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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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*Greetings unto the Barony of Nottingham Coill from Lucien and Brig,
Baron and Baroness*

We hope everyone is having a spectacular summer! There isn't much going on in the way of events just now, but that's giving everyone some time to prepare for the Great Pennsic War! To those making the long journey, We wish you safe travels and a wonderful war! We know that you will represent yourselves and the Barony of Nottingham Coill with great honor.

We would wish to apologize with Our whole hearts for missing Blades and Bows. We were both looking forward to the event and to teaching the classes We had volunteered for. Her Excellency had a very unexpected trip to the hospital. She's doing much better now, but is still under a doctor's supervision.

We will be unable to make the journey to Pennsic as her Excellency will be undergoing surgery the 16th of August. Please keep Her in your thoughts. It's a pretty routine procedure, and We have nothing but the best expectations for the procedure and recovery.

In the meantime, We have been spending Our time getting little projects accomplished for War of the Wings! Lady Merewyn is serving us as Baronial land agent this year, so everyone give her your best and make her job as easy as possible! Register early and be sure to sign up for your land allotment. Our total space is dependent on your registration! We are improving the day shade for Our field side hospitality on the main battle day. Once again, Lady Marie Helene has volunteered to man the hospitality table field side. Your delicious donations are welcome to show the rest of Atlantia that We stick to the Baronial motto! "Feed them into submission"!

Her Excellency made the journey to Hidden Mountain to join them for Warriors Games. It was a very relaxing and laid-back event, and many feats of skill and strength were on display! M'Lord Alexander Dr la Rochelle even took first in the youth foot race! Baroness Brig shared her skills with the good folks of Hidden Mountain by teaching them the art of silk painting. They should have a really good-looking camp this year at WoW! Many plans for future banners were made!

His Excellency is planning to attend Silver Chalice in Hidden Mountain in late August. Her Excellency will still be recovering, and is very disappointed to have to miss it!

We are in need of bids for Baronial Birthday. We would like to have a theme of "homecoming" to wrap up the yearlong exploration of the travels that took place in and relating to the Crusades.

We encourage each and every one of Our champions to submit a letter of their exploits to the newsletter. We encourage all officers, Canton or Baronial, to submit a "day in the life" article about what your office entails to the newsletter. Great content makes Lady Merewyn's job easier!

And finally, as always, We are in need of letters of recommendation for those deserving of recognition in court. Please drop Us a few lines either through the online award recommendation site or just contact Us via email or Facebook.

Until We see you all again,

Baron Lucien de La Rochelle and Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh

August

26 Silver Chalice (Lucien only)

September

1-3 Ravens Cove B-day (R)

8-10 Southern War Practice

22-24 Sacred Stone BBday & Investiture (Q)

October

7 Fall Coronation (R,H)

17-19 Demo at BFG

From the Seneschal's Pen

*Right now, the kingdom is in its annual lull period: either folks are away at Pennsic or there are few in-kingdom events going on. But as soon as the Pennsic pilgrims return, event activity will pick up again, along with the possibility of new people coming to check us out or (fingers crossed) to join us. With that in mind, I decided to reprise much of last year's August column from *The Quill*. It still has a lot of validity.*

As I write this, I'm almost finished packing to go to Pennsic. By the time you read it, though, I'll likely be on my way home again. A miniature anachronism, perhaps. Or maybe a temporal displacement.

It's easy to feel displaced in such a situation. It's even easier to feel out of place when you're in an unfamiliar setting, such as the first time you were at an SCA event. All these people dressed in odd clothing, wearing apparently important jewelry, hitting each other with sticks (and no one seems to protest), doing or talking about things that aren't common to the 21st century U.S.A. Who wouldn't feel out of place??

Think back (for some of you that may be WAY back) to your own first event. Did someone notice that you were new? Come up to you and offer to introduce you to people who already were doing the kinds of things in which you'd expressed an interest? Did anyone explain what you were seeing (the combat; behaviors in Court or around certain people)? Or were you left to fend for yourself and, with any luck, figure it out by yourself?

