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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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Greetings good people of Nottinghill Coill, from Baron Lucien de La Rochelle and Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh,

Having served Their time as Crown, William and Alyna have passed on the responsibility of rule to Their heirs, Cuan and Signy. We were honored to bear witness as Cuan and Signy took Their place as the next rulers of Atlantia, and vowed to be ardent supporters of those who fight, those who create, and those who serve. We proudly swore the oath of fealty as Baronage of Nottinghill Coill to Our new sovereigns. We would once again remind all to send in letters of recommendation to Their Majesties. Remember that anyone can write a recommendation for someone for any award at any time.

Due to personal reasons, We were unable to attend Fool's War, but the Barony was well-represented by many of the populace who were able to attend. From all reports our Invas..... I mean, visit was well-received. Many who attended made new friends and visited with beloved friends who had been missed. Special thanks to Lady Merewyn for serving as Camp Mom, to Thorunn and Arailt for transporting the Baronial day shades and tabards, and to Baroness Ariel for serving as Our envoy to Their Excellencies of South Downs.

We have to say that Crusades Portugal was a wonderful old time event, with friends old and new joining in for the day's festivities. Congratulations to Lady Janna and her staff for a well-run event. The weather could not have been more perfect. Huge thank you to Count Sinclair for stepping in at the last minute to marshal on the heavy field. Thank you to Mistress Caroline for a truly wonderful feast. Her Excellency would like to thank everyone for helping shenanigate His Excellency in true FooFoo fashion! We both were very happy to see so many songs and stories shared during feast! Finally, votes were taken to accept the new Baronial General policy, and to accept the updates to the Baronial Financial policy. These will be posted in the Quill.

We will have already hosted the Baronial Barbecue at Our home by the time of this printing, and We thank everyone who came out. Sometimes it's great to just slow down and enjoy each other's company and remember that the relationships that We forge in the SCA are what keeps Us coming back for years and years.

As always, should you find yourselves in other Baronies, and We are there, please feel free to share the Baronial day shade with Us. We encourage you all to travel to other Baronies as often as you are able. Forge strong bonds of friendship across the whole of Atlantia and beyond! Please remember to write those recommendation letters! We have Blades and Bows upcoming, and would love to recognize people for their hard work!

In service to Kingdom and Barony, Lucien and Brig

<u> May</u>

6 Spring Crown (Brig only) 12-14 Return to Camelot (Lucien Only) 20 Spring Fling for Seige (Lucien) 19-21 Hawkwood Baronial Birthday (Brig)

<u>June</u>

3 Baronial Practice and Picnic 23-25 Blades and Bows

July

August We will be out of state from August 5-12

September

8-10 Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday (R)
16 Fall University (depends on location)
22-24 Sacred Stone BBday & Investiture (Q)
29-1 Southern War Practice IX

<u>October</u>

7 Fall Coronation (R,H) 18-22 War of the Wings XII

November

4 Fall Crown Tournament 17-19 Demo at BFG

December

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From the Seneschal's Pen

... by Dame Morwenna Trevethan



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Congratulations, Nottinghill Coill! We have a brand-new "General Policy for the Barony of Nottinghill Coill" and a new-and-improved "Barony of Nottinghill Coill Financial Policy". Thanks to all who attended the populace meeting at Crusades: Portugal, and to those who spoke up to ensure that these are the best documents for us at this time. The final, approved, versions of these documents can be found elsewhere in this month's issue of The Quill.

The year-long Crusade now is well underway. The next stop on our journey will be the Children's Crusade, held at Blades & Bows, June 23-25, in Spartanburg, sponsored by the Canton of Brockore Abbey. (See <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/1660921634202507/</u> for more information.) There will be plenty of classes and activities for the adults, but a significant focus of this event will be on our youth. This event also is distinctive for another reason: it's one of the rare events (if not the only one) that focuses on teaching about things martial in the SCA. Don't feel that you shouldn't attend if your interest is not 'hitting other people with sticks.' Consider the Arts & Sciences that accompanied or supported the Crusaders: food, clothing, or gear, for their travels; stained glass (and its safe equivalent for the youngsters) that would have been found in the churches the Crusaders visited; etc. And if your interest IS in the SCA's martial arts, you'll have a lot of opportunity to learn and practice new or advanced skills, including becoming a marshal.

Yet again this month there's a sizable list of people who have received awards, and it's wonderful to see. Vivant to every one of them! At Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday, milady Rinn became Lady Rinn when she received her Award of Arms. At the Coronation of Signy and Cuan, Lord Cian mac Ceallachain hUi Dubhlaich received the Award of the Undine. At Crusades: Portugal, Lord Arailt of Dinsmore, Lady Thorunn Vigadottir, and Lord Seamus Blaer de Maxwell received the Baroness' Award of Courtesy; Lady Albree de Greene and Lady Rinn received the Baron's Award of Excellence; and Lord Olaf Stammkopf received the Award of the Golden Knot.

Take a few minutes to look up some of your friends and acquaintances in <u>http://op.atlantia.sca.org/</u> and see what awards they have . . . or, more accurately, what awards they DONT have but probably should. Then send in a recommendation (for a kingdom award) via <u>http://award.atlantia.sca.org</u>. It's very quick and easy to do. If you want to recommend someone for a baroníal award, here's the form to use: http://www.jotform.us/form/51506540143142. And just to make it really easy, here's list the baroníal of all current awards: а <u>http://op.atlantia.sca.org/barony_awards.php?barony_id=23</u> (at the bottom of the page.)

