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Champion Archer	THL Druid
Baronial Arts & Sciences Champion	Ldy Quillion Cambell

Greetings al-Barran!

*G*I'm sure everyone was sad that I didn't write a letter last month. I have no excuses, except there didn't seem to be anything important to say. Even now, the only things I'm coming up with are how great al-Barran is. We have so many new members in the Barony. Every time I'm at the park I see new faces, some newer than others, and can't help but feel excited. We all know how contagious enthusiasm is!

I will be attending Coronation this month to welcome Bela and Anna. Please attend, if you can, and show your support for Boleslav and Astrid, as well as Bela and Anna. As soon as I get home it will be back to work on Outlandish!

We need help! An event the size of Outlandish can't run without a ton of volunteering. Please, please offer your services. There are so many things, if you don't know where to volunteer just ask me and I'll point you in the right direction.

As always, I thank you for everything you do to make the Barony shine. I couldn't be prouder.

With adoration,

Slaine

Officers' letters

From the Hospitaller:

This is a note of thanks to the many people that have supported our barony over the past few months.

First off, a thank you to our Baroness for her wonderful donations of armor and garb material.

Then, a thank you to all the people who attended the demo/presentation at LBJ Middle School. Oengus au Faelain, Kit, Ellie, Gwen Thorman, Scott Woodruff, Quinn, Laura Pirard, Anzelm and his wife Katerinka.

Also a thank you to Goffrey and Katharine of Northhall for their most recent donations to loaner garb collection. Quilinen also presented us with leather pieces for loaner armor.

The spirit of sharing is what makes us a great and good Barony.

In search of the dream,

Lord Randolph Victorson

Al-Barran Hospitaller

PS, If I forgot anyone, my apologies.

From the Knight Marshall:

Unto the Populace of al-Barran, greetings from Sir Eldr, your Knight Marshal.

Grand Outlandish is rapidly approaching. This year we are expecting a large turnout from all corners of our Kingdom. Our new King and Queen will be there. We are expecting lots of visitors from outside our Kingdom as well. We all need a ton of help from our populace to make this a successful, fun event for all.

As your Knight Marshall, I need people to help with the fighting events. I especially need **marshals** and **water bearers**. I also need someone to run several melee events, including a **boar hunt**. Please volunteer to help guarantee to make this event fun and safe.

If you have the time and want to help, please contact me after fighter practice.

Thanks.

Your Servant,

Eldr

Letter from the Captain of the Archers:

Archery at Grand Outlandish

Grand Outlandish this year is hosting a new tournament on Friday afternoon, it is called:

The Archer of Outlandish Tournament!

There will also be a **Roving Hunt** Friday, Saturday and Sunday Morning. Saturday there will be **two Royal Rounds** and Sunday Morning an **IKCAC**.

ARCHERS DESIRING TO SHOOT AT GRAND OUTLANDISH WILL REQUIRE THREE THINGS:

- 1) SCA BLUE CARD MEMBERSHIP** (white cards will require proof of a signed waiver)
 - 2) CURENT GREEN CARD AUTHORIZATION** (Members can get authorized 9-10 AM F-Sun.)
 - 3) YOUR OWN GEAR** (some loaner gear may be available)
- People under the age of 18 years will require their parent (or legal guardian with papers) as well as the above three requirements.

Authorized Archers, if you wish to check your posted scores you can visit the Archery Scores Home Page at: <http://www.scores-sca.org/home/index.php?R=11>

If you are an Archery Marshal or Captain of Archers and wish to be able to post scores for your Group, visit the same page and click on the Archer General link and request a log-on account.

If you are an archer in the al-Barran area and desire to be authorized there are now two practices held each week; one on Thursday afternoon and one on Saturday morning. These are regularly posted on the al-Barran Yahoo Groups Discussion List.

al-barran@yahogroups.com

Those Outlanders who are members with SCA legal gear but have no way of getting authorized may see me at GOT. We can do authorizations between 9 and 10 Friday through Sunday.

For people wishing to know more about Outlands Archery here are a couple of links.

