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HANDWASHING CEREMONY FOR
BARONESS BRYNNA DURING HER
VIGIL PRIOR TO HER ELEVATION TO
THE ORDER OF THE PELICAN.



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Rapier	Lord Lucio Malatesta
Cut & Thrust	Lady MeiLan Hua
Thrown Weapons	Gunnulf Hrórk
Brewing	Lady Mór Gwyn
Brewing (youth)	Valentine of Windmaster’s Hill



Lady Okseniia and Lord Maximus

Photo credit: Countess Yasmin Farrah

A Note from Their Excellencies...



Photo credit: Magistra Machteld Cleine

Greetings to Our Beautiful Barony.

June has been an amazing month! We wanted to start off by welcoming all the new folks to our Barony. Whether you're new to our Kingdom, Barony, or the whole SCA; We're glad you're here and we look forward to getting to know you at future events.

Between a very successful Not Quite Quarterly Braggin' Rights and the inter-baronial practice hosted by Marie H el ene and Mathius we've gotten the privilege of seeing some awards recognized by Their Royal Majesties for long term service. I know there was definitely some tearing up when the (now) Dame Bryna was recognized for the Order of the Pelican, and (now) Baroness Marie H el ene recognized as a Court Baroness. For both surprises there were many many people working behind the scenes. We truly appreciate all of you giving of your time, efforts, and artistry. Thank you all for keeping these

Speaking of a very successful NQQBR, a huge thank you again to all who came out and participated. This event is definitely an example of "many hands make light work". From everyone who helped in any aspect from: set up, fighting, displayed their artistry, acting as ambassadors/educators for

various areas of our society, manning gate, marshaling, water bearing, feeding the event staff, tear down at the end of the day, or any of the hundreds of other tasks that make this event work; we are truly grateful! It was a beautiful event, and a lot of fun. Despite the heat, we love this event that is also a demo. It is always an enjoyable way to share our fun with others.

Lastly, we'd like to remind everyone that July is very much the hot season. For all of you attending events such as Warriors Games & Pennsic, please plan for ways to be safe in potentially crazy hot temps. In your lightweight wardrobe, or extra hydration, or scheduling more breaks to rest (or go into AC if needed), or battery powered fans, neck/body coolers, or planning more shade options. Stay safe and stay comfortable at events.

As always: have fun, make stuff, do stuff, and we look forward to seeing you at a future event. We remain In Service,

Likerion & Ceara

Posadnik & Posadnitsa Nottingham Coill

Baronial Progress:

July 13: Warrior's Games

August 17: Baronial Picnic and Scribal Workshop.

September 6-8: Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday

September 13-15: Raiders and Traders

September 21-22: Fall University

September 28: Tournament of Silver Chalice

From the Seneschal's Desk...



Greetings unto the populace of Nottingham Coill! I hope that you are enjoying the many opportunities of our South Carolina summer. Many of you will be packing for Pennsic, it should be a great time, remember to pack for rain.

We are finalizing our applications for the position of Baronial Exchequer and hope to have an announcement soon. We still have an open baronial position for a Minister of the Lists. The Barony could also use a Deputy for the position of Chatelain and for Minister of Arts & Sciences. Deputies serve in an office to learn more about the position, help the current office holder, and potentially step-up to assume the office at some point.

The three main concepts about volunteering are the three R's: Recruit, Retain, and Recognition. We have opportunities for you and are always recruiting so that you can learn more about the SCA and share with others what you are learning. We retain volunteers by sharing the work, by our camaraderie and fellowship. We recognize our volunteers when you submit awards for others so that we can all know of the work that is accomplished in achieving the SCA dream.

*To our baronial officers and our canton officers - it is the end of June!
That means reports are due for the end of the second quarter.*

We are also looking for an Event Steward for our Baronial Birthday in January. The date is January 18, 2025 and the location will again be the Girl Scout Camp in Bennettsville, SC. Last year's Steward has reserved the date and location and is willing to serve as the deputy so it is an excellent opportunity in orchestrating one of our great Baronial events.

For those of you traveling north - drive safely, get some sleep, and hydrate!

Lord Roderick Mund



**Dame Delia Flammen presents a toy box for the Barony of Bryn Madoc to Thegn Knut Bjornsson
Photo credit: Lady Okseniia Konstantinova Romanovich**

Vivant, Hooray, and Congratulations!

