



THE BARONY OF RAVENS COVE

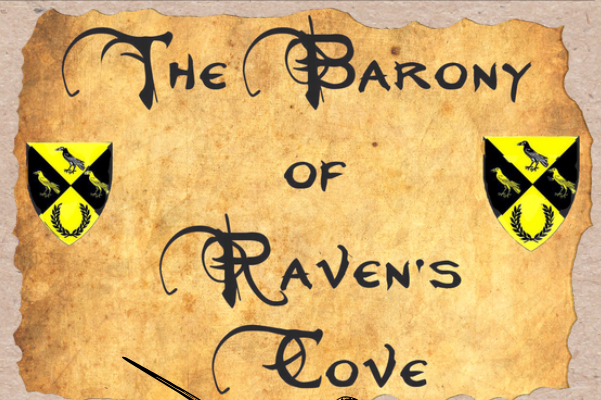
THE RAVEN'S CRY

KINGDOM OF ATLANTIA



GREETINGS RAVENS COVE

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NOTES

FROM YOUR BARONESS

Greetings Wonderful Populace!

I am so grateful to all of you! You made it happen. You keep us together. You band us together as a barony in Atlantia. You bring your thoughts and ideas together and put them forward. I have seen seasoned players, newcomers, and everyone in between offer ideas and insight whether privately, in person, or online. I am overwhelmed. I am thankful. I am grateful.

Raven's Cove has a reputation for strength in everything we do. We give our best to what we have available to us - if we serve we give all, if we craft art we give all, if we fight we give all. Now we need to give all to a new task that combines all of this: building our numbers back. You have done this with an amazing start. You have launched the planning and preparation for the demo with amazing drive! Please keep it going!

But remember that one demo alone is not enough to get our numbers where they need to be. This is community building. We need to be able to sustain our people together. I cannot think of a better group of people capable of this than Raven's Cove.

If I can be of service to you, please let me know. Otherwise, keep doing what you do. Whether you are a newcomer or a long-standing Scadian, or anyone in between, you are a valuable member. You contribute a unique perspective and we value your input.

I am grateful to you, for you. Keep being the wonderful populace we love so much!

Yours in service,

Baroness Nezhka

MESSAGE FROM THE NC REGIONAL SENESCHAL:

Good day to the Populace of Raven's Cove, It is my honor to announce that their Majesties have approved your polling. It is set to begin 11/28/2023 and end 12/15/2023. Please note, the date to ask for a paper polling has passed. Official polling's should be done online via the Electronic System for Polling's (ESP). This can be done with an Atlantian Enterprise Login (AEL). To obtain an AEL you need to register online at a link I will provide. Please take note, this is not an automated system, and all accounts must be approved by the kingdom Web Ministers by hand. There is still time to get an account set at this point, but don't wait long or we cannot guarantee you will be able to participate. For Those that do not reside within the barony, you can make you opinion known by emailing their majesties at trm@atlantia.sca.org. It is up to their majesties to decide if they will consider what is sent with this method and I would encourage well thought out messages with pluses and minuses for candidate. However, that is up to those that choose to write to their Majesties in this way.

If there is anything I can help with please don't hesitate to ask. I can be reached by IM on Facebook or at email at atlantiarsnc@gmail.com.

Yours in Service

Lord Alesander Davidson,
Deputy Kingdom Seneschal,
NC Regional Seneschal

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A&S ARTICLE



Hello my fine feathered friends.

Greetings from Mistress Finnech inghean Labhrainn.

Swamp Wars was a great time. There was a Class taught about how and when conquistadors came to Atlantia. As well as a scroll blank competition and a plunder competition. Both well received. Our virtual classes will be on hold until February due to the Holidays and all the upcoming activities. In December our Neighbors in Urus Bay will be having a **Yule gathering on the 17th** that all are welcome to attend. It is a pot luck. **Also on the 17th Ravens Cove is having a fighters practice at Deppe Park.** I'm hoping to get a A&S circle together at this fighter practice so we can work on our personal projects in a relaxed setting and support our fighters at the same time. **January 6th from 1-4p at the Onslow county public library we will be having a Demo** and I would encourage you to come out to support. There will be fighting, art displays, and hands on learning. If you are interested in helping just let me know. **January 26-27 is Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday and Investiture** which is going to be a amazing opportunity for pomp and circumstance. So put on your best garb and join us in the celebration of our beloved Barony. As you can see we have a busy few weeks in front of us with many opportunities to show off and work on our A&S projects.



