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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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Greetings unto the shining stars that are the people of Nottingham Coill from Baron Lucien de La Rochelle and Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh,

We would be remiss if We did not send out most heartfelt thanks and gratitude out to each and every one of you for making Our first year as Baronage of Nottingham Coill so completely amazing. It is an honor beyond words to serve this Barony and her amazing and talented people. Your support and friendship lift Us up and remind us daily why the SCA is such an important part of Our lives.

As we complete the first year of our term, we would like to thank all who have stepped forward to make the duties and responsibilities of Baronage a delight and pleasure for us. Our retainers, event staff, officers, and friends old and new, have

been there to help us, guide us, and share in the vision that we all have for Nottingham Coill's future. We could not have made it through this first year without your support and kindness.

2017 has gotten off to a great start! We look forward to this year being the best year for Our Barony. With events, both within the Barony and across the Knowne Worlde, there will be many opportunities for the people of Nottingham Coill to shine. We also challenge all of you, if possible, to attend at least one event that you have never been to before. For instance, Kingdom Arts and Sciences. We are very fortunate to be hosting this event in Our lands this year. We look forward to seeing what Lady Victoria and her staff have planned. We would invite you to contact her to see in what way you may offer assistance. We also challenge Our artisans (and Scientists!) to enter into a competition or a display. We look forward to sharing the day with all of you.

Baronial Birthday was absolutely a true celebration of what it means to honor Our Barony's history and set forth plans for its glorious future! We thank the Autocrat, Lady Catriona and her hard working staff for bringing together this "little" event. Also, the greatest of thanks to Lady Rose and her staff for following in your mentor's footsteps and feeding us into submission with your very first feast! We are inspired by all of those who entered the day's competitions. You are truly setting the standards for all of us to achieve and hopefully surpass as we all grow as a Barony. We are honored to have the opportunity to recognize such a deserving populace. The accolades that you earn, you should take pride in, but continue to strive to excel.

We would like to thank our outgoing Champions for their faithful service this past year and for meeting or exceeding our expectations of you. You have done your Barony and yours elves proud. To our newly selected Champions, we know that we set high standards, but we are certain that you will rise to the challenges before you. Know that you will have Our support and Our enthusiastic cheers as you test yourselves against any and all.

Some time ago, it came to Our attention that there was no written accounting of the polices by which Our Barony is governed. We sat down with the Baronial Seneschal, Dame Morwenna to rectify this and to update the Barony's Financial policy. The creation of the General Policy and updates to the Financial Policy were posted to the Baronial e-list and publicly discussed at the Baronial Populace meeting held at Baronial Birthday. There was well thought out input by members of the populace with changes suggested. The proposed update and new policy will be posted again to the e-list for consideration by the Barony and a vote for adoption of these changes will be carried out at the Business Meeting to be held at Crusades: Portugal in April in true Canton of St. Georges. Please take a moment to read over these policies on the e-list and contact the Seneschal with any recommendations, questions or concerns.

We were fortunate and honored to have Nottingham Coill's own Falcon Cree be the setting for Kingdom Arts and Science Festival. The mind boggles at the extent of the talent and skill on display at KASF. The displays there show that Atlantia's greatest treasure is the Artisans and Scientists of Her Kingdom. We were honored that Her Majesty attended and you could see the delight in her eyes at the works of her people. Nottingham Coill was well represented by our artisans, including both our Arts Champion and Science Champion. There was also an auction and fundraiser held, and the generosity of the people to allow this event to succeed. Special thanks to the autocrats and staff for putting together this event to allow Atlantians to come together and shine. Finally, congratulations to those who were recognized by Her Majesty with awards.

As always, we welcome any and all members of the populace to reach out to us should you have any questions or ideas that you wish to share. We implore you to visit the online recommendation site for Royal and Barony and bring words of praise so that We, and Their Majesties may know of the great deeds of these gentles, and

reward them in a fitting manner. Additionally, if you are writing to Kingdom for an award, please let us know so that we may add Our voices to yours.

