



The Nottinghamill Quill

VOLUME 68 ⇨ ISSUE 11 ⇨ NOVEMBER, A.S. LIII

This is the Nottinghamill Quill, a publication of the Barony of Nottinghamill Coill of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The Nottinghamill Quill is available from Lady Merewyn Scharp via email at chronicler@nottinghamillcoill.atlantia.sca.org. Subscriptions are free as all publications are available electronically. This newsletter is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and does not delineate SCA policies. (c) Copyright 2018, Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting letters and artwork from this publication, please contact the Nottinghamill Coill Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.

IN THIS ISSUE...

- 2... TABLE OF CONTENTS
- 3... REGNUM
- 6... A NOTE FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES
- 9... FROM THE SENESCHAL'S PEN
- 11... VIVANT, HOORAY, AND CONGRATULATIONS!
- 13... BARONIAL MEETING NOTES
- 14... YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- 16... HISTORY OF LORD CYRIAC GRÝMSDALE
- 21... NOTTINGHILL COILL BARONIAL BIRTHDAY VOLUNTEER CALL
- 22... OVID: THE METAMORPHOSES BOOK XIII
- 24... KINGDOM EVENTS
- 26... THE BACK PAGE

COVER PHOTO BY
LADY MEREWYN SHARP



BARONIAL REGNUM

Baronage

Baron Lucien de la Rochelle, mka Jim Looper
email: baron@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org
jimsscreations@gmail.com
Phone: 864.554.0586

Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh, mka Missy
Looper
email: baroness@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org
brigscribe@nctv.com
Phone: 864.554.0585

His Excellency currently works third shift and Her
Excellency typically works 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.
Please time any phone calls accordingly.

Baronial Officers

Seneschal - Dame Morwenna Trevethan
email: bwahaha@spiritcom.net
Deputy Seneschal - Vacant

Exchequer - Lady Albree de Greene
mka Melanie Loftis
email: melanieloftis@gmail.com
Deputy Exchequer - Vacant

Herald - Lady Abigael MacDonald
mka Norma Dooley
email: herald@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org
Deputy Herald - Vacant

Knight Marshal - Lord Willhelm der Schwartz
Leopard mka William Rust
email: KnightMarshall@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org
Deputy Knight Marshal - Vacant

Chronicler - Lady Merewyn Scharp
mka Alicia Abrams
email: chronicler@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org
phone: 803.238.3498
Deputy Chronicler - Vacant



Chatelaine - Lady Altani BayarVasher mka Lynn
Conradt-Eberlin
email: write.thorunn@gmail.com
Phone: (803) 816-1049
Deputy Chatelaine - Vacant

Minister of Arts & Sciences - Mistress Deirdre
Morgan mka Cindy Hudson
email: moas@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org
Deputy MoAS - Vacant

Webminister - Lord Morcant le Du
mka Keith Shurett
email: Morcant.LeDu@gmail.com
Deputy Webminister - Vacant

Minister of the Lists - Vacant
Deputy MoL - Vacant

Signet - Lord Alwin of Nottinghill Coill
mka Matthew Power
email: ktarg1@yahoo.com
Deputy Signet - Vacant

Youth - Lady Cyneswith the Quiet
mka Renee Hougey
e-mail: renee.hougey@gmail.com
Deputy Youth - Vacant

Canton Officers:

Canton of Brockore Abbey

Seneschal	Lady Màire O’Halowrane maire_ohalowrane@mackermakkeep.com	mka Diana Goldie
Deputy Seneschal	Lord Coenred aet Rauenesdale missinglink@phulesgold.com	mka Dave Goldie
Arts & Sciences	Lady Cyneswith the Quiet renee.hougey@gmail.com	mka Renee Hougey 520-678-1606
Exchequer	Lord Draco of Brockore	mka Daren Brown
Marshal	Lord Jon Bjarnarson	mka Johnny Harris
Chatelain	Lady Marie-Helene of the New Forest	mka Sandi Rust

