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Letters of interest:

GREETINGS UNTO THE BARONY!

IT IS NICE TO SEE THAT THE HEAT HAS NOT HINDERED OUR SPIRIT AND WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN MAKING OUR BARONY THE BEST IT CAN BE! THE UPCOMING DEMO ON THE 20TH IS SHAPING UP TO BE LOADS OF FUN AND I AM HOPING TO GET SOME NEW MEMBERS RECRUITED. ALSO, WITH THE CHANGEOVER OF OUR MOAS OFFICER, THERE ARE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES AS TO WHAT THIS FACET OF THE SEA HOLDS. I AM SURE THAT OUR GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE WITH GREAT THINGS CREATED WITH HAND AND HEART. REMEMBER THAT AS YOU GO TO EVENTS AND ATTEND FIGHTER PRACTICES, HYDRATION IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT, WITH THE TEMPERATURES THAT USUALLY CLIMB DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

I WISH SAFE TRAVELS TO THOSE HEADING TO PENNSIC; WE WILL BE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT.

IN SERVICE TO THE DREAM.

LADY EDAN LOWERY
SENESCHAL



From the Herald

Greetings Fair Barony, I bring glad news from afar....as of the moment, all but one of our Baronial award devices has been passed through the Kingdom level and is awaiting decision from Society. Great work in coming together at our Baronial Heraldry night to get this done.

Additionally, Lady Brigit Gryphyne has had her name accepted. While Amira of Raven's Cove, and Una Freysteinsdóttir have all had their names accepted through Kingdom level.

YIS, Lochlainn



From the Surgeon

The heat of summer is upon us...
To all the populace, I urge you to hydrate any time you will be involved in any type of outdoor activity...even just sitting at a demo. Let us keep my report empty of incident.

YIS, Lochlainn

Notes from the baroness....

Well, it is now July and the summer seems to be flying by. Since it has been so aggressively hot, I have not been out to any fighter practices lately but I think we all are stepping back a bit from the heat. That is a good thing as this is really a hobby and we need to be very careful with how we spend our time in the heat.

We have a couple of big events coming up in the future and I want to remind everyone about them. Our baronial birthday will be upon us very soon and I am hoping to see a lot of you there. This should be a fun event and would be a great one to bring new folks to see. Since it is our event and is usually pretty casual, ask some new folks to come with you. Their Majesties will be there and I know that they would love to meet those folks who have never been to an event. This works as a great recruiting tool for us. If you have difficulties with the event fees, please contact me and I will see what I can do.

Following the baronial birthday will be War of the Wings. This is turning out to be a great "mini-Pennsic" for many people and is always a fun time. This year, the barony of Raven's Cove will be having a smores party on Friday and we hope to have a bar set up for those legal adults that might wish to have a drink or two while in our encampment. More news to follow on this.


finally, I would once again like to thank those who have stepped up in the last year to take an active role in the barony. Your help is what makes this game fun. Let's all remember to continue to welcome new folks and to always remember to have fun. There is enough stress in the mundane world that we don't need to bring any to our game. If I have done anything to make this game less enjoyable for you, please come talk to me in private. I cannot fix what I don't know. I am willing to listen and make things better if I can.

Yours in service to Kingdom and Barony

Katharine de la Vache

Baroness Raven's Cove

From the Knight's Marshal



Greetings Raven's Cove, as we were told at our last populace meeting, our Baron can no longer hold office as Knight's Marshal. I have finished my training as a marshal and will be stepping into this role. That being said, His Majesty's Warlord has tasked each and every fighting unit to prepare for war...to this end, at least half of the time spent at fighter practices will be spent on this subject....I know we have limited personnel, but we can drill on shield wall/triad tactics, as well as the commands for the Atlantian Army. In this way we can present competent skilled fighters when His Majesty calls.

Also, this is my formal call for volunteers to be trained in the use of the Baronial Siege engine. I will be completing this engine soon, and it is my hope for us to authorize it and our unit at WoW VIII. Please contact me if you are interested.

