

The Barony Of
Unser Hafen
The Gatekeeper



August 2019

Baronial Buzz

Greetings good populace!

This past month has been a whirlwind of activity. Investiture was a lovely event. THL Cecilia guaranteed us no snow, and there was plenty of sunshine and heat to go around. Lord Fálki Ásgeirsson is our new Defender. He took the field with a savage smile that never left his face, despite the heat.

The competition was fierce on the rapier field for the next Protector. We believe all of Unser Hafen's rapier fighters who were able vied for the privilege of being the next Protector for Unser Hafen. Alas, there could be only one winner, and it was Don Haggis. It was a joy to watch all the fighters from near and far take the field. A few were felled by the heat, and we are extremely grateful that many gentles listened to their bodies and stopped before their health was adversely affected.

We have just returned from Battlemoor X. Our Stone Wolves made a strong showing in numbers and recognition. We had the great pleasure of watching the spear tourney that Sir Felix ran. There were many amazing fighters and the competition was ruthless. We were also informed that THL Uchtred won the unbelted tournament. On the rapier side, Lord Murdoch hosted the first open invitation rapier torchlight tournament at Battlemoor. There were a whopping 25 fighters in the list. Furthermore, on the Cut and Thrust field, Unser Hafen had the largest contingent from our own Barony in the Torchlight Longsword Tournament. We fielded four fighters from our Barony, who stood with our Barony to fight! On the archery side, Unser Hafen was first on the field, started strong, and ran multiple events!

We watched the equestrians many times throughout Battlemoor. They escorted Their Royal Majesties on evening rides and into court. We greatly enjoyed the Rossfechten (fighting from horseback) tournament, which was a society first. Many of the participants were from Unser Hafen, and they represented the pack with honor and chivalry. We are so proud of the entire Outlands equestrian community for coming together to host the first Rossfechten tournament Society-wide. The winner of the tournament was THL Estefania de las Yeguas, and the prize was a gorgeous silk banner painted by our very own THL Lisette de Troyes.

There were many arts and science classes taught by members of our pack. The following gentles offered their time and expertise as teachers at Battlemoor X: Lady Carmina, Baroness Julia DiVerdi, Lady Ruth, Countess Richenda, THL Anne Elizabeth, THL Lisette, THL Perryn, Don Justin, and HO Safiyya. Plus many others who helped run the hafla, but whose names were not written down (we saw you!). It should be noted that Countess Richenda ran the first (annual) fishing tournament at Battlemoor with horsehair lines she spent the year making.

Close to our hearts is the Bannerette tourney at Battlemoor. It is a tournament that focuses on pageantry and teamwork. This year Unser Hafen fielded not one, but two full 7-man teams. Unser Hafen Emerald and Unser Hafen Topaz, representing the gems found in our hills, enriching the kingdom with their brilliance. We were able to offer hospitality and include two gentles who did not have teams to complete our own. One was Lady Cahan from Caerthe and the other was Lady Arabella from Artemisia. Our Stone Wolves represented the Barony with honor and grace, fighting like a well organized pack throughout the tournament.

On the brewing side, Lady Ruth of Birkenfeld and THL Soren Thorvaldsson won in the brewing competition at Battlemoor X. Lord William's creations, while not in the brewing competition, were highly sought after by Their Majesties, and rumor has it caused some conflict, as they each wanted their own cordials from him.

Overall, other groups took notice of Unser Hafen. Our Green and Gold pride was strong. Our processions into courts were envied, and the number that pitched in throughout the event caused the Royalty, Barons and Baronesses, Peers and many others to take notice of our populace, and share their kind words with us. We even had members from other Kingdoms coming up to us to thank us for the Hospitality Unser Hafen shared with them.

It is clear after attending Battlemoor X that our pack is strong, vibrant, supportive, and thriving. Please keep up the hard work and being the amazing Stone Wolves that each of you are. During Unser Hafen court, we were taken aback when we asked our members to stand if they had either won a tournament or volunteered at this Battlemoor. Nearly every member in the court stood! Our Barony is a strong barony, and Outlands is stronger because of the dedication we put in.