Canton of Cyddlan Downs

Seneschal	m’lady Lilith of the Glass Isle	mka Lillian Bates
Arts & Sciences	Baroness Delia Flammen	mka Pam Slice
Deputy MoAS	m’lady Ceilidhe Bates	mka Ceilidhe Bates
Chatelain	Lady Marie-Helene of the New Forest	mka Sandi Rust
Exchequer	Lord Elphin ap Daffyd	mka David Slice
Herald	Lord Seamus Blair de Maxwell	mka Max Blair
Marshal	Lord Wilhelm Leopard der Schwarze	mka William Rust
Webminister	Lord Morcant le Du	mka Keith Shurett

Canton of St. Georges

Seneschal	Baron Takeda Yoshinaka barontakeda@yahoo.com	mka Andrew Dutch
Arts & Sciences	Mistress Caroline of Seareach denise.gillam@gmail.com	mka Denise Gillam
Exchequer	Lady Dearbhail O’Haloran parido37@gmail.com	mka Darla Parido

Marshal Lord Brendan O’Caiside mka Brandon Cassidy
bcaiside@yahoo.com

Webminster Lord Antonio Felluci mka Johnathan Ingram
i2live@gmail.com

Canton of Falcon Cree

Seneschal Bantiarna Meadhbh inghean Thaidgh ui Dohmnaill mka Shannon Keys
seneschal@falconcree.org

Arts & Sciences Lady Abigail of Inishowen mka Jessica Meyers
moas@falconcree.org

Chatelaine Lady Ceara of Novgorod mka Becca Huck
chatelaine@falconcree.org

Exchequer Baroness Elizabeth Canynges mka Elizabeth Cates
exchequer@falconcree.org

Marshal Lord Alwin of Nottingham Coill mka Matthew Powers
Ktarg1@yahoo.com

Webminister Lord Caelan Cocaire mka Patrick Hood
ptrickweb@gmail.com

Canton of Ritterwald

Seneschal Baroness Ariel Benne Douw mka Dawn Gillas
gillasd@bellsouth.net

Arts & Sciences Baroness Ariel Benne Douw mka Dawn Gillas
gillasd@bellsouth.net

Chatelain Lady Elisabeth Von Basel mka Paige Morris
paige_morris@bellsouth.net

Exchequer Lord Diederich von Basel mka Ralph Morris
dosgosianos@hotmail.com

Marshal Lord Carrick Mac Manus mka Louis Morris

A Note from Their Excellencies...



Photo credit: Her Excellency Brig Ingen Erennaigh

Unto the Barony of Nottingham Coill, does Lucien and Brig, Baron and Baroness, send Greetings post War of the Winds (nee Wings)!

When last We spoke, We were hoping that Autumn would remember to come to Our lands. It seems that the season has decided to leave the region entirely, and Winter let herself in...

While Her Excellency was unable to attend War of the Wings, and She missed everyone dearly; She was able to keep up with events from the postings shared by everyone (and the disjointed remembering of the Baron).

Lucien was able to witness many activities that were attended by Our Populace, and He takes great Pride in every one of you. Especially

when the Winds came. You came together, helped one another, gave support where needed, and helped whomever could use an extra hand. Not one person, not a couple of people, EVERYONE of Nottingham Coill stepped up to lend a hand. We could not be more proud of the Barony, for when the fan hit the wings, you stood forward and did what needed to be done.

Many were recognized at WoW, whether by Baronial, or Royal Hand; you are most deserving of your accolades. A special congratulations to Master Draco, for logging more volunteer hours than any other person at WoW. Well done, sir. Well done indeed.

While the West lost the War, We are proud to once again state that Nottingham Coill earned War points that kept this War closer than any have ever been (one point difference).

We are looking forward to the return of The Feast of St. Dismas in November and exploring a brand-new site for Us, Eastwind Castle. It is a primitive camping style site that everyone in the Barony will truly enjoy! We invite you all to partake of the wonders that this event will offer and experience the hospitality of Eastwind.

