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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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Greetings gentle populace! We are so looking forward to seeing many of you this Saturday at the Baronial Picnic and Pity Party. No garb required: wear what makes you comfortable and bring a swimsuit if you like! This will be a day of fun and relaxation and a chance to finally socialize in person with each other again before we are all busy at events with various pursuits. As of writing this missive, there is still room for more to join in the fun: if you are

Interested, please contact Delia to see if space remains. We plan to bring some games to play and there are plans for a small fighter practice. Baron Elphin is excited that He will be able to jump in the lake as soon as it is over to cool off! Feel free to bring A&S projects that can withstand being out in nature, games, water toys to play with in the lake and the like.

The following weekend, His Excellency and a few of His fellow rapier enthusiasts are venturing up to Queen's Rapier Tourney in the Barony of Raven's Cove. Her Excellency is staying home that weekend to see to the livestock and work on various projects in preparation for upcoming events. September is going to be really busy, with three events We plan to go to. Unfortunately, the Canton of Ritterwald had to postpone their planned Not Quite Quarterly Bragging Rights Tourney, so Our first in-person court will be delayed until War of the Wings.

All too quickly after that, October will bring War of the Wings, which means that We need to start getting ready for War as soon as possible. Her Excellency will be posting soon about workshops to work on the Baronial history tapestries- We would love to be able to get at least three more done for the Kingdom's 40th Birthday display at the War. There's also a procession to prepare for- the theme is EXTRA! Nottingham Coill is part of the Mamluk Empire for this war, so be sure to read up on this fascinating bit of history.

We expect there will be many challenges to come as these all too strange times continue. In all things, stay safe and for heaven's sake don't let this heat get to you.

YIS,

Delia, Baroness

Elphin, Baron

Baronial Progress:

August

Queen's Rapier Tournament 8/14 (Elphín)

September

Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 9/4

Atlantia University 9/18

Tourney of the Silver Chalice 9/25

October

War of the Wings 10/10-10/17



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From the Seneschal's Pen...



Photo credit: Lord Patris de Terra Lepori

August already! This year has flown by so far, especially compared to how last year crawled. Events are happening once again. I attended Warriors Games last month, and although it was hot and the ground was wet and muddy, it was a great event put on by the Barony of Hidden Mountain. Their Majesties were an attendance at Their first full event as King and Queen (no counting Coronation) and all was well with the world!

So, we've got a few things going on. I've addressed them in individual articles, but will touch on them here.

Baronial Polling of Confidence starts Sunday, August 8 and runs through Sunday August 24. This will be an ELECTRONIC polling using the Kingdom

AEL system - the same one used for award recommendations, University Class Registration, and Kingdom level Order pollings. Instructions on how to do it have been posted online and in this month's Quill. Make sure that you are a registered SCA member, and that you go on there NOW to confirm your registration as a member of the Barony. If you cannot get onto the AEL system, let me know ASAP!

Autocrats needed. Lady Virginia has had to step down from being autocrat of Yule Toy Tourney due to school, so we urgently need an autocrat for this great event. Please contact Their Excellencies and myself if you are interested. We still don't have an autocrat for Baronial Birthday in February, so please, someone step up to make this happen!

*We have Baronial Officer positions that need to be filled. We are still looking for a Baronial Social Media Deputy, and we are in need for a new Exchequer, as Lady Albree is needing to step down due to family priorities. If you are interested in either position, please contact Their Excellencies and myself. Note, Baronial Exchequer is a **REQUIRED** office, and if we don't get someone to fill that before the current Exchequer has to step down, the Barony is suspended! So please, step up and serve your Barony!*

It's been good so far to see people again at events, whether it's been Warriors Games, or the Coronation Watch Party hosted by Their Excellencies, seeing your faces in person has been great. I've missed all of you, and missed being together with my chosen family. We've got more events coming up in the next few months. War of the Wings is still happening and is coming together.

Remember, though, we're not completely done with this pandemic yet. Rules for reopening are constantly being worked on and tweaked. While the SCA may have lifted many of the restrictions, the Kingdom still has some in place that we must follow. The Kingdom Seneschal is working very hard to determine when these additional restrictions can be lifted safely, as she along

with Their Majesties and the Great Officers of State have the populace's safety and well-being first and foremost in their minds.

So, continue to be safe out there. Take whatever precautions you feel are necessary for your health and safety.

If you have any questions about what all is going on, or need assistance with anything, please reach out to me and ask.

Be well,

Maistir Cian, Baronial Seneschal

Vivant, Hooray, and Congratulations!

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

I love being able to write this column again!

