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THE BARONIAL SILK BANNERS
FLYING HIGH OVER THE POPULACE



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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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This is, hopefully, the most difficult missive we will write in our tenure as your Posadnik & Posadnitsa. We hope this finds you and your loved ones safe from the storms, in caring and supportive company during mourning.

The loss of Baron Dressel has left a huge hole not just in Our hearts, but in the Barony itself. His kindness and enthusiasm will be greatly missed throughout the Barony. We will also miss how he was quick with a joke, a kind word of encouragement, and wise counsel when needed. We know the next few events will hold many more moments of heavy-hearted grief when we encounter the empty feeling at times and places we would normally see him. We have personally found it a source of comfort to read the beautiful memorial posts many of you have written about him.

Likewise, we know that our neighboring baronies to the north and south are experiencing the same sort of loss with the passing of both Sir Roland and Baron Eldon. And many of us are experiencing a triple feeling of grief having known all three amazing gentlemen.

To have all these losses immediately followed by devastating storm damage makes things even more difficult. Nottingham Coill was hit hard in many areas by this unusual hurricane, and our neighbors to the north in Hawkwood especially have seen catastrophic damage. As reports come in, We know it will take quite a while for repairs to both homes and infrastructure. Please continue to share information on safe routes of travel and available assistance in the coming months. Please continue to assist others in communications, especially with the damage to cell towers and power outages.

It is with utmost gentleness that we would like to remind you that grief is not linear, and that you will have harder moments and sometimes sudden tears. We know the generous nature of all of our populace and urge you that while you're taking care of each other during this very difficult time please give yourself the same kindness and care you would give to someone else who's grieving.

And lastly, we would like to say how Proud we are of all of you! The sheer numbers of you helping with post storm cleanup; offering a warm shower/place to stay/assistance to those out of power; or simply encouraging others right now, has been such a bright spot in a dark time.

Stay Safe and we look forward to seeing you at a future event.

We remain In Service,

Likerion & Ceara

Posadnik & Posadnitsa Nottingham Coill

Baronial Progress (may be subject to change depending on site and road damage):

October 5: Fall Coronation (Ceara only)

October 13-20: War of the Wings (Likerion only)

November 15-17: Feast of the Narwhal

December 13-15: Yule Toy Tourney

From the Seneschal's Pen...



Greetings unto the populace of Nottingham Coill,

How do you write a letter to the barony when so much has happened, so much is not right, and so much needs to be said? The loss of Baron Dressel has touched everyone. Such a tragic loss. And now many of us are suffering from Hurricane Helene, a week later our gentles are without the amenities of modern life.

I have been amazed at the posts in social media showing the resilience of SCAdians in difficult situations. We have camping gear, we know how to live without a cell phone, without a stove, how to perspire most delicately.

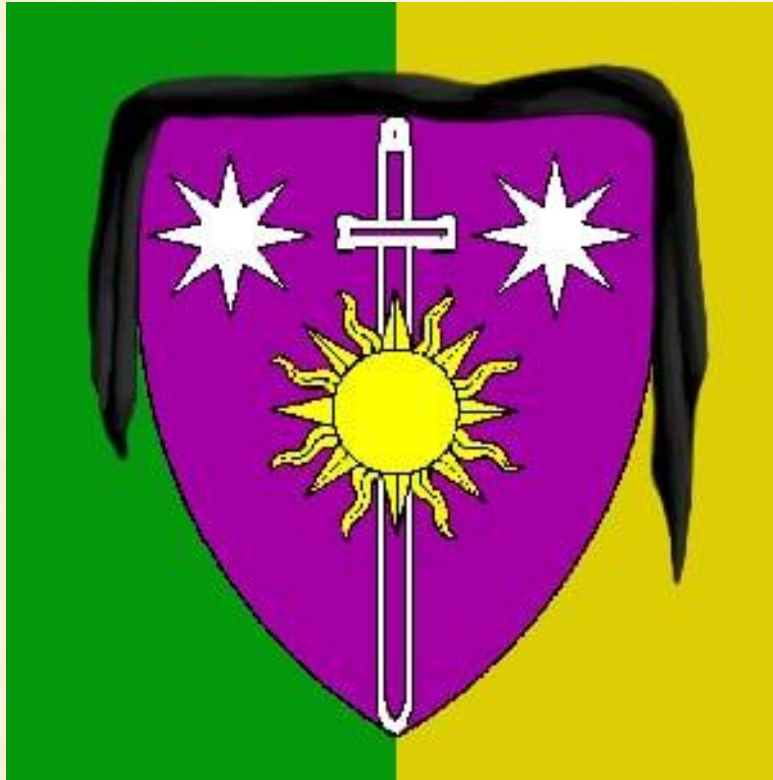
If you look over the remembrance for Baron Dressel you will see an example of that same resilience in his life with the SCA and his example for all of us. A lifetime of SCA with over 30 years sharing, teaching, and living as an example of what the SCA represents. I am glad that I met him and knew him.

