



Baronial Shaft

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From Their Excellencies

Happy New Year Greetings, mighty al-Barran! We hope this missive finds you well and that the new year proves one of happiness and prosperity for all.

We first wish to commend the team who coordinated Midwinter for it was a glorious, beautiful, and delicious event! Dona Lucrezia and Lord Gregor the Younger did a splendid job wrangling all the various components of an event of this magnitude; Mistress Aria and Master AEthelwulf created an amazing feast (helped by students from St Goliass and Blaiddwyn); the gate team led by Lord Ilo truly had their work cut out for them with so many attendees; Herr Johan von Horne for organizing serves, Countess Aria for managing pre-reg; and we cannot fail to mention the amazing clean up crew who left the site cleaner than they found it!

Looking ahead, we have War of the Phoenix in February and then no largel al-Barran events until Grand Outlandish in May. However, this doesn't mean there's nothing to do! In addition to weekly fighter practices, Mistress Ymana and Mistress Ceridwen host regular project nights where all are welcome to come craft or just socialize. We have our January Populace Meeting January 27 (more info below) as well as some upcoming Arts and Sciences activities! Truly, it is a good time to be an al-Barranian!

To keep al-Barran mighty, we rely on YOU, both to attend events, organize them, and guide our Barony as an officer. You may think these latter positions seem daunting, but in reality, you are never alone as either an event coordinator or an officer--you have a team of dedicated and experienced people to help you! We have several deputy officer positions open which is a

great way to get a feel for what's involved without having to take it on all at once. Regarding event coordination, we have a few set annual events (GOT, Champions and Midwinter). Do you have an idea for another event? Not everything has to be a 300+ person event! Please bring us your ideas --we would love to see some new events on our calendar! You are encouraged to reach out to us or our Seneschal at fighter practice or via email. Let us help bring your vision to life!

Ever yours in service, Harduin, Baron, Gwenlyn Baroness

(Midwinter photos below courtesy of Rachael Rodgers and Catherine Rose FitzEdmunds)





Populace Meeting
January 27, 2024 10am-noon
Taylor Ranch Community Center
4900 Kachina St NW 87120

Come share what you'd like to see for al-Barran in 2024! Your voice is important and we want to hear it.

There will also be a rattan sword-making workshop and a garb repair station, plus just good, fun community!

Exchequer

Greetings to the mighty populace of al-Barran!

Please see below for the Reeve's financial report from July - December 2023

Balance on July 1, 2023 - \$26,872.11

- Demo Westside Summerfest - Profit of \$2500.00
- Sworded Affair (free event) - Loss of \$284.34
- Baronial Champions (free event) - Loss of \$940.19
- Kingdom A&S Collegium - Profit of \$733.28 and profit of \$733.28 to Kingdom
- Midwinter - Profit of \$3312.93 (includes \$340.00 to Kingdom for Non-Member fees and \$500.00 donation to Kingdom War Fund)

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2023 - \$28,513.01

There were also some other expenses like buying new medallions and reimbursing for food for populace meetings, but I did not itemize everything here. If you would like a detailed report, please send an email to reeve@al-barran.outlands.org.

Thank you,

Sir Trevor

Greetings Officers of al-Barran,

We are in the process of annual planning, and I would like to request any officers who will need financial support their office to please submit a budget by the beginning of February. It can as formal or informal as you like, but it's nice for our leadership to have any idea about how much of our groups money we will need to dedicate for specific areas and interests. If you think you might need funds or supplies during the next year, then let me or Kaz know what you will need.

Thank you,

Sir Trevor

Arts and Sciences

Greetings unto the populace of Mighty al-Barran. I hope the new year is treating you well so far. During 2024, we have many opportunities to share knowledge and resources. So, with that in mind, if you would like to host a class, workshop, or demonstration this year, please feel free to send a proposal to me at artsandsciences@al-barran.outlands.org.

Be sure to include date, location, and scope of your arts and sciences activity. If you need help finding a location to host, please let me know. Together, we can make it happen.

I would like to thank Mistress Cerdwyn, Mistress Ymanya, Mistress Catriona,

Lady Rolena, and our Baroness, Lady Gwenlyn for hosting classes and workshops in 2023. I am looking forward to what we might accomplish in 2024!

In Service,

Syr Hrolleifr Harbjorn
Minister of Arts & Sciences
Barony of al-Barran

Greetings from your Scribe Officer!

It was a lovely finish to 2023 with many gentles being recognized in the past few months. I want to thank all the Scribes that have contributed their time, supplies, and creativity to making these precious scrolls for our honored recipients. It really is special to have something to remember the moment with.