So last month, at Warrior Games hosted by the Barony of Hidden Mountain, Their Majesties King Ekehard and Queen Jane did hold a Royal Court, and several members of our Barony were recognized!

Noble Seraphine Masherante was made a Companion of the Coral Branch - And an amazing scroll painted on a mask!

Lord Willem van Antwerpen was made a Companion of the Coral Branch

Lady Kaitlyn of Cydilan Downs was awarded Arms

Lady Merewyn Scharp was made a Companion of the Coral Branch

Lord Lucio Malatesta was awarded Arms

Congratulations to all who received an award! Know that your Barony is proud of you!

Please contact Their Excellencies for your scrolls if you haven't already.

Vivant!

URGENT - Baronial Officers needed!

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

Baronial Exchequer

Lady Albree du Greene has asked to be allowed to step down from the position of Baronial Exchequer due to family issues that require her attention. She would like to have the transition done by January 2022, and is willing to stick around and help with the transition.

The Baronial Exchequer is a REQUIRED officer position - without an Exchequer, we are no longer a Barony. The Exchequer responsibilities are to the financial health and well-being of the Barony. The Exchequer handles the funds of the Barony, issues checks for payments to event sites for rental, handles event income and expenses, and is on the Baronial Financial Committee. The Exchequer will work closely with the Baronage and the Seneschal, and is responsible for quarterly reports.

If you are interested in filling this CRITICAL Baronial Office, please send a Letter of Interest to Their Excellencies and to myself as soon as possible.

Baronial Social Media Officer

The Barony of Nottingham Hill 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!

URGENT! Autocrats Needed!

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

We are in urgent need for people to step up to autocrat Yule Toy Tourney and Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday!

Lady Virginia was going to autocrat Yule Toy this year, but when she looked at her class schedule and exam schedule, she discovered that she's got final exams on the Thursday and Friday before Yule Toy and the Monday right after. She doesn't feel that she could devote the time needed to Yule Toy Tourney while working on her classes this coming semester, so she has asked to be relieved of the job. So, we need someone to step up and autocrat the event. The site has been reserved, and Three Barons Catering has already agreed to do feast (assuming we can have it by then). So, if you are interested in autocrating Yule Toy Tourney for the weekend of December 10-12 at Tablerock Mountain, please let Their Excellencies and myself know ASAP. We need to get the event spiked on the Kingdom Calendar.

We also need someone to step up and autocrat Baronial Birthday in February. We do have the Girl Scout Camp in Bennettsville reserved for either the weekend of February 11-13 or February 18-20, with a preference for the 18-20. We need to get this one spiked soon as well before other events pop up on the calendar.

Please let Their Excellencies and myself know if you are interested in autocrating either of these two events!

Instructions for Baronial Polling of Confidence

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

Hey, everyone! The polling time is here. The polling will start Sunday August 8 and run through Sunday August 22. It will be an online polling through the Atlantia AEL system. So, how do you do the polling? Glad you asked!

- 1) Make sure your membership is up to date and active. If you aren't an SCA member, then you cannot participate. If you need to renew your membership, get it done NOW! You may have to wait until the 10th or so for the renewal information to make it down to the Kingdom so you can be verified as a member.*
- 2) If you don't have an AEL account, go create one. This is the same system for responding to Order pollings, University Registration, MOL, Marshallate, etc.*
- 3) Once you have an AEL logon, log on to your account and look on the left side of the window. Click on the link for "Switch to Baronial Pollings". If you see a yellow/red notice that your account is not linked to your membership, or that your membership has expired, then fill out the form that will be sent to the ESP Administrator who will then link your account and verify your membership. Get this done ASAP.*
- 4) Once the polling opens, you can log in and choose 'YES' that you believe Their Excellencies should serve another 2 year term, or 'NO' if you don't think they should. There is a spot for comments if you wish to leave some.*
- 5) The results will be sent to Their Majesties ONLY. Their Excellencies will not see them, I will not see them, the Kingdom Seneschal will not see them. Only the King and Queen will have access to the results.*
- 6) Please help spread the word. If there is anyone that cannot access the AEL for some reason and thus can't vote electronically, let me know ASAP. I can generate and send out postcards that will give temporary access to the AEL system. But I need to know as soon as possible so they can be sent out and received in a reasonable amount of time.*
- 7) Questions? Send them to me.*

This Month in Plague History: May 1347

...By Lord Willem van Antwerpen

While most histories of the Black Death tend to focus on its devastating effects on late medieval Western Europe, it was in May 1347 when ships from the Genoese trading colony of Caffa in the Crimean Peninsula arrived in the Byzantine capital of Constantinople. The Genoese in Caffa were the first Europeans recorded as dying of the plague, when, during a siege by the Mongol Golden Horde the previous year, the Mongols catapulted infected bodies over the city walls. However, now they will spread it to the remnants of the Byzantine Empire.