I am grateful to Lady Merewyn for organizing this issue of the Quill. We will soon be looking for a new Baronial Chronicler.

I hope to attend War of the Wings if my household calms down. I have family from the Asheville area, and they will be here for months (and keeping up with a 7-year-old is exhausting). I understand that some of our gentles have already had to withdraw given the circumstances of prioritizing the mundane life over the SCA dream. It will be a difficult choice about attending events in the coming months and let us all please respect the choices that are made, sometimes real life gets in the way.

*Yours In Service,
Roderick*

In Memoriam: Baron Dressel of Seven Bends



Purpure, a sword inverted throughout voided argent surmounted by a sun Or, between in chief two mullets of eight points argent.

Baron Dressel received his Grant of Arms on March 26, 1983 - the same day he stepped up to become the second Territorial Baron of Nottingham Coill with his beloved wife, Baroness Genevieve of Nottingham, who was our first Territorial Baroness. He then became a Companion of the Gordian Knot and a Court Baron when they retired from being Territorial Baron. After a long break from the SCA due to family and life, Dressel returned and dove headlong into helping his Canton, becoming its Seneschal. He joined the Order of the Golden Dolphin just this past January at our Baronial Birthday.

Baron Dressel has done so much to help both his Canton and his Barony in every way he could. He served as field steward at multiple events over the years in addition to assisting at the archery range. He helped and encouraged newcomers to feel welcome and safe amongst us. Baron Dressel touched so many lives in his time with us, and his memory will continue to be a blessing.

~ Memories of Dressel ~

“Scott Bargelt was a gentle soul with a kind heart and a genuine concern for others. He was an excellent leader for our small Canton, making sure all felt welcome and included. He was good at playing devil’s advocate and pointing out how choices would affect others whether it was choosing a date for a workshop, setting rates for an event, or discussing policy. He was very good at helping us to see the “other side” of a discussion (never an argument) and respected others opinions equally. He was a fierce advocate for our members and for promoting others’ service and talents. But enough about the business side -

Scott was my dinner date twice a month before our Canton workshops and meetings. We talked about everything from politics and headlines to the latest gossip. We talked a lot about the SCA of the past, where we found our joy, along with things we wish we could change. He was a confidant and companion.

And in every conversation, he made me laugh. He had a dry sense of humor and could find humor in anything. I miss those conversations. I miss his laugh and that wry smile. I miss his wisdom, his kindness, his heart - I miss my friend. Until we meet again.”

- Mistress Collwen ferch Dafydd Caerllion aka Mistress Caroline

“My earliest memory of Baron Dressel was around his investiture as Baron of Nottingham Coill in 1983. Though he was only two years younger than me, he seemed so very young back then. But he did a fine job as Baron, especially as he was taking over from the very much loved Master Gavin Reynes. Dressel and Genevieve inducted me into the Order of the Gordian Knot that year, an honor I’m still trying to earn.

