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Greetings, dear Ravens!

This month we traveled to distant lands for the event Ruby Joust VIII. Boy, was it hot! But, even with the heat our Ravens did exceptionally well on the field and in other areas! Lord Juan, Lady Alexandria and Nezhka authorized Light Rapier. Lawrence won the Novice Tourney and fought very well in other opportunities throughout the event. Var showed great prowess on the field, as did Baron Lochlainn, Freydis and Lord Knutr. Baroness Ingegerd and Lord Hrothgarr contributed in a great way by marshaling at the event. Lord Ulfbjorn and Baroness Olwen entered the A&S Competition and did very well, even with exceptionally short notice of entering the competition. Also, Nezhka performed at a bardic circle, entertaining all that were present. So, you see, though we may be few, we are vast and widespread in our impact at events. Keep doing what you all are doing, you make us very proud to be your baronage!

Next up for our group is Journey Through the Nine Realms. A reminder, this is an event we are hosting and we need to make sure our guests are taken care of. We hope you all enjoy this event and it goes smoothly.

Until next time,

Baroness Edan and Baron Lochlainn



From the Seneschal

Dear Ravens,

This month we have 9 realms which I know will be a huge success. You will do the Barony proud, for sure. We had Ravens at Ruby that did phenomenal in the events they participated in. Very proud of all of you. We are getting into the summer and I want to remind everyone to hydrate and be safe. Remember to nominate Ravens for Baronial and Kingdom awards.

In Service,

Lord Knutr Vakrsson





From the Chronicler

Fellow Ravens,

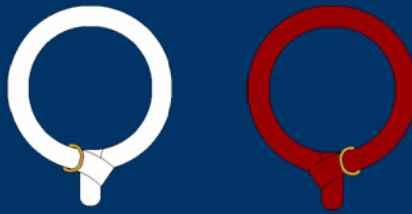
It has come that our busy time is upon us all. One event after another will come, Nine Realms, Pennsic, Coronation, WoW, Crown and many many others among these. Keep yourselves hydrated through these times and send lots of tales of your adventures and pictures as well.

Keep up your great deeds because you make the Dream a reality.

In Your Service,

Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse





“To ever say that a fighter is not an artisan would be an incorrect statement.

Most fighters have to learn things like wood working, metal working, leather working, etc. To make shields, shape metal for armor, and make leather accessories like straps, gauntlets, gourgets, etc

A fighter also learns about heraldry basics and then learns to paint their shield, field display, sewing for tabards, heraldic display etc.

A fighter also, depending on their pockets, learns about largesse. Dayshades, pavilions, furniture, foods, ambiance, etc.

A fighter learns quickly about fermentation, mold, staph infection, and what can kill you from within their armor boxes or bags. So, medieval medical assistants.

A fighter always keeps learning new things or at least they should.”

~ Sir Christian Thomas of York

These are the words of my knight. Being as such they should, as a soon to be squire, resonate with me. The more I thought about them, the harder they hit home with me. I came to realize that these sentences really summed up the frustrations of my beginnings in the SCA.

The more I thought about it, I realized these words outlined a much larger problem that we have in the society. There is a song named Paths of the Dream written by a very dear friend of mine, Mistress Fennec. The lyrics of the song lay out a description of the three most commonly sought after peerages in our game: Pelicans, Knights, and Laurels. I think there is a common perception that these paths are very linear, and do not intersect. This could not be farther from the truth and I feel that Sir Christian really outlined this better than most in his words. He speaks to how there are a lot of blurred lines in between artisans and fighters, that not many are willing to admit or realize exist. I believe that we all need to realize and respect the fact that these lines more often than not only run parallel, but cross into each other like a length of kumihimo cord.

Something I would like to see more of is fighters running through an A&S competition. The amount of inspiration you will get to improve your kits or SCA experience will be phenomenal.

Pelicans, work with your fighters and teach them how to set up and maintain a fighter practice.

Fighters, offer your skills and strength to help set out tables and chairs for court or feast.

The Dream is a collective effort, not just an individual path. Together we will all move forward a lot farther together.

Lord Hrothgar Ironstone



From the Ministry of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Ravens!!

Thank you for all the wonderful pictures you've sent me, showing off your amazing work. I'm so privileged to be able to brag on you and your accomplishments the way I do. To that end, remember that we have an Open Project A&S night on June 6 at Michaels from 6:30-8:30 pm. July will be Mistress Morderyn's banner making class, with a date, time and place to be announced as our usual first Thursday of the month is Independence Day. August's class will continue the heraldic theme with how to make a sheet wall. Materials lists for these classes will be forthcoming.

I would like the populace to consider the possibility of hosting a Collegium in the near future. This would be a day similar to a University session (with University credit available for the classes offered), but sponsored by us. I intend to bring this up at the next populace, but in the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas for classes you'd like to see offered or where you would like to hold this.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir

Baroness Olwen



A&S Armor Workshop





From the Herald (Golden Raven)

Ravens of the Cove!

I bid you greetings! Nine Realms is HERE!! Prepare yourselves and let us go forth together to support this worthy Event, to compete, and to bring home victory! Break out your best heraldry works. Banners flags and shields alike. Let's put our best feet forward for this Event of ours and just have a lot of fun doing it!

August is "Sheet Wall" month and those classes are forthcoming. Instructions on the sheet walls and materials needed are posted on the Facebook page under documents if you wish to prepare yourselves early. It should be great and make our encampment really stand out at this year's WOW Event.

