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BANNER AT WAR OF THE WINGS 2018

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A Note from Their Excellencies...



Photo credit: Baroness Delia Flammen

Fall is truly upon us, Noble Populace! At last, the oppressive heat of our southern summers has abated and We write these words with a steaming mug at hand. The coming month of November has a few events, most notably Crown Tournament. We eagerly wait to see who the new Heirs will be and most certainly hope this is sign of a return to something that resembles normalcy.

Sad news has reached Our ears of the passing of a True Light of Nobility; Mistress Ava Trudine of Tregoenning has left the mortal realm. Even in writing this, tears blur the words on the page, but We are certain that Mistress Ava would not wish us to grieve overlong but instead celebrate a life well lived. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Master Hagar and the rest of their family.

Though the Barony continues to mourn, the march of time does move on. Crown Tourney is this very weekend and, on its heels, will come Thanksgiving, then Unevent, and not long after that one of Our very favorite events, Yule Toy Tourney! This event embodies the generosity and joy of Our Beloved Populace. This year We expect to be visited by many of the Yule Spirits. Once again, the Mari Llwyd will be attempting to raid our snacks and beverages, so we need brave poets to keep her at bay.

Baroness Delia is sponsoring a newcomer's A&S Participation Challenge at both Yule Toy Tourney and Our Baronial Birthday in March. If you have been in the SCA less than three years you are eligible: Just bring your art or science to the A&S display area and fill out the Newcomer Challenge entry form that will be available. It can be a work in progress, an entry in any of the other categories, or part of open display: the level of skill does not matter, as the winner will be decided by a blind drawing. Pictures of the prize will be posted soon.

The Holiday season is a joyous one, but it can also be a very difficult time of year. Please reach out for help if you are struggling: if not to Us, to someone. And let's all remember to treat each other with generosity and kindness, especially as we navigate these most trying and troubling times.

Delia, Baroness

Elphin, Baron

Baronial Progress:

December

Virtual Unevent 12/4 - 12/5

Yule Toy Tourney 12/11

From the Seneschal's Pen...



Photo credit: Lord Patris de Terra Lepori

November is here! Hard to believe 2021 is almost done, and frankly I'll be glad when it's over with.

Last month, the Barony lost Mistress Ava Trudine of Tregoening, who was an amazing woman. She battled health issues for years and fought valiantly. Sadly, she has left this realm and gone to her final resting place, where her health is good and there is no limit on available fiber for projects. Please keep her husband Master Hagar and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Yule Toy Tourney is rapidly approaching on the weekend of December 9-12. It's shaping up to be a fun event, as all Yule Toy Tourneys are, and is one of

the most important events that we hold. Last time we had this event in person, in 2019, we collected 1,231 toys to be donated to charity. Last year, even though we weren't able to hold the event in person, we STILL collected 563 toys for Country Santa. The generosity of the people of this Barony as well as the Kingdom is absolutely amazing. So please make sure to gather plenty of toys and let's see if we can set a new record for toys collected!

Baronial Birthday is coming in March! Plan to join us March 11-13, 2022 at Camp Sandy Ridge. Lady Giulia Stanizi has stepped up to autocrat this event, and I would like to thank her for taking on this important event!

While we are getting back to events, we still have some restrictions due to Covid 19. You can find the complete information on the Kingdom website, but I wanted to put some reminders here:

Currently in effect:

- ☞ You MUST provide proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test taken 72 hours or less before the event start time. If you do not have either of these, you will NOT be allowed on site. There are no exceptions. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test is NOT required for children under 12. Children 3-11 must wear a mask.*
- ☞ Please note, if you challenge event staff over these requirements, you WILL be denied entry to the event and will be removed from the event. This is non-negotiable. I AM the Brute Squad.*
- ☞ Masks are required for everyone age 3 and up while indoors, regardless of vaccination/negative COVID test status. Masks are required outdoors for everyone 12 and up when in close contact, especially when near people who don't live in your household.*
- ☞ Feasts and Day Boards are allowed, with restrictions listed in the Kingdom documents. Those restrictions mainly apply to Feast staff and Feast Stewards.*

☞ *All events require pre-registration and pre-payment. No walk-ups, and no paying on site.*

I understand the concerns that these restrictions may cause for some people, but this is what has come down from Society and Kingdom. If you have any questions about the policies or need clarification, please reach out to me directly and I'll get you the answer.

