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Ravens,

Event season is upon us....and with it....WAR!!! The Barony of Hawkwood has blocked the King's Highway for the last time. We have beseeched Their Majesties to allow us to find retribution by taking our differences to the field of battle surrounding Elchenberg Castle in October.

At Ymir the weather made an attempt to dampen our spirits.....but you as Ravens prevailed....Lady Alexandria and lady Nezkha along with lord Emeric authorized in Heavy Rapier. Our armored Ravens were a forced to be reckoned with during the Tourney. Additionally, lady Nezkha represented our Barony well at the event bardic.

We are so very proud to see Our Ravens making a wonderful showing in all aspects of SCA life. Keep up the good works, for you are what this Barony truly is!!!

Your Baronage,

Lochlainn & Edan





From the Seneschal

Dear Ravens,

I'm excited about the upcoming weeks. We have established a indoor site for archery, a off site for baronial meetings, an A&S gathering spot, still working on a off site for fighter practice in Jacksonville but there is a lot of progress. Now that we are building consistent locations we can start really start actively recruiting. We have a lot of work ahead of us but we are strong and love what we do. I do want to give a shout out to all the new rapier folks that we had authorize at Ymir. I'm very proud of them.

We have Unbirthday coming up plus, 9 realms, please help out if you can. We have a lot of work to do in the near future. Please, if you need anything please contact me. Also, make sure to recommend fellow Ravens for awards both Baronial and Kingdom.

In Service,

Lord Knutr Vakrsson





From the Herald (Golden Raven)

Ravens of the Cove,

I greet you all warmly, and with that, it is my hope that warmth shall overtake this earth once again as Spring approaches. Spring is the time of Unbirthday, Coronation, and Crown and what better way to show your prowess than with your coat of arms displayed proudly upon the Field of Honor or in the Crown List.

Let's make that happen, with the registration of your device, badge or House. Let me help you in your journey there.

In your service always,

Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse





From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Ravens!

It is March already and thoughts turn to war. As announced at Ymir, War of the Wings will be between the baronial of Raven's Cove and Hawkwood. So we will be under more than the usual scrutiny. Now is the time to get your kit looking spiffy and maybe try some new things. It's also time to get your sheet wall piece done for the Baronial camp. To that end, there are instructions for a sheet wall piece posted on the Baronial website, and our next A&S night will be about fabric painting. That will be on March 7 from 630 to 830 at Michael's in Jacksonville. More details are posted on the Baronial Facebook page.

Congratulations to Lady Alexandria who will be competing at the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival in the Baronial champion competition. If you get the opportunity, please send her your good wishes. I am sure she will do well.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir.

Baroness Olwen de Montgomery
Minister of Arts and Sciences
Barony of Raven's Cove





From the Chronicler

Mighty Ravens,

Many events are forthcoming and we must be ready. Prepare yourselves for them. Prepare yourselves for “WAR!”. Finally, War of the Wings shall be a true “Battle of the Birds” so, pad your armor, sharpen your blades and restring your bows!

Our Unbirthday, “Deus Vult”, March 29-31, 2019 at Cypress Creek. This is our Baronial event so, land your boats there that weekend. So many events to name throughout the Kingdom, for it is the “Event Season” so check those event calendars on our webpage.

Should you have announcements, such as practices, give them to me in advance and your newsletter can be used for those. Your stories are always welcome and tales of your personal adventures too.

I can because I serve,

Lord Lothian ap Lyonesse



To be a Landed Baroness

There are many speculations on what it means to be a Landed Baroness. To some people, it means that you wear a shiny hat and parade around, people following you and you get to sit up front in the big chairs and hear everything that goes on during Court. Although that aspect is mainly true (although a little truth has been stretched about the experience), I am going to tell you what it means through my eyes to be a Landed Baroness.

To me, Edan, being the Landed Baroness of Raven's Cove means that I am the biggest cheerleader of my people. Every time they have an accomplishment, I cheer louder than anyone else. Anytime they are wanting to try something new, I am there to encourage them. Luckily, these traits come easily to me and I get more joy out of watching people grow and go beyond their comfort zones than they do, often times. It means that when they receive a Baronial Award, I had a hand in them receiving it. I get to speak words to them, to make them understand that THEY worked for what they are receiving. THEY are so very worthy of all the kind things that people said about them, which resulted in giving them the award. The best thing, though, is I get to see the look on their faces when they are called up and I get to share in that moment in time when they have the greatest joy and look of pride upon their faces when they learn what they are receiving. Let me tell you, above all else, this is the biggest reason why I love being a Landed Baroness.

There are times when things can become difficult. I am tired, I am overwhelmed, I am just ready to throw my hands up in the air and walk away. These are all emotions that it is perfectly fine to have, because above all else, I am a human being, after all. When things get to this point, I lean on those that I trust and gain counsel from the ones that surround me with their loyalty, trust and most importantly, friendship. I was lucky to have a strong baroness to follow and to this day, she remains one of my biggest forms of advice when I am weary and feel like the world is closing in.



