

The Barony of Highland Foorde

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Dearest populace,

Let these newsletters serve as a backlog of issues once lost to something we modernly refer to as “a broken hard drive.” While they may not be the flashiest of editions, they still serve the same purpose: to get information into your hands.

We will resume with your usual fanfare and decor come this holiday season, but we cross our fingers to have it even sooner.

YIS,

Lord Aurri le Borgne - Chronicler of Highland Foorde

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Kingdom Events

April - 2025

04-05 - 04-05 : [Coronation of Abran and Anya](#) :Powhatan VA (Caer Mear) (Q K Pr P)



04-12 - 04-12 : [Festival of Elvegast](#) :Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)

04-12 - 04-12 : [Night at the Faire](#) :Severn MD (Lochmere)

04-12 - 04-12 : [Dragons Fire IV: Birth of the Dragon](#) :Easley SC (Nottinghill Coill)

04-18 - 04-20 : [Canterbury Tales: Missile Madness Reloaded](#) :Monroe VA (Seven Hills)
(K)

04-18 - 04-20 : [Queen's Rapier 2025](#) :Halifax NC (Raven's Cove) (Q)

04-24 - 04-27 : [LEAFs \(Learning Equestrian, Agriculture, and Forestry Symposium\)](#)
:Upper Marlboro MD (Highland Foorde) (K)

04-25 - 04-27 : [Baronial Spring Camp](#) :Apex NC (Windmasters' Hill)

04-25 - 04-27 : [Revenge of the Stitch X](#) :Denton MD ()

Meeting Minutes

o Officer Reports:

- Chatelaine: Lord James the Archer
 - o Not present/nothing to report
- Exchequer: Lady Adele Lachlan
 - o \$8929.23 in bank account
 - o Q1 Report in Progress
- Knight's Marshal: Courte Van Voorhees
 - o Nothing to report
- Herald : Dame Glynis/Deputy Open!
 - o Not present/nothing to report
- Quartermaster: Noble Scandal Mac Rofir
 - o No project updates from last month. All further projects are gated by approving and executing the storage solution for the Baronial Storage Unit. (Vote will be tonight after being revised in February and tabled in March.)
 - o Epy on behalf of LEAFS took possession of the Baronial Dayshade from the Storage Unit.
- Minister of Arts and Sciences: Tala Al-Zahra
 - o MoAS Report for Q1 — Review:
 - o 1st quarter MoAS report was submitted for April 15th. A few key takeaways:
 - • Total distinct activities listed: 17
 - • Total attendance across the 7 activities where attendance was tracked: 79 people
 - • Average attendance per attended activity: ~11.3 people
 - o Continuing Baronial Scriptoria:
 - Baronial scriptoria have gone well in the first quarter, and we have scheduled continued instances
 - through July, still occurring on the first Wednesday of every month at His Excellency's house. Spring &
 - summer Scriptorium announcement for reference
 - (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15uuU3y8VknrrwheRyZWQYIfexoS7Shsy/view?usp=drivesdk>).
 - o New In-Person Baronial A&S Activities:
 - As per the results of the A&S interest survey last year (conducted by Svana), respondents would like

- more in-person classes outside of official events, within the Barony. Respondents indicated specific
- topics that most interested them, and several volunteered (or asked for more opportunities) to teach for
- the Barony. You can find details in the A&S Interest Survey report that I compiled earlier this year
- (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i_l8UbF-e4KAHx5hmK5toMYroyRmePFC/view?usp=drivesdk).
- I have started reaching out to Barony members and scheduling monthly classes to satisfy survey
- respondents' requests for specific A&S classes — and I hope to finish this process in the upcoming
- week, finish the flyer, and start advertising the series. The goal is to have one in-person class per month.
- Here is what is tentatively scheduled so far:
 - May 25th: "We all have knives! It's 1183 and we're barbarians! But where to keep it? (Making a leather knife sheath)," led by Alex Ayer
 - June 8th (timing?): Garb Clinic & Workshop, led by Her Excellency of Highland Foorde
 - July 13th, Sunday from 3pm-8pm: Garb Clinic & Workshop + Garb & Supply Swap, led by Peyton
 - August 24th: Woodworking w/ Mikhail (Misha) Novgorodets
 - September 14th, Sunday from 11am-3pm: Mushroom Foraging, led by Tala al-Zahra & Benedict
 - Bainbridge
 - October: tentatively the 5th or 19th, Food-craft/cooking with Scandal
 - November: ?
- I still need to find locations to host most of these, and I will be reaching out to His Excellency and others
- to ask for assistance with that initiative. I also plan to reach out to folks in Hood College in an effort to
- attract new potential members. Lord Alex suggested I talk to Dr. Mitchell-Buck in the Medieval literature &
- English department with the flyer that I will be creating for this A&S series.

o Highland Havoc 2025 A&S Coordination:

- Lady Roisin, the Event Steward, has asked me to coordinate and A&S for this event. I will be recruiting
- people to teach classes related to the event's theme, but all teachers will be welcome. The event steward

