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From Their Excellencies:

Unto the Populace of the Barony Marche do Liam and Constance send greetings;

We hope you all enjoyed Twelfth Night Celebrations in January. At BMDL 12th Night, we had the pleasure of choosing three new Baronial Champions. Congratulations to; Lady Sumayya al Ghaziyya our new arts and sciences champion, Lady Bugga Bilibit and Master William Montegilt, our new bardic champions and Abatissa of Banbury our new brewing champion.

We are looking forward to welcoming Their Majesties for their Bardic Championship at "A Kingdom for a Stage". We hope to see many of you there!

For those who plan to camp with the Barony at Pennsic, Pre-registration is open, You can register under "Debatable Lands", Please e-mail Baron (at)debatablelands.org if you plan to camp with us.

In service to the dream,

Baroness Constance and Baron Liam

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands

From the Seneschale:

Greetings All!

A New Year has come and I trust that everyone is staying warm during the winter season. January featured another great Debatable Lands Twelfth Night event put on by Elss von Augsburg and her staff, as well as another fun and entertaining Steltonwald Twelfth Night by Teresa Alvarez and company. Vivant to them both!

The February Officers' Meeting is Wednesday, February 4th at 8pm in the Dowd Room of the University Center on the CMU Campus. The meeting is open to all members of the Barony and you are encouraged attend. This meeting also marks one year since I became Seneschal for the Barony. I am looking for a deputy who would be interested in learning about this job with the intent of taking over at the end of my term in February 2016. I can be reached at seneschal@debatablelands.org.

Elsewhere in this issue please find the proposed policy updates that were discussed at the December meeting (also posted on the website). These changes will be voted on by the Officers at the April meeting. Your input and comments are appreciated. Please send comments to me at seneschal@debatablelands.org. These proposed changes will also be available on the Debatable Lands website.

I've been in contact with Fiora and have settled on a date for the March Barony Meeting. It will be March 10th, after the Cour d'Or Fencing Practice. The April Officers' Meeting will be April 1st (room TBD).

Announcement for the March Barony Meeting:

The March Barony Meeting is on March 10th, starting at 8pm on the CMU Campus (Room TBD). It will follow the Cour d'Or Fencing Practice for that day. Come and find out the latest news of the Barony as well as meet fellow members and members of the College of Cour d'Or! Contact Alaric (seneschal@debatablelands.org) for more information.

Announcement for the April Officers' Meeting:

It is once again time for the Happy Fun Budget Meeting of Love and Cookies! No Fooling! This action packed Officers' meeting features a vote on policy changes, the approval of the budget for the upcoming year, as well as our usual business. There will be cookies! All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting is April 1st, 2015 at 8pm on the CMU Campus (room TBD).

If there are any questions or concerns, please seek me out! I'm here to help.

In Service,

Alaric

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences:

A letter from your outgoing Minister of Arts and Sciences:

Thank you, Debatable Lands. It has been my honor to serve for the last two years as your Minister of Arts and Sciences. I feel that this position has enabled me to grow personally as I have tried to help the Baronial arts and sciences grow as a community. It was my decision to not seek a second consecutive term as Minister. Though I would have been happy to continue on, I also feel it's important to open the door to new ideas and new directions. I was pleased to see two letters submitted for the position, forcing the officers to make a decision.

Your new Minister is Baron Meszaros Janos. He is newly returned to sylvan Aethelmarc after some time away in other Kingdoms, but he is from Aethelmarc originally, and looking forward to working with her populace once again for our greater glory. Baron Janos is experienced, and dedicated to helping these Debatable Lands continue to be a shining pearl among the crown jewels of Aethelmarc.

He has some ambitious plans, and it will take much of our collective energies to participate, but the feeling at the meeting last night was that we wanted to see these things happen. I look forward to working along side the other citizens of our Barony in continued service.

Ishiyama Gen'tarou Yori'e

From the Webminister:

My 2-year term is up in April, and after some deliberation I have decided not to apply for a second term. I've achieved much of what I had hoped for in my term, and thank you for this opportunity to serve my beloved BMDL.

Applicants interested in this position should forward a simple resume letter to myself (Broom, webminister@debatablelands.org) and the Seneschal, Alaric (seneschal@debatablelands.org). The next webminister will be decided by vote at the April Officer's Meeting (see below for meeting details).

Thank you again for entrusting me with this responsibility - and thanks one last time to my predecessor, Cai, for easing me into the office. It has been a pleasure.