*We remain, servants to Crown and Barony,
Lucien and Brig, Baron and Baroness*

Progress:

March

24-26 Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday

April

1 Spring Coronation

14-16 Crusades: Portugal

May

6 Spring Crown (Brig only)

12-14 Return to Camelot (Lucien Only)

20 Spring Fling for Siege (Lucien)

19-21 Hawkwood Baronial Birthday (Brig)

June

16-18 Return to Crecy

23-25 Blades and Bows

From the Seneschal's Pen

...by Dame Morwenna Trevethan



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Wow - what a wonderful birthday celebration we had! The weather couldn't have been better, a Baronial Meeting was held, people contended fervently for the opportunity to become the Barony's newest Champions, shenanigans abounded (boy, did they ever!), and the feast was superb. Other than that, nothing much happened. Smile

During the Baronial Meeting, all of the baronial officers had been requested to present a 'State of the Barony' message, from the perspective of their own offices. We (Their Excellencies and I) are trying to bring to the populace more awareness of what is going on with each of these offices. Listen closely, because you might (I hope) find something that interests you enough to consider volunteering as a deputy. Right now there is a particular need for a deputy to the Baronial Chatelain, Lady Magdalen Woderose. Feel free to contact her and ask what's involved.

Elsewhere in this issue, you'll find the drafts of Nottingham Coill's new General Policy and the updated Financial Policy. Please read and consider them carefully. A vote will be taken on these at the next event in the barony: Crusades - Portugal. The vote will be part of the baronial meeting scheduled for Saturday April 15. Only paid members of the SCA are eligible to vote.

For the first time in many years, the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival is being held in South Carolina, hosted by Nottingham Coill's Canton of Falcon Cree. As much as I hope that many of you will attend to support our artisans and admire their work, I hope even more that your own work will be entered in the Festival.

Right after that will be Hidden Mountain's Baronial Birthday and Investiture (at Camp Sandy Ridge, where our Birthday celebration was held.) The residents of Hidden Mountain have been staunch supporters of our activities for many years. We should show them at least as much support for this very special and important event.

If you are planning to attend Gulf Wars, then I wish you Safe Journeys, and much fun while you're at the War. Don't forget to bring back lots of good stories too!

And finally, here's a Vivant to the barony's members who have received awards recently. Actually, these aren't so recent, but they've just shown up in the Order of Precedence, so it's high time the award recipients were acknowledged here. At Hidden Mountain's Silver Chalice event last September, Lord Draco of Brockore received the 'Baroness' Award of Courtesy for all the support he has provided to that barony, particularly as an MoL. At Southern War Practice, also in September, milord Malcolm McRae received the Baron's Award of Excellence. And at Nottingham Coill's baronial Court at War of the Wings in October, milady Merewyn Scharp (a.k.a. our hard-working Chronicler) received the Baroness' Award of Courtesy.

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 (for a kingdom award) via <http://award.atlantia.sca.org/>. It's very quick and easy to do. If you want to recommend someone for a baronial award, here's the form to use: <http://www.jotform.us/form/51506540143142>. And just to make it really easy, here's a list of all the current baronial awards: http://op.atlantia.sca.org/barony_awards.php?barony_id=23 (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 Nottingham Coill

1. The Barony

1.1. The Barony of Nottingham 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 Nottingham 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 Nottingham 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 Nottingham 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 Nottingham 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 Nottingham 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 Nottingham Coill Baronial General Policy shall conform to Nottingham 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 Nottingham Coill Baronial Policy shall conform to the Nottingham 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.

Barony of Nottingham Coill Financial Policy

1. This Document

1. This document shall be accepted by a majority vote at a scheduled Baronial meeting and replace all previous financial policies.
2. This document may be amended or replaced by a majority vote at a scheduled Baronial meeting.
3. This document shall be reviewed annually at the Baronial meeting at the Baronial Birthday event.
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.
5. Unless otherwise stipulated, Nottingham Coill will follow Atlantian Laws and Policies.

2. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

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. The Exchequer shall, upon request, provide access to the Barony's financial reports and books to any member of the Barony and shall publish to the Barony the annual Doomsday Report in the February issue of the Baronial Newsletter.
3. The Exchequer or designated representative shall attend and provide a report at all scheduled Baronial meetings.
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.
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

1. The Financial Committee shall consist of the Exchequer, the Seneschal, and one other officer.
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. Each member of the Financial Committee shall be a signatory on the Barony's checking account.
4. The Financial Committee shall review all proposed expenditures and may authorize any expenditure of the Barony's unallocated funds.
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.
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

1. Event Budget

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.
2. Any changes to the budget must be approved by the Financial Committee.
3. The Financial Committee must authorize any itemized expenditure in excess of the approved amount.

2. Event Reservations and Registration (Check-In)

1. All checks shall be photocopied and deposited in a timely manner, within not more than two (2) weeks of receipt.
2. No funds shall be removed from the Check-In (Gate) cash box except as change for funds received.
3. All event proceeds shall be deposited within five (5) days after the conclusion of the event.

3. Event Refunds

1. No refunds shall be provided if the event does not make a profit.
2. The Exchequer must receive refund requests in writing no later than seven days after the event.
3. All refunds shall be paid by check from the Barony's checking account.
4. No refund shall be issued until the event books have been closed.

4. Event Report

1. The event report shall be completed by the Event Steward and the Exchequer, within two weeks after the conclusion of the event.
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

1. Approved Expenditures

1. Reimbursement for an approved expenditure will be made only upon presentation of a written request for reimbursement and all receipts.
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.
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.

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**

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.
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.
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 will consist of the group Exchequer, the group Seneschal, one other group officer, the Baronial Exchequer, and the Baronial Seneschal.
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.

6.4.1 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.

6.4.2 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.

Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday Business Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Baronial Officers in attendance:

Baron Lucien de la Rochelle

Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh

Dame Morwenna Trevethan (seneschal)

Lord Wilhelm der Schwartz Leopard (knight marshal)

Lady Janna of Falcon's Cree (exchequer)

Lady Magdalena Woodrose (chatelaine)

Merewyn Scharp (chronicler)

Meeting called to order around 9:00 a.m.

Baron Lucien proceeded to read aloud the new Baronial General and Financial policies and the changes that were made and agreed upon by the Baronial Financial Committee. Additional changes were discussed by the Baronage and populace as detailed below:

- event emergency fund increasing from \$50 to \$100, to be increased further as needed.
- baronial bank account fees are being refunded.
- proposed event budget submission change from six months in advance to 90 days. Further discussion arrived at a proposed budget being submitted six months in advance and a final then at 90 days.

Officer reports:

Minister of Arts & Sciences (letter) - Unto Their Excellencies of Nottingham Coill, greetings From Mistress Deirdre Morgan, MoAS - My apologies for an inability to attend the Baronial meeting at Baronial Birthday. Following is my report as promised. The Baronial guilds have been fairly active and are in my quarterly report to Kingdom. This includes primarily the Southern Clothiers Guild and the Wooden Spoon. Because of the distance across the Barony, we haven't held any Baronial Level A&S activities outside of events; however, if Your Excellencies wish to hold additional small events/fighter practices this year, I would be most happy to arrange for some A&S classes or activities for those times. Autocrats of Baronial level events are welcome to contact me for assistance with A&S at those events. I am at their service to assist as needed. As of this date, I have been searching for a site for either University or Collegium to be held this summer in the Barony. Failing to find a site on my own, I've reached out for assistance and have already received preliminary on a few potential sites. Should we not locate a reasonable site for University, I will work to set up a Collegium. Should you have need of my services, you have only to ask.

Deirdre

P.S. Please note that the baronage@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.org address is bouncing. I suspect that it (as well as the Baroness email) should use the format baronage@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org. I just realized that my report of Wednesday didn't go through.