Don't forget that Yule Toy Tourney will be here before We know it! This event is the Barony's opportunity to give back to the community. Toys collected will be donated to Country Santa and benefit children all over the Upstate! Let's make this year the best ever!

Both of these upcoming events will bring opportunities for Us to recognize those in Our lands with awards. Please take a moment or two to send in recommendations on the ESP system!

Our time as your Baron and Baroness draws short. Serving the Crown and the people of Nottingham Coill has been the most rewarding experience either of Us has had in the SCA. Each and every one of you have done so much to make Our time as Baronage outstanding! We both hope that We have represented you well and shown you all just how much We love you all and this Barony. Very soon the polling letters to help decide the future of your Barony will be arriving in your mailboxes. Both couples who have put forth their intent to serve the Barony are most worthy. It will be a difficult decision, choosing Our Heirs, but Nottingham Coill will be in splendid hands either way.

Until we meet again, Our love and respect,

*Lucien and Brig,
Baron and Baroness of Nottingham Coill*

Baronial Progress:

November

16-18 Feast of St. Dismas

December

1 Unevent

7-9 Yule Toy Tourney

January

5 - Meridian 12th Night

25-27 Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday and Investiture

From the Seneschal's Pen...



Photo credit: Lord Patris de Terra Lepori

How do I love my barony? Let me count the ways (at least a few of them.)

-- *War of the Wings this year became War of the Winds, and tents/pavilions/day shades were flying right, left, and sideways. People were scurrying out of their warm beds in the middle of the chilly night to help secure structures, check on people, recover what could be recovered, and assist anyone who needed assistance, whether in our camp or barony or not.*

-- *Once again, Nottingham Coill was largely responsible for having our side win the Volunteer Service war point. Both of the singled-out awards went to folks from the barony. The award for 'Most Volunteer Hours by someone not formally on the staff' went to Dame Morwenna Trevethan. The 'Iron Man award': no surprise, but with MUCH appreciation, the Iron Man award went to Master Draco of Brockore.*

-- *Outside of those two awards, everywhere I looked I saw members of the Coill hard at work: driving golf carts on late-night security shifts, overseeing the*

Newcomers' Point with much information and good nature, waterbearing, measuring camp land so everyone and everything could be fit in, etc. etc. etc. Choose almost any category of volunteering and there likely was a Knothead Smile involved.

-- "We will feed you into submission!" The barony certainly lived up to its motto during the potluck dinner that preceded Baronial Court. It was rather amazing that everyone stayed awake for Court after consuming so much yummy food immediately beforehand.

-- Right after Court, in the growing darkness, His Excellency Lucien made a point of going to other camps across the site to hand-deliver award scrolls that had been announced for people who did not reside in the barony or have a tent in the baronial encampment. As part of His Excellency's small entourage, it was heartwarming for me to see the reactions of the recipients, even though the scrolls had to be read by flashlight.

-- I love the spirit of cooperation that I see, not just at huge events such as War of the Wings, but in every canton and at every event. Do Their Majesties need scrolls for upcoming awards? No problem - we've got quite a few very talented folks who volunteer repeatedly. Is there a class that needs an instructor? No problem - we likely have someone well-versed in the topic. Does the Baronial Seneschal need a special edition of The Quill put out with barely one day's notice, and posted as well to the baronial website? No problem - it was handled, and perfectly.

For all these reasons, and many more besides, I say thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!

*Yours in service to The Dream and the Barony,
Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal - Nottingham Coill*

Vivant, Hooray, and Congratulations!

The many efforts of, and recognitions given to, the members of our barony deserve to stand and shine all by themselves. Here is the latest list.