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KNIGHT'S MARSHALL MISSIVE

Greetings Raven's Cove,
I have stepped back into the position of Baronial Knight's Marshal. I see some great things on the horizon for us as a Barony. In December we will be starting up Baronial practices again. Please come out and support this endeavor (Armored and Rapier). We have investiture just around the corner, get your kit ready and show full combat support to our new Baronage. I am looking forward to new things and seeing how much we can grow the Baronial Levy.

Baron Lochlainn, Knight's Marshal




A REFLECTION

With our Baronial Polling upon us, and the coronet getting ready to don another head (or two), there is reflection on my own time as baroness of this group. What I miss the most is the giving out of awards, the smiles and joy that those awards generated, as we bestowed them upon deserving gentles. I miss being the face of this group, offering a smile to a newcomer who was nervous about being around new people. I miss the travel, but not the miles to get there if that makes sense.

Seeing friends and cousins was always so wonderful! The pride that Loch and I had while we sat on the baronial thrones is immeasurable. Raven's Cove had a day shade up at so many events, and we welcomed so many under it.





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...A REFLECTION

We always had food to share, and drinks to fill cups, that day shade, if it could talk, would have such great stories to tell. Some of joy, some of pain, as I would sometimes sit and just listen as someone told me of something they were going through, seeking advice on handling it. During my sitting on that throne, I met so many new, interesting people. I may not remember every name, but I remember nearly every single face. It was such a wonderful time of my life and whenever I look back, I smile. Not only on my face, but my heart genuinely smiles. I hope that this joy has been something that our current baroness has experienced and as we move to have another change, I hope that change brings about the same joy for whoever takes the throne. If I had any advice to give, it would be to listen often and speak softly and rarely. Take every consideration when making a decision, be that for an award, or a new policy. Always, ALWAYS put your people first, they are the lifeblood of your group. As I often state in my class to teach new baronage, this is NOT about you and if you think it is, this is not the right job for you to be doing in the SCA. May we thrive in our endeavors as we look to the future!

Vivat Raven's Cove!

-Mistress Edan



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Ravens:

I hope this finds you well and in good health.

Winter is coming, along with a bunch of really great things in our Barony. We have fighter Practices, Demos, and Local events coming up in the next few months. It is a perfect time to figure out how to represent yourself, and the best way is to establish good Heraldry.

What colors suit you? What charges speak to you? Get your ideas together and submit them through your herald. Create your persona. Lock in who you are. Make a good showing of it in your banners, favors, and clothes.

Please make sure that you contact Myself or Baron Lochlainn and get your Name, Badge, or Heraldry submitted today.

YiS

Lord Tiberius of York
Golden Raven,
Ravens Cove.



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Glaðligr Jól! Happy Yule!

It's Christmas time and many of us have traditions that follow down through the years, sometimes we create our own. In our society many of us may be interested in how our persona would have celebrated this season.

As a viking persona, and someone of primarily Norse descent, I have a mixture of things that get passed down through the centuries, and some I looked up. Viking culture predates its introduction to Christianity, and therefore the Christmas or Christ Mass meaning that was brought to the culture in later centuries. There are many traditions, so I am just going to talk about Yule trees and wreaths. Like many Germanic cultures, they celebrated the longest night and had different traditions that may have inspired some of our current traditions, such as decorating a tree. While we may decorate trees for many reasons, the Vikings used to hang wooden figurines to represent the old gods, food and clothing from the evergreens. They hoped that by doing this they could tempt the gods to come back and return spring to the frozen land. They also used branches to hang above their windows and doors as they believed evergreens warded off evil.

