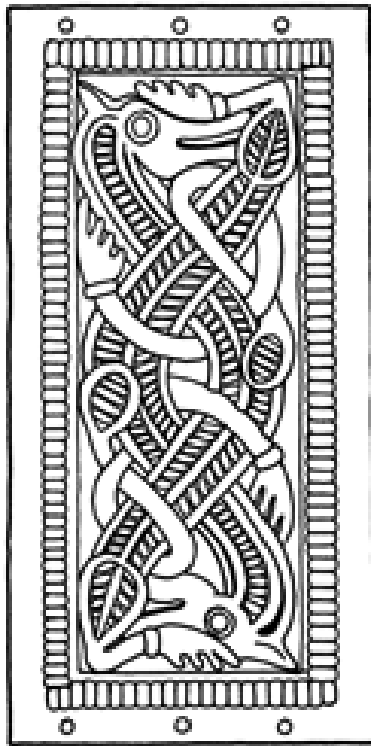


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Gold Key (Loaner Gear)

Zianna Beguy Urdina de Zabaleta

Iron Key (Loaner Heavy Weapons Equipment)

Sumayya al Ghaziyya

Steward

Michelina Cenomani da Trento

Baronial Signet

Rachel Dalicieux

Dark Pages Editor

Arianna of Wynthrope

Historian

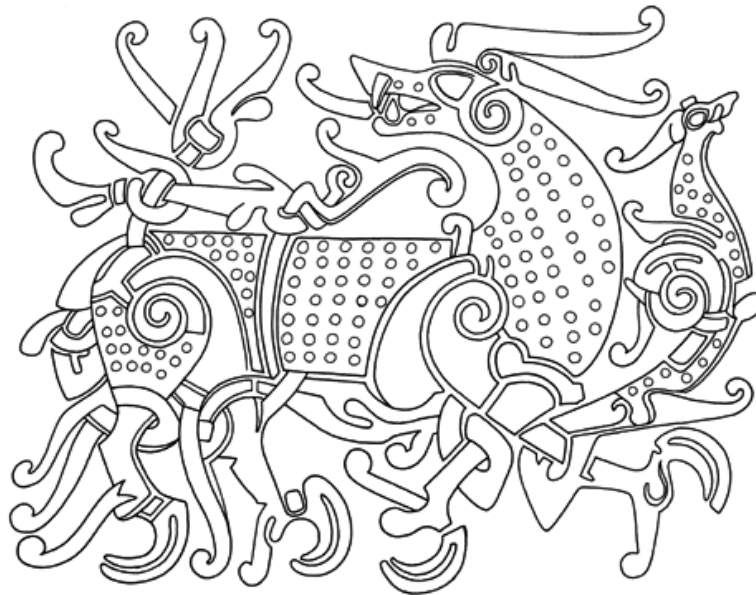
Ts'vee'a bas Tseepora Levi

Youth Fighting Marshal

Arianna of Wynthrope

Thrown Weapons Marshal (Deputy to Knight Marshal)

O'no Kuma



Dates to Remember:

Barony Meetings:

General Barony meetings are held bimonthly on the odd numbered months, the next meeting is the Officers meeting, June 7th. The meeting will be at Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church (416 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212). Everyone is welcome to attend.

