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From the Baron:

Good Populace of Raven's Cove...we have returned victorious from War. There are now numerous other events to make preparations for....The Baroness and I will be attending the events listed on the Calendar section of our web-site....please take a look at these events and let us know if you would like to retain.

We are really looking forward to Crown Tourney and the naming of our Kingdom's Heirs....we hope to see as many of you in attendance as can be there as this promises to be a great fighting event to watch.

As a group we seem to be growing in many areas....I encourage each of you to support not only your personal interests, but take part in others interests as well...for some, part of the fun is in letting others know the joy you have in your given pursuits.



In the coming months we will be seeing new faces....please do as I know always do....and make them feel like family.

Baron Loch



From the Seneschal:

Greetings fellow Covians,

I would like to thank those of you who were able to attend WoW for helping to make it an awesome event. Those who were unable to be there, you were missed, and I hope to see you there next year.

Officers, please be aware that unevent is coming up. If you will not be able to go, you will need to make sure that you have a proxy in place. This can be anyone who is able to attend your meeting.

YIS,

Lord David of Raven's Cove



From the Chatelaine

Well, the event season is winding down and the weather is getting colder. This is the time when we want to just stay at home, light a fire, and huddle in for the winter season. However, we still need to go to practice and hone our fighting and A&S skills. This is a great time to bring someone new out to see what we do for fun. The weather is cool enough to enjoy the outside practice and we have time to savor our indoor A&S projects. So my friends, I challenge you to bring a new person to the next practice or A&S night. The person who brings the greatest number of new folks to observe what we do between now and 12th Night (which is in January 2016) will win a prize from me! I won't tell you what that prize will be but it will be awesome! If that person comes back for another practice/A&S night, I will also give that person a newcomer's prize. This is a win-win situation: you win and so does our newest member. Come on, join in the fun and let's see if we can grow this barony!!

YIS,
Baroness Katharine de la Vache
Baronial Chatelaine



From The Chronicler

Greetings all! The website is up and running- please remember to submit a small write up if you wish to be featured on the member of the month page! Keep taking pictures at events! Officers- We have new emails! Woopwoop! I am currently recruiting a deputy webminister to help me out in my time of computer troubles, thank you all for your patience.

YIS
Rhiannon



From The Herald

Our experiences at WOW X are now past and a part of history but, was without a doubt a great experience for all present. Our heavy fighters fought with the courage of lions, our rapiers with the speed of gazelles, and our archers with the talons of the raven. Glory belonged to Raven's Cove upon the fields of battle at WOW X and aided our brothers in the South toward the ultimate Victory in War. Court was held within our great encampment during WOW X by Their Excellencies, Lochlainn and Edan, Baron and Baroness of Raven's Cove and the following Awards and presentations were made their to Our members:

Lady Draven Archer.....Award of the Black Gull, Honorary Member of Raven's Cove

Ian the Ranger.....Award of the Guided Pheon

Floki Geirksson.....Award of the Drakkar Prow

Lady Isabella Dolce Panettiere Bianchi della Luna....."Premier"Award of theWinkle (Backlog)

Lord Robert Carswell.....Order of the Silver Osprey(Kingdom Backlog)

Lady Brigit Gryphon.....Order of the Opal(Kingdom Backlog)

Several members registered their names and devices at Herald's Point during WOW and I would recommend this approach to any planning to go to a Kingdom Event that wish to register their submissions, the Heralds there are most helpful. I have several more submissions being made this coming month and encourage all that have not done so, to register their devices and names as soon as they can. I will help any needing assistance. "Long live Raven's Cove!"

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greeting Covians. As a new month begins let us not forget our family and friends. Many projects are a solo act, but a good simple group project can be a great way to spend time with others and build interest and a sense of belonging in new members. So please remember to include friends and family in all your A&S projects. Keep me posted of any projects you wish to do, or that you have completed for future events and future record keeping. Thank you for all the good times and good A&S projects for which we have done and will do in the future.

Pictures Are Worth A Thousand Words...Right?

