



THE BARONY OF RAVENS COVE

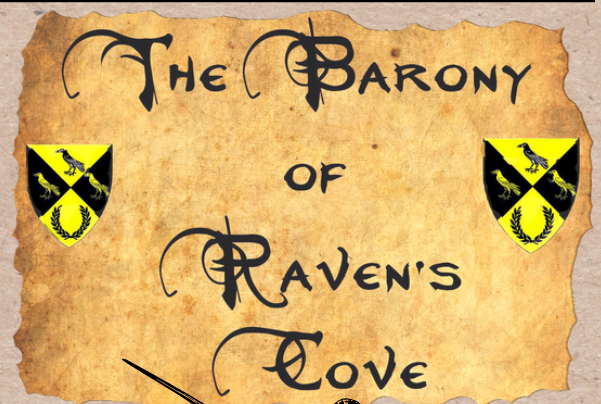
# THE RAVEN'S CRY

KINGDOM OF ATLANTIA



## GREETINGS RAVENS COVE

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# MEETING NOTES

## MESSAGE FROM THE NC REGIONAL SENE SCHAL:

Demo coordinator (Mistress Finnich) gave an update on demo progress. Baron Lochlain will be coordinating fighter demonstrations outside. There will be dancing added to the A&S demonstrations inside. Arrival time for those who want to help set up the event is at the Onslow County Library at noon. We will not be allowed to set up inside until after 1:00.

Lady Freydis provided an update on behalf of Lady Alexandria for Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday. The staff positions for birthday have been filled.

The feastocrat has announced the feast menu and posted it on Facebook. Everyone is encouraged to pre-register for birthday. As of 19 Dec, 11 persons have pre-registered and 6 feast spots have been filled.

**Exchequer Report** - XXXXXXXX in the account. XXXXXXXX in checks still pending to be cashed. Everyone please review the financial policy as we will be discussing it and voting on any changes in the Jan meeting.

**Minister of Arts and Science Report** - Online A&S classes to resume in Feb. More info to come.

**Herald Report** - Reminder to submit all device and name submissions to either the Herald (Lord Tiberius of York), or deputy book herald (Baron Lochlain). We have an event coming up soon. Everyone please submit an award recommendation if you see someone doing something worthy of recognition.

**Chronicler** - Nothing to Report

**Webminister** - If you have something to contribute to the website, this includes schedules, photos, staff info, please do so in the next few weeks (before the next Cry) as I anticipate having the website done in time for the next Cry. Thank you. -Ræidun

**Chatelaine Report** - Unavailable

## New Business

Seneschal opened discussion on the Public Facebook page and Private Facebook Group.

It was concluded that the public page would be used to guide newcomers to the Facebook Group which allows for more people to post information and a more casual coming together online and to the webpage.

Seneschal opened discussion on the Raven's Cove Google Group and if it was still utilized, should be utilized. It was concluded that the Google group was not necessary.

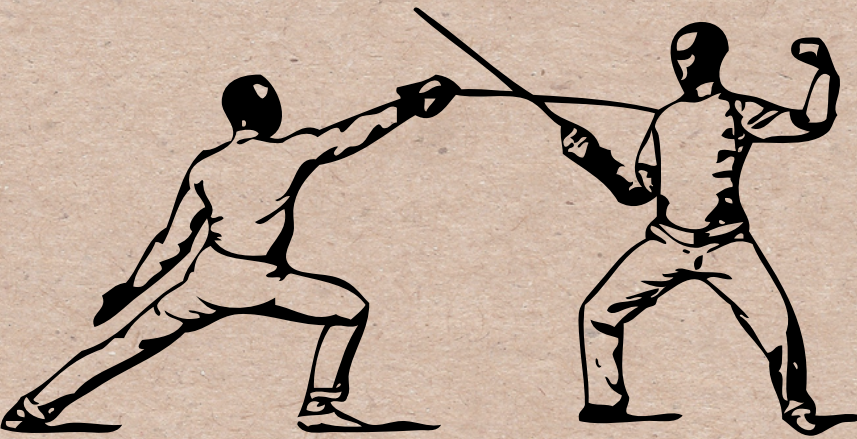
Lady Freydis opened the discussion on doing a demo at the Eastern Carolina Ren Faire on April 13-14. In discussion with the Faire coordinator, was asked how much space Raven's Cove (and groups would need) Decided a 40 x 24 space would be asked for, room for the baronial pavilion, and list field. Discussed wanting to spike and what that would mean.