We are in the midst of preparations to join Their Majesties' crusade to Pennsic. The class and tourney lists are prodigious. We look forward to bringing back new skills and tales of the battlefield. Please be safe in your own travels and bring us back the tales of your adventures.

We are Unser Hafen, a Home that plays together, stays together. Stone Wolves have each other's back! So to our dearest Stone Wolves: know you are our pack; you are supported; you are cherished, and you are loved.

In love and Service,

Aegeon & Miriam
Baron & Baroness of Unser Hafen

Seneschal's Sentiments

As of this writing, the Seneschal position appointment has yet to be determined. Look to the next Gatekeeper for an update.

Herald's Call

Good day Unser Hafen!

I am happy to report that I have fully taken over the position of Barbican Pursuivant (or 'Book Herald') for our gracious Barony. This means submitters come to me for assistance in registering a name, device or badge for one's use. If the submission process has already been started with another Herald or a submitter has started work on their own, worry not! All are more than welcome to continue preparing their submission as they have been. My only required involvement is in the actual submission process. According to the Outlands College of Heraldry "All submissions must be processed through a local branch herald. Your check or money order should be made payable to the local branch. (Some local Exchequers are authorized to accept cash and issue receipts-- this is the only circumstance under which cash is acceptable. The local branch herald may not accept cash.)"

Please reach out to me with any questions. Emails can be sent to herald@unserhafen.org or safiyya_sca@yahoo.com

See you all next month for some Heraldic Tips and Trivia!

Safiyya

Awards and Recognitions

Unser Hafen gets recognized at Battlemoor X

- Lady Bryngerðr Piðreksdóttir was admitted to the order of Stag's Blood
- THL Germanicus was offered admittance to the Order of the Chivalry
- THL Uchtred Leifsson was made a Thegn of the Iron Hart
- Kezran Wynthyria was given an Award of Arms
- Lord Murdoch MacAlister was made a Keeper of the Portcullis
- Lady Vaeltaja was made a Keeper of the Portcullis
- Lady Kezran Wynthyria was given entrance to the Order of Epona
- Lady Alana Ramsey was made a Builder of the Portcullis
- Lord Winfred was made a Silver Tyne
- Sir Felix Sniumi was made the Corona Graminea for Battlemoor X
- Lord Winfred was made L'ordre de la Rose d'Or of Unser Hafen for Battlemoor X
- THL Lisette de Troyes was granted admittance to the Silver Lance
- Master Frea was made a member of the Order of the Knights Pensioners
- Alesonne was given a Golden Ring of Unser Hafen
- THL Lisette de Troyes was given her Salt Bearer that had been read into court at Investiture

If we have missed any awards given to members of our Stone Wolf pack, please forgive us. As you can see there were a great many given to our pack, and we could only be around / hear about so much of it before posting this missive. It was a fruitful war for all!

- Miriam Volpe, Baroness of Unser Hafen

Huzzah and Congratulations to all for recognition so well deserved!

- Safiyya

Artistic Musings

Greetings Good Populace of Unser Hafen!

As summer races by, our A&S meetings may have paused, but hopefully your projects have not! As for me, I learned much at Battlemoor, feeding my insatiable appetite for knowledge. Promptly following Battlemoor, I attended a five-day calligraphy conference, learning *more* about things that I know and inspiring so many new ideas. It is amazing how attending a class on something you already might know about can teach one new details! Tidbits of knowledge can help tremendously. I thought I knew all there was to know about correcting mistakes in calligraphy - wrong! Now I know ways to use the same tools more effectively. New insights are wonderful things. So even if you think that you know what there is to know about your field of knowledge, attend a class, take a lesson, talk to another in your field. You never know what you might learn that will make your projects easier and more beautiful!

I hope to see you next month when Arts & Sciences gatherings get back into full swing!

Yours in Service,
Anne Elizabeth

Tidbits and Translations

In The Wolf's Mouth

Miriam Volpe, Baroness of Unser Hafen

At Battlemoor X you may have heard me wish gentles, “In bocca al lupo!” as they took the field or entered a competition. The phrase is pronounced [in 'bokka al 'lu:po]. Aegeon's grandmother was a professional ballerina in Italy, and this phrase is how Italians wish each other good luck before a performance or daring activity. Aegeon grew up hearing it during his theater performances and passed it onto me after we grew to know each other. It is akin to the English idiom of “Break a leg.”