Exchequer – Lady Janna advised that the Domesday report was turned in on time. She also advised that the barony's net change for 2016 was \$1374.55 and that the Yule Toy Tourney earned \$27.75 which is typically unheard of. This was due to the feast coming in under budget.

Knights Marshall – Lord Wilhelm reported that the non-wavier report was submitted and then also advised that the Baronial Knights Marshal isn't required to be at every event or practice as long as a warranted marshal is present. There also will be a Baronial Practice in St. Georges on a date to be announced later.

Chatelaine – Lady Magdalen then spoke of the need for finding out what newcomers are interested in. She also indicated that there is a great need for donations and contributions to the baronial "gold key" (loaner garb stash). She is also actively seeking a deputy to assist her in these duties.

Chronicler - Merewyn advised that all submissions should be sent to the e-mail indicated both in the Quill and on many posts wherein she solicits submissions from the populace. This will help to avoid submissions be overlooked or misplaced. She thoroughly thanked everyone for their contributions and stated that the Quill wouldn't be what it is without the contents provided.

Seneschal – Dame Morwenna indicated that the Baron covered most of what she would have addressed regarding policies and changes.

Dear Delia...

...responses by Delia Flammen



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Cleine

Dear Delia,

The most awful, wretched thing happened to me recently! After a long, arduous journey, I found respite in a comfortable and vacated keep, only to be awakened suddenly by the raucous snores of a giant, wrinkly aquatic beast! The creature had apparently arrived upon the same conclusion as myself, in that this keep would make a fine resting place and had let itself in! Frightening beyond belief for the beast had long, sharp tusks, I fled out into the night and found respite elsewhere. Delia, please tell me that such beasts don't regularly roam the lands of our great Kingdom, and if so, how should I handle their abrupt appearances in the hopefully very distant future?

Fearfully yours,

Waylaid via Walrus

My poor dear Waylaid,

That sounds absolutely terrifying- I have never heard of that happening before. Just in case, I would suggest that you travel in the future with a herring in your pocket.

Sincerely yours,

Delia

Tastings from the Wooden Spoon...

...by Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest



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Cleine

Redacting a Recipe

Redacting a recipe is like the exercise where one is instructing an alien to this planet how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, only it's from the perspective of the alien. Most recipes assume you know what the ingredients are, the techniques, the tools, essentially how to cook. When one first sets to the task of redacting, it is good to know the language or to, at least, have an accurate translation. Most start with Old English receipts, being closer in language to the English-speaking participants of our game. I found a good recipe from Gode Cookery (godecookery.com):

Frutowr for Lentyn

PERIOD: England, 15th century | SOURCE: MS Harley 5401 | CLASS: Authentic

DESCRIPTION: A fruit and almond milk cake

ORIGINAL RECEIPT:

Frutowr for Lentyn. Recipe flour & almondes mylk, & temper þam togyðer; þan take fyges & rasyns of corance & fry þam with þe batour with oyle & tyrne þis & serof.

- Heatt, Constance B. "The Middle English Culinary Recipes in MS Harley 5401: An Edition and Commentary." Medium Ævum vol. 65, no. 1 (1996): 54-71.

The 'Original Receipt' looks a bit confusing, doesn't it? It doesn't seem that cooks (or the scribes) knew how to spell, either. There also seems to be a strange symbol - þ. This character is called 'thorn', from the Anglo-Saxon language, which also has close ties to the Norse runic language (Thurisaz). Phonetically, it makes a "th" sound. Are some of the words looking familiar now?

Now it's just a matter of sounding it out:

Frutowr for Lenten - Fritter for Lenten (Lent)

Note that the instructions are included with the ingredients.

Here is the redaction per Gode Cookery:

Fritter for Lent. Recipe: flour & almond milk, & temper them together; then take figs & raisins of Corinth & fry them with the batter with oil & turn this & serve.

