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Words from the Baron and Baroness

Unto the populace of the Ancient and Glorious Barony of Loch Salann we do send greetings,

With the passing of the holidays, the short winter days and long cold nights of the season allow us all time to reflect upon whom we are and where we are going in our day to day lives as a new year begins to take shape. This should also true for our SCA personas. I know I tend to drift along on occasion, just doing the same things and not really striving to achieve some of the objectives I've set for myself over the years. I have recently been selected to be the Crown's representative for your Barony and not too long ago was honored to be accepted as a member of the Order of the Laurel. Having been given these responsibilities I thought it would be a good idea to look into exactly what those responsibilities involved. Although I had read through the Governing Documents of the SCA when I was Seneschal, it had not really made an impression on me at the time that all of the peerages have the same set of requirements and I had some work to do in order to satisfy those requirements in a more complete manner. Quoting from Corpora, one of the eight listed requirement for all of the peerages states, "They shall have made every effort to learn and practice those skills desirable at and worthy of a civilized court. To this end they should have some knowledge of a wide range of period forms, including but not limited to literature, dancing, music, heraldry, and chess, and they should have some familiarity with combat as practiced in the Society." Hopefully this period of relatively low activity over the next couple of months will allow us to improve our status in these regards.

We are looking forward to the investiture of our longtime friends in the Barony of Gryphon's Lair later this month. We're sure that it will be a grand occasion and hope everyone will make an attempt to join us there for the celebration.

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Near the end of this month Her Excellency Jennet and I are hosting an Awardees and Newcomers Reception and the Holdtyle Manor. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity to recognize those whom have received awards and welcome our newcomers. More details will follow on the website as to the time and directions.

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Investiture such a marvelous experience for us and all who attended. We were overwhelmed with the attendance, and even though it stretched the capacity of the hall, we hope all who came had as lovely a time as we did.

Bjorn
Baron

Jennet
Baroness

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Seneschal

Greeting unto the Populace of the most ancient and glorious Barony of Loch Salann, here are the words of your Deputy Seneschal, Greetings.

Another year has come and gone and as we look back and reflect upon the events, let us pause once more to thank Their Excellencies Ryryd and Anna for the countless hours spent in service as our Baron and Baroness, and also warmly welcome Their Excellencies Bjorn and Jennet to the thrones. The annual celebration of the Winter Solstice was a fantastic event. The Honorable Lady Saja was elevated to The Order of the Pelican, and there was much merriment and fun. St. Nikolas came, and passed out games and treats to the children, and the feast provided by M'Lord Quillant was second to none.

Looking ahead, a dark shadow can be seen on the horizon as the rumbling of the Demonic Decapod can be heard throughout the Barony. Their Excellencies Bjorn and Jennet have issued a call for all Heavy, Rapier and Youth combatants to come and test their mettle to determine the ones who will venture forth to challenge and defeat the Demon Brine Shrimp. Sir Robert Le Raven McLeod will be the autocrat for this event, with Lady Lianor and Lord Henry providing the feast. More details to come.

All of our offices currently have officers, however if you have ever considered serving the Barony in any capacity, but did not know where to start, being a deputy is a great way to learn. If you would like to see what officers are currently without a deputy, please check the baronial website, in the officers section. Contact myself, or the current officer for more information on any of the deputy positions you are interested in.

Our weekly fighter practice continues at our winter location in the warehouse behind the Zions bank building on 1635 S Redwood Rd. Parking is slightly limited near the door, so car pool if possible. Please do not block the ATM machine or the night drop box. Archery Practice has moved to the winter site at Salt Lake Archery in Sugarhouse (1130 Wilmington Ave, just west of Sugarhouse Park). The times will not change.

Description of Duties of the Seneschal

- Adhere to all requirements as listed under "General Officer Duties"
- Serve as legal representative of the Barony and be responsible for enforcement of modern law, Corpora, Kingdom law, and the Baronial Policies and Procedures at SCA functions.
- Set the agenda for the Baronial Forum and other meetings and ensure that meetings are run in an orderly manner.
- Interface with the modern world, including the media, to ensure that the SCA is appropriately represented.
- Serve as a member of the Baronial financial committee.
- Accept event bids and select the primary autocrats for Baronial events in accordance with the Baronial event bid policy.

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- Ensure that waivers are executed when required and sent to the Kingdom Waiver Secretary within 30 days.
- Maintain Baronial Policies and Procedural Manuals, ensuring that they are in compliance with modern law, Corpora and Kingdom law.
- Determine the proposed Baronial Event Calendar in consultation with the Baronage, populace and Baronial officers prior to the annual Kingdom Calendar meeting and participate in the Kingdom Calendar Meeting as scheduled by the Kingdom Seneschal.
- Oversee the activities of incipient groups under Baronial sponsorship.

Lord Dunkr Ormrhandleggr
Seneschal – Barony of Loch Salann



Chronicler

Beginning in March, 2012, the *Questing Quill* will be moving to a free electronic-only format. Current subscribers will be contacted between now and then about a prorated reimbursement of your subscription fee. Please stay tuned between now and then for information on how to access your newsletters after we make this change.

Lady Belladonna di Francia
Chronicler



Minister of Arts and Sciences

Unto the Populace of Loch Salann does Katherine Kelly send greetings.

A great many things are happening these days in Arts and Sciences.

Many of the guilds continue to meet and welcome new participants. The musicians meet on Thursdays, the needle-workers meet on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month, and the Cooks are meeting the 4th Tuesday. There are also opportunities for armoring, sewing and a monthly Arts and Sciences class on the 3rd Friday of every month. The first four classes are Garb Frenzy with a make your own dress form clinic, Acid Etching, Japanese Folding Fans, and Parasols. Please see the Baronial Website for the current list or contact me.

In addition, I have been granted permission by Her Excellency Jennet to issue two challenges to the populace. The first is the 50 for 50 year challenge that was issued some time ago across the Knowne World. The A&S 50 Challenge can take one of two forms; either Depth or Breadth. The Depth Challenge is to create/do 50 of any one thing – make 50 pairs of shoes for your Shire, pen 50 scrolls for your Kingdom. The Breadth Challenge can be about either trying new things, (either completely new to you, variations on things you have done before, or even new to your household, local group, or even Kingdom), or about creating a complete persona package (things that your persona would know about, have, and know how to do). Both individuals and groups may enter, and can choose to complete as many Challenges of either type as they please! For more info on this challenge, please visit <http://artsandsciences50.org>.

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The 2nd challenge is of my own devising. This coming year, I have challenged myself to spend at least 15 minutes a day being creative and working on something. I would like now to extend that challenge to all of you. Please join me in making 2012 your most creative year yet. 15 minutes is day, six days a week would give you an hour and a half of progress. And just a little creativity each day is nourishing to soul.

If you would like to participate in either or both of these challenges or (if you've already started), please let me know so I can keep up with your progress and recognize your achievements. The artists of Loch Salann are some of the finest in the Knowne World and I can't wait to see what all of you are up to. You all inspire me daily.

Much more is coming up this year. Stay tuned for articles highlighting each of the 31 Artemisian grand categories.

For now I remain in service to the Dream,

Lady Katherine Kelly

Minister of Arts and Sciences

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