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

General Policy for The Barony of Nottinghill Coill

1. The Barony

1.1. The Barony of Nottinghill Coill is a region within the Kingdom of Atlantia, being one of the Laurel Kingdoms of the Society for Creative Anachronism. For the purposes of these policies, the Barony of Nottinghill Coill shall be defined by, but is not limited to, all those geographical regions specified by Corpora and Atlantian Law.

2. The Policies

- 2.1. The Barony of Nottinghill Coill, as defined by Corpora, has written the following set of Baronial policies which were approved by the Populace at the Insert date here Business Meeting.
 - 2.1.1. In all cases, these Baronial policies shall be consistent with Corpora and Atlantian Law. If such conditions should arise where there may be conflict, Kingdom Laws of Atlantia shall always supersede these policies. This set of policies shall be amended from time to time to conform to both Corpora and Atlantian Law.
 - 2.1.2. The Nottinghill Coill Baronial Policy shall be reviewed within the first six months after the investiture of new Coronets, and a copy maintained by the Baronial Seneschal.
- 2.2. The Baronial policies can be amended or altered by the Barony of the Nottinghill Coill at any time, provided:
 - 2.2.1. All proposed changes to the Baronial policies shall be published in the Baronial Newsletter at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting in which they will be discussed and/or voted upon.
 - 2.2.2. No changes shall be made or acted upon without approval at a Baronial meeting as defined by 4.6 of this Policy.
 - 2.2.3. Approved changes shall not be effective until such time as they are published in the Baronial Newsletter.
 - 2.2.4. These Baronial Policies shall be maintained on the Baronial web page.

3. The Baronial Coronet

- 3.1. The Baronial Coronet shall be defined as the individual(s) appointed by the Crown of Atlantia.
- 3.2. The Baronial Coronets' term shall be in compliance with Atlantian Law.
- 3.3. The appointment of a new Baronial Coronet shall be conducted in accordance with Atlantian Law.

4. Baronial Meeting

- 4.1. A Baronial meeting is any assemblage of the populace which is called by the Baronial Coronet or Baronial Seneschal in order to receive advice on the administration and governance of the Barony or for the populace to vote on such issues as are required by policies.
- 4.2. The meeting agenda and the actual running of said meeting is the responsibility of the Baronial Seneschal.
- 4.3. The date, time, and place for the Baronial meeting shall be published in the Baronial Newsletter and posted on the Baronial e-list at least fourteen (14) days prior to its commencement.
- 4.4. A tentative agenda should be published via the Baronial e-list seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Members of the Populace may request topics for discussion or vote by writing the Baronial Seneschal.
- 4.5. Between scheduled Baronial meetings, emergency meetings of the Baronial Financial Committee may act in the Barony's best interests. Such actions will be reported at the next regularly scheduled Baronial meeting and/or in the next scheduled Baronial Newsletter or Baronial Email List.
- 4.6. When a vote is required, members of the Barony are defined as SCA paid members who reside or participate within the geographic boundaries of the Barony. All votes shall be decided by simple majority.

5. Baronial Officers

- 5.1. Duties of the offices of the Barony of Nottinghill Coill are specified in Corpora, Kingdom Law, Baronial Financial Policy and this document. Baronial offices may consist of, but are not limited to:
- Seneschal (required by Corpora)
- Exchequer (required by Corpora)
- Herald (required by Corpora)
- Chronicler (required by Corpora) (Additional Duties: The Baronial Chronicler, or an acceptable deputy designated by the Chronicler, shall be responsible for taking the minutes at Baronial meetings, and shall publish the minutes in the next Baronial newsletter.)
- Knight's Marshal
- Minister of Arts and Sciences
- Minister of the Lists
- Chancellor of Youth
- Chatelain(e)
- Webminister (Additional Duties: The Webminister shall publish the Baronial Newsletter to the Baronial website within five (5) days of receipt of the same from the Baronial Chronicler.)

- 5.2. Each Baronial Officer shall report on the state of his/her office at each Baronial meeting. Each Baronial officer or proxy is required to attend at least one Baronial meeting per quarter, if such meeting is scheduled, to give the Officer's Report at the meeting. Noncompliance with this policy may result in a recommendation for removal of the individual being forwarded to the appropriate Kingdom officer.
- 5.3. All papers (including official correspondence) and regalia belonging to any office are the property of that office and must be transferred in their entirety to any new Baronial officer within thirty (30) days of any change of office.
- 5.4. Appointment of Baronial officers.
 - 5.4.1. The opening of a Baronial Office shall be made public by an announcement at a scheduled Baronial meeting, in a written announcement in the Baronial Newsletter, and on the Baronial e-list.
 - 5.4.2. Announcements shall include a deadline for consideration to assume the duties of an Office no less than fourteen (14) days from the date the opening is announced in all required venues.
 - 5.4.3. Interested candidates shall respond in writing to the Baronial Seneschal, and Baronial Coronet.
 - 5.4.4. At the deadline, the list of candidates shall be published on the Baronial e-list and website, inviting written, private commentary from the populace to the Baronial Seneschal and the Baronial Coronet. All such commentary shall remain confidential.
 - 5.4.5. The Baronial Seneschal and the Baronial Coronet will review the commentary and together select the candidate and recommend such to the Kingdom officer for warranting.
 - 5.4.6. At such time as the warranting Kingdom officer allows, the new Baronial officer shall be publicly announced via the newsletter and website.
 - 5.4.7. Due to the length of the Pennsic War, no officer changes shall be made during the duration of that event.
- 5.5. Baronial officers may select whatever deputies they require for the duration of their office.
- 5.6. Baronial Officer Term Limits shall be as follows: Baronial officers can serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms unless otherwise permitted in the Atlantian Book of Policy. Term lengths, both initial and subsequent, are as defined for each particular office in the Atlantian Book of Policy. This may be extended in cases where no one steps up to fill a pending slot.
- 5.7. Any office not required to maintain Baronial status may go vacant.

