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# The Baronial Court

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<b>Baroness' Champion</b> .....	THL Pierre Gaston de Vallier
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<b>Captain of the Condotierri</b> .....	Ld Geoffrey fitz Robert
<b>Condotierri</b> .....	Ldy Michelaine Du Dauphine, Ld Cornelius Fitz Reynold, Ld Conn mac Eoghain, Ld Cuinn, Akilina of Blaiddwyn, Kanna al Tanmerc'h
<b>Chatelaine</b> .....	Master J. T Whoreschum
<b>Chamberlain</b> .....	THL Natal'ia Mechislavova
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Ldy Sof'ia of al-Barran
<b>Mistress of the Robes</b> .....	THL Ceridwen de Gyrlyngton
<b>Camp Coordinator</b> .....	THL Ceridwen de Gyrlyngton
<b>Camp Coordinator Assistant</b> .....	Ldy Coupier le Rainette
<b>Largess Coordinator</b> .....	Ldy Virginia of al-Barran
<b>Plenipotentiary</b> .....	THL Bronwen Blackwell
<b>Principal Lady in Waiting</b> .....	Ldy Elisabeaux
<b>Ladies in Waiting</b> .....	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
<b>Sheriff</b> .....	Ld Bjorn Thunarwin
<b>Master Swordsman</b> .....	Sir Zachariah de Kane
<b>Premier Blade</b> .....	Ld Vicente
<b>Lord of Outlandish</b> .....	Sir Walrick
<b>Lady of May</b> .....	HRM Astrid Hafdanarsdottir
<b>Outlandish Blade</b> .....	Don Michael M'Quilline
<b>Flower of Chivalry</b> .....	Ld Bardoff Gundwaldisson
<b>Rapier Flower of Chivalry</b> .....	Ld Kendrick MacPherson
<b>Bard of al-Barran</b> .....	Ldy Elanor O'Hallowaine
<b>Protector of the Baroness' Heart</b> .....	Don Govanen
<b>Champion Archer</b> .....	Oengus ua Faelain
<b>Baronial Arts &amp; Sciences Champion</b> ....	Ldy Quillion Cambell

Dearest al-Barranians,

I am home from Outlandish, and I couldn't be happier. Not because I'm home, but because I'm so very proud of how great Outlandish went despite winds, dirt and closing early. Decisions had to be made that were harder than you might think, but they were done with the best interest of the populace. The event, in my humble opinion, was fantastic. I hung out with people from all over the Kingdom (and Known World) and wouldn't trade one minute of my Outlandish. Anyway, thank you to Alysandir, Bronwen and everyone else involved in making Grand Outlandish grand.

Battlemoor is coming up and the Kingdom needs you. Please volunteer wherever and whenever you can. It is a huge event that relies on volunteers to make the magic happen. I will also be accepting petitions for guidos and cordons. Please spell everything correctly! If you don't know what your petition needs to say, just ask me.

This summer we have Nock on Wood and Valkyries, please mark your calendars and come out and support the Barony.

In appreciation,  
*Slaine*

## ***From the Hospitaller:***

Our summer event season is beginning with camping and events all around us. Remember to help those around you, as they may be new to this game and a helping hand will let them know they are a part of the SCA. As always a simple thank you will go a long way to make anyone feel better about our group.

There is no greater goal than for a person to have Chivalry in all their daily actions. Choose your words and actions as they reflect on you and those you associate with. Be kind in word and deed as this is how the world will perceive you. Honesty in dealing in all things and you will be known as a good person. Aspire to be better than you are so the world around you will improve.

Thanks to Cora, Our Baroness Slaine, and Maria Sandoval for their donations of garb and fabric. I can see a tunic making class in the future.

In Service to the dream,

*Lord Randolph Victorson*

Al-Barran Hospitaller

## ***From the Seneschal:***

Greetings al-Barran!!