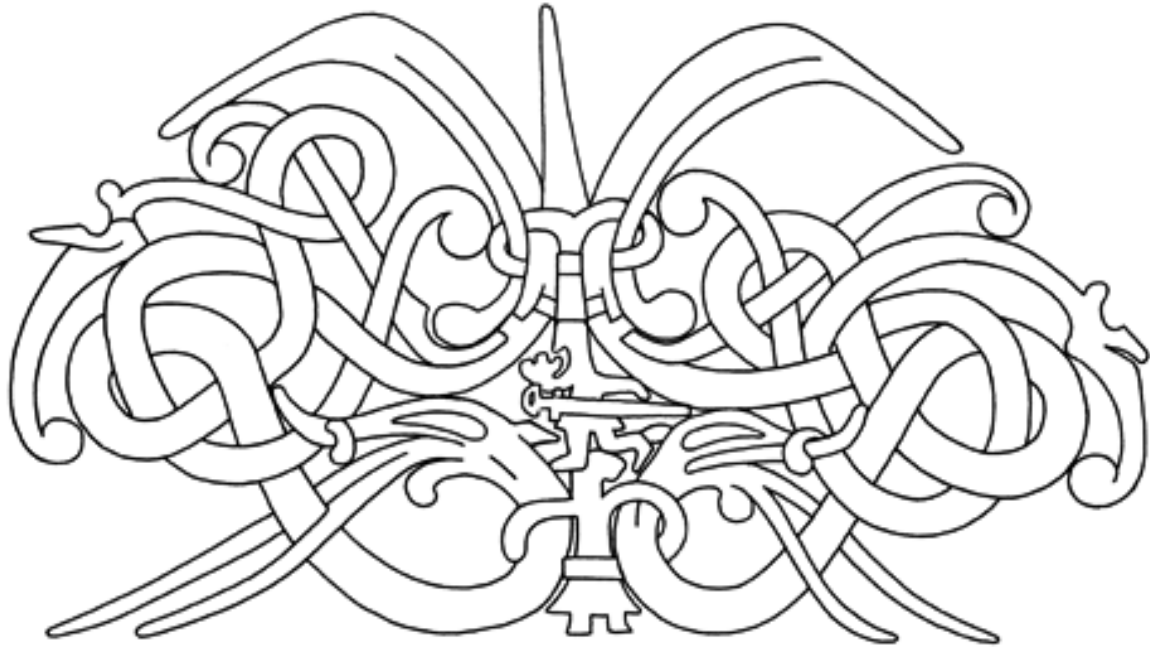
Upcoming Events:

Please see our interactive calendar for June at:

<http://www.debatablelands.org/calendar.php>

Also see the Kingdom calendar at:

<http://aethelmearc.org/events/2017-06/>



A Letter From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the Debatable Lands from Baron Brandubh and Baroness Hilderun:

As the days of summer pass and we all gear up for Pennsic, We want to remind everyone that We will be traveling to the Barony of St Swithin's Bog for the Festival of St Swithin on July 15th. Baron Iago and Baroness Emilia have served their term and will be passing the Baronial Coronets to their heirs Gunther and Rois. It is a short drive away, please join us to welcome the newest Landed Baron and Baroness to the Kingdom. Also We are seeking donations to a gift basket for Gunther and Rois, THLady Sumayya will be coordinating the Gift Basket.

But on to Pennsic! A reminder that paid preregistrations for Pennsic will end on Sat Jun 17. If you intend to camp with the Barony on the N-10 Block, you must preregister. Our block is usually overpopulated, and there has been no singles camping available for the past years. To camp with the Barony you must register with "Debatable Lands" Once again our camp Reeve will be Master Emrys, and we will have meetings regarding camp and our new meal plan later in the summer. We will Holding Baronial Court at the Baronial Reception which will be held at Aethelmearc Royal Camp on Monday of War Week starting at 4:00. We will also be looking for members of the populace to march with us at Opening Ceremonies, and Their Majesties hope to see Aethelmearc's people shine at the Known World Party this year! Baron Liam and Baroness Constance will be hosting a Helga-Ball tournament, which involves cabbages and is a rollickign good time. Opportunities for service abound!

Lastly, please remember to mark your calendars that the 7 Pearls Tournament event will be held on September 8-10 in the Barony of the Endless Hills, and we invite all of you to join us to support Our Heavy Weapons, Fencing, Archery, Thrown Weapons, Arts and Sciences, and Bardic Champions as they compete against all the other Baronial Champions of Aethelmearc.

Lastly, thanks to all the retainers, and scribes and artisans who have helped us with our courts, and donated to the gift basket for Their Majesties' Coronation. Your hard work is well appreciated, and we could not do what we do without you.

Cheers,
Brandubh et Hilderun

The Althing

From the Seneschale:

Greetings to the Most Excellent Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands!

I can hardly believe that we're halfway done with the year already!

Pennsic is in 60 days – just two short months. For those of you who will be going, may your planning and packing go easily. For those of you unable to attend, don't fret, we got you covered – there will be a Pennsic Pity Party at Keiran and Odriana's home in Hampton Township on Friday, 3 June 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and a beverage of your choice and we'll either screen a movie or we'll enjoy the fire circle outside – the weather will decide!

