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The Barony Of
Unser Hafen
The Gatekeeper

December 2019



Baronial Buzz

Greetings Good Populace,

This past month, we had the opportunity to attend the Outlands Coronation and hear words from Their Royal Majesties. Coronation is a special time for the Kingdom, as it allows us to show our connection with not only the history of the world, but also our history of the Outlands. The ceremony for coronation dates back to the first coronation of the Outlands, and while the court often seems long, it can be magical. Additionally at Coronation, we were able to watch our fellow Stone Wolf, Germanicus, elevate to the peerage as a Knight of the Society. We encourage you to seek him out at practice and ask him to teach you something about fighting. Knights are part of our Peerage, which means he has met both the prowess and values (often called Peer Like Qualities or PLQs) required to be an example of what we can all seek to be.

Also, at Coronation, their Majesties outlined some of their goals for the Kingdom, that they asked us to pass on to the Stone Wolves.

1. Children and Children Activities.

Their Majesties have a special love for the children (and young at heart) in our society. On this note, they will be asking our Bards to perform at the beginning of their courts something special for the youth. They know that our youth are a promise of a future for the kingdom, and the society. The ideals we seek for the society, the values, are the ones that they witness first hand and grow into.

2. For the Children - Background Checks Are Needed

At the start of Their Majesties Reign, only four individuals in the entire Kingdom have filed for a background check to help run Youth Activities. Because of this small number, they don't feel it is right to start Youth Rapier until we have more individuals with background checks. Background checks are free and performed at the society level, and they do not commit you to run youth activities. It, however, means you are allowed to be an extra body/hand at such activities, as they require two unrelated adults at every activity with background checks. As such, whether you are helping out at the Page Academy, having a youth archery shoot, or teaching our youth how to wield a blade, it helps if you have a background check. On a side note, the Stone Wolves were first to meet this call at Caerthe Yule. Her Majesty brought the forms to sign, and the

first four in the line were Stone Wolves. Thank you Euphemia, Alana, and Ulric for going up with your Baron, to show the strength and dedication of the Stone Wolves.

3. Award Recommendations

Their Majesties have asked that all awards be requested *at least* a month before they visit an area. This is because they would like to avoid scrolls in-progress, and want to give our **amazing** scribes time to work. (Really our scribes are so amazing!). Our next event is January 24th, which means award recommendations need to be turned in THIS month. There are a number of notable individuals who could use recommendations, so let's share that with Their Majesties. Check out the last issue of The Gatekeeper for a step-by-step guide for writing and submitting recommendations.

4. Estrella War

War is upon us! While we had a time of peace with our Majesty's parents, we now have been threatened by the land of the burning sun, a power-hungry king seeks to rule the world, and the Outlands will stand firm against such tyranny. They have called all to war, and have had a special call to the Stone Wolves. We ask our populace to consider putting Estrella in their calendar to make a showing. The war truck is happening, which is a major boon for Stone Wolves in particular, as we can get our stuff down to Estrella, allowing us to take either flying or a land dragon as a group. To learn more about Estrella go to <http://new.estrellawar.org/>

Lastly, we want to thank all of you as we go into the Yule season. Without all of our amazing Stone Wolves, none of this would happen. You are there for us when you are called, you are there for us, without us asking most the time. We absolutely love this barony, and we encourage you to show gratitude to your fellow Wolves throughout this season, and the year.

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

Senschel's Sentiments

Greetings Stone Wolves!

I write to you on a very cold and snowy day close to the holiday of Thanksgiving. It puts me in mind of being thankful for all of our gifts/blessings. One of the greatest blessings a barony can receive is the attendance of newcomers to our practices/events. We are a barony known throughout and beyond our boundaries for our hospitality. I implore you to remember this and provide a good example by being gracious and generous in speech and action to all of our newcomers. For they are the future of this barony and future dear friends.

Your Seneschal,
Lady Vigdis Knarrarbringa

Herald's Call

(Editor's note: This is Part One of a Two Part Series)

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Their Royal Majesties, Bela VII and Nerissa, have tasked all their subjects with submitting recommendations for awards. This is an opportunity to make sure those who commit themselves to great acts of service, artistic endeavors and martial excellence are brought to the attention of the Crown of the Outlands.

How Do I Submit an Award Recommendation?

Award recommendations for Kingdom recognition are best submitted on the Kingdom website outlands.org.

