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Letters of interest:

UNTO THE POPULACE, COMES YOUR SENESCHAL, WITH TIDINGS OF JOY!

FIRST OF ALL, LET ME TAKE A MOMENT AND SAY THAT I AM SEEING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS FROM OUR MEMBERS. OUR GROUP IS SLOWLY GROWING IN NUMBER AND PEOPLE ARE STEPPING UP TO OFFER TO HELP WHERE NEEDED. THOSE THAT CURRENTLY HOLD OFFICES ARE DOING GREAT THINGS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, EACH OF YOU, FOR WITHOUT YOU THINGS CANNOT CONTINUE TO HAPPEN FOR US.

SECONDLY, LET ME SAY A THANK YOU TO LORD IOCHLAINN, OUR BARONIAL HERALD FOR HIS HARD WORK IN SETTING UP THE HERALDRY AGS NIGHT AS WELL AS HIS CONTINUING WORK TO GET MEMBERS OF OUR BARONY'S DEVICES AND NAMES REGISTERED. WE HAD AILSOIN AND HROTHNY COME DOWN TO FINALLY GET OUR BARONIAL BADGES DONE AND LET ME SAY, IT IS WONDERFUL TO FINALLY HAVE THEM COMPLETED. I AM SURE OUR BARONESS IS EQUALLY PLEASED.

RECENTLY, I TRAVELED TO ANOTHER LAND AND ATTENDED THE TOURNAMENT OF FRIENDS V. IN VISITING WITH OTHER GENCIES, I HEARD NOTHING BUT GOOD THINGS ABOUT OUR BARONY AND EXCITEMENT IS STIRRING ABOUT CROWN TOURNAMENT, COMING IN MAY. AS WE BEGIN TO MAKE THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS, LET US ALL BE AT THE READY TO OFFER HELP WHERE NEEDED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS WILL BE AN EVENT THAT PEOPLE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT FOR QUITE A WHILE.

LET US CONTINUE TO KEEP GOING IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. IF WE DO THIS, THERE IS NOTHING THAT WE AS A PEOPLE CANNOT DO.

IN SERVICE TO THE DREAM,

LADY EDAN LOWERY, SENESCHAL



A word from the Baroness...

As we begin the new round of tournaments, I ask for each of you to take a few moments and remember your first event. Remember the feeling you had of being a new person at a very strange event. Maybe you were the guest of someone else who brought you along to see if you would like the SCA and you wandered thru the area, lost to what was going on. Hopefully, you had someone to explain the different venues and help you to understand what you were looking at. If so, I am very happy for you because this doesn't always happen. Many times, our new folks get lost in the shuffle and don't get the full understanding of what a great game this really is. So, I ask you now to take someone new by the hand and guide them thru the event. Spend some time sharing your excitement and knowledge. If you don't understand all of the areas, that's okay. It never hurts to ask someone else to share some knowledge. If you are at a Kingdom event or one that has Royalty, take the time to explain what happens at court and that they may be asked to come before TRMs or TRHs. Explain the process beforehand so that the new person is not overwhelmed. Also explain that there is no "punishment" for getting it wrong. This is, after all, a game.

Along those same lines, I would ask everyone to get reacquainted with each other within the Barony. There are many folks who have played for a long time, some not quite so long and brand new players getting armored up and ready to hit the list field. We all bring something special to the game and to the Barony, but only if we work together as a team. Let's remember that and work together to make this a great place to play. Come out to fighter practice and sit next to someone that you haven't talked with in a while and have a conversation. Ask what they are doing now. If you are not a fighter, bring something to work on that you can share. Ask for advice if there is someone there who has more knowledge about something. Share your knowledge. These are all good things.

Lastly, I ask all who are in the Barony to help us grow. We are a small group and yet we continue to show the Kingdom we can do great things. We need to grow however in order to bring in new players and to build a stronger Barony. Ask a friend or coworker if they might be interested in attending fighter practice some Sunday. While at fighter practice, talk with those folks who are watching. Be enthusiastic and share your love of the game. Who knows, you may be the reason someone joins and ends up being King in a few years!!

