lead by Soteria and Hilda.

Baronial Regalia - outerwear (cloak, or mantle or similar) - Need project manager and artisans. Hilda and Brandubh lead.

Update Order of Precedence - in process by Kieran and Owen

Largess Challenge/Project - lead by Tierrany

Baronial Postcards/chain letters/or something (social project - to connect with each other in different ways) - Need ideas and volunteer(s)

Baronial Archers' Tassels - need crafters

Baronial Throwers' Towels - need crafters

Baronial Baldrics and favors - same design/style as the existing ones from the past couple years; we just need more - need volunteer(s)

Baronial Scribes' Tokens - need crafters

Baronial Tokens (to give out by H&B) - preferably metal, we're running low - need artisan

Virtual Winter Event - lead by Elss - has some staff, may need volunteers

Baronial Ethereal Court - need staff on the technical and ideas side. We want to hold a Court, and have ideas, but could use a brain trust with ideas and execution skills - would be working with H&B, Kieran and Rachel

Newcomer Committee - always need ideas and volunteers

Baronial cookbook - need project manager and volunteers

Virtual Feast/Contest - lead by Muirgheal (I think)

Other virtual events or gatherings - If you have an idea, bring it to the officers/guildmaster/whoever is appropriate!

Other officers/position-holders/other folks may also have more Baronial projects in the works - ask around!

All of the above with apologies to the folks already running the ones in process - I totally didn't ask first. :-)) Thanks for your forgiveness and