-- maister Emrys Eustace, call'd Broom

Court Report for Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins:

7 February AS 49

Here begins the report of the Court of Liam, Baron of the Debatable Lands, at the Fest of the Seven Deadly Sins in the Barony of Delftwood, 7 February AS 49, by permission of Their Excellencies, Fergus and Helene, Baron and Baroness of Delftwood, who had the permission of Their Majesties Titus and Anna Leigh, King and Queen of Æthelmearc, Drotinn Jorundr hinn Rotinn, Comet Pursuivant, reporting.

His Excellency had words with two of the citizens of Delftwood, Lady Lijsbet de Keukere and Lord Finn'r jafnkollr. It has been noted that though the Debatable Lands lies quite a distance from their home group, Lijsbet and Finn'r have been seen many times toiling in the kitchens at events in the Debatable Lands. Thus Liam felt moved to call them friends of the Barony and award them Green Comets. The scrolls are works in progress.

Court Closed.

Court Report for Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins:

Here begins the report of the Court of Uilliam and Constance, Baron and Baroness of the Debatable Lands, at Debatable Lands Twelfth Night, 17 January AS 49, in the presence of Their Majesties Titus and Anna Leigh, King and Queen of Æthelmearc, Drotinn Jorundr hinn Rotinn, Comet Pursuivant, reporting with the assistance of Lord Markus Skalpir Grimson.

After ensuring that all present had fun and enough sustenance, Their Excellencies remarked that there seemed to be more people here than were present during first Court.

Lady Sumayya al Ghaziyya was invited to address the Court as she had held a competition to determine her successor as Arts and Sciences Champion of the Barony. Their Excellencies had a hard time deciding between all the beautiful entries that Their populace had submitted, but They eventually were able to choose one. Lady Hara Kikumatsu's hand sewn Japanese garment caught Their eyes as being particularly fine and so They determined to invest Hara with the regalia of Champion. Scroll by Odriana vander Brugghe.

Lady Bugga Bilibit and Master William de Montegilt were also ready to step aside as the Co-Bardic Champions of the Barony. As William was ill and could not make it to the event, Bugga ran the competition alone this day. A harrowing competition lead to Lady Silence de Cherbourg being named Champion this day. The regalia to be delivered at a later point as it is in the care of William. Scroll by Odriana vander Brugghe.

The Brewing Champion, not to be outdone, also held a competition to determine Lady Abbatissa Dreye di Baneburi's successor. After much personal and public shaming and making people go home to retrieve forgotten brews Abbatissa was able to procure 5 entries. One caught Her Excellency's and His Excellency's personal taster of the day's, Sir Thorgrim Skullsplitter, who was willing to pit his mettle against all beverages this day, particular notice as being worthy of recognition above the rest. Thus Their Excellencies bid Lord Valaric Dalicieux attend Them. There being no specific wording against choose a champion who lives outside a barony's borders in the Seven Pearls Charter, Their Excellencies did invest Valaric as Their Brewing Champion. Scroll by Odriana vander Brugghe.

Mistress Arianna of Wynthrope ran a heraldic quest this day. Participants were to answer a series of questions regarding the awards of Æthelmearc and their badges. All who entered the quest turned in the correct answers, thus Her Excellency was asked to draw one of the names to determine who would win the handmade banner from Arianna. Lady Alyssa von Stahlgeist was chosen as victor.

Mistress Allesandra d'Avignon and Master Robert Marsden were invited into court. Their Excellencies wished to express the depth of Their gratitude for the personal assistance of Allesandra and Robert after Lady Ruaidri's car accident, and so They wished to present a personal token. After some confusion about the explosive properties of the gift it was determined that with some effort it would indeed explode, though that might not be the best use to which it could be put.

Their Excellencies wished to have words with Duke Eliahu ben Itzhak. Ever since moving into the Canton of Steltonwald, Duke Eliahu has been very active in reviving the fighters and fighter practice of the Canton, as well as coming to the barony practices to help with training there. While this is the actions expected of a Knight and a Duke, Their Excellencies believe that it goes beyond that, and as They are in a position to do something about this situation they chose to award Duke Eliahu a Gold Comet. Scroll by the hands of Aidan ni Lier.

Their Excellencies saw another in the crowd that They needed to address. Mistress Amaryllis Coleman is known not only for her dedication as a Chirurgeon, but she is also known to attend Steltonwald's sewing circles and assist many learning to sew and creating patterns for them. Thus Their Excellencies chose to award her a Gold Comet. Scroll by Arianna of Wynthrope.

The representatives of the Canton of Steltonwald were invited to attend Their Excellencies. They had a good year at War Practice and decided to share some of their profit with the Barony. Their Exchequer will get together with the Baronial Exchequer and make it happen.

