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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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Greetings unto Our Great and Noble Populace from Elphin and Delia, Baron and Baroness.

The abundant bloom of flowers (and the calendar shown unto me by Our Worthy Head Retainer) tells me that Spring Coronation is indeed nigh. We certainly hope that those who are not spending the day Celebrating the Celts at the Demo of Tartan Day South will be attending the Coronation of our new monarchs, Christoph II and Adelhait II, may Their reign prosper.

With our new Majesties, it is time to look to Award Recommendations. As Incredible as They are, their Majesties cannot be everywhere and see everything, neither can Our Most Excellent Selves. We rely on you to tell Us when a wonderful person does something wondrous. As Her Excellency stated elsewhere, if you do not have the time or ability to go through the formal award recommendation process, send Us a note via email, Facebook message or even text would be very much appreciated. It is great to tell Us in person, but Our Memory, while most Excellent, is not always the Most Reliable. Being told “Catharine Arenotgone has done this incredible thing” is all well and good, but after hearing the same of Anne Girllyn, Jane Sayless, Anne of Cloves, Catharine Ron and Catharine Parthree, things start to get jumbled together.

Baron Elphin had a wonderful time at Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday even though Baroness Delia was unwell and unable join Him. Fortunately, Chibi Delia was ready to stand in Her place. The following weekend, Baroness Delia was recovered enough to have a fabulous time at A String Thing in Falcon Cree. It was really nice to geek out for a whole day with fellow fiber aficionados.

Two short weeks after Coronation We hope to see you at Feast of the Dragon, where We hope to celebrate the Feathered Serpent in fine form.

*Elphin & Delia
Baron and Baroness of Nottingham Coill*

Baronial Progress:

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*

July

- 26-11 *Pennsic War*

Oct

- 5 *Fall Coronation*
16-20 *WoW*

From the Seneschal's Pen...



Photo credit: Mistress Tannis of Tir-y-Don

A new day, a new month, a new quarter of the year has begun. Typically, I use these columns for looking back at the time frames just ended. But this is an excellent time for looking ahead.

I just submitted my quarterly Seneschal's Report, and realized that I have but one more to do. Then it will be someone else's task. By the start of the 3rd Quarter (on 7/1/19), Nottingham Coill will have not only a new(ish) Baron and Baroness but also a new Seneschal (still to be chosen.)

That decision looms on the horizon, but so do the barony's two major events: Yule Toy Tourney and the 2020 Baronial Birthday celebration. Nottingham Coill's Baronial Birthday (NCBB) 2020 will mark the 40th (!) year since the founding of this barony. However, as I write this, we're not going to have either event. Why? Because no one has volunteered to Autocrat them. We have plenty of experienced Autocrats / Event Stewards who can mentor someone for Yule Toy Tourney. NCBB, on the other hand, really needs an experienced hand to do justice to this anniversary. Even though it feels like there's plenty of time to take care of this, the events will be in front of us before we know it.

My wish and hope is that by the end of this month we will have at least a volunteer for Yule Toy Tourney.

We absolutely need to have an Autocrat in place for NCBB 2020 by the end of this quarter (i.e. 6/30/19) to ensure that we get our desired spot on the kingdom calendar and can start encouraging people (especially those traveling from great distances) to join us. Do you have a vision to celebrate this special day? Perhaps something that incorporates people significant to the history of the barony? Put on your thinking caps and send in your bids.

In the meantime, enjoy the steadily improving weather and the company to be found at Feast of the Dragon.

Yours 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. Regrettably, despite several large events in recent months (Ymir and Gulf Wars), there are no names to be celebrated this month. (We've been so busy in the past few months that possibly we were all taking a breather . . . maybe.) I hope, though, that there will be many names to list in the next issue. If so, there will be much reason to celebrate when that list comes out.

In the meantime, 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*

Recommendation Challenge...

So far this year, there have been two months when I've had nothing to list on the 'Vivant, Hooray, and Congratulations!' page . . . and it's only April. (sadness) Their Majesties and Their Excellencies can't be everywhere, and can't see everything, all the time, so they must rely on us (all of us!) to provide insight and recommendations for awards. Too often we fail to think of truly deserving people, or we don't do anything because 'probably someone else already took care of this.' Or we think that we're not eligible to recommend a person for an award because we don't have that award ourselves. (Think: Kraken, Laurel, Nonpareil, etc.) And yes, I'm as guilty as anyone.

Recently, I saw a Recommendation Challenge that (apparently) started in the Kingdom of Atenveldt. I'm copying it here (adjusted to refer to Atlantian awards) in hopes that the ideas it lists will help stoke the fires and get the recommendations moving again.