If they did help you - Excellent! If not, we let you down. It's with good reason that most chapters have a Chatelain: a person responsible for the care and well-being of newcomers and guests. But that one person can't be everywhere and do everything for our newcomers. That is why it's often said

that, in the SCA, 'every person is [or should be] a chatelain.' In Nottingham Coill, we're fortunate to have some very good and diligent Chatelains: Lady Marie Helene of the New Forest (Brockore Abbey and Cyddlan Downs), Lady Isolda Jourdan (Falcon Cree), Lady Elisabeth von Basel (Ritterwald) and Lady Magdalen Woderose (Nottingham Coill.) Say 'Thanks' to them next time you see them, and try to make their lives a bit easier by being a chatelain yourself. Be as welcoming and helpful as you would have liked someone to be when you were just starting out. The barony, the kingdom, and the SCA will be better places because of your effort.

Normally I wrap up each month's column with a 'Vivant' to those of our barony who received awards and recognitions recently. However - there's nothing to post this month! So, you'll just have to wait until the next issue to catch up on all the recognitions that have been given to our barony's members.

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.)

And to everyone who is at Pennsic, SAFE TRAVELS! I look forward to seeing you there, and safely back home later this month.

Yours in service to The Dream and the barony,

Dame Morwenna Trevethan
Baronial Seneschal

The SCA Harassment and Bullying Policy From the Society Seneschals Handbook:

XXIV. SOCIETY SENESCHAL POLICIES & INTERPRETATIONS

4. Harassment and Bullying

The SCA prohibits harassment and bullying of all individuals and groups.

Harassment and bullying includes, but is not limited to the following:

- offensive or lewd verbal comments directed to an individual;*
- the display of explicit images (drawn or photographic) depicting an individual in an inappropriate manner;*
- photographing or recording individuals inappropriately to abuse or harass the individual;*
- inappropriate physical contact; unwelcome sexual attention; or retaliation for reporting harassment and/or bullying.*

Participants violating these rules are subject to appropriate sanctions. If an individual feels subjected to harassment, bullying or retaliation, they should contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or the Kingdom's Board Ombudsman. If a participant of the SCA becomes aware that someone is being harassed or bullied, they have a responsibility pursuant to the SCA Code of Conduct to come forward and report this behavior to a seneschal, President of the SCA or Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

The following statement must be posted at gate/troll at every SCA event in a size large enough for people to see it as they enter our events. This language must likewise be quoted in ALL site handouts at every event a site where a handout is made available.

THE SCA PROHIBITS HARASSMENT AND BULLYING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.

Participants engaging in this behavior are subject to appropriate sanctions. If you are subjected to harassment, bullying or retaliation, or if you become aware of anyone being harassed or bullied, contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or your Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

Per the Society Seneschal July 17, 2017

Fairy Tale Dream

...by Lady Janna of Falcon Cree

*While walking through the woods today, I came upon a wolf.
He said his name was Big Bad, but I found him to be great.
I found myself to be quite lost and he helped me find my way.
He said he would like to assist me along so I would not be late.
We went on into the woods and came upon some dwarves.
They were humming a cheery tune and marching home at last.
They told us of their houseguest, a very lovely girl.
I hope to meet her someday, but I had to walk on fast.
We met a little girl a little farther down the path.
Her cape was bright red and she was very lost.
We stopped to help for she was crying.
The wolf picked up her basket that she had accidentally tossed.
We went along down the path and the wolf showed her the way.
She had lost her way to her grandmother's house.
Her grandmother was so grateful, she offered us a snack.
We had to turn her down and felt just like a louse.
The wolf and I went on down the trail.
He showed me the path to home and he smiled with a beam.
I saw my house and turned around,
And woke up from my dream.*

Tastings from the Wooden Spoon...

...by Lady Marie H el ene of the New Forest

Humble Pie

Actually, Nombuls. Nombuls is Old French for "from the loins". It sounds like "umbles" and has been bastardized to "humble" - the English word for "lowly". So, it is a misnomer that the innards of a beast were considered "humble fare", but there is a recipe in 'Liber Cure Cocorum', 1430 (Liber Cure 1430) that would repute that.

Nombuls.

*Take tho hert and tho mydruv and the kydnere,
And hew hom smalle, as I the lere;
Presse oute the blode, wasshe hom thou schalle,
Sethe hom in water and in gode ale;
Coloure hit with brende bred or with blode;
Fors hit with peper and canel gode,
Sett hit to tho fyre, as I the telle in tale;*



This recipe is for the kidneys of the hart or deer. In the Middle Ages, the innards were considered just another meat - one that needed to be cooked first and was considered prize pieces, especially tripe, sweetbreads, foie gras, and other inner parts, as they were the most tender and flavorful.