Southern War Practice

Lord Diederich von Basel - Golden Knot (Arts & Sciences)

Lady Elisabeth von Basel - Golden Cord (Service)

milord James Cooper - Excellence of Nottingham Coill

milord Alrich Adler - Shields Knot (Arts Martial)

Lord Diederich von Basel - Gordian Knot (Service)

Lady Abigael MacDonald - Gordian Knot

Fall Coronation

Lord Arailt of Dinsmore - Opal (Service)

Lady Altani BayarVasher - Fountain

Lady Rose Uí Mhaille - Coral Branch (Arts & Sciences)

Lady Bella Rose - Opal

Lord Malcome mac Enri - Opal

Lady Cyneswith of Lost Forest - Coral Branch

Lord Malcome mac Enri - Golden Knot

Lady Bella Rose - Golden Cord

milady Ma'arifah bint Rashid - Golden Cord

As always, I encourage you to take a few minutes to look up some of your friends and acquaintances in <http://op.atlantia.sca.org/> and see what awards they have . . . or, more accurately, what awards they DON'T have but probably should. Then send in a recommendation (for a kingdom award) via <http://award.atlantia.sca.org/>. It's very quick and easy to do. If you want to recommend someone for a baronial award, here's the form to use: https://award.atlantia.sca.org/baron_new.php?R=-1&B=-1. And just to make it really easy, here's a list of all the current baronial awards: http://op.atlantia.sca.org/barony_awards.php?barony_id=23 (at the bottom of the page.)

Yours in service to The Dream and the Barony,

*Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal*

Baronial Meeting - War of the Wings

A brief business meeting was held immediately before the Baronial Court and Potluck Dinner at War of the Wings XIII, on Friday 19 October 2018.

The Barony is entering a time of great change. Not only will we be welcoming a new Landed Baron and Baroness in January, we'll also be changing three of the baronial officers before mid-year.

-- The Baronial Herald (presently Lady Abigael MacDonald) will be stepping down at the end of this year. Letters of Intent (LOIs) for this office have been received, and a decision is pending.

-- The Baronial Minister of Arts & Sciences (presently Mistress Deirdre Morgan) will be stepping down at the end of March. A request will be posted soon for LOIs from interested candidates.

-- The Baronial Seneschal (presently Dame Morwenna Trevethan) will be stepping down at the end of June. A request for LOIs will be posted shortly after Nottingham Coill's Baronial Birthday and Investiture.

The Baronial Polling letters will be mailed soon. They must be returned to Their Majesties no later than Saturday 17 November 2018.

*Yours in service to the Dream and the barony,
Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal - Nottingham Coill*

Youth Activities

... By Lady Cyneswith the Quiet



Photo credit: Vrouwe Machteld Cleine

Next month brings us Yule Toy Tourney! Through the years and kingdoms I have lived in one thing has remained constant - the merriment and fierce pride of the holiday tournament, with every branch fighting to give the most to children in need. This is my first chance to participate in Atlantia's, and I'm already getting giddy.

This year's Yule Toy Tourney celebrates Brian Boru mac Cennitig, the High King of Ireland, in the year he was crowned. The year he was born, there were 150 kings of Ireland. Can you imagine 150 kings of South Carolina? It would be chaos. So how did he unite them all?

For starters, his big brother, Mathgamain, started the job for him! Mathgamain took control of the Munster region of Ireland, which takes up about 1/4 of the island, to the south. Mathgamain was never officially recognized as king of Munster, and had a lot of trouble with his supposed

territory. Then a Norse king, Ivar, made a grab for part of their lands, and alliances formed - Mathgamain fought and failed, fought and failed.... But Brian came to the rescue!

Brian not only dueled against and defeated Mathgamain's Irish rivals, but he routed Ivar's armies, slew Ivar, and left the Norse settlements to thrive, bringing trade through Ireland. He spent the next 15 years slowly gaining control of Leinster, the eastern quarter of Ireland. After Leinster came Dublin. A few years later, the prior High King ceded his title to Brian (rather than, you know, fight him. Fighting him was solidly established as a Bad Idea.)

The descendants of his clan are today O'Brians and O'Briens. Brian Boru's March is one of the oldest Irish songs still regularly played.

Also, Cian was the name of one of Brian's right-hand men and his son-in-law. I'd hazard a guess that Master Cian might be willing to tell you more of Brian Boru.

