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Lord Commander	Earl Cameron Blackswan
Captain of the Guard	Ld Kaz de Rhode
Guardsmen	Ld Bardolf Gunvaldtson, Ld Loður Havskjold, Ld Thomas de Carisbourg, Ld Gwydion McKay, Ldy Sof"ia of al-Barran, Bernhardt, Cassidy, Fferyll, Petr, Skalgrim Egillson, Xone Rabson, THL Albrek Yngwieson
Captain of the Condotierri	Ld Geoffrey fitz Robert
Condotierri	Ldy Michelaine Du Dauphine, Ld Cornelius Fitz Reynold, Ld Conn mac Eoghain, Ld Cuinn, Akilina of Blaiddwyn, Kanna al Tanmerc'h
Chatelaine	Master J. T Whoreschum
Secretary	Ldy Sofia of al-Barran
Mistress of the Robes	THL Ceridwen de Gyrlington
Camp Coordinator	THL Ceridwen de Gyrlington
Camp Coordinator Assistant	Ldy Coupier le Rainette
Largess Coordinator	
Plenipotentiary	THL Bronwen Blackwell
Principal Lady in Waiting	Ldy Elisabeaux
Ladies in Waiting	Ldy Shazadi of the Barking Spyder, Ldy Miasa McDuff, Ldy Hrefna Feilian, Ldy Catherine Shadowcraft, Ldy Se'arlaith inghean Robeaird, Ldy Arabella of the Barking Spyder, Ldy Sayidda Rashida bint Rashid, Ldy Hagamore Foughts-a lot, Nuala
Sheriff	Ld Bjorn Thunarwin
Master Swordsman	Duke Walrick
Premier Blade	Garlton de Sepatura
Lord of Outlandish	Duke Walrick
Lady of May	Astrid Hafdanarsdottir
Outlandish Blade	Don Michael M'Quilline
Flower of Chivalry	Beatrice de Craire
Rapier Flower of Chivalry	Sorkhan Aratai
Bard of al-Barran	Fynn of Blaiddwyn
Protector of the Baroness' Heart	Lord Vicente Ferrer
Champion Archer	Beau Marishka of the Romanies
Baronial Arts & Sciences Champion	Ldy Quillion Cambell
Cut and Thrust Champion	Godrick

Calendar of Events

Please visit www.outlands.org or see the Outlandish Herald for more information.

December:

17-18

Midwinter and War Practice

al-Barran

Websites

Society: [http:// sca.org](http://sca.org) **Kingdom:** [http:// www.outlands.org](http://www.outlands.org)

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College of Blaiddwyn: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html>

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From the Baroness:

*D*earest al-Barran,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. The past two and a half years have been such a learning experience. Although I am sad to be stepping down as Baroness, it is time. I know I joke a lot about it, but with all sincerity, it was fantastic.

I can never repay all the kindnesses shown to me or thank every person that has done something for me, but know that it was appreciated. I would especially like to thank the populace for standing behind me when Hrorek left. I could have never done it without you. Even though I stood alone on paper, I never once felt alone.

I "heart" al-Barran.

In gratitude,

Sláine

Officers' Reports:

From the Herald:

Greetings All

There has been a great deal of excitement in the Barony this past month.

The herald's office is looking for a few good voices. I am staying on as submission's herald but with the on set of a new Baron and Baroness of al-Barran we are in search of a voice herald (Court)for Them. If you or someone you know are seriously interested in this position please contact me at BronwenKeyth@gmail.com. So please get your letters of interest in by December 10th.

Also I would like to take this moment to thank Fynn of Blaiddwyn as the office's newest field herald deputy.

Awards given at A Day of A&S and Toys for Tots

11/19/11

Brennan MacDuffie Russian Thistle

Geua filia Guy Russian Thistle

11/20/11

Arturo Lombardi Antares Kano

Michael Ragnar Scorpion

Arbella Eden Scorpion

Kendrick MacPherson Heart of the Scorpion

Bardolf Gundwaldtsson Heart of the Scorpion

Godfrey von Zollern Hammer

Alekzander Schmeil Hammer

Joseph Cameron Blackswan Hammer

Garreth Silverthane Hammer

Walrick de Blakeney Sting

Gargamont of Austinite Espada de Oro

Govanen (Jon Blackwell) Scorpius Punctum

Lucas Cade Russian Thistle

Rowen Russian Thistle

Congratulations to all.

Thank you to all those that helped herald during a very busy weekend. Everything went smoother with your help.

In Service

Bronwen Keyth of Blackwell

Scorpion Pursuivant

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Archery after work	2 National Fritters Day	3 National Roof-Over Your Head Day
4 Fighter Practice (11:00 am) Montgomery Park	5 Day of the Ninja	6 Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting	7 Blaiddwyn's A & S Night	8 Archery after work Discordian: Afflux Day	9 National Brownie Day	10 Human Rights Day
11 Fighter Practice	12 Blaiddwyn Dance	13 Scribe's Workshop Newcomers Household Meeting	14 National Bouillabaisse Day	15 Archery after work	16 National Chocolate Covered Anything Day	17 AL-BARRAN MID WINTER
18 AL-BARRAH MID WINTER Fighter Practice	19 National Oatmeal Muffin Day	20 Al-Barran Citizens Meeting	21 Blaiddwyn's A & S Night	22 Archery after work	23 National Pfeffernusse Day	24 National Egnog Day
25 Fighter Practice	26 Blaiddwyn Dance	27 Scribe's Workshop	28 National Chocolate Candy Day	29 Archery after work	30 National Bicarbonate of Soda Day	31 Natioanal Champagne Day

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Monthly Activities

Citizens Meetings: Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center located at 501 Elizabeth St. SE, Albuquerque, NM. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. For information email seneschal@al-barran.org

Fighter Practice: Sunday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm at Montgomery Park located on Comanche near San Mateo. For heavy weapon fighting information, contact Viscount Sir Eldr Fredrikson. For rapier fighting information, contact Don Michael M'Quilline.

