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Greetings, Ravens!

Another year has come and gone and as we sit here and warm ourselves by our hearth we are reminded of all the great things that all of you have accomplished over the past year. Many of you have gone outside your comfort zone and have taken up responsibility in the barony, be that with a marshal warrant, an officer position or simply stepping up to take a staff position at an event. His Excellency and I are beaming with pride because we know that we have the best populace on the planet and our group is strong, able to adapt and overcome anything that comes along. We cannot succeed without each of you and your contributions do not go unnoticed. Please continue with what you are doing, Raven's Cove is known far and wide for her hospitality and her willingness to step up where there is a need!

His Excellency and I have some goals that we would like to share with each of you. For us, it is imperative that we have goals to work toward; this is what keeps our group moving forward and also makes us who we are known to be in the kingdom. Here are the goals we have set forth for the coming year (and beyond):

1. Have regularly scheduled gatherings for ALL disciplines...armor/rapier/archery/A&S. Not meaning having to be weekly, but with some sort of regularity. We like to leave these things up to the head of each discipline/baronial officer to try and coordinate. So, if each person that is the leader of that certain activity would also please take up this task, it would greatly be appreciated.

2. Become a presence in our newly acquired lands. It has been brought up numerous times that demos and things of this sort need to be done in order to show a presence. If you have an idea for such an activity or something else that could contribute to this, please bring it to the Populace. It can be done through our E-Group if you want the idea out as soon as possible, so you don't have to necessarily wait for a meeting to do it. Do not be afraid to share your ideas and take the reins on getting things started; we are here to help our people bring things to fruition!



3. Begin the mentoring process for our next set of Baronage. This goal is sad for us to write, for we know our time grows short. If you have an interest in being on the next polling, please let us know. We will be more than happy to share our experiences (both good and bad) and we will answer any questions you may have. We extended two more years so that we would have time to do this with any hopefuls; there is a measure of 'grooming' if you will, of those that may wish to sit on the thrones after us. This will come in the form of being at our side at events to get a good glimpse into what we usually do at events, as well as afford you an awesome opportunity to meet many wonderful new people, including the current sitting Baronage of Atlantia.

4. Completion of the Order of the Zephyr and also beginning the creation of Equestrian Awards for our Barony. We are hoping to have the Zephyr completed within the next 6 months and we hope to at least have all the Equestrian Awards in the system for approval before we step down.

We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas season, filled with warmth, joy, surrounded with loved ones. We hope Santa is good to you and your New Year will be blessed with prosperity, health and warmth of friendship beyond measure.

**VIVAT RAVEN'S COVE!!**

**Long live The Dream,**

**Baroness Edan & Baron Lochlainn**



## *From the Seneschal*

**Dear Ravens,**

**We are coming up to the Holiday Season. With that I reflect on the people in our Barony and I'm very thankful. I'm very thankful for each and everyone of you. You make my life richer and I deeply appreciate you. We have been through a lot as a Barony and please take this time to be with your families and friends and love each other. Don't forget we have our Stick and Flick event at the Citadel soon. I can't wait to see all of you. Starting of the New Year we will be on the recruiting trail and hopefully establishing some sites where we can get together and work on A&S. I'm excited and thankful to be a Raven. Please, remember to nominate folks of the Barony for awards both Baronial and Kingdom. If you have any ideas about things the Barony can do together or things the Barony could do for the community, please let me know. Be careful traveling over the holidays.**

**In service,**

**Knutr Vakrsson**



## *From the Chronicler*

### **Mighty Ravens!**

We have had an exciting and outstanding year! You should all be proud of Our little Barony. We have grown in size, we have grown in populace, we have grown in fighters, and we have grown in artisans. Most of all, we have grown into a singular mind of growing and making ourselves better in our game and within the “Dream”.

Let's continue this growth and compassion into the New Year as it arrives. I would personally wish you all the happiest of Holidays during this coming season.

**Long Live Raven's Cove!**

**Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse**





## *From the Minister of Arts & Sciences*

**Ffrwythau!**

Winter is fast approaching and with it, Christmas. I would take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful and festive holiday. This season brings us the opportunity to give gifts to others, but perhaps we should also consider giving ourselves a gift - the gift of honing a skill, a new project, an entirely new skill set or pastime, or even teaching a skill we have to others. Such things not only keep us interested in the game we play, but also keep us learning new things.

