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EVENING COURT

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INTO THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN
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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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Happy New Year, beloved populace! We are filled with hope for this new year, as we all learn to event again and get used to navigating the new normal. It was fantastic to see everyone at Yule Toy Tourney, the first in-Barony event in almost two years! After such a long break We were amazed at how many of the small things that make eventing more manageable that We forgot! And We weren't alone- I heard more than one person say that they forgot their mug, their belt, or some other small item that suddenly looms large when it is missing. We encourage you all to mentally go over what you bring to events and what you do to prep for events; don't forget the basics!

We are quite looking forward to Nottinghill Coill's 42nd Baronial Birthday coming up in March. The theme is to be "42-The Answer to Everything!", so make sure you grab a towel and make plans to join Us. We will be choosing new Baronial Champions for all disciplines, so please start thinking about sending Us your letters of intent! Our current Champions have been serving for two or more years and We are sure that they are quite ready for a break!

As those of you who have been paying attention know, Baronial Birthday is often heavily scheduled with many champion's challenges, and We struggle to attend them all. In the future, We are contemplating choosing our A&S and Bardic champions at Yule Toy Tourney to take some of the pressure off and allow our A&S and Bardic community to shine all the brighter with a bigger spotlight. This would also give our A&S Champion longer to prepare for the Baronial Challenge at Kingdom Arts and Sciences in March, as Nottinghill Coill's Birthday is usually held in January or February. We invite everyone, especially the A&S and Bardic community to weigh in on this idea.

Below are the events We plan to attend, We hope to see you all at least at some of these.

Delia, Baroness

Elphín, Baron

Baronial Progress:

January

Jan. 8: Bryn Madoc's Twelfth Night Celebration (Kingdom of Meridies)

Jan. 29: Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir XLI

February

Feb. 5: Online Winter University

Feb. 11: 47th Tournament of Ymir

March

March 5: Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival

March 11: Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday

March 18: Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday

From the Seneschal's Pen...



Photo credit: Lady Virginia of Wolfholt

Merry New Year!

We made it to 2022! Now things can go back to normal, right?

Sadly, no, not yet. Covidsafe protocols are still in effect, and there is apparently an upsurge with this new variant. It's significant enough that some Kingdoms have stopped in-person events for several weeks, and the Kingdom of Atlantia will be looking closely at things to see if we need to make any changes.

Sigh.

On a better note, we had Yule Toy Tourney last month! Did you go? It was amazing! It was definitely a little different feel because of the Covidsafe precautions, but it was still an amazing event. Vivant to Lady Mizuno and her staff for putting it together. There were 178 people in attendance, and 1179 toys donated, all of which went to Country Santa. The love and generosity of this Barony and this Kingdom are amazing!

I want to also thank all of you who attended for being safe and following the Covidsafe protocols. I didn't hear of anyone having an issue with showing proof of vaccination or negative covid test, and that made my job a lot easier.

Speaking of which, it is no longer required to show a government ID to get into an event; your SCA membership card is sufficient. If you don't have an SCA membership card, then you'll need to show an ID, and the proof of vaccination/negative covid test is still required.

It really was great to see everyone's faces in person...or at least their eyes. I laughed a lot and enjoyed myself, and everywhere I looked, it seems that everyone else was doing the same. Getting to spend time with our chosen family was a huge morale boost.

We had a brief populace meeting at YTT, where I went over a few things that are in the process of happening in the Barony. The Exchequer changeover is occurring, and I would like to thank Lady Albree for her service as Baronial Exchequer. She did an amazing job, and I can't thank her enough. M'lady Vani is stepping into the position, and I want to thank her for taking that position on. I'm sure she will do a great job at it!

She's already started, as the Financial Policy needed to be updated into the template format preferred by the Kingdom. She's got that done, it's being reviewed by the financial committee prior to being accepted.

Also at the populace meeting, Her Excellency Baroness Delia put out the idea of the Barony paying for a storage unit to help store Baronial equipment, mainly to help alleviate concerns about prospective Baronages being able to store the Baronial stuff. More information on that proposal will be forthcoming.

I hope everyone is doing well, and that your year is off to a great start. I look forward to seeing everyone at Baronial Birthday in March!

Be well!

Maistir Cian, Baronial Seneschal

Vivat, Hooray, and Congratulations!

Yay! I get to write up another one of these! This is my favorite letter to write for the Quill, because it showcases the awesomeness that is the people of this Barony!

So, Yule Toy Tourney happened. Courts were held. People were recognized. Beautiful scrolls were given out. It was an awesome day! So let's get right to recognizing those who were recognized!