A reminder that we are still looking for a Baronial Social Media Deputy. While this isn't a critical position, it is one Their Excellencies and I would like to get filled. We've been lucky that our Social Media page haven't been a problem, but that could change at a moment's notice. Please contact me if you are interested in the position.

I want to take a moment to thank all of the Baronial Officers for their work, often behind the scenes, to keep things going in these times. I also want to thank all of you for your patience, understanding, and efforts to keep the Dream alive during the past year and a half.

We are getting through this, though not as quickly as we'd like. Hang in there. If you are in need of anything at all, whether it's food, supplies, monetary help, or just need someone to talk to/vent to, reach out to Their Excellencies or myself. We're all in this together, and we are all a family.

Hug your loved ones tight, tell your friends that you love them, and keep your spirits up as best as you can. You are not alone!

Be well.

Maistir Cian, Baronial Seneschal

Report from the Baronial Financial Committee

.... submitted by Maister Cian mac Cellacháin h'Uí Dublaich

Lady Albree, the outgoing Baronial Exchequer informed me last week that there was an issue with Wells Fargo regarding adding Lady Vani, the incoming Baronial Exchequer, to the bank account. Wells Fargo was requesting a lot of different paperwork to be able to make that change. After consulting with the Kingdom Exchequer, the suggestion was made to change banks from Wells Fargo to First Citizens. The Financial Committee, consisting of Lady Albree, myself, and Lord Eamonn, in consultation with Their Excellencies Baron Elphin and Baroness Delia and the incoming Exchequer Lady Vani, voted unanimously to move the Baronial Bank Account from Wells Fargo to First Citizens Bank. Lady Albree and Lady Vani will be getting this process in motion. The Exchequer changeover is being delayed until that move is completed.

URGENT - Baronial Social Media Officer needed!

...by Maister Cian mac Cellacháin h'Uí Dublaich

Baronial Social Media Officer

The Barony of Nottingham Coill is looking for someone to serve as Baronial Social Media Deputy.

The Social Media deputy will be warranted as a deputy seneschal and will work closely with the Kingdom Social Media Deputy to ensure that all relevant Society Social Media Policies are followed. Persons interested in serving in this capacity will need to be familiar with the Social Media platforms that the Barony uses (currently only Facebook at this time), familiar with the Society Social Media guidelines, have tact, and be assertive in the application of their duties.

Anyone interested in this position, please send a Letter of Intent to Their Excellencies and myself as soon as possible!

*In loving memory of Mistress Ava Trudine of
Tregoening, Order of the Laurel*



Vert, a clarion argent.

*Image by the Memorial Shield Project
<https://www.facebook.com/MemorialShieldProject>*

Mistress Ava Trudine of Tregoening, OL passed beyond the veil on Monday, October 25, 2021. Mistress Ava was the loving wife of Master Hagar the Black, and a member of the Barony of Nottinghamhill Coill and Canton of Falcon Cree. Her passion for fiber arts, knitting in particular, is an inspiration and will continue to energize the fiber arts community indefinitely. Mistress Ava will always be a bright, radiant light in our memories. Our warmest thoughts and prayers are with Master Hagar and her family.