Look for 'Award Recommendations' under the Quick Links on the right-hand side and simply fill out the online form. You do have to have a login to access this form. Creating a login is very easy, and it will require an email address for confirmation that your recommendation was received. Once in the form, it's just a matter of filling in the required fields and submitting the request. Keep reading for online resources you can use to determine who has which awards and what those awards recognize.

How do I know who does or does not have a specific award?

The link "[All Awards and Orders for the Outlands and Baronies](#)" will provide you a list of every recipient of that award and the date it was given to them. Since these are in chronological order and many of these lists are quite long, it may be easier to try searching for an individual's name. You can type their name in the search engine or search an alphabetical list of the entire Outlands or by Local Group. Every person will have their awards listed, along with a note on if their name and device have passed. Keep in mind, very recent awards may not appear as there is some time that passes between when Court happens and when Wimble Herald is updated with a Court Report. Also remember, anyone who has not ever received an award, will not have made it to the Wimble site just yet - at which point it's best to submit them to the Crown for an Award of Arms.

Some Tricky Details:

1. Awards can only be given to paid members. The Kingdom recommendation form does ask for member numbers, if known. If not provided, The Crown (or Baronage) still have to check for a valid membership against a current roster. If a person is not a member the request will be set aside and an attempt is usually made at a later date. Sometimes however, with all that occurs during a changing of the Crown, it may be prudent to submit your recommendation again during the next reign.
2. Awards take time to prepare. The Outlands is known for the amazing work of our scribes. Every scroll given out is an original piece of art that our

scribal community creates with no small effort. Please try to make sure recommendations are submitted at least 30 days before the event where Their Majesties will be in attendance. You can check Their Royal Progress on the Events page of the Kingdom website where every event listed has a 'K' and/or 'Q' to denote Their Royal presence.

3. You CAN submit a recommendation for someone who does not live in Unser Hafen unless the Award charter (requirements for eligibility) specifically say only residents of Unser Hafen can be recognized. If, for example, you know of an individual from the Shire of Windkeep, who always attends Unser Hafen practices and helps at Unser Hafen events, please submit their names to Their Excellencies. You can also submit recommendations to the Baronage of other local groups. If you were impressed by acts of service while attending an event in Aarquelle or any other Barony, simply let their Baron and Baroness know. On the main page of the Kingdom website, every local group is listed with a link to their individual website. There is always contact information available for the Barons and Baronesses of our neighboring groups, please use them!

4. Encourage your friends to submit recommendations, even if it is for the same person. The more, the absolutely merrier!

Enjoy the Season and I hope to see you at our Yule Revel!

Baroness Safiyya
Barbican Pursuivant

Equestrian Workshop Review

I want to thank the great populace of Unser Hafen for their generosity at the October Althing fundraiser for the Arne Koets clinic. I feel it was an

opportunity of a life time to learn from one of the best historical martial arts teachers.

The clinic was set up with hour long semi-private lessons with 2 riders. If we were not riding we had the opportunity to watch other lessons for 2 days and third day was private lessons. There were 16 riders. Watching other people whose knowledge is different than mine was a great learning experience. I watched lessons on lance fencing, grappling from horseback, of course fencing, and basic riding skills.

Coming from a humble recreational trail riding background, I felt like I learned another side of communicating with my horse. I understood that I can control my horse with my hips and legs. I did not understand fully how my shoulder influenced the horse's shoulders. If I turn my shoulders to the left and keep my hips straight, the horse should mirror my movement. At the second lesson my partner Baroness Llamrei and I wanted to fight. There was one Zen moment when Lilly and I were together as one. It was the most amazing moment for me. Imagine if you will, delivering a thrust with the power of your horse behind it. We came in for the strike and I did the move for a thrust and Lilly stayed right under me as we struck. It was solid, so much so I had to check with her Honor if she was ok. She was not only alright but laughing and reminiscing about her fight years.

There was so much information given that I am still remembering things that were taught. I am so thankful for the opportunity to learn from Arne. Thank you again Barony of Unser Hafen for your generosity.

Cecilia Juetta

Artistic Musings

December is my last month as Arts & Sciences Minister for our Barony.

Thank you all for your support and help throughout the years!

A&S Night is moved up a week due to the holiday. We will meet at 6:00pm (or whenever you can arrive) on Tuesday, December 17th at 2705 W. 10th Street in Greeley. If you want dinner, contact either Baroness [Hélène Boudain](#) or [me](#) and we will get your order from Subway. If you can, bring some holiday goodies to share.

