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Barony of
Dun Carraig

Unto the Barony of Dun Carraig, Greetings from Baron Harald and Baroness Ceridwen!

Before we begin to thank everyone for your help at Baronial Birthday, we would like to take a moment of personal privilege to thank the populace of Dun Carraig for your trust and support in our leadership. Their Majesties, having read your responses to the Baronial Polling of Confidence, are entrusting us with the stewardship of Dun Carraig for another two years. We are honored and humbled by this charge. We will outline our plans for Imperial Expansion at the January business meeting.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Dun Carraig Baronial Birthday a HUGE success! First and foremost, thanks to our intrepid autocrat, Maria Lopietza de Luna, who jumped in as a brand new autocrat to make the day super special for all of us! She had a stellar staff whose hard work made the day run both well and smoothly.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the following gentles:

Lady Serena Giovanna de Verona, who not only came out Friday night with ALL THE BANNERS and helped decorate the hall, but who also ran the Gate the next day and was the smiling face that greeted everyone first upon getting to the event.

Lady Adriana Michaels, who stepped in at the last minute (like, 2 days before) to be the MoL when the fabulous Baroness Lore was too ill to attend. Thank you, Lady Adriana, for both upending your schedule to take a class to renew your MoL warrant (the night before the event) in this emergency scenario, but for sitting in the cold ALL DAY so the fighters could play! Thanks also to Baroness Sarra de Vincenza and Lady Marta de Lyon (MoLiT) who assisted!

Sir Aelfred of Cres, our Marshal in Charge, who was out on the field all day overseeing the fighting, who sang at feast, and then was one of the last to leave because he was in the kitchen washing dishes until the very end.

Sir Erwin Bloodaxe, our Armored Marshal in Charge, our thanks to you for putting the armored fighters through their paces so that we could choose a worthy Armored Champion.

Lady Caitilín Inghean Uí Ruaidhrí, our Rapier Marshal in Charge, who came up with interesting and fun scenarios and who also advertised our event so that the rapier field was alive with many fighters and Destreza-inspired combat! It is no wonder with your spirit and dedication that we were delighted to choose you as our new Rapier Champion.

Lord Knutr Olafsson Osiðar, our Archery Marshal in Charge, you never cease to delight with your inspired archery shoots! We even had a contingent down from Bright Hills that raved about the fun they had!

Lady Áine ingen Máel Pátraic, our Thrown Weapons Marshal, we are again indebted to you for providing Thrown Weapons at our Birthday. Though this year we were too late getting out to the

range to participate, it was constantly busy!

Mistress Mary Isabel of Heatherstone, Mistress Molly, our A&S Coordinator, had the Hall abuzz, whether it was with A&S competitions, a Laurel Roundtable, a sewing circle, or whatever would entertain our artisans!

Al-Sayyida Naila al-Zarqa, our Head Cook, prepared a feast that was a delight for all the senses- the bilingual presentation of the dishes, the lovely presentation on the plates, and the delicious flavors of the meal that kept everyone riveted on what was going to come out next! Plus there was documentation provided to satisfy the appetite of every academic who wanted to know who, what, when, where, why and how does it indeed taste?

Master Christopher MacConing, who was our Herald for the day, who helped us provide a field court in the middle of the day as well as an entertaining evening court that not only ended a tad early (what?! Is that even allowed?!), but allowed for shtick and entertainment along the way!

Lady Coblath of Dal Riata, who was Hall Coordinator and made for transitions between A&S to Performance competitions to Court to Feast easy and efficient. Whilst doing all of that, you still found time to help and lead our newcomers through their first SCA experience!

We would like to thank last year's Dun Carraig Champions:

Armored Champion- Lord Gormr Dómarsson
Rapier Champion- Master Christopher MacConing
A&S – Lady Thea de Nes
Performance/Bardic- Lady Adriana Michaels
Archery- Lord Knutr Olafsson Osiðar
Thrown Weapons (as of Pennsic)- Lady Áine ingen Máel Pátraic

And congratulate our NEW Dun Carraig Champions:

Armored Champion- Lord Valdr Arisson
Rapier Champion- Lady Caitilín Inghean Uí Ruaidhrí
A&S – Al-Sayyida Naila al-Zarqa
Performance/Bardic- Kara Erwinsdottir
Archery- Lord Knutr Olafsson Osiðar, who has been set on a Quest to find a suitable Archery
Champion
Thrown Weapons (as of Pennsic)- THLady Áine ingen Máel Pátraic

We also had the honor of recognizing the following gentles during event:

Al-Sayyida Naila al-Zarqa received the Carraig Uaine Mark of Excellence for Arts and Sciences, with a Green Bead.

