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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*



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A word from your Baroness:

Happy New Year to everyone!! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are now ready for the upcoming event season. I know that I am.

The most important thing I wish to remind everyone of is the fact that we now have 9 months until the current Baronage steps down and a new set of folks step up. If you are interested at all in stepping up to fill the vacancy, please let Torquil or me know. There is a process that we are currently in that requires us to know the candidates and for the candidates to send a Letter of Interest to Their Royal Highness very soon. Please, let us know and let's get this thing started.

12th Night is next week and Ymir is coming up at the end of February. These are 2 very popular events and are both located very close to us. Please consider attending one or both of these. Much fun can be held by all.

Finally, March is our month as we are hosting the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival which means, all hands on deck! Please check in with Mistress Morderyn to make sure she knows that you will be there and are willing to help. It is easy with many hands helping.

My best wishes to you all for a glorious New Year.

YTS,
Baroness Katharine



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From the Baron:

Unto the Populous of Raven's Cove, I hope this missive finds you warm and dry. Another year has come and gone. 2014 was a good year for the Barony of Raven's Cove. What an awesome time we had at Ruby Joust and War of the Wings this year. Congratulations to Miranda (Kadira) and Adam on the Barony's newest member, Alistair. All in all, a good year for the Barony. And now once again, Twelfth Night approaches. Hopefully everyone is working on their best Twelfth Night garb. Following hard upon this event is, of course, the tourney of Ymir. There is still room on the calendar for another event if anyone has any ideas. Now is the time to start working and presenting it. Best wishes to everyone for an awesome 2015.

In Service,
Barony Torquil MacTaggart the Steadfast



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From the Seneschal:

Greetings from your Seneschal!

The holidays are now behind us so we begin to once again rev up events, practices and A&S nights. As usual, A&S will be held every other Wednesday; the change is that now it will be held at the Citadel by default unless someone else would like to take a turn at hosting. Our new MoAS, Robert Carswell (James Dosh) will be taking the reins and you will begin to see things over the next couple of weeks. Please let me know if there is something you would like to teach or even talk about; it does not have to be a formal class, it can simply be a sharing of information in an informal setting.

We **DESPERATELY** need someone to take over the Exchequer position **ASAP**. Our Barony is **REQUIRED BY LAW** to have this position filled and the Baronage nor the Seneschal can hold any other additional office. Without this position being held, we are looking at a

suspension. We **DO NOT** want that to happen. So, if you would not only like to save the day but hold the position, please let me know. Amira has done a wonderful job and will be a great teacher in showing you what you need to know. Again, this is something we **HAVE** to do, so someone **PLEASE** step up to take this position.

Other than that, let's get back into the rhythm of things and begin enjoying the game once again.

In humble service,

Edan



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From the Knight's Marshal
Greetings fair populace,

The new year is upon us, and with it come a few changes. These are intended to help grow the Levy and help make us a more effective fighting force.

The first, and most noticeable change will be where we hold our practices. We will begin holding them at different locations, and even in nearby towns, in order to increase our visibility to the public. We will also be visiting other group's practices on occasion, as well as inviting them to ours.

Secondly, we will start to work on integrating into the Atlantian army and utilizing group tactics. This will take a certain level of commitment from you, the fighters, in order to build the cohesiveness to make this work. This is also another reason for attending neighboring practices.

Finally, we will work on developing the rest of the levy. This includes, rapier, combat archery, siege engineers, youth combat, target archery, and thrown weapons.

I know that this seems to be a huge list of things to accomplish, but with a little work and dedication, I believe we can begin to see results very quickly. And, as a result, the jewel that is Raven's Cove will shine a little brighter.

YTS,
Biorn



From the Exchequer

Greetings. The coffers remain the same as we head into the New Year. Remember, we are still looking for an exchequer, so please let us know if you wish to take on this position. Also, keep in mind, we will be having an auction at Kingdom Arts and Science Festival as a fundraiser. Please give any donations to either Baroness Katharine or myself.

In Service,
Lady Amira of Raven's Cove



HERALDRY



From the Chiurgeon

And so begins another year please, take time to reflect back upon the past year and think of those we have lost.

Let us honor their memories by being vigilant against the injuries that can be avoided.

Loch



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! See everyone at 12th Night!

In Service,
Rhiannon



From the Chatelaine

Greetings to the Populace!

This month has been really quiet as expected, and I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. It is time to get ready for a whole new year though, so keep an eye and ear out for any demo opportunities!

