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“ENTOURAGE”
YOU SHALL NOT PASS!

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Bardic	Lord Snorri “Big Crunch” Halfdan
Rapier	Lord Lucio Malatesta
Cut & Thrust	Lady MeiLan Hua

Brewing

Lady Mór Gwyn

Brewing (youth)

Valentine of Windmaster's Hill

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A Note from Their Excellencies...



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Greetings to Our Wonderful Barony.

We hope that you all had Holidays filled with love and peace; and that you all got to catch up on some rest and relaxation. We want to extend a huge thank you to Lady Lilith and all her staff for all their amazing work on Yule Toy Tourney. They did a spectacular job, and it was a delightful and extremely well-run event. A thank you to Lord Eamon for a lovely and delicious Queen's/Baronesses Tea. Feast was scrumptious and we were very full thanks to Baroness Gwenfrewi and her crew, who did a wonderful job! In short, all of you who worked on this event did an Awesome Job!! Thank you so much!! (Also feel free to rat out your fellow staff members for all their hard work via award recommendations.)

For Us, Yule Toy is one of the most magical events. There is always such an atmosphere of joy about it. It's a busy event as Baronage, but somehow it doesn't feel rushed or crazy. It feels like a true break from the hustle and bustle of the modern Holiday season. And We couldn't be prouder of all of you for the donation of over 1500 toys to Country Santa. Seeing still so many downed trees and hurricane damage as we helped Lord Olaf and Mistress Caroline drop off the donation really brings home how crucial your generosity was. All of You have truly made a difference for so many children in small towns and rural areas in the upstate region.

We're hoping for a not too chilly Nottinghill Coill Baronial Birthday; and we understand our autocrat Lord Macsen has put in the order for good weather. But just in case Mother Nature decides to pull a prank on us, we urge you to prepare your warm clothing for NCBB. It is that time of year so remember to pack your fuzzy sock, warm hats, and mittens for all the upcoming January and February events.

Speaking of NCBB: ARMORED FIGHTERS, RAPIER FIGHTERS, and CUT&THRUST FIGHTERS: It's time to put in your letter of intent for Baronial Champion! We look forward to seeing you all take the field and show us your skills and honor. I know our outgoing champions have a fun tourney planned for all who wish to vie for the position of Baronial Champion. If you've never given a letter of intent before it can be as simple as "I, NAME, would like the honor of competing for the position of Armored/Rapier/C&T Champion." Of course, if you want to be fancier or more specific about your intent that is welcome as well. We accept e-mail, messenger, letter via mail, crayon scrawl on a napkin, runes on a small rock, note attached to carrier pigeon, etc.

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

We remain In Service,

Likarion & Ceara

Posadnik & Posadnitsa Nottinghill Coill

Baronial Progress:

January 4: Tir Ysgither Twelfth Night (Kingdom of Atenveldt)

January 17-19: Nottinghill Coill Baronial Birthday

January 25: Tourney of Mananna MacLir

February 1-2: University of Atlantia (Virtual)

February 21-23: Ymir 50.

Yule Toy Wonderland

Lady Vani ka Bhediya

Weapons ring, are you listening?
In the lane, armor's glistening.
A beautiful sight,
They're happy tonight,
Fighting in a Yule Toy wonderland.

In the meadow we can count the space out,
And we'll drive some stakes into the ground.
Once the field is ready, they will pace out,
Then try to safely knock each other down.

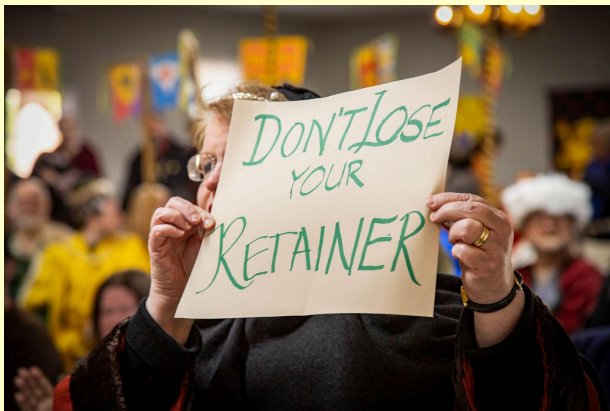
Later on, they'll aspire,
As they wait by the fire,
To face unafraid
They friends that they made
Fighting in a Yule Toy Wonderland.

An ode to shenanigans..

