

The Banner Online

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From The Baron & Baroness

Greetings unto the Populace of Blackstone Mountain

We wanted to take this opportunity in the last Banner of the year to tell you how much we have enjoyed working with all of you this year and representing you as your Baron and Baroness. It has been an exciting year for us and all of you have helped so much to make it a wonderful year.

Everyone worked so hard to pull together the investiture on short notice. The Baronial Championship was a great event even through the rain. It brought us four Baronial Champions, who went on to represent us well in the Inter-Baronial championships. Baron Cunedda, Lord Kire, Lord Jethro and Lord Alexandair brought honor to us and the Barony is their performance as Champions, both with the quality of their performance in the competition and with their honor and chivalry on the field. In the upcoming championship we hope to add a bardic and arts and sciences competition to the Baronial Championship. Please be giving thought to the area that interests you and plan to

participate. The Barony has many talented people and we want to see them all recognized.

Blackstone Raid was a success in every way. It saw the beginning of our pig roast tradition, the second Baronial Triathlon, the introduction of the trebuchet, and the continuation of Blackstone Raid as a successful much looked forward to event.

Crown Tourney was a challenge, coming so soon after Blackstone Raid, but the Barony was able to show once again that we can accomplish what we set out to do.

Pennsic was a great event. The Baronial encampment was a great place to be. Snoozing in the afternoon, to earn the "Sable Sloth award", and eating wonderful food prepared by the campers. It was a good time for all and everyone worked so hard to make the Barony shine. We were able to make every appearance requested of us and your support made that possible.

So, at the end of this first year, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and hard work and tell you how much we look forward to serving you and working with you in the coming year.

Tomas and Rowan

Event Calendar

January

3rd *Æthelmearc 12th Night (Beau Fleuve)*
17th St. Swithin' s Bog Annual 12th Night
(St. Swithin' s Bog)

February

7th Winter Rose - St Dorothea's Day – Ball
(Sylvan Glen)
13th-15th Tournament of the White Heart (Port Oasis)
21st The Feast of the Seven Deadly Sins (Delftwood)
28th College of 3 Ravens (Thescore)

March

6th Donnan Party V (Sunderoak)
6th The Sword and the Rose (Riversedge)
15th-21st Gulf Wars XIII (Meridies)
20th The Passing of the Ice Dragon (Rhydderich Hael)

April

3rd 30th Baronial Birthday Event (Debatable Lands)
17th *Coronation (Beau Fleuve)*
22nd-25th **Blackstone Raids XIII (Blackstone Mountain)**
23rd-25th Axes and Ales VI (Sterlynge Vayle)
24th Cooks Collegium (Debatable Lands)

Proposed Changes To the Baronial By-Laws
Officers' Meeting November 23,2003

The following items were discussed at the November Officer Meeting. The populus is incuraged to read these over and comment on them.

Change II.A.6 to read

All officers must maintain a current paid membership during the duration of their term.

Change II.B.2.e.iii to read

Officers who miss three consecutive Baronial business meetings can be subject to removal by a majority vote of officers at the next meeting.

To be added II.F to read

1.Offices required by Capora and Kingdom are as follows:

- a. Seneschal
 - b. Exchequer
 - c. Knight Marshal
 - d. Minister of Arts & Sciences
 - e. Herald
 - f. Chronicler
 - g. Chatelaine/Castellan
 - h. Minister of Lists
- 2.Additional baronial offices:
- a. Archery Marshal
 - b. Fencing Marshal
 - c. Thrown Weapons Marshal
- (note- - - May be more?)

To be added II.B.2.g to read

All officers must submit quarterly reports to "The Banner"

Change II.E.1.c to read

Kingdom officers may remove their subordinate officer

Change III.D to read

The location, date, and time of the Baronial business meeting will be published on the baronial list serve, website and announced at the preceding meeting. Further more, it will be published in "The Banner" but will be subject to change in this medium.

Change III.H to read

Business may be performed at a meeting only in the presence of a majority of the baronial officers or their deputies.

Removal of IV.E

Change IV.G to read

Every second quarter these policies will be published in "The Banner" in their entirety.

Change V.A.1 to read
Expenditures of \$70.00 or less must be authorized jointly by the Baronial Seneschal and Exchequer.

Change V.A.2 to read
Expenditures of over \$70.00 must be approved by a majority of the baronial officers.

Change V.B.2 to read
All reimbursements of \$70.00 or less must be authorized jointly by the Baronial Seneschal and Exchequer.

Change V.B.3 to read
All reimbursements of over \$70.00 must be approved by a majority of the baronial officers.

To be added VIII.A.8 to read
All ties will be decided by the current landed Baron and Baroness of Blackstone Mountain.

Removal of III.E.5

Change III.E.6 to read
Proxy votes or absentee votes are not acceptable.

Items Tabled: to be discussed at next meeting

III.A discuss wording

Membership section to be added?

Robert's Rules of Order

VIII.B Baronial election procedures

Items Turned Down

Extension of term of Baron and Baroness from three years to 4 years

From The Officers

Seneschale

Greeting... Welcome to another exciting year in the Barony of Blackstone Mountain. Please find below a listing of upcoming events and items of interest.

January 2004 - Review of By-law changes and comments. Also, please work on bids for a fall event. We need to schedule another event for the fall of each year.

April 2004 - Blackstone Raid - Baron Cunedda Kell, Autocrat

May 2004 - Barony Officer Elections (check the by-laws for listing of offices up for election)

August 2004 - Pennsic

September 2004 - Kanawha County Family Fun Fair Demo

My appreciation goes out for all the hard work of the officers and members of the Barony during this past year. Things are really going well and your dedication is appreciated.

In service to the Barony of Blackstone Mountain and the Kingdom of Aethelmearc,

Baroness Alana of the Horseclans
Baronial Seneschale

A & S

Baronial Goings on:

Well every one has been pretty busy lately. We were all getting ready for a sewing retreat. I was unable to attend sadly, due to my daughter and trick or treat. Everything went well I have heard and everyone who attended was helped with new garb or helped to finish items they were working on. Mainly that has been the big endeavor over the past few months.

In Service, Lady Reah Brecc

Chronicler

Greetings All,

I hope everyone has had a good holiday. Thank you to everyone who has submitted articles and the like this past year. Please feel free to continue to do such. I also want to thank everyone who has supported me in my quest to make The Banner informative. I also want to give a huge thank you to my deputy chronicler for the tech support and paper supply. You rock Ogre!!!

In Service
Lady Odette

Fencing

Fencing continues on Tuesdays at Jefferson Elementary in Parkersburg. At Winterfinding new members of the barony authorized. Vivats!
Additionally, the regional marshal and I are working on getting regular practices in other parts of the Barony. Please contact either THL Valentine or myself to help make this happen.

Lord Jethro Stille
Blackstone Mountain Marshal of Fence

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Nothing new to report

Matthias