Here is another one, from Du Fait de Cuisine from E. Cook {tran}:

61. For the chopped liver: he who has the charge of the chopped liver should take kids' livers - and if there are not enough of those of kids use those of veal - and clean and wash them very well, then put them to cook well and properly; and, being cooked, let him take them out onto fair and clean boards and, being drained, chop them very fine and, being well chopped, let him arrange that he has fair lard well and properly melted in fair and clean frying pans, then put the said chopped liver in to fry and sauté it well and properly. And then arrange that he has a great deal of eggs and break them into fair dishes and beat them all together; and put in spices, that is white ginger, grains of paradise, saffron, and salt in good proportion, then put all of this gently into the said frying pans with the said liver which is being fried while continually stirring and mixing with a good spoon in the pans until it is well cooked and dried out and beginning to brown. And then when this comes to the sideboard arrange the aforesaid heads on fair serving dishes, and on each dish next to the heads put and arrange the aforesaid chopped liver.

As you can guess, it's essentially liver and eggs.

The head was also considered prize for the tender parts like the tongue, cheeks, and brain; for that matter, the head is even nowadays considered prized in several cultures - like in Spain and Mongolia. In Japan, the whole tuna head is roasted for a special delicacy.

I have a recipe I recently shared for beef (heart) and kidney pie. I can say that it is "medieval-ish", as it's based off the English beef (steak) and kidney pie:

- ☞ a couple pounds of kidneys, cleaned of viscera and sliced thin, soaked in about 2 cups milk*
- ☞ a 2-pound beef heart, sliced thin*
- ☞ 1 large onion, chopped*

- ☞ 2 carrots, chopped
- ☞ 1 rib celery, chopped
- ☞ salt, pepper and herbs and spices to taste
- ☞ a few dashes of Worcestershire sauce
- ☞ oil and butter, a couple Tbsps.
- ☞ about a ¼c flour
- ☞ 2 shortcrust (pie crusts), recipe follows

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté onions, carrots, and celery in a bit of oil and butter, seasonings, add the heart and brown. Add the flour to make a roux and then the kidneys and milk. Cook until thickened and pour into pie crusts. Bake for about 30 minutes and then let set for 20 minutes (or more). Serve with tatties and neeps (boiled potatoes and turnips). Makes 2 pies.

Yellow dock pie crust:

- ☞ 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- ☞ ¼ c dried yellow dock leaves*, crumbled
- ☞ 3/4 teaspoon salt
- ☞ 2 sticks chilled unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- ☞ 6 tablespoons (about) ice water

Mix together the butter and the dry ingredients until it looks like cornmeal, add the water until it forms a loose ball. Let set in refrigerator for about an hour. Bring to room temperature and roll out to about ¼-inch and about 12" in diameter. Place in pie pan, dock and crimp. I also blind bake for about 10 minutes before filling. The dough/crust will be yellow with green flecks.

* Yellow Dock/Curly Dock (*Rumex crispus*) is a wild green related to sorrel. It is also used as a dye plant (yellow-green) and a medicinal herb. The flavor is akin of a mild collard green.

Public Service Announcement – Service Animals...

...by Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest

This was brought on after a conversation with my brother. There has been an increase of service animals, especially in the SCA; as many people are seeing the worth of these animals to assist in anything from alerting for seizures and low blood glucose to anxiety and other psychological episodes, like those associated with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), as well as the traditional seeing-eye, hearing assist, and mobility assist dogs. With this increase comes the need for a guide in understanding the proper manners when around a service animal. Service animals are identified by a vest and or harness stating that they are a service animal. Most commonly, they are dogs; but I have seen horses (miniature), goats, and cats called into service as well.

Now, service animals go through a long training process, first with a trainer, then with their handler and though the animal is trained to focus on their handler, no animal is 100% “bulletproof”. (“Bulletproof” means, not phased or distracted by the environment – MJH) So,

RULE ONE – Don’t Distract The Animal

Distracting the animal could be dangerous for the handler, the animal, even everyone in that area; especially in the case of a psychological episode or a seizure.