Photos by Lady Okseniia Konstantinova Romanovich except as noted

At Not Quite Quarterly Bragging Rights IV, Their Royal Majesties Christoph and Adelhait found several of Their subjects worthy of recognition.

Lord Gunnulf Hroak - Order of the Silver Osprey



Left: Lord Gunnulf's Silver Osprey Right: Lord Nymandus' Herring

Lord Nymandus Jager - Award of the Herring

Master Alwin of Nottinghamhill Quill - Order of the Silver Osprey



Left: Master Alwin's Silver Osprey Right: Fergus' Award of Arms

Adhemar of St. Albans, called Fergus Uilleam Kinloch - Award of Arms

Baroness Brynna of Aelfstanbury - Order of the Pelican



Baroness Brynna's elevation

Countess Yasamín Farrah –Queen’s Inspiration Glove



Countess Yasmin’s Inspiration Glove

Their Excellencies of Nottingham Hill Coill likewise saw fit to recognize members of the Barony.

Viscountess Maríon Leoncína da Susu – Award of the Shields Knot

Lord Gunnulff Hroak – Award of the Shields Knot

Lord Marius Agorius Donatus Minius Germanicus, called Maximus – Award of the Golden Knot



Left: Lord Maximus’ Golden Knot Right: Lady Okseniia’s Golden Cord

Photo credit right: Countess Yasmin Farrah

Lady Okseniia Konstantínova Romanovich – Award of the Golden Cord

Canton of Ritterwald - Award of the Coill's Hydra

NQQBR also featured one of the Titan's Challenge Tourneys, and 2 more worthy individuals gained the trident that will admit them to the final challenge -

Duke Ragnarr Blackhammer for armored combat

Count Eckehard Thurn for rapier combat

What would a Bragging Rights Tournament be without bragging? The winners of the Best Brag competition:

Master Klaus Jäger for armored

Captain Pietro di Conti, visiting from Barony of South Downs, Meridies, for rapier

There were two A&S competitions as well:

Share Your Passion, won by Haddassah the Lost

Iron Artisan, won by Lady Okseniia Konstantinova Romanovich

And at Inter-baronial fighter practice, Their Excellencies were able to announce an award given by Their Majesties at the recent Spring Crown Tourney. Lady Marie Hélène of the New Forest - Court Baroness



Photo credit: Dame Delia Flammen

Congratulations to all these individuals on their accomplishments!

“We Will Feed You Into Submission”

Roman Snack Food of the 1st Century AD

*By Lord Marius Agorius Donatus Minius Germanicus
Photos by Lady Okseniia Konstantinova Romanovich*

This article is based on a display shown at Not Quite Quarterly Braggin' Rights IV

This was a collaborative effort between my Laurel Etain, my girlfriend Okseniia, and myself. We wanted to share our passion for not only Roman history but also food, we live to eat not eat to live as we like to say.

Roman food has a very diverse background, with all corners of the Empire influencing dishes. We are all familiar with how the wealthy of Roman society ate, eating course after course while lying about. Yet few ever think about how and what the plebs or common citizens ate.

We had a variety of snack type foods that would be available for all. The first was bread. We had three loafs of two different types, the first being focaccia, believed to originate in the first millennia BC by either the Etruscans or by the Greeks. The term focaccia comes from the Roman term "panis focacius" meaning hearth bread. It can even be seen in frescos found in the ruins of Pompeii. The basic recipe in Roman times is the same we have today: flour, water, olive oil, salt, and yeast. Just mix, fold several times, and bake.

The second type of bread we had was sourdough. We had two sourdough loafs; one being made by Etain. She made it to look like a carbonized loaf from Pompeii, but she promised hers was edible. This loaf had a round shape with cuts on the top that looked like pie slices. It is believed these were baked into it to make it easier to cut into portions for selling or for equal portions back home. Another unique feature about this loaf is that a string with a



loop was baked into the sides. This was done so the shop owner could hang them up for display.

For the bread, we had two different spreads to put on them. One made of olives called epityrum and the other made of cheese called moretum, both were made by me. Going over ancient recipes I found several versions of each recipe, probably due to the tastes of that notable figure. For the epityrum I used green and black olives (both ripened in a salt water brine), olive oil, red wine vinegar, mint, cilantro, cumin, and fennel. The recipe also called for rue but it was difficult to find and deadly if too much is used. If you let the mixture marinate for at least a day the taste is much more pleasant! For the moretum I used Feta cheese, olive oil, red wine vinegar, parsley, and basil.



