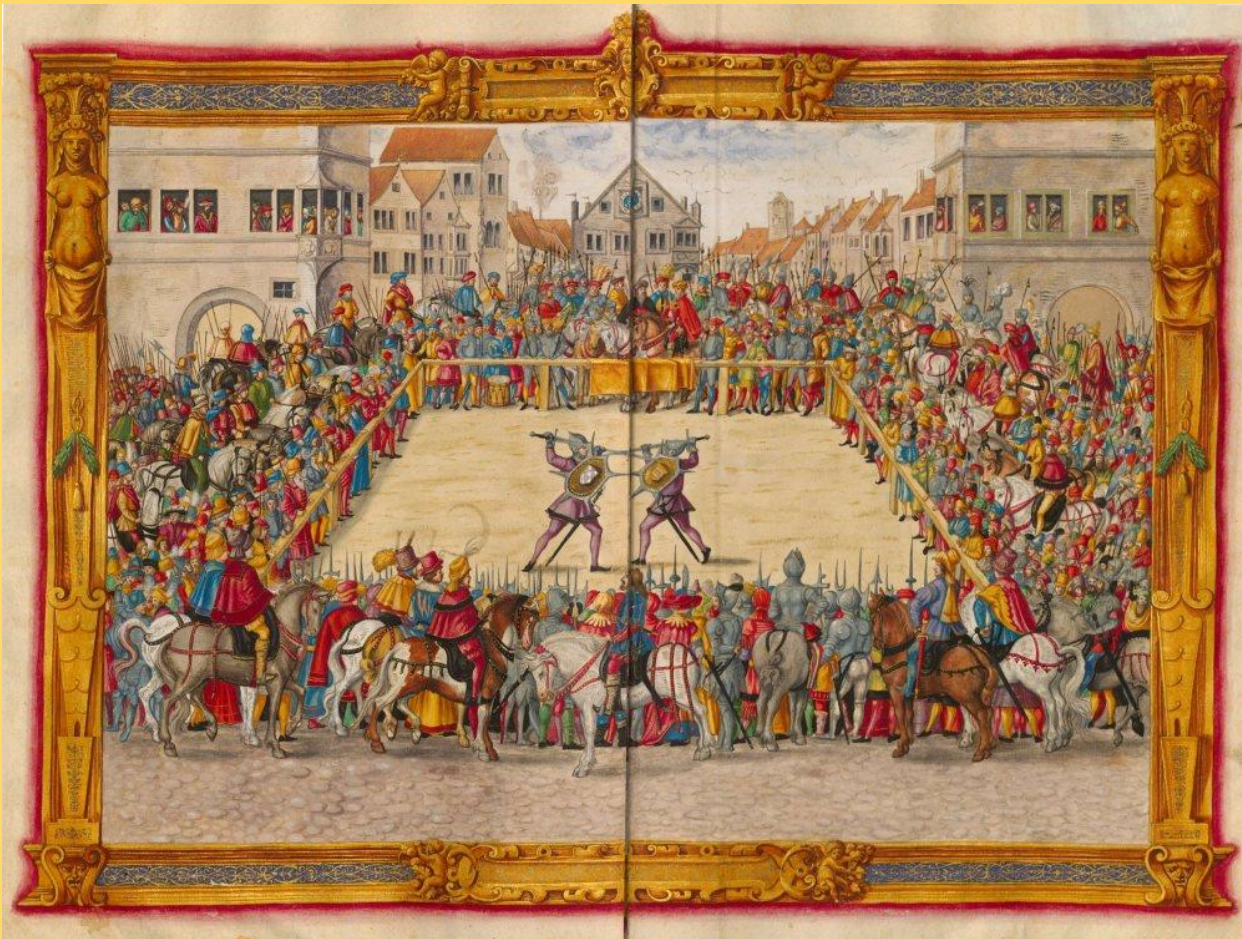


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### **ABOUT THIS EDITION...**

RAVENS, NOW THAT LIFE IN THIS GAME WE LOVE IS RETURNING, THIS EDITION OF THE CRY WILL RE-INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR BARONIAL CHAMPIONS.

