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Happy New Year, Populace! We hope this finds you ready to face the challenges and excitement the new year brings us. We look forward to seeing what you all will do with the opportunities that are coming our way.

Jul Toy tourney was fabulous! Mistress Etain and Sensei Mizuno did a wonderful job as event stewards, especially when you consider that Sensei



Mizuno was head feast cook AND spent most of the day on surprise Vigil! Kudos to her feast team the Souteneurs de Gloutennerire for preparing the magnificent feast she planned for us. 1106 toys were collected for needy children and many

of the populace were awarded for their hard work. Check out the Vivats and Flooray section of this newsletter to see them all.

Baronial Birthday is a little over a month away now. The theme is A Celebration of Love, as it is taking place the weekend before Valentine's Day. We will be choosing new Baronial champions for rapier combat, archery, and thrown weapons, so please get your letters of intent in if you are interested in representing the Barony in those disciplines. So We wouldn't be so rushed at Birthday, We chose three of Our new Champions at Jul Toy Tourney this year: Aedan McLeod for Armored, Guilia Stanizi for A&S and Master Nagar for Bardic, and they will be inducted at Baronial Birthday.



From the Quill of Their Excellencies

The year may be new, but we are not. When we first joined the SCA, lo some thirty years ago, the majority of the SCA population were Baby Boomers. The leading edge of these Baby Boomers are now in their 70's and one of the more unfortunate possible side effects of aging is cognitive decline. While in-person encounters with someone suffering from such a condition can be a little challenging, We cannot help but notice there are extra difficulties in the realm of Social Media. Robbed of the physical clues that are easily deciphered in person, it can be difficult to figure out whether an extremely odd social media post is just someone having a bad day, being clueless or exhibiting the signs of serious cognitive decline. When you see an odd posting on Social Media please be aware of the possibility of this; be patient and kind. That said, if your attempt to help puts you in a situation you're not comfortable with, do not feel that you must follow through. We mustn't allow our natural inclination to kindness put any of us in a compromising situation due to unexpected variables.

Well do We know that the aftermath of the Holidays can be emotionally draining. If you are feeling unaccountably down please reach out; if not to friends or family then call 988, this support line is there to help those in need.



Elphin

Baron

Delia

Baroness

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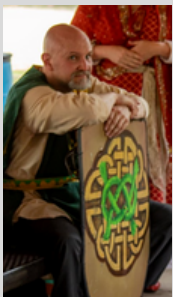


Greetings to All,

As I write this Jul Toy Journey was successful once again and raised over 1000 toys for Country Santa and saw three new Baronial Champions chosen and to take their place at Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday in February. Christmas has come and gone and brought some cold weather. I hope that all have faired well and stayed warn during the cold and had a wonderful holiday and as we go into the new year I hope that all will have a great new year.

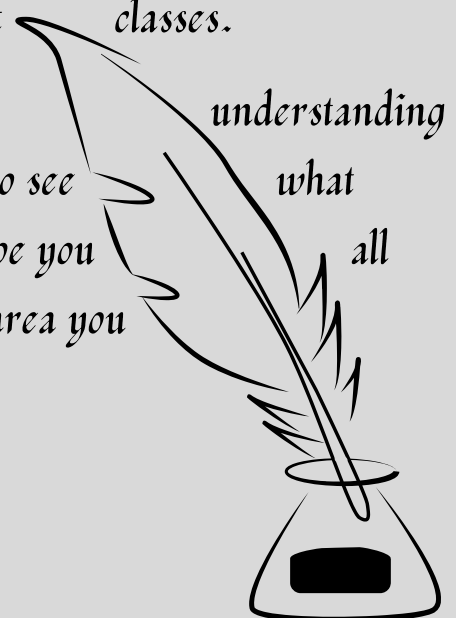
NCCBB is the next Baronial event on February 10th through the 12th and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the event. After that it is the Quarterly Baronial Workshop Event focused on Accessories on February 25th and looks to be a packed with all kinds of great classes.

Let us continue to show respect, compassion, and for one another as we go into this new year. I hope to see everyone has been working on, and I hope you continue to grow and learn in whatever area you have decided to partake in.



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Her Excellency Machteld Cleine*

*In Service,
Likerion*



The History of Garden Gnomes

By: Maistreas Brig ingen Erennaigh
(Missy Looper)



Gnomes are by far more than whimsical garden ornament that we know (and love) or the jet setting spokesman for Travelocity. Their history can be traced to the mythology of Ancient Rome, and traverses the whole of Western Europe and spans centuries of Lore and Mythology.

Prevalent throughout Europe and North America, these diminutive creatures are known by many names. In Norway they are called Nisse. The Finnish call them Tontti. German Gnomes are called Erdmanleins except in the Alpine regions where they are called Heinzemannchens. Russia knows them as Domovoi Djedoes. The Swiss name them Kleinmanneken. Iceland, Foddenskkmaend. Dudge in Bulgaria, Mano in Hungary, and the Belgians call them Skritek. In North America, the humble Gnome.



The history of the word "gnome" is not straightforward. The Greeks called such subterranean, nature dwelling creatures pigmaei or gnomi, possibly from the word "genomos" defined as "earth-dweller." It is possible that "gnomus" evolved from the similar Greek word for "knowledge", gnosis.

Ancient Rome boasts the earliest appearances of what would evolve into the Garden Gnome. Statues of the Roman Gods were placed outside of Roman homes as protection from evil spirits. The most notable was Priapus, a minor god of fertility who was adopted from the Greek pantheon. Priapus was sentinel of vegetables, nature, livestock, fruit, beekeeping, sex, genitals, masculinity, and gardens, and thought to effectuate fertility, and ensure a successful harvest. He was usually represented by the depiction of his large and permanent erection.