- and I agree that an A&S tent should be set up closer to the archery field rather than being combined with
- the feasting area. We will need to find a tent large enough to hold A&S display, plus classes with room for tables.
- I will be hosting an Open Display based on Lady Roisin's chosen theme of Enbarr, the mythical Celtic
- horse of the Celtic sea god, Manannán mac Lir: "Horses of Legend," and "Land & Sea." The first
- category encourages participants to display any project related to legendary horses from any culture, and
- the second category encourages participants to submit A&S projects that incorporate elements from both
- venues, just as Enbarr is said to have been able to travel over both.
- Lord Benedict Bainbridge has volunteered to create postcard-sized "thank you for displaying" scrolls for
- all entrants, as well as those who teach classes. He has also agreed to create 1st and 2nd prize scrolls
- for the Archery competition at Havoc.
- Highland Hearthglow 2026 A&S Coordination:
- Noble Scandal mac Rofir has asked me to lead A&S for this event, though I am already helping with
- preliminary research. Lord Alex & Sayyida Khaula will be the A&S support staff. No additional progress
- on this event yet, other than brainstorming potential A&S elements to include.
- *Special thanks to Lady Roisin & Noble Scandal for helping me find a volunteer role (server) for Lord
- Percyvallus de Daltone (husband of my A&S staff, Sayyida Khaula).

o Miscellaneous:

- • I have communicated with Epy, Armiger about A&S tracking for LEAFS.
- • The independent, virtual study group led (by me, Tala al-Zahra) from January through March (Study of Sages) went very well. I look forward to leading it again next year.
- • As we have folks in the Barony who are not near Frederick or are not able to make in-person events —
- I am also looking into starting a virtual series, probably a book club. Lorin of the Dual Masque is a
- bedbound Barony-member in Hagerstown, and I may ask her to lead this series over winter. She already

- has ideas for medieval-themed books that would work well for a virtual book club, and she has already
 - offered to help with any virtual initiative.
- Chronicler: Lord Aurri Le Borgne as Chronicler
 - Finally getting Affinity on my temp laptop (it's Linux) so a newsletter will drop soon. I've been harvesting social media posts and things to put in it. Might take a gander at other Baronial newsletters and give ours an update!
- Web Minister: Noble Scandal Mac Rofir
 - LEAFS website is complete, barring last minute updates.
 - Hearthglow AS LIX website has been archived with the Kingdom and next year's website is under construction.
 - Havoc website was previously archived, and will be under construction in the immediate future
 - Main website updates awaiting completion of Quartermast projects.
- Social Media Officer: Epy Pengelli
 - Social media: as LEAFS comes to fruition, I would appreciate it if I can coordinate with the upcoming event stewards (and anyone else who needs a social media post) a similar calendar for posts because what I did for LEAFS worked well for me when coordinating event-specific posts against other baronial social media needs
 - Thank you to those who shared the posts for LEAFS (I know, there were many)
- Youth Officer(s): Vacant
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- MOL: Epy Pengelly Armiger
 - Nothing to report
- Seneschal: Lord Viljamaiear Larenson
 - Ruth Enlow Library at Garrett County would like to do a class with kids with a historical theme! She has reached out, and wanted to start that process
 - Q1 report submitted
- Baron and Baroness: Baron Eadric the Potter & Baroness Magistra Beatriz Aluares de la Oya
 - Attended coronation, Her excellency attended defending the gate
 - Will be attending LEAFs and Crown. Baronial Court will take place at LEAFs, we look forward to seeing you there!

Recurring Business

- Highland Havoc
 - Budget has been submitted, remains very similar (see notes). Budget will be voted on next meeting!
- Highland River Melees

- On hiatus
- HF Picnic-(Tentatively this Summer)
 - Alex Ayer and Roisin have been discussing dates. Likely after Pennsic, perhaps September? Exact date TBD. August may be available, as might June! There is a potential for combining a garb workshop with this event, TBB!
 - We would likely be selecting new champions at this event. Champions, please start thinking about your replacements!
- Highland Hearthglow
 - Budget was out last month!
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Tm4uQ84jfSPGniPgi8usW7HVE4ok-Ebe/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107081998039300134088&rtpof=true&sd=true>
 - Budget approved!
 - 6 Yays
 - 1 Abstain
- HF Banner Project
 - 1 Silk banner will be delivered for LEAFs! It will need a stand, and tabs will be added for completeness!
- Baronial@home
 - On hold, but Scriptorium is already occurring!
- LEAFS
 - LEAFS: it's next weekend! Pre reg closes today (final numbers incoming). Still coordinating the last of the volunteers (gate Friday, class point Friday/Saturday, makers green and A&S Saturday). Please reach out with any questions since this is our first time doing the event and feel free to join us for the after-event meeting on Wednesday, May 7 at 8 pm on Google meet to discuss what went well, lessons learned, and other such topics
- Quartermaster Projects!
 - Bin vote! ~300 dollars
 - Vote for 305.58 for bin organizes for the storage unit
 - Passes!
- Baronial Winter Potluck
 - On hiatus pending summer potluck.
- Stream Team
 - Our chronicler would like to see more people involved and trained! Please volunteer! Contact our chronicler to learn more! We can advertise, and word of mouth to spread it!
 - You will have to have a laptop.
- Fiscal Policy Discussion

- Volunteer comps
- Loaning equipment
 - Monday the 12th 7th PM
 - meeting for reviewing the financial policy. This will be discussed on the following business meeting on 18 May
- **New business**
 - None!

	Name	Attended	Did Not Attend	Report submitted online
Chatelain	Archie		x	
Exchequer	Sam	x		x
Knights' Marshall	Courte		x	x
Herald	Dame Glynis		x	
Quartermaster	Baker	x		x
MOAS	Tala/Savannah	x		x
Chronicler	Aurri	x		x
Webminister	Baker	x		x
Youth Officers	Vacant			
MOL	Mishee	x		x
Seneschal	Jeff	x		x
Baronial Coronet	Eadric/Kate	x/		

Populous in Attendance:Roisin Caomhanach

Meeting started: 7:00pm

Adjourn: 8:23 Baker/Eadric

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