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From Their Excellencies

Greetings!

In early August, we made the pilgrimage to mecca...In others words Pennsic 47. It was a spectacle to see and its size was amazing, but boy was it humid!!! Sir Daveed, Sir AElric, Mistress Melodia, Lord Albinus, Lord Jose, Lord Galen, Lady Alicia, Lady Danielle and Lady Fedelm, made up the contingent from al-Barran. While there many participated in the battles, while others attended classes, parties and of course shopping! Lord Albinus was the victor in the Known World Baronial Champions tourney which was decided by a combination of fighting and answering questions from the assembled landed baronage of the known world. Congratulations! We attended the Kingdom of the West (our neighbors) Viking Luau, we saw Wolgemut play a rousing set. We sang and reveled at the pirate bardic, and visited Vlad's pleasure pavilions. One of the most magical nights was when the Whiskey Bards paid a visit to the Outlands camp (Thanks Sir Cosmo and company!!!!) and gave us an impromptu concert under the stars. We also were privileged to attend the Hoity Toity party at Casa Barducci and we even got to visit with the "Baron" in his salon for a little persona play. By the end of the week we were exhausted but it was an interesting and special experience that everyone in the SCA should do at least once!

August brought warm weather and the opportunity for His Excellency to travel south to visit with our cousins in the Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass. Their Hastilude event was great fun. Fighting, laughter, food and more fighting! The new site was wonderful and shady.

In early September, we had the pleasure of attending Crown Tournament in the Barony of Aarquelle. As always, Crown Tournament is not to be missed. The pageantry and combat was amazing to behold. In the finals, were two of our barony's own knights. Count Hrorek faced Sir Bardolf. They battled as only al-Barranians can. In the end, Count Hrorek was victorious. Huzzah to TRH Hrorek and Slaine. Long may they reign!

Later in September, we held our Champions event. Their Royal Highnesses were in attendance and they made the event even more memorable. New champions were victorious in the tournaments. Each one more exciting than the last. There were fun parties every night in the town hall area with drumming, dancing and merriment with the populace.

In October, we traveled north to visit the Shire of Bryngolau. Their Mountain Pas event was a day of relaxing fun and fellowship. We talked, laughed and ate throughout the day. Her Excellency was one of the victors of the sheep throw. We always enjoy our time in Bryngolau and hope to travel there again.

In Service

,Marc Antoine and Bianca, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran

From The Seneschal

Greetings al-Barran,

I hope this missive finds you well. We are in the home stretch of 2018 and as I look back over the year it has been a good one. So far we have had eight great events. I would like to thank all the autocrats and their coordinators for all their hard work. We have one more to come and I have all the confidence in the world in our autocrat for that event. Please as always help her in anyway you can.

As most of you know I am stepping down soon as Seneschal of this great Barony, and it has been my pleasure to serve as such. I would like to Congratulate Lady Phaidra Thebaia ([Kim Sanchez](#)) who has been selected as my Successor. Huzzah!!! She will do an amazing job I am sure. I would like to thank everyone who applied for the office for their willingness to step and lead this wonderful Barony.

The change over will be happening at Midwinter, although I will still be around helping out for a while. I would like to thank Their Excellencies for always trying to do what is best for the Barony. We may have disagreed about what that was but I always knew your heart was in the right place. I would like to thank Lord Edric for always having my back. I hope I had yours too. Not to mention staying on another year. Most of all I would like to thank my Husband Y for putting up with me taking yet another job. You never complained and were there to help when I needed you. I promise no more jobs for a while.

In Service,
Mistress Melodia Shaw
al-Barran Seneschal

From The Reeve's Office

From the Reeve: Lord Edric Capellarius

Greetings!

We held one event during the Quarter, which was Nock on Wood. It was very well attended, and I appreciate Autocrat's and the volunteers who made sure it was awesome! Thank you especially to all the gate coordinator (Thom Gonzolez), the gate volunteers, and my Deputies for an outstanding job!!

