



The Baronial Shaft

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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.

October:

5-10	<i>Great Western War</i>	<i>Caid</i>
8	<i>Stag's Con</i>	<i>Caer Gaelen</i>
15	<i>Mountain Pas' and Highland Games V</i>	<i>Drygestan</i>
15	<i>St. Goliath Feast Day</i>	<i>College of St. Goliath</i>
29	<i>Citadel Anniversary and War Practice</i>	<i>Citadel of the Southern Pass</i>

November:

12-13	<i>Fall Coronation</i>	<i>Fontaine dans Sable</i>
19	<i>Day of A&S</i>	<i>al-Barran</i>
20	<i>Toys for Tots</i>	<i>al-Barran</i>

December:

17-18	<i>Midwinter and War Practice</i>	<i>al-Barran</i>
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Websites

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From the Baroness:

*D*earest al-Barran,
It was with a heavy heart that I announced I would be stepping down. This barony, regardless of what anyone says, stood together and got through what could have been a very difficult time. I cannot thank everyone enough for the love and support I have been shown the past couple of years.

If you are interested in being the next Baron and/or Baroness, please send a letter of intent to myself, Their Royal Highnesses, THL Diana (baronial seneschal) and to the Kingdom Seneschal by October 31, 2011. Please feel free to ask me anything if you are considering it and have questions.

While I am sad that I will be stepping down, I'm also very excited to have less on my plate. Please come to the Meet & Greet, whenever it is scheduled and please come to the polling at Baronial A & S so your voice can be heard.

With love and admiration,

Slaine

Officers' Reports:

From the Seneschal:

Greetings al-Barran!!!

This summer has brought drought, fire and flood. We are most glad that our cousins to the north escaped the damage!!

There are many events taking place this fall and on into winter. Everyone is encouraged to pool your resources and attend and enjoy as many as possible. Al-Barran A&S and Toys for Tots events promise to be filled with interest, fighting and fun. I hope to see many faces at the many fall events.

As has been announced, HE Slaine will be stepping down at Midwinter this year. We ask the citizens of al-Barran to consider the rewards that being the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran will bring. Letters of Interest shall be sent to TRH Kynan and Gilliana at heirs@outlands.org, to HE Slaine at coronet@al-Barran.org, to THL Thorvald, Kingdom Seneschal at seneschal@outland.org and to THL Diana, al-Barran Seneschal at seneschal@al-Barran.org. Letters will accepted until October 31, 2011.

In closing, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me via e-mail, or if you need to speak to me in person, I attend all baronial events and try to attend at least two fighter practices per month.

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

From the Herald:

Champions Court Report:
Saturday 9/24/11

Awards:

Ruxandra of Blaiddwyn -Antares Kano and backscroll AOA
Bianca Isabel d'Orsini -Russian Thistle
Shazadi al-Fustani -Russian Thistle
Zapporah Maris- Russian Thistle
Willocqeau of Caspian - Scorpion
Sorkhan Aratai -Scorpion
Cyrred of Ashwood -Scorpion's Favor
Hrefna Feilan -Scorpion's Favor
Cassidy -Scorpion's Favor
Argyle MacGregor -Scorpion's Favor
Estevan de Sepultura -Scorpion's Favor
Lycurgus de Loch - Fleur de Nepotisme

Backscrolls given out:

Sabakutani Ujimoto - Star of the Desert-Gules from the King and Queen of Atenvelt 2/13/2010|
Ælric Kyrri -Walker of the Way (May 13, 2000)
Fferyly -Hammer (May 28,2011)
Maimuna al-Bukhariyya -Queen's Cypher (5/14/11)
Fierren Greenholm -Keeper of the Bell (May 28, 2011)
Anzelm Kowalski -AOA (GOT 2011)

Tournaments:

Protector of the Baroness' Heart - Vicente Ferrer
Premiere Blade - Gatlon de Sepatura
1st Cut and Thrust Champion - Godric (AKA Antirus)
Rapier Flower of Chivalry - Sorkhan Aratai
Champion Archer - Beau Marishka of the Romanies
Bard of al-Barran - Fynn of Blaiddwyn

Baronial Office Change: Baronial Hospitaller -Pippa de Blakemere

- Her Excellency Countess Slaine made the announcement that She will be stepping down at al-Barran's Midwinter. All those interested in running for the position(s) should submit a Letter of Intent to Her Excellency, Their Royal Highness', the Baronial Seneschal and the Kingdom Seneschal no later than October 31st, 2011. The polling will take place at al-Barran's Day of A&S.

