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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,*

*Summer is drawing to a close and We have the cooler temperatures of fall to look forward to! There is much to look forward to in the coming months. Southern War Practice, Coronation of our new monarchs and the fun that is War of the Wings are all in Our not-so-distant future!*

*I would like to thank everyone for the messages of love and support as I have been recovering from two surgeries these last weeks. It has meant the world to me. I am still recovering, but doing much, much better!*

*We are both very much looking forward to Southern War Practice. The fun and fellowship that We will enjoy with all of you is the perfect cap to the summer!*

*Be sure to get your War of the Wings reservations in as soon as possible. The cutoff date is the 15th of September. Our land allotment depends entirely upon our reservation numbers. It takes a little while, a few days, to get your*

*PayPal invoice, so be sure not to wait until the last minute! I know We will once again have the best camp at war!*

*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"! She can use all of the help she can get. Food as well as set up help on Saturday.*

*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.*

*Current Baronial Champions, please keep in mind that it is your responsibility to devise the competition to help us choose your successors at Baronial Birthday. We know you all will come up with fun and entertaining competitions.*

*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. Also, Coronation is going to be very close to us in Bordervale Keep, so send in those letters of recommendation to Kingdom as well!!*

*Until we see you all again,*

*Baron Lucien de La Rochelle and Baroness Brig ingen Erennaigh*

### ***September***

*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*

*Pennsic is over for another year, and so starts the long wait until next year's Great War. Much like a child marks time from one holiday or birthday to the next, we do the same in the SCA: how many weeks until Pennsic, War of the Wings, Yule Toy Tourney, Baronial Birthday, Ymir, fill in the blank? For us, though, there's always another reason to gather and celebrate, waiting right around the corner. Saddened by the end of Pennsic and the loss of such fighting? Southern War Practice is imminent, with War of the Wings close on its heels. Miss all the exquisite Arts & Sciences that were displayed? Get your entries started now (if you haven't done so already) for WoW or even next year's Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival. And there ALWAYS are opportunities to serve. This year, again, Security at War of the Wings is being overseen by our own Lord Draco of Brockore. And he can use all the help you're willing to provide. Last year, he ended up handling almost 2/3 of all the shifts himself, when numerous people for numerous reasons failed to show up.*

*The SCA is not a Renaissance Festival, where you pay money to watch other people having fun, munch on a turkey leg, and go home. The only reason that the SCA works is that it's completely participatory: there are no uninvolved bystanders. Don't like to be outdoors in the weather? Help out with feast preparation indoors, and get an advance taste of all the deliciousness. Can't stand for very long? Become an MoL (Minister of the List), which guarantees you a front-row seat at every tournament. Like to work out of the public eye, and have a talent at drawing/painting or writing? Become a scribe and do virtually all of your work at home as time is available. Are you a night-owl? Volunteer for a night security shift. You'll even likely get to do your job from the comfort of a golf cart. Do you enjoy meeting people? If you prefer to sit down, help out at Troll / the Gate / the Tollner's station: you'll get to greet*

everyone. If you'd rather be outdoors and on your feet, pitch in with waterbearing. You will be more appreciated than you ever imagined.

And these are just event-related items. There are plenty of tasks that need doing in between events. If you have a talent for organization, consider working with Atlantia's University staff or the staff of a Collegium, or maybe even your group's seneschal. Have a head for numbers? An Exchequer is one of the only two mandatory offices for each chapter. Now that nearly every office's forms and reports are electronic, completing them is not nearly so daunting as they once might have seemed. Still feeling intimidated? Offer to help as a deputy to one of the officers, either in your canton or at the baronial level. That's a great way to decide if you want to move up, eventually, to become the actual office-holder. Do you feel comfortable with the language of the Internet and its databases? Groups at many levels can use the help of either a web minister or someone who can make their websites even better. And you need not get stuck in one office if you feel that you'd prefer a change.

In short, no matter where your talents lie, or the degree of your abilities, there's a position (or Several!) in the Society that would benefit from your participation.

Along those lines, Lady Janna of Falcon Cree is stepping down as Baronial Exchequer, and Lady Albree de Greene is succeeding her. This means that the position of Deputy Baronial Exchequer now is open, if anyone is interested in considering it. Also, Lord Olaf Stammkopf is leaving the Baronial Financial Committee and Lord Eamonn mac Ríogháhardán is succeeding him. Thanks to each of these people for their service, past, present, and future!

Normally I wrap up each month's column with a 'Vivant' to those of our barony who received awards and recognitions recently. However - once again there's nothing to post! 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.