This is a belief that is seen through many different cultures and similar to Christmas wreaths. Where the Vikings differ with Yule wreaths is they light them on fire! Yes, bring on the pyromaniacs, light them on fire. The reason for this according to a couple sources is they would light the wreath on fire to symbolize the returning of the sun and the lengthening of the days. While I might not encourage the lighting of the wreath (fire safety is important) I do wish everyone a joyous holiday, merry Christmas and Glaðligr Jól.

- Lady Freydis

UPCOMING SCHEDULE & EVENTS

The next session of the University of Atlantia will take place on February 3-4, 2024.

This session will be entirely ONLINE.

Important planning dates for the session:

- * Track Proposals Due: Dec 4
- * Class Proposals Due: Dec 15
- * Instructor Review: Dec 22
- * Student Registration begins: Jan 1
- * Student Registration closes: Jan 31

We are excited to invite proposals for our ONLINE event - both individual classes and tracks of thematically related classes. Share your knowledge with the kingdom and visitors from throughout the Known World!

Log on to the University of Atlantia website (<http://university.atlantia.sca.org/teach.php>) to:

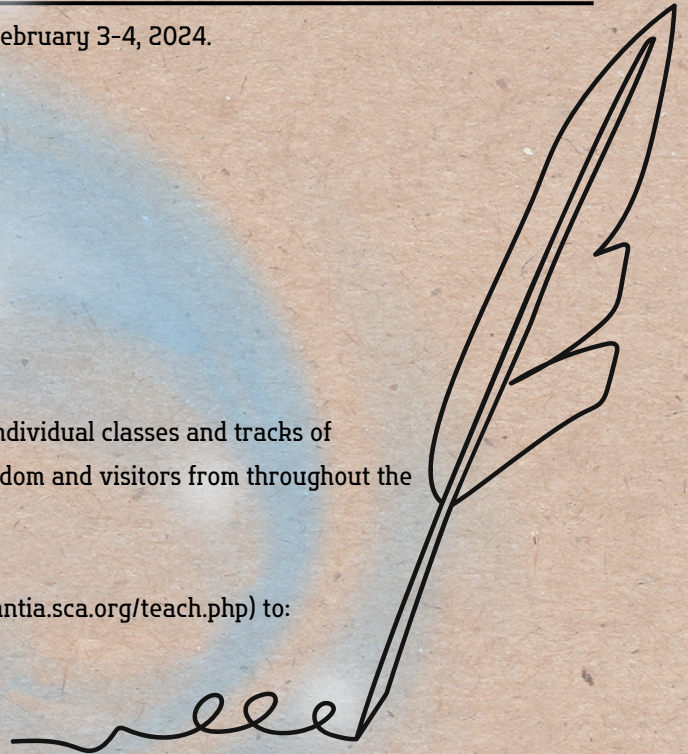
- * Submit a new class or resubmit a class you've taught before
- * Learn more about teaching or organizing a track of classes
- * Just have an idea for a class but don't know where to turn

Class proposal information can be submitted via either the University website or email. To make scheduling classes easier, please only request a specific class time if absolutely necessary.

If you email a class proposal, please include the following information:

- * Instructor name (SCA and modern)
- * Class title
- * Fees (if any)
- * Max number of students (if applicable)
- * Duration of class (1 hour, 2 hours, or more)
- * Class description
- * Additional needs such as a hosted virtual room or online TA

Thank you for supporting the University of Atlantia!





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Winter Online Session 2024

Ad Astra!

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Dun Carraig Baronial Birthday & Investiture
Friday December 8th-Monday December 10th
Nanjemoy, MD

Ursus Bay Yule Revel

Sunday, Dec. 17

3-8 p.m.

Riverside UMC in New Bern

Bring a dish to share

Games, dance, holiday activities

More information to follow!

SCA Demo - Shire of Seareach

Wednesday, December 20th

8 p.m.