- 5.8. In the event that an office suddenly becomes vacant, the outgoing officer's primary ("Drop Dead ") deputy may assume the office at the discretion of the Seneschal on an interim basis until the requirements are met for filling the office vacancy.
 - 5.8.1. Officers who do not attend three consecutive meetings or make arrangements for the office report to be given at said meetings may be recommended to their respective Kingdom Officer for removal.
 - 5.8.2. Officers in non-compliance with their Society, Kingdom, or Baronial laws or policies may be recommended to their respective Kingdom Officer for removal. The Seneschal shall attempt to contact the Baronial Officer prior to the recommendation.

6. Publications

- 6.1. All Baronial publications should go through the Baronial Chronicler's office.
- 6.2. The Barony shall publish a monthly newsletter in accordance with Kingdom Law.
 - 6.2.1. The Newsletter shall be called The Quill.
 - 6.2.2. The Quill shall be made available on the Baronial web page.
- 6.3. All Letters of Intent for consideration for territorial Baronage shall be published in the Quill.

7. Baronial Events

- 7.1. Any SCA, Inc. approved entity, household, or guild, may sponsor Baronial events in accordance with Baronial Financial Policy.
- 7.2. Nottinghill Coill Baronial General Policy shall conform to Nottinghill Coill Financial Policy in all matters regarding events and budgets.

7.3. Event Steward Selection

- 7.3.1. A prospective Event Steward ("Autocrat") shall submit a bid which includes an Event Proposal form, a Budget, and Proof of Membership through the dates of the event, to the Baronial Seneschal and Exchequer.
- 7.3.2. If there are multiple bids for the same event or event date, the event proposals will be presented to the populace at a Baronial Meeting. The majority vote will determine the Event Steward. Prospective bids may be withdrawn at any time before this vote occurs.

7.4. Event Steward Removal

7.4.1 If it is determined by the Seneschal and a majority vote of the Financial Committee that the Event Steward for a Baronial Event is in willful non-compliance with Society, Kingdom, or Baronial Laws or Policies, then the Event Steward will be removed as Event Steward for the event.

- 7.4.2. If an Event Steward is removed from his/her duties, the Baronial Seneschal will serve as interim Event Steward for the event until a new Event Steward is selected.
- 7.4.3. If an Event Steward is removed from duty, a new Event Steward will be selected through a majority vote of the Baronial Officers.
- 7.4.4. If, in case of Emergency, an Event Steward is unable to perform their duties, the Baronial Seneschal will serve as the interim Event Steward until a new Event Steward is selected.
- 7.5. An event's staff shall be selected by the Event Steward.
 - 7.5.1. All event staff must be in compliance with Society, Kingdom, and Baronial Laws and Policies.

8. Baronial Property

8.1. Nottinghill Coill Baronial Policy shall conform to the Nottinghill Coill Financial Policy in all matters regarding Baronial Property.

9. Waiving General Baronial Policy

- 9.1. Any part of this policy may be waived under special or extreme circumstances by approval of the Coronet, Baronial Seneschal, and a third Baronial Officer, with a full accounting to be given at the next scheduled Baronial meeting and in the Baronial Newsletter.
- 9.2. Any part of this policy may be waived by approval by 2/3 of voting members present at a Baronial meeting.

Change History

Date Accepted: April 15, 2017 by populace at Crusades: Portugal meeting. Seneschal: Morwenna Trevethan

Barony of Nottinghill Coill Financial Policy

1. This Document

- 1.1. This document shall be accepted by a majority vote at a scheduled Baronial meeting and replace all previous financial policies.
- 1.2. This document may be amended or replaced by a majority vote at a scheduled Baronial meeting.
- 1.3. This document shall be reviewed annually at the Baronial meeting at the Baronial Birthday event.
- 1.4. This document is superseded by: Kingdom Exchequer Policy, Kingdom Financial Policy, Kingdom Law, Society Financial Policy, Society Exchequer Policy, Corpora, State and Federal Law.
- 1.5. Unless otherwise stipulated, Nottinghill Coill will follow Atlantian Laws and Policies.

