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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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Bwahaha! You are stuck with Us for two more years! (Steeple's fingers while cackling manically)

Seriously, though, thank you all for the vote of confidence. We will strive to be worthy of it. It is Our goal to pass over a healthy, and whole Barony to Our successors. Speaking of which, it is not too soon to start considering if you would like to take on this position in the future. It took Our friends more than

a year or to talk Us into seriously considering it, as We are introverts who previously shunned the spotlight like it burned. Guess what- it doesn't burn and it gets easier as you go! And it's very rewarding to be in a position to help people get the recognition they deserve and to encourage those who are hiding their light to let it shine. We are happy to talk to anyone who has interest or questions- just let Us know.

By the time this missive is published We will have attended the Baronial Birthday of Our new Cousins in Sacred Stone. We are very excited for this event, for reasons that will be abundantly clear on the day! We're hoping everyone who can attend has fun as We celebrate our neighboring barony.

September looks to be a busy month after what seems like forever of enforced idleness. After Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday, We are going to the Falcon Cree demo at Upstate Renaissance Festival & Medieval Market on September 11th. Then at the end of the month there is Silver Chalice.

We know that everyone is sad about the cancellation of War of the Wings and We also keenly feel the loss of the event; however, We agree with the decision and support those who had to make the difficult choice. Our Barony and Kingdom will preserve until next year.

Everyone stay safe in these turbulent times.

YIS,

Delia, Baroness

Elphin, Baron

Baronial Progress:

September

Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 9/4

Atlantia University 9/18

Tourney of the Silver Chalice 9/25

December

Yule Toy Tourney 12/11



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From the Seneschal's Pen...



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All right, we made it to September! Hopefully, we'll have some cooler weather, because it's been rather warm out there.

Events are starting to pick back up. Their Excellencies hosted a Pennsic Pity Party at Dreher Island in early August that was a lot of fun. Most of us just sat around and talked, a few people went to splash in the lake to cool down, and there was a little bit of sword work that occurred. All in all, very low-key, casual non-garb get together that was relaxing and enjoyable. Thank you, Your Excellencies, for hosting it!

Speaking of Their Excellencies, the results of the Baronial Polling of Confidence are in, and Their Majesties have reviewed them, and made the

decision that Baron Elphin and Baroness Delia will continue as Their representatives for another 2 years! This is historical, because Nottingham Coll has never had a set of Baronage who have extended their time in the Chairs of State. We've had Baronage serve, step down for a bit, then serve again, but this is the first time any have asked for and been granted an extension. Though if you ask me, the last year and a half shouldn't count because of the pandemic! Congratulations to our Baron and Baroness, who have done a wonderful job of keeping things moving during the Pandemic. May the next 2 years be less stressful and more *EVENT*-ful (see what I did there? 😊) than the last 18 months!

So, events. University of Atlantia, which was supposed to have been live in Myrtle Beach (Hidden Mountain) has gone virtual. Sad to hear, but considering the numbers, probably a good idea. Also sadly, War of the Wings has once again been postponed until next year. Based on the current covid situation, the Kingdom Seneschal, The Crowns of Atlantia, the Great Officers of State, and the WoW staff made the difficult decision to postpone once again.

Yule Toy Tourney has an autocrat! Many thanks to Lady Meadbh for taking on the role when the original autocrat had to step back because of school. She's got some great ideas in mind! As of this letter, it is still on, but Their Excellencies, myself, and the autocrat will be watching the world situation and adjusting plans accordingly.

We still need an autocrat for Baronial Birthday in February. And we need one *NOW*! We've got to start planning it and getting things moving.

We also need officers. Most importantly, we need a Baronial Exchequer. This is a **REQUIRED** office. If nobody steps up by the time the current Exchequer has to step down, the **Barony will cease operation and go inactive**. Nobody wants that to happen. So please, give the job some consideration. It's not that difficult of a job, except for having to chase me down to get my

signature on reports once in a while! There's plenty of help; you won't be thrown in the deep end. Contact me if you have any questions!

So, the Pandemic isn't over. We've made a lot of strides, but there's still some concerns out there. The Kingdom Seneschal is watching things very carefully, and will let us know if there are changes that need to be made to Covid-19 policy. In the meantime, wash your hands, wear your mask, and be careful out there.

As usual, if you need anything at all, whether it's physical labor to do something, financial assistance, or just someone to talk to, reach out to Their Excellencies or myself, and we will help you however we can. We are in this together, NONE of us are alone.

Be well,

Maistir Cian, Baronial Seneschal

Vivant, Hooray, and Congratulations!

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

I didn't think there would be an opportunity to write this column for this issue, because there haven't been any events in August where someone from our Barony got an award. However, I had to re-do part of my Seneschal's letter because of the change in War of the Wings status, as I'm working on it, word came down from Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday that Lady Ceara of Novgorod had been placed on vigil to contemplate joining the Order of the Laurel!