In Your Service

Lothian ap Lyonesse



Ruby Joust VIII



Ravens' Record

(being the minutes of the Baronial business meeting of the Barony of Raven's Cove, SCA Inc.)

Call to order

A meeting of The Barony of Raven's Cove, SCA Inc., was held at 309 Rock Creek South, Jacksonville, NC 28546 on May 19, 2019 at 2:53 pm.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the April 2019 baronial business meeting were published for comment in the March edition of the Raven's Cry. Having received no comments or corrections, let the record reflect that the prior minutes stand as approved.

Reports

Exchequer: Report given by Abrahm Polaski (Hlaford Vlfbeorn Ælf-weardes sunu). The balance in the account is \$3,345.26. There is \$202 in pre-registrations for Nine Realms. There are still a few outstanding checks, including the one to Mount Olive for Unevent. We will re-issue the check to Mount Olive, minus the stop payment fees. The quarterly report is late, but the exchequer is working on it and the Kingdom exchequer is aware. The check for the site for Nine Realms has been received by the site. There has been no contact or resolution for the bounced check from Unbirthday. The exchequer is working on it. We need to have a list at troll for people from whom we will not accept checks. The books balance and we are doing well, especially considering that we have Nine Realms coming.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Report given by Morag Polaski (Baroness Olwen de Montgomery). Thanks to Baroness Edan for her Retaining 101 class. Our A&S meeting in June will be an open project night, and Mistress Morderyn has volunteered to teach a banner making class which will be held in July. Please send photos of your work to the MoAS so she can brag on you. August's class will be sheet walls for WotW, and September's class will be on the Baronial awards and how to write recommendations.

Chatelaine: Report given by Lord Knutr (Jason Thomas). We are seeing some old faces coming back and getting a few new ones. Everything is going well.

Herald: Report given by Lord Lothian (Mark Lane). If you have a name or device that you want passed, please talk to our herald. Things are moving slowly with the College of Heralds so please be patient. He would like to see sheet walls at WotW and we are discussing getting an A&S class for sheet walls scheduled.

Chronicler: Report given by Lord Lothian (Mark Lane). We suck because we don't send him photos. Baroness Edan has challenged the populace to write their origin story (what brought them to the SCA, etc.) and to send it to Lord Lothian by the end of May. Lothian would also like to have photos and such from practices.

Knight Marshal: No report given.

Seneschal: Report given by Lord Knutr (Jason Thomas). He is looking for a deputy and is taking volunteers. Freydis is interested in learning.

Baronage: Report given by Jim and Heather Rardin (Baron Lochlainn and Baroness Edan). Let's try to maintain our reputation for being helpful. At Nine Realms, once your stuff is put up, please help others get their stuff put up. The online baronial awards are now being forwarded to Their Excellencies. Before you submit an award recommendation, please check with the OP to see if they have the award. There have been a few recommendations for Order level awards without having the Award level award yet. When you write award recommendations please paint a picture of what the person has actually done, this should be a practice for writing for Kingdom award recommendations.



Unfinished business

Nine Realms: The site has received our check, and once the event is over, we will get a \$200 deposit back. Our land coordinator would like a sprayer to mark lines on the ground. The backpack sprayer is \$133, the striping wand is \$162. In the long run, the backpack sprayer is going to be more cost effective. This could be a long-term investment. Mistress Katherine still needs people to help at Troll. Please take a shift. Marshal-wise, one thing might be changing. The thrown weapons challenge will now be a round-robin tourney. Lord Lothian will be bringing his golf cart for handicap assistance. We have 3 merchants pre-registered so far. The field will be set up on Friday. The folks at Optimist Farm are great to work with and are allowing us to get on site on Thursday. We discussed having a land agent for a baronial camp and Nezhka will be the land agent.

Motions

A motion was made by Lord Lothian and seconded by lady Nezhka to purchase the backpack sprayer. The motion carried unanimously by a show of hands.

New Business

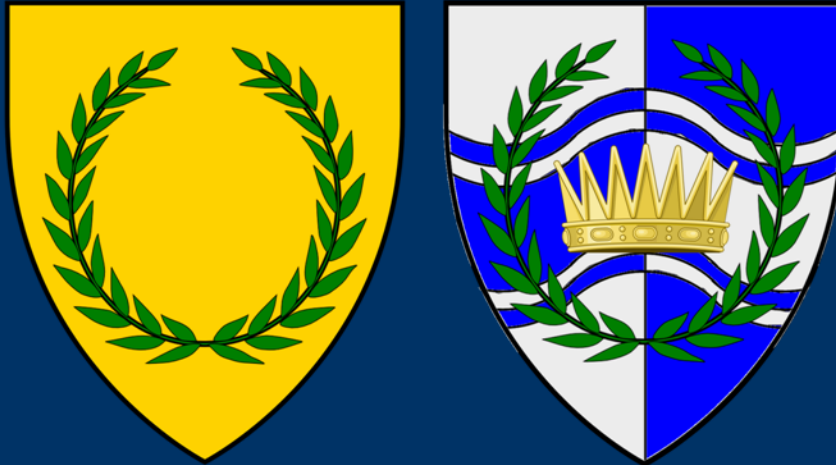
Archery Practice: Tuesday at Lord Juan's house (the Hacienda).

Next Meeting: To be determined and announced on Facebook.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the populace, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.





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