2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

- 2.1. The Exchequer shall maintain a checking account with appropriate signature cards for the Barony, file all quarterly and event reports as required by Kingdom and Society law and policy, enforce and maintain the Barony's financial policy, serve as chairperson of the Barony's Financial Committee and hold primary responsibility for coordinating with other members of the Financial Committee and communicating the committee's actions to the populace.
- 2.2. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the Barony's financial reports and books to any member of the Barony and shall publish the annual Doomsday Report in the February issue of the Baronial Newsletter.
- 2.3. The Exchequer or designated representative shall attend and provide a report at all scheduled Baronial meetings.
- 2.4. The Exchequer shall disburse funds for approved expenditures in a timely manner, typically one to two (1-2) weeks, upon presentation of the appropriate receipts.
- 2.5. The Exchequer shall pursue any NSF (Not Sufficient Funds) checks received by the Barony according to the policy outlined in the Society Exchequer's Handbook.

3. Financial Committee

- 3.1. The Financial Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, and one other officer.
- 3.2. Each member of the Financial Committee must be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc, be at least 18 years of age, and possess a valid warrant for their office.
- 3.3. Each member of the Financial Committee shall be a signatory on the Barony's checking account.
- 3.4. The Financial Committee shall review all proposed expenditures and may authorize any expenditure of the Barony's unallocated funds.
- 3.5. At the discretion of the Financial Committee, any requested expenditure may be put to a vote of SCA paid members. This is recommended for all expenditures over \$100 that are not event-related.
- 3.6. The Financial Committee shall report all of its activity to the populace at the next scheduled Baronial meeting and in the Baronial newsletter.

4. Events

- 4.1. Event Budget
 - 4.1.1. The Event Steward shall present a proposed budget for an event to the Financial Committee for review and approval at least six (6) months before the date of the event. The Financial Committee may choose to reduce this six (6) month schedule under extenuating circumstances, such as a request from the Crown or an event being small enough in scope that six (6) months' lead time is not required. A final itemized budget shall be presented not later than ninety (90) days before the start of the event.
 - 4.1.2. Any changes to the budget must be approved by the Financial Committee.
 - 4.1.3. The Financial Committee must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.
- 4.2. Event Reservations and Registration (Check-In)
 - 4.2.1. All checks shall be photocopied and deposited in a timely manner, within not more than two (2) weeks of receipt.
 - 4.2.2. No funds shall be removed from the Check-In (Gate) cash box except as change for funds received.
 - 4.2.3. All event proceeds shall be deposited within five (5) days after the conclusion of the event.
- 4.3. Event Refunds
 - 4.3.1. No refunds shall be provided if the event does not make a profit.
 - 4.3.2. The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later than seven days after the event.
 - 4.3.3. All refunds shall be paid by check from the Barony's checking account.
 - 4.3.4. No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed.

4.4. Event Report

- 4.4.1. The event report shall be completed by the Event Steward and the Exchequer, within two weeks after the conclusion of the event.
- 4.4.2. The event financial report shall be presented to the populace at the next scheduled Baronial meeting after the event books have been closed or by some other means if the next meeting is more than sixty (60) days after the event.

5. Disbursements

- 5.1. Approved Expenditures
 - 5.1.1. Reimbursement for an approved expenditure will be made only upon presentation of a written request for reimbursement and all receipts.
 - 5.1.2. Requests for reimbursement of event-related expenditures must be submitted within five (5) days of the close of the event and must have the approval of the Event Steward.

- 5.1.3. Requests for reimbursement of expenditures that are not event- related must be submitted by the end of the quarter following the one in which the expenditure was made.
- 5.1.4. One-time expenditures of less than one hundred dollars (\$100) may be authorized by the Seneschal and Exchequer, and shall be reported at the next Baronial meeting and/or published in the Baronial newsletter if no meeting is scheduled within sixty (60) days of approval of the expenditure.

5.2. Advances

5.2.1. The Financial Committee may approve advance payments to cover anticipated expenditures (such as feast for an event). A written request is required from the recipient prior to disbursement. Receipts and repayment covering the total amount disbursed must be provided within thirty (30) days of receipt of the advance or seven (7) days after the conclusion of the event, whichever is sooner.

6. Subsidiary Branches

- 6.1. Any new group that forms may be given startup money from the Barony in the amount of \$250 or 10% of unallocated funds, whichever is less.
- 6.2. Startup money, as well as other funds belonging to the new group, will be administered by the Baronial Exchequer in accordance with Kingdom Policy.
- 6.3. Until such time as the funds are transferred into the account of the subsidiary branch, that branch will follow the financial policies of the Barony, except that the Financial Committee with consist of the group Exchequer, the group Seneschal, one other group officer, the Baronial Exchequer, and the Baronial Seneschal.
- 6.4. If a subsidiary branch dissolves for any reason, an amount equal to the startup money received from the Barony shall be returned to the Barony's General Fund, if there are sufficient monies in the group account.
- 6.5. Any funds in excess of initial startup monies shall be deposited into the Baronial account within thirty (30) of the dissolution of the subsidiary group.
- 6.6. The Baronial Exchequer shall report the transfer of funds from any closing group into the Baronial account. This report shall occur within sixty (60) days or at the next scheduled Baronial meeting, whichever is sooner.

7. Inventory

- 7.1. An inventory of Baronial possessions shall be done within ninety (90) days after a Baronial Investiture.
 - 7.1.1. A master inventory shall be maintained by the current Baronage, with copies provided to the Baronial Seneschal and Baronial Exchequer. Updates to the inventory, such as items purchased by or gifted to the Barony, shall be provided to all parties within thirty (30) days of any change.

