



Undercurrents

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Virtual Highland Havoc is on! Check out Page 8 for an update on new challenges and recently added classes!

Click here to be taken to the Official Facebook Group!



Bonjorn Highland Foorde!

The new website is underway! If there is something in particular you'd like to see hosted on the site, let your webminister know.

We are also slowly approaching the holiday months and that means holiday newsletters! If you have recipes you'd like to submit, send them in so we can have a holiday collection of recipes.

Yours in service,

Aurri La Borgne
Chronicler of Highland Foorde

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Highland Foarde Champions

Arts and Sciences - Baroness Glynis Gwynedd

Archery - Oger Funk

Bardic - Harper An Cu

Brewing - Ethel Lea Mouse

Heavy Fighting - VACANT

Rapier - Urraka al-Tha'labiyya

Thrown Weapons - Galen Telerisson



Steel fighting is coming to tournaments in the SCA! “Armored Combate with Rebated (Steel) Blades” has been added to the Marshall’s Handbook and will use only single and two handed swords, with no thrusting, and will also

open the doors to explore different kinds of tournament formats.

To read more, check out this link here for the SCA’s official announcement and the Matshall’s Handbook!



Atlantian Activities



Northern Atlantia A&S night: October 14th, 6-9pm via Zoom

Monthly Business Meeting: October 18th 1pm via Zoom

Compass Convergence Singers: Come sing with a group of madrigals! Times and locations change to match the convenience of the attendees. Contact Lady Thorve for more information

Cooks Guild: Brand new! Join Lady Caran in a safe space to discuss historical food facts and food related events within the SCA. No set meeting date or location as of yet. Contact Lady Caran for more information

Virtual Highland Havoc: Feel the rush of equestrian activities as Highland Havoc goes virtual! Check out page X for more

Shire of Roxbury Mill

Weekly Rapier Gatherings: Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm via Google Meet

Weekly A&S Meetings: Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30pm via Google Meet

Lochmere

Baronial Happy Hour: Tuesdays from 7-8pm via Google Meet

For a full list, be sure to check out the
[Virtual Atlantia Activity Calendar](#)

Your Newest Officers

Scandal mac Rofir - Webminister



As online connections become a significantly more important part of the typical SCA experience, I find myself eager to step into a service role that can foster more engagement and facilitate equitable access to participation. Now more than ever, it becomes likely that a newcomer's first experience with the SCA and our Barony may come through an online experience.

My primary goal as incoming Webminister is to recreate our web presence in a form that is both pleasant to behold and intuitive to use, while following the guidance laid out by the Kingdom Webminister. As a relatively "new" participant in the organization who grew to adulthood in the Information Age and has a strong personal commitment to equity, I hope that my particular experiences and insight will help enrich our website and guide our online presence toward a more functional and beautiful future. After 30 years of community service and leadership in other organizations, I am excited to take my first major role within our Barony and look forward to serving our community.



What are the roles of the Webminister?

When the internet came to be, more and more information was sought out online. With the Chronicler having to write the newsletter, learning how to code and maintaining a website was too much to have on one plate. With that, the position of Webminister was born. Being a Webminister can be a daunting task as in this age, a website is the first thing a new member will come across. Some of a Webminister's duties include:

- Keeping the website and calendar
- Work with the Seneschal to make sure warrants are updated and regnum matches
- Work with the Chronicler to keep Newsletters available to the public
- Act as IT for the Barony and communicate any issues with the Kingdom Webminister

Highland Havoc

Highland Havoc is still in full swing digitally! 3 New challenges have been added and we've had so many wonderful submissions.

There are also classes now as well! Take a look below for the new challenges and classes we've added:



New Challenges

Targeted Projectiles Practice

Cry HAVOC and let slip the Vikings of war by shooting arrows outside!

Throw Away Challenge

Cry HAVOC and let slip the Vikings of war by throwing things inside!

Outdoor Defense Division

Cry HAVOC and let slip the Vikings of war by throwing things outside!

New Classes

Samhain and Sould Cakes: The Pre-Modern Halloween

A holiday with ancient roots, we will explore what Halloween was like in period and a few ways to bring this ancient spookiness back to life

Living with the Dead: An Intro to Death in the Andes

Lust is Death: Sex & Gender in Pre-Conquest Aztec Culture

This class explores the variety of sexual and gender experiences present in pre-conquest Aztec Mexico as well as the laws in place to punish and prevent deviant behavior

Trivial Havoc

Join some of the Cast and Crew of Virtual Highland Havoc and play trivia with us!

Populace Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 1:15pm on Sunday, September 20th with 9 attendees: Ludwig, Sinn, Thorve, Aurri, Epy, Vilhjelmr, Caran, Scandal, Lughaidh

Officer's Gave the Following Reports



Chatelaine: Lady Caran DeBurg Present

- 12 boxes of fabric still available to distribute, possibly host an exchange of some kind
 - Sinn suggested Lady Caran take photos of the inventory so we all know what we have



Exchequer: Lady Thorve of Highland Foorde Present

- \$12,698.43 in Baronage account.
- Followed up on 2 checks we sent last HRM. One was bounced, the other was never cashed.
- Looked into Wells Fargo, only need to have \$1,000 in the account to avoid fees instead of \$7,500
- Took 201 and learned that we don't have to stay with Wells Fargo. They are willing to examine other banks as long as they are willing to work with the needs of the SCA
 - Thorve will talk to Wells Fargo to see

if we can get an interest account with a low maintaining balance. If they say no, she will begin looking into other options.

- Sinn asked about current signers on the accounts
 - Thorve mentions that there are way too many signers on the account. Many old officers need to be removed and Jeff still needs to be added on.



