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Ravens, pray attend and read the words of Their Excellencies!

Great Ravens,

We hope that this missive finds you all well and ready to hit the fighting season at full throttle. We have missed seeing many of you and hope to see more of you at practices, A&S nights and meetings. Remember, in order to keep this dream going, its people are the most integral part of making it come to life.

As most of you know, we are going to be experiencing a turnover with a couple of offices. We would like to wish Lady Raedun well as she ventures into a new life and realizing her dream of working for a motion picture company, using her wonderful artistic talents. Raedun, thank you so much for bringing so much beauty and creativity to our Baronial Newsletter each month. Please join us in welcoming Lord Lothian as our new Baronial Chronicler. I am sure that his creativity will bring forth some very enjoyable newsletters. Also, we will be changing out our Seneschal position. Lord David, your service to this barony in a position you never thought you could handle has been outstanding and we could not have asked for a better person to take that office. We have so enjoyed watching you grow in that office and we wish you the best as you return to your true love, being the Knight Marshal. Again, thank you for your wonderful service and devotion to this barony; it has NOT gone unnoticed. Lord Vlfœorn Ælfweardes sunu, who most of us know as "ulf" will be taking that position. We are sure he will do a wonderful job leading our barony and working with our officers. The Barony of Raven's Cove continues to move forward and we cannot wait to see what we will accomplish this year.

As the weather has obviously turned, for lack of terminology, bipolar on us, be sure to check weather reports before traveling and make sure your vehicles have received the proper maintenance before making long treks. Please make sure to check in on our Baronial FB Page when you return, so we will know all of our ravens have returned to the nest.

May you all enjoy the company of great friends in your travels and may you all make new ones along the way.

Long live The Dream,

Baroness Edan & Baron Lochlainn

A few words from your Seneschal:

GREETINGS RAVENS!

University went well. His Excellency Baron Lochlainn was complimented on our efforts, and our fundraiser lunch went exceptionally well. Raven's Cove is building a good reputation for having good food and a great site.

The next opportunity for us to shine as a Barony is at Coastal Raids, which will be April 28-30 at Cypress Creek Community Center. For anyone who is interested, I'm sure there are plenty of opportunities to serve. Please contact the auto-crat, His Excellency Baron Lochlainn, if you would like to volunteer.

While it does not look like I will be able to attend Ymir, I hope as a Barony we have a good showing there. It is also an opportunity to support our friends in Windmaster's Hill as they invest their new Baron and Baroness.

Officers, as the new Seneschal, I would like to hold a Baronial Officers Meeting as soon as possible. I would prefer to have it in February, but March is a possibility as well. Please let me know your availability by February 18, so I can get this scheduled as soon as possible. If you are not available to attend, and you have a deputy, please have them provide their availability.

Finally, I have never done this before, but it is my intent to serve the Barony to the best of my ability, which means serving the people of the Barony. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to contact me.

IN SERVICE,

Hlaford Vlfbeorn

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 1:15

Place: The Citadel (home of Their Excellencies Raven's Cove)

Baronage:

Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse will be our new Baronial Chronicler. Please do not forget that if you nominate individuals for Kingdom level awards, please let us know, that way we can also put in some words for them. We had a few submissions take place at Twelfth Night and we will continue to monitor their progress. We are hoping to begin having more A&S nights; they are forthcoming and will be announced.

Seneschal:

Lord David of Raven's Cove will be stepping down and Lord Vlfbeorn Ælfweardes sunu will be taking his place.

Knight Marshal:

Upcoming practice in Cathanar; encourage everyone that can, to attend to lend support.

Old Business:

The Arthurian Deed- positions to be filled are Archery Marshal, Parking Coordinator, Kids Coordinator, and Heralds for various purposes throughout the event. Feast announcement will be forthcoming. PayPal will be used for reservations (Baroness Olwen de Montgomery will work with Lord Juan de Rojo on coordination of reservations and payments). The Equestrian Marshal will be contacting the Marshal in Charge (Baron Lochlainn) to get things set up for the Equestrian portion of The Deed. There are MULTIPLE A&S opportunities. If you have ever considered attempting an A&S competition, this will be a wonderful event to try. There will be a group from MidRealm attending as well.

University - A "Garb Grab" table will be available. There will be a food drive box to benefit a food pantry in SeaReach. Her Excellency asked for assistance with Troll. The fundraiser luncheon was also discussed.