Leland Middle School. Belville, NC

Atlantian 12th Night

Yadkinville, NC

Saturday, January 13th

Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday & Investiture

Bennettsville, SC

Friday, January 19th - Monday, January 21st

Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday & Investiture

Richlands, NC

Friday, January 26th & Saturday, January 27th

Holiday Court of Volodymyr the Great

Lothian, MD (Lochmere)

Saturday, January 27th

Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir

Harleyville, SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)

Saturday, January 27th



AWARDS GIVEN

Afternoon Court at Swamp Wars

10/11/2023

Winkle:

Mistress Fennich inghean Labhrainn

Shifra (newcomer)

Lady Alexandria de Luce

Lady Þórhildr Róðmarsdottir

Golden Heart of Raven's Cove:

Sir Bryce de Byram

Mistress Bessenyei Rozsa

Black Compass Rose:

Baroness Gabrielle la Lyonnese

Drakkar's Prow:

Lord Kalf Valfrekr

Black Gull:

Lord Ragnulfr Ornulfson

Order of the Sable Shield:

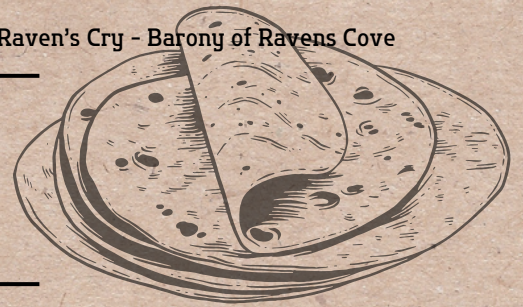
Lord Godfrey of York

Baron's Award of Excellence:

Lord Ian the Ranger



RECIPES



THE CONQUISTADORS AND "THE FIRST THANKSGIVING?"

A brief history of the Conquistadors' culinary journey through the interior of modern day Mexico, part one.

In 1519, Hernán Cortés de Monroy y Pizarro Altamirano and his men landed on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mayan territory.

There he encountered Geronimo de Aguilar. Geronimo de Aguilar learned the Chontal Maya language and was able to translate for Cortés as they moved into the Tabasco region of what is known today as Mexico.

** Geronimo de Aguilar was stranded in the Yucatan from an earlier voyage into the region.*

On their march towards Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital, known today as Mexico City, the Spaniards were introduced to tortillas, "Tlaxcalli" in the Nahuatl language, in the town of Coyoacán, in November of 1519.

Bernal Díaz del Castillo documented a feast hosted by Hernán Cortés in Coyoacán, which included foods served in corn tortillas.

Bernal Diaz's account would mark the first Thanksgiving in the New World as an exchange of foods, culture, and an alliance was formed with the people of Coyoacán.

It is documented that tortillas, turkey, "Huehxoletl," and salsa, "Chilmolli," were introduced to the Spanish at this feast.

A typical corn tortilla of the period would have been made much like the tortillas of today.

A simple tortilla dough: adjusted for modern measurements.

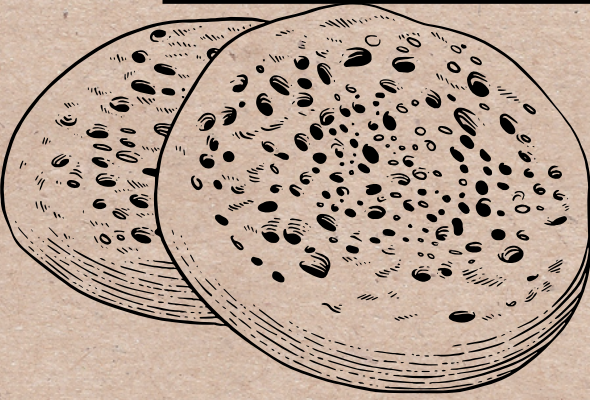
Using modern Masa Harina, the ratio is 1 cup of Masa to 1 "scant cup," approximately 237ml, and this ratio should yield about 10 tortillas of 5 inches in diameter.

In a large bowl, slowly add the water to the Masa and mix slowly by hand, Knead until the water is incorporated without any dry spots in your mixture. The Masa should be moist to the touch but not sticky.