I wanted to thank HE Slaine, TRM Bela and Anna, visiting Royals and each and every one that attended Grand Outlandish. Many thanks to the team of coordinators that worked very hard to organize and put on the event and all the wonderful volunteers that were there with helping hands!! True, this year the drought, high winds and fires held the trump card, but a good time was had by all, anyway!!

I will be posting announcements to the discussion list requesting Event Bids for next year's baronial events, in the near future. I look forward to receiving many inspiring bids.

The camping season is in full swing. Don't forget to check off your "camping" check list before heading out to an event, and please be diligent and careful in your travels.

See you all at the next event!!

THL Diana of Llanberris OFO  
Seneschal, al-Barran

## *Also from the Seneschal:*

### **Knight Marshal:**

Sir Eldr, al-Barran Knight Marshal is looking for deputies!! Serious deputies with an eye toward becoming the next Knight Marshal of al-Barran. Sir Eldr is looking to pass the office on by midwinter, no later than Grand Outlandish 2012.

Please visit with Sir Eldr at fighter practice on Sundays at the park, or you may send a Letter of Interest to the seneschal at: [seneschal@al-barran.org](mailto:seneschal@al-barran.org)

### **Site Committee:**

A committee to locate and inspect event sites/venues is now being formed. The committee will have four members and the Seneschal. This committee will be a deputy position to the Seneschal.

The committee will develop a database of all sites/venues that have been used in the past and any new leads that come along. Members of this committee will need to have sufficient time to spend in tracking down leads, working with event site owners, obtaining and getting any contracts to the Seneschal, and keeping track of all the info.

The first year there will be two members of the committee that are committed for two years service and two members that are committed for one year. Thereafter, incoming members will have a two-year commitment. Thus there will not be more than two members stepping down at any one time.

Sir Dennis the Wright has offered to chair this committee and has been appointed same.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, heretofore titled "Site Committee", please reply to THL Diana of Llanberris at [seneschal@al-barran.org](mailto:seneschal@al-barran.org)

If you wish, you may contact Sir Dennis or THL Diana when next either is at the park on Sunday or an event.

# *Calendar of Events*

Please visit [www.outlands.org](http://www.outlands.org) or see the Outlandish Herald for more information.

## June

*10-19 Lilies War Calontir*  
*19-July 4 Battlemoor II Kingdom of Outlands*

## July

*June 19- Battlemoor II*  
*July 4*  
*14-17 Lonely Moutain Drygestan*  
*Defender*  
*29-31 Nock on Wood al-Barran*

## Websites

**Society:** <http://sca.org>    **Kingdom:** <http://www.outlands.org>  
**Baronial:** <http://www.al-barran.org>  
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# Monthly Activities

**Citizens Meetings:** Held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. Please contact Druid Aukring for time and directions.

**Direction:** 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.

**Scribal Workshop:** The Scribes meet on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The workshop is held at various places around the Barony. Please contact Mistress Ymanya.

**Weaving Knowledge & Exchange Workshop:** Held on the third Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. Contact Baroness Monika the Fair.

**Newcomers Household Meeting:** Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Lord Randolph Victorson. Their information is listed on the Officers page 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](mailto:sca@unm.edu) for more information.

**The College of Blaiddwyn's Fighter Practice:** Heavy and Rapier fighter practice are held on Wednesday starting at 7:00 pm at Johnson Field on UNM campus. Please contact the Blaiddwyn Knight Marshal, Ld Jean-Felix Immanuel Sarazin.

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

**The College of Blaiddwyn's A & S Night:** Thursday nights from 7 – 9 pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the SUB. Contact the College at [sca@unm.edu](mailto:sca@unm.edu).

## *Letter from the Grand Outlandish Autocrats:*

Greetings and Merry Met One and All:

The last week of the month of May was a most outstanding one. Waking up Wednesday morning to see a most wondrous sunrise over the lands of al-Barran as the merchants and early comers arrived on site being greeted by Quillon and her crew at gate. Helping those who came in preparing their booth in merchants row with Randolph or setting up an encampment with Marcus and Haven Avare for the week was a treat, a chance to catch up before the masses descended. The evening was quiet and the stars were radiant.