Life and time took him away from the SCA for some years, and many of us were very happy when he returned to us some years ago. Dressel was one of

those people who suffered from a severe case of helium hand. For those who don't know, that's the inability to keep your hands down when a volunteer is needed, and it's accompanied by the cry, "I'll do it!"

Dressel never met a job that he wouldn't take on. His canton, St. Georges, knows this well as he was a key member of that group and helped to keep it going. When I asked him to be Field Steward for Attack of the Killer Rabbits in March of this year, he said, "Of course. I owe you." Talk about a humbling experience. Considering all his work, I owed him and will always regret that I can't repay the favor.

Thank you, Dressel, for all your kindnesses and hard work. You will be missed."

- Mistress Deirdre Morgan



Baron Dressel is inducted into the Order of the Golden Dolphin

Photo by Magestra Machteld Cleine

“My memory of Dressel goes back to a tall, twenty-something guy who was dating a friend. He was smart and kind and maybe I envied her a bit. When they became Baron and Baroness I was so excited for them. And they worked very hard to be really good B&B’s. We overlapped as serving Baronage when Hidden Mountain separated from Nottingham Coill. And they were gracious and encouraging to Hidden Mountain as it began and grew.

Years later, when I moved back to Nottingham, I saw that Dressel wasn’t just kind, he was loved by those who knew him, admired for his wit, and respected for what he gave to his friends in the SCA. He leaves an empty space here, and is deeply missed.”

- Duchess Marie-Simone de Barjavel 'la Fildena

“Sometime after last Christmas, I was chatting with Dressel, and he related that he was taking down his decorations. He mused that perhaps he shouldn't have had a glass of Drambuie before he began the undertaking. When I asked him why, he replied that the tree gave him some trouble when he was trying to get it back into its box. Inspiration hit me, and I quickly composed the following and sent it back to him. Dressel got quite a laugh out of it saying, "That's pretty much exactly what happened.”

Tipsy Dressel tipped the tree into its box long missed.

But tipsy tree refused to fit and tipped the box right over.

So tipsy Dressel wrestled tipsy tree into its tipping box, and more or less he made him fit, then tipped his hat and dipped.

A bow? A curtsy? The tree's last laugh, he tripped him with his tip.”

- A non-SCA memory of Rebecca Bowers, formerly known as Lady Sofia Eleonora de la Mar

“It is not an exaggeration to say that I met Dressel when he rescued me.

It was a dark and stormy night. Decades ago, myself and a couple of friends were trying to get to an SCA event in upstate South Carolina and our car broke down. This was before cell phones, and the weather was bad and we were in the middle of nowhere.

We were eventually picked up by a kind trucker and taken to a pay phone. One of my friends knew the Bargelts from the SCA and had their phone number. In those days, we had paper SCA "phone books", and my friend luckily had one handy. It was a stupid hour of the morning and we were far from Dressel's home, but we were desperate.

And when he got that call, this sweet man got out of his warm bed, threw on some clothes, and drove out into the rain to pick us up and bring us to his house.

He and his wife Carole made us at home with no notice at all that they'd be having three guests, two of whom they didn't even know. They took us to our event with them and the next day, Dressel rented a towing hitch and towed the car back to Columbia, three hours away.

This is the kind of person he was.

This was the start of a long friendship, in which I got to know his dry, hilarious sense of humor, his incredible creativity, and his talent at storytelling. During this time of life, I was very young and my life was tumultuous and sometimes hard. Going up to visit the Bargelts was my sanctuary, my place to breathe. I credit it with saving my life.

I won't forget you, my friend. The ripples you made in my life remain. I am thankful to that car engine for throwing its rods and I'm thankful for that cold rainy night. These misadventures changed my life for the better. Rest easy, and journey well.”

