

Hello Dear Friends,

We apologize that the July letter from us is coming so late in the month. As it turns out, the summer schedule is rather full. We had the distinct pleasure of witnessing Antoine and Kathren become our Alpine Highnesses. As well as the unexpected pleasure of seeing Helena Roth receive her Award of Arms. As you might imagine, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Baroness Ayla was amongst the contingent of Summits artisans who traveled north to Athenaeum and she is happy to report that all of those artisans received valuable feedback and encouragement. Adiantum had two Sergeants take the field at An Tir/West War who had not taken the field in quite some time, which we were overjoyed to see. We are excited to attend the Coronation of our new King and Queen and hope to see as many of you there as can make the journey.

During the next few months, we will be looking to make some minor adjustments and clarifications to the Customary during its annual review with the Seneschal. As the oldest Barony in Summits, we will be striving to set an example by being as compliant with Summits, Kingdom, and SCA law as we can be. In addition, we are excited to announce the addition of two new awards. The Order of the Silver Fern, (Sable, a fern and a bordure argent) which will be the Baron's Favor. We will also be adding an order for all past Baronial Champions, to be known as The Fellowship of the Bear of Adiantum. This will be seeded with all the past champions and presented for the first time at Bear and Apple Championships.

Traditionally, we have forgone Midwinters on years where we host 12th Night. Given that we hold the A&S and Rapier Championships at Midwinters, we are going to move the date and request that those interested put in bids to run it. The proposed date for Midwinters 2020 is February 8. Anyone interested in putting in a bid should do so by August Council so that it can be voted on. We also look forward to announcing the requirements for both our new Children's Championship and our Sergeantry Trials at Midwinters next year.

In preparation for our new Children's Championship, we will be soliciting bids for new Regalia. Most of our Champions have something to wear as well as something to carry. Please consider this when putting together your proposal. Directions on how to submit bids will be announced at August Council.

Lastly, we would like to ask all of our Sergeantry and Champions to join us for a planning meeting on the first morning of the events they attend. This will give us an opportunity to discuss whether or not there will be court for them to join us in, as well as letting us know which competitions/tournaments they may be competing in so that we can make ourselves available to support them. The meeting should not take long and will take place half an hour before the first scheduled activity. For those unable to attend the morning meeting, please take a moment to check in with us when you can.

In Joyous Service,

Baroun Evan

Baronin Ayla