Coming soon, I will begin to have short interviews with our wonderful Scribes to post into the shaft, so that you too can learn who they are, and if you have a moment, give thanks for what they do to progress the game.

As some know, there is a Project Night at Sandia Prep about once a month. I would also like to host a Scribal Night as well, but first I will be gathering interest on when the majority would like it to be held. You can either reply to the posting when you see it on the al-Barran Facebook page, or email me your thoughts.

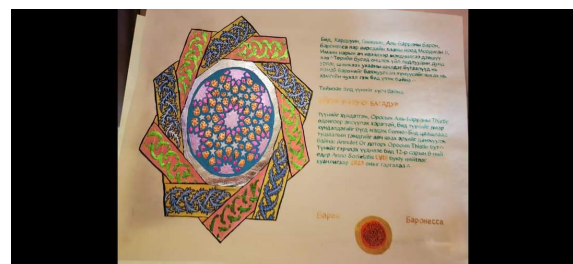
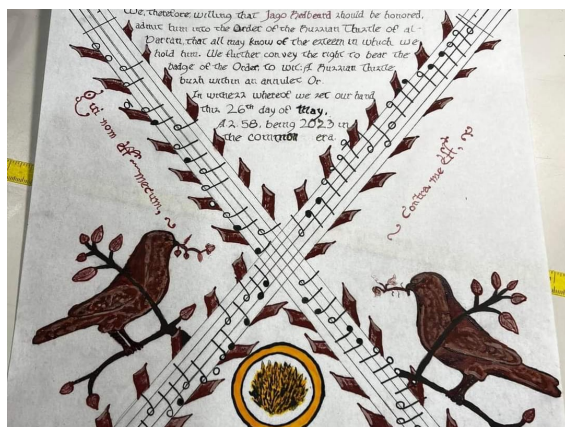
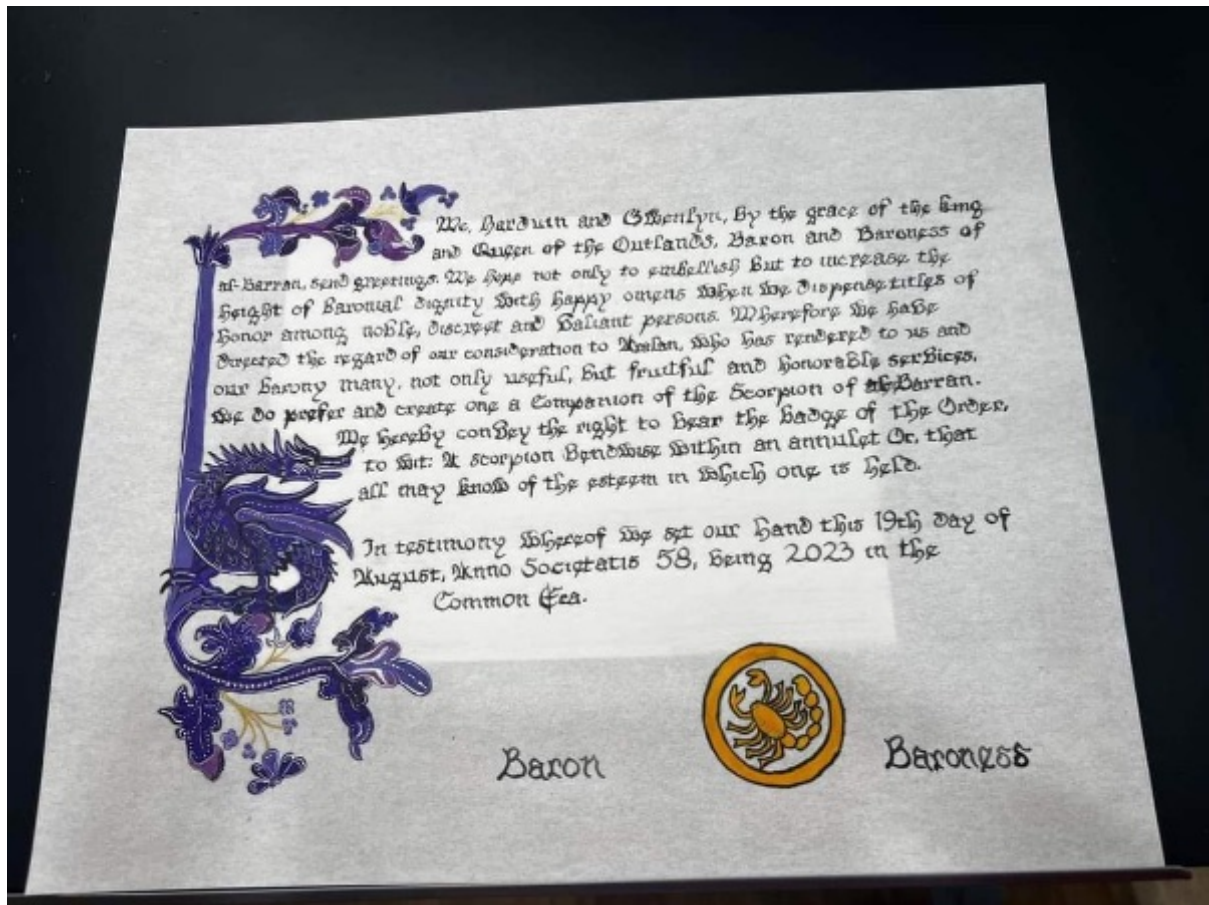
For now, I leave you with warm wishes in these chilly months for a spectacular year.

