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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 03/25/2026

Started At: 7:03 pm

Attended: Seneschal, Exchequer, Deputy Herald, Knights Marshal, MoL, Chatelain, Deputy Chatelain, Baroness and Baron, Web Minister, Deputy Chronicler, members of the populace.

Officer Reports

Chatelain: Greetings everyone, not much new to report as it's been pretty quiet on the newcomer front. We did get a visit from a nice young man at our last practice who had a chance to visit with multiple groups and listen in on some of our happenings and goings on. We shall see if we can lure him back along with one or both of his parents.

Hoping to hear back from Rebekkah on how it's going with her warrant. I have reached out to our Kingdom Chatelain to find out when our next Chatelain 101 class is expected. I should hear back from her soon.
Looking forward to the coming months when everyone starts to come out of their cocoon.

There was a discussion at the last practice about adding in practice announcements to the Chatelain duties. In my opinion, this is not a bad idea. It centralizes the notifications and a single point of contact if there are any questions.

Chronicler: Lady Brigit has taken over as deputy chronicler. We need to get her warranted, then Dagny will be stepping down as chronicler. Brigit has already reached out to the Atlantian Web Minister for the change of email addresses. We are hoping that the populace will reach out with pieces they want published in the April Yeoman. That is all we have to report.

Exchequer: Finished the February statements. I am currently working on Baronial Birthday, which I am hoping to finish this weekend. I have received budget drafts for Trial by Fire and for Royal Archer

Herald: I'm sorry but I can't attend the business meeting as I am traveling.

Elyzabeth MacAlister and I attended Kingdom Arts and Science where I heralded the Baron and Baroness into court while Elyzabeth proudly displayed the Heraldic Staff created by Baron William. Additionally, Elyzabeth displayed her heraldic research on squirrels for which she received a Toot Toot from Her Majesty.

I am not aware of any requests for, or updates to, any name or device submissions.

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Knights Marshal: We have held two practices since our last meeting, the first on Sunday, March 8th, where we had 5 heavy fighters and 2 youth fighters. We also held a practice last Sunday on March 22 following the archery shed clean-up at the Bowman. It was a beautiful day that a total of 11 heavy fighters enjoyed the day, including His Excellency William Ringlancer. We held single combat during the first part of the practice and were able to practice small group tactics later on when we moved to small group melees. We then finished the day with hamburgers, hotdogs, and war stories, what a glorious day it was.

The next practice is scheduled for Sunday, April 12th, starting at 12:30 PM. Please keep an eye on the calendar as these dates have a tendency to change due to other Bowman activities and events.

I am planning on attending Defending the Gate next weekend and hope to see some of you there.

Target Archery Marshal (TAM): We had our first practice of the year on 3/8 with 11 participants, 2 of which were new youth archers. We also had a clean up of the shed at the bowmen 3/22 and had plenty of help from archers as well as fighters before their practice. Thank you everyone that helped out, it definitely helped us finish up much quicker than expected.

Due to Easter Sunday being 4/5, I decided to schedule the next archery practice for April 12th starting at 1pm. Just as a heads up for anyone that is interested, there is a 3D shoot at the bowmen on 3/19.

MoAS: We had several of the populace that attended and participated in KASF on March 7, which was also attended by the Baron and Baroness:

- Our current Baronial Brewing Champion, Lewin De Partone (Brian Lewin Parton) participated in the brewing competition long distance.
- Michael Russ (Michael Russel), last year's A&S champion, competed in the Interbaronial A&S championship with a set of cast pewter and enamel buttons in the shape of the Bright Hills populace badge. They also competed in the 19th Annual Duke Gyrth Oldcastle memorial poetry smackdown, and was awarded an Undine by Her Majesty in court!
- Our current A&S champion, Erasmus Taylor (Kevin King) displayed beautiful silk knitted gloves, and a pilgrim cape.
- Lady Katheryne aff Kreigskiep (Katheryne Maeder) displayed and demonstrated fiber arts and spinning
- There was a Heraldic Display on Squirrels by Elyzabeth MacAlister Morgan, for which she was awarded a Toot Toot by her Majesty in Court.
- Emma MacKenzie (Emma Doherty) displayed casting and jewelry work

At the Bright Hills Baronial Gathering on March 8th, Michael Russ hosted a demo in pewter casting that had several participants throughout the day. The Bright Hills Cooks guild also met to recap the feast from Bright Hills Baronial

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Birthday, and discuss what they were planning to do for the Royal Archer Bake Sale/Lunch fundraiser. No other guilds have offered a report, and, at this time, are considered inactive.

On Wednesday, March 18th, I hosted a GoogleMeet class taught by Michael Russ on Irish Syllabic Poetry. The class included 5 participants, two of which were from out of Kingdom. We learned some of the history of this type of poetry, and each got to workshop a quatrain that we wrote in order to better understand the rules of this form.

I am currently looking for other individuals that would be interested in teaching a class, either virtually, or in person, and am planning at the very least a virtual class for April. I have also started sharing A&S opportunities being offered by other groups, and plan on reaching out to the kingdom MOAS to see if there is a better, more centralized way we can distribute information on A&S events at a kingdom level.