Sunday 9/25/2011

Awards:

Skallagrimr Egillson - Hammer of al-Barran

Tournaments:

Master Swordsman -Duke Walrick
Baroness' Champion -Tam Grimm
Flower of Chivalry -Beatrice De Craie



October 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Archery Practice
2 Fighter Practice (11:00 am) Montgomery Park	3	4 Blaidwyn Populace Meeting	5 <i>Blaidwyn A&S</i> Blaidwynn Fighter Practice	6 Archery Practice	7	8 Archery Practice <i>Stag's Con</i>
9 Fighter Practice	10 Blaidwyn Dance	11 Scribal Workshop Newcomers Household Meeting	12 Blaidwynn Fighter Practice	13 Archery Practice	14	15 Archery Practice <i>St Gollas</i> <i>Mountain Pas' and Highland Games</i>
16 Fighter Practice	17	18 Al-Barran Citizens Meeting	19 Blaidwynn A&S Blaidwynn Fighter Practice	20 Archery Practice	21 Weaving Knowledge and Exchange Workshop	22 Archery Practice
23 Fighter Practice	24 Blaidwynn Dance	25 Scribal Workshop	26 Blaidwynn Fighter Practice	27 Archery Practice	28	29 Archery Practice <i>Citadel Anniversary and War Practice</i>
30 Fighter Practice <i>Citadel Anniversary and War Practice</i>	31					

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.

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.

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 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.

Day of A&S / Baronial Polling

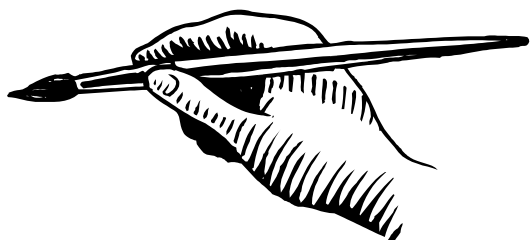
**November 19, 2011
Sandia Preparatory School
532 Osuna Rd
Albuquerque, NM 87113**

Autocrat: Lady Quillion Campbell, *quillionflyingfox@gmail.com* and THLady Cerydwen de Gyrlington (Melanie Templet), *outlandsdeputy@yahoo.com*, 505-994-4892

Please no calls after 9:00 pm

Site is **Dry** (*allowance made for alcoholic entries only*), No pets.

No site fee but we will be collecting items for Toys for Tots



Please join the Barony of al-Barran and our lovely Baroness by celebrating the artistic talents of the members of the populace as they vie for the title of al-Barran's Arts & Sciences Champion.

This event will also be our baronial polling with an opportunity to express your opinions to TRMs about our upcoming baronial coronet change and to vote for your choice to carry the Scorpion of al-Barran onward.

Classes on various subjects will take place throughout the day for anyone wishing to explore a new skill or hone a current one. A donation lunch will be provided to benefit the Toys for Tots program. Also, a dessert competition will be held with the winner chosen by the populace. The desserts can be period or not and no documentation is required but please list ingredients.

Requirements for al-Barran **Champion** competition pieces **only** are as follows:

- ❖ Three completed pieces (in at least two different categories) must be entered in order to vie for Baronial A&S Champion. The artisans are strongly encouraged to enter new works of art (within the last year).
- ❖ There must be documentation (3 copies) for each piece entered.

** In addition to the Champion competition winners will be chosen in each individual category, there will be Her Excellencies' Prize and newcomers' winner chosen as well. **The requirements for entry for Champion do not apply for these competitions.**

ALL ENTRIES FOR CHAMPION HAVE A PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND.... A contest will be held for the **BEST SCORPION IN ANY MEDIUM**. Let your imagination run wild and the best entry depicting a scorpion will be chosen during the day by popular vote. Entries for **this competition only do not have to be pre-registered** and documentation is not required.

A scroll display area will be set up -- so look at your wall and bring your favorite scroll (or scrolls) for us all to see!

Directions:

From the North: take your best route to I-25 exit 231 (Ellison-San Antonio/Osuna). Continue on frontage road to Osuna. Turn right onto Osuna. Site is on the left at 532 Osuna Rd.

From the South: take your best route to I-25 exit 230 (San Mateo/Osuna). Turn left onto Osuna (San Mateo turns into Osuna). Site is on the left.



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al-Barran Toys for Tots Tourney

Montgomery Park, Albuquerque NM, 87110

On San Mateo

Sunday November 20th 2011

10am to 4pm

Entrance is a new unwrapped toy.

If making a monetary donation for the purchase of toys
please make checks payable to SCA Inc / al-Barran

The site is **DRY**.

Her Excellency Countess Slaine and Lord Brun wish to invite all to share in this glorious event. Our traditional Toys for Tots tournament, both Heavy and Light will be held on November 20th. Sir Elder has planned tournaments for Smiles and Glory. Don Michael McQuilline's tournaments will delight you with Rapier Extraordinaire. There will be a prize table for all of those who fight. The winner of the Heavy Tournament will have the honor of carrying the Toys for Tots sword until next year.

This looks to be a great day of fighting and well noted generosity for a great cause. There will be a donation lunch provided.

