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A Note from Their Excellencies...

Hail and greetings, people of Nottinghamill Coill!

As I write this, His Excellency is recovering from an unfortunate incident involving poor choices and kitchenware.

October has seen the crowning of monarchs, a display of all the Barony has to offer, the making of new friends, and disputes settled with love and a bit of war.

His Excellency traveled far to the North to bear witness as Their Majesties Dietrich and Thora set forth in a quest to slay a horrendous creature that is threatening the lands of Atlantia. So that Atlantia will never be without the wisdom and guidance of true monarchs, they released the thrones to William Thomas and Alyna, who ascended amongst great jubilation.

The Canton of Cyddlain Downs was granted the honor of participating in a dinner function and awards ceremony for South Carolina Law Enforcement. The pageantry and color that they lent to the event was greatly appreciated by its organizers. Special thanks to Lady Rohesia for making the experience memorable for the award recipients.

From beautiful displays of arts and sciences to glorious displays of martial prowess, the Canton of Falcon Cree and other attendees of the Library Demo delight children and rekindled the spark of imagination in

adult visitors to the Spartanburg Library System. Special thanks to Lady Isolda for heading this up.

This War of the Wings was Our first as your Baron and Baroness. However, any anxiety on Our part was quickly dispelled by the loving support of the good people of this Barony. Your confidence and love for this Barony was an inspiration. Knowing that We had your support made it all so easy. Once again, We had the best camp thanks to the efforts of Lady Kaete and her hardworking crew. We were well looked after thanks to all of you who volunteered to retain for us, and Lucien didn't manage to lose his retainer, no matter how "oh look shiny" He was! Many thanks to Birghid for stepping in last minute to put together a retainer schedule for Us, and for chasing after Us non-stop all war. We were delighted to have a "dinner and a show" court and be able to recognize so many for their hard work. Marie Hélène went above and beyond what I requested for a hospitality table for the battlefield, and it was welcome refreshment to many a weary fighter and support crew. As stated in an earlier missive, there are not enough languages in the known world to express Our thanks adequately. Members of Nottingham Coill ran four staff positions for the War and many others gave of their time for shifts. Finally, thanks to everyone for being patient with Us about Our side selection and kind of keeping you all a little in the dark about Our schtick. We wanted it to be a surprise and hopefully a delight for everyone. (Except Lucien of course, who took a frying pan to the noggin like a

champ!) To one and all, know that We are honored beyond words to be a part of a hardworking, hard-hitting, sharp-shooting, awe inspiring, artifact-crafting family. We truly believe War of the Wings was made all the better because of your attendance.

Now we must turn our thoughts to all things Roman in anticipation of Yule Toy Tourney: Saturnalia! We are so excited for this event! The activities being planned and the amazing feast are not to be missed. It is also the Barony's opportunity to give back to the community by collecting toys to brighten the holidays for children in the area. It is My very favorite event of the year and We both look forward to spending time with you all there.

Below is Our progress schedule for the next few months. As always, if you are attending one of these events, please come and make yourself welcomed beneath the Baronial day shade.

November

11-13 (Brig's Birthday weekend!) - Rise of the Child King
Arden, NC

December

3 - Unevent
Kenansville, NC

9-11 - Yule Toy Tourney
Pickens, SC

January

13-15 - *Kingdom 12th Night*
Greensboro, NC

27-29 - *Tourney of Mannanan*
Bridgeville, SC

February

4 - *Winter University*
Kenansville, NC

March

17-19 - *Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday*
Bennettsville, SC

A final word...WoW is still very fresh in everyone's minds. It's a good time to take a moment to write recommendation letters to Us and to Their Majesties. We delight in being able to make awards to Our people and in seeing you honored by Our King and Queen.

Until next month,

Baron Lucien de La Rochelle and Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh

From the Seneschal's Pen

Very few of us really enjoy going to meetings, but there's one meeting that everyone should attend if you're a canton or baronial officer: Unevent!

