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## Welcome Newcomers!

I realize that we have quite a few new people in the group as of late— welcome! The Society of Creative Anachronism is an awesome opportunity to experience history. Whether you are interested in martial or fine arts, cooking, crafts, etc we have someone in the group that can help get you started. Check our facebook page regularly for updates, and go over to the SCA newcomers' portal (<http://welcome.sca.org/>) to see what the different facets of the society look like. Our chatelaine, Lady Muirenn, is also a wonderful resource for newcomers. Again welcome, and we are glad to have you in the Barony!

*Beyond the bright and breaking waves,  
Across the shores of Atlantia Kingdom,  
Clear it calls, the Cry of the Raven  
— Rhiannon*



# THEIR MASTERS VOICES

## A word from your Baroness:

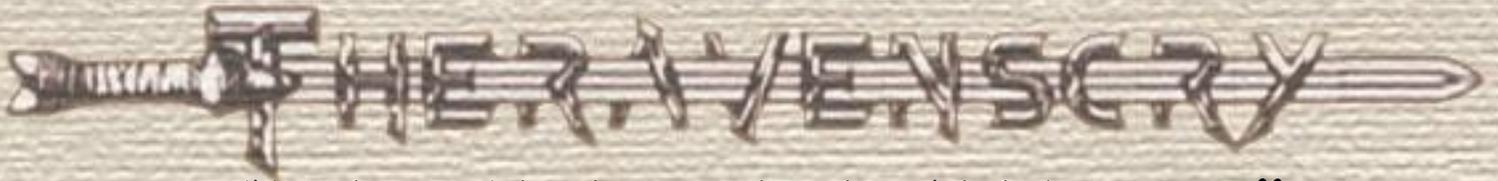
Happy May everybody! We are finally enjoying some beautiful weather and I am loving it! It is nice to be able to sleep with the windows open and the cool night air helping me to drift off to sleep.

We are heading into the event season now and there are a lot of weekend events to pick from. Please, try to enjoy a couple events in the near future. Get back to the joy of this game and meet up with some friends. Or make new friends. It is all good.

Just to let you all know I have been asked to be a consort in the upcoming Spring Crown Tournament being held 2 May in Leesburg, Virginia. This is quite an honor for me and it will be the second time I have had the pleasure of being asked. Fighters, you should consider this in the future as a goal to test your fighting skills and a chance to honor a consort. It is a different type of fighting tournament than anything you have undertaken in the past but a good way to check your skills. Be prepared to bring your "A" game as it will test you to your limits!

May is also an important month as the polling for the new baronage will begin. We are being given the chance to do our polling electronically, which is a great thing. It will take very little of your time but will bring large dividends to the Barony. As soon as the directions are given from the Kingdom, they will be sent out over Facebook and the baronial email list. Stay tuned for your chance to give feedback to the Crown on the next set of baronage. Remember, this is a polling, not a vote. The Crown will have the ultimate say on the next leaders of our lovely Barony but They do want to hear your voice. I ask that you read the Letters of Intent from each of the pairs of candidates again before making your decision in the polling. If you have opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates, this is the time to make those opinions known. But remember, ours is a society of courtesy. Please, make gentle remarks when and if you do. Help Their Majesties understand your thoughts so that They can make Their decision. In the end, this will guide the future of our barony and each set of





candidates have good thoughts as to where they wish the barony to go. You have the chance to make your thoughts known. Choose your words wisely. As my time on the baronial throne comes to an end, please know that I have enjoyed my 5 years as your baroness. I am choosing now to discover new options within the Society of Creative Anachronism. It is a fun game that we play and I am ready to explore new areas. I love you all and will continue to work hard for our barony in the future.

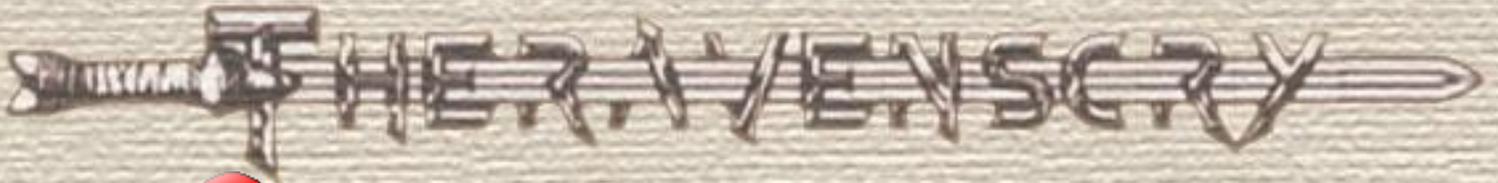
Yours in Service to Kingdom and Barony,  
Katharine de la Vache  
Baroness Raven's Cove

From the Baron:

Unto the Populace of Raven's Cove,  
Late as usual, Your Baron sends you Greetings. Vivats to our new Prince and Princess. May they reign well. The summer tourney season will soon be kicking off. I will be in attendance at Ruby Joust and Hidden Mountain's Baronial Birthday. Both of these are great events. If you plan to attend either of these events, please let us know. These are also royal progress events. So this would be a great place to see people from Raven's Cove and our friends recognized. As always, if you make a Kingdom award recommendation, please let her Excellency and I know so that we can back those recommendations up as well. Here's to a fun summer and a great new tourney season for all of us.

In Service,  
Baron Torquil MacTaggart





### From the Seneschal:

Greetings to the Beloved Cove!

