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Unto Our Beloved Populace of Nottingham Coill does Lucien and Brig, Baron and Baronage send Greetings!

Happy 51st birthday SCA! If you have been participating in this game for a short time, or have been doing it for half of your life, you have to admit that it is one heck of a ride! Lucien and I have made not just friends here, but a family! What a wonderful thought that a little backyard party has grown so large and meant so much to so many!

Our glorious King and Queen, Dietrich and Thora, held Their Crown Tournament, and the line of succession is once again secure with the naming of William Thomas and Alyna of the Vale as the newest heirs of Atlantia! Vivat!!

The registration for War of the Wings is officially open! I know that We will once again have the best encampment at the War with Lady Kaete as our camp Mom! Please get your paid reservations in as soon as you are able, as Our land allotment is dependent upon paid spots. I am given to understand that there is a PayPal option to make your reservations this year for added convenience.

While there were no Baronial events in May, We have had a wonderful time visiting our neighbors to the North and South. Our Champions did represent Us well at Hawkwood Baronial Birthday and did test themselves against the Hawkwood Baronial Champions. His Excellency who attended Hawkwood is very proud to announce that several competitions were won by members of the Barony! Our good friends to the South in Bordervale Keep held a marvelous event called Spring Fling for Siege II which was entirely devoted to the art and science of the machines of war. Siege teams from far and wide, with some travelling from the far north of the Kingdom of the East, gathered to gain knowledge and experience of a seldom seen martial activity. The hospitality given by the good folks of Bordervale to all in attendance was astounding. Her Excellency was told by the far travelers that they had rarely been made to feel so welcome.

Though We were unable to attend, We hope that all, of the Coill who attend Gardens of Thyme in Sacred Stone enjoyed themselves.

We also had several members attend Ruby Joust and represented themselves and the Barony spectacularly. Many congratulations to Baroness, now Mistress Elizabeth (Shrewlet) on her elevation to the Order of the Pelican, and to her Peer, Dame Morwenna, and all of her brother and sister cubs. We know how proud Morwenna is of her cub and take pride Ourselves in seeing how her guidance and influence extends beyond the borders of Nottingham Coill.

We are in need of award recommendations and in the words of Countess Kari Kyst, please remember that anyone can write a recommendation for any award. Use the Kingdom award recommendation system for Royal awards, and the Baronial one for local.

We look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events in June.

With love,

Baron Lucien de La Rochelle and Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh

From the Seneschal's Pen

Summer time, and the living is easy. The event schedule has slowed down slightly as the weather has gotten warmer and we start looking toward two big events: the SCA's 50-Year Anniversary event and Pennsic. And yet there still are many demos, fighter practices, meetings, and A&S nights underway. Even if you're not going to these two events, there's plenty of opportunity to hone your fighting, arts, or sciences skills. I encourage you to look at not only the websites and Facebook pages of your local canton, but also those of your neighboring cantons, or even a neighboring barony. The Known World does not end at the borders of Nottingham Coill. (Really? Who'd have thought it!)

At last year's War of the Wings, the baronial and canton officers decided to try rotating primary (but NOT sole) responsibility for the content of each month's issue of *The Quill*. At *Tourney of the Dragon* in April, the populace and officers agreed that this had worked fairly well. (Though not quite as well as had been hoped.) So, the rotation will continue for the foreseeable future. The schedule is as follows.

Due date: late December (for the January issue) - St. Georges
 late January (for the February issue) - Cyddlan Downs
 late February (for the March issue) - Ritterwald
 late March (for the April issue) - Falcon Cree
 late April (for the May issue) - Baronial Officers
 late May (for the June issue) - Brockore Abbey
 late June (for the July issue) - St. Georges
 late July (for the August issue) - Cyddlan Downs
 late August (for the September issue) - Ritterwald
 late September (for the October issue) - Falcon Cree
 late October (for the November issue) - Baronial Officers
 late November (for the December issue) - Brockore Abbey

In short - it's St. Georges' turn by the end of June. However, if you want to submit a first-hand account of a recent event or activity, some information or documentation about a project you've been working on, a story or poem, etc. etc. etc. - Go For It! More submittals only mean that we turn out a better newsletter.

Normally I wrap up each month's column with a Vivant to those of our barony who received awards and recognitions recently. However - there's nothing to post this month! Not even the baronial awards bestowed at Tourney of the Dragon. (According to the OP, they apparently haven't been submitted.) So you'll all just have to wait until the next issue to catch up on all the recognitions that have been given to our barony's members.