- 7.2. Baronial possessions shall be defined as any property, depreciable or disposable, purchased by or gifted to the Barony for use by sitting Baronage, Baronial Officers, Baronial Champions, or for general Baronial use (such as a Baronial list field, Baronial tabards, etc.)
- 7.3. Depreciable items are those required to be reported in the quarterly financial reports. These include items such as coronets, Baronial pavilions, thrones, etc.
 - 7.3.1. When a depreciable item is fully depreciated, it shall be deemed as a disposable item.
 - 7.3.2. If a depreciable item is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair, before it is fully depreciated, it may be replaced by consensus of the Baronage and the Financial Committee.
- 7.4. Disposable items are all other Baronial possessions.
 - 7.4.1. Disposable items may be disposed at the discretion of the Baronage, with the exception of items of historical interest (such as fully depreciated coronets.)
 - 7.4.2. Means of disposal may include, but are not limited to Baronial fundraisers, donations, or outright disposal.
 - 7.4.3. Any funds received from the disposal of such items must be put into the Baronial general fund.

Change History

Date Accepted: July 14, 2001 Seneschal: Kari Kyst

Exchequer: Ealdthryth of Humberstone

Date Revised: March 30, 2002 by populace at Baronial Birthday meeting Seneschal: Madeleine d'Angers

Exchequer: Ealdthryth of Humberstone

Modified Section 4.1.1 to add the following sentence:

The Financial Committee may choose to reduce this six month schedule under extenuating circumstances, such as a request from the Crown or an event being small enough in scope that six months' lead time is not required.

Date Revised: April 15, 2017 by populace at Crusades: Portugal meeting. Seneschal: Morwenna Trevethan.

Exchequer: Janna of Falcon Cree. Complete review and update.

Nottinghill Coill Baronial Birthday Business Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Baronial Officers in attendance: Baron Lucien de la Rochelle Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh Dame Morwenna Trevethan (seneschal) Lord Wilhelm der Schwartze Leopard (knight marshal) Mistress Deirdre Morgan (minister of arts and sciences) Lady Janna of Falcon's Cree (exchequer) Lady Merewyn Scharp (chronicler)

Meeting called to order around 3:30 p.m.

Baron Lucien read aloud the proposed Baronial General and Financial policies and then took questions. The Baronial General Policy was then ratified by a unanimous vote of the officers and populous present (your 'Nay!' don't count because you weren't present, Baron Takeda (3)

Morwenna advised that the new Baronial General Policy would be published in this issue of the Quill and also reminded the Baronial officers that May is their month to contribute to the Quill.

Baron Lucien then proceeded to read aloud the proposed Baronial Financial policy. Discussion and questions ensued regarding depreciable items and buying supplies for feast ahead of submitting a budget and being reimbursed. Some changes to wording were suggested and accepted. The updates and changes to the Baronial Financial policy were then ratified by a unanimous vote of the officers and populous present.

Baron Lucien announced that the Baronial heraldry is being updated and submitted soon. Awards are being updated and names for awards that were not registered and were lacking heraldry are being registered. The Shield Knot is a Baronial award that is being created as a lower level fighting award to acknowledge and encourage the efforts of newer fighters in the Barony. His Excellency also strongly encouraged the populace to use the Baronial war badge, as well as their canton and personal heraldry. He commended the Canton of St. Georges for their canton tapestries that adorned the hall.

The next event on the Crusade to the Holy Lands is the Children's Crusade at Blades and Bows in June. The populous was encouraged to sign up for teach kid-friendly classes and participation.

The populous was also reminded to submit recommendations for awards, both Baronial and Kingdom level. The Baron and Baroness cannot be everywhere and see everything, and so the populous must be their eyes and ears whenever possible.

Tastings from the Wooden Spoon...



Photo credit: Vrouwe Machteld Cleine

Cheese Part II is delayed a month due to need for further research. The subject of cheese is very extensive; May have to add a part III or more. Meanwhile, here is my research and documentation from Crusades: Portugal. I think the cakes were well-received, at lease, I hope so. The samples were practically devoured.

....by Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest

I was inspired to make this due to a fortuitous discovery of a real-life ancestor, Caledonia F. Madeiras, born in 1547, happening soon before we decided to attend Crusades: Portugal. I hope you enjoy the read, and remember – If you have any suggestions for future articles, contact me at <u>feo2mouse@yahoo.com</u>.

Bolo de Mel de Cana

(Madeiran Honey Cake)

Madeira was colonized in 1416-18, accredited to Prince Henry the Navigator (1394-1460). Sugarcane was produced on Madeira from 1420 to 1525. Bolo de Mel is said to have been made since Madeira's sugar production heyday (1420-1490).

Mel is Portuguese for 'honey', and on Madeira, it refers to the honey brought forth from canes - thus the more modern qualifier "de Cana". Spices, nuts, and candied rind were also utilized in this ancient dessert. This dessert is commonly made for Christmas, a Madeiran version of fruitcake, as this is most commonly made with the indigenous fortified wine, Madeira.

Finding a "period" recipe as proven to be difficult as the bakery which it was reputed to have been baked since the early 15th century, Fábrica da Estrela, before it was destroyed by fire in 1964.