Baronial Awards

- ❖ Lord Merovechus de Blariaco - Award of the Golden Knot*
- ❖ Baroness Machteld Cleine - Companion of the Coill's Muse*
- ❖ Noble Seraphina Mascherante - Award of the Golden Cord*
- ❖ Lord Willem van Antwerpen - Award of the Golden Cord*
- ❖ Noble Rinn - Companion of the Coill's Muse*
- ❖ Baroness Brynna Aelstanbury - Order of the Gordian Knot*
- ❖ Mistress Brig ingen Erennaigh - Companion of the Coill's Guiding Beacon*

Kingdom Awards

- ❖ Lord Lucio Malatesta - Companion of the Sea Dragon*
- ❖ Baron Sven Olafssen - Companion of the Yew Bow*
- ❖ Lady Meadhbh inghean Thaidhg ui Domhnail (aka Mizuno) - Order of the Golden Dolphin*

Note that technically, Baroness Brynna and Baron Sven aren't part of this Barony, we love them and consider them ours, so they, as well as anyone else from the Shire of Border Vale Keep will get recognized here!

Congratulations to all those who were recognized for the tremendous work that you do. All of us are VERY proud of you!

Maistir Cian, Baronial Seneschal

Virtual Baronial Populace Meeting called!

....by Maister Cian mac Cellacháin h'Uí Dublaich

Due to Kingdom requirements, the Financial Policy has to be updated and modified to conform to a Kingdom template.

Per the current Baronial Financial Policy:

“1.2. This document may be amended or replaced by a majority vote at a scheduled Baronial meeting”

Per the current Baronial General Policy:

“2.2. The Baronial policies can be amended or altered by the Barony of 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.

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.”

Therefore, I am calling a Baronial Populace Meeting to be held online via Zoom on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 PM. Link will be the same as used for the Baroness' Cyber Tea, and will be provided online closer to the meeting. Feel free to email me for the link.

Topic of discussion will be the acceptance of the new Financial Policy for the Barony of Nottingham Coill. The current Financial Policy and the Proposed Financial Policy are posted in the Quill and will be available online. Anyone having difficulty obtaining a copy may email me for one.

Please read over them. If you have questions, feel free to send them to me so they can be addressed during the meeting. Questions and concerns will be taken during the meeting as well. The vote is strictly for those members of the populace who have current up-to-date memberships with the SCA. However, any member is allowed to comment or ask questions.

Monday, January 24, 7:00 pm - Baronial Populace Meeting. Please attend if you can.

Maistir Cian, Baronial Seneschal

URGENT - Baronial Social Media Officer needed!

...by Maister Cian mac Cellacháin h'Uí Dublaich

Baronial Social Media Officer

The Barony of Nottinghamill Coill is still looking for someone to serve as Baronial Social Media Deputy.

The Social Media deputy will be warranted as a deputy seneschal and will work closely with the Kingdom Social Media Deputy to ensure that all relevant Society Social Media Policies are followed. Persons interested in serving in this capacity will need to be familiar with the Social Media platforms that the Barony uses (currently only Facebook at this time), familiar with the Society Social Media guidelines, have tact, and be assertive in the application of their duties.

Anyone interested in this position, please send a Letter of Intent to Their Excellencies and myself as soon as possible!

Anvils throughout the Ages

...by Baron Lucien de La Rochelle, OP

Now that we've discussed a general description of the blacksmith, the things they use to strike the metal, and things used to hold the metal, let us turn our attention to the most important tool of a blacksmith: the Anvil.



From before the written word, humans have been crafting from different materials, including various forms of metal. While ferrous metals had not come on the scene in large quantities, nonferrous metals had already been turned into beautiful works for centuries. Ancient legends speak of the “Anvil Stone” (first picture) that was gifted by Manannan to an Irish smith of a forgotten age. This anvil shaped stone can still be seen in Ireland today. While there is no definitive proof that this stone was used as an anvil, there are written records of stones being used as anvils before bronze and steel anvils came about.

In the second image, you see the meteorite stone found at the foot of Sierra de la Madera, and transported to Tucson, Arizona around 1850. While this particular “fallen star” anvil is post period as far as the SCA goes, there are many myths of otherworldly anvils and “anvils of the Gods” spoken about them. Meteorites account for some of the first bits of easily accessible iron ore, primarily due to the process for refining it was already started by the fall through the atmosphere.