One of the saddest things I hear way too often is 'but I thought he/she already had that award (or 'was a member of that Order'.)' People are not recognized for their work if no one lets the Monarchs or our Baronage know about it. Recommending people for their efforts and accomplishments is its own form of service. 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](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*

# *A Barony's Largesse: Gifts for Giving...*

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*...by Lady Thorunn Vigadottir*

*Once upon a reign, I met a Queen who lived her persona so well that immediately after stepping down from the throne, she stepped up to serve high table because that is what a woman of her time and noble station would have done as Largesse—served the Crown and their guests by her own hand.*

The Crown chooses the Baronage to speak for them. But Our Baronage is also Our Voice to the Kingdom and beyond.

*When asked, a landed Baronage in another land once told me their favorite largesse was anything that included the words, “thank you” in whatever form. These gifts they could give out all day long and could still need more to show appreciation to newcomers all the way through to their Lieges.*

Our Baron and Our Baroness are our representatives of hospitality and well-wishing, of taxes and celebration. Their actions and words, their gifts speak for us.

Besides, largesse is a fun way to art! You can make one of the things or many of the things—your choice!

Largesse can be jewelry, embroidery and basically every handicraft that had a start in the medieval world. You can give a promissory offering of food stuffs for a hospitality table or a chit to play music during a time of their choosing.

*There is a myth that Largesse must be period, said my Scadian mentor. “Forgot something” bags with a toothbrush, paste, shampoo and lotion might be modern, but you would smile if you had forgotten your toothbrush and there was one for you.*

Other ideas are award medallions, scarves, scroll blanks and small containers of cloth or wood to hold gifts.

*A Court Baron who now lives only in memory made it his mission to provide feast gear for those who had none, and fruit and cheese for anyone hungry. He set up his Open Door in a central spot at all kingdom events. He would take, but did not seek donations. He offered substance with a conversation, a laugh or a bit of advice if you wanted it. Mainly, he wanted your story, how you were doing, and please take some more fruit.*

Largesse is a research project—what would your persona have given? 10 days of soldiering? A weekend of service as a retainer or event cook? The best herbs from your garden? The choicest soaps from your medicine still room? Appliqued belt tokens? Transportation assistance (which could be a gas card instead of your finest horse flesh)?

*This one time, when I was retaining, I was given a herculean task. “Find out who gave Us this!” I failed. And in failing, I let down not just my Crown but the person who had spent so much time making the gift. Please, folks, place a small card with your SCA name and location with your gift! Others might have questions because you did a thing so wonderfully or uniquely or with historical techniques.*

We, as a Barony, have a Baron and Baroness who act for us. We can pool our talents and resources and entrust our Baronage to get them where they are needed, where they can be enjoyed and where they just might make someone's day.

<b>Current Largesse Needs</b>		
<b>Nottingham Coil</b>	ON GOING, ESPECIALLY MEDALLIONS	Green and Yellow
<b>Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday and Investiture</b>	Sep 22 - 24	White and Green
<b>Fall Coronation</b>	Oct 6 – 8	Blue and White with a touch of yellow

Come join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Largesse.NottinghamCoil/> It's not required to be in the group to provide largesse, but it can be fun!

# Arts and Sciences: A Friendly Competition...

...by Lady Thorunn Vigadottir

In the Canton of Ritterwald, we've decided to have a little fun with our inspiration and devised a fun challenge to motivate us all in our Arts & Sciences endeavors.

Beginning this month, we are implementing a points system. We are trying to nudge each other into sharing knowledge, trying something new and completing projects. By this time next year, we will declare a winner and honor efforts with a prize or two (more than likely materials to create more projects!).

This is a partial list of the Ritterwald ArtSci Tournament. We will add activities and points as projects occur to us.

Teach a Class			
	Lecture		4
	Hands On Demo		4
		Handouts (Also eligible for document, ArtSci entry points)	4
		Research in Writing (Also eligible for document, ArtSci entry points)	4
	How-to		4
		Handouts (Also eligible for document, ArtSci entry points)	4
		Research in Writing (Also eligible for document, ArtSci entry points)	4
	Workshop Host and Lead		8
Articles and Research Papers			
	Quill & Acorn		4
	Handouts (Also eligible for teaching, ArtSci entry points)		4

	Research in Writing (Also eligible for teaching, ArtSci entry points)		4
	Guild & other publications		4
ArtSci Entries			TBD
Sewing & Fiber Arts			TBD
Encampments			TBD
Heraldic Presence			TBD
Persona Development			TBD
Events & Practices			TBD

\*All Canton members, or people who claim the Canton in public, are eligible except for the MoAS office. This is not an age-restricted contest.

\*\* It is the responsibility of MoAS to award and record points. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure the MoAS knows what you have been doing!