## FROM YOUR BARONESS

KEVEĐJA WONDERFUL POPULACE! SINCE THIS ISSUE OF THE RAVEN'S CRY IS ABOUT OUR CHAMPIONS. I WANTED TO SPEAK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT WHAT IT IS TO BE A CHAMPION, AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN OUR CHAMPIONS MOVING FORWARD. FOR RAVEN'S COVE, OUR CHAMPIONS ARE THOSE WHO HAVE COMPETED TO BE THE BEST IN WHATEVER FIELD THEY WERE IN: RAPIER, ARCHERY, HEAVY FIGHTING, ARTS & SCIENCES, THROWN WEAPONS, ETC. AS CHAMPIONS, YOU REPRESENT OUR BARONY AT OUR EVENTS. YOU HAVE PROVEN YOUR CAPABILITY AND NOW IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE REST OF THE KINGDOM YOUR TALENTS AND SKILLS! I WANT TO TRY MY ABSOLUTE BEST TO MAKE IT TO THE EVENTS AT WHICH MY CHAMPIONS WILL REPRESENT OUR BARONY. FOR EXAMPLE, AT WAR OF THE WINGS, THERE HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN EVENTS IN WHICH BARONIAL CHAMPIONS HAVE FOUGHT AND AT THE KINGDOM ARTS AND SCIENCES FESTIVAL THERE IS A BARONIAL CHAMPIONS COMPETITION.

DURING MY TENURE, I ALSO CHARGE MY CHAMPIONS WITH A DUTY. I AM SO VERY HONORED TO BE YOUR BARONESS, BUT I CANNOT BE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE. SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO HELP ME IN MAKING SURE THAT I AM AWARE OF THE FEATS AND GOOD DEEDS OF OUR POPULACE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE CHAMPION.

RIGHT NOW, I AM HONORED TO HAVE MY CURRENT CHAMPIONS:

RAPIER CHAMPION - LADY ALEXANDRIA DE LUCE

ARMORED CHAMPION - LORD TIBERIUS OF YORK

ARTS & SCIENCES CHAMPION - BARONESS OLWEN DE MONTGOMERY

ARCHERY CHAMPION - RAGNULFR

YOURS IN SERVICE,

NEZHKA

## FROM YOUR SENESCHAL

GOOD DAY RAVENS,

WE ARE MOVING FOREWORD AND IT IS EXCITING. AS EVENTS START TO TAKE PLACE AND PRACTICES AND A&S GATHERING COMMENCE, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE FOREFRONT OF YOUR MIND. PLEASE CHECK YOUR GEAR, IT MAY HAVE BEEN SITTING AWHILE. IF YOU FEEL SLIGHTLY SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME. WE ARE OPENING SLOWLY, PLEASE BE PATIENT AND CAUTIOUS AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

FOR THOSE THAT DID NOT ATTEND THE LAST MEETING (WE MISSED YOU), BUT IT WAS DECIDED BY THE POPULACE IN ATTENDANCE THAT WE WILL BE GETTING A STORAGE UNIT FOR THE BARONIAL GEAR. IF YOU HAVE ANY BARONIAL GEAR AND HOME AND HAVE NOT ALREADY TOLD ME, PLEASE SHOOT MYSELF OR BARONESS NEZHKA A MESSAGE.

ALSO DECIDED AT THE MEETING, WE HAVE AGREED TO HOST THE QUEEN'S RAPIER EVENT IN AUGUST. BARON LOCHLAIN IS GOING TO BE AUTOCRATING THIS EVENT AND WE ARE EAGER AND HONORED TO HOST THEIR HIGHNESSES. THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION COMING OUT LATER FROM BARON LOCHLAIN.

LASTLY, PRACTICES ARE SLOWLY HAPPENING. FOR THOSE HOSTING WE STILL NEED TO PREREGISTER AND KEEP A ROSTER OF EVERYONE THAT ATTENDS. AFTER PRACTICE, PLEASE SEND THAT TO ME. I TRULY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COME SHAKE THE DUST OFF AND GET TOGETHER. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA OR WANT TO HOST SOMETHING BUT NEED TO BOUNCE THE IDEA OF SOMEONE, PLEASE REACH OUT.