- Lady Dulcinaya the Gyptian

“We struggle to deal with the massive hole in the heart of Our Barony that the loss of Baron Dressel has left. Dressel was many things: A competent leader, a gentle soul, a truly kind person, a hardworker; all around Dressel was a Good Man. But in thinking about him; What we’ll most remember is his enthusiastic joy. We first got to know Dressel when Ceara was regional MoAS. Dressel was Seneschal of St. Georges and at that time there was not a current Canton MoAS. He had never been MoAS before and was trying to feel his way through the additional job that fell to him. There were a lot of text chats and the occasional Zoom call. He was always first in with the Quarterly Report. Always ready to try an idea or a new class. Always delighted to praise someone else for their work or teaching. But what sticks with me the most was how much quiet joy he brought to it. He was honestly so happy to take on the additional job, to learn the ins and outs of a part of the SCA he’d never really participated in before. And he was delighted to pass that office and all that knowledge he gained onto his successor for MoAS. He absolutely lit up with happiness when learning and helping with a new to him facet of our game. We shall miss his ready smile, quick joke, and absolute joy in all that he did.”

- Posadnitsa Ceara of Novgorod & Posadnik Likerion Volkovich



Baron Dressel with his fellow archers at Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 2023.

Photo by Noble Thomas de Winter

“Baron Lucien de la Rochelle introduced me to Baron Dressel in 2019 at Feast of the Dragon. We were delighted to meet the man who had been the second Baron of Nottingham Coill and asked him to join us at high table for feast. He ended up seated beside me and we hit it off immediately. We discovered that we have some long-time friends in common, and his snarky sarcasm meshed well with my whimsical ridiculousness.

During the plague times we would often message back and forth. He was a font of knowledge for Nottingham Coill Baronial history and shared that knowledge freely. On Sunday mornings he would often give me an informal “state of the canton” (St. Georges) update. He also loved to tease me that we were going to do two terms as B&B, which I scoffed at, not knowing that the pandemic was going to stretch on and make his joke the truth. He got a big laugh out of that. Somehow, in the midst of the jokes and teasing, he managed to impart a wealth of helpful advice and insight.

At one point during the pandemic a young opossum invaded our utility room, eating the cat food and trashing the place. It turned into a multi-day saga until we finally caught it, but Dressel enjoyed the daily updates and offered up many implausible solutions to the problem. He sent me a little stuffed opossum, Opie McPoopsnotatall (because I nicknamed the invader Opie McPoopsalot), which I will treasure now as a tangible reminder of our friendship. Henceforth I will call him Opie of Seven Bends.

I miss him so much already, but his memory is a blessing. He was one of the pillars of the Canton of St. Georges and of the Barony and his loss will be keenly felt for years to come.”

- Dame Delia Flammen

“Dressel was a great friend and member of my chosen family. Dressel served his fellow SCA member with a smile and humor. I never saw him say he couldn’t help with something even with physical ailments. I’ll miss his dry

sense of humor and quick wit. When we camped next to him he said “I don’t want you two next to me,” but his smile was unmistakable. When we visited him that night I told him “If he really didn’t want us to camp next to him, he didn’t have to do all this”. He laughed. I looked up to him as a mentor and will strive to show his service as I continue on. I told Arabella I kind of wanted to cancel our WOW reservations because I’d never see the site the same way, but I know staying to help further the dream would honor Baron Dressel more than running away. Until Valhalla my friend.”

- Lord Fergus Kinloch

“Dressel was many things. Great historian on Barony and SCA things, dry one liners that would make you smile, encouraging to present at A&S or a craft to do, and so much more. Mostly he was a gentle man and a gentleman. I will miss his teasing camaraderie. I will miss my friend.”

- Lady Arabella of Ardtayne



Baron Dressel in his element, at the archery range making sure that others stay safe.

Photo by Noble Thomas de Winter

“One of my favorite memories of Baron Dressel is when he frequently would tease me about having his tunic facing hanging out. He knew it bugged me and that I would fix it. One day, I decided to make him a tunic with a decorative yoke facing. Lady Sofia helped by loaning me one of his tunics that needed a repair so I could make it the proper size and then we surprised him with it at the Baronial picnic last year. I think he really liked it, and I teased him that now he had a tunic that was younger than me. I’m sure he had other tunics that were younger than me, but his favorite one was a long sleeve gold tunic that literally was older than me. I’ll REALLY miss the teasing and joking around that Dressel did, in addition to all the things he did to help in every way he could.”