See you there!

Yours in Service,
Anne Elizabeth

Tidbits and Translations

Gratitude and The Peer Like Quality of Largess

At Kingdom A&S Collegium, Count Iohann Der Vuhs, HE Sir Rowland, and I held a class on the historical perspective of largess as a philosophical discussion of what it meant at the time. We each had different roles in the discussion, and while my role was to bring up non-western European points of view focusing on Sephardim points of view, our Cousin Rowland focused on philosophies from Chivalry by Maurice Keene, which is rooted in Western European traditions of chivalry. It was pointed out by Iohann, that the traditional meaning of largess was something that implied a title, land, and a horse. It also assumed a paying back as part of it, which led the discussion asking ourselves if we have been using the correct word to describe 'largess' in the SCA. This misuse of the word also leads to difficulty in understanding the Knightly Virtue / Peer Like Quality of Largess, as the PLQ of largess is much more than the times we make. It is the giving of ourselves with a heart of gratitude.

While sometimes a word is a word, you will find Miriam and myself using the term 'Gratitudes' more than largess - even though it can be argued they are the same thing. Why?

We want to promote the idea that the items we make to give to others, particularly event stewards, are indeed items of gratitude and a thank you to our fellow Scadians. These items we make actually help us in many ways, (1) it helps the artisan practice their craft or often a new craft, (2) it helps A&S nights and classes to have a goal in mind, but most of all (3) it is a way we express "thank you for a wonderful and amazing event".

All events in the SCA are run by volunteers. These volunteers donate their time and energy making sure we have great events. Items of Gratitude are a way of thanking them. The reason we give it through the Landed Nobility helps add to the dream, but also helps with logistics.

On that note, I also want to express the importance of putting your name on the items you make. Miriam often puts on a card that expresses what Barony she is from and all the names of the people who helped with the gift of gratitude (note, if you want copies of the card she uses, let her know). This allows those who receive your gift of gratitude to come and thank you in return.

Last but not least, I also want to express the making of items is not the only way to express gratitude, though it is a very needed way. For me, running events is actually my way of expressing gratitude to the organization. The first event I ran was a shire Defender event (similar to our champions). I ran the event for two reasons. I was a current defender at the time, and it made sense for me to assist in running the event, and more importantly, it was my way of saying Thank You to a shire who welcomed us with open arms. I later started Rapier Camp as a thank you to the rapier community who helped train and guide me. For those that have never been, there has always been an Art and Sciences track at rapier camp, as I also wanted to thank the artisans. I helped run Kingdom A&S Collegium as a thank you to all the artisans, who help make our society beautiful and are at the heart of the dream. I have volunteered at events as this time and effort I give back to society is my way of saying thank you.

We all have different ways to show gratitude, volunteering, making items of gratitude, scrolls, serving, and teaching. They all share the quality that we are giving our time without expectation of return, and that is the Peer Like Quality or value we seek to promote as a society. If we approach every activity with a heart of gratitude, our lives, our society, and our world can be a better place - one thank you at a time.

Aegeon the Actor
Baron of Unser Hafen

Call for Letters

(Editor's Note: this is a reprint of the Call for Deputies November Special Edition)

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Good Day Stone Wolves! It is time to explore new horizons! Our fair barony is in need of deputies! No, don't run away, nor tell yourself you would not do a good job! Being a deputy does not mean you will take over the office. It means you have an interest in that particular area of the SCA. It means you are willing to learn how we can have so much fun and still be a volunteer organization. We want all those participating to have an exceptional experience and therefore, we need to spread the joy and responsibility to help each other.

Please submit letters of intent (always the first step), by January 1st to either the seneschal at seneschal@unserhafen.org or baron/baroness at baronage@unserhafen.org. We will forward them to whomever is in the office you are interested in. In your letter, include a brief introduction which has your name (mundane and society), address, phone number, and email address. You should mention that you are indeed interested and

desire the position of deputy. Likewise, tell of your experience within the SCA and which skills you possess making you a good candidate. It would not hurt to provide a copy of your membership card and/or a listing of awards you have received. You may apply to be a deputy for any office but those in particular need are as follows:

Exchequer, Quartermaster, Chatelaine, Equestrian, Herald, Captain of Archers, Minsters of Arts & Sciences, Social Media, Chronicler, Webminister

In Service,
Lady Vigdis Knarrarbringa

Tri-Baronial

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The next Tri-Baronial event is scheduled to be held in Caerthe on February 29, 2020. Use the long winter nights to perfect your arts and science entries to be the next Arts and Sciences Champion of Unser Hafen! After consulting the current champion, Lady Alanna Ramsey, the criteria to enter for Unser Hafen A&S Champion are as follows:

- Enter at least one item (more points for more entries)
- Documentation must at least cover the 5 'W's (Who, What, Where, When, Why)

We look forward to seeing what amazing projects the Stone Wolves bring to Tri-Baronial in the coming year.