Moving into the last quarter of the year, there are two announcements to make. First, I will be stepping down in May at Grand Outlandish and the Baronial Officers will be seeking an individual to replace me. If you are interested in volunteering to becoming the next Reeve (Exchequer) for al-Barran, please send a letter of intent to myself (reeve@al-barran.outlands.org), the Seneschal (seneschal@al-barran.outlands.org), and the Baron & Baroness (coronet@al-barran.outlands.org). Please include your legal name, SCA name, membership number and expiration date, a phone number, a brief statement on why you would like to be the Reeve, and any related background in financial management/record keeping. Be advised that this position requires that you hold an active membership while you are an Officer of the Barony.

Secondly, at the end of the year, December 31, 2018, the Barony will have an opening for the Financial Committee. Master Siegfried's (John Rechteris) two-year term will be ending, and the Barony will be seeking to fill the vacancy that begins on January 1, 2019. If you would like to volunteer to hold a seat on the Financial Committee, just like above, send a letter of intent to myself (reeve@al-barran.outlands.org), the Seneschal (seneschal@al-barran.outlands.org), and the Baron & Baroness (coronet@al-barran.outlands.org). Please include your legal name, SCA name, membership number and expiration date, a phone number, a brief statement on why you would make a good financial committee member, and any related information you feel necessary. As with the Officer position, Financial Committee members are required to hold an active membership while seated on the committee.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the three years serving as the Barony's Reeve, and worked diligently to ensure that the office was organized well enough for the next person to take the reigns. My heartfelt thanks to all the past and present Baronial Officers who thought that I would do well as Reeve, and supported me while in office. My personal thanks to my Deputies, Leoni (Tina Landa), AEdheluulf munuc (Jeff Phipps), and Gilbert (Anthony Posada). Thank you! Also, I would like to thank Ymany Murray (Amanda Snodgrass) for all your help to the Reeve's office and personal support!

I would like to thank Master Siegfried for taking the time to volunteer for the Financial Committee! I appreciate all your hard work! Thank you for all your support!

If you have any questions regarding either the Financial Committee seat, or Reeve, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always willing to give you a brief summary of the rules, duties, and responsibilities of the Office/Committee.

Finally, below you will find the third quarter bank balance report for al-Barran. The Barony has continued to ensure that the financials are strong and have made many tough decisions recently. The Barony's funds have increased from last quarter, like last quarter, due to events being very successful. Overall, the funds have increased from the January 1, 2018 beginning balance and the Net Worth continues to be positive!

**3rd Quarter Financial Report
As of September 30, 2018**

General Fund	\$ 21,176.28
Travel Fund	<u>199.15</u>
Total:	<u><u>\$ 21,375.43</u></u>



Arts, and Sciences

From the Office of the A&S Minister

Good Day al-Barran!

Your A&S Minister here with the 3rd quarter news, events, and all things A&S! To start things off here is an article from our wonderful Señor Rafael Chavira on period flies.

'The Gules Wasp of Macedonia Fishing Fly'

This A&S project won the Black and Blue competition at Warders in the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable. It is a progression display of tying this fly pattern. I substituted the red wool yarn for blue and the bees wax colored feathers for blue grizzly feathers. This fly pattern is described on a document written by Roman Scholar Claudius Aelianus in 200 A.D. Macedonian anglers on the Astraeus River used a pole 6 feet long with a braided horse hair fishing line no more than 3 strands thick of equal length as the pole to angle for a tasty meal.



Submission by, Señor Rafael Chavira "Frog"

Thank you Frog for giving us a look into period fishing! Now onto A&S that happened in July, Nock on Wood was a camping event this year. The first night brought drumming and dancing at the Hafla. A drop spindle class was held and a small group took up some bardic next to town hall earlier Saturday. HE Steffan brought instruments later in the day where more singing ensued under the shade of town hall. There was also a marvelous siege cooking competition with the secret ingredient being rabbit! So much good food was served with the Japanese house taking in first place.



August was pretty quiet, but Hastilude for Citadel of the Southern Pass was where Frog taught his class 'An Angle on Fishing Period' and went through his demonstration on 'Period Fly Tying' where attendees got to see the process of making a typical fly to lure fish. Lord Albinus also taught 'The Principles of Chess' at Hastilude.