A cool activity that I would like to bring to everyone's attention to is the 100 Days of A&S, it's a training exercise in the style of the armored combatant Century Drill (100 blows for 100 days) where you work on an art for 10(+) minutes per day for 100 days. This should be time spent actively doing things (so surfing Pinterest doesn't count) and the 10 minutes is just a minimum. You can start at any time. The goal is to help people develop the habit of creativity and focused work in their chosen art. Engaging in this kind of challenge can help if you're experiencing a creative plateau or it can inspire you to work on and finish something that has remained a work in progress for a while.

Coming up over the next couple of months are the June Officer's Meeting, which will be on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church on the North Side (416 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212). The July Barony Meeting will be held on Sunday, 16 July 2017 and will feature the annual Clothing Swap organized by Baroness Constance. She'll be announcing details as the date gets closer.

If you are interested in events and activities in and around the Barony we offer a few ways for you to do that so, regardless of your communication preferences, you can be in the know:

1. You can subscribe to the Baronial Blog by email to get updates sent directly to your inbox. Just look for "Subscribe to the Blog via Email" on the right-hand side of the blog page.
2. You can add the Official BMDL Facebook Page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/BMDLOfficial/>.
3. You can add the Official G+ page by going to <https://plus.google.com/b/113124989304184885338/113124989304184885338?gmbpt=true&hl=en>.
4. We have a Baronial Calendar available here: <http://www.debatablelands.org/calendar.php>. (seneschal@debatablelands.org) or in person at events and meetings.

5. The Althing, our newsletter, is printed quarterly and available on the website. As always, if you have any ideas about how to improve anything in the Barony or have concerns, I am available via email (seneschal@debatablelands.org) or in person at events and meetings. In Service to the Barony, Odriana, Seneschal

From the Comet Pursuivant

Greetings!

What's going on in the heraldic community in the BMDL? Quite a lot!

There's a new way to learn about devices, names, and ways to become a herald in the BMDL. There are now Online Heraldic Office Hours, which is a Google Hangout that all are invited to join and ask their heraldic questions. These are held twice a month (1st and 3rd Mondays, usually, from 7pm to 9pm) and you can participate either by video, audio, or just text. Other heralds are invited to join to help with questions and, well, hang out! The link to the Google Hangout will be posted the day of, and can be found on the Debatable Blog, the SCA-BMDL email list, and the unofficial BMDL Facebook page. The next Online Heraldic Office Hours will be Monday, June 5.

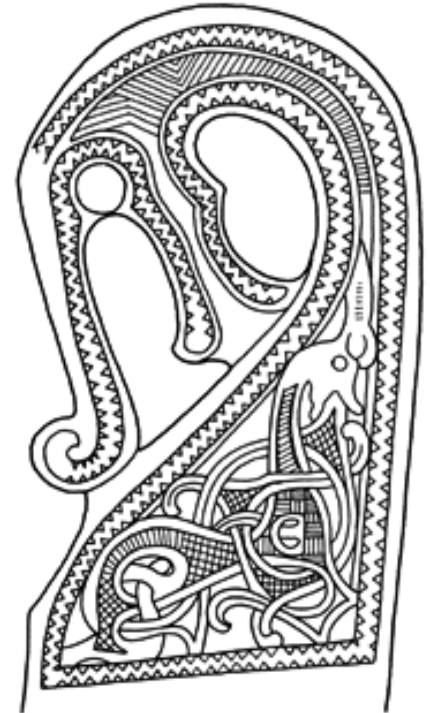
On Thursday, May 25th, I was invited by THL Elss Ausburg to present a heraldic class for BMDL's A&S night at Victory Pointe in the South Side. I had the distinct privilege of being joined by such accomplished heralds as Mistress Elsbeth Anne Roth, Mistress Myfanwy ferch Rhiannon, and Master Kameshima Zentarou Umakai. Lots of people attended, and it was lots of fun! I also got to meet Nicola and Maija, who were both part of the first Online Heraldic Office Hours! This event will happen again later this year, so stay tuned to find out when!

I also want to invite you to share your interest and experience with heraldry! Please know that I am available to you. Are you waiting to hear about a device or names submission? Do you have a device or name that just passed? Would you like to know about the wonderful world of badges? Would you like to help with making announcements at events or participating in baronial court? Let me know! I can be reached by email at [herald\[at\]debatablelands\[dot\]org](mailto:herald[at]debatablelands[dot]org). Join me in the exciting world of heraldry!

