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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*





A word from your Baroness:

Happy holidays to all! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and however you may celebrate the upcoming days, I hope that you are happy and healthy. We are winding down the year and most events are over. With Unevent coming up, my year as Baroness is also winding down. The new year will bring a lot of events and a major change for the Barony of Raven's Cove. In September, we will be celebrating our 5th birthday as a barony with a new Baronage. Again, if you are interested at all in being the new Baron or Baroness, please let us know as the process has started and we will soon find ourselves involved in the polling and selection process. The year will go by quickly.

The holiday season will also soon be over and the new year will bring many events. 12th Night will occur in January and then comes Ymir in February, KASF in March and Coronation in April. Whew! It comes fast and furious and all these events will be close to our home. Please try to attend one or all. Let's show the Kingdom how the Barony rolls!! I am so proud of all of you for the growth of the Barony and the growth of personal achievement. Remember, KASF will be held by the Barony. This is a Baronial event and we should all be planning on working it. But, plan to put some of your arts and science projects on display or in a competition. Even if you have never done an A&S project before. This is the chance to get your feet wet.

Thanks to all for everything you do for the Barony. Enjoy the game!!

YTS,
Katharine de la Vache
Baroness Raven's Cove



From the Baron:

Greetings unto the Populous,

As the holiday season descends upon us, I hope all of you are doing well. This is the perfect time for starting or finishing A&S projects, new armor and Twelfth Night garb. Twelfth Night approaches quickly and we hope to see all of you there. After Twelfth Night, the Atlantian tourney season will of course be opening at YMK. Following that the Barony of Raven's Cove will be hosting Kingdom Arts and Science Festival. This will be an excellent opportunity for the Barony to not only show off what we can do, but to learn and try some new things. Until then— Happy Holidays, be in good health and be careful.

In Service,

Barony Torquil MacTaggart the Steadfast



From the Seneschal:

Greetings to all our Cobians out there!

There has been quite the buzz lately surrounding our group as we have had several new prospects come about lately, mainly at our fighter practices. Our fighters have begun to travel quite a bit, not only to drum up new prospects but also to sharpen their fighting skills in anticipation of our next war. To our new Knights Marshal, keep up the great work; your enthusiasm is contagious!

If anyone would like to schedule a class on an A&S Night, please let me know right away. With the last couple of months, trying to get this done has been difficult with everyone's busy schedules and having a busy Kingdom Calendar to boot has proven to have been keeping us on our toes. Whenever I receive a request to teach a class, I will be advising our Chronicler so that she can put it on the schedule. I believe Lord Lochlainn will be teaching a class regarding Period Naval Terminology/Equipment



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in the very near future so stay tuned for that and watch our Facebook Group for the formal announcement. I would like to have enough interest and classes requested so that I can make a calendar starting at the beginning of the year and get it done per quarter. This has been a goal of mine and I think it is high time to get it done!

Also, we are still looking for someone to take Exchequer around February timeframe. If you are interested, please let me or Lady Amira know right away so we can ensure a smooth transition of the office.

I wish all of you safe travels, happy times and wonderful memories as we go into the Holiday Season. If you travel to other lands, please make sure to put together an emergency road kit of your own in case you find yourself embraced in misfortune. Along with necessities for the operation of your vehicle, this should also include snacks, blankets, water and medications, primarily.

Until next time!

Lady Edan, Seneschal



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From the Knight's Marshal

Fellow Cobians,

Greetings from your new Knight's Marshal. Thank you for the opportunity, and the honor, to serve as such. With your help, I shall endeavor to bring even greater glory and renown to Raven's Cove.

With that in mind, over the next couple months we will be changing a few more things. These changes are intended to improve the Barony's visibility, expose our fighters to a wider group of opponents and teachers, and turn our Levy into a cohesive unit on the battlefield. More information will be available as the details are worked out.

YIS,
Bjorn



From the Chiurgeon

We as a Barony continue to be safe in all our endeavors please continue this vigilance as we enter the Yule season.

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From The Chronicler

Greetings to the Barony! Please remember to take pictures at events and demos so that we can fill these pages with more color!

In Service,
Khiannon



From the Exchequer

Greetings. Hope everyone is safe and enjoying a wonderful holiday season with family and friends during the next several weeks. Currently, the Baronial coffers stand at \$150, however, everything for the year has been paid including reservation deposit and ACCEPTS for KASF. The KASF event should help boost our coffers back up after all our purchases to improve our campsites we made this year. We are also expecting to hold some sort of fundraiser auction at KASF, so please let us know if you have anything you wish to donate for this cause. Also, remember, if you need another deductible for your income taxes this year, the SCA is a non-profit organization that you can donate to. I will be more than happy to issue you a donation letter. Wishing you all a great and safe holiday season.

In Your Service,
Lady Amira of Raven's Cove



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From the Chatelain

Nothing new to report! It has been a very quiet month as expected, and I hope everyone had a good holiday!