Aegeon & Miriam
Baron & Baroness of Unser Hafen

What's Going on in our Barony?

Armoured and Fencing Practice

Sundays, 2:00-5:00 PM

CSU Fieldhouse

Fort Collins, CO 80525

[Click for Map](#)

Visit the [Website](#) for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule.

Archery Practice (Indoors)

Saturday Dec. 14, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday Jan. 18, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday Feb. 1, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Rocky Mountain Archery

4518 Innovation Dr

Fort Collins, Colorado

<https://unserhafen.wixsite.com>

[/unserhafen/archery-winter](#)

Or, find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook!

Equestrian Practice

Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor

970-420-6652

Rams Keep Fencing Practice

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mondays, 6:30-9:00 PM

Newsom Hall

CSU Campus

Fort Collins, CO 80521

[Click for Map](#)

Dance

On hold until further notice

A&S Gathering

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:00 PM

2705 W. 10th Street

Greeley, CO 80634

[Click for Map](#)

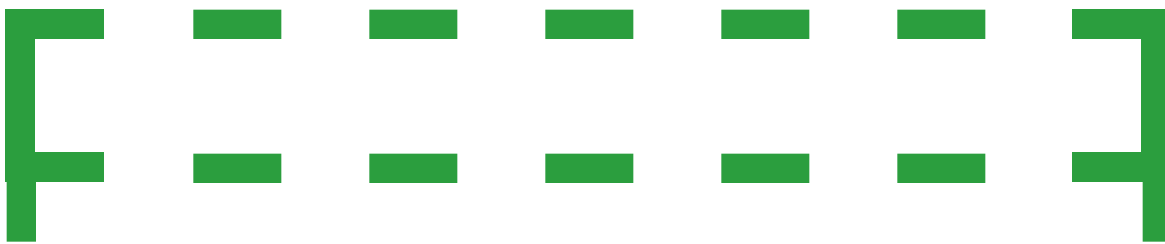
Calligraphy &/or Illumination

Contact: The Honorable Lady Anne

Elizabeth Morley

970-227-9273

(Scribal Guild and Embroidery Guild have been cancelled)



Kingdom Calendar

Date	Group	Event	Royal Progress	Autocrat
December 2019				
7	Barony of Caer Galen	<u>Caer Galen Midwinter</u>	K/Q	Vanozza & Veyla
14	Barony of al-Barran	<u>Al-Barran Midwinter</u>	K/Q	Frosti Grimmarson
15	Barony of al-Barran	Al-Barran Midwinter War Practice	K/Q	Frosti Grimmarson
19	Barony of Dragonsspine	Dragonsspine Gypsy Christmas		Hrafn Corvin
January 2020				
4	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	<u>Fontaine 12th Night & War Practice</u>		Mistress Alamanda
4-5	Barony of Caerthe	<u>Caerthe 12th Night & War Practice</u>	K/Q	Arndis Kyntir
11	Barony of Aarquelle	<u>Viking Vinter Vunderlandt VI</u>	K/Q	Teigr & Haven
18	Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass	Citadel 12th Night		Julia Alexandria
24	Barony of Unser Hafen	Unser Hafen Yule Revel	K	Saffiya
25	Barony of Dragonsspine	Candlemas	K/Q	Jeannette Delecroix
February 2020				

18-24	Kingdom of Atenveldt	<u>Estrella War</u>	K/Q	
29	Kingdom of Calontir	Calontir War Manuvers		HE Gyda kennara
29	Barony of Caerthe	Tri-Baronial	K/Q	Crestina
March 2020				
14-15	Barony of Fontaine dans Sable	<u>Outlands Crown Tournament</u>	K/Q/P/P	Angus MacFarlane
July 2020				
1-5	Kingdom of the Outlands	Battlemoor XI		

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Barbican Persuivant - Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani

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