MODERN RECIPE:

1 cup Almond Milk

3/4 cup flour

2 Tbs. olive oil

1 cup sliced figs & currants

Mix the almond milk quickly with the flour into a pancake-like batter; do not overbeat. Adjust the batter as needed: if too thick, dilute with a little almond milk; if too thin, thicken with a little flour.

Heat the oil in a skillet; when hot, pour in 1/2 of the batter. Sprinkle the fruit over top, then cover with the remaining batter. Cook until brown underneath, then turn over to brown the opposite side. Serve whole or sliced.

OPTIONAL: garnish with honey or sugar.

If making more than one fritter, keep them warm before serving on the rack of a 250° F oven.

But wait there a sec, Marie Hélène, where did all those other instructions come from? Remember in the beginning of the article when I said that medieval chefs wrote like the reader already knew the techniques and how to cook – well, as redactor, you have to “fill in the blanks”. Redacting is part cooking knowledge, and part detective work. It is a challenge, but it can be fun for people who enjoy a good puzzle. If there is any cooking topic you would like to see me cover in a future article, send me an email at feozmouse@yahoo.com.

Wilhelm's Wanderweg...

...by Lord Wilhelm der Schwartze Leopard



Photo credit: Patris de Terra Lepori

Well since I am planning to join the ranks of the authorized Rapier fighters soon, I decided to study up on the history of the martial art in the SCA. This is almost all taken from Don Tivar Moondragon's chronological account on the SCA wiki, some other information I gleaned from reading histories from the Kingdom of the West.

As for accuracy, Don Tivar used a combination of marshallate records and his own memory which could be fallible, given that I am only recounting history that would likely be pulled from the records.

Rapier has been around in the SCA in some form or another since the first tournament, but was not officially recognized by the BOD until 1979. 1979 was the year that Ansteorra, at that time a principality at least for a few more months, created the White Scarf.

- In 1987 Don Tivar was made the first Deputy Society Marshall for Rapier. In that same year, Ansteorra and Outlands signed the First White Scarf Treaty.*
- In 1988 Atlantia (yay!) started to organize their rapier program.*

- In 1996 *Atlantia* joins the *White Scarf Treaty*.
- In 2015 *Order of Defense*, a peerage level order, was created.

Since then, several kingdoms have actually closed their *Order of the White Scarf*, leaving only six that still have the order of the *White Scarf*: *Ansteorra*, *Outlands*, *Trimaris*, *Atenveldt*, *Atlantia*, and *Æthelmearc*.

As for my history of *Rapier*, I started training in fencing with an *Army Buddy* in 1988. He had been trained while in high school and since I enjoyed learning any martial art, he schooled me in the basics in our barrack hallways. Though I was in the *SCA* at the time, *Rapier* was not active in the *Kingdom of the West* at that time so I never thought about involving myself there. The *West* has an interesting history - there, in 1996 it was banned by royal proclamation, primarily over an injury that happened in *Trimaris* at that time, but there were personalities in power at the time that didn't like *Rapier*. It was allowed back on in 1997, but at first with only fiberglass weapons. As for me again, I didn't get to witness *SCA Rapier* until my time in *Ansteorra* (1992-97), which is one of the first Kingdoms that spearheaded organized *Rapier* combat. I had the honor of field heralding a *Queens Champion Tourney* held in our *Shire*. This is their *Rapier-only* Kingdom level event and it tends to draw 30 plus fighters. We needed to hold four fighting fields in order to have the tourney be completed in a timely manner! I was still a devoted stick jock so I had no interest in starting another art in the *SCA* at that time. It wasn't until years later, that a combination of lack of opponents and realization that the footwork and point control could help my *Armored* fighting that I took up *SCA Rapier* training. Then, to my surprise I am enjoying it more and more, which is why I am now planning on authorizing as my descendant, *Mathius von Haus Panther* (pronounced *Pant - Er*, as in *Pantera* without the 'a'). Well that's all for now.

Till next time, tschüß!

Feast Recipes – Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday...