The third is from a stone carving during the Roman times showing smiths at the forge. Here, you see that the center of a smithy were the anvil and the forge. The anvils during this period were not of the shape that we are used to in the modern era, but

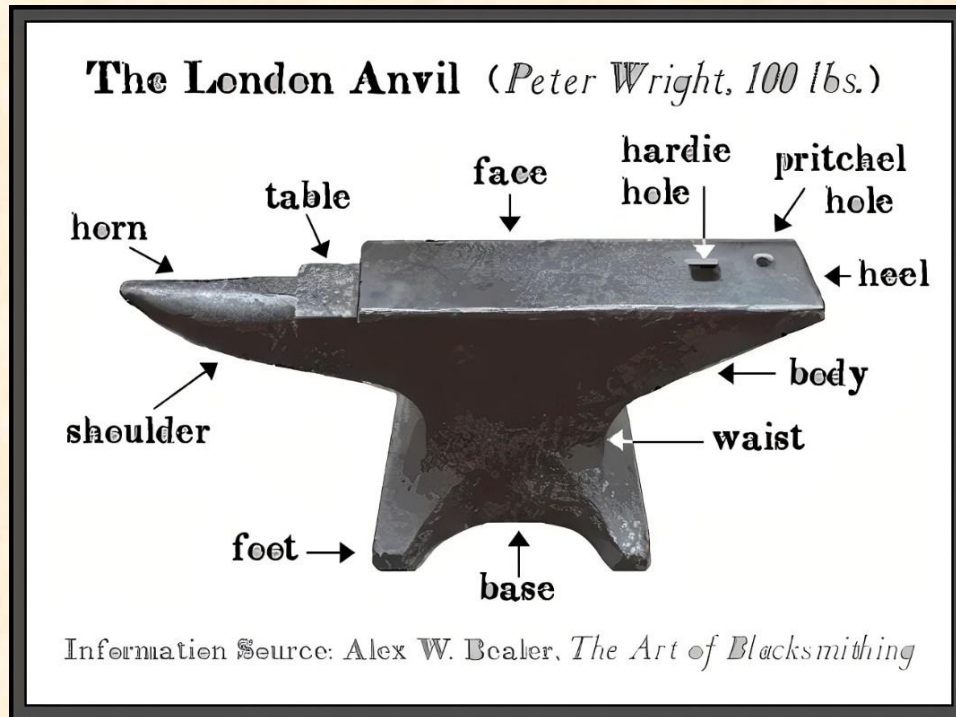
were generally square or rectangular in shape. Smiths used additional tooling for specific shaping, but at some point, the anvil's flat surface (called the face) was used on every product that came out of the forge.

The fourth is a woodcut from the early Middle Ages. Here again, you can see the simple shape to the anvil, and its use hasn't changed much in the centuries since.



In the above image, you can see my personal set up, with anvil, bickern (beak iron), and hammer in a stump. This anvil, forged by me under the supervision of a more experienced smith, is around 2.5" square, with three rounded edges of various radii for shaping, and one "sharp" edge for cutting material. The bickern is used the same as the horn on a modern anvil to form scrolls and curves in steel.

In modern times, the “London Pattern” anvil is the most recognizable amongst lay persons. In the image below, the parts of the anvils are named.



Now that we’ve covered a (very) small bit of the history of anvils, we will continue the next article with how anvils were used and the science behind them.

Until next time,

Baron Lucien de La Rochelle, OP



The Baronies of Nottingham Coill and Sacred Stone
Cordially invite you to
Spring InterBaronial Practice
Hosted by
Sir Fearghus MacAirt and Magnifica Sylvie la Chardonniere

Spring is in the air and as we start to plant the seeds for the summer harvest, so too must Atlantia plant seeds for the harvest on the fields of Pennsic! Whether rust needs to be knocked off armor, bow strings replaced, or blades sharpened all are invited to come out and join for a day of training and camaraderie.

When: 3/26/2022

Where: 1558 Well Ridge Road, Chester SC

Disciplines: Armored, Rapier, Target Archery, and hopefully more!

Contacts:

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Rapier Marshal: Baron Elphin Ap Daffyd

Target Archery Marshal: Lord Robert Shockley

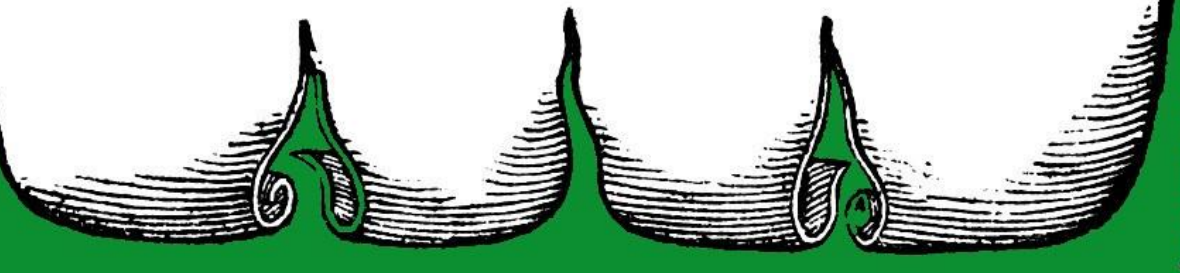


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Upcoming Events in the Kingdom