# ...MEETING NOTES CONTINUED

A vote was called to spike the Demo for April 13-14 and ENC Ren Faire. The vote was unanimous "aye" to spike the event.

Lady Freydis asked for volunteers to assist with A&S and fighting.

Lord Die Fledermaus volunteered to assist with Rapier fighting and to spread the work on the Facebook rapier academy page.



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# MISSIVES & ARTICLES

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## A&S ARTICLE

Hello my fine feathered friends.

**Greetings from Mistress Finnech inghean Labhrainn.**

I hope that everybody had a good holiday. **January 6 will be our demo at the Onslow County library.** It should be a fabulous time with artisans and fighters, showing their skills in their arts to the public. Please come out and join us if you can. **Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday and Investiture will be happening January 27!**

Mistress Helga has put forth a summary of each A&S category as follows:

1. Baronial A&S champion competition. **BRING YOUR BEST!** documentation is required.
2. "Raven's kingdom" open display. Ravens are magical and wise creatures in folklore across the glob. Bring any item related to any time frame including the raven, from poem to clay, from fiber arts to metal work. Documentation is not required, but a short description is preferred.
3. Largess display. Come and help your baronage to recognize its populace. Any largesse is acceptable and will be passed by the end of the event.
4. Performing arts by Lady Elizabeth

So much Fun!



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## ...A&S ARTICLE CONTINUED

February Lady Esme has agree to teach a class for a virtual arts and sciences night. More details will be forthcoming in February's edition of the cry. Until then remember if there's something you'd like to teach just let me know and I'll put you on the roster. Can't wait to see you all in the upcoming events and as always if there's anything I can do for you just let me know.

### OLD LAUREL NEW ARTS

By Mistress Finnech inghean Labhrainn

Many years ago I was honored to be raised to the wreath of the laurels for Diverse Arts. My specialty was cooking, singing, and German Landsknecht culture. But when that happened I was at a loss. Where did I go from that point forward?

I had always had a fascination with weaving. It was magic. You waved a stick over some yarn and it became something beautiful. A few months into being a young shrubbery I was gifted my first loom. I through myself into research. I had no idea there were so many forms of weaving. I finally settled on the one that spoke to me, Baltic weaving.

It is a form of weaving that uses pattern threads that you pick up individually and manipulate to create a pattern that you wish. It is different from pick-up weaving even though it uses the same concept but the colors used and the symbols woven have very specific meanings according to the area they are from.

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## ...OLD LAUREL NEW ARTS CONTINUED

This particular form of weaving is from the Baltic region's. Namely, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and some parts of Russia. This weaving was used for everything from the cords to lower a casket to reindeer reigns and when sewn together create beautiful blankets and pillows. I was fascinated with the history and meanings of this art.

At first it was hard there were many mistakes but each mistake was just a learning experience. My skills grew. With each project I challenged myself to bigger more intricate patterns and still am. I was doing something I always wanted to do but never thought I could.

So as this new year approaches and is rendered onto us, I encourage each of you to try a new art or skill. It doesn't matter if it comes out a little wonky at first. Each mistake is just a stepping stone on the path to learning.



*The bright red one was one of my first attempts. The middle one took me almost 2 years because it was double-sided, and the last was used as a hand tie in my wedding ceremony.*

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Ravens:

I hope this finds you well and in good health.

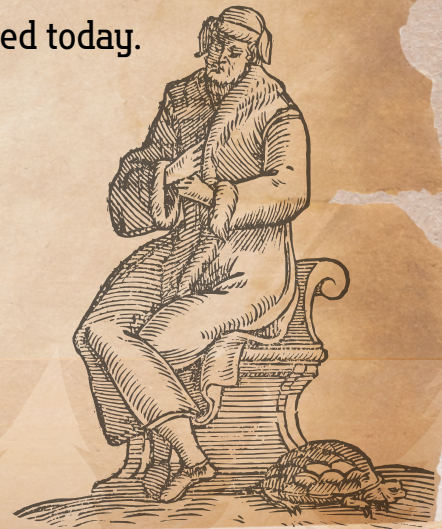
Winter is upon us, along with a bunch of really great things in our Barony. We have fighter Practices, Demos, and Local events coming up in the next few months. It is a perfect time to figure out how to represent yourself, and the best way is to establish good Heraldry.