Baronial Polling is upon us, Covians! Make sure that your information is correct for membership so if you live within our zip codes, you will be able to do electronic polling. For those outside of the zip codes we own, you may write a letter or send an email to Their Majesties (make sure to copy the Kingdom Seneschal) if you would like to express your opinion of the candidates and to let them know who you think should be the next couple to lead the Cove into what will surely be a most prosperous future!

Remember when you express your opinions to be objective and as positive as possible. Your opinions are not only an expression of what you feel but are also a reflection of who you are as a person. Best of luck to all of the candidates!

Also, I would like all officers to ensure their memberships are up to date and your quarterly reports are being done in a timely manner. The Cove is doing really well in this regard and I would like to see this trend continue. All officers are doing exceptional jobs so let's keep moving forward in this and setting the bar high for other groups.

I have been in contact with James Sprunt Community College and will be scheduling a meeting with them so that we can begin bidding on events to be held at that location. More on this is forthcoming and I will keep you posted as these things progress.

As always, we are looking really great in the eyes of the Kingdom and I could not ask for a better populace to work with. Thanks so much for making my job as Seneschal so easy.

In Humble Service,  
Edan





From the Knight's Marshal

To my fellow Cobians,

First let us congratulate one of our own, John Keown, who won his AoA upon the field of battle. So great was his skill, that the Queen herself, decided to honor him. May he win many more honors in the future.

With the summer months nearing, the event schedule is really picking up. In May, we have two events within approximately four hours or so driving time. Ruby Joust, and Hidden Mountain's birthday. June has three; Blades and Bows Collegium, Return to Crecy, and Old School War Practice. It is my hope to see you at a few of these.

In service,

Lord David of Raven's Cove





### From the Exchequer

Greetings,

Mundane life has kept me from being active this past year, but things have settled down enough that I am able to participate in the on goings of the Cove. I am honored that I was asked if I would be willing to take on the office of Exchequer. I am gladly accepting the task and will do my utmost best to make sure everything is taking care of as required of this office.

KASF was a success! After everything was paid we made \$252.50 thru the gate and \$310.00 on the silent auction.

Thank you to Mistress Mordea who autocrated the event and to Baroness Katherine who ran the silent auction.

After all expenses were paid we now have \$1609.06 in the coffers.

If anyone is interested in becoming a deputy or taking over this over please feel free to contact me.

In Service to the Barony,  
Lady Nadya



### From the Chatelaine

Greetings to the Populace!

It has been a quiet month. Weather and family things has kept me away from getting out to fighter practice as much as I have wanted to. Continue to keep an ear out for demo opportunities!

In Service,

Lady Muirenn





From the Herald

Lothian and I are preparing a submission packet that we will be turning in at Ruby Joust. Anyone who knows we have something for you please get with one of us to make sure we have everything covered.

I would also like for the populace to be thinking of ideas for a device for our Order of the Golden Buckler. Our last device idea was returned. I plan to have this on the agenda for the next populace meeting so please be thinking of ideas.

Lochlainn



From The Chronicler

Greetings all!

Polling is soon upon us, and on our facebook page you will find a handy-dandy reprint of all of the baronial candidate Q&As and questionnaires, reprinted from the January edition. Please peruse them prior to polling! Please continue to post pictures, send missives, and be awesome.

In Service,  
Khiannon



# THE HERALD

Populace Meeting  
April 19th 2015  
Opened: 1:16pm

## Officers Reports

Exchequer: 1861 in coffer. Received 1499 at the door from KASF. Paid 450 for site fee.

Received 310 from fundraiser.

Chronicler: Not present. Continues to do a fantastic job!

MoAS: Not present. We are looking really well for classes this quarter! We will be taking May off as there are so many events that it would just be stressful. June, there will be a Bardic class as well as a table/chair class. Remember to give him the number of participants that attend a class so he can report it.

Herald: Finally has the correct paperwork and in the process of getting everything together.

Chatelaine: Nothing new to report.

Knight Marshal: Keeping busy with Thursday practices as well as Sunday practice. Still working on getting everyone authorized. Nothing new to report.

Excellencies: Coronation was good. Curia went well, only small changes. ACCEPTS is no longer to be used for events. The next few events that people of the Cove are planning to attend are the Crown Tourney and Ruby joust. Also, there is the new Order of Defense (for rapier).



# THE RAVENSCRY

Announcements? None.

## Old Business

**James Sprunt University:** We were accepted as far as being allowed to hold events there. There will be another meeting to get more information on requirements and restrictions.

**Expansion:** Nothing new, still in the works.

**Polling:** Big change! It will all be electronic on the kingdom page. There is a tab called "Polling Site". You will need to log in/register, and if you are within the zip code you will see any polling's that are available. For this reason, Lady Muirenn will not be able to send out extra polling letters to those outside of the Barony. Those outside the Barony will need to send in a letter in order to share their recommendations. The polling timeline was reviewed. The polling site should be open in May sometime.

**Investiture/Divestiture:** Katherine has a sign in sheet for anyone wanting to help! Let her know!

The site is reserved at Cyprus creek! Lady Sarah of Cathanar is the feastocrat. Keep in mind, award recommendations!

**Ruby Joust Encampment:** There will be a meal plan. No more than \$5 a day. Inform Lord Lochlainn by Crown if you are attending. Camping will not be in the trees! Please let Lord Lochlainn know the tent size, style (period/mundane) and any dietary needs. Campers are welcome, please hide under canvas.

**Upcoming events:**

Review the Cry for a list of events!

Meeting closed: 2:04

Next meetings will be June 14th, after the table/chair class.





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.

- Ruby Joust (Amelia, VA).....May 22-25
- Cooks and Performers Symposium (Raleigh, NC)..... May 30
- Atlantian Summer University (Lynchburg, VA).....June 13





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