Coastal Raids -Her Excellency was reminded to make sure the site was reserved. Baron Lochlainn will be autocrating the event and Baroness Olwen de Montgomery will be feastocrat.

New Business:

Baronial Birthday 2017- Monty Python (Holy Grail) theme. Feast ideas were discussed.

Next Meeting will be March 12, 2017. The meeting will be combined with an A&S day and will begin at noon. Location is The Citadel. Please bring something to contribute to the pot luck luncheon; we will eat around 2 PM.

An interesting note about February:

February was added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC. The length of the month changed over time and, at one time, it had as few as 23 days. When Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar, the month was assigned 28 days during normal years and 29 days during leap years which occurred every four years.

Fun Facts about February

- It is the shortest month of the year.
- The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month".
- It is the third month of winter.
- In the Southern Hemisphere February is a summer month the equivalent of August.
- The month is named for the Latin word februum which means purification.
- Together with January, it was the last of the months added to the Roman calendar.
- The largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl, is held in February.
- The Saxon term for the month, Sol-monath, means "cake month". This is because they offered cakes to the gods during this month.

SOME DATES IN HISTORY

Birthday - Thomas More (1478-1535) was born in London, England. He was a lawyer, scholar, and held the title Lord Chancellor of England. As a devout Catholic, he refused to acknowledge the divorce of King Henry VIII from Queen Catherine, thereby refusing to acknowledge the King's religious supremacy. He was charged with treason, found guilty and beheaded in 1535, with his head then displayed from Tower Bridge. Four hundred years later, in 1935, he was canonized by Pope Pius XI.

February 8, 1587 - Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringay, England, after 19 years as a prisoner of Queen Elizabeth I. She became entangled in the complex political events surrounding the Protestant Reformation in England and was charged with complicity in a plot to assassinate Elizabeth.

Birthday - Astronomer and physicist Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was born in Pisa, Italy. He was the first astronomer to use a telescope and advanced the theory that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system.

Birthday - Astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) was born in Torun, Poland. Considered the founder of modern astronomy, he theorized that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system.

February 24, 1582 - Pope Gregory XIII corrected mistakes on the Julian calendar by dropping 10 days and directing that the day after October 4, 1582 would be October 15th. The Gregorian, or New Style calendar, was then adopted by Catholic countries, followed gradually by Protestant and other nations.

Timeline

- **476** - The fall of the Roman Empire. Rome had ruled much of Europe. Now much of the land would fall into confusion as local kings and rulers tried to grab power. This is the start of the Dark Ages or the Middle Ages.
- **481** - Clovis becomes King of the Franks. Clovis united most of the Frankish tribes that were part of Roman Province of Gaul.
- **570** - Muhammad, prophet of Islam is born.
- **732** - Battle of Tours. The Franks defeat the Muslims turning back Islam from Europe.
- **800** - Charlemagne, King of the Franks, is crowned Holy Roman Emperor. Charlemagne united much of Western Europe and is considered the father of both the French and the German Monarchies.
- **835** - Vikings from the Scandinavian lands (Denmark, Norway, and Sweden) begin to invade northern Europe. They would continue until 1042.
- **896** - Alfred the Great, King of England, turns back the Viking invaders.
- **1066** - William of Normandy, a French Duke, conquers England in the Battle of Hastings. He became King of England and changed the country forever.
- **1096** - Start of the First Crusade. The Crusades were wars between the Holy Roman Empire and the Muslims over the Holy Land. There would be several Crusades over the next 200 years.
- **1189** - Richard I, Richard the Lionheart, becomes King of England.
- **1206** - The Mongol Empire is founded by Genghis Khan.
- **1215** - King John of England signs the Magna Carta. This document gave the people some rights and said the king was not above the law.
- **1271** - Marco Polo leaves on his famous journey to explore Asia.
- **1337** - The Hundred Years War begins between England and France for control of the French throne.
- **1347** - The Black Death begins in Europe. This horrible disease would kill around half of the people in Europe.
- **1431** - French heroine Joan of Arc is executed by England at the age of 19.
- **1444** - German inventor Johannes Gutenberg invents the printing press. This will signal the start of the Renaissance.
- **1453** - The Ottoman Empire captures the city of Constantinople. This signals the end of the Eastern Roman Empire also known as Byzantium.
- **1482** - Leonardo Da Vinci paints "The Last Supper."

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