Awards

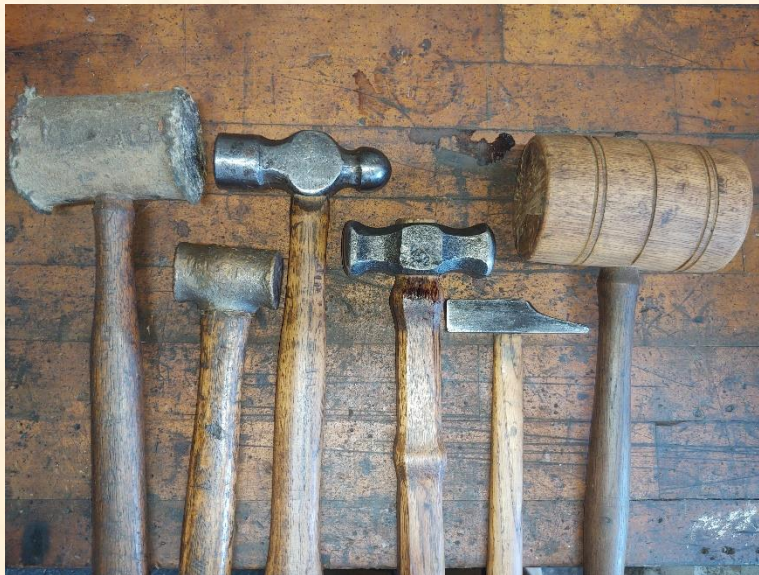
- 11/19/1983 *Award of Arms (West)*
- 1/26/1985 *Order of La Courtesia (West) (Cynagua)*
- 3/23/1985 *Order of the Leaf of Merit (West)*
- 8/10/1985 *Order of the Rose Leaf (West)*
- 9/14/1985 *Queen's Cypher (West)*
- 9/14/1985 *Queen's Order of Grace (West)*
- 7/19/1986 *Argent Fleece (West) (Fettburg)*
- 6/20/1987 *Court Baroness (West)*
- 9/9/1989 *Companion of the Pearl (Atlantia)*
- 3/1/1990 *Companion of the Gordian Knot (Atlantia) (Nottingham Coill)*
- 4/7/1990 *Mistress of the Laurel (Atlantia)*
- 11/1/2016 *Chalice of St. William the Cooper (Outlands) (Caer Galen)*
- 11/17/2018 *Excellence of Nottingham Coill (Atlantia) (Nottingham Coill)*
- 3/30/2019 *Award of the Golden Knot (Atlantia) (Nottingham Coill)*

Blacksmith's Tools in Period

...by Master Lucien de La Rochelle

Now that we have a smidgen of the history of blacksmiths behind us, we will now dive into the tools of the trade. The earliest of metal workers used sticks to manipulate the metal, stone tools and anvils to form the desired shapes. From those simplest of items, iron and steel tools were crafted. Hammer, tongs, punches, shears, basic anvils, and specialized tooling were crafted.

Hammers fall into two general categories: general and specialized. Whether large or small, a hammer's shape determines how it is used. Here is a small selection of the author's hammers.



From left to right: Rawhide, bronze, ballpeen, rounding, cross peen, wooden

Each hammer's design has an impact on how it affects the metal. Non-ferrous, rawhide, and wooden hammers are used for moving steel in a way that reduces or negates malforming the product. Steel hammers shapes are used to move the metal in specific directions. A rude way of describing how the metal moves depending on the shape is to use the "cow pie" example.

Imagine four people, standing equidistant around a pile of bovine excrement. If a bowling ball is dropped into the pile (a rounding hammer), everyone will get a bit of the patty on them. If a log is dropped in one direction (cross peen), two people along the width will be covered, and two at the ends won't, with a straight peen it will swap the recipients.

Care should be taken with the hammer faces, as any disfigurement on a hammer face will be reflected in the steel. That is why a smith should routinely maintain, clean, and polish the hammer faces to lessen any clean-up work needed at later stages of crafting. Something else to consider when buying hammers is that most come with a lacquer coating on the handle. Sanding off this coating is important to help prevent blisters from forming, and to make the handle more comfortable to use. Coating with boiled linseed oil, or fire blackening (followed by a coating of BLO), will prolong the life of the handle, and your hands. Unless you are in an apocalypse situation, avoid using synthetic handles!

Where does one get their hammers? There are many blacksmith supply businesses online. However, for someone working on a budget, flea markets are a great source for basic hammers. I have found ball peen, cross peen, straight peen, and cross peen sledgehammers at my local flea market. While they take a little work to get back into decent shape, I find that the savings in money, and the learning from refurbishing them to be a better value than just going out to buy a bunch of hammers.



Railroad/Blacksmith sledgehammer purchased at a flea market

The flea market hammer finds are also cheap enough, that if I need to have a texturing hammer, I have no fear of modifying (or mutilating) the face of a \$0.50 hammer. This, I would never do to my Rabenwald, des Troyit, Mountain King, or Tucker hammers. I have modified a few of my hammers into texturing hammers, and those textures can be found in the SCA.