What might you expect of Children's Activities at Yule Toy Tourney? Festive nibbles (raw sugar/no added sugar.) Wassailing (don't know what that is? You'll learn! Also, hopefully, wassail. Wassail is yummy.) Beading (to make a gift for a family member or teacher!) Story-telling. Parents, please remember to sign your children in and be sure to arrange for their lunch.

The First Volume of The History and Chronicle Of Lord Cyriac Grymsdale (conti.)

Written By:
Lord Cyriac Grymsdale (Kevin C. Towery)
Squire to Duke Lucius Aurelius Valharic, Knight of the Middle Kingdom
(2018)



Adede is fought before the Baroun of Nottinghill Coill

Their Excellencies of Nottinghill Coill traveled to Alhhard Maner, in their lands of Ritterwald to hold their court and reis the baronial armee.

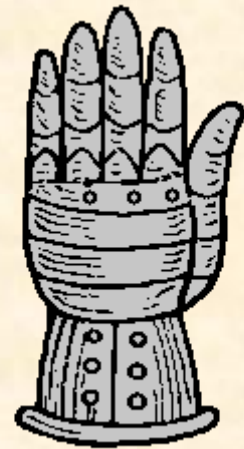
Bok I, ch. IV. As the armee prepared, Baroun Lucien de la Rochelle's champion, a gentleman of gret corage approached Lord Cyriac Grymsdale. In passyng at a previous tourneyment, Lord Alwin of Nottinghill Coill had a mind to challenge Lord Cyriac, as he championed the Barony of the Sacred Stone. Terms were agreed to meet in the feld at Brockshore Abbey for three passes with swerde and bokel and three passes with swerde.

Traelde with his ladi from their estates in Aire Faucon on the road to Brockshore, Lord Cyric met a messenger who informed him Alwin was hurte in a hunt. Cyriac made haste to the abbey and find Lord Alwin was much pleased when he saw him. Alwin said, “Lord Cyriac, you find me with sore wounde for I am unable to don armor this day” and Lord Cyriac replied, “Lord Alwin, it is my desir to see this dede don and I awaite your health”. “Sir, meet me on Saint Maurice’s at Alhhard Maner and we will performe our dede.”

Both armyd, helms closed, they grasped their swerdes, each took the proper position to begin their first cors with bokels reised. They avoncen, and, when they approached near, threw vigorous blow vppon blow, until they finshed their three passes without mischief. At the end, two blows were struck by Lord Cyriac after Lord Alwin’s first blow.

Dropping bokels, each regained position and raised their swerdes to renew vigorous blows until Lord Cyriac struck a loude blow to end the second cors. Their exchange endinge with two blows struck by Lord Cyriac to Lord Alwin’s one. Lord Cyriac then kneeled bifore Baroun Lucian, “Your Excellency, although I have retired as champion of my barony I could not allow this dede to go unfulfillen and so I have freed Alwin of his vow.” Baroun Lucian, gretly pleased, preised Cyriac for hider comeng to his baronies’ land to see the dede completen.

This dede of arms don, both retired to Baroun Lucian’s paulion to repose themselves and prepare for training the baronial armee.



A deed is fought before the Baron of Nottingham Coill

Bok I, ch. IV.

Their Excellencies of Nottingham Coill traveled to Alhhard Manor, in their lands of Ritterwald to hold their court and muster the baronial army.

As the army prepared, Baron Lucien de la Rochelle's champion, a gentleman of great courage approached Lord Cyriac Grymsdale. In passing at a previous tournament, Lord Alwin of Nottingham Coill had a mind to challenge Lord Cyriac, as he championed the Barony of the Sacred Stone. Terms were agreed to meet in the field at Brockshore Abbey for three passes with sword and buckler and three passes with sword.