By Cara of Raven's Cove

A few months ago, a friend and I were chatting online, and she told me about this group called the SCA. "What is that?" I remember asking. So she explained it to me very simply, "Medieval reenactments, camping, feasts...etc" (that was literally copied and pasted from our chat). I didn't need to hear anymore...she had me at "Medieval." Two days later I was riding with her and her family to a battle practice (yes I said battle) about to meet people I had never even spoken to before. This was a big deal for me, because when I am not behind the camera I can be extremely shy. So, yes I was very nervous. I am not sure what I expected...maybe I was going on the countless times I was the "new kid" in school and everyone looked at me like I had two heads. Maybe a small part of me thought that is what would happen when I showed up to the battle practice. I can honestly say that they did not look at me like I had two heads...we had not even fully got out of the van when a member was walking up to us welcoming us.

Immediately we were surrounded by the most helpful people...people who not only answered question after question, but welcomed us into their homes, took us by the hand and showed us how to make garb, told us countless stories, taught us new crafts...if we wanted to learn it, someone knew someone that could show us.

A few weeks later dressed in my first piece of garb, an Irish cotehardie my husband and I went to our first event. A birthday celebration of the Barony we were befriending. I was like a kid in a candy store. All my childhood fantasies of being a medieval princess were being played out before my eyes (ok, I was a commoner not the princess but still). Men were dressed in heavy armour fighting for the favor of their Baron and Baroness, and children who looked as though they stepped through time were playing, and running with their friends no iPods, or Nintendo systems, not even many cell phones were in sight.

One of the highlights of that day for me was being able to shoot a bow. Something I have wanted to do ever since seeing robin hood for the first time as a child. There I was, bow in hand, arm drawn back, eye on the target, I take a deep breath let it out and with it I let the arrow fly. No, I did not hit the center, but I did hit the target and for me that was absolutely amazing. We ended that wonderful day with a feast, music and singing. Yes, I had a

wonderful time that day, however I was still wanting that moment where I felt truly transported in time (I'm an artist, my imagination usually gets the better of me). Even though I didn't quite get my moment I couldn't wait for the next event.

I wasn't sure if we would be able to go to War of The Wings which was the next big event on the calendar, but we managed to pay for our registration. I will be truthful I robbed Peter to pay Paul for that one, and it is a decision I will never regret. It was there I really began to understand the SCA.

I think it is in our blood...our souls long for what our ancestors experienced. I know for me I have always dreamed of what it would be like to living in the fourteenth or fifteenth century when Europe was ruled by Kings and Queens, and Princesses had their Ladies in Waiting. Or when we believed stories about the elves, fairies, Merlin, and King Arthur and The Knights of The Round Table. Fantasy Authors like Tolkien, and some science fiction authors like Terry Goodkind prove my theory. While yes they may write fantasy, our medieval or Western Civilization history has its fingerprints on every page of their books.

This weekend I had my moment...the one that I was longing for when I first started this adventure. Truth be told I had several moments, like when my husband and I were learning medieval dances in the "castle" by the light of torches. However, my biggest moment...the one that had me feeling like I had truly been transported in time was during the processional. There I was, walking to "war" with my barony. My husband to my left carrying a black and yellow banner. My Baron and Baroness in front with our war banner as we marched to the battle field. We were joined there by all the baronies in our kingdom, all waiting to align themselves with one side or another. Barony after Barony were called forth before the King and Queen, declaring which side they would fight for. The pageantry was far more than I had ever expected, I could hear the heavy footfalls of the "war horses" as they waited for their riders to bring them forward...and for a brief moment all of it was real. I was not twenty first century Amanda simply standing in a dress I had sewn on my little sewing machine at home playing dress up on a piece of farmland...I was in another time. I could see it, and whats more I could feel it in my bones...I had been completely transported in time, and was completely lost to the game...to the dream.

Later as I sat in the grass on the rapier field with my Baroness, I was kicking myself for not bringing my camera. What self respecting photographer doesn't bring her camera to something of this magnitude hoping for the opportunity to capture memories that will last a life time...because as they say a picture is worth a thousand words. However, as I thought about this I realized something...had I brought my camera I would have been focused on what I could capture through my lens and while yes I would have looked back on my pictures fondly...I would not have been able to truly experience this weekend. Somethings, you have to see to believe...and yes a picture is wonderful but in this case just can not do justice to what truly occurred.