December brings us a new installment of Sticks and Flicks (December 8, "The 13th Warrior"), which will definitely be a fun time. Feel free to bring your A&S project to work on, or bring your A&S questions, and I'll do my best to answer them (or find you the answers). Additionally, please bring your favorite movie snacks and drinks.

**Nadolig Llawen!**

**Baroness Olwen**





## *From the Exchquer*

**Greetings unto our fair Barony!**

The Barony has money in our coffers, all the necessary reports have been submitted to the Kingdom Exchequer, and we are in good shape. The only outstanding thing is an inventory of Baronial property and to that end, I would ask that you all look around for any Baronial items that may be in your possession. At some point in the near future we will be doing a complete inventory, so I don't want it to come as a surprise when I ask for all the materials to brought and inventoried.

**In Service,**

**Vlfbeorn**







## *From the Herald (Golden Raven)*

**Ravens All,**

**What better way to celebrate the approaching Holiday season than with the heraldry of old Saint Nick himself. Several items I have found below in my travels as your Golden Raven. I was particularly fond of the Scottish styled clan badge. Happy Holidays to you all and may we gather together in the New Year with new heraldry for all!**

**In Your Service**

**Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse**





### Wæs þu hæl!

As we close out this year and approach the season of celebration, I wanted to take the opportunity to look at the Anglo-Saxon roots of Christmas. Christmas as we know it is very much a Victorian idea (thank you, Master Dickens), but that is far too late for our period. Even the word that we use for the holiday is Anglo-Saxon in origin. From 1038 A.D. we see the first use of *Christesmaesse*. Originally Christmas was not as important an observance as Easter, however, because of the Frankish king, Charlemagne and his crowning as Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day in 800 A.D. the holiday begins to grow in importance. By the time of Alfred the Great, the period from Christmas to Twelfth Night is a kingdom-wide holiday for everyone for all but the most important tasks. Thanks to the Venerable Bede and Egbert of York, we know that Anglo-Saxon Christmas was different from our modern Christmas. It was highlighted by fasting, vigils, prayers, and alms given to the monasteries and the poor. While our celebration has changed significantly, much is owed to our Anglo-Saxon ancestors. Here is a bit of Anglo-Saxon for you:

Gesælige Cristesmaesse - Merry Christmas

Utan we blissian and gefeon - Let us rejoice and be merry

Wuldor sie Gode heannesse - Glory to God in the highest

And finally, if you enjoy your wassail, or you enjoy going wassailing, know that it came from the greeting I opened with: Wæs hæl!

To your health and joy. Gesælige Cristesmaesse!

Vlfbeorn

## 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 Drive, Richlands, NC 28574 on November 18, 2018 at 3:02 pm.

### Approval of minutes

The minutes of the October 2018 baronial business meeting were published for comment in the November 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 Ælfweardes sunu). The balance in the account is \$3704.39. The report is in and we're all good. If you purchase anything for the Barony, submit receipts because it needs to be tracked. Donations will get donation receipts from the exchequer. The barony is doing better than it has in the past, but we have a lot of things coming up, so let's not be stupid with the money because it goes quickly.

**Minister of Arts & Sciences:** Report given by Morag Polaski (Baroness Olwen de Montgomery). Sticks and Flicks will be on December 8, 2018 at Their Excellencies' house, starting at 2 pm. Movie will be the 13th Warrior.

**Chatelaine:** Report given by Evelyn Pond (Lady Evelyn the Destroyer). She is thinking of doing a newcomer/new year event in January or February in Jacksonville. She continues to reach out to interested people.

**Herald:** Report given by Mark Lane (Lord Lothian). Some stuff has passed, the Zephyr still needs to be reworked and submitted. If you have heraldry work that needs to be submitted, get with him.

**Chronicler:** Report given by Mark Lane (Lord Lothian). Please give him any submissions – songs, stories, articles, etc. Please don't make him beg for officers' missives. Officer missives are due November 30, 2018. Our newsletter is due to Kingdom by the 5th of the month.