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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Members of the Barony of Ravens Cove as we come to the end of 2023 -

I would like to let each of you know how much I appreciate you as members of the Barony. While 2023 was a good year for the Barony the last part was the beginning of changes for 2024.

We will bring on a new baronage this new year who will continue the good work of the prior Baronage. That event will be one of the ways we will get to show off a bit. This new year will allow us to continue to fill our ranks with new members. We will continue to show the strength of the Barony in the arts on the list field and in its ability to guide newcomers.

I would like to thank all of the officers in the Barony for the time they have committed this year to keep Raven Cove on course. Without that commitment, this barony could not be.

Again let me thank each of you individually for being part of this Barony. Please be safe this New Year's Eve how ever you choose to celebrate. I look forward to seeing you at events and meetings this coming year.

-Die Fledermaus

Populace of Atlantia

This is your friendly reminder that pre-registration on SCORES for Atlantian Twelfth Night ends on **1/9/2024**. Feast has sold out but Catherine Yvonne King will gladly add you to the wait-list.

<https://www.12thnight.atlantia.sca.org/>

- Siobhan



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## KNIGHTS MARSHAL MISSIVE

Greetings Ravens,

As we approach the new year I look forward to gathering for practices and seeing what we as a Barony will accomplish. We have a demo that requires fighters to be authorized in order to participate in the fighting events.

We have our investiture coming....and we will want to show our prowess to our new Baronage.

There are numerous practices in the areas surrounding the Barony... I would encourage any and all fighters (rapier and armored) to participate in as many as you are able in order to prepare yourself for the coming year.

*-Baron Lochlainn, Knights Marshal*



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## HISTORY OF YULE (WINTER SOLSTICE) CELEBRATIONS



“Yule” comes from Old English *geol*, which shares a history with the equivalent word from Old Norse, *jól*. Both these words referred to a midwinter festival centered around the winter solstice, which traditionally marked the halfway point of the winter season. After the solstice—the shortest day of the year—the days again begin to grow longer, so it’s thought that Yule was a celebration of the re-appearance of the Sun and the fertile land’s rebirth.”

Yule is normally celebrated by cultures as the festival before Christmas, which includes feasts, dancing, and caroling (or wassailing). As Christianity began to spread from central Europe to the rest of the world, those cultures who celebrated Yule began to incorporate Christian traditions into old world ones. Indeed, ancient cultures such as Rome celebrated Saturnalia or the celebration of the Roman god Saturn the week leading up to the winter solstice. “Saturnalia was a hedonistic time, when food and drink were plentiful and the normal Roman social order was turned upside down.

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## ...HISTORY OF YULE (WINTER SOLSTICE) CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED

For a month, enslaved people were given temporary freedom and treated as equals. Business and schools were closed so that everyone could participate in the holiday's festivities. Also around the time of the winter solstice, Romans observed Juvenalia, a feast honoring the children of Rome."

The Norse celebrated Yule for 12 days (December 21st-January) and began the idea of burning the "Yule log" which would be burned for the entire duration of the festival. "The Norse believed that each spark from the fire represented a new piglet or calf that would be born during the coming year."

Other cultures have winter solstice celebrations as well such as the Japanese in a tradition called "Toji," in which bonfires are lit near Mount Fuji to celebrate a new year with good health.

The Iranians celebrate "Shab-e Yalda, (which translates to "Night of Birth"), Iranians all over the world celebrate the triumph of the sun god Mithra over darkness. According to tradition, people gather together to protect each other from evil, burn fires to light their way through the darkness, and perform charitable acts."

The Chinese celebrate Dong Zhi or "winter arrives" in which families celebrate the coming year with celebration. In "southern China [are] is the glutinous rice balls known as tang yuan, often brightly colored and cooked in sweet or savory broth. Northern Chinese enjoy plain or meat-stuffed dumplings, a particularly warming and nourishing food for a midwinter celebration."