Recommendation Challenge

- 1. Someone who has been playing for under 3 years - no more people waiting 10, 14, or 18 years for AoAs. . .*
- 2. Someone new to the thing you do (a specific art, fighting, service, etc. . .). Reminder: the recommendation doesn't have to be for that thing.*
- 3. Someone who has been doing the thing you do, for a while, but for an award not related to that thing.*
- 4. A Peer or Pointy Hat who has gone without recognition for a long time.*

5. *A non-Peer / non-Pointy-Hat who has gone without recognition for a long time.*
6. *Someone in your Barony / Shire / College but not in your close circle / household.*
7. *Someone in another Barony / Shire / College.*
8. *Someone under 30.*
9. *Someone over 50.*
10. *An officer or deputy.*
11. *Someone you met in the last year.*
12. *Someone you have known since your first year.*
13. *Someone who taught you something or helped you with something.*
14. *Someone who does a thing that you don't find that interesting or enjoyable, but they do it well.*
15. *A youth - two actually (one no more than age 12, for the Sea Urchin, and one 13-17, for the other Youth awards: Alcyon, Hippocampus, Sea Tyger, Arielle). Maybe a youth who is nearly 18 and should have an AoA.*
16. *Someone who does a thing you wish you had time to do.*
17. *Someone you may not want to sit and chat with, but who undeniably does their thing well.*
18. *A group you see as a staple in Atlantia.*
19. *Someone whom you think of a part of a pair, but usually their Significant Other / friend gets the award.*
20. *Someone who has thanked or complimented you.*

Yours in service and friendship,

Dame Morwenna Trevethan

Felix Natalis MMDCCLXXI

Aprilis XXI, DCCLIII BC

By:
Dominus Maximus



(The statue of the Capitoline Wolf bronze sculpture in the Museo Nuovo in the Palazzo dei Conservatori)

Romulus and Remus were born in Alba Longa, one of the ancient Latin cities near the future site of Rome. Their mother, Rhea Silvia was a vestal virgin and the daughter of the former king, Numitor, who had been displaced by his brother Amulius. In some sources, Rhea Silvia conceived them when their father, the god Mars visited her in a sacred grove dedicated to him. Through their mother, the twins were descended from Greek and Latin nobility.

Seeing them as a possible threat to his rule, King Amulius ordered them to be killed and they were abandoned on the bank of the Tiber River to die. They were saved by the god Tiberinus, Father of the River and survived with the care of others, at the site of what would eventually become Rome. In the most well-known episode, the twins were suckled by a she-wolf, in a cave now known as the Lupercal. Eventually, they were adopted by Faustulus, a shepherd. They grew up tending flocks, unaware of their true identities. Over time, their natural-born leadership abilities attracted a company of supporters from the community.

When they were young adults, they became involved in a dispute between supporters of Numitor and Amulius. As a result, Remus was taken prisoner and brought to Alba Longa. Both his grandfather and the king suspected his true identity. Romulus, meanwhile, had organized an effort to free his brother and set out with help for the city. During this time, they learned of their past and joined forces with their grandfather to restore him to the throne. Amulius was killed and Numitor was reinstated as king of Alba. The twins set out to build a city of their own.

After arriving back in the area of the seven hills, they disagreed about the hill upon which to build. Romulus preferred the Palatine Hill, above the Lupercal; Remus preferred the Aventine Hill. When they could not resolve the dispute, they agreed to seek the gods' approval through a contest of augury. Remus first saw 6 auspicious birds but soon afterward, Romulus saw 12, and claimed to have won divine approval. The new dispute furthered the contention between them. In the aftermath, Remus was killed either by Romulus or by one of his supporters. Romulus then went on to found the city of Rome, its institutions, government, military and religious traditions. He reigned for many years as its first king.

Although a debate continues, current scholarship offers little evidence supporting the Roman foundation myth, including a historical Romulus or Remus. Starting with Pictor, the written accounts must have reflected the commonly-held history of the city to some degree, as were not free to make things up. Historical bases for the broad mythological narrative remain unclear and disputed. The archaeologist Andrea Carandini is one of the very few modern scholars who accept Romulus and Remus as historical figures, based on the 1988 discovery of an ancient wall on the north slope of the Palatine Hill in Rome. Carandini dates the structure to the mid-8th century BC and names it the Murus Romuli. In 2007, archaeologists reported the discovery of the Lupercal beneath the home of Emperor Augustus, but a debate over the discovery continues.



(The Shepherd Faustulus Bringing Romulus and Remus to His Wife, Nicolas Mignard (1654))

Ancient pictures of the Roman twins usually follow certain symbolic traditions, depending on the legend they follow: they either show a shepherd, the she-wolf, the twins under a fig tree, and one or two birds (Livy, Plutarch); or they depict two shepherds, the she-wolf, the twins in a cave, seldom a fig tree, and never any birds (Dionysius of Halicarnassus).



The twins and the she-wolf were featured on what might be the earliest silver coins ever minted in Rome.

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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

April 2019

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

May 2019

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

June 2019

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

July 2019

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

August 2019

30-2	<u>Known World Land Use and Livestock Symposium</u>	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC (<u>Map</u>)
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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	<u>Fall University</u>	Atlantia	
27-29	<u>Harvest Wars</u>	Bright Hills	

October 2019

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

November 2019

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

December 2019

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The Back Page...



Photo credit: Lady Virginia of Wolfholt

Good evening my friends! I'm very excited about attending Coronation tomorrow! I hope to see many of your smiling faces there and to have time to catch up! I know a good number are holding down the fort in our lands at Tartan Day South. I wish I could be in both places at once, because I haven't missed a Tartan Day in a few years now and it is an awesome demo. I know you'll represent the Barony well! Whether you're attending Coronation or the demo, or keeping the home fire burning, please consider sharing a story with your neighbors in the Quill. Whether it be your own work of fiction, a write-up on your most recent WIP or an act of honor and chivalry that you were witness to, we would all like to hear about it!

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*