One of the things that has charmed me in my life in the SCA is its many faces. I have friends who wear garb that is recreated down to the stitch based on an archeological find in a bog in Finland, who are consulting with or are consulted by historians, because they dig that deep. It is their enjoyment, their way of loving the Middle Ages to dig down and make something that is as accurate as possible. It is a joy to listen to them, to learn from them, and to go down a rabbit hole that might not be MY rabbit hole, but their enthusiasm is so contagious. But that is just one face of the SCA. The generosity of people welcoming newcomers, those that set up camps for everyone and their dog, while wearing pajama bottoms and a T tunic, the intensity of fighters on the field, the pageantry of flags and banners that wave in the wind and transport you back, and the stories and songs of the bards and minstrels. One of those myriads of faces is fun.. shtick.. shenanigans.. the joy in making others laugh. From orchestrated court shtick, to silly shenanigans, from the First Atlantian Kazoo band with rubber chicken section (I am a proud inaugural member) to songs about the “Baron and the Dragon”; a song that originated with a lot of booze, a visit to the port o John and still led to a song that can be safely sang amongst the smallest members of the kingdom. Humor can be wielded as a weapon, but it can also function as glue, a shared joke, the memory of laughing together binds people as close together as tragedy or work. It makes everything feel lighter, like that time when I was responsible for Gate at War of the Wings and someone put a single googly eye on my card reader, or seeing a Pelican of the Society climb a stepladder to make a point.. and deliver an invitation to contemplate joining that august order. In little over a decade I have a treasure trove of moments that made me laugh at the time, and that still make me grin, just thinking about them.

In this upcoming year, may we all find many things to laugh about together!

Machteld Cleine
(delicate Atlantian flower)



From the Seneschal's Pen...



Greetings unto Nottingham Coill,

Welcome to 2025. Have you made any resolutions about your involvement with SCA? with Nottingham Coill? With your Canton? Well this is your big chance to follow-up. We have a need for two deputies to help our Baronial Chronicler and our Baronial Chatelaine.

The Chronicler is our officer position that assembles the monthly newsletter and assists with a few intricacies of our history. The Chronicler will coordinate with articles of interest from baronial officers, collecting photographs for publication, gathering accurate information on the baronial and canton officers, encouraging our writers to express themselves for publication, and finally, gathering those important releases for publications that are required by our corporate office.

The Chatelaine is our greeter for those new to the SCA and should be a great cheerleader type of person in helping those newcomers make the right connections for being involved. This office is responsible for making sure that newcomers to the local group are made to feel welcome and receive the assistance that they need to become active members of the SCA. They are also responsible for ensuring that demos for recruitment and education are held. For more information about the Chatelaine check out this link: <https://atlantia.sca.org/chatelain/>

We also need a Minister of the Lists, the person who verifies that fighter's authorizations and training are current, the MoL will also assist with running various fighting tournaments. For more information about Minister of the Lists check out this link: <https://mol.atlantia.sca.org/mol-training-information/>

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We have our annual baronial birthday quickly approaching, for more information follow the updates on our Baronial Facebook page. Would you please consider helping out with our events, the two largest that we have. Our event stewards, the kitchen work, setting up, cleaning up, taking down, we all enjoy the events but it takes many hands to make it successful.

Our event steward for Nottinghill Coill Baronial Birthday is our Chatelaine, Lord Macsen. He will be looking for help and again use the email above to contact him directly.

The winter session for University of Atlantia is February 1 – 2, 2025. You can see the class schedule at this link: <https://university.atlantia.sca.org/catalog.php> after you set up a free account.

I remain, yours in service,
Lord Roderick Mund

Vivant, Hooray, and Congratulations!