RULE TWO – If the vest is on, the animal is “at work”.

As mentioned above, a service animal wears a vest or harness denoting its status as a service animal. The vest is part of that training, it tells the animal that it is time to be especially attentive.

RULE THREE - ALWAYS address the handler before approaching the animal.

The handler will determine if it appropriate to pet, address, give water, etc. to the animal.

RULE FOUR - Approach calmly - do not suddenly rush up, yell, or otherwise startle the handler.

The animal may take it for an attack.

I am proud to say that I have heard very few incidents regarding service animal courtesy in Nottingham Coill. I can trust that my Barony will take this to heart and help others to the same mindfulness so we can all enjoy the event. Parents: please instruct your youngsters in this - this is especially important for them to learn, and it could save a life.

Anyone who has a service animal is free to add to this. To be exact, I would encourage those with service animals to teach a class at an event to raise awareness.

The Nottingham Quill Questionnaire



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Tell us about your experience with the SCA: So many to mention. I have met some wonderful people. Lost some of those as well. I found that in the time that I have been involved in the SCA, I have grown. I have watched my hairline recede and belly grow (feasts are awesome). But during this journey, I have made a second family that I would never trade away. I have been on the battlefield next to folks like Prince Cuan, Count Sinclair, and of course Sir Kane. As well as stood by great people like Mistress Deidre Morgan and Master Corwyn Woodward. I have laughed with good hearted people like Mistress Morwenna Trevethan. And cried with all those that share my loses. All in all, a very full life in the SCA.

When did you first hear about the SCA? What/who brought you into it? August 1991. Lady Lilith of Tigers Keep

What was your first event, and what was your first impression? Pennsic Paupers Potluck in August of 1991. They took me right in and I loved it. I even juggled to entertain.

What do you love the most about the SCA? The family feeling. Everyone, no matter their background, is welcome.

What has been your most memorable moment thus far? Trying to keep up with Countess Kari Kyst at Pennsic the year she was Queen and I was a Queen's Guard. That young lady can walk fast. And I am 5 foot 3 inches. So my stride is a little short.

How many years have you been in the SCA? 25 years as of August 2016

What is your favorite SCA event activity to participate in? Wow! I love it all. Combat Archery, Heavy, Rapier, and target archery. But my favorite is scribal. I love getting lost in a project.

Have you held any offices or positions within the Barony? Were you voluntold or did you come down with a case of helium hand? I have only done Canton offices. Heavy Marshal and Archery Marshal. Helium hand.

Have you received any awards, and if so, which would you say is your favorite or means the most to you? I have received a few over the years. But the one I

am most proud of is the "Queen's Award of Courtesy". It proves that I was raised right. I always want to help, even if I cannot physically do so.

When did you become interested in scribal work? What was your first scroll and who was it for? In 2010, I was working on a miniature and looked up at a scroll. I wondered if I could paint a scroll. I began to play with a piece of paper and was hooked.

How many Kingdoms and Baronies have you lived in? Only Atlantia / Nottingham Coill

Newcomer advice/guidance? Take your time and take it all in. Ask all the question you can. There are usually answers out there. There are so many things to do that it may take a little time to find your groove. It took me 19 years to find scribal. I have found so many other loves in the process.

What is something you don't mind sharing that people may not know about you? I love seeing the eyes of someone I did a scroll for when they first see it. It makes me happy to give them joy.

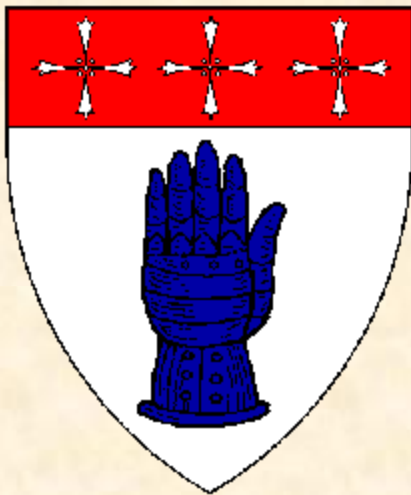
Tell us a bit about your Middle-aged self: My SCA persona is the third son of three sons. Living in 14th century England, he was given a choice to travel as a soldier or become a cleric. He chose to travel. In his travels, he came across a lot of different people from the French to the Norse. Then learned to read and write so he could use the knowledge to help him in his travels. Always looking to future.