The members of Ii Genesis were summoned before the Court. They had been awarded a Gold Comet at Pennsic and due to weather the scroll never got delivered into their hands at Pennsic. Their Excellencies did so at this time. After a mighty confusion over just what Ii Genesis would do with the scroll the members of Ii Genesis scampered away.

THL Elss of Augsburg, the day's autocrat wished to make some announcements.

There was indeed a cookie competition this day, there were 4 different winners chosen in the cookie competition from the 8 entries. His Majesty favored the Springerliek cookies of Lady Lucetta di Cosimo. Her Majesty thought the lady fingers of Master Bovi farmaðr were quite excellent. His excellency decided that none could rival the bacon chocolate bites of Lady Abbatissa Dreya di Baneburi. Her Excellency determined that the gluten free chocolate chip cookies of Lady Lucetta di Cosimo were quite delicious.

Elss then spoke of how she was originally invited to run a small local event that hardly anyone goes to, that she ran 6 times. She determined that that was quite enough, and she needed to retire. Elss being very canny at how these things work prepared not only a bribe for Their Excellencies and Their Majesties, but she had duped, or recruited her replacement, Hrafnr Erlander inn Raudi. After querying the populace Their Excellencies determined to allow Elss to retire.

Before They permitted her to leave, however, Their Excellencies had further words with Elss. Their Excellencies have noticed the long and dedicated service of Elss, and They had a certain group of people who represent that to the known world. Thus Their Excellencies inducted Elss into the Order of Copernicus, as the second ever non-peer and only current non-peer in the order. Scroll by Odrianna vander Brugghe.

Their Excellencies thanked all for attending as it was a truly amazing event, and They look forward to Erlandr next year.

Court Closed.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Barony Meetings:

General Barony meetings are held bimonthly on the odd numbered months. Our next Barony Meeting will be in May.

Upcoming Events:

March 21 – Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon – Barony of Rhydderich Hael

March 28 – Kingdom for a Stage – Shire of Ballachlagan - Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands

April 4 - Knights and Round Tables III - Shire of Misty Highlands

April 11 - Spring 2015 Aethelmearc Coronation - Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

April 18 - Queen's Rapier Challenge - College of Silva Vulcani

April 18 - Brewing and Bacon Bash 2 - Shire of Hunter's Home

April 23-26 - Blackstone Rail XIV - Barony of Blackstone Mountain

April 25 - Pen vs. Sword III: Cloak and Dagger - Shire of Angels Keep

May 2 - Spring 2015 Aethelmearc Crown Tournament - Shire of Hartstone

May 14-17 - Aethelmearc War Practice XXVI - Canton of Steltonwald

MARCH/APRIL WEEKLY MEETINGS:

For Contact Information please refer to the calendar on the debatablelands.org site.

Sunday, March 22

- 2:00pm - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, March 23

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 24

- 6:00 pm - Cour d'Or Fencing Practice
- 7:00pm – Brewers' Guild Meeting

Thursday, March 26

- 7:30 pm - Debatable Consort Practice
- 8:00 pm - Dance Practice

Sunday, March 29

- 2:00pm - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, March 30

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:00pm – Cour d'Or Fencing Practice

Wednesday, April 1

- 8:00 pm - Officers' Meeting (Really!)

Sunday, April 5

- 11:00 am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 11:00 am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice
- 4:00 pm - Basketweaving

Monday, April 6

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 7

- 6:00pm – Cour d'Or Fencing Practice

Wednesday, April 8

- 6:00 pm - Scriptorium

Sunday, April 12

- 10:00 am - Regional Archery Muster
- 11:00 am - BMDL Archery Practice

- 11:00 am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, April 13

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 14

- 6:00pm – Cour d'Or Fencing Practice
- 6:30 pm - Basketweaving

Thursday, April 16

- 6:30 pm - Basketweaving

Sunday, April 19

- 11:00 am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 11:00 am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, April 20

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 21

- 6:00pm – Cour d'Or Fencing Practice

Thursday, April 23

- 7:30 pm - Debatable Consort Practice

Sunday, April 26

- 11:00 am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 11:00 am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice

Monday, April 27

- 7:00pm - Heavy Fighter Clinic
- 7:30pm - Debatable Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 28

- 6:00 pm - Cour d'Or Fencing Practice
- 7:00pm – Brewers' Guild Meeting

Thursday, April 30

- 8:00 om - Dance Practice

Sunday, May 3

- 11:00 am - BMDL Archery Practice
- 11:00 am - BMDL Thrown Weapons Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fencing Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Fighter Practice
- 2:00pm - BMDL Youth Combat Practice
- 4:00 pm - Basketweaving

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

The following policy changes were discussed at the December 2014 Officers' Meeting after receiving feedback from the Barony. Please send any comments or questions to the Seneschal, Alaric, at seneschal@debatablelands.org. These policies will be voted on at the April Officers' Meeting and would go into effect once they are published in the Althing after the April Officers' Meeting. They will also be available on the Baronial Website.