Traveling with his lady from their estates in Aire Faucon following the road to Brockshore, Lord Cyriac met a messenger who informed him Alwin was injured in a hunt. Cyriac made haste to the abbey and find Lord Alwin was much pleased when he saw him. Alwin said, "Lord Cyriac, you find me sore wounded for I am unable to don armor this day" and Lord Cyriac replied, "Lord Alwin, it is my desire to see this deed done and I await your health". "Sir, meet me on Saint Maurice's at Alhhard Manor and we will perform our deed."

Both armed, helms closed, they grasped their swords, each took the proper position to begin their first course with bucklers raised. They advanced, and, when they approached near, threw vigorous blow upon blow, until they finished their three passes without mischief. At the end, two blows were struck by Lord Cyriac after Lord Alwin's first blow.

Dropping their bucklers, each regained position and raised their swords to renew vigorous blows until Lord Cyriac struck a sounding blow to end the second course. Their exchange ending with two blows struck by Lord Cyriac to Lord Alwin's one. Lord Cyriac then kneeled before Baron Lucian, "Your Excellency, although I have retired as champion of my barony I could not allow this deed to go unfulfilled and so I have freed Alwin of his vow." Baron Lucian, greatly pleased, praised Cyriac for traveling to his baronies' land to see the deed completed.

This deed of arms done, both retired to Baron Lucian's pavilion to repose themselves and prepare for training the baronial army.

Documentation Notes for Grymsdale Chronicles

Background

The Middle English language was the descendent from Old English and the vernacular was spoken and written during the time from about 1150 to 1500. Middle English developed following the Norman Conquest of England borrowing great numbers of words from the Norman French of the conquerors and eventually developed into modern English.

During the late fourteenth to the fifteenth century there was evidence of writers recording the history of tournaments, deeds of arms, and other events of that were found noteworthy. This is evidenced by the work of Jean Froissart. Froissart devoted his life to literature and is most known for his *Chronicles* in French that publicized chivalric feats and deeds of arms. The writings of Froissart also provide an important source of events that occurred during his era, particularly during the first half of the Hundred Years' War.

History

The majority of writings in England would have been found written in Italian or Latin, which meant that the writings were only available to the wealthy educated class. In order to reach a wider populace and gain popularity, writings needed to be written in Middle English. It was due to *The Canterbury Tales* written by Geoffrey Chaucer around the late fourteenth century, that Middle English became a common language.

The writings in Middle English contain word forms very different from those in modern English and today's readers may not be able to understand the language of these works without study. However, some dialects of Middle English resemble modern English and the meaning of something written in them often can be understood.

Method

For the account of the deed I chose to write the story based on various excerpts of Froissart, but without a specific excerpt being used as a model. I chose to not write the story in French, but in Middle English as my persona would have done.

In order to maintain the ease of readability of both writings, I decided to not try and write the stories completely in Middle English. The writings do contain some facts that would make them historically inaccurate, such as fighting single sword in a deed of arms, therefore some leeway is requested, since the deed the writing about concerns a modern day SCA contest of arms.

Froissart's writings composed his Chronicles into four books and when read; a modern convention was applied to indicate the book and chapter that excerpts are from. I decided to follow this convention and number this piece as the fourth in a book and in addition to prior writings I have done.

Following the tradition of scholars, I decided to include a copy of the account written in Modern English instead of a glossary, so that it could be used as a reference for those words that might not be able to be inferred from the reading.

Observations

This is my fourth attempt to write accounts of tournaments and deed of arms in a period style in line with my persona. Although Middle English, French, and Latin are not languages in which I am knowledgeable, as I continue my study of period tournament accounts, I will develop my ability to write more tournament accounts in a structure that mimics the original writings more closely.

Bibliography

Bloom Harold, ed. *Geoffrey Chaucer*, Modern Critical Views. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1985.

Brewer, Derek. *Chaucer and His World*. London: Eyre Methuen, 1978.

Cohen, Barbara. *Geoffrey Chaucer: Canterbury Tales*. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Sephard Books, 1988.