The Byzantines themselves are tenuously holding on the heartland of their once vast empire. During the previous century, they fought the Fourth Crusaders and their successor states to win back Constantinople. They have also just finished an internal civil war over succession to the throne. By 1349, the plague will kill an estimated half of the residents of the capital city. Coming on the heels of these struggles, the Empire will never quite recover. In the Balkans, the Byzantines lose substantial amounts of land to the Serbians, and in Asia Minor, a new enemy, the Ottoman Turks, is appearing. While it will be another century before the Byzantine (or Eastern Roman) Empire officially falls, it is through as a major power in the Eastern Mediterranean.



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In Support of a Long Term &/or Large-Scale A&S Project

...by Lady Ceara of Novgorod

Many A&S Competitions and Challenges are both small scale and short term simply by necessity. A&S competitions/challenges often are designed for a single item, or a dozen of the exact same item, with only a month or so to produce it. These small-scale competitions are generally a result of event schedules and it's typical of A&S at many events. The most common examples in our kingdom are Bakers Dozen Largess Derby's (where the artisan produces 13 of a small item, 12 of which are given to Royals or seated Baronage to be given out as largess) and Something in Event Theme/Culture. I happen to love these short-term A&S challenges. They're great skill builders, especially Largess Derby's. The Repetition over short term of one or two new skills to produce 12 same/similar small pieces is a great way to get better at anything. All that said, now is a great time to tackle a Long Term and Large-Scale challenge; something that takes several months and produces a large complex item, or multiple items that make up a whole, requiring a multitude of skills. There are many reasons for taking up this kind of challenge right now.

First there are a lot of larger scale and longer-term A&S challenges happening currently with plenty of time to join them. There are, of course the yearly competitions which have set calendar dates: Tempora Atlantia at Fall Crown (1350-1500ce) and 12th Night (Pre-history -1000CE) and Persona Pentathlon at Kingdom A&S Fair. There are also a lot of other options right now: our Kingdom MoAS (Dame Deirdre) is sponsoring a Small Group Challenge that will end in March of 2022 where artisans are supposed to work in groups of 3 to 5 to do different parts of a larger scale piece they could not

complete on their own. Goodwife Michel Almond de Champagne and Mistress Muin Dunn are sponsoring a Garb Challenge at WOW where artisans are to have made an outfit for \$56 or less, wear it Saturday to the Garb Challenge at WOW (noon), and answer questions (with enthusiasm) about its construction and cost. Also, there is the Drachenwald Arts Challenge AS 56 which is due October 31st and has over 20 individual sponsored challenges (some very large scale, some not). This is just a sampling, and I'm sure depending on how far and wide that someone is willing to go, there are plenty more options.

Second, we are finally able to return to in person events. Being able to meet in person, exchange hard to acquire resources and materials, or even just encourage one another is very helpful. Talking out your stumbling blocks with others is often super helpful in taking a large project to a successful completion. Too often artisans stare at something long enough they get locked into thinking one way, getting that outside perspective of "have you tried x-material? Or B-technique" can send you in a new direction. Also, the ability to chat with someone else who may be working on a similar or related project can help jump start your work. In person activities allows an artisan to hand someone a finished or partially finished piece and discuss the weight/feel/texture issues that may be causing problems to continue on to the next step.

And lastly, long term projects give you time to mess up and start over. Too often with an ambitious project, especially if you have lots of new skills you're working on, you will have a number of false starts. As an artisan I often come into a project thinking it will be done in one way, and find that doesn't work well at all. Being able to make mistakes and re-start in a different way takes time, but is often invaluable to the learning and crafting process. Especially because we are often working from a find that is a partial extant example, a vague description in a period manuscript, and illumination that

was drawn by someone that may know very little about the actual production process, or modern chemical analysis of very damaged extant pieces.

I know there are many fine artisans in this Barony and I hope at least some will consider joining one of the current and upcoming long term and larger scale A&S challenges.



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When the Scourge of the Coill Wears Your Face: Baron Geldamar Tells All!

