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A Note from Their Excellencies...

Unto the populace of Nottingham Coill do Baron Elphin and Baroness Delia send greetings. We fervently hope that everyone is warm and dry, for the rains this winter have been frequent and heavy. The oxen are mired up to their fetterlocks and people have had to be moved to higher ground.

We were teased with a welcome but brief hint of Spring just in time for a very pleasant Tourney of Manannan mac Lir. The following weekend, Baron Elphin and Master Lucien traveled to the far lands of Ponte Alto to see the investiture of Our new cousins Baron Naran and Baroness Marie-Therese.

Ymir was a wonderful event, despite the persistent rain and cold. We were delighted to witness the well-deserved induction of Lady Ellisif Gydasdottir into the Order of the Pearl. She followed that up by winning the A&S competition, just in case anyone was so foolish as to doubt her worthiness! Baron Elphin was delighted to take a small part in the recognition of our newest southern Master of Defense, Greyland Crowe.

This past weekend was Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival, which Elphin and I were unable to attend, but We were represented there by Our A&S champion and several other members of the Barony. Baron Elphin had a good time at the demo at the Camden Irish Festival.

We just got word Lady Ellisif was chosen as Kingdom Arts and Science Champion. Join Us in congratulating the barony's former A&S champion as she steps up to the Kingdom stage!

We wish to bid good travels to those who are going to Gulf Wars. We are not going, but We are looking forward to helping Our neighbors in Hidden Mountain celebrate their Baronial Birthday on March 23. The following weekend, Baroness Delia will be attending A String Thing with some of her ladies. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn something and share in fibery goodness.

On the first weekend of April, We are celebrating the Coronation of Christoph and Adelhait at the Schembart Carnival. It sounds like it will be great fun! For those who can't join Us there, please consider helping the Canton of Cyddlan Downs with the Tartan Day South demo in West Columbia, SC. It is their biggest demo of the year, with thousands of people coming through. The demo is actually a lot of fun as well as a good recruitment opportunity.

A dispute has arisen between the Barony of Hawkwood and the Barony of Ravens Cove regarding accusations of spies and the barring of free passage of the King's Highways. At Ymir His Royal Majesty Ragnarr declared that they meet upon the field in October in a series of friendly contests to resolve the dispute. Both sides have approached Us to fight on their side. At this point, We have been offered dark chocolate by the Baron of Raven's Cove, but no word yet as to quantity. We will have to consider this matter carefully before We commit Our forces to either side.

Speaking of disputes, there seems to be a possible skirmish brewing between Our Beloved Barony and the Barony of South Downs in the Kingdom of Meridies. We sent the new Baron and Baroness a basket of lovely gifts for their investiture, one of which was an exquisite war horn.

His Excellency promptly used it to call Us out and question Our motives. We are hoping to hold an event soon near the border to sort out this upstart, so stay posted as the logistics are finalized.

We hope to see many of you at the upcoming events this Spring!

*Elphin & Delia
Baron and Baroness of Nottingham Coill*

Baronial Progress:

Feb

- 8-10 Tourney of Manannan mc Lir XXXVIII (H)*
- 16 Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday & Investiture (Elphin)*
- 22-24 Ymir 44 (R,H)*

Mar

- 22-24 Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday*
- 30 A String Thing (Delia)*

Apr

- 5-7 Coronation of Christoph II and Adelhait II (R)*
- 19-21 Feast of the Dragon*
- 26-28 Mists of Atlantia: Gawain and the Green Knight*

May

- 17-19 Gathering of the Clans - Hawkwood Baronial Birthday XIV*

June

7-9 *Journey Through the Nine Realms (R)*

July

26-11 *Pennsic War*

Oct

5 *Fall Coronation*

16-20 *WoW*

From the Seneschal's Pen...



Photo credit: Lady Virginia of Wolfholt

Color me surprised . . . and rather sad.