These policies were approved by the Officers of the Debatable Lands on Feb 1, 2012 and contain all updates through June 4, 2014.

Update to Section II.A. approved by the Officers of the Debatable Lands on Oct 3, 2012.

Update to Section II.B approved by the Officers of the Debatable Lands on Feb 4, 2014.

Update to Section II.A approved by the Officers of the Debatable Lands on Jun 4, 2014.

POLICIES of the BARONY-MARCHE OF THE DEBATABLE LANDS

- A. PoliciesThe Barony's policies must be maintained on the Baronial website. Changes or additions to these policies become official when published and supersede all former Baronial policies. Baronial policy is subordinate to Kingdom Law & Policy, Corpora, and civil law. It may not contradict them and need not duplicate them.
- B. Baronial policies may be created or changed by the Officers. Proposed additions or changes to Baronial policies must appear on the agenda of the Officers' meeting at which they are ratified. In this circumstance the proposed changes shall be published and the agenda shall be announced to the populace on the Baronial email list at least 48 hours before the meeting.
- C. Within these policies, published means posted on the Baronial website with notification sent to the Baronial email list.

II. Officers

- A. The Officers of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands are those required by Kingdom Law, the office of the Baron/ess, the Seneschals of the Barony's nondormant subsidiary groups, the Chirurgeon Liaison, and the Webminister. These officers, excluding the office of the Baron/ess, constitute the financial committee of the Barony for the purpose of setting financial policy and approving financial activities. No present or proxied individual may have more than one vote on the financial committee.
- B. Unless otherwise stated, decisions of the officers are by consensus of the people attending a scheduled officers meeting at which a majority of the Officers are present. An individual may cast only one vote. Officers may be represented by proxy. Only the members of the Financial Committee may vote on financial decisions. Any Officer may

call for an Officer Only vote, in which case each Office gets one vote, with a simple majority of the votes cast deciding the issue.

- C. Officers serve for a term of twenty-four months from the Officers' meeting at which their appointment was approved. Notification of an Officer's intent to renew or resign must be published at least two months before the end of the Officer's term. This notification must solicit letters of intent for a successor. Letters of intent must be sent to the Officer in question, as well as the Baronial Seneschal; if the office is the seneschalate, a letter must also be sent to the Baron/ess. Whether an officer decides to serve another term or a successor takes the office, either choice must be ratified by the officers. If no acceptable candidates are set forward, the Office shall remain vacant if allowed by Kingdom Law. Subsidiary groups are not required to follow this policy in choosing their seneschals and officers.
- D. If an Office becomes vacant midterm, the Emergency Deputy will temporarily assume the duties of the office. The Emergency Deputy may choose to serve out the Officer's term, or solicit letters of intent for a successor. If they choose to serve out the term, they must be ratified by the Officers at the next Officers' meeting.
- E. A two-thirds majority of Baronial Officers may petition his/her Kingdom Superior to remove any Officer, though a proposal to do so must appear on the officers' meeting agenda, and the Officer must be informed of the proposal in writing. In this circumstance, the agenda shall be **announced on the Baronial email list** at least 48 hours before the meeting. If an Officer is absent and not represented at three consecutive Officers' meetings, and does not respond to inquiries within a reasonable time, they will be considered to have resigned.

III. Positions and Deputies

- A. Officers may create or dissolve Baronial Positions as needed by majority vote at Officers' meeting. Each Officer may create deputies as needed, and report the appointment at the next Officers' meeting.
- B. In addition to applicable Kingdom reporting requirements: the Baronial Signet reports to the Baron/ess; Martial Specialist Baronial Positions report to the Knight Marshal; the Steward reports to the Exchequer; deputies report to their Officer in charge; and all other Baronial Positions report to the Seneschal.
- C. Positions and Deputies do not have term limits. When a position holder or deputy wishes to step down, they are responsible for recommending a replacement to the Officer to which the position/deputy reports, and that Officer appoints a replacement if needed. New Position holders must be ratified by the Officers at the next Officers' meeting.
- D. Unless prohibited by Kingdom Law or Policy, Position holders may be removed by a majority vote of the Officers. A proposal to do so must appear on the officers' meeting

agenda, and the Position holder must be informed of the proposal in writing. Unless prohibited by Kingdom Law or Policy, deputies may be removed by their Officer in charge, and the removal must be reported at the next Officers' meeting. If Kingdom Law or Policy requires that a Position holder or Deputy only be removed by a Kingdom official, then the Baronial Officer in charge of that Position or Deputy may petition the Kingdom official for removal. Position holders or Deputies that fail to report or respond to inquiries for 6 months will be considered to have resigned.