Yours in Service to Kingdom and Barony,

Katharine de la Vache

Baroness Raven's Cove

GREETINGS TO ALL!!



WE HAD A WONDERFUL TURN OUT FOR THE HERALDRY A&S NIGHT. I APOLOGIZE THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO WORK ON MORE OF THE PERSONAL NAME/DEVICE SUBMISSIONS, BUT WE DID MAKE GREAT STRIDES FORWARD WITH THE BARONIAL AWARDS/DEVICES. FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND, HERE IS WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED AS A BARONY:

ORDER OF THE CROSSED SWORDS WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES AND RENAMED AS

- 1) ORDER OF THE SABLE SHIELD (FOR HEAVY FIGHTERS),
- 2) ORDER OF THE GOLDEN BUCKLER (FOR RAPIER FIGHTERS),
- 3) ORDER OF THE GILDED PHEON (FOR ARCHERS)

WE ALSO CAME UP WITH DEVICES FOR THESE ORDERS WHICH WILL BE SHOWN AT THE NEXT POPULACE MEETING (OR AS SOON AS I CAN GET MORE COPIES COLORED AND SCANNED FOR THE FACEBOOK GROUP).

WE ALSO CAME UP WITH DEVICES FOR:
ORDER OF PELORUS,
AWARD OF THE BLACK GULL,
AWARD OF ST. CLEMENTS CROSS,
AWARD OF THE WINKLE,
AWARD OF THE DRAKKAR PROW

EACH OF THESE WILL APPEAR AS SOON AS I GET A GOOD COPY TO SHOW THE POPULACE.

AT OUR FIGHTER PRACTICE ON THE 7TH OF APRIL I HOPE TO GATHER WHAT IS NEEDED TO PUT TOGETHER A LARGE SUBMISSION PACKAGE TO SEND TO KINGDOM.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH IN SUPPORTING THESE EFFORTS. I HOPE WHAT YOU SEE FROM ME IS HALF WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO ME.

YOUR HERALD,
LOCHLAINN



GREETINGS RAVEN'S COVE.

FOR THE TIME BEING, NOW THAT I AM A WARRANTED CHIRURGEON, I WILL BE FILLING THIS POSITION. I WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO "PASS THE TORCH" TO THE NEXT PERSON THAT GETS WARRANTED AND WANTS THE POSITION. THIS IS NOT BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE DOING THIS, BUT BECAUSE I HAVE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR FAIR BARONY, AND WISH TO GIVE OTHERS THE CHANCE TO SERVE AS WELL.

THUS FAR AS A BARONY WE HAVE BEEN SAFE. LETS KEEP THIS RECORD GOING! VERY SOON (HOPEFULLY) THE TEMPERATURE WILL BEGIN TO RISE, AND WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF DEHYDRATION. START NOW BY BRINGING WATER TO ANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY WE HAVE. (THIS IS NOT ONLY FOR FIGHTERS)

LOCHLAINN

Greetings one and all from your Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences, Mistress Mordwyn!

Now that we are pretty much away from the Holiday season and into the eventing season, heraldic display of all kinds, scrolls, and other A&S activities are going to be in full swing in varying degrees for all. Here is the A&S schedule for the next couple months. If you'd like to teach a class, please, contact me. If you'd like to suggest a class, please, contact me!

10-Apr - Pennon Making for Crown

17-Apr - Pennon Making for Crown - Off week, hosted at Mistress Mordwyn's

24-Apr - Heraldic Display - Adding Heraldic "Bling" to your SCA world

08-May - Open to suggestion

22-May - Open to suggestion

05-Jun - Baronial Sheet Wall Making - check the Baronial A&S Page for detailed description

19-Jun - Open to suggestion

In Service,

Mordrea

GREETINGS FROM THE BARONIAL CHATALAIN,

OUR FIGHTER PRACTICE ON 3/11/13

WAS A FAIR TURN OUT. I DID GET TO HADN OUT

MORE FLYERS. I SINCERELY APPRECIATE THOSE OF

OUR GROUP IN ATTENDANCE WHO WERE IN GARB!