January - 2022

01-15 - 01-15 : [Kingdom 12th Night 2022 VIRTUAL](#) :Winston-Salem NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)

01-29 - 01-29 : [Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir XLI](#) :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore) (Pr P)

01-29 - 01-29 : [Henry's Holiday Huzzah! - Midwinter's 2022](#) :Lothian MD (Lochmere) (Q K)

February - 2022

02-05 - 02-06 : [ONLINE Winter University of Atlantia](#) :Atlantia City DC (Atlantia)

02-11 - 02-13 : [47th Tournament of Ymir - Defenders of Dubhlinn](#) :Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P)

02-12 - 02-12 : [Bright Hills Baronial Birthday](#) :Manchester MD (Bright Hills)

02-19 - 02-20 : [AEdult Swim 2022](#) : (Aethelmearc) (K P)

02-26 - 02-26 : [Day of Love II](#) :Virginia Beach VA (Marinus) (Q K)

02-26 - 02-26 : [Tournament of Love and Beauty](#) :Manassas VA (Ponte Alto)

March - 2022

03-05 - 03-05 : [Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival](#) :Mebane NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr)

03-11 - 03-13 : [Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday XLII](#) :Bennettsville SC (Nottingham Coill)

03-12 - 03-20 : [Gulf Wars XXX](#) : (Gleann Abhann) (Q K Pr P)

03-18 - 03-20 : [Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday!!](#) :Beulaville NC (Raven's Cove)

03-26 - 03-26 : [Defending the Gate 2022](#) :Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre)

April - 2022

04-01 - 04-03 : [Coronation of Cuan and Adelhait](#) :Boonville NC
(Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)

04-09 - 04-09 : [Dragon's Fire - A Celebration of St. George's Day](#) :Easley SC (Saint Georges)

04-09 - 04-09 : [Festival of Elvegast: Journey to Avallon](#) :Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)

04-15 - 04-17 : [Night Under a Faie Moon](#) :Annapolis MD
(Lochmere)

04-22 - 04-24 : [Revenge of the Stitch VII](#) :Chestertown Road MD
(Spiaggia Levantina)

04-22 - 04-24 : [Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday](#) :Bennettsville SC
(Hidden Mountain)

May - 2022

05-07 - 05-07 : [Atlantian Spring Crown Tourney](#) :Leesburg VA
(Stierbach) (Q K)

05-13 - 05-15 : [Gardens of Thyme & Oakwood](#) :Boonville NC
(Middlegate)

05-14 - 05-14 : [Highland River Melees](#) :Frederick MD (Highland
Foorde)

05-21 - 05-21 : [On Target](#) :Annapolis MD (Lochmere)

05-21 - 05-21 : [Not Quite Quarterly Braggin' Rights Tourney](#) :Aiken SC
(Ritterwald)

June - 2022

06-02 - 06-04 : [BAWT II](#) :Myrtle Beach SC (Moorhaven)

06-23 - 06-26 : [Tournoi de la Rapiere Blade-](#) :Bryson City NC
(Stormwall)

September - 2022

09-09 - 09-11 : [Trial by Fire and Royal Archery](#) :Glen Arm MD
(Bright Hills)

09-16 - 09-18 : [Midnight at the Oasis](#) :Apex NC (Nimenefeld)

October - 2022

10-01 - 10-01 : *Fall Coronation (TBD)* : (*Atlantia*)

10-11 - 10-16 : *War of the Wings 2022 (TBD)* : (*Atlantia*)

November - 2022

11-05 - 11-05 : *Fall Crown Tourney (TBD)* : (*Atlantia*)

The Back Page...



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Good afternoon my friends! Happy New Year to you all! May your new year be full of fun, love and good times! I greatly enjoyed the holidays and getting to see so many of my chosen family at Yule Toy Tourney in December. Good times were definitely had by all and here's hoping that things start looking better soon so we can be together again at upcoming events! What events are you looking forward to? We have quite a full calendar at the moment, and Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday is scheduled for the second weekend of March. What are you most looking forward to doing again at in-person events? Are you taking any virtual university classes?

Please keep the Quill in mind and consider writing an article about your experiences, a new-found craft or a recounting of an event. All of these and many more topics are welcome submissions for our Baronial newsletter! Please remember that the newsletter belongs to us all and it is only great because of all of YOU amazing people!

Should you choose to submit an article or work for the Quill, please include the appropriate release form (release forms can be found here: <http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/Releases.php>). Please send submissions to me at (chronicler@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org). If you have any questions or need help with the forms, please let me know.

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