\*\*\*Any other Cantons want to join in the fun? We challenge you to do the same and let's see who Arts or Sciences the most!

# *The Nottingham Quill Questionnaire*

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*Mundane name: Lee Loftis*

*Mundane occupation: Truck Driver for Schwan.*

*Tell us about your experience with the SCA:*

*I've always had an interest in history, especially military history. The SCA has helped me become more social and willing to do things that I would have never been comfortable doing in the past, like singing and speaking before groups of people I don't know. I've found that there are so many people with things in common and that we can get along pretty well even though there are still things may not agree on.*

*When did you first hear about the SCA? What/who brought you into it?*

*I heard about the SCA about 25 years ago, but was always too shy to take part. Once I finally got up the nerve to approach the fighters at a demo, I didn't have a very positive experience at all. Finally, many years later, I got involved when Jason German decided to get into it again after many years away.*

*What was your first event, and what was your first impression?*

*My first event was the Tartan Day demo in Columbia, and I had so much fun! My first non-demo event was a Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday.*

*What do you love the most about the SCA?*

*The fact that most everyone is accepting of everyone else and it's like a big family. Sure, we don't always agree, but our track record is better than in the mundane world.*

*What has been your most memorable moment thus far?*

*Becoming a squire to His Excellency, Deitrich von Stroheim.*

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

*This is my third year.*

*What is your favorite SCA event activity to participate in?*

*Demos. I love showing people what we do.*

*Have you held any offices or positions within the Barony? Were you voluntold or did you come down with a case of helium hand?*

*I am populace representative on the Canton's financial committee, the Canton knights Marshal, and deputy baronial knights Marshal. I volunteered for all of these positions because I like to be involved.*

*Have you received any awards, and if so, which would you say is your favorite or means the most to you?*

*I have been honored with a few awards. When I received my Opal, her excellency Muriel of Hawkwood gave me her personal medallion. That's special to me.*

*How did you become interested in heavy fighting? What advice would you give someone who is interested in pursuing it?*

*I've always been interested in such things, having been an avid role player and gamer for more than thirty years. My advice to anyone interested in heavy fighting is to go to practices, ask lots of questions and get in there. You will never get better by just talking about doing it. You have to strap on a helm and pick up a stick and actually fight!*

*How many Kingdoms and Baronies have you lived in?*

*Just the barony of Nottingham Coill*

### *Newcomer advice/guidance?*

*Ask the questions. Do the things. Go to events. Make friends. Step outside of your comfort zone a little and you will reap dividends.*

*What is something you don't mind sharing that people may not know about you? I really enjoy writing and entertaining friends with games and stories.*

### *Tell us a bit about your Middle-aged self:*

*I'm an Irish galloglass from the 14th century. I inherited my position as constable from my father, who inherited it from his. Our galloglass clan would have been in service to any number of Irish Lords, but I have personally been retained by two different baronesses and fought in several wars.*

### *What is your SCA Name?*

*Lord Alasdair O'Quinn*

### *How did you pick your name?*

*I tried not to choose any of the recorded names of galloglass from history because I wanted to be able to tell my own story.*

### *What is your SCA device?*

*Per chevron Or and vert, two dragons segreant combatant and an icosahedron counterchanged.*

### *How did you pick your device?*

*I chose colors I liked and added components that meant something to me. Dragons have always fascinated me, fierce and protective, magical and legendary. The icosahedron, easily recognized to gamers as a D20, is my way of proclaiming that I am one of those gamer geeks. Loud and proud. Roleplaying has given me untold hours of enjoyment entertaining and being entertained. I would not be who I am today had I not gotten into the hobby.*

*Is it tied to your persona? Not really tied in, no.*

### *Why did you pick that persona?*

*I am of Irish ancestry, and I wanted to choose something different from everyone else. I wanted something that I didn't know much about so I could discover and learn as I went.*

*Do you have any titles? Lord.*



# 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

## September 2017

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

## October 2017

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

## *November 2017*

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

## *December 2017*

2	<i>Unevent</i>	<i>Atlantia</i>	
8-10	<a href="#"><u><i>Yule Toy Tourney XII</i></u></a>	<i>Nottingham Coill</i>	<i>Pickens, SC</i>
9	<a href="#"><u><i>Yule on the Bridge</i></u></a>	<i>Ponte Alto</i>	<i>Reston, VA</i>

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

*Good people of Nottingham Coill, please bear with your Chronicler this month. This issue is a bit shorter than normal. I've been too busy harassing you about pre-registering for War of the Wings and have not gotten enough harrassment in about submitting content to the Quill 😊 Shame on me! I'll just have to find some balance in the coming month. If you would like to contribute something to the Quill, please certainly feel free and 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@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:chronicler@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org).*

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



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