IT HELPS INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS, BECAUSE IT SHOWS

THE PUBLIC THAT WE LIKE WHAT WE ARE DOING

AND WHO WE DO IT WITH. SO LETS KEEP UP

THE ATTENDANCE AT FIGHTER PRACTICES AND

CONTINUE TO USE IT AS A WEEKLY DEMO.

MS

DOROTHEA

Greetings from your Chronicler,

Within this issue there are some new sections. Again this newsletter is for you. So if there is something you would like to see, please let me know.

I hope that you enjoy the word find. I thought it would be neat to provide. If you have some words that you would done up as a word find please send them to me.

If there is a particular topic or history bit you like. Do up an article on it and send it to me.

Also I liked that Lady Edan provided me pictures from one of our recent fighter practices. The pictures were done displayed in random order. Enjoy the sights. If you go to an event, please take pictures and we can post them here.

Yours in Service,

Lady Dar



THE MINUTES HAVE NOT CHANGED AS OF THIS PUBLICATION. THE RAVENS CRY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY WILL HAVE US BACK ON TRACK.

**FIGHTER PRACTICE
2/15/13**



The Codex of the Hospitallers of St. John for the Priory of the Cathanar and Raven's Cove

Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum

(Defense of the faith and assistance to the suffering).

In the Society of Creative Anachronism (from now on referred to as the SCA), many participants practice some form of martial weapons combat. This codex is for the use of the Hospitallers of St. John, as well as all those considered allies and friends upon the field of battle, to use in fulfilling the role of a productive war band as well as in the preparation of each individual in the art of armored combat. It is wished by the authors that the reader will take an interest in what we are and how we serve. Inside this tome you will find advice for motivation, mental and spiritual strengthening as well as general historical knowledge about the actual Hospitallers of St. John.



Who were the Hospitallers?

The Longest lasting of the Religious Orders, the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem has existed before the Crusades and is still in operation to this day. Father Gerard founded the Order with the permission of Pope Paschal II in 1113 C.E. In 1100 Father Gerard was elected master of the Hospital of St. John the Almoner for pilgrims at Jerusalem. As the number of pilgrims increased in the Holy Land, Father Gerald abandoned the Benedictine rule for that of St. Augustine and also adopted St. John as patron.

In 1120 Father Gerard was succeeded by Raymond of Provence and according to Desmond Steward: Raymond was expert in providing an administration for these European possessions, setting up houses whose revenues were spent in forwarding food, wine, clothing, and blankets for hospital use; some were specifically charged with providing luxuries, such as white bread for the sick. The Papacy gave the Hospitallers many privileges: Innocent II forbade bishops to interdict Hospitaller chapels; Anastasias IV gave them their own priest; and the English Adrian IV gave them their own churches.

In 1178 Pope Alexander III decreed that they should carry weapons only to defend the kingdom of Jerusalem, or to attack a Pagan city. The Order was divided into four classes: the Knights of Justice, who had to be of noble birth; sergeants; chaplains, who were charged with maintaining the spiritual well-being of the members; and serving brethren. The Hospitallers took part in major campaigns in the Crusades, including the capture of Ascalon in 1154. When Jerusalem fell to Saladin in 1187 the order moved to Margat then to Acre. Throughout the Crusades and beyond, the order defended Christians from the pagans and healed the sick.

--The Hospitallers of St. John of Priory of Cathanar and Raven's Cove--

The Hospitallers of St. John of Caid are a collection of Brethren and Confraters, placed into two separate units that work together in unison to accomplish victory upon the war field. The first Unit consists of the Hospitaller Foot soldiers and employs the majority of the Heavy Weapons fighters in shield wall attrition tactics. The Second Unit is the Turcoples, which consist of light cavalry, armed with Spears, Javelins, and Archery. The Turcoples are used as a skirmish screen and flanking unit. Together the two units form into one large entity that is the Hospitallers of St. John of Cathanar and Raven's Cove. The Hospitallers of history served as protectors of pilgrims, healers of the sick and lame and defenders of God's people. In like manner, do the we, SCA Hospitallers serve.