I AM PROUD OF ALL OF YOU AND HOW WE HAVE COME THROUGH THESE TIMES. I AM LOOKING FOREWORD TO SEEING EVERYONE AGAIN.

IN SERVICE

LADY FREYDIS RODMARSDOTTIR

## FROM THE RAPIER CHAMPION

GREETINGS FUTURE RAPIER CHAMPIONS!

THE DUTY OF A CHAMPION IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, BUT IT IS ALWAYS REWARDING. WITH YOUR SWORD, YOU DEFEND THEIR EXCELLENCIES, AS WELL AS YOUR COMRADES WHEN YOU TAKE TO THE FIELD. FIGHTING IN TOURNAMENTS AS WELL AS WORKING TOGETHER IN A GROUP TO PROTECT AND BRING HONOR TO THE BARONY IS A TASK THAT A CHAMPION GLADLY SHOULDERS.

BESTOWED WITH BARONIAL REGALIA- THE SWORD IN ITS LEATHER SHEATH THAT IS CARRIED AT THE WAIST, AND THE RAVENS CLOAK THAT HANGS ABOUT THE SHOULDERS, THE RAPIER CHAMPION STANDS AS GUARD TO WATCH AND PROTECT, AND CARRIES OUT SUMMONS AS DIRECTED DURING THEIR EXCELLENCIES COURT.

AFTER THE DURATION OF TIME AS THE CURRENT CHAMPION COMES TO A CLOSE, THOSE WHO HOPE TO VIE FOR THIS ESTEEMED TITLE WILL READY THEMSELVES FOR THE FINAL BATTLE IN WHICH THEY WILL FIGHT THEIR FELLOW RAVENS FOR THE HONOR TO REPRESENT THE COVE AS THE NEW CHAMPION OF THE RAPIER!

BEST OF LUCK AND GOOD FORTUNE TO ALL THOSE WHO SEEK THIS MERIT! MAY YOUR BLADE ALWAYS STRIKE KEEN AND TRUE, AND YOUR GOAL BE TO RETAIN THE HONOR AND DIGNITY FOR THE BARONY OF RAVENS COVE!

~LADY ALEXANDRIA

## FROM THE ARMORED CHAMPION

TO MY ARMORED RAVENS:

IF YOU LISTEN FAINTLY YOU CAN HEAR THE DRUMS OF WAR IN THE FAR DISTANCE. THE PLAGUE IS DEFINITELY SUBSIDING AND IT IS TIME TO READY YOURSELVES FOR WAR ONCE AGAIN.

IT MAY HAVE BEEN SOME LONG TIME SINCE YOU HAVE DONNED YOUR ARMOR. THINGS MAY NOT FIT THE SAME AS THEY DID BEFORE. STRAPS MAYBE WORN THIN AND FRAYED. PADDING MIGHT HAVE DRIED OUT AND NOT BE WHAT IT ONCE WAS. YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITIONING MAY NOT BE WHAT IT ONCE WAS. IT'S TIME TO START GOING THROUGH ALL OF YOUR ARMOR. IT'S TIME TO GET BACK INTO THE GYM AND CONDITION YOURSELF UP. IT'S TIME TO GET READY.

TO ALL OF YOU HOPEFULS OUT THERE LOOKING TO TAKE UP THE SWORD WHEN I STEP DOWN, REMEMBER THIS JOB IS NOT FOR PERSONAL GAIN OR GLORY. THIS JOB IS AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO SERVE AND REPRESENT THE BARONY. IT WILL MEAN MORE TO YOU THAN YOU REALIZE. IT WILL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU WELL UP INSIDE WHEN YOU GET TO CARRY THE SWORD.

IF YOU SEEK THIS POSITION, BE READY FOR ANYTHING. HER EXCELLENCY CAN CHOOSE ANY TRIAL THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO PROVE YOU WORTHY. SET YOUR EYES SO WHAT I MENTIONED IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE AND YOU WILL DO FINE.