**Knight Marshal:** Report given by Jason Thomas (Lord Knutr Vakarsson). Make sure you're safe, if you do anything, document it. If there are equipment issues, talk to Baroness Ingegerd. Lawrence authorized in armored combat at Sheep Raids. We have 2 new rapier fighters coming

up, hoping to authorize soon. Light rapier (epee) still exists in the kingdom, so rapier practices will include light rapier, rapier, and cut and thrust. Lord Juan has submitted his paperwork to become a rapier marshal.

Seneschal: Report given by Jason Thomas (Lord Knutr Vakarsson). The holidays are getting close, but he is excited for Sticks and Flicks as it will be a good get together for the Barony. He will be researching potential sites for A&S, fighter practices etc. so we can develop a standard monthly baronial schedule. We will discuss this in the new year.

Baronage: Report given by Jim and Heather Rardin (Baron Lochlainn and Baroness Edan). When we host an event, we need to remember that our first priority is to work that event. If you have a job to do at an event, please do it to your best ability and if you can't please find a replacement. There are a few staff positions that are not 100% monitored staff positions that will allow you to participate in the event as well as hold the position.

#### Unfinished business

Unevent: We are pretty much locked on for Mount Olive for December 1. We still need two nasty crats and a bell ringer. Lunch will be a taco bar, the budget for that was presented. The menu will be posted on the website, along with the caveat to bring your own cup. There will be Southwest Chicken chili as well. The \$200 from the barony will pay for about half of the lunch, all proceeds from the lunch will go to the barony.

Coastal Raids Unbirthday: April 20, 2019 was SPIKE'd. We owe \$75 for the extra day. The schedule and layout will be the same as we used for the birthday that didn't happen. We will be there Friday night through Sunday morning. Any questions, please contact Juan.

Nine Realms: The event has been SPIKE'd for June 7-9. The fighting scenarios will not include consorts or challengers. Each challenge has been tailor made to the realm or the spirit of the realm. For this event armored fighters should have weapon and shield and great sword. Rapier fighters must have epee, rapier, and cut and thrust authorizations. Not all challenges are fighting challenges -- there are archery challenges, games, A&S challenges. There will be no equestrian and all the fields will be next to each other. The actual mechanics of the challenges will be determined. House Corvus will provide an afternoon day board from 1-4. As far as money goes, the site gave us a deal and only charged us \$1100 for the entire weekend. The day board budget will be \$1500, the dumpsters and port-a-potties will be \$920 for a total of \$3000.00 or so. There was discussion about the barony not sponsoring the event and having House of Lion and Cross sponsor it. The belief is that we will more than break even for this event. Site fee will be \$20 for the day, youth is \$10, and under 12 is free.

There was discussion of pre registration for land. There are some staff positions still available, please speak with Baroness Edan if you wish to volunteer. The website is under construction and the event flyer is done and posted. The check for the site will be due 4 weeks prior to the event.

### Motions

A motion was made by Jason Thomas (Lord Knutr) and seconded by Abrahm Polaski (Hlaford Vlfbeorn) to pay the \$75 for the extra day at Cypress Creek for Unbirthday. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

A motion was made by Mark Lane (Lord Lothian) and seconded by Brad Williams (Var) to have the barony sponsor 9 Realms instead of House of Lion and Cross. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

A motion was made by John Romero (Senor Juan de Rojo) and seconded by Jason Thomas (Lord Knutr) that the Barony should attend the Strawberry Festival. The motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

### New Business

Strawberry Festival: Lord Lothian has been approached about doing the Strawberry Festival again. The Festival is mid-May, which may be problem.

Archery: At the last practice there was some damage to baronial equipment at Sheep Raids and some needs to be replaced. Senor Juan will do research into replacement costs for arrows and equipment and bring it up at the next meeting. Sea Reach in the person of Sir William has volunteered to replace the lost arrows. Lord Knutr will contact Lady Marie to discuss this issue.

Next Meeting: Will be January 20, 2019. Officers will meet at 2, populace at 3. Meeting will be at the Citadel.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the populace, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm.



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