Kieran MacRae

From the Exchequer,

Greetings! My term will be over at the August Officers meeting. This is a call for letters for position of exchequer. If interested send letter of intent describing your desire and listing any experience that you may have that pertains to this office. Send letters to Seneschal and Exchequer. Addresses available in appropriate section of the Althing as well as on the Barony website. ((The end of year report is at the end of the Althing.)) In service, Hara Kikumatsu



Reminders

June Meeting:

The June Officers meeting will be on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 and will be our policy meeting. If you have any changes or updates to the BMDL policy, either post them directly to the officers list or have them prepared to discuss at the meeting.

The meeting will be at Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church (416 W NorthAve, Pittsburgh, PA 15212) from 8p-10p.

The current policy information is available in the files section of groups.io. If you are having trouble finding that information at groups.io, please let me know.

Leatherworking Demo!!

There will be a leatherworking demo run by Lady Sumayya al Ghaziyah who has been asked to participate as the head of the Leatherworker's Guild in the Children's Museum Demo. It is being held on 4 June. The attendance for this event is estimated at 250-300 people. Lady Sumayya and Lady Elizabeth Parker our Chataline are working together to make this opportunity happen!

This t would be a fantastic opportunity to make contact with the Pittsburgh community in a positive way. BMDL business cards will be made available and there will be people who will be available to talk about the SCA and what it is that we do. If you would like to help, please contact Lady Sumayya al Ghaziyah or Lady Elizabeth Parker, as there are clearances needed to work with children.



First Friday!

This coming Friday, June 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. is First Friday! (And most every first Friday of every Month)

What is First Friday? I'm glad that you asked. It's an opportunity to socialize, for the most part. We have a loose framework of hanging out and enjoying/talking about Medieval food and an unofficial fighter practice. You don't like to cook, but you like food? Come and eat. You like to watch fighting but don't like to fight, then you should come to watch fighting.

So, bring a medieval dish to share, print out or write up your recipe and tell us a little bit about what you find interesting about the dish, or what you enjoy about the dish. Tell us a little bit about your experience making it and we'll eat and hang out. With Ice Dragon being the next day, if you're traveling in the morning, my oven/stove are open to you. If you want some help with your documentation, bring it.

If you're unfamiliar with medieval cooking and need some direction, here are a couple of useful links for beginner recipes that you can try:

Godecookery - "A Boke of Good Cookery"
<http://www.godecookery.com/goderec/goderec.htm>

Medievalcookery - "Medieval Recipes"
<http://medievalcookery.com/recipes/>

With the weather getting nicer, I am considering doing some outdoor cooking (we have a fire pit for just such purposes) and wanted to see if there was any interest from other people. We'd probably do that for June, unless the weather is super dry between now and the end of the month.

If you aren't much into cooking, but totally into eating, you should come, too.

For those of you who aren't so much into cooking, but are into Heavy Weapons, there will be some unofficial practicing taking place. Bring your armor and have some fun.

Parking on our property is limited, however, the near side of the parking lot next to our property is available to you for parking. There is no sidewalk, so we recommend dropping your passengers/armor off at the house and then parking next door.

To help us anticipate how many people will be coming, please either RSVP via email ([jenn.strobel\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:jenn.strobel@gmail.com)) or by indicating that you are attending at the facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/450077661990252>.

Keiran MacRae and Odriana vander Brugghe

- 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.
- Find the Barony home page at: www.debatablelands.org
- Subscribe to the Barony mailing list at <http://lists.andrew.cmu.edu/mailman/listinfo/sca-bmdl>



The Althing

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Year end report for the Barony for Calendar year 2016:

| I. ASSETS | | (from page) | Start | End | Diff |
|--|--------|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| a) Undeposited and Non-Interest Bearing Cash | (2,5a) | | 10,940.59 | 15,006.14 | 4,065.55 |
| b) Cash Earning Interest | (2) | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| c) Receivables | (5a) | | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 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) | | 800.00 | 0.00 | (800.00) |
| i) Other Assets | (5a) | | 200.00 | 100.00 | (100.00) |
| j) TOTAL ASSETS | | Add a through f, subtract g, then add h and i | 12,940.59 | 16,256.14 | 3,315.55 |

| 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 | 12,940.59 | 16,256.14 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Proof: | Change in Net Worth | III(End) - III(Start) (A) | 3,315.55 | (A = B) ? If NO, the report is incomplete. |
| | Net Income | Income Statement Line 32 (B) | 3,315.55 | |

Legal Names:

Print

Sign

| | | | |
|------------|--|--|-------|
| Exchequer: | | | Date: |
| Seneschal: | | | Date: |

INCOME STATEMENT

USD \$

| INCOME | (from page) | Gross | Cost | Amount | |
|--------|--|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1a | Fund Raising: Non-medieval activities to earn income (raffles, car washes, bake sales, etc.) | (11a) | INTERNAL | | 1,588.00 |
| 1b | | (11a) | EXTERNAL | | 0.00 |
| 2 | Direct Contributions/Donations: No activity | (11a) | | | 1.00 |
| 3a | Activity Related: Medieval activities to earn income (events, demos, heraldry fees) | (11a) | Income from Demos and Activity Fees | | 24.00 |
| 3b | | (11b) | Adjusted Gross Event Income | | 8,614.25 |
| 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 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Other Sales Income | (7) | | | 0.00 |
| 8 | Adjusted Gross Newsletter Income | (15) | | | 0.00 |
| 9 | Net Advertising Income | (11b) | Gross-Cost=Net 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 10 | Other Income | (11b) | | | 0.00 |
| 11 | TOTAL GROSS INCOME | | | (Sum of Lines 1 through 9) | 10,227.25 |

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 | | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| 17 | Fees & Honoraria (12a) | 16.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 16.17 |
| 18 | Food | | 3,209.84 | | 3,209.84 |
| 19 | General Supplies | | 1,078.11 | | 1,078.11 |
| 20 | Insurance (NON-SCA) (12b) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 21 | Occupancy & Site Charges | | 1,940.00 | | 1,940.00 |
| 22 | Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental | | | | 0.00 |
| 23 | Printing & Publications | 68.57 | 104.01 | | 172.58 |
| 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) | 84.74 | 6,481.96 | 0.00 | 6,566.70 |
| 28 | Other Expenses (12b) | | | | 0.00 |
| 29 | Donations to Other 501(c)(3) [Nonprofit] Organizations (12b) | | | | 0.00 |
| 30a | Funds Transferred Out to Another SCA Account | | WITHIN KINGDOM | (10) | 345.00 |
| 30b | | | OUTSIDE KINGDOM | (10) | 0.00 |
| 31 | TOTAL EXPENSES | | | (Line 27 TOTAL + Lines 28 to 30b) | 6,911.70 |
| 32 | NET INCOME (MUST MATCH Change in Net Worth) | | | (Line 11 Minus Line 31) | 3,315.55 |

Legal Names:

Print Sign

| | | |
|------------|--|-------|
| Exchequer: | | Date: |
| Seneschal: | | Date: |

Previous Year Income

| Events | Profit |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Harlech | 529.66 |
| Agincourt | 1216.24 |
| Twelfth Night | -165.5 |
| Total Events | 1580.4 |
| Donations/Auction | |
| Auction twelfth night | 336 |
| Donation Jar other donations | 116 |
| Total Revenue | 1696.4 |

Proposed for Apr 2017 –
Mar 2018

| | | Amt Prop. | Approved | Spent | Remaining |
|----------------|--|----------------|------------|--------|------------|
| Exchequer* | Bank statements 24, printing 50, postage 24 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Seneschal | printing | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | \$100.00 |
| Webminister* | name reg (\$17) + web hosting (\$54) | \$90.00 | \$90.00 | | \$90.00 |
| Pennsic* | Trailer Storage | \$150.00 | \$160.00 | | \$160.00 |
| Pennsic | Baronial reception | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | | \$300.00 |
| Steward | replacement pots & larder supplies | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | | \$250.00 |
| Archers* | Maint for loaner equip, targets, stands | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | | \$500.00 |
| TW* | stand lumber, spear handles misc other | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | | \$400.00 |
| Fencing | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Iron Key | Shield – estimate \$172 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | | \$200.00 |
| HW+LW | winter practice site rental | \$650.00 | \$650.00 | | \$650.00 |
| Youth fighting | armor and supplies | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | | \$50.00 |
| Office of B&B | Heraldic submissions fees | \$36.00 | \$36.00 | | \$36.00 |
| Chatelaine | Meet and greet and newcomer token | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | | \$300.00 |
| Choir | Toner cartridge | \$75.00 | \$75.00 | | \$75.00 |
| MoL | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| A&S | | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | | \$200.00 |
| Chronicler | | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | Total | \$3,401 | \$3,411.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,411.00 |