...by Lady Rose Uí Mhaille, Feastocrat

Chicken Stew (Mawmeny)

For a smaller recipe:

*1 lbs. Chicken
2 cups almond milk
2 eggs
2 tbsp. flour
1/4 tsp galingale
1/4 tsp salt
1/8 tsp cinnamon
1/8 tsp cloves
1/8 tsp mace
pinch saffron*

Shred the chicken and place into large pot. Whisk together milk, eggs and flour and add to the chicken. Add spices and bring to boil. Simmer until thick and serve.

Things we changed:

- 1. We used whole milk instead of almond milk because of nut allergies.*
- 2. No eggs for egg allergies.*
- 3. Did not have galingale so we excluded it.*
- 4. In place of mace we used ground nutmeg.*

Apple Roses

Makes 6

4 apples, cored and halved and skin on

lemon juice

3 Tbsp. fruit preserves (we used apricot but can use favorite fruit)

2 Tbsp. water (may need more to soak apples in)

1 sheet of puff pastry

cinnamon

sugar

Flour

Muffin tray

Cooking spray

Rolling Pin

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place apple slices in microwave safe bowl and add water and lemon juice. Use enough water to cover up apple slices. Microwave for 3 minutes. This will soften the apple slices and make them more pliable for rolling into roses.

Next grab the puff pastry. Flour the board or table and the rolling pin. Roll out the puff pastry enough to make 6 decent size strips (about 3 inches wide). You can cut with a pizza cutter or just a knife.

In a bowl, mix the fruit preserves with a couple Tbsp. of water. Spoon out the preserves, in a line, down the center of the strips of puff pastry.

Next, place the apple slices long ways halfway on the strip. Skin facing the top of the roses. Keep adding until you reach the end of the line. Mix the sugar and cinnamon together and spoon a small line over the apples. Fold the pastry over the bottom of the apple slices.

Roll up the puff pastry and place into a greased muffin tin.

Bake the apple roses for about 35-45 minutes or until the puff pastry looks nice and golden brown.

Pull out of the oven and let cool for about 5 minutes.

For the event, we added green and yellow sugar sprinkles on top and then added a drizzle of honey.

Pumpes (meatballs)

*1 lbs. ground beef
2 eggs
1 Tbsp. sugar (weird, I know)
1/8 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp mace (ground nutmeg)
1/4 tsp clove
1/4 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp salt
pinch saffron
bread crumbs*

The sauce that was made was not the sauce the was supposed to go with the meatballs. We basically made our own brown gravy.

Preheat oven to 375. Mix ground beef, eggs, sugar and spices. Form into small balls. Place on greased cookie sheet. Cover with tin foil and cook for 25-35 minutes or until the internal temp is 165 degrees.

Spinach Tart

*1/2 lbs. spinach, washed, chopped and strained so it is "dry"
1/2 cup of parsley
6 eggs
2 cups of mozzarella
1/2 cup of parmesan
1 tsp fennel
pinch of cinnamon
1 Tbsp. of mace
Frozen pie crust (we used deep dish)*

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Wash spinach and chop well.

Beat eggs in a large bowl and add spinach and all remaining ingredients.

If you like more cheese like my family does add more cheese.

Pour into pie crust and bake until firm or about an hour. When you pull the tart out, jiggle it. If the middle jiggles like jelly, then it is not done.

Pork Pies

2-3 lbs. ground pork

4 eggs

1 cup mozzarella

1 tsp mace

1 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp salt

pinch saffron

deep dish pie crust

pie crust for the tops

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix eggs, pork, cheese and spices into large bowl.

Mix well and place into the deep-dish crust.

Cover with top crust and puncture a few times with a knife or fork to vent.

Bake until top is golden brown or about 30 mins.

Serve hot or cold.

What we changed:

- 1. We added more cheese than called for.*
- 2. We browned the meat a bit to ensure that it was going to be fully cooked.*

Brussel Sprouts

1 Bag frozen brussel sprouts

1/2 stick of butter

1/4 pack of bacon

salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Fry bacon.