IV. General Financial

- A. Expenditures greater than \$75 must be approved by a simple majority of the Financial Committee. Expenditures of \$75 or under may be authorized jointly by the Baronial Seneschal and Exchequer. Such expenditures must be reported at the following officers meeting. The Seneschal and Exchequer must be represented at any meeting of the financial committee.
- B. The Barony reserves the right to accept or refuse any donation. Non-monetary donations (e.g.: equipment, supplies, items for resale) with a value over \$100 require the approval of the Exchequer, who will issue the receipt. The donor is solely responsible for setting the value of the donation. No non-monetary item should be accepted prior to seeing the item.
- C. Event refunds requested before the event report is completed will be considered but not guaranteed. Refunds requested after the event report is completed will not be issued.

V. Events

- A. Event bids must be submitted by a member of the BMDL who wishes to autocrat an event. Event bids must be submitted by members of other local groups who want the BMDL to sponsor their event. Event bids must be presented at a Baronial Officers' meeting (or, in special cases, at a regular Barony meeting, by pre-arrangement with the Seneschal) in order to be approved. Ideally, all event bids should be submitted six to twelve months in advance. All event bids must include a completed Baronial event bid form (or equivalent) and proof of SCA membership for the autocrat (must prove membership at the time of the proposed event).
- B. Officers will not approve expenditures for proposed events unless they are presented with a written event bid which contains, at a minimum, the names of the autocrat and the head cook, a site, a date, a break-even analysis, and a budget (if Baronial funds are to be used). The event budget shall include estimates for income and for expenses by category based upon expected attendance, rates charged and any free admissions. After-budget expenditures are to be approved or disapproved at the Financial Committee's discretion. If an event bid is declined at the Kingdom or Society level, the event bid is void.

- C. The autocrat of an event may require any person behaving disruptively to leave the event. If a minor is behaving disruptively at an event, the autocrat may require the adult(s) responsible for that minor to leave the event as well. It is the responsibility of the autocrat of any event for which the Nonmember Surcharge must be collected to determine the means of collection.
- D. The Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands does not serve alcoholic beverages.

VI. Baronial Property

- A. Baronial property includes any physical Item that was bought by or was donated to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands, including but not limited to Gold Key, Iron Key, other loaner gear, regalia, and larder items. Baronial Property does not include items held by non-dormant subsidiary groups.
- B. Anyone that holds, stores, or maintains Baronial property, not to include files, must inventory it at least once per calendar year. The report should be given to the Chamberlain or Exchequer during the first two weeks of November. The report shall contain at the minimum: the name of the item(s), quantity on hand, a statement about the condition of the item(s) and location of where the item(s) are stored.
- C. If a holder of Baronial property does not hold a Baronial Office or Position, he or she will provide full mundane and SCA name, and full contact information to the Chamberlain or Exchequer.
- D. Loaner gear (Gold Key, Iron Key, etc) is generally meant to be loaned out and returned within the same day, at a Baronial meeting, practice, or event. However, the holder of loaner gear may, at their sole discretion, choose to loan items out for a longer period of time. In that case, the holder will record the borrower's full mundane and SCA names, full contact information, and date of return.
- E. Whenever an Office or baronial position changes hands, the outgoing Officer is responsible for transferring all files and baronial property related to the office to his or her successor in a timely fashion. An inventory report must be filed with the Chamberlain or Exchequer at this time so the change of property can be verified. In the event of a vacant office, the Officers shall determine which Barony member shall temporarily take possession of the files and property of the vacant Office.

VII. Baronial Succession

- A. Requirements of office: The territorial Baron and/or Baroness (hereafter referred to as Baron/ess) must meet the requirements stated in Corpora and Kingdom Law, be 18 years of age or older as of the day the votes are to be tallied, and must be a resident in

the territory of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands. The Office of Baron/ess of the Debatable Lands is not subject to a term limit.