...by Lord Roderick Mund

- Magistra Ealdthryth of Humberstone received the Award of the Fountain at Fall Crown tourney
Etienne Le Mons d,Anjou received the Award of the Fountain at Fall Crown Tourney
- Count Afshin Darius received the Award of the Shields Knot at Yule Toy Tourney
- Noble Anneke inghean Mhurchadha received the Award of the Shields Knot at Yule Toy Tourney
- Lady Arabella of Ardtayne received the Award of the Golden Cord at Yule Toy Tourney
- Mistress Brig Ingen Érennaigh received the Award of the Golden Cord at Yule Toy Tourney
- Magistra Ealdthrythof Humberstone received the Award of the Fountain at Yule Toy Tourney
- Lady Ewin Morison received the Companion of the Coral Branch at Yule Toy Tourney
- Lord Gunnulf Hroak received the Companion of the Opal at Yule Toy Tourney
- Baroness Gwenfrewi of Abergavenny received the Companion of the Opal at Yule Toy Tourney
- Lady Haddassah of the Lost received the Award of Arms at Yule Toy Tourney
- Hrefna Dansdottir received the Award of the Drakken Egg at Yule Toy Tourney
- Lady Isadora Blanco de Leon received the Award of Arms and the Award of the Golden Cord at
at
Yule Toy Tourney
- Lord Macsen ap Rhys of Wyvern Hall received the Companion of the King's Missilers at Yule
Toy Tourney
- Lady Mór Gwyn received the Courtesy of Nottinghamill Coill at Yule Toy Tourney
- Lord Olaf Stammkopf received the Award of the Golden Cord at Yule Toy Tourney
- Lady Rohesia Anven of Thessaloniki received the Courtesy of Nottinghamill Coill at Yule Toy
Tourney
- Lord Snorri Big Crunch Halfdan received the Courtesy of Nottinghamill Coill at Yule Toy
Tourney
- Countess Yasmin Farrah received the award of the Golden Knot at Yule Toy Tourney

Kingdom Events...

Complete Atlantian calendar can be found at

<https://atlantia.sca.org/calendar/>

Local Activities

Contact local seneschals for details

Cyddlan 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.

January - 2025

01-11 - 01-11 : [Twelfth Night](#) :Newport News VA (Atlantia) (Q K) 

01-17 - 01-19 : [Nottingham Baronial Birthday XLV](#) :Bennettsville SC (Nottingham Coill)

01-17 - 01-19 : [Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday & Investiture - A Yuletide Celebration](#) :Richlands NC (Raven's Cove) (Q K)

01-18 - 01-18 : [Highland Hearthglow](#) :Thurmont MD (Highland Foorde)

01-25 - 01-25 : [Tourney of Manannan Mac XLIII Lir](#) :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)

01-25 - 01-25 : [Ice Castles/Barony of Black Diamond Investiture](#) :Lynchburg VA (Black Diamond) (Q K)

01-25 - 01-25 : [Midwinter's Revel: Lunar New Year](#) :Lothian MD (Lochmere)

February - 2025


02-01 - 02-01 : [Winter University \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)

02-01 - 02-02 : [University of Atlantia](#) : DC (Atlantia)


02-08 - 02-08 : [Sir Walter Raleigh Costume Ball III](#) :Durham NC (Buckston-on-Eno)

02-08 - 02-08 : [Bright Hills Baronial Birthday](#) :Manchester MD (Bright Hills)
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) (Q K) 
03-08 - 03-16 : [Gulf Wars XXXIII \(TBD\)](#) : (Gleann Abhann) (Q K)
03-28 - 03-30 : [Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday](#) :Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain)
03-29 - 03-29 : [Defending the Gate](#) :Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre) (Q K)

April - 2025

04-05 - 04-05 : [Spring Coronation \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia) (Q K) 
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)

May - 2025

May - 2025
05-03 - 05-03 : [Spring Crown Tournament](#) (TBD) : (Atlantia)
05-09 - 05-11 : [Tir-y-Don Baronial Birthday](#) :Hayes VA (Tir-y-Don)
05-09 - 05-11 : [Hawkwood's XXI Baronial Birthday: One Night In Marrakesh](#) :Old Fort NC (Hawkwood)
05-17 - 05-17 : [Skewered! V: Tenoch's Table](#) :Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)
05-17 - 05-18 : [Victory on the Vine II](#) :Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)
05-31 - 05-31 : [On Target!](#) :Annapolis MD (Lochmere)

June - 2025

06-14 - 06-14 : [Summer University \(TBD\)](#) : (Atlantia)



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Greetings and good tidings to all!

The new year has started and before we even have reached Ymir it seems the frost giants are already battling things out in much of our barony. I am reminded of words from the Christmas song “Let it snow” “Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful. And since we’ve no place to go. Let it snow, let snow, let it snow.” Now personally I prefer my snow on Christmas cards and in movies, but at least it is pretty to look at. Still the weather is a concern and I am reminded of that one Yul Toy Tourney where I decided to drive home ‘before it got too bad’ only to get stranded in a very rare South Carolina snow storm at the side of the highway, waiting for a tow truck for several hours. All of that to say, in the coming months, make your decisions with care. We all love to see one another at events, but most of all, we want to see one another again, even if safety or health require us to miss the next event.

We have baronial birthday coming up soon and their excellencies are looking to see displays of martial prowess as they are looking for new champions to defend and represent them. I am hoping to see many of you enjoying the Modern Middle Ages in this new year!

Yours in Service,
Magistra Machteld Cleine.