The "original recipe" takes about a week to make and is "fermented" in both wine and sourdough. I made a quick version, which had less alcoholic content.

Original recipes:

Recipe 1:

9 ounces bread dough from the baker's shop
90 ounces flour
36 ounces sugar
27 ounces banha (lard)
18 ounces butter
0.9 ounce erva-doce, this is anise herbs, mashed and sifted
1.8 ounces canela (cinnamon)
0.9 ounce cravinho da India, (cloves in powder form)
18 ounces walnut, cut into halves
9 ounces ground almonds
1.8 ounces (1.8 l) molasses
5 Tablespoons of baking soda, dissolved in the wine
1 cup of Madeira wine
Juice and zest of 4 oranges

Procedure

One day before making the cake, buy the bread-dough at the baker's shop, sprinkle a little bit of flour on the dough, put it in a towel and keep it in a warm place until the next day.

Put the baking soda into the Madeira wine, dissolve. In a pan warm up the molasses, mix the butter and pork fat (if not available, just use butter), dissolve. Let this mixture cool.

Sift flour into a bowl, mix in the sugar, make a well and put the bread dough into it. Now work the flour-sugar mixture into the bread dough. As soon as this is well joined, start to incorporate little by little the (tepid) molasses-fat mixture. Add some of the candied lemon peel, as well as the Madeira wine, orange juice and orange zest, anise, cinnamon, and cloves.

Incorporate and knead thoroughly until the dough doesn't stick to the bowl. Cover the dough with a towel and put it in a warm spot. Keep it in a warm place for 3-4 days.

Divide the dough into parts of 250g or 500g or 750 g, depending on the pans to put into the oven. This cake is made in wide, round pans which are rather low. Before going into the oven, the cake is decorated with half-walnuts, sliced almonds and the rest of the candied lemon peel.

Grease the baking pans. Bake about 50 minutes 355 $^{\circ}$ F (180 $^{\circ}$ C). Let cool down before taking it out of the baking pan.

(from Wikibooks: Cookbook: Madeira Honey Cake)

Recipe 2:

2/3 cup finely chopped raisins, dates, or dried plums

2/3 cup finely chopped walnuts
2/3 cup finely chopped blanched almonds
4 ½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground anise
½ pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
½ cup vegetable shortening
1 cup sugar
3 large eggs
2 packages active dry yeast softened in ½ cup lukewarm water
1 ¼ cups molasses, preferably light, unsulfured molasses

Dredge the fruits and nuts in ½ cup of the sifted flour and set aside. Sift the remaining flour with the baking soda, cloves,

cinnamon and anise onto a piece of wax paper and set aside also. Cream together the butter, shortening, and sugar until fluffily-light, beat in the eggs, one at a time. Mix in the softened yeast. Add the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the molasses, beginning and ending with the dry. Fold in the fruits and nuts with the dredging flour.

Transfer the batter to a large well-greased bowl, cover with a clean dry cloth, and allow to rise in a warm, draft-free spot for 2 hours. Note: The batter will rise only slightly, but it will become spongy and light. Stir the batter down, divide between two well-greased and floured pans. Using blanched almond halves, make three daisy type flowers on the top of each pan. Cover with a cloth and allow to rise for 1 ½ hour. Toward the end of the second rising, preheat the oven to moderately hot (375 degrees). When the batter looks properly risen, bake for 50 to 60 minutes or until it begins to pull away from the edges of the pans and feel springy to the touch. Cool the cakes right side-up for 10 minutes, loosen the sides with a knife and turn the cakes out. Allow to cool before cutting. These cakes keep well in the freezer for about six months if wrapped snugly in foil and/or plastic wrap. (Can also be drizzle with Madeira wine both before freezing and after defrosting, I used "Boal".)

(From Bolos de Mel or Madeiran Honey Cake found at http://www.sanpedroassociation.com/spbolo.htm)

My adaptation (for 48 minicakes and 1 small cake):

11/2 cups finely chopped mixed dried fruits (I used golden raisins, dates and mission figs, which I had soaked in a mixture of white wine and cream sherry before chopping) About ¼ cup candied orange peel 2 cups almond meal 6 cups, sifted all-purpose flour 2 tsp each, ground cloves, ground anise and ground cinnamon 1 pound and a half butter (6 sticks) (didn't have any vegetable shortening or lard) 2 cups sugar 4 packages active dry yeast, softened in a cup of warm water 12 oz. Unsulfured molasses 1¹/₂ cups orange juice About a cup and a half of the "wine mixture" which a Tbsp. of baking soda was dissolved Blanched almonds Candied orange rind In a large bowl, mix together the flour, almond meal and spices. Set aside. Cream

together the butter and the sugar until light and fluffy. Add in alternating portions,

the flour, dried fruit, wine, molasses, yeast, and orange juice; beginning and ending with the flour mixture. Let rise in a warm place for 2 hours. Meanwhile prepare the pans by oiling and flouring. After the first rising, divide into the pans. Let rise for up to an additional hour. Before baking, decorate with blanched almonds (and candied rind, opt.) in a flower pattern (traditional). Preheat oven to 375°F and bake for about 25 minutes (or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Note: I was going to add eggs, but forgot - turned out fine anyway.