For Service, the following gentles received the Carraig Deirge Mark of Excellence, represented with a Red Bead:

Baron Joshua MacDonald
Lady Caitilín Inghean Uí Ruaidhrí
Lady Marguerite de Lyon
Lord Ethan Adenwaldsson (in absentia)
Maria Lopietza de Luna
Lord Richard Poschet
Lady Mary Poschet

For a martial activity, represented by a White Bead the Carraig Gile Mark of Excellence:
Mackenzie of Dun Carraig (in absentia)
Mia of Dun Carraig
Sarah of Dun Carraig

For excellence in archery/siege/and thrown weapons, the Carraig Dubh Mark of Excellence represented by a Black Bead:
Lord Knutr Olafsson Osiðar
THLady Áine ingen Máel Pátraic

There were two gentles who were so impressive, who have shown themselves to be courteous in any and all situations and therefore were given the Baroness' Award of Courtesy. These two gentles are Lady Coblaith of Del Riata and Lord Valdr Arisson.

The evening concluded with Sir Erwin Bloodaxe receiving the "title" of Baronial Steward. However, this was simply a good excuse to get Sir Erwin into court for a well-deserved induction into Dun Carraig's Order of the Sea Hawk. The Order of the Sea Hawk is the premiere order of the Barony and is granted to those who have demonstrated continued and significant service to the Barony and its people for excellence in any skill, service, or field of combat. It was right and fitting that Sir Erwin be inducted into this august Order.

Thank you to Sir Jonathas Reinisch, who made sure we had access to the Baronial shed for pick up and return of items as well as making sure that there were a few cast cross bottonies and Sea Hawk medallions for our use, even though he and his family could not make it to the event.

Thank you to everyone who set up, ran activities, cleaned up, and helped transport items to and from the Baronial shed. These events cannot be successful without everyone's efforts and input. We appreciate everyone's participation.

We remain, in Service Dun Carraig, Atlantia, and the Dream,

Harald and Ceridwen,

Baron and Baroness

Elderberries, part 2: Stalking the wild elderberry

Elderberry bushes are fairly common on roadsides in Dun Carraig (Southern Maryland). To find them, start looking in May, when the elderflowers are blooming. The flowers look like giant Queen Anne's Lace on a bush. The bushes range in size from about as tall as an adult, to about twice that tall. They like to grow in full sun, and they favor damp ground. The right-of-way under utility lines, or near a ditch on a back road, are good places to find them. Ask for permission if you can find the landowner, and don't trespass in somebody's yard. Once you have found some bushes, come back in mid-July to early August. Look for drooping clusters of dark purple berries, each berry about 1/8 to 1/4 inch across. Avoid the clusters with lots of greenish berries, those aren't ripe yet. Each cluster has a stem, if you bend the stem at a joint it will break off. You can also cut the stems with garden pruning shears. I carry a large bucket to hold the clusters as I pick them.

Pictures of elderberries



Elderberry bush in flower



More elderberry bushes in flower



Ripe elderberry cluster



Closeup of elderberry flower

Things that are NOT ELDERBERRIES

These plants have flowers that look like giant Queen Anne's lace.
BUT THEY DO NOT MAKE JUICY PURPLE BERRIES.

Cow Parsley (*Anthriscus sylvestris*)

Wild Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) (poisonous to eat)

Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) (poisonous to touch , raises blisters)



Cow Parsley flower and seeds



Giant Hogweed flower



Hemlock flowers



Hemlock seeds

The plant most likely to be mistaken for elderberries

Devil's Walking Stick, AKA Hercule's Club (*Aralia spinosa*)

The stem has vicious spikes, that's the easy way to identify it.

Makes juicy purple berries in September, about a month later than elderberries.

The berries are in a poof at the top of a tall single stem, not in drooping clusters all over a bush. (Sorry, I could not find a good photo to show the berries.)

These berries can be used for dye, but they are not edible.



Stem of Devil's Walking Stick



Flowers of Devil's Walking Stick

Next month: Elderberries, part 3: What to do with elderberries after you pick them (including a recipe for elderberry jelly).

Elderberry articles are by Mary Poschet

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Business Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2019

In attendance: Christopher, Naila, Valdr, Matthew, Adriana, Richard, Caitilin, Coblaith, Serena, Alexina,, Harald, Mary.