*...by Lady Merewyn Scharp in collaboration
with Baron Geldamar le Faceur*

With so much discussion recently of our great Barony's history, a dark spot on an otherwise beautiful tapestry of the past glares at me such that I feel the strong obligation to further investigate. The key figure in this ghastly moment in our history is none other than Kazimir, half-brother of our own Baron Geldamar le Faceur! This foul miscreant is accused of bamboozling a former Baroness of Marinus and getting her with child, a child that was then confused for Baron Geldamar's offspring due to the physical likeness between brothers. This, however, is where the similarities between the two men end.

To get to the bottom of the situation and better understand the characters involved, I'm interviewing Baron Geldamar about his evil antithesis.

***Merewyn:** Baron Geldamar, thank you very much for taking the time to shed light on the black soul of your half-brother, Kazimir. From everything that I've heard and read about him, he sounds downright despicable.*

***Geldamar:** It is very good to see you again Lady Merewyn, even if the subject of our discussion is so foul. I am glad to share what I know of the subject, if for no other reason than to warn others of the dangers of such individuals.*

***Merewyn:** What can you tell us of his upbringing? When did you first become aware of him?*

***Geldamar:** We only share a father, his mother being a woman of questionable background in a troupe of less than desirable people. He grew up amongst them and learned their ways, becoming a master of sleight-of-hand and using his silver tongue to worm his way out of trouble time and time again. As far as when we met, I was at a gathering at Pennsic when a man accosted me with compliments about how great I was at a party the night before. I told the man*

that he must be mistaken because I had not attended a party the previous evening. The man insisted that I was, but that I was dressed differently, more like a gypsy. The man declared that I must have a twin, because the man had a striking resemblance to me. Well, the individual that this man met came to my camp looking for me while I was away. We eventually met, wherein he picked my pocket and tried to pretend that it was a joke. I was not amused.

Merewyn: One can imagine that such a wicked malefactor has run the gamut of crimes and offenses in the Knowne World. Tell us, just how long is the despicable Kazimir's criminal record? What would you say was Kazimir's worst crime?

Geldamar: The silver tongue that we were both blessed with by our French father ensured that he never served any time for his misdeeds. He only has ever truly been charged with one crime, which was his worst. He's been known to pickpocket as I mentioned before, in addition to stealing horses in broad daylight for all to see.

Merewyn: Ah, so regarding that crime, I've heard stories of Kazimir's womanizing ways, but I find it hard to believe that women would give such a dishonorable turncoat the time of day. How did he manage to fool so many virtuous and highborn women?

Geldamar: Well, being of French descent and with a glib tongue, he has managed to talk his way into many a good woman's bed. Of course, the most infamous of examples would be a former Baroness of Marinus. The scoundrel led her to believe that the man she was absconding with was none other than myself. This was all quite scandalous because I and my lady wife were Baron and Baroness of Nottingham Coill at the time. Lo and behold, she became with child and I stood accused of being the child's father, even though I have always been a faithful husband. This incident ignited a war to settle the truth of the matter. Of course, we were victorious because I was truly innocent of the charges.

Merewyn: That sounds absolutely dreadful. I can't believe your own flesh and blood would stoop so low just to spend one night with a lady. He should truly be ashamed of himself!

***Geldamar:** Ah, but he has no shame. He only cares for himself and where to pilfer the next coin purse. He's done nothing but take advantage of any kindness I've shown him. Many times, I have offered to help him make a better life, only to find that he's duped me and has usually cost me quite a number of coins and even some alliances over the years. But he's my brother, and while he has caused my family pain and been a detriment to our good name, I must try to help him where I can.*

***Merewyn:** Thank goodness he paid the ultimate price for his greatest misdeed against you and your lady wife. I know that losing a family member to such a fate must have been painful for you.*

***Geldamar:** Well...that's the thing. I'm not fully convinced that he did. You see, the individual that was tasked with the execution...well, he can be easily bought. And I had it from a reliable source that he was seen with a shiny new sword not long after the event. I also don't...I don't know...I don't feel like he's dead. He's practically my twin in every way and my own brother, so I feel sure that I would know it in my heart if he were truly gone beyond the vale.*

***Merewyn:** WHAAAAAAAAATTTTTTT???? What do you MEAN you don't think he's dead? Was his head not presented to Their Majesties and you during court for all to behold?*

***Geldamar:** Well, we certainly saw someone's head in that box. And it did have somewhat similar hair...but it really didn't resemble my brother at all. I held my tongue because I wanted my lady wife to feel that justice had been served and that there would be peace in the land again. I've since seen hints and traces of what I believe to be my brother's existence. I do believe that he yet lives to imperil us another day. I suspect that the less than savory group that he traveled with has covered for him and hidden him away from view. They are not what most of us would consider...honorable. Their code of law is very different from ours.*