This is the only 'event' in the entire year where there's no feasting, no fighting, and no garb. However, this also is the only guaranteed opportunity we have to meet our respective Kingdom Officers as well as those who hold the same office as you but who may live at the opposite corners of Atlantia. Why is this important? Everyone in that office gets to hear the same information from the same source at the same time - unlike the old game of 'Telephone', where a message is apt to get quite garbled between the sender and the receiver. You can ask questions of your eastern, western, and northern counterparts, and find out how they may have handled situations you're facing down here. And most Kingdom Officers (sometimes referred to, tongue-in-cheek, as GOOFs [Great Officers Of State] also hold Office Hours after the main meeting. This is your time to talk, one-on-one with that Officer, about issues and concerns that you may not have wanted to bring up within the entire group.

As always, Unevent is held on the first Saturday in December. This year, the Barony of Raven's Cove is the host, on December 3, 2016. The gathering will be held at James Sprunt Community College, in

Kenansville, NC. Here's a link to the Un-Event flyer: http://atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event_id=6beda670.

A schedule of the various Office and Order meetings will be posted shortly before the event. If you are an Officer of the canton or barony, you are expected to attend OR send a designated deputy in your place.

This is an excellent time for carpooling: you don't have to pack any garb, feastware, armor, or canvas. So you'll have plenty of room to bring some fellow officers with you and share the travel costs. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Now, here's what's coming up in the area in the near future: Rise of the Child King (hosted by the Barony of Hawkwood, November 11-13). Slightly farther afield will be Runestone Collegium (hosted by the Barony of Sacred Stone, November 19). Unevent (hosted by the Barony of Raven's Cove, December 3.) Yule Toy Tourney, Atlantia's ONLY completely philanthropic event, hosted by us (Yay Us!), December 9-11. In the early days of the new year, you can attend the spiffiest, dressiest, event of all: Atlantia's 12th Night (hosted by the Barony of Sacred Stone, January 13-15, 2017.) Then comes the Tourney of Manannan mac Lir (hosted by the canton of Tear-Sea's Shore, January 27-29.)

And finally, here's a Vivant to the barony's members who have received awards recently. At Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday, Master Vortigern Faber was granted Supporters (an axe and a spear) for his metal-working. At Atlantian Fall Coronation, Lord Carrick MacManus

and Lord Seamus Blair de Maxwell both received the King's Award of Excellence.

Take a few minutes to look up some of your friends and acquaintances in <http://op.atlantia.sca.org/> and see what awards they have . . . or, more accurately, what awards they DON'T have but probably should. Then send in a recommendation via <http://award.atlantia.sca.org/>. It's very quick and easy to do.

Yours in service to The Dream and the barony,

Dame Morwenna Trevethan

Baronial Seneschal

Dear Delia.....responses by Delia Flammen

Dear Delia,

How does one get a Baron Shaped dent out of a frying pan?

Signed,

Excellent Aim

Dear Excellent Aim,

Why on earth would you remove it? We know from the size of the dent how hard his Excellency's head is, so a constant reminder that you will brook no foolishness is a good thing. At the very least, it will keep you from straining as many muscles keeping him in line. I would add a nice green and gold ribbon on the handle and hang it where he will see it every day. Perhaps behind the toilet- it may even inspire him to improve his aim.

Your faithful servant,

Delia

Dying to have some of your burning questions answered by Delia? Feel free to send your questions to her at pslice1@sc.rr.com to gain her insightful and often entertaining perspective!

Tasting from the Wooden Spoon....

by Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest

The seasons are turning and winter is fast approaching. Amongst my people (in ancient times and in persona), this is the “crunch time” in preparing for winter. The time for preserving the last of the harvest: making cider and preserving the meat from the culls of the herds. Charcuterie - the making of preserved meats via curing and smoking would be a fine topic to write about, but compressing even the basics in a short article would be impossible; so instead, I will be discussing something else that was made in this time - hand pies.