Place frozen sprout, fried bacon, butter and spices into a cake pan and cover with tin foil.

Bake for about 30 mins or until sprouts are a tad bit brown.

The Nottinghamill Quill Questionnaire

Mundane name: Dale Osborn Rains

Mundane occupation: Professor Emeritus of Theater at Presbyterian College

Tell us about your experience with the SCA: I have been a part of the Society for Creative Anachronism since the very early years (c. A. S. 10—1976), and in those days, it was a very large part of my life, and it still is very important to me. At that time, South Carolina had no known members of the SCA, so, after I expressed interest, the Seneschal of the Principality of Atlantia, then a part of the Kingdom of the East, warranted me as Seneschal of the entire state of South Carolina. Then I, along with a few others, founded the Shire of Nottinghamill Coill. All the other groups in South Carolina grew out of Nottinghamill Coill.

When did you first hear about the SCA? It was approximately 1974, when I was on a visit to my parents in Marthaville, Louisiana, that I read an AP feature article in the Shreveport Times about an event in the Middle Kingdom (Michigan, I believe). I was intrigued. The newspaper article gave no specific information, so I had little to go on, but I attempted two or three times to contact anyone from that event to no avail.

What/who brought you into it? Baroness Margarethe the Dog of the Barony of South Downs. I was directing Macbeth at the time, and one of my students mentioned that he knew someone in the Society for Creative Anachronism who might lend us some of her swords to use in the production. That person happened to be Baroness Margarethe (in Atlanta). I was elated. I contacted the Baroness, and the rest, as they say, is history.

What was your first event, and what was your first impression? Baroness Margarethe invited me to attend the barony's Red Tower Tourney. For some reason, the Tourney itself was later called off, but they were still holding an informal feast,

so I drove to Atlanta and was warmly welcomed. I had a wonderful time with borrowed garb from the Baroness's son Sir Galan.

What do you love the most about the SCA? The pageantry, the historical personas, and the wonderful people who make up the Barony of Nottingham Coill.

What has been your most memorable moment thus far? The moment the Shire of Nottingham Coill became the Barony of Nottingham Coill.

How many years have you been in the SCA? I have been a member of the SCA for forty years, but I was inactive for several years.

What is your favorite SCA event activity to participate in? The arts.

Have you held any offices or positions within the Barony? I was the first seneschal of Nottingham Coill and the first baron of Nottingham Coill. I am now the barony's webminister.

Were you voluntold or did you come down with a case of helium hand? I volunteered.

Have you received any awards, and if so, which would you say is your favorite or means the most to you? Award of Arms, Grant of Arms, Court Baron, Gordian Knot, and Master of the Pelican.

How many Kingdoms and Baronies have you lived in? One barony and two kingdoms. The Barony of Nottingham Coill was once in the Kingdom of the East but came into the Kingdom of Atlantia when Atlantia converted from a principality to a kingdom.

Newcomer advice/guidance? Go to an event. Watch for the first fifteen minutes and then dive in.

What is something you don't mind sharing that people may not know about you? In my 21st-century self I have written and published a murder mystery called My Father's Sins.

Tell us a bit about your Middle-aged self:

What is your SCA Name? Gavin Reynes

How did you pick your name? I have always admired Sir Gawain of Arthurian legend, and Gavin is a spin-off from Gawain. Reynes is a middle-English spelling of my modern surname Rains.

What is your SCA device? Or, a pageant-wagon gules, its pennon staves and pennons azure, and its frontal curtain azure, charged with a cross Or.

How did you pick your device? My persona is a 15th-6th-century pageant master, thus the pageant wagon.

Is it tied to your persona? Yes. My persona is a 15th-16th-century pageant master.