<http://archery.outlands.org/Portals/9/files/marshals-handbook-120608.pdf>

<http://archery.outlands.org/Portals/9/files/archery-rules-120608.pdf>

Druid

otherwise known as

Captain of Archers al-Barran The Outlands

THL Djurig von Aukring

From the soon-to-be-former List Mistress:

Dear al-Barran,

The month of May A.S. XXXXVI (mundanely 2011) will bring my duties as List Mistress to an end. I have happily served this Barony with love and devotion and I will miss being there for you. So many people supported me and helped me over the years. I would like to thank Lady Saerlaith Inghean Robeaird for being a shining example and for teaching me. I would like to thank Their Excellencies, Gregor and Monika for encouraging me at a very shy and uncertain beginning in The Society. I also would like to thank Baroness Slaine and all the officers who have served over the years with me, just for being there and letting me stay so long. A special thank you to my Household Haven Avare, thank you for bringing me food, beverage, hugs, love and unconditionally supporting me while at the list table. Being an officer, and more specifically a List Mistress, has been a very overwhelmingly positive experience. Every fighter, every marshal, all the list ministers who helped me cover tournaments, every herald, every card runner, every water bearer and every friend who has been here over the last four years deserves immense thanks and admiration for being who you are. Every member of the populace plays a vital role in this production. Every single person matters. Thank you to each one of you. You all have made my life better by knowing you.

Please join me in welcoming your new List Minister, Lord Keiton. I know you will help him feel appreciated and loved, just as you have to me.

I look forward to signing you up one more time (or more) at Grand Outlandish Tournaments. I want to say good bye with an outlandish event!! Let's all have an amazing camping event season!

With all my love and thanks,

Lady Bevin of al-Barran

Greetings All!!

Due to mundane concerns, Our A&S Minister has stepped down, effective immediately.

Lady Bianca Mantegna has graciously taken the position of A&S coordinator for Grand Outlandish.

The office of A&S Minister is responsible for fostering the study of period culture and technology, and methods for producing historically accurate artifacts and performances. His/her duties include promoting the dissemination of accurate information about the fields under study. It is also the responsibility of the Minister of Arts and Sciences to help organize exhibitions, competitions, classes, workshops and to assist with Kingdom A&S competition and Queens prize when possible. Monthly, Quarterly and year end reporting is also required.

Letters of Interest are now being accepted for the Office of Arts and Sciences Minister for al-Barran. Please forward your Letter of Interest directly to the seneschal, THL Diana of Llanberris at; seneschal@al-barran.org and Her Excellency Slaine at coronet@al-barran.org at your earliest opportunity.

We look forward to receiving your letters.

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*THL Diana of Llanberris OFO
Seneschal, al-Barran*

Calendar of Events

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

May

14-15

Coronation

Caerthe

25-30

Grand Outlandish

al-Barran

June

10-19

Lilies War

Calontir

19-July 4

Battlemoor II

Kingdom of Outlands

Websites

Society: <http://sca.org> **Kingdom:** <http://www.outlands.org>

Baronial: <http://www.al-barran.org>

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

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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. 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 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 3rd floor of the SUB. Contact the College at sca@unm.edu.

LEGEND OF THE VINEGAR OF THE FOUR THIEVES

Legend has it that there were four thieves who pillaged the vacant houses of plague victims. When they were brought before the court in Marseilles, the judge asked them how they had been able to ransack all the houses without becoming infected themselves. The thieves declared that they drank and washed with a vinegar every few hours.

In return for their freedom, the thieves gave up the recipe that had protected them from the deadly disease.

Though several versions of the recipe have been published, there can be no doubt that the herbal ingredients in the majority of the recipes would certainly impart antibacterial properties. Here is one version of the recipe the thieves supposedly used:

Vinegar of the Four Thieves

*A large handful of each;
lavender, rosemary, sage, wormwood, rue, mint.*

*Place the herbs into a large earthenware pot and pour over:
four quarts of strong vinegar.*

Cover the pot and let steep in the hot sun for two weeks.

Whether the four thieves were merely lucky, or their secret vinegar really had protected them from the dangers of plague, we cannot be certain, but the given recipe can be diluted and ingested, mixed into bath water, diluted for a body wash, or used to clean floors.

--Lady Anita

The Barony Of al-Barran Invites All To
GRAND OUTLANDISH
XXXVIII

May 25, 2011 - May 30, 2011

Torrance County City Park
Torrance Park Rd
Moriarty, NM 87035
www.GrandOutlandish.org

Autocrat- Lord Alysandir Keyth, kalenvor@gmail.com, 505-750-3892

Site Opens May 25th 12pm

Site Closes May 30th 12pm

Site is WET

FEEES:

Pre-registration:

Adults (18+) \$20.00

Youth (7-17) \$10.00

Child (0-6) \$0.00

Family Cap (Pre-registration only) \$60.00

Registration at gate:

Adults (18+) \$25.00

Youth (7-17) \$15.00

Child (0-6) \$0.00

Sunday "Day Trip"

Adults (18+) \$15.00

Youth (7-17) \$5.00

Child (0-6) \$0.00

Her Excellency Countess Slaine inghean Uí Sheanain, Baroness of al-Barran, Cordially invites you to this, the 38th Grand Outlandish.

