

# THE GATEKEEPER

## Barony of Unser Hafen

January 2017



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# KINGDOM CALENDAR

The Kingdom website has changed its calendar format. Please click on the link to see what is happening in the Kingdom of the Outlands.

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## **Northern Calendar**

Jan 14 – Viking Vinter Vonderlandt - Aarquelle

**Jan 21 – Thorsblot – UH – Richenda/Rosalind** – *(baronial revel for that month)*

**Feb 4 – Tri Baronial A&S Competition – UH – Iago/Anne Elizabeth**

Feb 21-27 – Estrella War - Atenveldt

March 11-12 – Crown Tournament – Fontaine dans Sable

April 8 – Kingdom A&S Collegium – Aarquelle

May 6-7 – Coronation - Dragonspine

July 7-9 – Caer Galen Defender – Caer Galen

**Aug 11-13 – Crown Tournament – UH – HH Meadbh** (*note date change again*)

Aug 30 – Sept 4 – Battlemoor

Nov 11-12 – Coronation – Nahrin Kabirum

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### What's Going on in our Barony:

- **Fighter Practice** - CSU Field House in Fort Collins, Sundays, 2-6.
- **Rapier Practice** - With Fighter Practice
- **Rams Keep Fencing Practice** - Mondays in Edwards Hall, CSU, at 6:30
- **Rams Keep Arts** - Tuesdays in Edwards Hall, CSU, at 6:30
- **Dance Practice** - First Tuesday of the month in Edwards Hall, CSU, at 6:30
- **Craftsman's Guild** - On hold. For more information contact Lady Rosamonde Carver, 970.775.7498.
- **Equestrian Practice** - Contact Lady Cecelia O'Connor, 970.420.6652.
- **Steward's Guild** - see listing on Facebook: [Unser Hafen Steward's Guild](#).

- **Calligraphy and Illumination Guild** - contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley, 970.669.9213, [monroefischer@icloud.com](mailto:monroefischer@icloud.com).
- **Scribal Night** - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1005 Banyan Court, Loveland, 7:00pm. Contact Lady Anne Elizabeth Morley, 970.669.9213, [monroefischer@icloud.com](mailto:monroefischer@icloud.com).
- **Heraldry Night** - 3rd Wednesday of the month at Loveland Public Library, 300 North Adams Avenue. Contact Laird Ruadri mac Batín [herald@unserhafen.org](mailto:herald@unserhafen.org)
- **Archery Practice** - Captain of Archers position to be filled. See [Unser Hafen Archers](#) in Facebook.
- **Baronial Revels** - 2nd Thursday of the month.
- **Baronial Business Meetings** - Held every third Friday of the month at Perkins restaurant at Crossroads. 6:00 for food and fun with the meeting at 7:00. Come to help plan activities, come listen and hear what is going on. All are welcome.

Want to know more? Check out our [Website!](#)

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## Tri Baronial

## Arts & Sciences Competition

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Greetings Unser Hafen!

Tri-Baronial A&S approaches, and we need scroll blanks to use for prizes for the winners. Please contact me at [scribe@unserhafen.org](mailto:scribe@unserhafen.org) if you can assist.

YIS,

THL Perryn Coelbrant

Baronial Scribe

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## Heraldry Consultation Evening

### **Have an idea for your name and device?**

Need help getting the forms together? Have no idea where to start? Need a badge to put on your armor bag? Want to change your name and/or device? Come to the Loveland Library at 300 North Adams Ave, Wednesday the 18th of January from 6:30-8:00. I will bring the forms, the books, the markers, and the Heraldry Kung Fu, you bring your imagination.

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## **W A R!**

## **ESTRELLA WAR**

Register now!

<http://estrellawar.org>

See you there!

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## Battlemoor

Battlemoor has moved from Butterfly Ranch to the Buena Vista Cottonwood Creek site used for Highlands Rapier Camp!!!

This means Trees!, a permanent usable shallow creek!, flat camping area!!, and no hurricane winds!!!! I know a lot of people have been unable to attend Battlemoor because of these reasons so I hope you reconsider now with the changes to

come join us this year.

If you wish to see the site before Battlemoor, Rapier Camp is happening at the same site earlier in the summer and I know Her Excellency and Myself will be attending.

I will be posting more information as it is released.

We are searching for a Baronial Battlemoor coordinator that will, with our help, oversee our camping area and insure we all have what we need to make our time there as enjoyable as possible. If you are interested in this please let us know. It would be a great service to us and the Barony.

Baron Nico

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The Northern Outlands Theatre Troupe is looking for players! Please contact Lady Lisette for more information or to volunteer. She can be found on Facebook as Stephanie Dodson and at [stephanie.l.dodson@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.l.dodson@gmail.com).

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[Thor's blot](#)

Thor's Blot is a minor feast honoring Thor, the protector of Midgard. During this time, the height of the storm season, Thor's power is invoked to drive back the frost Jotuns so that Spring may return to Midgard. The people gather to feast on whatever is available to sacrifice as they celebrate the lengthening of daylight hours and the hope of an early Spring.

Please join in our Thor's Blot celebration! There will be fire inside and out, games to play, a bit of Court business from Their Excellencies, good snackage and beverages, and a chance to make plans with your friends for future endeavors. Fighters, should you have rattan weapons whose service is done, please consider honoring them in the warriors' fire.