One month ago, I posted a formal request for Letters of Intent (LOIs) to succeed me as Baronial Seneschal when my term ends in June. I am not stepping down because I choose to, but rather because I've reached the end of the maximum permissible term in office. To date, however, there has been not one single syllable received from anyone. And Their Excellencies confirmed that they haven't received any LOIs either.

There is nothing in Kingdom Law or Policy that will permit me to continue beyond the four years I've had. (I verified this with the Kingdom

Seneschal.) And the position of branch Seneschal (whatever the size of the 'branch') is a mandatory one. No Seneschal = no legal chapter.

I've heard from several people in the past year who said they were considering applying for the position. But, for whatever reason, they haven't sent in an LOI. I -KNOW- that there are plenty of talented and competent people who could do this job. But unless they apply, they can't be considered.

In case the list of requirements and beneficial traits didn't reach you, here it is again.

There are few true requirements for becoming Baronial Seneschal:

- *You must be of legal age, in order to sign checks and contracts, serve on the Financial Committee, and make decisions legally.*
- *You must be acceptable to Their Excellencies and to the Kingdom Seneschal.*
- *You must complete the Seneschal 101 and 201 classes within the first 2-3 months after appointment.*

Beyond these requirements, there are other considerations and traits which are beneficial, but not mandatory:

- *Organized, and have room (electronic or hard-copy-file space) for a variety of documents, both current and historical.*
- *Discreet, and able to keep confidences.*
- *Diplomatic / tactful.*
- *Able to make decisions, consulting other appropriate individuals as needed, and knowing when to pass things up the line, e.g. to the Kingdom Seneschal.*
- *A decent communicator, who keeps the barony appropriately informed, including via 'The Quill'.*

- *Able to meet deadlines and due dates for reports, and other situations.*
- *Accessible by phone, mail, and electronically (email).*
- *Responsive to others' needs and questions, even if you don't personally agree with the person or the issue.*
- *Able to manage, but not micro-manage.*
- *Aware of rules and regulations: SCA, Atlantia, Nottingham Coill.*
- *Flexible / adaptable: situations change, often abruptly, and you need to deal with them in a timely and appropriate fashion.*

The position can, at times, be a challenge, but it also can be the most satisfying and gratifying one you'll ever hold.

If you wish to be considered for the position, please send a Letter of Intent via email to me (seneschal@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org) with copies to Their Excellencies Elphin ap Dafyd and Delia Flammen (baronage@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org), no later than Sunday 31 March 2019.

Yours (with fingers crossed) in service to The Dream and the Barony,

*Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal*

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. (And a lovely long list it is!)

NOTE: the older ones are listed because of an ongoing effort to 'plug the holes' in Atlantia's Order of Precedence: ensuring that each person and each award has a complete entry of the recipient, award name, date, event, and people bestowing the award.

Feast of St. Hermengild (2007)

Lord Caelan Cocaire - Gordian Knot (Service)

Kingdom Twelfth Night (1990)

then-Baron Corwyn Wodewarde - Grant of Arms

then-Baroness Deirdre Morgan - Grant of Arms

Pennsic War XIX (1990)

Duchess Aislinn Schattenwald - Order of the Laurel (Arts & Sciences)