Finally, here's what's coming up in the area in the near future. Summer University (held at Elchenburg Castle, June 10-12); Midsummer Novice Picnic (hosted by the Barony of Hawkwood, July 9); Warriors Games (hosted by the Hidden Mountain Canton of Tear-Seas Shore, July 16); Moorhaven Collegium (hosted by the Hidden Mountain Canton of Moorhaven, August 13); and Flight of the Falcon (hosted by the Sacred Stone Canton of Aire Faucon, August 20.)

*Yours in service to The Dream and the barony,
Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal*

A Thrifty Person's Tablet Weaving Loom

Penned by: Kaete MacDavid

My first introduction to tablet weaving was at a Brockore Abbey Canton meeting. Sharla Hobbs brought her lovely copper tubing loom that she had made for herself (or maybe Nolan made it, not too sure, in hindsight). I was fascinated with the idea of tablet weaving and wanted to learn the art for myself. Another Canton member, Diana Goldie, offered to teach me the basics but I needed a loom.

The internet can be a wonderful thing. With a few typed phrases and a few clicks, I had located the basic instructions for the construction of a copper tubing loom. So off to a large local hardware store I went to buy my supplies. I went past the PVC pipe on my way to the copper tubing section. After reaching the copper section, my inherited thriftiness (I come from a long, long line of cheap people) I gasped at the prices. While pondering the different pieces I would need to construct a basic loom, my eyes were drawn back to the PVC pipe. I thought "hmm, why copper, why not plastic?"

I estimated that the copper tubing would cost about \$45+ for the needed tubing and assorted joints, but the PVC was a whopping \$11. So I happily went home with two 5 foot pieces of 1-inch pipe, two 1-inch T's and six 1-inch elbows. I cannot remember the exact price of the two 1-foot-long pieces of 1/2 inch thread-all and four nuts I purchased but it would have been the same for the copper loom.

After I made my basic loom, I was thrilled because it was sturdy, light weight and very portable because I did not need to glue the pieces together. I can break it down into sections of PVC and slide it into a bag when not in use. After weaving a few pieces, I bought another piece of PVC to allow me to make shorter and longer frame pieces to accommodate the different lengths I wanted to weave.

A side note - I used tablets/cards cut from a variety of cereal and cracker boxes for my starter pieces. They work very well and last a long time.

If anyone is interested in more detailed instructions, please contact me through Facebook messenger and I'll tell you more.

Happy weaving,

Kaete MacDavid

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

June 2016

3-5	<u>Old school war practice</u> (R)	Marinus	Clarksville, VA
10-12	<u>Summer University</u>	Atlantia	Boonville, NC
10-12	<u>Highland River Melees - Highland Games</u> (R,H)	Highland Foorde	Knoxville, MD
11	<u>Spring 2016 Æthelmearc Academy and War College</u>	Aethelmearc	
17-27	<u>SCA 50th Year Anniversary Celebration</u> (Q)	Middle	
17-19	<u>Return to Crecy III</u>	Salesberie Glen	Harmony, NC
18	<u>Stierbach Baronial Birthday</u> (K)	Stierbach	Warrenton, VA
25	<u>Kings Assessment</u>	Black Diamond	Amherst, VA

July 2016

1-3	<u>Trial by Fire and Lochmere Arrow</u>	Bright Hills	Glen Arm, MD
9	<u>Storvik Baronial Investiture and Novice Tournament</u> (R,H)	Storvik	College Park, MD
9	<u>Midsummer Novice Picnic</u>	Hawkwood	Sylva, NC
16	<u>Warrior's Games</u>	Tear-Seas Shore	Harleyville, SC
29-14	<u>Pennsic War</u> (R,H)	Aethelmearc	

August 2016

13	<u>Moorhaven Collegium</u>	Moorhaven	Myrtle Beach, SC
20	<u>Flight of the Falcon: Return to Bosworth Field</u>	Aire Faucon	Dallas, NC
26-28	<u>Peasants Revolt</u>	Cathanar	Blounts Creek, NC

The Back Page

Just a few brief words from your newly warranted Baronial Chronicler...

I want to thank all the good gentles of Nottingham Coill for bearing with me as I learn to fill this new role. The advice and guidance that I've received from some has been extremely helpful and I am very thankful. If you have any suggestions for the Quill, please don't hesitate to e-mail them. This is OUR Quill and we will make it great together!

I plan to include the minutes from the next Baronial meeting in a future issue of the Quill, and would also like to include the minutes from the Canton monthly business meetings, too. If you are the keeper of the minutes for your canton's monthly business meeting, please send them to me with my thanks!

I would also very much like to share information regarding any practices or gatherings that are being held within the Barony, official or otherwise. Please let me know if you are holding such a gathering and would like it to be included in the next Quill.

Many thanks to everyone who submitted to the Quill for this issue and previous issues, and please continue to send in submissions to Labyrinthineone@gmail.com

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Merewyn of Cyddlan Downs