Hand pies, also known as pasties, Pirog, piroshky, turnovers, bierocks, and a variety of other names are essentially either a sweet or savory filling within a short crust (pie crust). There was a common saying that the devil was afraid to cross the river into Cornwall for fear of being made into a pasty (noting the tendency for Cornish women to bake up anything into a pie). Pasties have travelled the globe and have even made their way into the US (Jamaican meat pies notwithstanding) with the coal miners' wives sending down pasties to their husbands often “split” into two flavors - a savory end and a sweet end, with one end marked with the initials of the miner. Pasties can also take a lot of abuse and reheating before eating, making them the perfect travel food. I find them to also be the perfect “hide the modern” food for events. Say you have a picky eater who is not too keen on lentils, eggs, or stew - basically being

difficult and wanting pizza. A round of dough, pasta sauce, cheese and pepperoni; fold the dough over and seal the edge, then bake and cool. You can make several in advance – the Pop Tarts of the middle ages. They also keep for a while in a cool, dry area. Following the basic recipe are a couple fillings, but really the sky's the limit – be creative! Have fun!

Hand pies

Simple dough, rolled out to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness

Filling of some sort, either sweet or savory, already cooked and cooled

Egg wash (optional): 1 egg, 1 tbsp. milk or water, whisked

Depending on the size you wish the hand pie to be, cut either a circle or square of dough, roughly double the size of the finished pie (I go with a 6" round). Put a couple tablespoons of the filling in the center, being careful to leave about $\frac{1}{2}$ " dough clear. Depending on your dough, you may wish to brush a bit of egg wash along the "clear" area to help seal it. Fold the dough over the filling to match the other edge of the dough. Seal the dough edges together with either a fork or a crimp fold. Place on a baking sheet in a 350°F oven for about 15 minutes. You're just wanting to cook the crust; the filling shouldn't need to be cooked.

A savory filling

1 small cabbage, cored and chopped fine

1 pound of meat (I use pork) minced fine

1 onion, chopped

2 stalks of celery (with leaves) chopped fine

2 carrots (or parsnips) chopped fine

2 tbsps. oil or fat

About a tbsp. of a mix of spices – pepper, cinnamon, coriander, thyme, oregano, herb saunders (culinary sandalwood)

salt to taste

Brown meat in the oil and add the rest until the onions are translucent and the carrots are tender. Remove from heat and allow to cool.

A sweet filling

5 tart apples, peeled, cored, and chopped

½ - 1 cup of sugar

1 tsp rose water

2 tsp lemon juice

½ tsp caraway seeds, ground

1 tbsp fine bread crumbs

Cook together over medium heat until bubbling and the apples are tender. Add the bread crumbs to thicken. Set aside to cool.

Are there any recipes you'd like to see? E-mail your requests or questions to feo2mouse@yahoo.com.

Wilhelm's Wanderweg...

by Lord Wilhelm der Schwartze Leopard

Since War of the Wings XI just passed, time for an armored battle review!

Woods battle on Friday - As usual for a Friday battle, not a humongous number of fighters, but that works out since the woods battle area was smaller due to storm damage, and it was great for my lungs not to have to trudge a long distance between resurrection point and where I was battling. The scenario was the classic three static points to be fought over, and to be checked by the marshals every 15 minutes to see who has control. My only problem with that scenario is it allows for rule gaming; you really only put the pressure on when you know the 15 minute time frame is approaching. I like the random time known only by the marshals, that way you fight your hardest for the point constantly. Overall, loved the battle. I was exhausted afterwards.

Open field battle Saturday - Ok, open field is not my favorite scenario, but other than that the fighting was fun, although our side was getting toasted, even with the advantage of siege machines. It was while defending the siege engines that an enemy archer pegged me in the lung. Great shot!