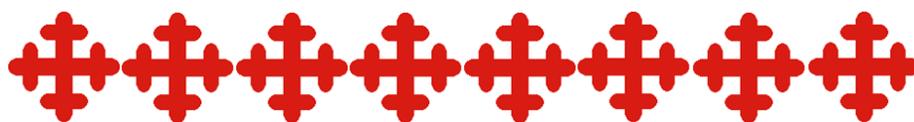
Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm at Big Larry's Comic Book Cafe, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Old Business

Baroness is still recruiting workers for Unevent & University.
 Birthday officials are working on wrapping up the reports.
 Pewter platters - what is happening with them? They are still in storage, we have weights for each. Serena knows someone who wants to buy them. They were bought around 2005 or 2006, if exchequer records from back then are still around, they had where they were bought, the materials they were made of, and the purchase price.

New Business

We have newcomers coming in, and we need deputies, but give people some time before asking them to be deputies. Officers are encouraged to each get a deputy within the next year.
 Newcomers are interested in classes, we need people to do classes and to give Coblaith a date for when they can do classes. Adriana offered to teach basic knitting & finger loop braiding. We need classes on Intro to SCA.
 Seneschal thanks all officers for a good year.



Officer Reports

B & B's Report

Things are going well. We had a wonderful Baronial Birthday. Next November is B & B's 15th wedding anniversary - would like to do a renewal of vows, and reanimate the Challenge of the Heart. Unevent is this weekend, Her Excellency has a signup for troll, needs help for setup & cleanup too.

Seneschal's Report

No big news. We had a really good Baronial Birthday. Overall things went well, there were a few things that were noted as lessons to be learned for later. Officers and Marshalls are highly encouraged to attend Unevent.

Chronicler's Report

The next newsletter will have a letter from B&B, also more on elderberries. After running through the

materials from the Dutch national library over the last few years, has found another set of Labors of the Months for next year's cover art, from Wikimedia. Passed around a copy of the January art.

Herald's Report

Court report from Birthday submitted.

Chatelaine's Report

Total of 7 new people at Birthday. A couple of them were from Vikingscon. Working on a couple of demos next year, and answering questions from new people.

Quartermaster's Report

Everything came back from Birthday except glass bowl, which broke. His Excellency suggested putting an inventory sheet listing the contents on each box, a good idea which will happen, slowly. Maybe we should have a cleanout in the spring, and give away some things to another barony such as the Viking thrones and children's castle.

Minister of Arts & Sciences Report

Molly went in report about Birthday A&S competitions. Joshua will be deputy MOAS.

Youth Minister Report

No report.

Minister of the Lists' Report

Adriana - was MOL for Birthday. There was lots of fighting, lots of rapier. MOL report is in progress.

Knight Marshal's Report *(via Seneschal)*

There have been practices, come to them. Gulf Wars is coming up, which is a lot of fun - consider attending, and practicing for it.

Caitilin - 1 new rapier person has been coming.

Webminister's Report

Caitilin is working on pictures on the rapier page.

Exchequer's Report

Current balance \$6516.28. There are some expenses & donations related to Birthday, still to come.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Baronial Business Meeting 7:00 PM Big Larry's Leonardtown	4 Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	5	6 Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' house	7 Unevent Waldorf, MD (BnB)
8	9	10 Fencing Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	11 Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	12	13 Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' house	14 Celebration of Yule Ponte Alto Fairfax, VA
15 Caer Mear Yule Richmond, VA	16	17 Fencing Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	18 Fighter Practice 7:30 PM Southern CC Lusby	19	20 Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' house	21
22 Dec. Solstice Chanukah begins	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27 ???? Archery Practice 7:00 PM Sir Jonathas' house	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

Baronial Progress

Key:

(BnB) – Baron Harald and Baroness Ceridwen

(B) – Baron Harald

(Ba) – Baroness Ceridwen

The Baronial Calendar displays events at nearby locations.

It is not a schedule of all Atlantian events.

For all scheduled events go to [www "dot" atlantia "dot" sca "dot" org "slash" events "slash" atlantia-calendar-events](http://www.atlantia.sca.org/events)

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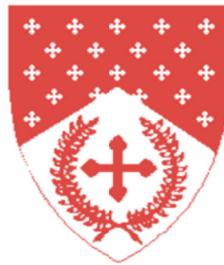


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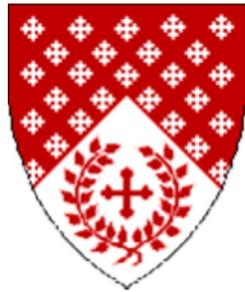
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Archery: Lord Knutr Olafsson Osiðar
Arts & Sciences: Al-Sayyida Naila al-
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Baronial Marshalate
Still to be updated soon....

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