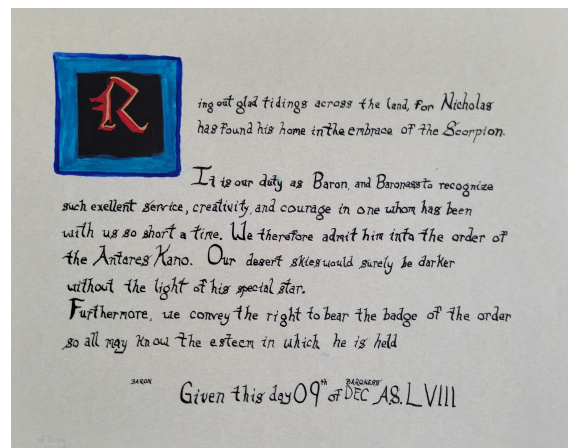
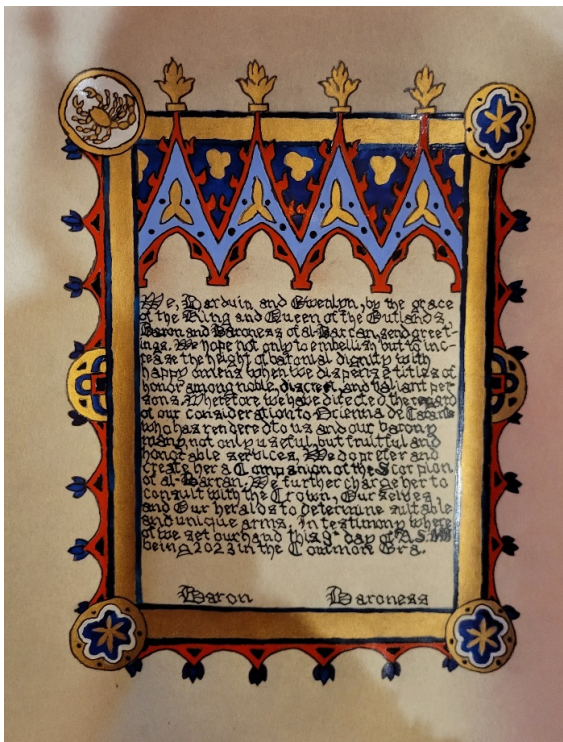
In Kindness and Service,

Baroness Róis
al-Barran Scribe Officer
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Here are some of the beautiful scrolls presented at Midwinter. Scrolls are the

works of Inea of Atenveldt, Phaidra Thebaia, Constantine Cortez, and Baroness Róis.





Thoughts From Your Seneschal

A Tribute To Our Elders.

When you start hanging out at 21 everyone is older. How do you know who your Elder is? It starts with hellos and how are yous. It is overhearing someone's knowledge on making items from centuries ago breathing life into them yet again. Listening to stories of battles of brotherhood and camaraderie. Spearshots and column charges, and prepar Smelling recipes that feed households and energize armies. Feeling the garb, hats, and boots that will catch the mundanes eye but yet always fits like home. My gateway into all of this was our elders. Their world became my world. As days and years pass the elders have helped me become part of this tribe. Schooling, working, raising a family, all of this ties in. My elders have always given me support in those aspects of life that come first. When it was time to play and create this medieval fantasy my elders had the template. I am grateful for this guidance. I truly love my elders. After two decades of hanging around this tribe, being a dad, being a

husband, being a friend, I try to prepare myself for the moment I become an elder. When we spend the years with each other we see so much of each other's journey. From the beginning to the end. There never is enough time to express the appreciation for what we do and can give each other. It is an intimate experience to share our lives. Committing to being an elder, to sticking with us for a lifetime, is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

Love and Respect.

Kaz KrakrBiorn



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