YIS, Lord Lochlainn

POPULACE MEETING WAS NOT HAD AS OF PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER. JULY'S SHALL BE POSTED IN AUGUST NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU.

Part 4 of The Codex of the Hospitallers of St. John for the Priory of the Cathanar and Raven's Cove

.....Continuation of Key Functions of the Hospitaller of Caid on the Field of Battle

The Hospitallers of St. John of Caid take measures at practices to prepare the individual's mind for the battlefield in keeping the individual's wits about them. Preparing, in practice, the mind to understand and execute orders. Preparing to the body to fight in tournament as well as on the War Field.

Off the Field of Battle

1. Serve the King and Queen; help the Queens Guard if possible.
2. Serve the Pilgrim, the newcommer.
3. Serve the Sick
4. Become inspiration for all those around you.

Lex Scripta - The written law

Honor Causa- for the sake of honor.

Chivalry and Honor above all. To sacrifice your honor for victory is to suffer the most humiliating defeat. A defeat that will take your name and that of your comrades-in-arms down with you. Never call your blows upon an opponent. It is the honor of the foe to accept or not accept a killing blow. Never tarnish your honor by becoming the one questioning a killing blow that you have delivered unto an opponent. If a foe does not take a blow you deliver and you think it was good enough then simply strike the foe harder. If the foe continues to brush your killing shots away then call for aid from your Hospitaller brothers, sisters and allies. If the foe still continues to brush killing blows aside then use Shock tactics to knock him down and call him dead on the ground, or flank him and call him dead from behind. If he still does not accept the death blow-leave him. You are only human and only God can strike him down.

Never let your temper speak for you. Always remember that ghosts can kill. No matter how many killing blows your opponent shrugs off, the first one you receive is good. It's always better to allow a dishonorable fighter to take your life than your honor. You get another life in the next fight, but honor lost is hard to regain.

If a conflict does occur, get the Grand Mater, or the next in line of authority immediately and let him be your judge and jury. His word is law and is to be respected on the field and he is the final say in a matter.

Even if you do not agree with his decision, respect his position and go along with him on the field. Afterwards when honor permits it, you may question his decision in private or even bring it up to the Council of Brethren. Do not question him on the field in front of those not of the Hospitaller war band. We must show the world that we respect our roles in the Society. Most likely the Commander will back your side of an argument (especially if you're right).

If the Hospitaller Commander is ever in conflict with someone, immediately pull him from the field and question him as a whole, the entire Council of Brethren then must decide if the Commander is still capable of leading them on the field. If not, then the Hospitallers and Turcoples will leave the field and return to camp to end the day of fighting and to determine what will Be come of the Commander.

How it all Works

The King commands us. He is the supreme commander of the Hospitallers of St. John. No other warrior of command can change the King's Word, it is law and to be obeyed without question on the field.

No Hospitaller is to strike against the King. Be aware of who you are fighting and make terms with the King before doing so. Even if we have to fight the king's army we are still loyal and should avoid him if possible. If you can not avoid the king announce that it is with regret that you must combat him and ask his permission.



Compliments of m'lord Wilhelm Der Munech with more still to come.....

upcoming events


Key

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| 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 | King's Assessments (R,H) | Black Diamond | Big Island, VA |
| 13 | Warriors' Games | Tear-Sea's Shore | Harleyville, SC |
| 19-3 | Pennsic War  (R,H) | Aethelmearc | |

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| 10 | War Orphan's Pity Party | Saint Georges | Pickens, SC |
| 17 | Flight of the Falcon (R) | Sacred Stone | Dallas, NC |
| 28-2 | Outlands Battlemoor IV  | Outlands | |
| 29-2 | Hastilude at the Hollow II | Black Diamond | Raphine, VA |
| 30-1 | Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 31 (R) | Sacred Stone | Booneville, NC |
| 31 | Dun Carraig Baronial Birthday / Lochmere Arrow Shoot (H) | Dun Carraig | Nanjemoy, MD |



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