Mountain pass battle (i.e. restricted front) Saturday - This was great; a long, about ten-fighters-wide pass, with three control points, a resurrection battle, and fought in the shade! It first was going to be an every 15 minutes stop and check for control, but after the first 15 minutes,

it was decided to stop the res and continue to last man standing. As usual, for a restricted front battle, it was a meat grinder; fighting the enemy, as well as the press of bodies around you. Once it went to last man standing, the archers on our side really won the battle as they whittled down the spearmen on the other side, making it easier for our spears and polearms to overwhelm the rest. It was my favorite battle and not only because we won, but also it was fun seeing the various strategies used by both sides to push the line, both the successes and failures. With the bigger field battles, you only see the small area you are at.

Capture the flag battle Saturday - This was also fun, even though our side got decimated 5 times. Standard capture the flag, had to have a gauntlet to handle the flag and it had to be carried high and proud. Resurrections were timed release. Their spear game was awesome; they were able to hold off our attackers while theirs practically waltzed into our backfield and captured the flag. I had fun dueling with Baron Mark and Dougall, they got the best of me each time, but it was fun anyways.

Over all, the battles were really fun. Melee is what I live for and I was definitely feeling alive during this war!

Till next time, tschüß!

The Nottingham Quill Questionnaire

Mundane name: Richard Le Mons

Mundane occupation: College Instructor

Tell us about your experience with the SCA:

When did you first hear about the SCA? What/who brought you into it? I've known about the SCA since about 1993, but I avoided it like the plague. I knew if I ever stepped foot into it, it would suck me in and I'd never get out. Surprise! I was right! A few years ago, Dreux wanted to start up a new hobby and our friend, Domina Scribonia Sabina Mus from Middlegate convinced us to attend an event with her.

What was your first event, and what was your first impression? Our first event was Songs of the Stone in Middlegate. It was wonderful and the feast was amazing. Still one of the best feasts I've attended to date.

What do you love the most about the SCA? I love how everyone in the SCA takes care of each other. It's like one huge extended family. Yes, there are always those black sheep, the crazy uncle in the corner, and the non-conformist teenage cousin, but it's a family and we care about each other.

What has been your most memorable moment thus far? My most memorable moment so far was when I was named Poeta Atlantiae for the first time. It was my second event and I was stunned. I had no idea

what I was entering when I entered and, after I found out what it was, it was too late to run away.

How many years have you been in the SCA? About 5 years or so.

What is your favorite SCA event activity to participate in? I love the arts and sciences, but I also have an equal love of heraldry. Lemme just combine them and say artaldry and heriences.

Have you held any offices or positions within the Barony? Were you voluntold or did you come down with a case of helium hand? I am currently the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences which precludes me holding any other office. I definitely enjoy the arts of service though, especially event stewarding and helping people with their heraldry.

Have you received any awards, and if so, which would you say is your favorite or means the most to you? I've received several different awards, but the one that's the most special for me is my Undine from Duchess Esa. During her reign, she was so much more than a Sovereign... she became my friend. That friendship is something I cherish and I still touch base with her as often as I can.

How and when did you become interested in becoming a herald? My early time in the SCA was in Sacred Stone and you can't swing a rubber chicken in that Barony without hitting a herald. Once I started learning about it though I lost myself in the period nature of heraldic devices and rolls of arms. I was completely floored when I found a manuscript that

combined my three main loves in the SCA: heraldry, poetry & illumination. The Große Heidelberger Liederhandschrift (or Codex Manesse) is the single most comprehensive source of Middle High German Minnesang poetry. It contains 135 Minnesingers from the mid 12th to early 14th century and, for each poet, there is an illuminated portrait with their heraldry and the text of their works. The entries are ordered approximately by the social status of the poets, starting with the Holy Roman Emperor Henry VI, Kings Conradin and Wenceslaus II, down through dukes, counts and knights, to the commoners. Someday I want to do a version of this for Atlantia.

How many Kingdoms and Baronies have you lived in? I've always lived in Atlantia, but Dreux and I moved to Nottingham Coill from Sacred Stone a couple years ago.