"In each of us are heroes; speak to them and they will come forth"

(Anonymous)

Each and every person in the SCA is considered to be born of Noble Blood. There are no serfs or slaves, no peasants to toil in the land. Only those of noble ancestry walk among us. However, noble blood does not make a person noble in stature. First and foremost for all warriors is to find the nobility of spirit within oneself, to become a bastion of honor and to become a hero for those around you. Lead by Example and care deeply for the emotions of friends and foes alike. There is none within the SCA, and especially within the Hospitallers that can not live up to their potential. It is our duty to make this not only our goal, but a solid quest to better ourselves and the Kingdom in which we call home. In Order to accomplish this we must raise our self potential, constantly thinking of ways to better ourselves in fighting and life in general.

RAVEN'S COVE WORD FIND!

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S F R A F S M X J H D U R N W L B A G
M A F E T C U W W F F T E O Q K A E D
I L O D T L H P N V E F L E S H R T L
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S E S I M Q T M T T P T N U T K Y L E
T N S W G F W Q R I O F O R U J O R H
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O C O U W P F M T I X R C C A S A N N
F H R R W O N I A Z Y P A C O T V U I
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ATLANTIA
BARON
BARONESS
BARONY OF RAVENS COVE
CHATALAIN
CHIRURGEON
CHRONICLER
EXCHEQUER
HERALD

KNIGHT MARSHAL
MINISTER OF THE LIST
MOAS
POPULACE
QUARTERMASTER
REGNUM
SCA
SENESCHAL
WEBMINISTER

BARONESS KATHARINE'S PROJECT

FOR the past few years, the kingdom of atlantia has seen many of its players cut down by the insidious disease of cancer. many others have been touched by this either personally or through friends and relatives. I have personally lost several aunts, uncles, close friends and fellow scadians to some form of cancer. It has touched me deeply as I know it has touched many of you.

While we cannot single handedly cure those we know of this disease, we can help to make someone's life a little better as well as letting them know that they are in our hearts and in our prayers. that is what has started my project - the thought that those undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy will not be left alone. a simple thing like a chemo-cap or prayer shawl can make a world of difference in a cancer patient's life.

and so, I ask for your help. If you know how to knit or crochet or even make a blanket out of fleece, I ask that you donate a chemo-cap or prayer shawl to my project. I have included several links to websites that provide directions for your use. there are very few rules to follow and they are pretty simple:

- 1) softer yarns: cotton, baby yarn, soft worsted like 'caron simply soft' or 'Lion brand pound of love' are more comfortable to wear, and cotton is really nice for summer.
- 2) thinner, seamless (crochet or knit in the round), non-lumpy caps for sleeping/increased comfort on the recipients heads.
- 3) please use yarns without wool content.
- 4) If there are animals in your house, please include a card with that information as some people are allergic.
- 5) please wash and machine dry hats before sending, as this will often soften them.
- 6) do not use scented fabric softeners as many people are allergic to them.
- 7) please include a card with your name (mundane) and address so that I can send you a small "thank you".

thank you for participating in my project. If you wish to bring your completed projects to upcoming events, I will be attending ymir, nottinghill coil baronial investiture, and of course, spring crown tournament. just look for the raven's cove heraldry and stop by. I will be most appreciative.

IN SERVICE and friendship,
BARONESS KATHARINE DE LA VACHE

<http://www.bevscountrycottage.com/cancercaps.html>

<http://www.headhuggers.org/patterns/patterns.htm>

<http://shawlministry.com/instructions.html>

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/free-patterns/categories/hats>

<http://www.chemohatpatterns.com/>

Spring Crown Tournament 2013

May 03- 05, 2013

Barony of Raven's Cove

The Barony of Raven's Cove is proud to host Spring Crown Tournament 2013 to be held on Saturday May 4, 2013. Come forth and test your worth! The day will be glorious and the pageantry amazing! Come, bring the finest fighters from your lands and prepare to do your best. As the glory of Atlantia shines in us all, here is your chance to prove what She means to you. Come. Do not be afraid but be emboldened to attempt this great challenge! The love of this great Kingdom demands that you try. There is only glory to be found when you enter the list field.