In Service
Lady Muirenn



From the Herald

Greetings Fair Barony,
I return to my duties as your Baronial Herald. To that end I ask for the cooperation of all who are not yet registered with the College of Arms to work with me in creating names and Arms for each and every one of you that our Barony might hold the distinction of being the only Barony in the Kingdom with 100% of our populace registered. I look forward to this challenge, and am assisted by my newly appointed Deputy, Lothian ap Lyonesse.

~Lochlainn



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Game Instructions : Fox & Geese Lord Simon de Spaldying

Fox & Geese developed in Medieval Europe, and was well known by the mid-15th Century. It was widely played in Medieval Europe, and more recently.

Fox & Geese belongs to a large worldwide family of unequal "hunt" games: games in this family are also found in Southern Asia and the Far East. There are a number of variations in the game as played in Europe and North America. Before 1600 the game was usually played with thirteen geese who could move diagonally; after 1600 it was usually played with seventeen geese who could not move diagonally, i.e. orthogonally only. By the mid-19th Century the game was played with as many as 22 geese; it is said to have been a favorite pastime of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Some Fox & Geese boards, principally in France but also occasionally in England, have four additional spaces in the crook of the arms of the cross.

One player controls a "flock" of geese. The Geese move by one space per turn, and do not capture: they try to immobilize the Fox by "swarming" him so that he cannot move. The other player controls a single fox, who attempts to capture as many of the geese as he can. The fox moves by one space in any direction when he moves, and by two spaces when he captures. Capture is made as in Checkers, by jumping over an adjacent counter to an empty space just beyond. Multiple jumps as in Checkers/Draughts are allowed. Jumping is compulsory: this allows the "geese" player to set traps for the fox, sacrificing an occasional piece as "bait".

Movement rules for the Geese vary in different versions of the game, as do victory conditions for either player. I suggest that you play Fox & Geese with the geese moving forward or sideways, but not diagonally nor backward: the fox winning if he captures eight or more geese. Different



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version vary on who wins if the geese get all the way across the board without trapping the fox. Some say that they have won a limited victory, as

they have escaped across the field without losing eight geese: others say that the geese have lost, as they have failed to trap the fox. It is good for the two players to decide on this before commencing play.

Boards for this game vary quite a bit: not only is there the French variation with four additional spaces in the crook of each arm, but some versions have longer "arms". Some lines between spaces may be marked, or the board may just be a matrix of dots.

Fox & Geese has inspired a number of other games, including "Solitaire", a capturing game for one player, as well as "Asalto" (also known as "Officers & Sepoys" or "Siege").

A game board may be made of wood, leather, embroidered onto a piece of cloth, or even carved/scratched into a table, chest-lid, or bench. Counters should be differentiated by color and/or shape, and can be cribbage counters (if the board is drilled with holes to accept them), buttons, beads, pebbles, seashells, coins, or lumps of glass.



November 9 Populace Meeting

Officer reports were given for those present.

Offices of Herald and Knights Marshal will change, effective immediately. Lochlainn will be the Herald, with Lothian as Deputy, if Lothian accepts. Dave will be our new Knights Marshal.

Old Business:

Trailer on back burner for now, until our coffers can be replenished.

New Business:

Prospective site for practices/events was visited by Lochlainn and Edan. Site is located in Kinston, it is the Neuseway Nature Center and Planetarium. The manager on site the day we visited was very excited that we were looking at this location and said that there are probably quite a few new potential members in the area that already do Civil War Re-enactment, who may be interested in exploring this period in history as well. With that said, this is the chosen site for Spring Coronation, if we win the bid.

Spring Coronation—Bid has been worked up by Lochlainn, reviewed by Katharine with a few changes and will be submitted to Kingdom ASAP. We sincerely hope we get awarded the bid. As stated above, site will be in Kinston and more details will be forthcoming.

KASF—Information from Mordrea was relayed to the Populace and a request for a few positions was made. All the information will be gathered and turned in to her and she will provide more details as we go along. There was discussion on providing a hospitality room but the Populace that attended the meeting feel that this should be limited to beverages, since there is a restaurant on site as well as the fact our coffers are needing to be preserved as much as possible at this time. It was also decided that we need to ensure there is signage in place to direct people to the right locations in the vicinity of the site.

Our next meeting has been scheduled for January 16, 7 PM, Torquil and Amira's home. This will also double as our Annual Yule Celebration, so everyone that attends is asked to bring a side dish for the potluck.



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.

Yule Toy Tourney 2014 (Pickens, SC)..... December 12-14

Caer Mear's Yule Celebration (Richmond, VA)..... December 13

Inter-Baronial Twelfth Night (Virginia Beach, VA)..... January 3

Atlantian Twelfth Night (Greensboro, NC)..... January 10

Ge of the Stone (Winston-Salem, NC)..... January 17



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