Geoffrey Chaucer (1342-1400) "The Canterbury Tales". 1997. Sinan Kökbugur. 8 Sept 2004
<<http://www.librarius.com/index.html>>

Muhlberger, Steven. Tales from Froissart. 21 Jan 2004. 24 Aug 2004.
<<http://www.nipissingu.ca/departement/history/muhlberger/froissart/tales.htm>>

The Canterbury Tales Summary, Essays, Quotes, and Pictures. eNotes.com. Sept 2004. 8 Sept 2004.
<<http://www.enotes.com/canterbury/>>

A Call for Staff and Volunteers!

Nottinghamhill Coill Investiture and Baronial Birthday

January 25 – 27, 2019

Have you been thinking about helping shape an event's plans? Are you an Instigator and willing to put your talents to work, making NCIBB 2019 a time that our Guests will talk about for years to come?

Send an email to Write.altani@gmail.com

Call! Altani at (803)816-1049

Shout out on Facebook!

Come join the plotting, planning & preparation!

Get in on the ground level of fun!



Ovid: The Metamorphoses

Book XIII

By:
Dominus Maximus



(Odysseus in the Cave of Polyphemus." Painting by Jacob Jordaens)

The Song of Polyphemus

*“Galatea, whiter than the snowy privet petals,
taller than slim alder, more flowery than the meadows,
friskier than a tender kid, more radiant than crystal,
smoother than the shells, polished, by the endless tides;
more welcome than the summer shade, or the sun in winter,
showier than the tall plane-tree, fleeter than the hind;
more than ice sparkling, sweeter than grapes ripening,
softer than the swan’s-down, or the milk when curdled,
lovelier, if you did not flee, than a watered garden.*”

*Galatea, likewise, wilder than an untamed heifer,
harder than an ancient oak, trickier than the sea;
tougher than the willow-twigs, or the white vine branches,
firmer than these cliffs, more turbulent than a river,
vainer than the vaunted peacock, fiercer than the fire;
more truculent than a pregnant bear, pricklier than thistles,
deafier than the waters, crueller than a trodden snake;
oh, what I wish I could alter in you, most of all, is this:
that you are swifter than the deer, driven by loud barking,
swifter even than the winds, and the passing breeze.”*

The *Metamorphoses* is a Latin narrative poem by the Roman poet Ovid published in 8 AD (761 AUC), considered his magnum opus. Comprising fifteen books and over 250 myths, the poem chronicles the history of the world from its creation to the deification of Julius Caesar within a loose mythico-historical framework.

Although meeting the criteria for an epic, the poem defies simple genre classification by its use of varying themes and tones. Ovid took inspiration from the genre of metamorphosis poetry, and some of the *Metamorphoses* derives from earlier treatment of the same myths; however, he diverged significantly from all of his models.

One of the most influential works in Western culture, the *Metamorphoses* has inspired such authors as Dante Alighieri, Giovanni Boccaccio, Geoffrey Chaucer, and William Shakespeare. Numerous episodes from the poem have been depicted in acclaimed works of sculpture, painting, and music. Although interest in Ovid faded after the Renaissance, there was a resurgence of attention to his work towards the end of the 20th century. Today the *Metamorphoses* continues to inspire and be retold through various media. The work has been the subject of numerous translations into English, the first by William Caxton in 1480.

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

Key

R: Royal Progress K: King's Progress Q: Queen's Progress
H: Highnesses' Progress P: Prince's Progress Pr: Princess' Progress

November 2018

3	<u>Fall Crown Tournament</u> (R)	Ponte Alto	Leesburg, VA
9-11	<u>Red Mountain Mead Hall</u>	Isenfir	Charlottesville, VA
9-11	<u>Sheep Raids 1418</u>	Seareach	Beulaville, NC
9-11	<u>The Lion In Winter At War</u>	Windmasters' Hill	Ellerbe, NC
10	<u>Dun Carraig 25th Baronial Birthday</u> (R)	Dun Carraig	Waldorf, MD
16-18	<u>Feast of St. Dismas</u>	Cyddlan Downs	Trenton, SC
17	<u>Holiday Faire</u> (R)	Stierbach	Manassas, VA