YIS,

TIBERIUS OF YORK

SQUIRE TO SIR CHRISTIAN THOMAS

HEAVY WEAPONS CHAMPION, RAVENS COVE

# FROM THE ARTS & SCIENCES CHAMPION

## BEING AN ARTS & SCIENCES CHAMPION

AT THE BEHEST OF BARON LOCHLAINN, I AM ATTEMPTING TO PUT INK TO PAPER AND FORM A COHERENT IDEA OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BARONIAL A&S CHAMPION. LET'S START WITH THE BEGINNING AND HOW ONE BECOMES THE BARONIAL A&S CHAMPION. IN RAVEN'S COVE, IT STARTS WITH ENTERING THE ANNUAL COMPETITION AT BARONIAL BIRTHDAY. THE COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS ARE DECIDED UPON BY THE OUTGOING CHAMPION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BARONAGE AND THE AUTOCRAT. THERE MAY BE A THEME TO THE COMPETITION WHICH IS BASED ON THE THEME OF THE EVENT, BUT BECAUSE THE ARTS AND SCIENCES ARE SO DIVERSE, IT IS QUITE OFTEN A "BRING YOUR BEST" STYLE COMPETITION WHERE EACH ENTRANT BRINGS THEIR BEST PIECE IN WHATEVER ART OR SCIENCE THEY ARE MOST COMFORTABLE DOING. IT'S EASY TO SAY THAT THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION BECOMES THE NEXT CHAMPION, HOWEVER, IT'S NOT AS CLEAR CUT TO SAY THAT WHOEVER HAS THE BEST PIECE IS THE WINNER BECAUSE OF THE VERY DIVERSITY OF THE ENTRIES. IT IS UP TO THE OUTGOING CHAMPION, THE BARONAGE, AND WHOMEVER ELSE IS CHOSEN TO JUDGE TO DETERMINE WHO THE BEST REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES IS IN THE BARONY. DURING YOUR TENURE AS CHAMPION, IT IS INCUMBENT ON YOU TO REPRESENT THE BARONY IN AS MANY COMPETITIONS AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY THE BARONIAL CHAMPIONS COMPETITION TYPICALLY HELD AT THE KINGDOM ARTS AND SCIENCES FESTIVAL. COMPETITIONS FOR THE BARONIAL CHAMPIONS ARE OCCASIONALLY HELD BY OTHER BARONIES AND ENTERING THOSE IS ALSO A GOOD THING. ADDITIONALLY, YOU MAY BE ASKED BY THE BARONIAL MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A&S IN THE BARONY, TYPICALLY BY TEACHING A CLASS IN YOUR PREFERRED ART OR SCIENCE, BUT IT COULD ALSO BE BY PARTICIPATING IN A DEMO. AS THE BARONIAL A&S CHAMPION, YOU ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO SPONSOR AT LEAST ONE AS&S COMPETITION. THIS COULD BE THE COMPETITION TO CHOOSE YOUR SUCCESSOR, OR IT COULD BE A DIFFERENT COMPETITION; THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

I HAVE HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF BEING BARONIAL A&S CHAMPION TWICE. IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO GROW IN MY OWN PREFERRED ART, AS WELL AS GROW IN MY ABILITY TO SHOW OFF WHAT I DO TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT IS LESS ABOUT BEING THE BEST AT A PARTICULAR ART OR SCIENCE AND MORE ABOUT BEING THE BEST REPRESENTATIVE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN THE BARONY. IT IS ALSO ABOUT GROWING YOUR SKILLS AND TEACHING YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO OTHERS, BOTH WITHIN THE BARONY AND WITHOUT. I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ENTER INTO THE COMPETITION FOR BARONIAL CHAMPION AT LEAST ONCE.

YR EIDDOCH YN GYWIR,

OLWEN



## FROM THE ARCHERY CHAMPION

HELLO FELLOW RAVENS.