September brought Champions! The first round of our A&S Champion competition was held at this event and there were 4 entrants. Competitors brought their best Scorpion in any medium and it was great to see their creativity! There was also a best 'Kabob' competition where the winner brought duck kabobs, yum! An A&S Salon was set up for the populace to work on A&S projects as well and offer space for those to get out of the sun. Lastly the new Bard of al-Barran was chosen and it was Lady Gwenlyn! Also of note, at the al-Thing in September we had a wonderful discussion led by Mistress AEIflaed of Duckford on 'Making the More Medieval Choice' when it comes to your decisions in the SCA. It was so wonderful to get another members perspective and hear of the experiences that she had in our game. I truly enjoyed hearing her tales and want to say thank you Mistress.

If you enjoyed the insert from one of our local artisans, keep in mind that I would love to feature your pictures, articles, artwork, reviews, etc. in The Shaft quarterly newsletter. If you would like to contribute something, please get ahold of me! You can email me at artsandsciences@al-barran.outlands.org or my SCA email of rois.longain@gmail.com. Thanks!



In Service,
Lady Róis
A&S Minister of al-Barran

Sewing Circle: Sunday evenings, 6:00pm – 09:00pm.
Scribal/Project Night: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month.

Knight Marshalls Report.

Sunday practice: average 12 unbelted, 4 chivalry

Wednesday practice: average 5 unbelted, 3 chivalry

Thursday practice: average 6 unbelted

No injuries or incidents to report.

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Lady Phaidra Thebaia

Knight Marshal

Barony of al-Barran

Events

al-Barran Midwinter

Barony of al-Barran

Saturday, December 15, 2018-Sunday, December 16, 2018

OPENS: 10:00 AM CLOSSES: 05:00 AM

Balut Abyad Shrine Center

6600 Zuni Rd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Event Steward: Phaidra Thebaia (Kimberly Sanchez)

phaidra.thebaia@gmail.com

(505) 270-8996

Site Fees: Adult Event Registration (16+) \$15, Adult Member

Discount Event Registration (16+) \$10, Youth (6-15) \$5, Child (under 5) Free. No family cap

Feast Fee (reservation required): Adult (16+) \$15, Youth (6-10) \$10, Child (under 5) free

Site is Wet Site

Please join the Barony of al-Barran as we celebrate Midwinter.

The Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa: In July 1212, a sheltered plain at Las Navas de Tolosa in Southern Spain was the scene for an extraordinary pitted battle. Here the king of Castile joined forces with the armies of his Christian rivals, the kings of Navarre, Aragon and Portugal. According to the legend it is believed that they mustered app. 100.000 men, which met an army of more than a 120,000 soldiers led by the caliph, Muhammad Al-Nasir. The battle became renowned all over Europe not only for its decisive character and the huge bounty, but because the war had been designated a crusade. Afterwards the battle became the symbol par excellence for the later collapse of the Almohad Empire as well as the Reconquista—especially in the historiography of the 19th and 20th century, when the battle came to symbolise the final triumph of the Castilian kingdom and the Catholic Church over the Muslim South and what has often been termed the“fanatical”Almohad regime.

Pass the day with your favorite activities: gaming, court dancing, singing, and the second round of the A&S Championship on December 16, from 10 am until 9 pm. After Court, the feast will feature dishes from Spain and the Middle East. Drive the cold winter away with the companionship of good friends and warm your blood with dancing and libations. The feast will be limited to 150 people. Due to space restrictions, there will be no off-boardseating.

No outside alcohol is allowed, but there will be a cash bar.

Join us again the next morning for the Traditional War Practice at

Montgomery Park as the Mighty Outlands prepares for War.

Pre-registration forms are available on the al-Barran website and please see our Facebook page for menu and activities updates.

Directions:

From I-40, take exit 161, San Mateo Blvd NE, south to Zuni Rd SE. From Zuni Rd SE, proceed east to the site, 6600 Zuni Rd SE. The Ballut Abayad Shrine Center is on the south side of Zuni. War Practice on Sunday will be at Montgomery Park, on Ponderosa Ave NE, between San Mateo Blvd NE and San Pedro Dr NE.