- B. When Selection of a New Baron/ess Will Occur: Selection will take place when a Baron/ess is removed, expresses a desire to retire, or wishes to take a consort.
- C. Removal of a Baron/ess: A majority of the Barony's Officers may call for the removal of the Baron or Baroness. **The motion must be published at least 48 hours prior to the officers' meeting where the motion is to be voted on and** must appear on the officers' meeting agenda. If the motion passes, the result will be announced at the next Barony meeting **and published to the populace.** At the Barony meeting after that, those attending the meeting will decide, by majority vote, whether to petition the Crown for the removal of the Baron or Baroness.
- D. The Vicar: If a Vicar is appointed, the Vicar may not give Baronial Awards but may otherwise preside over Baronial Courts and functions.
- E. The Selection Committee: The Selection Committee is responsible for overseeing the election process. The selection committee consists of the Baron/ess (if there is one), the Vicar (if there is one), and enough officers in officer precedence order to bring the total to 5 with the Baron and/or Baroness together counting as one seat. If a member of the committee accepts a baronial nomination, if their term is over and they are not planning to renew before the election process is over, or if they directly or indirectly resign from the committee, then they are replaced by the next officer in officer precedence order. The Committee members will elect a Chairman from among their members by simple majority vote.
- F. Notification of the upcoming election and these policies will be published following the appointment of the selection committee. **This publication shall be no later than one month following the appointment of the selection committee.**
- G. The Selection Process
 - 1. Eligible Voters: Any person residing in the zip codes of the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands who is 17 years of age or older (as of the day the votes are to be tallied) and is on the corporate membership list may vote. Under exceptional circumstances, the Selection Committee may consider a written request for a ballot from a person who would not otherwise receive one. Such a request must be received by the Chair of the Selection Committee by the date of the Nominating Meeting.
 - 2. Timing of the Selection Process:
 - a. Announcement of upcoming election
 - b. Approximately one month later, nominations*

- c. Approximately one month later, acceptance of nominations
- d. Two months later, ballots counted

*Note: Additional general Barony meetings may be called to facilitate the timing of this process.

3. The Nominating Meeting: A Nominating meeting will be held as part of a general Barony meeting **within two months** after the announcement of the election appears **as outlined in VII.F.** Candidates will be nominated by petition of the populace, either in writing or by voice at the nominating meeting. Written nominations must be received by the Chair of the Selection Committee at or before the nomination meeting. The Chair of the Selection Committee must notify candidates within one week of the nominations. To be considered, candidates must accept nominations in writing to the Chair of the Selection Committee within one month of the nominating meeting. Individuals or couples may be nominated, but no individual can occur on the ballot more than once.
4. The Voting: A written ballot with the list of all candidates (a candidate pair is considered to be "a candidate" in this document) will be distributed by mail to all eligible voters. Each ballot shall be numbered and a record kept of the total number of ballots mailed, but no record shall be kept of which numbers were mailed to which voters. Voting will be as follows:
 - a. A group status poll will appear on the election ballots; voters will mark their preferred option. Voters will mark those candidates they consider unacceptable as "UA". All other candidates are to be ranked in order of preference, with "1" being the voter's first choice, "2" the second choice, and so on. Any candidate may be left blank (unranked).
 - b. Voters will have until the beginning of the next general barony meeting at least one month after the ballots were mailed to vote. Voters may return their ballots by mail or in person to the Chair of the Selection Committee. Voters shall not be required to write their names on the ballots. The Chair of the Selection Committee will hold the ballots unopened until the Committee meets to count the ballots.
 - c. Tallying the ballots: The Selection Committee will meet during the general barony meeting of the voting deadline to open and count the ballots. Only ballots that remain unopened until tallying begins will be valid. Ballots will be tallied in the following sequence:
 - i. Ballot numbers will be checked off on the master list. If any duplicate ballot numbers or numbers which are not on the list of those mailed are found, those ballots will be discarded. The group status poll will be counted first. If a majority of the voters choose not to remain a Barony, then the Baronial election

process will be terminated and the election ballots will not be tallied.

