

# Baronial Shaft

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## From Their Excellencies

Greetings good populace of al-Barran!

It feels like we've blinked and the summer disappeared, but what a summer it was, starting off with a truly Grand Outlandish Tournament, continuing with Battlemore, the crowning of our new King and Queen, and ending with our favorite event, Champions of al-Barran!

The fall will prove to be equally enjoyable in al-Barran as we host the Kingdom A&S Collegium and of course Midwinter.

These magical events don't just happen. They are the work of creative volunteers who plan and host them. Without event coordinators, we'd all be stuck at home on Zoom, wishing there was something to do! We now call upon YOU to consider volunteering to host, co-host, or otherwise contribute to our 2024 events. We are quickly moving to the requirement that events be placed on the kingdom calendar six months in advance.

This means we need to start planning now for Grand Outlandish 2024. This year's Outlandish was magical and it was due to the hard work of Master Kaz and Sir Hroleif and the work of many volunteers came together to plan and run the event. We now need a new team for the next Outlandish to happen. You don't have to do it alone! We have a wealth of experience in this great Barony who can guide you through the planning process. Please reach out today if you want to see Grand Outlandish return!

We remain honored to serve this, the greatest Barony in the Knowne World,

Master Harduin of Heristal

THL Gwenlyn Aldwyn

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## From the Seneschal

From the meanderings of a contemplative Seneschal,

Off the Kings Highway of the Southern Outlands, I remember walking the midnight black desert trails of a wildlife refuge searching for rattlesnakes. This of course took some cautionary skills of observance, yet I was distracted by thoughts of Grand Outlandish and even farther out Lonely Mountain. I thought of service, what kind of Guardsman to the Barony was I going to be. What was I going to set up and who was I going to party with. I was young in the tribe and was still star struck with Kings, Nobels, and Peers. I was still trying to unravel the SCA and its peoples figuring out what I was committing too.

Like many aspects of life that have meaning the brain wants to encode and decode every scenario. So, I thought of the al-Barranians and Outlanders I had met while working, going to school, finding a career, and starting a family. Who are they, who am I, what do they do, I think I know what I do, what do they contribute, what do I contribute, are they cool, am I cool. Never did I not have a foot connected to my Barony. You get a sense of ownership as you pass time and more time with a group, an extended family. I found myself being overly critical of people (the Coronet, the Peers, the Crown, my friends). The old passage of expectations of others is bound to perceive failings in others. This is a flaw in myself and humanity I suppose. As I recognized my behavior, I sought to be more inclusive, tolerant, and accepting, this was long before DEI standards, I just wanted to have a SCA that was peaceful for me.

I jump forward to what I see today. As I approach two years of officer service in al-Barran my thoughts have solidified around my journey. First off volunteers are so critical to the day to day functions in the SCA but our volunteers are constantly laying track towards our future. Your officers are essentially paying to play at a much higher cost than your average member. The donation of time, resources, and creativity is quite mind-blowing. I never saw the reality of this until I joined the tribal leadership. My love for the folks who hold up our Kingdom and Barony has only grown. So, my ask of anybody reading this is to be softer in their judgments of others, offer more emotional and physical support. I challenge myself and my Outlands to less roasting and more boasting of the chosen tribe we belong to.

Love Kaz KrakrBiorn.

CHAMPIONS OF AL-BARRAN

CHAMPION OF AL-BARRAN  
LORD JAMESON MACTYRE

RAPIER CHAMPION/PROTECTOR OF  
THE BARONESS' HEART  
SIR SIMON DE MONTGOMERY

A&S CHAMPION  
DON BELA ISTVAN

BARD OF AL-BARRAN  
NOBLE BRYNJOLF BJARNISON

FLOWER OF CHIVALRY  
LORD SIGURD SCHMIED

RAPIER FLOWER OF CHIVALRY  
LORD PHINNEAS KANE

ARCHERY CHAMPION AND ARC DE  
SCORPION  
ROGUR



# KINGDOM A&S COLLEGIUM

NOVEMBER 4, 2023 8AM - 6PM

SANDIA PREP SCHOOL, 532 OSUNA RD NE

Their Majesties of the Kingdom of the Outlands invite you to join us for the Kingdom of the Outlands Arts and Sciences Collegium. Classes will take place throughout the day and there will be indoor and outdoor space for arts, sciences, and marshalate classes. Mobility impaired friendly. The site is discreetly wet.