If a spread is not to your fancy we also had a selection of meat to enjoy. We had prosciutto and salami, both of which come from the Etruscans. For small finger foods we had hard boiled eggs, kalamata olives, green olives (or as Pliny referred to them, white olives), pears, apples, grapes, peaches, apricots, dates, and nuts. The selection of nuts that we had was pistachio, hazel, and almonds (or Greek nuts as they were known to the Romans).

We also had mozzarella cheese. Mozzarella, in all its goodness, is believed to originate in Naples, or Neapolis as it was known to the Romans, in the 1st Century AD. Pliny even refers to a "stretchy cheese" with a recipe very similar to mozzarella. The term mozza was first used by the monks of San Lorenzo in Capua in the 12th century AD for the cheese and bread they gave to pilgrims.



The one thing I didn't like about our display was that some of the items on display were out of season. While peach and apricot season had just started dates, pears, grapes, and apples were not in season. Just like modern Italy, Roman Italy had not only regional dishes but also seasonal dishes.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Complete Atlantian calendar can be found at
<https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>

Local Activities

Contact local seneschals for details

Cyddfan Downs has fighter practices/A&S gatherings most Tuesdays.

Falcon Cree has various activities most Tuesdays, and fighter practices many Saturdays.

Ritterwald has fighter practices/A&S gatherings most Tuesdays.

Saint Georges has A&S gatherings on the first Thursday of each month.

July - 2024

07-05 - 07-07 *Kingdom War Practice II: Boonville NC*
(Sacred Stone)

07-13 *Warrior's Games 2024: Harleyville SC*
(Tear-Sea's Shore)

07-26 - 08-11 *Pennsic War: (Aethelmearc)*

August - 2024

08-17 *Nottingham Coill Baronial Picnic: Prosperity SC*
(Nottingham Coill)

September - 2024

09-06 - 09-08 *Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday: Boonville NC*
(Sacred Stone)

09-13 - 09-15 *Raiders and Traders: Chester SC (Nottingham Coill)*

09-21 *Fall University: Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)*

09-27 -09-29 *Kingdom Royal Archery Tournament: Boonville NC
(Isenfir)*

09-28 *Tournament of Silver Chalice: Harleyville SC
(Hidden Mountain)*

October - 2024

10-05 *Fall Coronation: TBD (Atlantia)*

10-13 - 10-20 *War of the Wings: Boonville NC (Atlantia)*

November - 2024

11-02 *Fall Crown Tournament: TBD (Atlantia)*

11-15 - 11-17 *Feast of the Narwhal: Trenton SC (Cydrllan Downs)*

December - 2024

12-07 *Unevent: virtual (Atlantia)*



Lady Mor announces A&S winners

Photo credit: Lady Okseniia Konstantinova Romanovich

Diary of a Crazy Chronicler

This issue of The Quill, like every other issue, is full of names. Up at the front, there's the Regnum, listing all those who serve in offices for the Barony and its Cantons. Those are the people who allow our local groups to exist. No officers, no local groups; no local groups, no nearby events to enjoy. Be sure to thank those people when you see them, and the next time your Canton or the Barony has a vacant office, consider filling it. Most offices aren't terribly hard or time-consuming to fill, and all of them have extensive support teams to help you learn and do the job.

On the last page, there's more names: those who contributed content to this issue. I may select the fonts I use, and decide where to place the photos, but except for these few paragraphs, everything in this issue is someone else's work. If you like this issue, it's because of them, not me. Please take a moment to read those names, and thank them when you see them. And please consider adding your name to that list—I'm always looking for content for the Quill; don't wait for me to ask you.

Somewhere in the middle is the Vivats page, where those who have enriched our mutual hobby through participation, whether at a single activity at one event, or through many years of diligent effort, are celebrated. They too, should be congratulated and thanked, because they make our game better just by playing it.

SCA is, and always has been, an organization of participants and volunteers; and I, for one, wouldn't have it any other way.

See you next month -

Dressel

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Lord Marius Agorius Donatus Minius Germanicus, called Maximus is fascinated by all aspects of the history of Rome.

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Lady Okseniia Konstantinova Romanovich produces beautiful scrolls and captures many moments at events with her camera.

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