Newcomer advice/guidance? Jump in. The SCA really isn't a spectator hobby. Immerse yourself and find what you enjoy.

What is something you don't mind sharing that people may not know about you? I dream of someday fighting in Crown and making my husband the first Lad-ee of the Rose in Atlantia. :-)

Tell us a bit about your Middle-aged self:

What is your SCA Name? Etienne Le Mons d'Anjou

How did you pick your name? I choose it from an ancestor in my genealogy.

Describe your persona: My persona is a late period French nobleman. While known for certain excesses (he loves good food), he's also well-read and enjoys writing and painting and other cultured endeavors.

Why did you pick that persona? It's a nod to my personal family history. I also really like the late period clothing. I like to be fancy.

What is your SCA device? Argent, on a fleur-de-lys vert two annulets interlaced in fess argent. In plain English, a white background and two white rings interlaced on a green fleur-de-lys.

How did you pick your device? I wanted a fleur-de-lys to represent my French heritage. I'm also an Eagle scout and wanted to use the Boy Scout version of the fleur-de-lys. Last, at the time my marriage to my husband was not recognized by the state where I lived. The two rings symbolize our marriage. While it is a bit of a nod to modernity, it was important to me.

Is it tied to your persona? My heraldry is definitely tied to my persona. My badge is (Fieldless) A fleur-de-lys bendwise vert. In other words, not exactly a "straight" Frenchman....

Do you have any titles? I'm a Lord, although I use the French title of Seigneur.

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

November 2016

5	<u>Atlantia Fall Crown Tournament (R)</u>	Lochmere	Street, MD
11-12	<u>Known World Fiber Arts Symposium</u>	Calontir	
11-13	<u>Rise of the Child King (formerly Hawkwood's Super Secret Event)</u>	Hawkwood	Arden, NC
12	<u>Marinus Baronial Birthday</u>	Marinus	Virginia Beach, VA
12	<u>Buckston Birthday Bash</u>	Buckston-on-Eno	Hillsborough, NC
12	<u>Storvik Song and Dance</u>	Storvik	
19	<u>Runestone Collegium</u>	Sacred Stone	Winston-Salem, NC
19	<u>Holiday Faire</u>	Stierbach	Manassas, VA

December 2016

3	<u>Unevent</u>	Raven's Cove	Kenansville, NC
9-11	<u>Yule Toy Tourney</u>	Nottinghamill Coill	Pickens, SC
11	<u>Yule</u>	Caer Mear	Richmond, VA

January 2017

7	<u>Inter-Baronial 12th night</u> (R)	Marinus	
13-15	<u>Kingdom of Atlantia 12th Night</u> (R)	Sacred Stone	Greensboro, NC
21	<u>Spanish Inquisition - Torquemada's Trans-Iberian Tour</u>	Lochmere	Severna Park, MD
27-29	<u>Tourney of Mannanan Mac Lir XXVI</u>	Tear-Seas Shore	Ridgeville, SC
28	<u>Ice Castles</u> (R)	Black Diamond	Blacksburg, VA

February 2017

4	<u>Feast of Fools</u>	Roxbury Mill	Rockville, MD
4	<u>Winter University 2017</u>	Raven's Cove	Kenansville, NC
11	<u>Tournament of Love and Beauty - Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday</u>	Ponte Alto	Leesburg, VA
11	<u>Gita of the Stone</u>	Middlegate	Winston Salem, NC
17-19	<u>Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday</u>	Nottingham Coill	Bennettsville, SC
18	<u>Bright Hills Baronial Birthday</u> (R)	Bright Hills	Manchester, MD
24-26	<u>Tournament of Ymir and Baronial Investiture</u> (R)	Windmasters' Hill	Reidsville, NC

The Back Page

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

October was an amazing and fun-filled month for us all! War of the Wings was great, especially for a war newbie like myself and I appreciate everyone who made it a great experience for me as a newcomer. Camping as a SCAdian is definitely a learning experience and I have some of the best teachers there are!

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 Scharp