*Describe your persona: (This is a brief synopsis. There is much more to tell.) I am Lord Gavin Reynes, and by the grace of God and His Majesty Henry, seventh of that name, Master of Pageants. I was born on the twenty-second of October in the Year of Our Lord 1462 during the first year of the first reign of His Majesty Edward, fourth of that name. I have now lived through the reigns of seven sovereigns (if one counts Edward twice). My grandfather Gavin Reynes (for whom I was named) was a pageant master in Wakefield, and my father Nicholas was a pageant master in his own right. My family left Wakefield when I was three, and my father practiced his pageantry in Chester. My father was my idol, and I apprenticed to him when I was twelve and followed in his footsteps as a pageant master. When my grandfather died in the Year of Our Lord 1491 and I was nineteen, I left my apprenticeship (as my father had done before me) and went back to Wakefield to begin work on my own in the shadow of my late grandfather. I manage the pageants of the Weavers' Guild, and thus we utilize wonderfully rich and colorful costumes in our plays. I have won awards in numerous pageant wagon competitions through the years. In the Year of Our Lord 1500, His Majesty Henry, seventh of that name, passed through Wakefield and ordered the Royal Tournament of Pageants. I submitted my pageants, *The Play of the Masters* and *The Wisdom of Solomon*, and won the highest honor at the tournament. His Majesty honored me with the coveted title Master of Pageants. I now live in the reign of Henry, eighth of that name.*

Why did you pick that persona? In my modern life, I am a pageant master (i. e., director of theater).

Do you have any titles? Lord, Baron, Master.

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

March 2017

4	<u>Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival</u> (H)	Falconcree	Greenville, SC
11-19	<u>Gulf Wars XXVI</u> (R,H)	Gleann Abhann	
17-19	<u>Bacon Wars III</u>	Tír-y-Don	Hayes, VA
24-26	<u>Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday and Investiture</u> (R)	Hidden Mountain	Bennettsville, SC
25	<u>Defending the Gate XVI</u>	Sudentorre	Spotsylvania, VA
31-2	<u>Academy of St. Clare of Assisi: MORE Stitches in Time!</u>	Aethelmearc	

April 2017

1	<u>Spring Coronation</u> (R,H)	Atlantia	
7-9	<u>Gemutlichplatz</u> (R)	Isenfir	Charlottesville, VA
8	<u>Rose Carnivale</u>	Atlantia	Clarksville, VA
14-16	<u>Night on the Town: Night of the Tartan</u> (R)	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
14-16	<u>Crusades:Portugal</u>	Saint Georges	Easley, SC
21-23	<u>MAAD 3</u>	Marinus	Clarksville, VA
22	<u>Queen's Rapier Champion Tournament</u> (R)	Isenfir	Weyers Cave, VA
28-30	<u>Coastal Raids II</u>	Raven's Cove	Willard, NC
28-30	<u>Revenge of the Stitch IV</u> (R)	Spiaggia Levantina	Denton, MD

May 2017

6	<i>Spring Crown Tournament (R)</i>	<i>Atlantia</i>	
12-14	<u><i>Return to Camelot-An Arthurian Deed (R)</i></u>	<i>Raven's Cove</i>	<i>Apex, NC</i>
13	<u><i>Royal Archer</i></u>	<i>Stierbach</i>	<i>Midland, VA</i>
19-21	<u><i>Spring Fling for Siege III</i></u>	<i>Border Vale Keep</i>	<i>Augusta, GA</i>
19-21	<u><i>Hawkwood Baronial Birthday (R)</i></u>	<i>Hawkwood</i>	<i>Arden, NC</i>
23-26	<u><i>Ruby Joust VI</i></u>	<i>Caer Mear</i>	

The Back Page

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

Friends and neighbors! I hope that this issue finds you all well and excited for your next event! I know I am! Between Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday, Ymir and Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival, I've had a busy start to the year and I'm really looking forward to what's in store for us in the months ahead. I don't know about you, but I plan to take it all in stride, and to try to find something I want to write about for the Quill! It would be absolutely astounding if you would, too! Any and all contributions are welcome! A&S projects, event or demo writeups, pictures...so many options.

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,
Lady Merewyn Scharp*



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