Later that evening I met a woman from another camp, Molly was her name I believe. She asked me post on the Kingdom of Atlantia's page about my experience at WOW. She told me (jokingly) she hoped my only memory of WOW wouldn't be how cold it was. I can honestly say that yes, we were cold...oh my goodness were we cold, however I walked with my husband through "town" with only starlight and torchlight to guide us, I danced, and laughed merrily surrounded by not only our friends and our barony but our kingdom. It was truly an amazing weekend.



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Minutes
Populace Meeting
25 October 2015

Call to Order: 1:20 pm
Officer's Reports:

MOAS:

Does anyone have any specific requests for classes? I am trying to plan the next few months schedule.

WoW – Our war standard did well at WoW. The Baron looked very good out on the field.
Please let Ian know if you are working on any A&S projects so that he can report it to Kingdom.

Review of Baronial encampment at WoW – Are there any things the populace would like to see for the future? Clock; lights for the new chandeliers- perhaps hit the after-Christmas sales.
Does anyone know how to make a tent? Question from Joe.

Herald:

Please get your heraldry in for work. Lothian is planning a Heraldry class for A&S in the future.

Chatelaine:

Currently working on doing more demos. Also, if there are newcomers classes/questions requested, please send to Baroness Katharine.

Exchequer:

The Barony is looking for a new exchequer to replace Lady Nadya as her modern world is demanding her time. There will be a long training session before the turn-over is complete. Please contact the Seneschal, Lord Dave the Barbarian if you have an interest. This is a very important job but it has lots of support and training. If you can balance a check book, you can handle this job.

There is currently \$1591.29 in the account with no expected future expenditures.

Chronicler:

No report. However, officers need to get their missives in ASAP.

Seneschal:

Reiterate – every office needs a deputy.

Knight Marshal:

We are still fighting on Wednesdays and Sundays. If fighting is cancelled, please check the Facebook page.

Baroness Edan:

Wow was awesome! Thanks to everyone! The Barony was given lots of compliments especially for our hospitality.

Baron Lochlainn:

Thanks for rolling with the changes at WoW. He is working with the staff and the fire inspector for next year.

Old Business:

Wow:

Kitchen changes: Raise the prep table for easier working situation; put up tent walls around the kitchen tent; kitchen pantry tent needs shelving

Might need more fire pits (Baron Torquil has an extra metal fire ring)
Torch heaters/lights (Bright says that they have them on sale at her work)

Sheet wall spacers – Rather than black sheets, may get yellow sheets and place different Raven designs on each. Match the size to the individual sheet wall segments.

University:

Teachers are already lining up. The Barony may do a luncheon fundraiser and an SCA yard sale.

At this time, there will be no fighting on this site. Planning for this event will start within the next month.

The Kingdom Chatelaine is requesting a newcomers track of classes.

Coastal Raids event:

This event is being planned for 8-10 April 2016 at the farm site in Wallace. Motion was made to approve the event, based on a favorable bid from the Seneschal.

New Business:

Holiday Parades are planned for 6 December – Newport and 12 December in Morehead City. The Shire of Cathanar is asking for participants to dress up and do the parade. We can hand out our own local advertising materials. More info to come. Contact for this is Lady Sarah Bryghton from Cathanar.

Shire of Seareach is looking to do an event sometime next year. Looking for our help. Baroness Edan wanted to pass that along to the populace.

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.

January 8-10	Atlantian 12th Night (R)	Nottinghill Coill	Pickens, SC
February 6	Winter University 2016 (Q)	Raven's Cove	Kenansville, NC
February 26-28	Tourney of Ymir (R)	Windmasters' Hill	Reidsville, NC
April 2	Spring Coronation	Atlantia	
May 7	Spring Crown Tournament	Atlantia	
May 27-30	Ruby Joust	Caer Mear	Amelia, VA

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