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## ...HISTORY OF YULE (WINTER SOLSTICE) CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED

However you plan to spend the holidays remember traditions are not relegated to one culture or place, everyone has their own unique way of celebrating and we encourage the education and inclusion of these cultures when re-envisioning ourselves in SCA culture.

Happy Holidays from the staff at the Barony of the Ravens Cove!

Sincerely,  
Edward Peary  
Deputy Baronial Chronicler

Sources taken from <https://www.history.com/topics/natural-disasters-and-environment/winter-solstice> and <https://www.almanac.com/content/what-yule-log-christmas-traditions>

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## FIRST SCA KNOWNE WORLD CHATELAINE SYMPOSIUM

The first ever SCA Knowne World Chatelaine Symposium took place on December 30, 2023, beginning at 7am Central Time.

The event served as a series of formal seminars, across multiple tracks, which assisted warranted and unwarranted members of SCA in how to recruit, retain, inform, and access segments of the SCA population in order to better excite the membership. As someone who is not a warranted chatelaine, I still found the information invaluable as both a cantonal, baronial, and kingdom-level officer because I wanted to know how to share my experiences in the organization with non-members in order to increase membership.

The website can be found here: [https://sites.google.com/view/kwcs2023/home?fbclid=IwAR0EnM7OKylYqVpW9h6N3KnUeqoFYON3zY-Yaono0AGD7raOuL\\_PyOzMklQ](https://sites.google.com/view/kwcs2023/home?fbclid=IwAR0EnM7OKylYqVpW9h6N3KnUeqoFYON3zY-Yaono0AGD7raOuL_PyOzMklQ) and in the next couple of weeks the website will be updated to include ALL of the recorded sessions from the symposium, so do not worry if you could not attend as all the information will be accessible soon. Even those members who attended could not go to every session, so I will look forward to watching the webinars of the events I could not make.

There also promises to be more symposia in the future that will be announced by the Chroniclers office as more information becomes available. Everyone has a pleasant New Year's, and we look forward to seeing you at events coming soon!

Edward Peary

Deputy Baronial Chronicler




# UPCOMING SCHEDULE & EVENTS

Greetings Barony of Raven's Cove,

Our Barony of Marinus Investiture and annual Day of Love is near!

What is YOUR love language? Is it fighting for your Consort in a chivalric heavy combat fight? Shooting Cupid's love arrows on the archery field? Dueling in the name of love on the rapier field? Sharing poems at a poetry salon? Fellowshiping with new friends and chosen family around the fire? Making and sharing A&S projects? Singing and dancing? How about eating a delectable FEAST prepared by none other than Lord Hugh de Montlucon and his Crew? Whatever your love language, you will have a wonderful weekend at The Barony of Marinus Investiture at Day of Love IV!

Please join us **February 9th-11th, in Spring Grove, VA**. Registration is open on SCORES and more information is on our website.



**Feast Menu for Marinus Investiture at Day of Love IV**  
Prepared by Hugh de Montlucon and an amazing team

**First Course**

- Bread
- Fresh Farmer's Cheese
- Butter
- Pickles

**Meat Course**

- Spit Roasted Pork
- Pepper-Garlic Sauce
- Farro
- Ymbre Day Tarts (Spinach Tarts)
- Stewed Cabbage

**Vegetarian Course**

- Roasted Root Vegetable Stew
- Barley
- Champignons en Paste (Mushroom Pasties)
- Frytour of Erbes (Herb Fritters)
- Salat of Greens

**Final Course**

- Pastes de Poucins (Chicken in Pastry) with Cumin Sauce
- Sawge Yfarcet (Fried Pork Balls in Sage Leaves)
- Roasted Carrots with Ginger

**Dessert Course**

- Pommesmoille (Apple Pudding)
- Payn Ragoun (Candy Loaves)
- Sweet Pastry

\*All sauces and stew will be thickened with rice flour so that those with gluten sensitivities may partake.

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## **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



**University of Atlantia**  
**Winter Online Session 2024**

*Happy New Year!  
Time to learn something new....*

**Student Registration is now open!**

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