MY NAME IS RAGNULFR AND I AM THE CURRENT ARCHERY CHAMPION. FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT KNOW ME, I AM THE VIKING NORMALLY WORKING BEHIND THE SMOKER SWAPPING SEA STORIES WITH WHOMEVER WANT TO REST AND RELAX...AND EAT. WHEN I AM NOT COOKING, I LIKE SHOOTING ARCHERY AND HAD THE LUCK OF BEATING THE LAST ARCHERY CHAMPION, MY WIFE LADY FREYDIS. FOR THOSE WONDERING I DID NOT HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE COUCH. I LIKE SHOOTING BOWS OF ALMOST EVERY KIND AND HONING MY HUNTING SKILLS. IT IS SOMETHING THAT I ENJOY IN THE SCA AND IN MUNDANE LIFE. I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE YET TO COMPETE FOR THE BARONY, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THAT SOON. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WAR OF THE WINGS THIS YEAR AND COMPETING WITH HER EXCELLENCIES BLESSING. UNTIL THEN JUST FOLLOW THE SMOKE TO RISNAHEIM, MY HALL, AND BRING AN APPETITE AND AN EMPTY GLASS.

## FROM THE GOLDEN RAVEN HERALD

RAVENS:

I HOPE THIS FINDS YOU WELL AND IN GOOD HEALTH. EXCITING TIMES ARE COMING. THE KINGDOM IS REGAINING ITS HEALTH AND STEAM TO MOVE FORWARD OUT OF THE PLAGUE THAT HAS BEFALLEN IN OUR LAND. IT'S TIME TO GET READY, THINGS LOOK LIKE THEY MAY BE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL VERY SOON.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU CONTACT BARON LOCHLAINN AND GET YOUR NAME, BADGE, OR HERALDRY SUBMITTED TODAY.

READY YOURSELVES TODAY, FOR SOON WE WILL SPREAD OUR WINGS AND FLY ONCE AGAIN. I FEEL THE BREEZE PICKING UP.

YIS

LORD TIBERIUS OF YORK

## FROM YOUR KNIGHT MARSHAL

GREETINGS TO ALL,

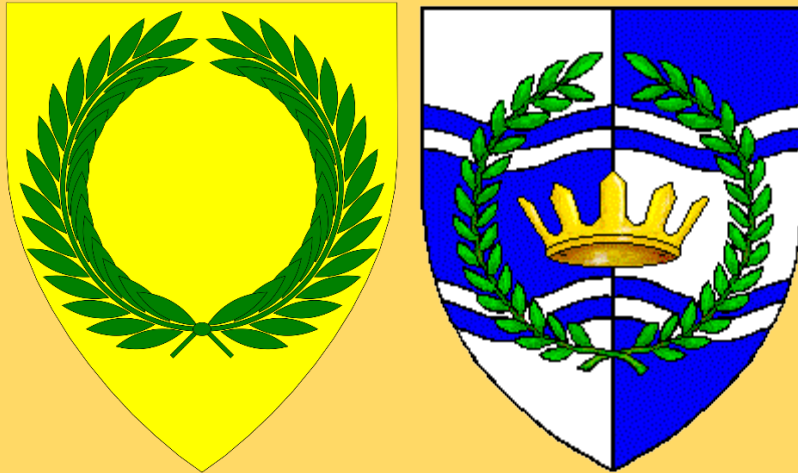
FROM THE DESK OF YOUR KNIGHT MARSHAL

NOW THAT WE CAN HOLD PRACTICES WITH SCA GUIDELINES. I'M HOPING THAT THE WEATHER WILL COMPLY. FOR SAFETY REASONS, MARSHALS SHOULD CAREFULLY CHECK EQUIPMENT AND ARMOR FOR ANY DEFECTS. EVERYONE SHOULD CHECK TO SEE IF THEIR FIGHTER CARD IS VALID OR NOT.

GO TO ATLANTIA MOL AND IF YOU NEED TO RENEW IT IS PRETTY EASY.

YOURS IN SERVICE

JUAN DE ZARAGOZA



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