- ii. A valid ballot will include an unambiguous and legible ranking of listed candidates as directed in section VII.G.4.a., including UA or blank responses. Invalid ballots will not be counted.
- iii. Any candidate receiving "unacceptable" (UA) votes from more than 33% of the valid ballots shall be eliminated from consideration.
- iv. The Selection committee shall tally each ballot as a single vote for the highest-ranked active candidate on the ballot. If any candidate has a majority (more than 50%) of the received ballots, that candidate shall be declared the winner. Otherwise, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated from consideration, and the votes for that candidate will be redistributed to the highest-ranked active candidate on each ballot. (Any ballot that does not include a numeric rank for any active candidate will not be considered a "received ballot" for the purpose of calculating the number of votes needed for majority.) Repeat this sequence until a majority candidate is found. The majority candidate will be declared the winner.
- v. If there is a tie between two (or more) active candidates for the fewest votes in a round, all tied candidates will be eliminated from consideration. If there is a tie between the final two (or more) active candidates, the candidate with the fewest number of unacceptable (UA) votes on ALL valid ballots (not just those that have ranked an active candidate) will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, all tied candidates will be presented to the Crown as acceptable, and the Crown of Æthelmearc shall be asked to choose between them.
- vi. General Summary of Tallying. The voters rank candidates from most favorite to least favorite. Take the ballots and make a pile for each candidate, based on just the first-place votes (ignoring all the other rankings on the ballots). Then eliminate the candidate with the fewest votes and re-distribute those ballots to the other piles, using the second-place votes. Keep eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes until one candidate is left. This is a summary only; actual tallying process will follow steps i – v.

5. The Petition: The Chair of the Selection Committee will produce a petition in accordance with Kingdom law.
6. Special Elections
 - a. If an existing solo Baron/ess desires to take a consort, a vote on the Baron/ess's chosen consort will be held at the general Barony meeting scheduled **within two months** after an announcement of the vote **is published. This publication shall be no later than one month after the Baron/ess makes their desire known.** Should the consort be accepted by the populace, a petition will be prepared as in VII.G.5. above.
 - b. If one member of a couple serving jointly as Baron and Baroness resigns, is removed or is unable to serve, the remaining Baron/ess may continue in the position alone if s/he desires, providing s/he passes a vote of confidence from the Barony. This vote will take place at the general Barony meeting scheduled to occur at least one month after an announcement of the vote **is published**, and not more than 6 months after the vacancy occurs. **This publication shall be no later than one month after one member of a couple resigns, is removed, or is unable to serve.**
 - c. In either case, written ballots will be distributed, collected and counted by the Selection Committee at the Barony meeting, with the results to be announced that night. The proposal will be decided by majority vote of those attending the meeting, plus proxies. Written proxy ballots will be permitted.

ATTACHED YOU WILL ALSO FIND THE YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2014.

The Canton of Steltonwald Officers and Meetings

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Canton Meetings:

Third Wednesday of the month at 7PM.

Beaver County Courthouse

Archery

Wednesdays, 6PM – 9 PM

Except the third Wednesday of any month

Beaver Valley Archery Club

Maestro Jacopo di Niccolo

JacopoGM@yahoo.com

Fight Practice

On hiatus for the Winter

<http://www.steltonwald.org/>

The College of Cour d'Or

The College of Cour d'Or is currently dormant. For information regarding local colleges and Universities, contact the Baronial College Liason.

College Liaison	CMU Rooms Reservationist
Fiora d'Artusio	Margaret Makafee

- Sign up on the Althing mailing list to have the Althing emailed to you every month at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bmdl_althing/.
- Download or read the Althing online every month at <http://www.debatablelands.org/althing/>.
- Subscribe to the Barony mailing list at <http://lists.andrew.cmu.edu/mailman/listinfo/sca-bmdl>.
- Find the Barony home page at <http://www.debatablelands.org/>.
- College student?
Join the SCA-medieval-interest@googlegroups.com mailing list for announcements of campus and local activities.
- While not official, there is valuable information to be had on various BMDL Facebook groups, such as [The BMDL Ride Board](#), [Debatable Lands group](#), and [the SCA group](#).

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THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM-PENNSYLVANIA, INC.
FINANCIAL REPORT

Branch: Barony-Marche of the Debatable LandsPeriod: 1/01/2014to 12/31/2014

COMPARATIVE BALANCE STATEMENT

For **Cumulative** Quarterly Reports, use **last year's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.

For **Sequential** Quarterly Reports, use **last report's** Comparative Balance Sheet (End) amounts for the (Start) amounts.

For **Year-end** Reports, the (Start) numbers will be provided to you by the Kingdom Exchequer. The numbers may have changed from what was submitted last year because of transfer reconciliation between your account and other accounts.

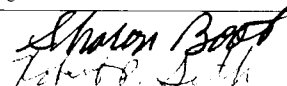

The Year-end Report must be signed by the person preparing the report.

(START) FIGURES MAY NOT BE CHANGED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!