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Next September, Lochlainn and I will be stepping down. In my conversations with some people, they feel that they do not want to try and do the job because in their opinion, we have been great, setting the bar very high. What they do not understand is, when he and I found out that we were going to be the next set nearly four years ago, we felt the same way. How could we follow the founding set, who achieved so much and had done so much to make Raven's Cove so known to all others? The advice I was given was, do not try to fill our shoes, they are ours. Learn to fill your own pair and just be yourselves. You will do fine. And, so far, it appears we have.

So, what I am trying to convey is this. No matter what, above all else, this group needs to continue. It needs good people to be the next set of cheerleaders, who will set goals and achieve them. It needs to grow beyond what even Lochlainn and I thought possible. Not just in area but in people. It needs to carry on. Sadly, no matter what, time never stops, and our time is approaching on the horizon.

Dearest Ravens, please, do not be afraid to take that step. Lochlainn and I will still be here to mentor, to answer questions, to guide you whenever you need it. There will be time to get you ready to take our place, do not worry. If you have a love of this group and a love for the SCA, the rest will come, I promise. So, please, if you feel that you can take on this task, just let us know. We are here to help.

Long live the Dream,

Baroness Edan Lowery



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 January 20, 2019 at 3:05 pm.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the December 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 \$3604.39. We have made about \$1300 this year. There is still need for a full inventory to be done and a financial policy to be written. The doomsday report is due at the end of January and will be done then.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Report given by Morag Polaski (Baroness Olwen de Montgomery). Sticks and Flicks will be rescheduled. A site for A&S nights is available at Michaels, and we will be locking that on. An indoor site for target archery is in the works as well, pending discussion by the owners of Extreme Outfitters.

Chatelaine: Report given by Lord Knutr Vakarsson (Jason Thomas). 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: No report given. Per Baroness Edan, Hrothgar will be the group's voice herald, while Lothian will continue the book heraldry.

Chronicler: No report given. Per Baroness Edan, Liam is swamped with homework and wants to step down as an official officer but keep doing the website maintenance.

Knight Marshal: Report given by Kati Kameronski (Baroness Ingegerd Kastanrazi). Please report all practices to Baroness Ingegerd. Keep track of everything in the report, with lots of details to keep up with the demographic information across the Society

Seneschal: Report given by Jason Thomas (Lord Knutr Vakars-son). Trying to find a local gathering spot for all meetings and practices. We are putting out flyers about the SCA in the near future around town.

Baronage: Report given by Jim and Heather Rardin (Baron Lochlainn and Baroness Edan). The barony now has a historian. Lady Neshka will be undertaking this position and will be coordinating that for events and demos and such. An odd chain of mostly fortunate events happened at 12th Night which meant that the Zephyr paper-work didn't get taken care of. We will get this taken care of before the one-year expiration. We have some events coming up with courts, so please submit names for awards.

Unfinished business

Coastal Raids Unbirthday: March 29-31, 2019 was SPIKE'd. We owe \$75 for the extra day. Mistress Katherine will be autocratting. She has had several volunteers for positions, but still needs a nasty-crat. Var was volunteered for that. The flyer is out, a menu has been created, feast is set for 32, plus head table. The website needs to be updated. The theme is Richard Coeur de Lion versus Saladin. If you are interested in being a sponsor for a furloughed government employee, please contact Mistress Katherine. She is working with marshals etc. to ensure that all baronial members who wish to compete for Champions will be able to.

Nine Realms: The website is up, please look at it. It will start to change in February. Still happening in June. We do need a merchant liaison. Neshka has volunteered to do this. This event is a Royal Progress for Their Highnesses. There will not be equestrian at this event, and the dayboard menu is being determined.

Strawberry Festival: This is set for May and will be here before we know it. Lothian still needs to talk to people about it.

Military Leadership: This symposium will be held April 12, 2019, with 4 workshops for the day. This is a closed event, not an SCA demo. The 4H kids will rotate through the workshops. Ashley needs people to teach areas, emphasizing the leadership skills, like courtesy, team building, etc. Please contact Ashley for more information.

4-H Camp: Ashley has been allowed to take an intensive week long class for her CE requirements during the week (June 24-27) we had discussed for the camp this year. The Pamlico County 4H agent has volunteered to step in for Ashley if we wish to continue. If not, we can reschedule. The Pamlico agent will be coming to a meeting in the future.

Motions

New Business

Demo Opportunity: We have the opportunity to assist Windmaster's with the NC Art Museum demo on May 18, pending Strawberry Fest commitment. Lots of people and food trucks.

New Coronets: Our baron and baroness will be stepping down soon. If you are interested in being in the polling, please let them know. There will be more information forthcoming. It is possible that we might be disbanded if there aren't enough interested candidates for the upcoming polling. Their Excellencies would like interested candidates to retain for Them in order to be introduced to people throughout the Kingdom. A series of townhall questions will be published for interested candidates, the answers to which will be published for the populace to read. Baroness Edan will be autocratting Investiture. Remember that a polling is not a vote, it is simply a gathering of opinions for Their Majesties' perusal. Whoever wins Fall Crown 2019 will be the ones deciding on our polling.

Next Meeting: Will be held on March 10 at 2:00 pm at Old Chicago Pizza

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the populace, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.



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