Please join me in congratulating her on this accomplishment! She is a talented and enthusiastic artisan, and this recognition is WELL DESERVED!

So, for Lady (soon to be Boiarynia) Ceara...VIVAT! VIVAT! VIVAT!

Side note - do YOU know the difference between "Vivat" and "Vivant"?

"Vivat" is a Latin term that basically means "He Lives!" (or she lives/it lives) and is used in Atlantia and some other Kingdoms as a cheer for success, much like the modern day "hip hip hooray!"

"Vivant" is the plural form of it. So, when doing cheers at an Atlantia event, if 1 person is being honored, you cry "Vivat" 3 times. If it's 2 or more people, then use the word "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! Autocrat Needed!

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

We are in urgent need for people to step up to autocrat Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday in February 2022! 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 autocratting this event!

How To Be Of Service In The SCA

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

The SCA is a volunteer organization almost exclusively. There are a couple of people in Milpitas at the HQ of the SCA who get paid, but by and large, everything done in the SCA is by volunteers. Without the hard work of the volunteers, we wouldn't have an SCA.

The next time you go to an event, look at the schedule and see if there is a listing of staff. If not, check the website for the event. All of the people on that list have volunteered their time to work at the event. Everyone from the autocrat who has spent months planning and preparing to the person who takes on the job of keeping the bathrooms cleaned and stocked are all volunteers. They are giving up their enjoyment of attending the event to work at it. Most of them are actually paying for the privilege of working at the event, because generally only the autocrat and the head cook get in free.

Take a look at your local group's officers. Some positions, such as Seneschal and Exchequer, are required offices to be filled, and if they go vacant, the group is suspended and becomes inactive. Other positions are not required, but are still essential. Many of those offices, if not filled, must be handled by the Seneschal of the group, adding to their paperwork.

In most groups, when it's time to change officers, what often happens is they just pass job titles to the person next to them, because there aren't a lot of people clamoring to fill the spot. You end up with a few people doing all of the work.

It's important that we get new, fresh people into service positions within the SCA. Many of the people running events and serving as officers have been doing it for a long time. We love what we do, and honestly for many of us, taking a break is tough. But the Society can't grow if we don't have new people with fresh ideas rotating into the service spots.

So how can you help? First of all, understand that none of the SCA office positions are necessarily hard. Yeah, there's some paperwork to do and people to talk with, but overall, they are relatively easy to do. Most importantly, you won't be alone. There will be a support system of people that you can go to for help, for advice, or just to vent. We WANT you to succeed! When I was about to step up as Kingdom Herald 6 years ago, I was worried, because it was a big job and I didn't want to screw it up. The heralds and scribes all came together and told me that they wouldn't let me fail. And they meant it. They gave me all the support I needed to do my job.

That's how it will be with any job in the SCA. All of us will be there to support you, to help you, to advise you, and to encourage you.

So look around at your local group, at the Canton or Baronial level. See what jobs might interest you and offer to be the deputy for that officer. That gets you involved and learning the job, without having the responsibility thrust on you. It also doesn't mean that you are automatically the next person to fill that office, though if you want to when the officer steps down, you'll have a head start. It's the same with event staff. Offer to be the deputy autocrat, or deputy troll, or deputy herald. You'll learn the job from someone who is experienced. Then if you feel like it, you can do the job at a future event.

Please consider giving of some of your time to help grow the SCA and keep it vivid and fresh. Volunteer to be an officer, or a deputy officer. Volunteer to work at an event, or even run an event. You won't be alone. We will all be there to support and help you.

We believe in you. You can do this!

Maistir Cian mac Ceallachain h'Ui Dubhlaich, OP

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

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 - ONLINE! :Atlantia SC (Atlantia) (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 & Royal Archer :Glem Arm MD (Bright Hills)(Q K)

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

10-10 - 10-17 : POSTPONED UNTIL 2022 - 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)

The Back Page...



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Good afternoon everyone! I hope this missive finds you all well. I'm keeping busy while quarantining because of a potential exposure to the plague. Yay. Being responsible is fun <sarcasm>. I did see that great fun was had yesterday at Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday and it makes my heart glad to see it even if I couldn't be there! Reading and hearing your accounts of the event takes me there and I know many others would enjoy hearing about the events that you attend. The amazing pictures taken by our fantastic photographers are a boon in these times and breath life into the stories.

As Their Excellencies mentioned, we are all very sad about the loss of War of the Wings again this year. It has long been one of my favorite events since it is one of the only Wars that I've attended (except that one Gulf Wars for less than 24 hours...stupid weather). All we can do is plan for next year and hope that good sense will prevail in the fight against this pandemic. We must all do

our part to stay safe and not further spread the contagion by socially distancing, wearing a mask and practicing good hygiene by washing our hands thoroughly and regularly. If you're medically able to do so, for the love of all that is SCA, please get vaccinated. If we do these things, then we can start having big Wars again and get to enjoy all the fun that comes with them.

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@nottinghillcoill.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