Test the Masa dough by taking a small amount, about the size of a ping-pong ball, about 2 tablespoons, and flatten between your hands, if the edges of the dough cracks, add more water.

Next, take 2 tablespoons of dough, roll into a ball, and press flat between two pieces of parchment paper. You can also use a modern day tortilla press for this step.

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THE CONQUISTADORS... CONTINUED

Cooking the tortillas:

Under medium heat, place a flatten tortilla on a flat surface pan, use non-stick spray if you like, and heat for approximately 20 to 30-seconds, flip for another 20 to 30-seconds, and flip back to the original side for another 20 to 30-seconds.

Your tortillas may "puff up" during the cooking process, this is a sign that you are on the right path with your mixture, time, and temperature. However, if your tortillas did not puff up, no worries, you will still have a good and edible tortilla.

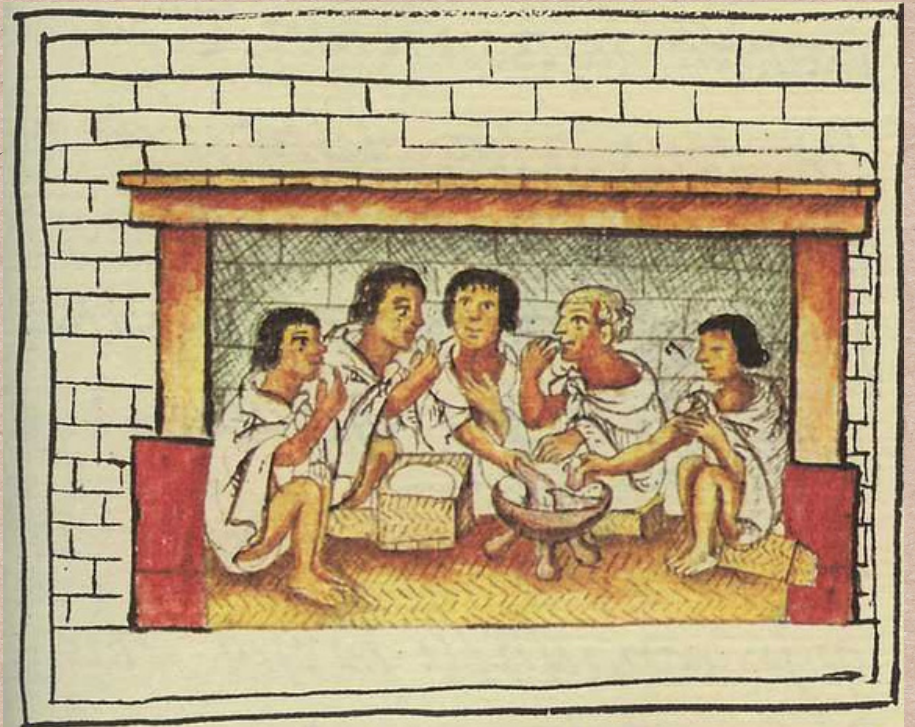
So, take a leap into the past and enjoy making and tasting the foods that the Conquistadors encountered in the new world.

Follow this newsletter for accompanying articles and recipes.

En Servitas,

Sir Christian Thomas of York

Image from The Florentine Codex, a 16th century study in Mesoamerica by the Spanish Franciscan friar Bernardino de Sahagún.



RECIPES

FRYTOUR OF ERBES

The frytour of erbes is a fritter of herbs, fried to a golden brown, which can add a tasty crunch to your Malardis dish.

INGREDIENTS

8 tbs. of chopped or diced mixed green herbs: savory, parsley, marjoram, et cetera

2 cups flour

1 1/2 to 2 cups lukewarm water

1/2 tsp salt

1 Tbsp. yeast

Oil

Honey to garnish

Dissolve the yeast into a bit of the water. Mix together the flour, herbs, and salt. Add the yeast-mixture and enough of the water to the flour-herb mix to create a smooth, thick batter. Cover the batter and let it rise in a warm place until has doubled in size. To cook, drop by the spoon-full into hot oil and fry until light golden brown. Garnish the finished fritters with a drizzle of honey.