In bocca al lupo literally translates to “In the mouth of the wolf.” It is an acknowledgment of putting something/someone important into a dangerous or challenging situation. The traditional response is “Crepì il lupo!” or simply “Crepì!” Those responses are essentially saying, “I'ma kill it dead!”

We both found it very fitting to wish our pack members, In bocca al lupo, as we are the Stone Wolves. The next time you take the field remember that you may be putting your head in the wolf's mouth, but you're going to win because you are a fierce Stone Wolf supported by the pack that is Unser Hafen.

Newcomers

Saturday, September 28, 2019
OPENS: 09:00 AM CLOSES: 08:00 PM
Ridgeview Classical Schools
1800 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins CO 80525

Event Stewards: Vigdis Knarrarbringa (Tina Warren) & Ulric of Thorne (Stephen Warren)

t-sca@wwwdotorg.org (970) 690-0010

Site Fee: Adult Event Registration \$15. Adult Member Discount Event Registration \$10. Youth (7 to 13) \$5. Child (Under 7) free. Family cap \$30 members, \$40 non-members.

Donation lunch.

Feast Fee: Adult \$15. Youth (7 to 13) \$5. Free off-board seating available at event as space permits.

Site is absolutely *Dry*.

<https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/newcomers-2019>

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Barony of Unser Hafen extends welcome to all good gentles as we humbly request your presence at Newcomers, for The Hunt! Come wynd your way through our forests of inquiry, exploring the myriad paths of the SCA. Converse at your leisure with nobles eagerly awaiting to share their vast knowledge. Sate your midday hunger with a repast worthy of contributing a shilling or two. Next, test your mettle with an investigative competition for newcomers and oldcomers alike. Fighters (rapier and heavy) fear not, for your prowess and fortitude shall likewise be valiantly challenged as you chase your quarry to sweet victory.

Listen for the melodious strains of song or story as the bards battle to earn the title of Pencerdd Bard. Just as a path twines within the shaded forest so also, is there a twist to this competition. One may enter as a solo performer or as a duo. Know this, should you enter as two, the duties you will also share betwixt. One entry of any form is all you need, so long as you entertain, inspire, or elicit some emotion. Be forewarned, should a tie occur, a poetry battle will determine the ultimate winner.

Then as the day wanes, slack your hunger with a most sumptuous feast. So, let the fervor of our petition pierce your sense of adventure and join us on the hunt!

Directions: Take the King's Road (I-25) towards Fort Collins (N from Caerthe/Denver, S from Windkeep/Cheyenne). Turn west (left from Caerthe, right from Windkeep) at exit 268 (Prospect Road). Continue for 3 miles. Turn left (south) at Lemay Ave. Continue for about a half mile. Turn left (east) on Stuart Avenue. The school entrance is almost immediately on the right.

[Click for Map](#)

What's Going on in our Barony?

Armoured and Fencing Practice

We have moved to our summer site Sundays 2:00-5:00 PM

Spring Canyon Park
2626 W. Horsetooth Rd.,
Fort Collins, CO 80526

[Click for Map](#)

*****Notice*****

There will be alternate locations for the first Sundays of August and September (same time as above):

August 4th: Dwayne Webster Veteran's Park, 401 W 13th St, Loveland, CO 80537

September 1st: Edora Park, 1420 E Stuart St, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Visit the [Website](#) for more info and directions.

Rams Keep Fencing Practice

On hold until Fall Semester

Archery Practice (Outdoor)

Saturday 08/24 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Saturday 09/07 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Saturday 09/21 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Fort Collins Archery Association Range

2825 Frontage Road

Fort Collins, CO 80525

Parking fee is \$3-\$5

There is no rental equipment available but there will be some loaner gear on site if needed.

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook!