Individual A&S projects from the populace include:

- Jacob Selmar (uncertain of SCA name) is lambing out their flock of Viking Era sheep
- Baron Heinrich Kreiner is working on a 14th century conical helm, among other projects
- Anna Mackenzie (Jennifer Doherty) is working on wire wrapping and bead weaving, which she was inspired by at KASF
- Lady Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield (Sharon Saroff) is gathering materials for and working on two Byzantine necklaces, as well as making garb for the upcoming Night at the Port event. She is also researching period medicinal drinks.
- Baroness Wanda Ostojowna (Wanda Lee Kinnie) is working on largess for both Barony and Kingdom
- Magistra Sigrid Briansdottir (Anne Marie Decker) presented a talk on Medieval European Nalbinding through MEDATS and is testing stitches at period row height
- Karen Kalbaugh (uncertain of SCA name) is working on an Elizabethan woman's waistcoat.
- I attended a class on fruit tree grafting, and acquired/grafted several historic apple varieties, including two that are probably pre-1650 (a caiville blanc d'hiver, a pomme gris, and (potentially, history is a bit hazy) a white winter pearmain.) Eventually, they will be trained into historically-informed Espalier shapes. I am also slowly sewing a new 14th century buttoned cote.
- Nest Verch Gwilim has been working on block printing a friend's badge to use for vigil tokens. They will also be traveling out of kingdom to the Nova Schola event in the Shire of Hartshorn-dale to teach a class on various types of Heraldic display
- Fiordelisia has been working on beaded jewelry, and intends to make beaded cords and chains to donate as largess for award medallions.

MoL: Nothing to report from the last month.

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Web Minister: Please get the kingdom email situated. Faolan, for online classes, please let him know so he can advertise the class and put it on the calendar.

Seneschal: I have been updating the officers list. My warrant expires at the end of April, and Baroness Freydis is looking to step up as Seneschal. Thank you to everyone for all the support in the years I have been doing this.

Baronage: Thank you Mistress Jeanne for your exceptional service to the barony. We had a nice gathering on Sunday for cleaning the shed out, with an exceptional turnout. We are excited to go to Defending the Gate, and we are working with Mistress Barb for the display for coronation.

Baronial Events, Gatherings and Activities

Royal Archer: The Royals have confirmed they are planning to go to Royal Archer. What does the baronage need to set up the Royals? What space and accommodations are needed? We will need to vote to approve the budget and we will move forward from there. We discussed the payment schedule for the Bowman and PortaCastles. Chris needs to reach out to the Head Retainer for their Highnesses. The Barony would provide the 20x20 and the retainer would let us know if we need to bring in thrones, etc. Clara states that we need a liaison for the royals, do we need a budget for the dayboard for the royals? Chris informs that there was no room in the budget for food, looking for fundraisers. Are we giving the royals a room, and a board? If the cooks guild handles the fundraiser lunch, they would handle the day board for the royals. Kaloch and Becky are willing to send up a 20x20 pavilion (dayshade only) and their thrones for Royal Archer. Are we setting up SCOREs or not? Chris doesn't have anything planned for SCOREs. Royals are only comped for the troll. Clara and Wanda are going to be troll for Royal Archer. Is prereg going to open up? Is that a part of SCOREs? The Barony needs to approve the budget before any prereg can get put out. Is there signage for the barony and SCA? Would they be available? Normally they put a sign at the gate that says where troll is. Are there parking signs? Wanda has offered hers. Chris will be there to put up targets on Friday. Nothing left for Royal Archery.

Trial By Fire: Lewin sent the budget to the officers email. The Seneschal is okay with us putting TBF on the Kingdom Calendar. No officer has received the email aside from the Exchequer and Seneschal. Clara will email it after she has approved it. Lewin is looking into siege and siege authorizations. No clout is expected so we will have a siege area.

Potential New Event: Michael Russ is looking to run dual barony event with Highland Foorde and Bright Hills. The site they are looking at is on Highland Foord land but Bright Hills would be hosting. People would fight for points to win bragging rights. Clara would like Michael to reach out to her so we can answer questions. Michael is looking at October and November. The site is \$2200.00 for the weekend, 3pm Fri- 12 Sun. Get in contact with Highland Foorde. We need their approval for the site but we need to discuss with Clara first. We need to make sure the baronies come to an agreement first and then we talk to the royalties first before we put it on the calendar.

Old Business: None

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New Business: Darby has confirmed all archery practices are correct through June. April 12th is the next archery practice, and the cooks guild will be meeting then also. We are moving fighter practice and the gathering to April 12th. There is the Maryland Fairy Festival demo happening on May 3rd.

There will be a gathering on May 31st, that will have fighting, archery, and a yard sale!

Next Meeting: 15th of April, 2026.