Website: <http://crown.atlantia.sca.org>

Martial Activities: A Tournament to determine the Heirs to the Crown. Upon the whim of those Heirs crowned, there may be a Tourney of Chivalry or other combat following the Tournament.

Arts & Sciences Activities: Tempore Atlantia will once more be held at Spring Crown Tournament for the years covering 1492-1600. Also, an open display of works in progress will be held to showcase your current endeavors.

Cost: Adult, Member: \$10.00 Day-Trip \$8.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping
 Adult, Non-Member: \$15.00 Day-Trip \$8.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping
 Youth (5-17): \$5.00 Day-Trip \$3.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping
 Child (0-4): \$0.00 Day-Trip \$3.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Barony of Raven's Cove

Cost Notes: Registration is available via ACCEPS <http://accepts.ansteorra.org>. There will be a children's feast available for those below 17 years of age. If your child chooses to eat the adult feast however, you must purchase the adult feast. Feast spots are available via ACCEPS only!

Site: Site is located at 865 North Chubb Road, Willard, NC 28478. This is a primitive site, so please bring in water as needed. There will be showers available as well as port-a-potties. All trash must be removed with you when you leave. Site opens Friday 5pm, closes Sunday 12pm.

Site Restrictions: No swimming in the lake. Dogs, on leash, are permitted but please pick up after them. There will be plenty of list field space for pavilions, however, field space reservations are required. Please contact the list field coordinator, Lord Lochlain atcaptjhy@yahoo.com or (910)546-1377.

Feast Information: A hearty feast is planned by THL Jehan Franc de Blauvac. All dietary concerns should be addressed to him at jehanfranc@yahoo.com or (910)389-4505. PLEASE NOTE THAT FEAST RESERVATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA ACCEPS ONLY!!

Merchanting Information: Merchants are encouraged to attend and will be charged site fee only. Please bring your own tables, lights and pavilions. If you have any questions, please contact the merchant coordinator, Lady Katerina de Kelly, Crystal Lopez, at crystallopez1975@yahoo.com or (910) 526-2008.

Other Information: Her Excellency, Baroness Katharine, is once again seeking donations for the local oncology clinic in the form of chemo caps or prayer shawls. Please contact her at elgrad@hotmail.com for further information. Links to informational websites are also located on the event website.

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Directions:

From all points, make your best route to I-40 East to Wallace/Wilmington.

Exit at #390. At top of ramp, take 117-N towards Wallace. Travel 1.5 miles and turn right onto North Chubb Road. Travel 1 mile and you will see a large open field on the left with a large barn in the middle. This is the event site. Please enter at the marked gate.



upcoming events

Key
R: Royal Progress K: King's Progress Q: Queen's Progress
H: Highnesses' Progress P: Prince's Progress Pr: Princess' Progress

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5-7	Atlantian Spring Coronation (R,H)	Marinus	Spring Grove, VA
12-14	Drums of War IV (R)	Baelfire Dunn	Boonville, NC
12-14	Night Out of Town	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
13	Running of the Lemmings	Abhainn Iarthair	Front Royal, VA
20	Golden Rose Tournament (R)	Atlantia	Lanexa, VA
25-28	Blackstone Raid XXII  (R)	Aethelmearc	
26-28	Southern Atlantian Archery Day VII	Crois Brigitte	Booneville, NC
26-28	Beltane XXXII	Berley Cort	Sedley, VA
27	Sergeants & Scholars	Roxbury Mill	Brookeville, MD

may 2013

3-5	Spring Crown Tournament 2013 (R)	Raven's Cove	Willard, NC
10-12	Steppingstone Medieval Days and Melee Practice	Bright Hills	Havre De Grace, MD
10-12	Hawkwood Baronial Birthday IX (R)	Hawkwood	Arden, NC
11	A Day by the Black Sea	Kapellenberg	Apex, NC
17-19	Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday	Hidden Mountain	Cheraw, SC
18	Atlantia's Royal Archery Tournament (R)	Dun Carraig	Nanjemoy, MD
24-27	Ruby Joust II (R)	Caer Mear	Amelia, VA
31-2	Highland River Melees (R)	Highland Foorde	Little Orleans, MD
31-2	Gardens of Thyme II	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC

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