I. ASSETS	(from page)	USD \$		Diff
		Start	End	
a) Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash	(2,5a)	9,211.16	8,240.72	(970.44)
b) Cash Earning Interest	(2)		0.00	0.00
c) Receivables	(5a)	0.00	0.00	0.00
d) Inventory For Sale (Major Inventory)	(6)	0.00	0.00	0.00
e) Regalia & Non-Depreciated Equipment	(7)	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
f) Depreciated Equipment	(8)	500.00	500.00	0.00
g) MINUS Accumulated Depreciation	(8)	(500.00)	(500.00)	0.00
h) Prepaid Expenses	(5a)	550.00	0.00	(550.00)
i) Other Assets	(5a)	100.00	100.00	0.00
j) TOTAL ASSETS	Add a through i, subtract g, then add h and i	10,861.16	9,340.72	(1,520.44)

II. LIABILITIES				
a) Newsletter Subscriptions Due	(15)		0.00	0.00
b) Deferred Revenue	(5b)	0.00	0.00	0.00
c) Payables	(5b)	0.00	0.00	0.00
d) Other Liabilities	(5b)	0.00	0.00	0.00
e) TOTAL LIABILITIES	Add a through d	0.00	0.00	0.00

III. NET WORTH		Line I.i minus Line II.d		10,861.16	9,340.72
Proof:	Change in Net Worth	III(End) - III(Start)	(A)	(1,520.44)	(A = B) ? If NO, the report is incomplete.
	Net Income	Income Statement Line 32	(B)	(1,520.44)	

Legal Names:	Print	Sign	Date:
Exchequer:	Sharon Booth		1/31/2016
Seneschal:	Robert Smith		1 Jan 2015

Signatures below certify that the information on this report is correct and complete to the best of their knowledge.



THE SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM-PENNSYLVANIA, INC.
FINANCIAL REPORT

Branch: Barony-Marche of the Debatable LandsPeriod: 1/01/2014 to 12/31/2014

INCOME STATEMENT

USD \$

INCOME		(from page)	Gross	Cost	Amount
1a	Fund Raising: Non-medieval activities to earn	(11a)		INTERNAL	358.50
1b	income (raffles, car washes, bake sales, etc.)	(11a)		EXTERNAL	0.00
2	Direct Contributions/Donations: No activity	(11a)			246.33
3a	Activity Related: Medieval activities to earn	(11a)	Income from Demos and Activity Fees		0.00
3b	income (events, demos, heraldry fees)	(11b)	Adjusted Gross Event Income		10,489.00
4a	Funds Transferred In from Another SCA Account	(9)	WITHIN KINGDOM		0.00
4b		(9)	OUTSIDE KINGDOM		0.00
5	Interest Earned				
6	Net Inventory Sales Income	(6)	Gross-Cost=Net	0.00	0.00
7	Other Sales Income	(7)			11.00
8	Adjusted Gross Newsletter Income	(15)			0.00
9	Net Advertising Income	(11b)	Gross-Cost=Net	0.00	0.00
10	Other Income	(11b)			0.00
11	TOTAL GROSS INCOME		(Sum of Lines 1 through 9)		11,104.83

SCA, Inc. Stock Clerk expenses are General Supplies!

EXPENSES		(from page)	Office & Admin.	Activity Related	Fund Raising	Total
12	Advertising (NON-SCA)	(12a)		0.00		0.00
13	Bad Debts	(12a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Bank Service Charges					0.00
15	Depreciation	(8)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Equipment Rental & Maintenance			120.00		120.00
17	Fees & Honoraria	(12a)	54.00	0.00	6.94	60.94
18	Food			5,950.41		5,950.41
19	General Supplies			1,080.19		1,080.19
20	Insurance (NON-SCA)	(12b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Occupancy & Site Charges			3,910.00		3,910.00
22	Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental					0.00
23	Printing & Publications		75.00	64.07		139.07
24	Released Equipment	(7)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Telephone					0.00
26	Travel (Gas, Tolls, Airfare)					0.00
27	SUB-TOTAL (Lines 12-26)		129.00	11,124.67	6.94	11,260.61
28	Other Expenses				(12b)	0.00
29	Donations to SCA, Inc. Subsidiaries and Other 501(c)(3) [Nonprofit] Organizations				(12b)	265.00
30a	Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account			WITHIN KINGDOM	(10)	1,099.66
30b				OUTSIDE KINGDOM	(10)	0.00
31	TOTAL EXPENSES		(Line 27 TOTAL + Lines 28 to 30b)			12,625.27
32	NET INCOME (MUST MATCH Change in Net Worth)		(Line 11 Minus Line 31)			(1,520.44)

Legal Names: Print

Sign

Exchequer:	Sharon Booth	<i>Sharon Booth</i>	Date:	1/31/2015
Seneschal:	Robert Smith	<i>Robert P. Smith</i>	Date:	31 Jan 2015