What is your SCA Name? Lord Alwin of Nottingham Coill

How did you pick your name? I was doing a search in the local library and began researching English surnames. I found Alwin and it spoke to me. It had 18 different spellings for the same name. I chose the one I could spell. I liked the sound being blank of blank. So, I chose my beloved Barony.

What is your SCA device? Argent, a sinister gauntlet aversant azure and on a chief gules three crosses of ermine spots argent.

Device of Alwin of Nottingham Coill



How did you pick your device? I saw the pic of the gauntlet and ermine spot in the cross form and looked at several ways of putting it together. But loved the current form.

Is it tied to your persona? At the time of design, I was not thinking about the significance of the symbols too much. However, being very patriotic, I love the red, white, and blue scheme. I also have always seen the gauntlet as a symbol of strength. The ermine spot crosses spoke to me and loved the visual. I was very happy it, as well as my name passed with one attempt.

Describe your persona: An English traveling soldier learning all he can as he goes along.

Why did you pick that persona? I have always had a fascination with the British history. Especially during the middle ages.

Do you have any titles? I have an AOA and GOA. Generally known as Lord in Atlantia.

Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

Key

R: Royal Progress **K:** King's Progress **Q:** Queen's Progress

H: Highnesses' Progress **P:** Prince's Progress **Pr:** Princess' Progress

August 2017

26	<u>St. David's Market Day and Fair</u> (R)	Aire Faucon	Dallas, NC
26	<u>Silver Chalice</u>	Hidden Mountain	Myrtle Beach, SC

September 2017

8-10	<u>Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday</u> (R)	Raven's Cove	
8-10	<u>Trial by Fire</u>	Bright Hills	Glen Arm, MD
8-10	<u>Rip Rap War</u> (R)	Marinus	Courtland, VA
8-10	<u>Southern War Practice IX</u>	Ritterwald	New Ellenton, SC
16	Fall University	Atlantia	
22-24	<u>Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday and Investiture</u> (Q)	Sacred Stone	Blacksburg, SC
22-24	<u>Battle on the Bay & Lochmere Investiture</u> (K)	Lochmere	Upper Marlboro, MD
29-1	<u>Bash with Bacchus</u>	Seven Hills	Big Island, VA
29-1	<u>War of the Eight Saints</u>	Hawkwood	Marion, NC

October 2017

6-8	<u>Fall Coronation 2017 (R,H)</u>	Border Vale Keep	Augusta, GA
13-15	<u>Harvest Wars</u>	Bright Hills	Denton, MD
14-15	<u>Njal Saga</u>	Aethelmearc	
18-22	<u>War of the Wings XII</u>	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC

November 2017

4	<u>Fall Crown Tournament</u>	Atlantia	
10-12	<u>Tournament at Elchenburg Castle</u>	Charlesbury Crossing	Booneville, NC
18	<u>Buckston Birthday Bash</u>	Buckston-on-Eno	Burlington, NC
18	<u>Holiday Faire</u>	Stierbach	

December 2017

2	<u>Unevent</u>	Atlantia	
8-10	<u>Yule Toy Tourney XII</u>	Nottinghamhill Coill	Pickens, SC
9	<u>Yule on the Bridge</u>	Ponte Alto	Reston, VA

The Back Page

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

Good eve and well met, fellow denizens of the Coill! I hope this issue finds you all well and enjoying some well-deserved downtime, whether at home or at Pennsic. As Their Excellencies and Dame Morwenna have said, please remember your Chronicler fondly back home while you travel, and take note of brave deeds done and feats of triumph to be shared with all! Stories of these deeds and feats would be very welcome amid these pages! Photos and other creations are also welcome! Just make sure to complete the appropriate release form and send it along with your submission 😊 I can't use content until I get a release form for it from it's creator. You can find the release forms at <http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/Releases.html> Please let me know if you're not sure which form to use, or have questions about a form.

Many thanks to everyone who submitted to the Quill for this issue and previous issues, and please continue to send in submissions to chronicler@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org.

*Yours in Service to the Dream,
Lady Merewyn Scharp*



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