Note 2: it is traditional to sprinkle with powdered sugar.

¹ https://www.britannica.com/biography/Henry-the-Navigator

¹ Madeira, Sugar, & the Conquest of Nature in the 'First' Sixteenth Century Part II: From Regional Crisis to Commodity Frontier, 1506-15301 by Jason W. Moore (http://www.jasonwmoore.com/uploads/Moore____Madeira___Sugar__and_the_Conquest_of_Nature__Part_II___Review_2010.pdf)

The Mariner's Museum "Captive Passage" exhibit: Sugar Introduction https://www.marinersmuseum.org/sites/micro/captivepassage/arrival/arr007.html

¹ madeira-web.com http://www.madeira-web.com/PagesUK/food-uk.html

¹ My Culinary Saga https://myculinarysaga.com/2016/02/22/bolo-de-mel-madeira-honey-cake/

Wilhelm's Wanderweg...

... by Lansherr Wilhelm der Schwartze Leopard



Photo credit: Patris de Terra Lepori

Recently I have been thinking about specific fighting scenarios in SCA combat. I love fights that have a story behind them, and I like specified weapon forms in a tournament. There are some that do not work in Atlantia for armored combat due to the specified weapon form authorization, but would be fun if enough people who were authorized in all forms where present. This being the Swiss Five tourney, which is a format popular in Ansteorra. It is a five-round tourney where each round is a different weapon form. Now this was not always just the five formats, it also can be specific weapon i.e. Mace and Shield, or Sword and Axe, etc. Of course, Rapier in Atlantia can do this tourney easy. One of my favorite tourneys that was in this format that I fought in also had specific environments: Weapon & Shield on an open field, Single Sword on a single man wide foot bridge, Great / pole weapons in a swamp (fought from the knees), Sicilian knife fight (daggers with fighters off hands tied together with a short length of rope), and dual weapon on a mountain top (fighting in a small circle). Another tourney format I was involved in while living in Antseorra partnered Armored and Rapier together. The tourney field was shaped in a "V" as combat archery was involved. The "V" was split down the center and at the base of the "V" was a circle with a bow or crossbow, with three arrows/bolts. Participants needed to be a two-man team one armored and one rapier. The rounds where started simultaneously and when one of the pairs defeated their opponent, they had the option of going to the circle and helping out their partner by shooting their opponent. Now with the current need of combat archery people to be authorized, I think the tourney could be modified to have a CA person waiting in the circle to serve whoever the winner is of one of the pairings, therefore making a single tournament that involves three disciplines!

I would like to finish this article on unusual tourney styles with a tourney I fought in Drachenwald. I do not know how it was scored, but the tourney was between each fighting round you also had to go against an opponent in a 2-minute chess match (won by score or checkmate). The fighting I did lousy in (so, what's new?), but the chess matches I won three out of my four matches, losing to the eventual winner of that part of the tourney, added to my pride was the fact that I was the only one to go the full two minutes with him, everyone else he checkmated!

Well that is all for now,

Tíll next tíme, tschüß!

A Coill's Marshal...

... by Lansherr Wilhelm der Schwartze Leopard

A down a dirty overview of the Baronial Knight's Marshal office: The position is about keeping track of what marshals the barony has, and to inspire others to join the marshallate in order for martial activities to continue. The office does have a quarterly report just letting the waiver secretary know if there where non-event baronial martial activity waivers signed during the last quarter and if so, to send them into the waiver secretary.

To better get a handle on the first part of my duties listed above, I would like to be emailed the names of any active marshals of all disciplines that make up our barony. Just send your name (SCA and modern), discipline(s), and canton, to <u>graffalke11@gmail.com</u>. I have a good handle on armored marshals, but I have no idea the numbers of rapier, target archery, combat archery, thrown weapons, and any youth marshals we may have in this barony and if I ever decide to step down from being the baronial knight's marshal, I would want to leave my successor with something more than I had.

Baronial knight's marshal is a great, easy going office and if there is a marshal of any of the disciplines that would want to be a deputy of this office, I would be more than happy to accept. I have one at the moment, Lord Alasdair o Cuinn, but more would be great. As a final thought, I would like to remind the populace that you do not need to be an armored marshal to be a group's knight's marshal (or a deputy of one). Any discipline is welcome. So long, and happy enabling!

Lansherr Wilhelm der Schwartze Leopard Baronial knight's marshal

The Nottinghill Quill Questionnaire



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Mundane name: Jennífer Dutschke

Tell us about your experience with the SCA: Wonderful, frustrating, fun, exhausting, educational, time consuming, joyful, exasperating. So basically, some of my best life memories!

When did you first hear about the SCA? I first heard of the SCA through some friends in 1992 or 93. I went to my first event in 1993 and by 1994 was an official blue card member.

What was your first event, and what was your first impression? My first event was a Pennsic Pauper's Potluck. There I was dressed in funny clothes and feeling overwhelmed with everything and everyone. Everywhere I looked, people were smiling, laughing, discussing and in a small field, others beat each other about the head and ears with sticks. This (I told myself) can only get more interesting from here.

What do you love the most about the SCA? The sense that we are all connected like family. I can (and have) meet SCAdians in other states or countries and we all have a commonality that is instantly recognized.