Archery Practice: Archery Practice is held at The Summer Mountain Archery Range at Sir Tore's. Archery Practice Saturdays at 10:00 am unless there are other in-town events. This event repeats every week until Friday December 2, 2011. Please contact Druid Aukring for time and directions.

Directions: Take I-40 east to Tijeras, stay in the middle lane and continue straight after the stop light, (Highway 337, old So. 14) continue south to mile marker 20 you will see a sign for the town of Yrisarry. Turn right at the second Woodpecker Circle turnoff and it's the first house on the left. The range is at the bottom of the steep drive.

Archery After Work: Thursdays from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Stefan's in town range; contact the Captain of the Archers or the website for site information, archery@al-barran.org.

Scribal Workshop: The Scribes meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm. The workshop is held at various places around the Barony. Please contact Mistress Ymanya.

Newcomers Household Meeting: Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Lady Pipa, her info is on the inside front cover of this publication

The College of Blaiddwyn's Populace Meeting: Held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. Contact Caltsuna via email at either sca@unm.edu for more information.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Fighter Practice: Heavy and Rapier fighter practice are held on Wednesday (during daylight savings time months while school is in session) starting at 7:00 pm at Johnson Field on UNM campus. Please contact the officers of Blaiddwyn at sca@unm.edu.

The College of Blaiddwyn's Dance Practices: Court Dance and Middle Eastern Dance practices at Blaiddwyn will be held on the second and fourth Monday evenings in the SUB between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

The College of Blaiddwyn's A & S Night: First and third Wednesday nights from 7 – 9 pm in the 3rd floor of the SUB. Contact the College at sca@unm.edu.

FROM THE FRONT

"General Phocas! General Phocas! Sir, how do you feel about today's battle sir?"

"Well, Hovhannes, it started out well. We were prepared. We felt that with over 50,000 men who were already paid, well fed, supplied and in high spirits the field would be ours. Simeon had split his forces and has been spread pretty thin all over Bulgaria."

"So, General Phocas, what was your game plan today?"

"To hit them hard and fast and executing some flanking maneuvers which were working well all morning. When their center gave in we thought we had them on the run."

"How did it go General?"

"During the morning we hit them hard on their right side. My men made me proud with determination and grit. We pushed them back and kept on charging. John and I decided it was time to hit their middle which was softer than we imaged and it fell back quickly into a retreat. "

"What went wrong General?"

"Well, unfortunately, with our men chasing in at full speed the ranks lost cohesion in our formations. The Bulgarians stopped cold, turned and gave us hell. Then they hit us from the left with a heavy cavalry charge we weren't expecting. What can I say; we fell apart at that point. Once their infantry re-grouped and attacked the day was pretty much over."

"A tough loss General. What are your plans now?"

"Well, we are going to re-group and are looking forward to a re-match at Katasyrtai."

"Thank you for your time General. Good luck at Katasyrtai."



Horoscopes for Spring, 1349

<i>Aries</i>	<i>plague</i>
<i>Taurus</i>	<i>plague</i>
<i>Gemini</i>	<i>starvation</i>
<i>Cancer</i>	<i>plague</i>
<i>Leo</i>	<i>pestilence</i>
<i>Virgo</i>	<i>plague</i>
<i>Libra</i>	<i>poverty</i>
<i>Scorpio</i>	<i>boils</i>
<i>Sagittarius</i>	<i>plague</i>
<i>Capricorn</i>	<i>war</i>
<i>Aquarius</i>	<i>plague</i>
<i>Pisces</i>	<i>famine</i>

**Santa Lucia (Festival of Lights)
al-Barran Midwinter and War Practice
Saturday & Sunday, December 17-18, 2011**



Moose Lodge # 1680, 19482 HWY 314, Belen
NM 87002

Autocrat: His Excellency Sebastian Taylor (Joe
Jarman), lordsabat@aol.com

FEES: \$10 Adult Site
 \$20 Adult Site & Feast
 \$5 Youth Site
 \$10 Youth Site & Feast
 \$0 Child Site/Site & Feast

No outside alcohol or removal of alcohol from
indoors will be permitted

War Practice: Montgomery Park, Comanche and
San Mateo, Albuquerque, NM 87110

December 19, 2010 - Practice starts at 11:00 a.m. - Please try to carpool to ease parking
No fee for War Practice

When the nights are long and dark, the Barony of al-Barran invites you to join us in our celebration of the Festival of Lights to brighten your spirits and get you ready for the holiday season. There will be feasting and reveling reminiscent of the Scandinavian countries in the 14th century and many countries beyond who remember this wonderful celebration. Craftsmen and merchants will also provide their wares for your shopping pleasure. Dancing and other activities are planned.

From the North: Take I-40 West to the Big I interchange in Albuquerque. At the interchange, take I-25 South (sign will say Las Cruces). Travel South to Exit 195 (BUS-Belen). Merge onto I-25 BYPASS South. Turn Left onto NM 314 East. Travel approximately 1/2 mile, make a U-Turn at Los Chavez Loop. Building will be on your right.

From the South: Take I-25 North (sign will say Las Cruces/Albuquerque). Take exit 190 toward I-25 BUS-Belen. Merge onto NM 314. Make a U-Turn at Los Chavez Loop. Building will be on your right.

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by Tuesday December 20th**