Equestrian Practice

Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Dance

On hold until further notice

Baronial Business Meeting

Fri. 08/16 6:00-8:00 PM
Lola Diner
6020 Stallion Dr.
Loveland, CO 80538

Scribal Guild

On hold until September

Embroidery Guild

On hold until September

A&S Gathering

On hold until September

Calligraphy &/or Illumination

Contact: The Honorable Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley
970-227-9273



Kingdom A&S Collegium

Kingdom A&S Collegium 2019
and
Queen's Prize Tournament
October 26th
Colorado State University Lory Student Center
1101 Center Avenue Mall
Fort Collins, CO

Take a class or teach a class!

Any gentles interested in teaching classes, or to learn more about A&S Collegium, click [HERE](#).

For more information on the Queen's Prize Tournament, click [HERE](#).

A Call to the Quill

By Vigdis Knarrarbringa

Good populace, I beseech thee, to take quill in hand and submit articles and notices for inclusion in this, your chronicle! The Gatekeeper is the voice for its populace, but alas, if all remain quiet, none shall hear of the wondrous deeds or ideas of this creative group of people. If you have traveled to an event, submit a recounting of it so all may share the experience with you. If your tongue tingles and your senses are bemused by the seasonings of a new dish, let us know of this fine recipe. If your hands have fashioned a most beautiful item, let us bask in the process and provide photos of your finished creation. Good gentles, let your voices be silent no longer, let them ring loudly through the scratching of quill upon parchment.

Kingdom Calendar

Date	Group	Event	Royal Progress	Autocrat
August 2019				
2-4	Shire of Drygestan	<u>Drystone</u>		Bendri Cihan
3	Canton of Hawks Hollow	<u>St. Sebastian's Archery Tournament</u>		Ailinn Shadowfox
9-11	Barony of Caer Galen	<u>Caer Galen Defender</u>	K/Q	Finn ua Brian & Katherine dArles
16-18	Shire of Plattefordham	Here There Be Dragons		Lord Vingthor Ragnarsson
16-18	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Nock on Wood</u>		Lady Hette
16-18	Barony of Dragonsspine	<u>Archery Collegium</u>	Q	Altani
23-25	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Stags Bloodbath & Sworded Affair</u>	K	Otto Schwarz Hurz
29-2	Kingdom of the Middle	<u>Known World Cooks and Bards Symposium</u>		N/A
30-2	Kingdom of Atlantia	<u>Known World Agriculture and Forestry Symposium</u>		N/A
30-2	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	<u>Warders of the Western Gate & Baronial Investiture</u>	K/Q	Wyolet Bertrem
September 2019				
14-15	Barony of Caer Galen	<u>Outlands Crown Tournament</u>	K/Q/P/P	Anne Bigod
20-22	Barony of al-Barran	Al-Barran Champions		Aralan
21	Shire of Draca Mor	The Mor You Know III		Anny's Wolf
28	Barony of Unser Hafen	<u>Unser Hafen Newcomers</u>	K/Q	Lady Vigdis & Lord Ulric
October 2019				
5	Canton of Ravenhyrst	Festival of Fools	K	Chealsea Webber
8-14	Kingdom of Caid	<u>Great Western War XXII</u>	K/Q	
12	Barony of Aarquelle	Aarquelle Harvest Fest		Godricke Friis
12	Shire of Bryngolau	Mountain Pas & Highland Games		Lara
18-20	Shire of Nahrin Kabirun	Siege of the City	K	Ilo de Faux
26	Barony of Unser Hafen	<u>Kingdom Arts and Sciences Collegium</u>	Q	Miriam & Aegeon
November 2019				
2	College of Saint Goliath	Feast of St. Goliath		Gregor de Junger
9-10	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	Coronation	K/Q/P/P	Julia Alexandria
23	Barony of Caerthe	Caerthe Yule		Grace Dooley
December 2019				
7	Barony of Caer Galen	Caer Galen Midwinter		Venzoza
January 2020				
4-5	Barony of Caerthe	Caerthe 12th Night & War Practice		Arndis Kyntir
24-25	Barony of Unser Hafen	Unser Hafen Yule Revel		Saffiya

The Court of Unser Hafen



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