During the Renaissance, our little Gnome friends got a makeover both in form and function. They were called "Grotesques" and began to take on all the form of small malformed homunculus statuary which were brightly colored and called by the Italian name "Gobbi".

Paracelsus, an Alchemist from Switzerland, is thought to be the first to attribute outright preternatural powers to these creatures. He postulated that Gnomes were one of a quartet of natural elements that existed alongside man. Their purpose was to emerge in the night to help plants and animals grow and thrive.

By the start of the 18th century, the popularity of Garden Gnomes had grown and spread among the privileged class. In large part, the popularity of German Fairy Tales, did much to propagate the stories, myths, and lore of Gnomes, and placed them firmly into the psyche of word mythology. Gnomes were here to stay as creatures with the fabled ability to help or hinder us with the everyday operation of our lives, and an enduring example of how history and mythology combine to influence the way we live in the modern world.

Chronicler's Note: Thank you Maistreas Brig ingen Erennaigh for your enlightening article about the history of garden gnomes. I may never look at Sven, my garden gnome, the same way again.

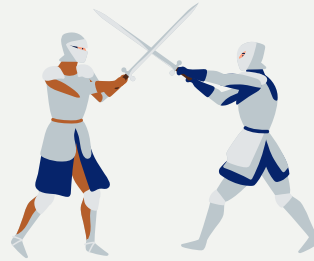
If you are interested in sharing art work, an article, a story in the Nottingham Hill Quill, please send it to jeniferyoxall@gmail.com. I would love to include your work in a future issue of the Quill.



BARONIAL PROGRESS

January

Tourney of
Manannan Mac Lir



February



Nottinghill Coill Baronial
Birthday 43

Tournament of Ymir



Accessories Workshop (HE Delia)/
Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday (HE Elphin)

March



Kingdom Arts &
Sciences Fair

Barony of Hidden
Mountain Investiture





BARONIAL PROGRESS

April

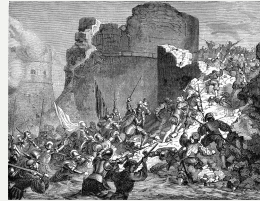
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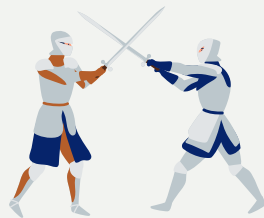
Dragon's Fire



BAWT III



May



Crown

Not Quite Quarterly
Bragging Rights III



Vivat, Flooray, and Congratulations!

So much fine recognition was received by the Barony's populace in December.



Recognition from the Crown

Mizuno Sakami	Sensei (Mistress) of the Laurel
James Cooper	Award of the Star of the Sea
Giulia Stanizi	Companion of the King's Missiliers
Mads Arthurson	Award of Arms
Vani Ka Bhediva	Companion of the Opal
Dreux d'Anjou	Court Baron
Viktor Likerionovich	Award of the Alcyon
Ceara of Novogrod	Companion of the Golden Dolphin
Likerion Volkovitch	Companion of the Golden Dolphin

Recognition from Their Excellencies

Hagar the Black	Companion of the Coill's Guiding Beacon
Lileth of the Glass Isle	Companion of the Dordian Knot
Sofia Eleonora de la Mar	Companion of the Coill's Muse
Arailt of Dinsmore	Award of the Golden Knot
Viktor Likerionovich	Companion of the Coill's Bells
Nikoli Likerionovich	Companion of the Coill's Bells
Ceara of Novogrod	Award of the Pewter Spoon
Likerion Volkovitch	Award of the Shield's Knot



Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

January 2023



1/7	<u>Kingdom 12th Night</u>	Winston Salem (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)
1/21	<u>Feast of St. Sebastian</u>	Ashland VA (Caer Ngar) (Q K)
1/28	<u>Henry's Holiday Huzzah! - Midwinters</u>	Lothia MD (Lochmere)
1/28	<u>Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir</u>	Harleyville SC (Fear-Sea's Shore)
1/28	<u>Ice Castles Black Diamond BB</u>	Roanoke VA (Black Diamond) (Q K PR P)



February 2023

2/4 - 2/5	<u>Winter University of Atlantia</u>	Atlantia (Q K)
2/10 - 2/12	<u>Nottinghamhill Coill Baronial Birthday 43</u>	Bennettsville Hill SC (Nottinghamhill Coill) (Pr P)
2/11	<u>Bright Hills Baronial Birthday</u>	Manchester MD (Bright Hills) (Q K)
2/11	<u>Day of Love III</u>	Virginia Beach VA (Marinus)
2/11	<u>Sir Walter Raleigh Ball</u>	Burlington NC (Buckston-on-Eno)
2/17 - 2/19	<u>Tournament of Ymir</u>	Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P)
2/25 - 2/26	<u>Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday</u>	Richlands NC (Raven's Cove)
2/25 - 2/26	<u>Accessories Workshop</u>	Spartanburg SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)

March 2023



3/4	<u>Kingdom Arts & Sciences Fair</u>	Atlantia (Q K)
3/11 - 3/19	<u>Gulf Wars - A War with No Enemies</u>	Gleann Aghann (K Pr P)
3/11 - 3/19	<u>Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday and Investiture</u>	Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain) (Q K PR P)
3/25	<u>Defending the Gate</u>	Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre)
3/31 - 4/2	<u>Spring Coronation</u>	Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q K PR P)

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Diary of a Crazy Chronicler



Don't worry your Crazy Chronicler hasn't been eaten by a bear. She's just gone into winter hibernation from the cold. Normal Chronicler articles will resume in March.