December 2018

1	<u>Unevent</u>	Raven's Cove	Mount Olive, NC
7-9	<u>Yule Toy Tourney XIII</u>	Nottingham Coill	Pickens, SC

January 2019

11-13	<u>12th Night: A 1001 Atlantian Nights</u> (R)	Sacred Stone	Virginia Beach, VA
25-27	<u>Nottingham Coill's Investiture and Baronial Birthday</u> (R)	Nottingham Coill	Bennettsville, SC 29512, SC
26	<u>The Road to Compostela (Midwinters Revel)</u>	Lochmere	Severna Park, MD
26	<u>Ice Castles</u>	Black Diamond	Salem, VA

February 2019

2	<u>Winter University</u>	Caer Mear	Mineral, VA
8-10	<u>Tourney of Manannan mc Lir XXXVIII</u>	Tear-Seas Shore	Ridgeville, SC
9	<u>Bright Hills 25th Baronial Anniversary</u>	Bright Hills	Manchester, MD
16	<u>Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday</u> (R)	Ponte Alto	

16-17	<i>AEdult Swim IV</i>	<i>Aethelmearc</i>	
22-24	<u>Ymir 44</u>	<i>Windmasters' Hill</i>	<i>Ellerbe, NC</i>

March 2019

30	<u>Labors of Finn</u>	<i>Tir-y-Don</i>	<i>Newport News, VA</i>
----	---------------------------------------	------------------	-------------------------

April 2019

6	<i>Spring Coronation</i>	<i>Atlantia</i>	
12-14	<u>Tournament of Elchenburg</u>	<i>Charlesbury Crossing</i>	<i>Boonville, NC</i>
12-14	<u>Night in Navarre</u>	<i>Lochmere</i>	<i>Crownsville, MD</i>
20	<u>Royal Archery Tournament</u>	<i>Bright Hills</i>	<i>Glen Arm, MD</i>
26-28	<u>Mists of Atlantia: Gawain and the Green Knight</u>	<i>Crois Brigitte</i>	<i>Bennettsville, SC</i>
26-30	<u>Revenge of the Stitch VI</u>	<i>Spiaggia Levantina</i>	<i>Denton, MD</i>

May 2019

4	<i>Spring Crown Tournament</i>	<i>Atlantia</i>	
11	<u>On Target</u>	<i>Lochmere</i>	<i>Annapolis, MD</i>
17-19	<u>Gathering of the Clans - Hawkwood Baronial Birthday XIV</u>	<i>Hawkwood</i>	<i>Waynesville, NC</i>
24-27	<u>Ruby Joust VIII</u>	<i>Caer Mear</i>	

June 2019

8	<i>Summer University</i>	<i>Atlantia</i>	
14-16	<u>Trial by Fire</u>	<i>Bright Hills</i>	<i>Glen Arm, MD</i>

July 2019

26-11	<u>Pennsic War</u>	<i>Aethelmearc</i>	
-------	------------------------------------	--------------------	--

The Back Page...

Hail and well met, friends! I hope many of you are planning to join the Canton of Cyddlain for the return of the Feast of St. Dismas! It will be a wonderful opportunity for fun and shenanigans as the band of merry men and Robin Hood work to thwart the machinations of the Sherriff of Nottingham! Please remember the Quill and your Chronicler as you enjoy the day and share your stories and pictures with the rest of the Barony here!

Should you choose to submit an article or work for the Quill, please include the appropriate release form or a clear statement in e-mail that your submission can be used in the Nottingham Quill. Please send submissions to me at (chronicler@nottinghamcoil.atlantia.sca.org). You can find the release forms at <http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/Releases.html> Also, please do not send me submissions via Facebook because it is much harder to keep up with all of them there. A.K.A. I will most assuredly lose them and then we'll both be sad ☹

*Yours in Service to the Dream,
Lady Merewyn Scharp, Baronial Chronicler*



Photo credit: Baroness Delia Flammen