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### **A word from your Baroness:**

Good day to everyone! I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather that we have been having. I know that I have. I am going to ask a favor of all in the Barony. Although we have been growing, slowly, I would love to see us sharing the fun of this game with others. So, I am asking you to bring a friend to the next event that you attend, if possible. I know that many of us do not have a lot of spare money to spend, but if you can get just one person to attend with you and mentor them for that day, we should add more folks and help the barony to grow. It could be a fighter practice, an A&S night, or even a demo that we may have. These things don't cost anything but do give a good representation of our game. Please think about it.

I am hoping that everyone is getting acclimated to the hotter temps and remembering to hydrate. I only ask this as we do not want to have folks going down due to heat issues. The old surgeon in me can't help it...I have to ask. Okay, this message will be blessedly short and sweet. See you soon.

In Pride of Our Barony,

Katharine  
Baroness Raven's Cove

### **From the Seneschal:**

Greetings unto the Populace!

Wow, we are already in the full swing of Summer and time is certainly passing by very quickly. We are beginning to seriously look into expansion of our beloved barony and are very excited at the prospect of meeting new people and discovering new lands. Here pretty soon, we will have two Covians leaving us. Lady Una and Lord Roland will begin a new chapter in their lives in the western part of the state. I hope that they know that they will always have a home in our lands, a place to sit at our table and a warm spot by our fire, no matter where they may roam.

Consequently, we will have an opening for two offices upon their departure. Chatelaine and Chronicler. I have posted information about upcoming Chatelaine classes for anyone that may be interested in taking on this duty so they can get a head start on things on our Baronial Facebook Page. With regard to the Chronicler, I am currently

working in conjunction with Master Tal and he will assist me in getting a newer, more user friendly website up and running for your surfing pleasure. I think that it is past time for us to look at revamping our internet meeting place so that younger and new gentles will find it eye catching and more informative. In any case, as I complete my training on the new website, a binder will be formed with notes and all pertinent information. The person that takes on this duty will be trained and I will at that point pass it on to them. I will try to be more involved in getting people more comfortable with this position whenever they take it on and try to be more supportive in their endeavors to excel in that job.

I wish you all safe travels as you venture out on vacation, going to events or otherwise. And, as always, hydrate!

In Humble Service to the Dream,

Lady Edan, Seneshcal

### **From the Knight's Marshal**

As we come into the beginning of the summer, the heat will begin to take a toll on our activities...this is a good time for our fighters in ALL arenas to look to the arts. Show our wonderful Baronage that we are not only warriors, but can be artisans as well. We will continue to gather at the Citadel on Thor's days, but as the temperature rises, we will curtail the practice in the park activities.

Also, summer bring preparations for War...Pennsic and WoW will be upon us before we know it...with this in mind, we will begin to review small unit tactics, and how we as a Levy fit into the Atlantian Army.

~L

### **From the Chiurgeon**

Summer....heat, insects, plant irritation...as a Barony we need to be prepared for all these things that are a threat to us at practices and events. Be careful of poison ivy...be on the watch for ticks and stinging insects...and remember to HYDRATE.

~L

### **From the Exchequer**

The coffers remain unchanged this month. Please remember to keep a lookout for a good deal on a trailer as well as items to help make our encampments better.

### **From the Chatelain**

Slowly but surely we continue to grow. We have had a great response from the Strawberry Festival with a few new folks contacting me wanting to know when meetings and fighter practices are being held. We have also had a very excited onlooker at the last fighter practice that could not contain how happy she was to find us! Everything is looking up!

With the move, I will soon have to step down as the Chatelain for our group. If you are interested in becoming an officer for the Barony I can not recommend this position more. All you have to do is be friendly and direct people where their interests lie. As far as job satisfaction goes I feel like there is no better way to go.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lord Roland Wodeman

## Reflections on Ruby Joust

### **Baroness Katherine:**

It was my first Gem Joust and it was awesome! The weather was perfect, the camp site was great, and the company was fun! I chose to watch our fighters do what they do best and I was not disappointed. To have the best fighting done right in front of our pavilion could not have been planned better, and to see one of our own receive a fighting award, the Silver Osprey, in court, put the icing on the cake. Congratulations Lord Roland, for a job well done.

Thanks to all baronial members who attended this great event. You always make me proud!!

### **Lady Edan:**

There were many great memories of attending Ruby Joust this year. The friendships formed and revisited are always among my favorite. I attended my first full fledged bardic circle this weekend, in camp Hotel de Byram. I found myself wanting to learn songs so that at some point I may be able to participate. I watched a dear friend receive his Silver Osprey, so very well deserved. I watched my baroness who is also a beloved friend, smile the most that I have seen her smile in quite some time.