***Merewyn:** I must admit to feeling quite aghast at the thought that such a miscreant could still be free to continue his ignoble machinations amongst our innocent and good people!*

Geldamar: *It isn't just him you should be concerned about! Do you not recall the antics of his son at Border Skirmishes?*

Merewyn: *Yes...now that you mention it, I do. Apologies, the plague times have made all of that seem like distant memories of another life.*

Geldamar: *It is still very fresh in my memory how he paraded himself about all day, making merry with us as if he were our friend Svelt the Viking! And then, when he was exposed for the fraud that he was, he grabbed a horse, kicked over the rest of the noble steeds and headed for the hills! Who knows what will occur if those two are together running amok! Such thoughts have colored my nightmares for many a night, but we must preserve and be ever vigilant, Lady Merewyn.*

Merewyn: *Worry not for me, Baron Geldamar! I will remain ever watchful and observant of strangers and any ne'er-do-well that should cross my path. Should either man dare to accost me, I'll cut the silvery French tongue from his vile maw!*

Geldamar: *Be you careful with such talk, lest the devil himself materialize presently!*

Merewyn: *You are right, and I apologize for my hasty declaration. You have my gratitude for your time and for sharing your insights into the enigma and lawbreaker that was...or is...your brother.*

With that last admonition, Baron Geldamar withdrew to his steed and I returned to my own dwelling to consider his words. Could his miscreant of a brother Kazimir and his misbegotten son still be out there, plotting against our beloved Barony? I feel that there is yet more to this story, but for now I must put aside my quill and rest as best I can even with such heavy thoughts clamoring in my mind. Rest you well, gentle reader and take heed to Baron Geldamar's warning. Stay sharp-eyed and attentive!

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

August - 2021

*08-07 - 08-07 : Stierbach Baronial Birthday XXIII :Spotsylvania VA (Stierbach)
(Q K)*

08-13 - 08-14 : Queen's Rapier Tourney :Richlands NC (Raven's Cove) (Q K)

September - 2021

*09-03 - 09-05 : Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday :Boonville NC (Sacred Stone) (Q
K)*

*09-04 - 09-04 : POSTPONED/ Acier Ascension - The Rise of Steel :Hillsborough
NC (Windmasters' Hill)*

*09-11 - 09-12 : Known World Symposium of the Americas :Chesapeake VA
(Marinus)*

*09-11 - 09-11 : POSTPONED: Not Quite Quarterly Braggin Rights Tourney
:Aiken SC (Ritterwald)*

09-18 - 09-18 : Atlantia University :Myrtle Beach SC (Hidden Mountain) (Q K)

09-24 - 09-26 : Battle on the Bay :Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q K)

09-25 - 09-25 : Tourney of the Silver Chalice :Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain)

October - 2021

*10-01 - 10-03 : Trial by Fire and Royal Archer :Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills) (Q
K)*

10-09 - 10-10 : The Wild Hunt :Triangle VA (Ponte Alto)

10-10 - 10-17 : War of the Wings XV :Boonville NC (Atlantia) (Q K)

*10-22 - 10-24 : Revenge of the Stitch VII :Chestertown Road MD (Spiaggia
Levantina)*

November - 2021

11-06 - 11-06 : *Fall Crown Tourney (TBD) : (Atlantia) (Q K)*

11-12 - 11-14 : *Highland Havoc :Jamsville MD (Highland Foorde)*

11-12 - 11-14 : *Celebration at Silverleaf :Clarksville VA (Marinus)*

11-20 - 11-20 : *Holiday Faire :Manassas VA (Stierbach)*

December - 2021

12-04 - 12-04 : *Unevent (TBD) : (Atlantia)*

January - 2022

01-08 - 01-08 : *Atlantian 12th Night (TBD) : (Atlantia)*

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)*

April - 2022

04-01 - 04-01 : *Spring Coronation (TBD) : (Atlantia)*

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)*

May - 2022

05-05 - 05-05 : Spring Crown Tourney (TBD) : (Atlantia)

05-13 - 05-15 : Gardens of Thyme & Oakwood :Boonville NC (Middlegate)

05-21 - 05-21 : On Target :Annapolis MD (Lochmere)

October - 2022

10-22 - 10-22 : Fall Coronation (TBD) : (Atlantia)

November - 2022

11-05 - 11-05 : Fall Crown Tourney (TBD) : (Atlantia)

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Hello everyone! I hope everyone is looking forward to all of the great in-person events we have ahead of us. There sure are plenty! I've been pulling out my garb to see what still fits and what needs mending. Probably should get my tent out to see if it needs any mending. What are you doing to prep for the coming events?

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