Textured ring forged by the author for SCA use

While there is a tendency of modern smiths to use the largest hammer they can hold in one hand, most period hammers were less than 1.5 lbs., and only their sledges weighed more. Quite often, even the medieval sledge weighed less than 4 lbs. My heaviest “daily” hammer is only 2.2 lbs., which is equivalent to period hammer type weapons. Most of the time, I use a period 1 lb. or 1.75 lb. With practice and skill, a smith can use a smaller hammer to move steel as effectively as a smith with a larger hammer, and can swing it for longer periods.

With proper use, care, and practice, a blacksmith’s hammer can not only last a career, but for generations. In future articles, there will be demonstrations of hammers in use.

*Have fun, make stuff,
Lucien de La Rochelle, OP*

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

November - 2021

- 11-06 - 11-06 : [Fall Crown Tournament](#) :Port Tobacco MD (Dun Carraig) (Q K)
11-12 - 11-14 : [Celebration at Silverleaf: POSTPONED](#) :Clarksville VA (Marinus)
11-12 - 11-14 : [Highland Havoc](#) :Ijamsville MD (Highland Foorde)
11-13 - 11-14 : [Optimistic Pandemic Party](#) :Apex NC (Buckston-on-Eno)
11-20 - 11-20 : [Holiday Faire](#) :Manassas VA (Stierbach)

December - 2021

- 12-04 - 12-05 : [Unevent - Virtual](#) :Simpsonville MD (Atlantia)
12-10 - 12-12 : [Yule Toy Journey](#) :Pickens SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)
12-11 - 12-11 : [Dun Carraig's Baronial Birthday](#) :Waldorf MD (Dun Carraig)

January - 2022

- 01-08 - 01-08 : [Atlantian 12th Night \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)
01-29 - 01-29 : [Tourney of Manannan mac Lir](#) :Harleyville SC (Tear-Seas Shore)
01-29 - 01-29 : [Midwinter's 2022](#) :Lothian MD (Lochmere)

February - 2022

- 02-05 - 02-05 : [Atlantia University TBD](#) : (Atlantia)
02-12 - 02-12 : [Bright Hills Baronial Birthday](#) :Manchester MD (Bright Hills)

March - 2022

- 03-05 - 03-05 : [Kingdom Arts & Science Festival \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)
03-26 - 03-26 : [Defending the Gate 2022](#) :Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre)

April - 2022

- 04-01 - 04-01 : [Spring Coronation \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)
04-09 - 04-09 : [Dragon's Fire - A Celebration of St. George's Day](#) :Easley SC (Saint Georges)
04-09 - 04-09 : [Festival of Elvegast: Journey to Avallon](#) :Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)
04-15 - 04-17 : [Night Under a Faie Moon](#) :Annapolis MD (Lochmere)
04-22 - 04-24 : [Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday](#) :Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain)

May - 2022

- 05-07 - 05-07 : [Spring Crown Tourney \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)
05-13 - 05-15 : [Gardens of Thyme & Oakwood](#) :Boonville NC (Middlegate)
05-14 - 05-14 : [Highland River Melees](#) :Frederick MD (Highland Foorde)
05-21 - 05-21 : [On Target](#) :Annapolis MD (Lochmere)

October - 2022

- 10-01 - 10-01 : [Fall Coronation \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)
10-11 - 10-16 : [War of the Wings 2022 \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)

November - 2022

- 11-05 - 11-05 : [Fall Crown Tourney \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)

The Back Page...



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Good evening, dear friends. I hope that you all are doing well and staying warm during this cold front that's blowing through. It makes me want to knit all the warm things and to make woolen garb! Speaking of making, what are YOU making? I know I'd love to hear about it, and I don't think I'm just speaking for myself! Making new garb for 12th Night? Working on an A&S project for an upcoming competition? Don't forget that Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival is in March! Time to get cooking on those A&S entries! Please share your works-in-progress! There's nothing I love more than a step-by-step walkthrough of a project, no matter how small.

Should you choose to submit an article or work for the Quill, please include the appropriate release form (release forms can be found here: <http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/Releases.php>). Please send submissions to me at (chronicler@nottinghillcoil.atlantia.sca.org). If you have any questions or need help with the forms, please let me know.

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