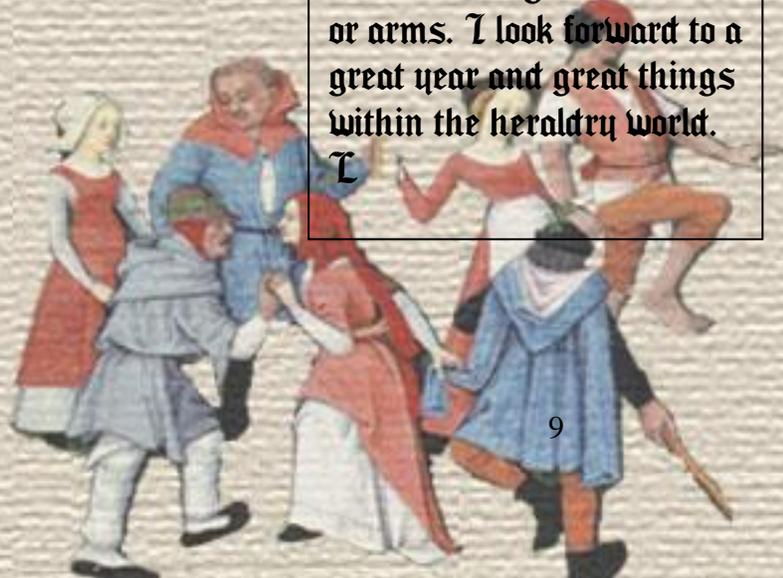
In Service
Lady Muirenn



From the Herald

Greetings fair populace
We embark on a new year with new expectations. I hope to confer with each of you that has not yet had the time to register a name or arms. I look forward to a great year and great things within the heraldry world.

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Game Instructions : Achi Lord Simon de Spaldying

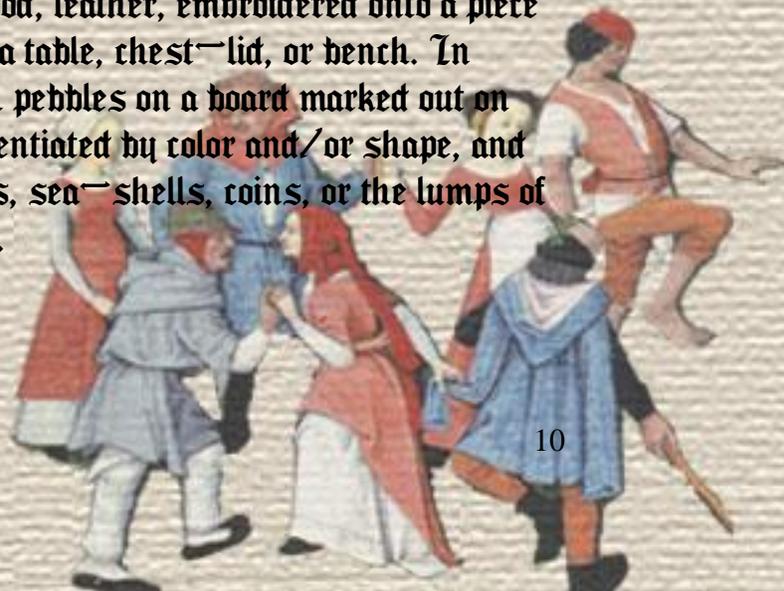
Achi is a children's strategy game for two players, played in Ghana in West Africa. It is probably of considerable antiquity: boards for similar games have been found in Egypt dating back to 1900 BC. Research indicates that many African Americans in colonial North Carolina had Ewe, Akan, and Fante names. These three languages are spoken in the modern nation of Ghana: therefore it is possible that colonial African Americans played or at least remembered something about this game. While closely related to "Tic-Tac-Toe" (which people in the 18th Century knew by the name "Naughts and Crosses"), Achi is a more interesting game, as it has the feature of movement.

Two players start with three counters apiece, off the board. The game is played on the nine "points" of the board; that is, the corners of each of the square and the intersections of lines.

After choosing which of the two players will begin, the two players take turns placing their counters on the board. Counters may be placed on any empty point on the board. After all six pieces are on the board, the game enters its "movement" phase: players take turns moving one piece per turn to an adjacent empty point. Movement may be forward, backward, or sideways, or diagonal, but it must be along a line, and only to the next point..

In placing and moving their counters, the players try to create a "mill" of three counters in a row, along a line, as in Tic-Tac-Toe / "Naughts & Crosses". The first person to make a mill wins the game.

A game board can be made of wood, leather, embroidered onto a piece of cloth, or even carved/scratched into a table, chest-lid, or bench. In West Africa Achi is often played with pebbles on a board marked out on the ground. Counters should be differentiated by color and/or shape, and can be buttons, beads, buttons, pebbles, sea-shells, coins, or the lumps of glass sold in aquarium-supply shops.





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.

- 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
Tournament of Ymir (Reidsville, NC).....February 27



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