- Lady Merewyn Scharp

Upcoming Events of Interest

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

Local Activities

Contact local seneschals for details

Cyddllan 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.

October - 2024

10-04 - 10-06 : [Fall Coronation: Randall and Juliana](#) :Booneville NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P) 

10-13 - 10-20 : [War of the Wings](#) :Boonville, NC (Atlantia) (Q K)

10-26 - 10-26 : [Clash of the Bacchus](#) :Afton VA (Black Diamond)

November - 2024

11-01 - 11-03 : [Fall Crown Tournament](#) :Centreville MD (Spiaggia Levantina) (Q K) 

11-08 - 11-10 : [Grit War 2024: A House Divided - Savory vs. Sweet](#) :Apex NC (Ursus Bay) (K)

11-08 - 11-10 : [Highland Havoc](#) :Ijamsville MD (Highland Foarde) (Q)

11-15 - 11-17 : [Feast of the Narwhal](#) :Trenton SC (Cyddllan Downs)

11-15 - 11-17 : [Hobbiton: A Buckston Birthday](#) :Apex NC (Buckston-on-Eno) (K)

11-16 - 11-16 : [In a Phoenix Eye / Runestone](#) :Lincolnton NC (Sacred Stone)

11-16 - 11-16 : [Holiday Faire](#) :Fredericksburg VA (Stierbach)

11-23 - 11-23 : [Wild Hunt](#) :Vienna VA (Ponte Alto)

December - 2024

- 12-07 - 12-07 : [Unevent 2024 \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia) (P)
12-13 - 12-15 : [The Festival of Saturnalia](#) : Nanjemoy MD (Dun Carraig)
12-13 - 12-15 : [Yule Toy Tourney](#) :Pickens SC (Nottingham Coill)

January - 2025

- 01-11 - 01-11 : [Twelfth Night](#) :Newport News VA (Atlantia) 
01-17 - 01-19 : [Nottingham Baronial Birthday XLV](#) :Bennettsville SC (Nottingham Coill)
01-18 - 01-18 : [Highland Hearthglow](#) :Thurmont MD (Highland Foorde)
01-25 - 01-25 : [Ice Castles/Barony of Black Diamond Investiture](#) :Lynchburg VA (Black Diamond)


February - 2025

- 02-01 - 02-01 : [Winter University \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)
02-08 - 02-08 : [Sir Walter Raleigh Costume Ball III](#) :Durham NC (Buckston-on-Eno)
02-15 - 02-15 : [Celebration - Babur](#) :Ashland VA (Caer Mear)
02-21 - 02-23 : [Ymir 50](#) :Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K)

March - 2025

- 03-01 - 03-01 : [Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia) 
03-29 - 03-29 : [Defending the Gate](#) :Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre)

April - 2025

- 04-05 - 04-05 : [Spring Coronation \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia) 
04-12 - 04-12 : [Dragons Fire IV: Birth of the Dragon](#) :Easley SC (Saint Georges)
04-12 - 04-12 : [Festival of Elvegast](#) :Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)
04-24 - 04-27 : [LEAFS \(Learning Equestrian, Agriculture, and Forestry Symposium\)](#) :Upper Marlboro MD (Highland Foorde)
04-25 - 04-27 : [Baronial Spring Camp](#) :Apex NC (Windmasters' Hill)

The Back Page...



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Dear Barony, I know many of us are sad and missing fallen comrades this month and probably for many more to come. Please know that you're not alone and reach out if you need support. We all need a helping hand or a kind word in these trying times, and must lean upon one another to keep going despite our heartache. It is my honor and privilege to assist with producing this issue of the Quill and any additional issues as needed until a new Chronicler steps up. Thank you to everyone who contributed their dear, loving memories of our fallen Baron Dressel of Seven Bends.

*Yours in Service,
Lady Merewyn Scharp*