So many good deeds and great fights on the battlefield that I cannot possibly focus on them all. I will tell you that watching my champion learn and get his skill tested is always a treat. But to watch him apply what he just learned and besting his opponent makes me beam with pride.

I enjoyed water bearing for the ravine battle on Sunday and was pleasantly surprised with kind words by gentlemen, thanks to Vlad and his formidable spear in the Ransom Tourney on Saturday. Although they were doing so in paying a debt to their captor, his kindness of asking that they come pay me compliments did my spirit good. I got to spend some time with my household and I always miss them so much when I am away from them. So, minutes spent with them are always treasured. I made new friends and hope that I will see more of them in the future.

Although set up and tear down are always tedious tasks, it is the time spent in between these two tasks that makes it all so very

worthwhile. I appreciate all the help I received in the kitchen and was happy that everyone appeared to always have full bellies and satisfied taste buds. I cannot wait for this event to be held next year and hope to only add to wonderful memories.

VIVAT RAVEN'S COVE AND ATLANTIA!!!!

**Lord Lochlainn:**

I have spent the last 4 days in the company of my Barony, and many other true friends. My Barony came together in a wonderful camp...we had wonderful fellowship with some first-time eventers...as well as re-affirming great friendships with longstanding companions. I spent two wonderful nights at the bardic circle in the camp of Hotel de Byram...I heard such wonderful songs...a few of which moved me to tears. I spent two days on the Lyst with wonderful warriors...we fellowshiped, we learned...a brother received a well deserve honor in being awarded his Silver Osprey...and a close friend was inducted to the Order of the Kraken...It makes my heart soar to see the look on my Lady's face when I am triumphant as I fight for her honor on the field. What a wonderful weekend...it saddens me to return to the present after so much joy at a weekend spent thusly.

**Lord Jared the Potter:**

My experience at Ruby joust this year was at once humbling, battering, and encouraging. With the inspiration of my lady, and examples on the field I pushed through some injuries, acquired a few more, and achieved another step on a path I set myself when I was barely able to walk.

I had a fantastic event, and got to spend time with some of my favorite people in the SCA as well as make new friends. I was made a member of the Order of the Kraken, and wept at the sentiment expressed to me by members of that body. I was moved by the number of fighters who came up to me during the Kraken challenge and challenged me assuming I was already a member of that order, and I cannot express how good that made me feel. I was also moved by the number of men who made me feel like their brother though their station is miles above my own, and by those who are making me realize that there is a body of men who look up to me as an example. I am humbled... to be liked is one thing, for others to want to be like you is something entirely else. For everyone who helped make this event so wonderful for me, thank you.

### **Lothian:**

From the stand point of "the new guy", being my first Event I must say V-I-V-A-T...Just the first day set the tone. Packing the mule train carts, the long journey through the foot hills, setting up camp, hearing the clash of sword and shield from the distance, tasting the lintel, and tasting it again, meeting new faces, helping a new neighbor, visiting other camps, seeing our warriors return wounded but well & in good spirit, finally laying your head down for sleep under the stars...Vivat...had a great time...now tomorrow!

### **Lord Roland Wodeman:**

This was my first gem joust and I had no idea what to expect. I knew there was going to be a lot of fighting but holy cow, was there a lot of fighting! This is the first event I've been to where I willingly sat out of a tourney because I had my fill for that day. Saturday wore me out folks.

When Sunday morning dawned I was still tired and sore. I got to watch Dave the Barbarian and many other friends take the field in one of the most inspiring novice tourney's I've ever seen. It's hard to believe that some of those guys and gals have been fighting for less than two years!

One lesson that I took away from the Kraken Challenge was that I should start building my skills in weapons forms other than sword and shield. I was not feeling well for most of the challenge, but I got some good lessons from Count Sinclair and Baron Mungo among others.

I can tell you right now, that there is nothing scarier than having the King summon your knight out of the showers. Luckily it was to give praise to my (soon to be) squire brother and I for fighting well and honorably. Aleksei had a great day and I look forward to becoming a formidable team together.

Aside from the fighting, I got to experience some very excellent bardic circles. Now I understand why you should go to those, they're basically an SCA concert and it is awesome.

### **Upcoming Events of Baronial Interest**

The following listing includes events that members of the barony have expressed interest in attending as well as events being held by the

barony itself. If you are a newcomer interested in attending any of these events please let a member of the barony know so that we may attempt to find car/crash space for you.

Highland River Melees (Knoxville MD) ..... June 6-8

Regional Fighter Practice (Ft. Benjamin park, Newport NC) ..... June 14

A Day in the Park (Concord NC) ..... June 21

Peasant's Revolt (Newport NC)..... August 22-24

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