Meeting adjourned: 8:03 pm

Upcoming Baronial Activities & Events

Bright Hills Gathering | April 12th | 1-3pm | Baltimore Bowman, Glen Arm, MD

Will have Fighting and Archery

Monthly A&S Class | Using library resources for A&S | *date* | Virtual | Teacher: Baroness Beatrice

Maryland Fairy Festival Demo | May 2nd-3rd | Rocky Point Park, Essex, MD | *Please reach out to our Chatelain, Rebecca von Zweckel, for more information*

Baronage Event Calendar

Defending the Gate | March 28th | Spotsylvania Courthouse VA | [Defending The Gate](#)

Coronation of Wilhelm and Genevieve | April 4th | Fredericksburg VA | [The Coronation of Wilhelm and Genevieve](#)

Night on the Port | April 11th | Severn MD | [Night at the Port](#)

Revenge of the Stitch | April 17th - 19th | Denton MD | [Revenge of the Stitch XI](#)

Storvik Novice Tournament | April 24th - 26th | Upper Marlboro MD | [Storvik Novice Tournament](#)

Gem Joust | May 22nd -25th | Hanover VA | [Gem Joust](#)

If you would like to retain for any of these events, please reach out to Head Retainer, Wanda the Wanderer via email, 4wandathewanderer@gmail.com

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Letter to the Barony

Greetings and Felicitations to the Wonderful People of Bright Hills!

We close out the month of March with a successful excursion to Defending the Gate in Sudentorre, and now we turn our attention to a very full calendar in April:

4th: Spring Coronation - Stierbach

11th: Night at the Port - Lochmere (Baronial Investiture)

17-19: Revenge of the Stitch XI - Spiaggia Levantina

25th: Storvik Novice Tournament - Storvik

Please take a look at your calendars and join us when you are able; we would dearly love your company, and we wish to cheer on and support our populace whenever they compete or display.

We ask the populace to consider crafting some items for largesse; there are always baronial investitures and coronations coming up. We are continuously impressed by and ferociously proud of our artists and craftspeople! Let's show your stuff!



One of the greatest joys we have is to recognize the worthy actions of our populace; we beg a boon of you all, please, to submit those you deem worthy of recognition for baronial or kingdom awards. ANYONE can recommend people for awards!

We look forward to spending time with you soon, and supporting you, the barony, as you go out in Greater Atlantia and show what is meant by Only The Best from Bright Hills!

William and Celest
Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills

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Baronial Whims

Greetings Unto the Barony!

We have been asked by interested parties in the Barony about our whims etc. so we thought we would publish them here in the Yeoman so all who care to know can access them.

Here are the Whims of Their Excellencies William and Celest

Primus: Neither of Their Excellencies eat Pork/Ham/Pig Parts in any way shape or form, nor do they partake of any Shellfish.

Their Excellencies have very similar palates, with some differences.

The Similarities:

Their Excellencies enjoy a wide variety of foods, in a wide variety of styles. For main dishes, chicken, beef, venison, goose, duck, veal, turkey, and lamb are always welcome, but preferably grilled, roasted, smoked, or stewed rather than battered and fried.

Most vegetables are enjoyed, especially leafy greens (except kale), cabbage and other low to medium glycemic vegetables. Their Excellencies love cheese in (almost) all forms, roasted salted nuts, olives, and mushrooms.

For beverages, water or unsweetened iced tea fit the bill for meals, PowerAde Zero (prefer blue for Him, red for Her) when rehydrating on the field, and coffee with creamer and stevia in the morning is as vital to life as air and water.

Their Excellencies do not partake of alcohol.

For health reasons, Their Excellencies must limit starchy, high-carbohydrate foods and thus also prefer to decline offerings of sweet desserts or baked goods. Thank you for your understanding.

The use of mint should be gentle and moderate; a light touch.

The Differences:

For His Excellency, Fish, for the most part, is not enjoyed...although salmon/lox or cod is usually safe. Pickled fish are right out. Her Excellency, on the other hand, enjoys fish and loves them pickled and smoked...but she is especially fond of lox.

While His Excellency has no food allergies; Her Excellency is allergic to pork, kale, and roses (including rosewater), but has never turned down the gift of a beautiful rose.

Neither blue cheese nor cilantro are friends of Her Excellency, while they are quite welcome on His Excellency's plate (including blues of formidable pungency!)

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Our personal colors are green and white (His) and purple and white (Hers)

His Excellency has a personal badge of a field of green covered in sunflowers, and he is very, very fond of sunflowers. Her Excellency adores all flowers but especially roses and purple flowers.

Badges/symbols associated with us:

His Excellency: black bear, sunflower, a ring (annulet) quartered green and white

Her Excellency: purple hearts

Our preferred persona portrayal is 1370's English (that's our "home" or default period); however we explore others (We wore 15th C for Investiture, for example) based on mood, event theme...and weather and comfort!

Thank you!

William and Celest

Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills

Historical Happenings in April

- Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain on April 2nd, 1513
- Raphael, the renaissance artist was born on April 6th, 1483
- Raphael died April 6th, 1520
- King Richard the Lionheart died April 6th, 1199
- Bananas first recorded sale in England was April 10th, 1633
- Henry the 8th became King of England on April 21st, 1509
- William Shakespeare died, aged 52, on April 23rd, 1616

Electronic Connection

The Baronial website is available at: <http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/>

The baronial Facebook page is located at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brighthills/>

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