then-Lord John von der Velde - Award of Arms

Nottingham Coill's Investiture and Baronial Birthday

Lord James Cooper - Award of Arms

Lord Wilhelm Leopard der Schwarze - Coill's Champions

Lord Knut Bjornsson - Coill's Champions

Lord Coenred aet Rauenedale - Coill's Champions

milady Julia of Nottingham Coill - Coill's Champions

Master Hagar the Black - Coill's Champions
Lord Alexandre' de La Rochelle - Golden Cord (Service)
Lady Brigid O Donoghue - Courtesy of Nottingham Coill
Lady Brigid O Donoghue - Excellence of Nottingham Coill
Lady Machteld Cleine - Coill's Guiding Beacon
Lady Albree de Greene - Gordian Knot
Master Lucien de la Rochelle - Augmentation of Arms
Mistress Brig ingen Erennaigh - Augmentation of Arms
Baroness Delia Flammen - Territorial Baroness
Master Elphin ap Dafyd - Territorial Baron
Lady Maire O Halowrane - Opal (Service)
milady Lilly Rose - Alcyon (Youth Arts & Sciences)
Mistress Brig ingen Erennaigh - Company of Gavin (Service as past Landed Baronage)
Master Lucien de la Rochelle - Company of Gavin
milord Mackenzie of Nottingham Coill - Hippocampus (Youth Service)
Lord Caelan Coaire - Coral Branch (Arts & Sciences)
Lord Olaf Stammkopf - Golden Dolphin (Service)
Lord Olaf Stammkopf - Pearl (Arts & Sciences)
Mistress Caitriona inghean Ghiolla Phadraig - Order of the Pelican (Service)

Feast of the Thirty (1986)

Lady Elyse of Rosehaven - Award of Arms

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*

Autocrats / Event Stewards Needed

Greetings, dear Barony - have I got an opportunity for you!

The Barony of Nottinghamill Coill hosts two main events each year: Yule Toy Tourney on the second weekend of December, and Nottinghamill Coill's Baronial Birthday usually on or around the last weekend of January.

Even though there seems to be plenty of time before these events roll around again, we all know that time has a dastardly way of slipping away from us.

So . . . we (the barony) are in need of people to serve as Autocrats / Event Stewards for these events. They need to be gotten onto the kingdom calendar within the next few months, to preclude other nearby chapters from staking a claim for those weekends.

If you think you'd like to take on either of these jobs, please submit an event bid to me (seneschal@nottinghamillcoill.atlantia.org) with copies to Their Excellencies Elphin ap Dafyd and Delia Flammen (baronage@nottinghamillcoill.atlantia.sca.org), no later than Saturday 1 June 2019.

Many thanks for your imagination and involvement,

*Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal - Nottinghamill Coill*

Meditations

Book XI:XXXVIII

By:
Dominus Maximus

"If you work at that which is before you, following right reason seriously, vigorously, calmly, without allowing anything else to distract you, but keeping your divine part pure, as if you were bound to give it back immediately; if you hold to this, expecting nothing, but satisfied to live now according to nature, speaking heroic truth in every word that you utter, you will live happy, and there is no man able to prevent this."



Meditations is a series of personal writings by Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor from 161 to 180 AD, recording his private notes to himself and ideas on Stoic philosophy.

Marcus Aurelius wrote the 12 books of the Meditations in Koine Greek as a source for his own guidance and self-improvement. It is possible that large portions of the work were written at Sirmium, where he spent much time planning military campaigns from 170 to 180. Some of it was written while he was positioned at Aquincum on campaign in Pannonia, because internal notes tell us that the first book was written when he was campaigning against the Quadi on the river Granova (modern-day Hron) and the second book was written at Carnuntum.

It is unlikely that Marcus Aurelius ever intended the writings to be published and the work has no official title, so "Meditations" is one of several titles commonly assigned to the collection. These writings take the form of quotations varying in length from one sentence to long paragraphs.

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

March 2019

2	<u>Kingdom Arts & Science Festival</u> (R,H)	Atlantia	Mebane, NC (<u>Map</u>)
9-17	<u>Gulf Wars</u> (R,H)	Gleann Abhann	
9	<u>St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath</u>	Ponte Alto	Vienna, VA (<u>Map</u>)
22-24	<u>Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday</u>	Hidden Mountain	Bennettsville, SC (<u>Map</u>)
23	<u>Defending the Gate XVIII</u> (R)	Sudentorre	Spotsylvania, VA (<u>Map</u>)
29-31	<u>Academy of St. Clare of Assisi: Keeping You in Stitches!</u>	Abhainn Ciach Ghlais	Millmont, PA (<u>Map</u>)
29-31	<u>The Barony of Raven's Cove Unbirthday</u>	Raven's Cove	Richlands, NC (<u>Map</u>)
30	<u>A String Thing</u>	Falconcree	Spartanburg, SC (<u>Map</u>)
30	<u>Tir-y-Don Baronial Birthday and Investiture: Labors of Finn</u> (R)	Tir-y-Don	Newport News, VA (<u>Map</u>)