Barony of Unser Hafen  
Saturday, January 21, 2017  
OPENS: 7:00PM CLOSSES: 10:00PM

Wellmark Keep  
3601 El Caminito, Loveland, CO 80537

Event Steward: Rosalind of Wellmark (Rosalind Wells)  
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There is no site fee. The site is discretely wet. If you need  
loaner garb please let me know.

Parking is limited, so carpooling is recommended if possible.

**Directions:**

**VIA I-25**....take exit 255 and go West approx. 5 miles to  
Taft Ave. Go South 1.5 miles and turn right onto Del Sol Dr.  
At the end of the road turn left onto El Caminito. The house is  
on the right, about 5 houses down.

**FROM FT. COLLINS**.....take Shields Ave. South (becomes  
Taft Ave. in Loveland) through Loveland. Cross SW 14th ST.

and continue 1.5 miles to turn right onto Del Sol Dr. At the end of the road turn left onto El Caminio. The house is on the right, about 5 houses down.

**FROM LOVELAND**.....make your way to Taft Ave. go South and cross SW 14th ST., continuing on 1.5 miles to turn right onto Del Sol Dr. At the end of the road turn left onto El Caminito. The house is on the right, about 5 houses down.

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Greetings to all who dwell in the currently frosty land of Unser Hafen!

I hope you all evaded Krampus this year, I know I really had to leg it to get away this season. But the future is looking brighter, as Don Triffin and Don Aegeon have joined the ranks of the Unser Hafen fencers! There has been a delay in getting the gym up and running for Sunday practices, but as

of the 16th Monday practices in Edwards Hall on CSU will be on again. These are at 6:30-9pm, doors lock automatically at 7, and it is an open invite to ALL fighters, light and heavy. Come play with us!

Many of you are packing or sorting for the coming events this spring and summer, and so I invite you to pile any items you may have outgrown for any new players. If you would like to get any of these to our many Rams Keep players, Tuesdays in the above location and time are craft nights, and are loaded with folks who could use garb and scrap. Give something you love to someone who will love it.

Of those who have played for more than a year or two, I would like to ask anyone who feels interested to come forward and inquire about open deputy positions among the officers; we want to get the best of events and plans going for this year and next, and we could use spare hands and fresh input!



**CourtStewards** -Smiling Bull Tavern  
**CourtHerald**-Lady PerrynCoelbrant  
**Largesse Coordinators**-Lady Madeleine de Seraucourt and Lady Rachel Russell  
**Defender**- Lord Tiberius Valerius Germanicus  
**Protector**-Eberwinus von Grimme  
**Warden**-THL Angus Montgomery the Forrester  
**Equerry**-Lady Cecelia Juette  
**Arts & Sciences Champion**-Lord Valbjorn Juleson  
**Pencerdd Bard**-Lady Rhiannin filia Fynn  
**Barbican Persuivant**- Lord Ruadri mac Batín  
**Baronial Guards**-Lord Iago Martyn (captain of the guard), Lady Dagrún Ljufudottir,  
Lady Vivian Bell, Lady Brynandor, Lord Ruadri mac Batín, Lord Martin Cuniga  
**Lady in Waiting** -Baroness Meadhbh (head lady in waiting), Lady Lisette, Lady  
Saikhan Nasan, Katherine of Windkeep, HE Arianwen Sweet, Alesonne McClellan

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**Maeshowe, Orkney**

The Isles of Shetland and Orkney are in northern Scotland, so we think of them as British. But they were settled by people from the coast of Norway about 850. They only became part of England in 1469, in the dowry of Margaret of Denmark and Norway when she married James III of Scotland. Sometime late this century they will have been Scottish longer than they were Norwegian.

That date shows you that during most of the Middle Ages, Shetland and Orkney were not Scottish nor English but Norwegian. Norway and Denmark had a single ruler from 1380 until the 19th century, who administered Shetland, Orkney, the Faroes and Iceland. A distinct language, Norn, evolved in Shetland and Orkney. The last Norn speaker died in the 1800s, an event that shocked the speakers of other minor languages in the area (Faroese, Icelandic, Breton, Welsh) into language preservation efforts.

Before the Norwegians, the region had been settled for thousands of years.

There are fascinating standing stones older than Stone Henge. The Bronze and Iron Age people's buildings were buried by time and mostly forgotten. Today there is spectacular archaeological study going on.

One place where the Norse met the Bronze Age was Maeshowe on Orkney!



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Maeshowe (pronounced in Orkney mazz(h)oo) is a mound (cairn) that was built over a grave site, probably about 2,700 year ago. It looked like a small hill.

Archaeologists say that at one time the top had a peak, rather than being flat as it is now. (See above photo).

The builders created a long entrance passage so that you enter a tunnel some 40 feet before the tomb. The passage was intentionally dark and low—not tall enough for visitors to stand upright. The result is unsettling and summons claustrophobia. In retrospect, that makes the experience more memorable.

Inside is a circular room with a very high roof, where important people were buried, although few remain.

As documented in the *Orkneyinga Saga*, at Christmas 1153, men led by Earl Harald of Orkney were crossing from Stromness to Firth in a terrible blizzard. They broke into Maeshowe for shelter from the storm. They were stranded





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