Thursday morning the site was blessed once more with the populace arriving in droves, many itching for a tourney or two.

Friday, the day of great anticipation, Sir Elder and Don Govanen had a great schedule for all. The fighters were called to muster at the list field and were greeted with the smiling faces of Bevin and Keiton at the list table, for it was time to crown a new Lord of Outlandish. But first the fighters were required to strut their stuff on the catwalk to the Fighter's Fashion Show. The competition was fierce, Lady Beatrice taking fourth for being the only female to show those fighters a thing or two. Next was His Excellency Baron Zhigmun' Czypsser for the best mustache. If you have not seen his mustache you are missing out. Second place went to Lord Simonides; his Roman armor was blinding, and the fact that he was able to do push ups and crunches in armor made some of our fair maidens swoon. Last but not least Count Walrick de Blakeney came in first place: the man had his own theme music.

On to the tourney itself. There were 25 combatants on the list, round after round through midday till finally the dust settled and a victor rose: Sir Walrick .

While Hrefna Feilan and Miasa MacDuff worked hard to keep the fighters well hydrated, the rapier fighters took the field for the Outlandish Blade tourney. 16 fighters answered the challenge and one triumphant fencer was left standing, Don Michael M'Quilline.

Rounding out the day's activities was the newest of Outlandish Tourneys, Archer of Outlandish. The most challenging targets, designed by Guy, made it quite difficult but the sharpest arrow there should be of no surprise: Oengus ua Faeláin.

After a quick evening court where Guy and Rowan received Watchfire for their skill with bow and arrow and Iler received a Scorpion for all his wonderful service to the Barony, which had been a long time coming.

That evening there was much revelry with a Baronial party in town hall. Thanks to Rolling Thunder for the smoked meats, all were soooooo yummy! My brother and I severely over-ate.

Once more Saturday was blessed with a beautiful sunrise and the voice of Willocqeau announcing that breakfast was ready. The day was full of events

for all, from heavy to an A&S schedule that was gathered by both Solveig and Bianca, leaving no interest behind, and seige cooking.

For the heavy fighters the day started with the most outstanding Leif's Spear Tournament, being won by Sir Cameron. I like the idea of long distance fighting; it leaves the face intact.

The afternoon followed with an axe tourney, citadel speed tourneys for both heavy and light. And rounding out a fantastic day was a boar hunt that was heard all over site despite the winds.

Off the field there was the traditional siege cooking that was organized by last year's winners, the Freaking Wheat Berries. They threw some interesting ingredients at the cooks this year: salmon jerky, kumquats, seaweed, fish sauce, beef, and a chicken. I want to know where they have been traveling. This year's winners was the team Autocrat This!, which did consist of my brother Alysandir and myself. We are looking forward to organizing next year's competition.

Saturday evening court was full of surprises. In Court, Elisabeaux and Cornelius both received a Companion of the Order of the Scorpion, Salomea and Fierien were tagged as the newest Keepers of the Bell. I know there was other business but I forgot everything when Her Excellency Slaine was offered a Pelican. That is another one that has been a long time coming.

With a heavy heart, the decision was made that with the winds being as bad as they were earlier in the day and the rumor of what the following day would hold, the site was to close Sunday at noon. So after court the populace partied like it was 1599. Brennan and Li showed their more impish nature and threw a sausage fest. Citadel, not to be outdone, could not let this go without having a shindig of their own, a fantastic taco party. Early on the two parties merged and went on into early morning.

Waking up Sunday morn we were worried about the aftermath of the night before but Kaz and his helpers had the site spic and span. House Blackwell and Rolling Thunder were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, helping to leave the site as we had found it.

It was wonderful to see everyone even if it got cut short. It was wonderful working with Sir Dennis; we learned a lot.

My Brother and I plan to travel around the Outlands this summer and hope to see everyone again soon.

In Service to the Dream

*THLady Bronwen Keyth of Blackwell and Lord Alysandir Keyth*



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