



The Nottingham Quill



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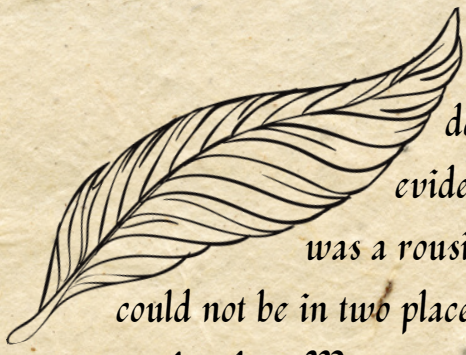


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As of the writing of this letter the Barony will have done two demos in just a few weeks. From everything we heard and saw evidence of, the Not Quite Quarterly Bragging Rights Tournament was a rousing success. Our only regret, and it is a deep regret, is that We could not be in two places at once. The Investiture of Hawkwood was that same weekend, so We went to welcome Our new Cousins. Hawkwood was a good event and We certainly enjoyed it.

As of your reading of this, the Dragon Faire demo will have just happened. We certainly hope it was half as successful and fun as Bragging Rights was. Future you will know better than Past Us.



Demos are a very important part of what we do, so We thought We should share some personal Dos and Don'ts that We try to follow, developed over 30 years of demoing.

- Do have fun - If the crowd doesn't see us having fun, why would they imagine they would?
- Don't allow yourselves to be cliquish - Mix with the folks there, other SCAdians as well as those interested. Demos are a good chance to make new friends and build communities.
- Do share your enthusiasm for your art and skills, but Don't keep your head down - If you are a fighter do try to be loud and flashy, and avoid going for the quick kill and act out your "death". We know demos can be something of a trial for the introverted and shy among us. We can't say what would work for you, but for us We inhabit a character that We "are" for the demo.

Remember no matter what, you bring something unique to every demo, and event, for that matter.

From the Quill of Their Excellencies

There is a summer university and it's quite close this time. Sadly, family obligations will keep us from going, but We hope those of you who do go have good classes. There is also a virtual track on Sunday so everyone has an opportunity to learn.

The following weekend is the Non-European Persona workshop. Regretfully His Excellency is scheduled to work that weekend but Her Excellency will join Their Majesties in enjoying the learning.

There will be a Curia on the 25th via Zoom. Please join us in witnessing what Their Royal Majesties would like to add to our Kingdom experience.

We hope to see you at one or more of these exvents soon!



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Baron

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Baroness

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Baronial Progress

June



Dragon Faire Demo
at Eastwind Castle



Non-European
Persona Workshop

July



King's Assessment



Pennsic



Greetings to All,

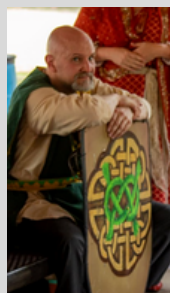
May has been a whirl wind of activity with Crown Tournament and Not Quite Quarterly Bragging Rights. Crown Tournament saw Duke Ragnar Blackhammer succeed in winning crown tourney fighting for Mistress Mary Isabel of Heatlerstone to become Prince and Princess of Atlantia. Vivat to Their Highnesses and to all the combatants that fought in Crown. Crown Tournament also saw some elevations for members of our Barony. Please see the Vivants page for those.

Not Quite Quarterly Bragging Rights was a blast again this year and saw people come out and check out the SCA. There was some excellent fighting on both the rapier and armored combat field to keep those watching entertained. Master Klaus has set the bar high for the Bragging Rights contest next year. Also there was an Iron Artisan competition that saw gentles getting a basket of materials and having about five hours to create something. There were lots of wonderful items that were made. I hope that this will see some additional growth for the canton of Ritterwald.

We are heading into the hot and humid months of summer, so keep hydrated and cool as best you can. Have fun and make stuff.

In Service,

Likerion



Vivat, Flooray, and Congratulations!

Crown Tournament saw some of our own Barony elevated to peerages, so let us look to congratulate those that were recognized.

Lady Cynsweth the Quiet was elevated to the Order of the Laurel

Vicountess Marion Leoncia da Susa was elevated to the Order of the Pelican

Viscount Elazar of Northmbria was elevated to the Order of the Pelican

Congratulations and three cheers for all those recognized for their achievements:

Vivat!

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Vivat!



Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

June 2023

6/2 - 6/4	<u>Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournament</u>	Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) Q K
6/3	<u>Festival of Elvegast: The Great Hunt</u>	Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)
6/10 - 6/11	<u>Summer University of Atlantia</u>	Lincolnton NC (Aire Faucon)
6/10 - 6/11	<u>Non-European Personas Workshop</u>	Spartanburg NC (Nottinghamhill Coill) Q
6/25	<u>Atlantia Curia</u>	Atlantia (Virtual)

July 2023

7/7 - 7/9	<u>Kings Assessment</u>	Afton VA (Black Diamond) Q K
7/15	<u>Warrior Games</u>	Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore) Q K
7/22	<u>Huapahua III: A Virtual New World Symposium</u>	VIRTUAL VA (Marinus)
7/28 - 8/13	<u>Pennsic War 50</u>	Aethelmearch Q K PR P

August 2023

8/25 - 8/27	<u>Battle on the Bay</u>	Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) PR
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Diary of a Crazy Chronicler



What Crown Tournament Means to Me

I have often been asked how I found the SCA. It all starts with the story of how I met my Good Lord Husband. I took my sister to see a play (movie) one Saturday night. It was a magical story about a couple stranded by the side of the road who find a magical castle with people having a party. I think it was called the Frankenstein Place and had a light on in the window or maybe it was the fireplace. When they arrived and everyone was dancing and singing. It felt quite like they were in a time warp, but I digress.

My Good Lord Husband was a cast member. He sat down next to me, made polite conversation (giggle), and I eventually agreed to share where he could send a raven to contact me (gave him my phone number). One week later I was at my first SCA fighter practice for the Barony of Atenveldt in the Principality of Atenveldt. (Yes, I was clearly 12 when I met him.) I found it both wonderful and scary at the same time. People used different names than their real ones, they wore funny clothing, and hit each other with big sticks. What wasn't to love. While my participation level has ebbed and flowed over the years based on other obligations, I was hooked.

I'm curious - How did you find the SCA? Please consider writing down your story and submitting it to share here in the Quill. I'm sure I'm not the only person who is interested.

As always in service to the Society, Kingdom,
Barony, and the Dream,
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