Knight's Marshal: Sir Gaius Tascius Severus Fabianus Not Present

- Nothing to report



Herald: Baron Fergus of Hanna Not Present

- Nothing to report



Minister of Arts and Sciences: Lady Harper An Cu Present

- Virtual A&S for October 9th was cancelled and moved to the 14th
- Highland Havoc A&S challenge with the

theme of Horses and Archers from Myth and Legend announced, and prize selected. Working on Google submission sheet for publication this week, and thinking up posts to get other gentles excited about the challenge.

- If you are taking SCA/Clover classes online, or teaching them, please let me know so I can share with our kingdom what our Barony is up to! Similarly, if you are doing a Facebook live stream about anything SCA, let me know
- Don't forget to post your projects, accomplishments, and experiments to the Virtual Atlantia gallery.



**Chronicler: Aurri La Borgne
Present**

- Social media is up and running for the Barony. Includes Twitter, Instagram, and updating the Facebook Page
 - Will put together a list of themed hashtags so people can submit content and interact with social media
- Next month's theme will be horror. If anyone has anything to submit, please do!



**Web Minister: Scandal mac Rofir
Present**

- Officially warranted. Has access to everything except the current website.
- New website is being worked on



Youth Officer - VACANT



**Master of the Lists - Epy Pengelly, Armiger
Present**

- Nothing to report



**Seneschal: Viljamaier Larrenson
Present**

- Recent Seneschal meeting takeaways:
 - For Baronial courts, you can have it in a separate zoom without it being a second event
 - Kingdom of Atlantia is looking for volunteers for social media and a Diversity and Inclusion officer

- Regarding opening the kingdom, official fighter practices are still disallowed, but they obviously can't control what private citizens do
- However, the kingdom will shut down groups individually based on their areas infection rate as reported by the CDC.
- There is still some confusion on what makes a digital court official, but they are still ironing that out. Still waiting on in-writing guidance on virtual events from the Kingdom level.
- Crown will be happening in person, causing a delay for the next University



**Baron and Baroness:
Baron Ludwig & Baroness Sinn
Present**

- Please send in aware recommendations for Baronial and Kingdom rewards
- Sinn took University classes and they were wonderful. Definitely take/teach classes and if you do let us know!
- Update your wikis and make sure to list your virtual court preferences
- Watched the first Virtual Court. New Excellencies of Hawkwood
- Want to host another movie night
- Highly suggest people watch "Between two Peers" on YouTube

Old Business

- HRM: Sinn has not heard from Mark.
- Should we host HRM later? Leave it at the date it's at and if it gets canceled it gets canceled?
 - Scandal - we have lost our traditional date. This is our opportunity to move it to any other date we wanted. HRM might be a more successful event if we made it earlier/later when it isn't as hot (site provides little to no shade)
 - Caran will also try to get ahold of Mark
- Highland Havoc: Currently ongoing virtually!
 - 3 new challenges have been added, bringing us to 16 total.
 - Sinn - Kate Newton may help be one of the judges
 - Challenge deadlines will not be extended due to the nature of the events
- Feast equipment fundraising
 - Was brought up at a meeting some time ago by Caran. Scandal wanted to revisit the idea.
 - Some sort of food delivery program to raise funds. Might be more successful now versus later, especially with Covid still occurring
 - Thorve and Viljamaier are in charge of finding out what needs to be done at the group level so we can present a proposal
 - Epy has experience with SCA Equestrian fundraising, may be able to help as well.
 - Maybe have a Baronial Officer for fundraising (along the same lines as a Quartermaster)

- On the topic of fundraising: do a traveling fund in the future for Baronage?

currently there, email the Webminister

New Business

- Dedicated Aliases/Officer Emails
 - Lots of duplicate emails that aren't needed
 - Asking Jeff to provide a list of email addresses we actually need to cut down on the bulk
 - All emails with 'hf' in the front are being deleted
 - No need for the dash in 'highland-foorde' so changes are coming
 - Event specific emails are created that are being forwarded to other addresses
 - Consider having a gmail address for those events or have a hosted email address (no need for both)
 - SCA is not going to GSuites, but we as a Barony can move forward with utilizing Google at a base level
 - Will have more continuity when changing hands leadership wise and just making it easier for autocrats/officers to pass along information
 - Updating the Baronage emails to become gender neutral.
 - Will change the email to baronage@...
 - Auto replies will also be set up as well
- New Website
 - Still doesn't actually exist. Have read the handbook on what the website needs to be policy wise and both versions of the website go against those policies.
 - If there is something you would like to see on the website that is not

Meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm. Motioned by Scandal mac Rofir, seconded by Baron Ludwig

New to the Barony or SCA?

First off, welcome! We are so happy that you are interested in joining our family of revelry and creativity. You can click the links below to find more information on what the SCA is, how it started, and how **YOU** can get started.

New to the SCA

SCA Newcomer's Portal

How to Get Started

What is the SCA?

Become a Member

If we are your local Barony, reach out to our Chatelaine Lady Caran De Burg to get a jumpstart on your participation within the community! In addition to providing resources and information, the Chatelaine can also provide loaner gear such as feast ware, garb, and accessories to new members to use at events.

You can contact Lady Caran by e-mailing her at info@highland-foorde.atlantia.sca.org

How to Recommend an Award

Do you believe someone in the barony or society deserves an award or recommendation? Awards are given based on feedback from members. All members, no matter their current status, are encouraged to provide recommendations to their Crowns.

For award recommendations we have multiple options:

- Email the Baron or Baroness with your recommendation.
- The NEW Baronial Award recommendation system!
- Also Kingdom level recommendations!

Baron Ludwig & Baroness Sinn want to help with awards. Please notify them by email so they may offer input, especially regarding kingdom recommendations.

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