Directions To Montgomery Park. (the park is between Ponderosa and Comanche)

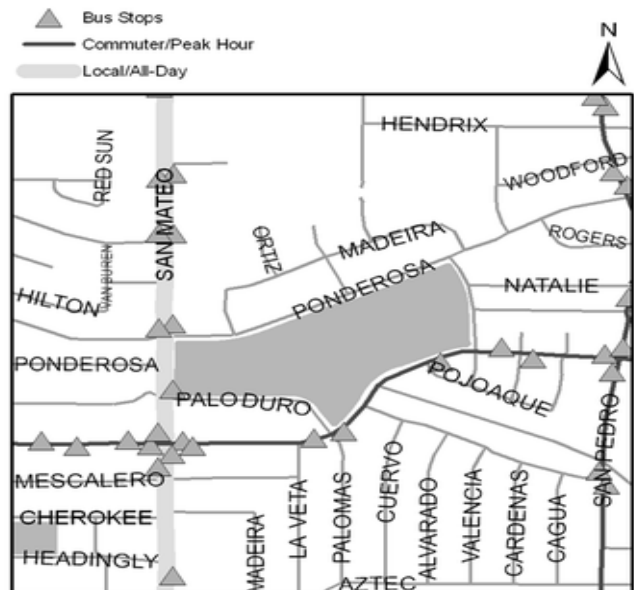
Coming from I-25 Take the San Mateo off ramp and head south, the mountains will be on your left. Stay in the left lane. You are looking for the street Ponderosa, it is a few streets **after** Montgomery. Once your reach Ponderosa turn left, we will be in the park on the right.

Coming from I-40 Take the San Mateo off ramp and head North. Stay in the Right lane, turn right on to Ponderosa. We will be in the park to the right.

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Respectively in Service
Lord Brun
505-301-6634 Call or text.
Please no calls after 10pm.
cyclemanmoter@hotmail.com



From the Luttrell Psalter



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



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

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

Fees: TBD

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.

LET'S DO A SUBMISSION

By: THLady Bronwen Blackwell

Idea - a badge that can signify what is within His Excellency Don Govanen's Estate.

Plan- to design something that will be easily recognized as his.

Day 1: Spent most of my day looking online to hopefully find some ideas that would work for this badge. Bad idea! Too much information! So I head to the Baronial Herald's Library. Sure, there are books upon books of information, but there is much more control of the information. So book 1, 2, then 3; lots of ideas, but what am I looking for? Go again, book 1, 2, then --wait there it was "covered cups", these were used to signify the location of apothecaries throughout Europe. With my knowledge of herbs and their uses, I thought this would be a good way to make this badge both of ours. So now I have a general idea of the direction.

Next, color and position of this image. Govanen's colors being black and white, and mine being green and white seemed easy enough to combine, green black and white.

A silver covered cup on a background half green and half black?

A black cup with a silver lid on a green background?

A covered cup centered with green and black sections on the back, three of each color.

I don't think a white background with a black chevron and a green covered cup would look complete. SO MANY IDEAS!!

I decided to draw all of these up, put them on paper and look at them, which is always a good idea when finding a name or designing a badge. I learned that from Æðeluulf - "put it to paper and hang it on your fridge and/or bathroom mirror so that you can look at it every day. If after a week or more you are not sick of it or have no doubts, then you're good". So where did I put my markers? Here goes nothing -did a rough draft of each one. They all look so plain. Well, up on the fridge they go.

Up on the fridge

Day 2: These ideas don't look any better. I absolutely love the covered cup idea, but how to get them to look right I am not sure yet. But what I do know is that the one with the six divided background- that one is way out- makes me dizzy.

Day 3: I find myself staring at the different images a lot. Glad I got rid of the dizzy one, but some of these others do seem to have so much going on. I still like the idea of the covered cup. It is good to find something that one can relate to easily.

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Like with my device - Per pale vert and argent, a seeblatt counterchanged- seeblatt is a heraldic symbol that is supposed to represent a waterlily leaf. It also looks like a heart. I have been told that I wear my heart on my sleeve too much and with the waterlily leaf helped tie me to the water.

So back to the badge- the image worked with my herbal side and the colors combine Govanen and myself. It looks great in my mind just getting it right on paper.

Day 4: Still none of the ideas up on the fridge is sticking for me. I guess I could start over, but I honestly have no other ideas. I find that interesting that a few days ago I had so many ideas and now I am second guessing. Ok back to brainstorming. Colors -check. Image-check. Now what? AGH!!!!

Day 5: - I GOT IT I GOT IT

White, point pointed green, two covered cups in black. YES!!!

Heraldry talk - argent, point pointed vert, two covered cups sable. Oh yes I so love this..... wait, How do I put it on a badge form? Crap. It's the point pointed thing that is gonna be rough.

But all in all I really like this design. I hope that it does not have any problems going through. But I will leave the conflict checking up to the higher up heralds.

I am so excited about this project now I love it when a plan comes together. Ok I got the design - Where the heck are my markers? Let's do this!!

Day 6: Talked with Æðeluulf he says the badge looks great. I need to make sure there are two line copies and four color copies done today in hopes to get it sent off with the submissions for the month.

Done. Actually I did more than four color copies, my thought was that I could pick out the best four and send them. Tonight is the Citizen Meeting so I will be able to get a check for the Kingdom to go with the submission. Normally the individual will give all the required copies and \$9 (in a check or money order made out to SCA al-Barran with "submission" written in the memo line.) Since I am the herald I will turn my money in to the Reeve and get the check.

Day 7: Got all the copies, the check, and the envelope- Here goes nothing!



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**Articles and artwork for
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Are due by

Thursday October 20th