**Autocrat:** Lady Annie amaurice62@outlook.com

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**Kingdom Contact:** THL Marion Forester artsandsciences@outlands.org

Adult Member Discount Event Registrations: \$15/ Adult Event Registration: \$20

Under 17 Free

Teaching registration form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx4IT5sQVivboUgYsUyUPSqSNORA9mQg2r2QhAPIv09S7amA/viewform>

Demos are welcome!

Laurel's Corner at Kingdom A & S Collegium In the Barony of al-Barran

This is your opportunity to ask a Laurel – whatever! This isn't a formal classroom setting, but rather a conversational area where you can ask questions, geek out about period stuff, or ask for help/advice. A schedule of "Laurels on standby" will be posted with the event schedule, along with our areas of expertise or interest. Come take a moment to relax and meet a few new faces, or ask the questions you've always wanted to ask. Any Laurel wishing to participate can reach out to Countess Aria de Chatillon, OL either via Facebook (Aria de Chatillon) or email (Countessaria@gmail.com).



Altura Park, ABQ NM

# TOYS FOR TOTS

## NOVEMBER 5TH

Starting at 10:30am

HEAVY AND LIGHT TOURNEYS  
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES  
BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER  
AND MORE!!!!

REACH OUT TO BARONESS GWENLYN  
([BARONESS@AL-BARRAN.OUTLANDS.ORG](mailto:BARONESS@AL-BARRAN.OUTLANDS.ORG))  
OR LORD ILO  
([CODYINICKLES13@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CODYINICKLES13@GMAIL.COM))  
FOR MORE INFO AND TO HELP

## al-Barran 2024 Planning Calendar

Month/Day	Event	Host/Steward	Notes
<b>December 22, 2023</b>	<b>Submit GOT bid</b>		
January 20	Coronation	Aarquelle	
February	War of the Phoenix	Atenveldt	
March 7-17 <b>March 14</b> March 23	Gulf Wars <b>Submit Champions bid</b> Kingdom A&S Comp		
April 20	Crown	Unser Hafen	
<b>May</b> <b>May 22-27</b>	<b>T4T event submit</b> <b>Grand Outlandish</b>	<b>al-Barran</b> <b>al-Barran</b>	<b>Event submission due 12/22/23</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Midwinter Bid Due</b>	<b>al-Barran</b>	
July 1-7 <b>July 20</b>	Battlemoor <b>Coronation</b>	<b>al-Barran</b>	<b>Event submission due 1/20/24</b>
August			
<b>September 14 or 28</b> September 21	<b>Champions of al-Barran</b> Kingdom A&S Collegium	<b>al-Barran</b> Caer Galen	<b>Event submission due 3/14/24</b>
October 19	Crown	Dragonsspine	
<b>November</b>	<b>Toys for Tots</b>	<b>al-Barran</b>	<b>Event submission due 5/24</b>
<b>December 14 or 21</b>	<b>Midwinter</b>	<b>al-Barran</b>	<b>Event submission due 6/14/24</b>

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# MIDWINTER

9 DECEMBER 2023 • 9:00 AM  
THE SHRINER HALL



Long ago travelers following the Silk Road between the steps of Asia and the Mediterranean would winter in the warm climates of friendly Persian cities, and enjoy the hospitality of their rich culture.

This midwinter celebration conjures the flavour and charm of such a refuge on a cold al-Barranian night. Join al-Barran under the Antares Star.

Site opens at 9am

- Chess and Cribbage Tournaments in the Morning
- Beginners Belly Dancing
- Sekanjabin Tutorial and Tasting
- Best Decorated Table Competition decided by the Populace

Site is Wet

Members \$15 (non-Member surcharge of \$5)

Feast \$15 (non-Member surcharge of \$5)

Attendees 17 Years and Younger are Free (including Feast)

**December 9th at Ballut Abyad Shriners 6600 Zuni Rd  
SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108**

# WAR PRACTICE

Sunday November 5, 2023  
Altura Park



# WE NEED YOU!

Grand Outlandish is a multi-day event and as such, requires a bit more advance preparation. We need an event steward or steward team to get the ball rolling. Much of the ground work was laid last year and you will be supported by the most generous and helpful Barony in the Known World. Please consider stepping up to undertake this noble quest! Feel free to reach out to our Seneschal, Master Kaz or to Their Excellencies for more information, advice, and encouragement.

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While we asking...we also need an event coordinator for next summer's Coronation (July 2024). This is a chance to shine as you make your Barony shine in front of the whole Kingdom!