When one hears the word "Chivalry" what do you envision? Do you feel drawn to the beliefs of Joshua, David, or Judas Maccabeus? Do the lifestyles of Hector, Alexander the Great, or even Julius Caesar drive your will power? Or is it the romance of King Arthur, Charlemagne, or Godfrey of Bouillon that fan the flames of your heart? The nine worthies represent all facets of the perfectly chivalrous warrior, where do you stand?

Directions

From Albuquerque

Take I-40 East to Exit 187 (Edgewood),

Go South (right) 0.2 miles to NM 333 (Historic 66),

Turn East (left) onto NM 333 (Historic 66),

Go 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary on the North side),

Turn South (right) onto Lexco Rd,

Go 2.4 miles to Martinez Rd (gravel),

Turn West (right) onto Martinez Rd,

Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park" (there is also a white fence on the right),

This sign marks an unnamed road,

Turn South (left) on this road,

Go south for 0.03 miles to the park.

From Santa Fe

Take I-25 South to exit 290,

Go south approximately 6 miles to NM-41 (just south of the railroad overpass),

Turn right onto NM-41 (the only option),

Go about 35 miles slow down passing through Galisteo (it's a very nice place),

Cross over I-40 and proceed to the first stop light,

Turn right on Central (NM-333) in Moriarty,

Go approximately 1.3 miles; don't cross the interstate overpass,

Turn left towards the truck stop,

Then jog right onto the frontage road,

Proceed approximately 3 miles,

Turn South (left) onto Lexco Rd,

Go 2.4 miles to Martinez Rd (gravel),

Turn West (right) onto Martinez Rd,

Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park" (there is also a white fence on the right),

This sign marks an unnamed road,

Turn South (left) on this road,

Go south for 0.03 miles to the park.

Site Rules for Grand Outlandish

Fire Restrictions-

- NO open flame.
- NO wood, charcoal, or any other fire source without an on/off switch (this means if it can't turn off by a switch it is NOT allowed)
- Any fire source must be at least 18 inches above the ground.
- Fire extinguishers, water, and/or shovels must be accessible at all times and placed near tents and kitchen areas
- Smoking will be confined to vehicles or YOUR tent.
- Any action against these rules will result in being escorted off site.
- The Autocrat, Seneschal, and Head of Security reserve the right to remove any fire source deemed unfit for use.

Parent Responsibilities-

- YOUR children are YOUR responsibility.
- Underage drinking will not be tolerated.

Animal Control-

- YOUR animal is YOUR responsibility. If the animal is aggressive toward others you will be asked to remove your animal from site.
- All pets must be leashed or caged at all times. (ORM members are exempt)
- If any snakes are sighted please tell someone who has a radio to notify Security.

Firearms-

No public display of any firearm.

It does get windy at our event, so please make sure your tents are properly secured.

All calls to 911 must go through Head of Security (Lord Marcus).

Any other issues concerning security will be handle from a case to case basis.

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of this event please follow these rules.

Head of GOT Security

Lord Marcus

Templar Torchlight Tournament

Saturday night, 8 p.m.

Lists will open at 7:30 p.m.

The Outlands Preceptory of the Temple is once again proud to host this fundraiser for the Royal Travel Fund. All are invited to participate in this tournament celebrating the chivalry of the middle ages. Therefore, in this period style tournament, no madus or daggers will be allowed nor thrusting (though the presence of thrusting tips on weapons is permitted, but not used). All fighters may enter at no charge.

Spectators will bid on each fighter in the tournament. Prizes will be awarded not only to the victors of the tournaments, but to the highest bidder for each victor. A prize will be bestowed upon the Most Chivalrous Fighter by Her Royal Majesty and panel of Landed Baronesses. Prizes will also be spontaneously given throughout the tournament for acts of chivalry.

Come and participate in one of the most challenging tourneys which is also the largest prize tournament in the kingdom.

If you have any questions, please contact the auctioneer, Master Adam Stedefast.

A&S Schedule

Grand Outlandish 2011

Friday, May 27

	9:00am
Fighter Fashion Show prep	
	10:00am
Falconry	
	1:00pm
Falconry	
	7:00pm
Spoon Carving	

Saturday, May 28

	10:00am
Period Natural Pigments	
	11:00am
Painting Canvas for Tents and Banners	
	12:00pm
Renaissance Underwear	
	1:00pm
Arabic Singing	
	1:00pm
The Construction and Use of a Sundial	
	2:00pm
Arabic Ensemble	
	3:00pm
Judging for Seige Cooking	
	3:00pm
Middle Eastern styled group Improvisation forum	

Sunday, May 29

	10:00am
Follow That Feast	
	1:00pm
Spinning workshop	

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