April 2019

5-7	<u>Coronation of Christoph II and Adelhait II</u> (R)	Atlantia	Ellerbe, NC (<u>Map</u>)
13	<u>Market Day: Spring Cleaning</u>	Charlesbury Crossing	Pineville, NC (<u>Map</u>)
13	<u>Night in Navarre</u>	Lochmere	Severna Park, MD (<u>Map</u>)
19-21	<u>Day of Challenge</u>	Marinus	Clarksville, VA (<u>Map</u>)
19-21	<u>Feast of the Dragon</u>	Saint Georges	Easley, SC (<u>Map</u>)
26-30	<u>Revenge of the Stitch VI</u>	Spiaggia Levantina	Denton, MD (<u>Map</u>)

May 2019

3-5	Spring Crown Tournament (R)	Lochmere	Denton, MD (Map)
11	On Target	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD (Map)
17-19	Gathering of the Clans - Hawkwood Baronial Birthday XIV	Hawkwood	Waynesville, NC (Map)
24-27	Ruby Joust VIII	Caer Mear	Courtland, VA (Map)
31-2	Highland River Melees	Highland Foorde	Hagerstown, MD (Map)

June 2019

1	Scribal Workshop	Falconcree	Spartanburg,, SC (Map)
7-9	Journey Through the Nine Realms (R)	Raven's Cove	Apex, NC (Map)
8	Skewered!	Roxbury Mill	Gaithersburg, MD (Map)
13-16	Known World Dance and Music Symposium	Ansteorra	
14-16	Trial by Fire	Bright Hills	Glem Arm, MD (Map)
15-16	Summer University	Black Diamond	Lynchburg, VA (Map)
21-23	Old School War Practice	Marinus	Clarkesville, VA (Map)
29	Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournament	Storvik	College Park, MD (Map)

July 2019

12-14	King's Assessment	Black Diamond	Big Island, VA (Map)
26-11	Pennsic War	Aethelmearc	

August 2019

30-2	Known World Land Use and Livestock Symposium	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC (Map)
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September 2019

6-8	<u>Battle on the Bay in the Tyrrhenian Sea</u>	Lochmere	Upper Marlboro, MD (<u>Map</u>)
13-15	<u>Rip Rap War III: Guts, Gold, Glory</u>	Marinus	Courtland, VA (<u>Map</u>)
14	<u>Royal Archery Tournament</u>	Bright Hills	Glen Arm, MD (<u>Map</u>)
21	Fall University	Atlantia	
27-29	<u>Harvest Wars</u>	Bright Hills	

October 2019

5	Fall Coronation	Atlantia	
12	<u>The Wild Hunt</u>	Ponte Alto	Annandale, VA (<u>Map</u>)
16-20	<u>War of the Wings XV</u>	Atlantia	

November 2019

1-3	<u>Fall Crown Tourney</u> (R)	Hidden Mountain	Bennettsville, SC (<u>Map</u>)
8-10	<u>Red Mountain Mead Hall</u>	Isenfir	Charlottesville, VA (<u>Map</u>)
8-10	<u>Highland Havoc</u>	Highland Foarde	Ijamsville, MD (<u>Map</u>)

December 2019

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The Back Page...

Helloooooo Barony of Nottingham Coill! I hope you're all snug as bugs in a rug in this sudden relapse of cold weather. I know I sure am! That said, we have some great events coming up to attend and I would LOVE to see some submissions about what you all see and do while in attendance! Are you using the cold weather to work on an indoor project that you would like to share the notes for? Are you honing your bardic skills by a warm fire by writing poems or music to inspire the masses? All this and more are welcome in the pages of our Quill!

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@nottinghamcoill.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*



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