What has been your most memorable moment thus far? Not one moment, but I am deeply grateful of the support that is shown by the Barony and Kingdom for the Yule Toy Tourney event every year.

How many years have you been in the SCA? 23 years

What is your favorite SCA event activity to participate in? I love to autocrat events. Bringing an event together from an idea to a reality for everyone to enjoy is amazing. Pulling all the little bits and bobs into a cohesive whole that is an SCA event is one of the most satisfying things for me.

Have you held any offices or positions within the Barony? Were you voluntold or did you come down with a case of helium hand? Well, right now I am Deputy Baronial Seneschal. No helium hand or 'voluntolding', just something that I wanted to experience to understand the inner workings of such a position.

Have you received any awards, and if so, which would you say is your favorite or means the most to you? Yes, I have awards. The award that means the most to me is getting the Kingdom award of the Herring (which is for those people who autocrat) for the Yule Toy Tourney event.

What got you interested in rapier fighting? What do you enjoy most about it? I loved the idea of learning how to fight and defend myself with a sword. How many people in this day and age can't even imagine that, much less actually be able to achieve this? I am far from being a screaming Celt, running across a field, and painted blue with a sword in my hand! But I could do it if I had to ... or was asked to act the part in a movie.

What was the first event that you acted as autocrat? Any advice for the budding autocrats in the crowd? My first event that I was autocrat was the Baronial Investiture of Janos and Rachel. Talk about jumping in at the deep end! To anyone who is thinking of autocratting an event, I would tell them to start with first talking to your Canton Seneschal about autocratting a smaller, day event. Or even better yet, approach an autocrat (BEFORE the event) about being their shadow and learning from them the ins and out of event planning.

How many Kingdoms and Baronies have you lived in? Only this one.

Newcomer advice/guidance? Don't let yourself be intimidated by anything or anyone! If you have questions ... ask. We are all in this to learn and experience. Today

we have so many resources to help beginners thrive in the SCA. From the internet and Facebook to publications and actually talking to living, breathing SCAdians. Don't discount anything that will help you learn!

What is your SCA Name? Lady Caitriona inghean Ghiolla Phadraig

How did you pick your name? I wanted a name that would incorporate my real world Irish background. So, I researched many, many names for many, many months.

What is your SCA device? Argent, a fret couped, on a chief azure a greyhound courant argent.

How did you pick your device? At the time, I was very involved with the hound coursing in Atlantia. So, the greyhound was a given to be in my device. The fret was for my wish to include some form of Celtic knotwork - the fret was as close as I going to get.

Is it tied to your persona? Oh, very much so!

Describe your persona: My persona is a 12th Century Irish woman who travels the seas by ship. A ship she acquired from a tired sea captain by trading him a coat and some baked goods.

Do you have any titles? I do have my award of arms, so I have the title "Lady" but I also am a member of the Corsairium and as I have a ship I am also referred to as "Captain".

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

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R: Royal Progress **K**: King's Progress **Q**: Queen's Progress **H**: Highnesses' Progress **P**: Prince's Progress **Pr**: Princess' Progress

May 2017

5-7	<u>Spring Crown Tournament</u>	Marínus	Clarksville, VA
12-14	<u>Return to Camelot-An Arthurian</u> <u>Deed</u> (R)	Raven's Cove	Apex, NC
13	<u>Royal Archer</u>	Stierbach	Midland, VA
19-21	<u>Spring Fling for Siege III</u>	Border Vale Keep	Augusta, GA
19-21	<u>Hawkwood Baronial Birthday</u> (R)	Hawkwood	Arden, NC
20	<u>On Target</u>	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
26-29	<u>Ruby Joust VI and Investiture</u> (R)	Caer Mear	Amelia, VA

June 2017

3	<u>Storvík Novice and Unbelt</u> (R)	Storvík	College Park, MD
10	<u>Atlantian Summer University</u>	Black Diamond	Lynchburg, VA
15-18	<u>Known World Dance and Music</u> <u>Symposium</u>	Storvík	Timonium, MD
15-18	<u>Old school war practice</u>	Marínus	Clarkesville, VA
16-18	<u>Return to Crecy IV</u> (R)	Salesberie Glen	Harmony, NC
17	<u>Caer Mear Mídsummer Faíre</u>	Caer Mear	УА
23-25	<u>Blades & Bows Tre</u>	Brockore Abbey	Spartanburg, SC

24 <u>Barony of Stierbach Baronial</u> <u>Birthday</u>

Stierbach

Warrenton, VA

July 2017

7-9 <u>Assessment</u>

Black Diamond

Appomattox Ríver, VA

28-13 <u>Pennsic War</u> (R)

Aethelmearc

August 2017

26 <u>St. David's Market Day and Fair</u> Aire Faucon

Dallas, NC

The Back Page

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

Hello, good people of the Barony! My apologies for the tardiness of this issue. I hope that the content was to your liking and worth to wait. I received so many awesome submissions for this month that I will have to save a bunch for June! You guys are amazing and you can't possibly know how much I appreciate your support and contributions! If you don't see your submission this month – don't worry! Your work will be debuted soon enough in a forthcoming issue. The policies needed to be published again to be official and they are HEFTY documents.

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

Yours in Service to the Dream, Lady Merewyn Scharp



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