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## FROM YOUR SENESCHAL

### TO THE POPULACE OF THE BARONY OF RAVEN'S COVE,

SINCE I AM UNABLE TO TALK ABOUT WOTW I THOUGHT I WOULD TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT SERVICE TO THE BARONY.

WHAT IS IT TO SERVE THE BARONY OF THE RAVENS COVE? AS AN OFFICER IT IS TO DON A MANTLE WOVEN OF RESPONSIBILITY, FELLOWSHIP, HISTORY AND FUN. AS A RAVEN IT IS FELLOWSHIP, STEWARDSHIP OF THE IDEAS AND VALUES OF RAVENS COVE AND THE SCA, ENSURING THAT OUR SHARED VISION OF WHERE WE ARE TODAY AND WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN THE FUTURE IS CONTINUED.

AS AN OFFICER, WHETHER AS A SENESCHAL, EXCHEQUER, MARSHAL OR ANY OTHER ROLE, YOU ARE ASKED TO HELP WITH THE SMOOTH FUNCTION AND CONTINUITY OF OUR BARONY'S LIFE AND ACTIVITIES. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES CAN BE MULTIFACETED: YOU MAY ADMINISTER AND ORGANIZE BUT ALSO INSPIRE AND NURTURE. YOU MAY BALANCE THE NEEDS OF NEWCOMERS EAGER TO LEARN WITH EXPERIENCED MEMBERS SEEKING DEEPER ENGAGEMENT. WE ALL HELP PROVIDE A STABLE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH ALL MEMBERS CAN ADD THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS AND MAYBE CONTRIBUTE TO THE OCCASIONAL SHENANIGANS

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR BARONY OR A MEMBER LOOKING FOR THAT NEXT WAY TO SUPPORT THE BARONY THINK ABOUT SERVING IN AN OFFICE OR START AS A DEPUTY TO HELP SUPPORT THE CURRENT OFFICER. KNOW THAT WHILE SOME DUTIES CAN BE WEIGHTY, THE REWARDS CAN BE IMMENSE. YOU SERVE NOT JUST THE BARONY BUT THE IDEALS AND VALUES OF THE SCA. IF NOT AN OFFICER THEN HELP YOUR FELLOWS BE THE KEEPERS OF THE BARONY'S LEGACY AND A GUIDE TO THE FUTURE, A STEWARD OF RECORDS, TRADITIONS, AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

IVAN MEZEY (MAUS)

RAVENS COVE SENESCHAL



## FROM YOUR MISTRESS OF ARTS & SCIENCES

HELLO MY FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS WE HAVE SOME AMAZING EVENTS COMING UP THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER - 2024

11-01 - 11-03 : FALL CROWN TOURNAMENT: CENTREVILLE MD (SPIAGGIA LEVANTINA) (Q K )

11-08 - 11-10 : GRIT WAR 2024: A HOUSE DIVIDED - SAVORY VS. SWEET : APEX NC (URSUS BAY) (K )

11-08 - 11-10 : HIGHLAND HAVOC : IJAMSVILLE MD (HIGHLAND FOORDE) (Q )

11-15 - 11-17 : FEAST OF THE NARWHAL : TRENTON SC (CYDLLAN DOWNS)

11-15 - 11-17 : HOBBITON: A BUCKSTON BIRTHDAY : APEX NC (BUCKSTON-ON-ENO)

11-16 - 11-16 : HOLIDAY FAIRE : FREDERICKSBURG VA (STIERBACH)

11-23 - 11-23 : WILD HUNT : VIENNA VA (PONTE ALTO)

OVER THE HOLIDAYS THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON BUT LOCAL A&S WILL BE NOV23 12-4P ARTS AND ARMOR DAY AT HORNS TO HALOS ALSO IN SUPPORT OF OUR SISTER SHIRE TO THE NORTH I THOUGHT I WOULD SHARE A TIMELINE THAT WAS RESEARCHED AND DOCUMENTED BY OUR VERY OWN RAVEN SIR CHRISTIAN THOMAS OF YORK A FEW YEARS BACK FOR LA CENA DE MOCTEZUMA II Y HERNÁN CORTÉS DE MONROY Y PIZARRO ALTAMIRANO FEAST.ITS FULL OF NEW WORLD FOOD FACTS AND HISTORY. URUS BAYS UPCOMING EVENT IS GRIT WARS AND IT FOCUSES ON MESOAMERICAN THEMES AND SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF FUN.

REFERENCE RESEARCH BY SIR CHRISTIAN THOMAS OF YORK FOR LA CENA DE MOCTEZUMA II Y HERNÁN CORTÉS DE MONROY Y PIZARRO ALTAMIRANO FEAST

"1493: THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF HORSES, DOGS, PIGS, COWS, SHEEP, AND GOATS ARRIVED WITH COLUMBUS' SECOND VOYAGE." IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT PIGS IN THE NEW WORLD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE SPANISH TRAVELLED INTO THE YUCATAN AND THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO.

"1502: IN JULY, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ARRIVED AT GUANAJA, ONE OF THE BAY ISLANDS OFF THE COAST OF HONDURAS. HE SENT HIS BROTHER BARTHOLOMEW TO SCOUT THE ISLAND. BARTHOLOMEW COLUMBUS SEIZED AND BOARDED A LARGE CANOE. HE FOUND IT WAS A MAYA TRADING CANOE FROM YUCATÁN." THIS MEETING MARKS THE FIRST SPANISH ENCOUNTER WITH THE MAYA.

"1517: IN MARCH, THE SPANISH HAD THEIR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE YUCATÁN NATIVES ON THE CAPE CATOCHE, ON AN EXPEDITION LED BY FRANCISCO HERNÁNDEZ DE CÓRDOBA." IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MEETING HAPPENED NORTH OF TODAY'S COZUMEL ISLAND.

"1518: IN APRIL, BERNAL DÍAZ DEL CASTILLO RETURNED TO THE COAST OF YUCATÁN, IN AN EXPEDITION LED BY JUAN DE GRIJALVA, WITH THE INTENT OF EXPLORING THE LANDS. PEDRO DE ALVARADO CAPTAINED ONE OF THE SHIPS. THE SMALL FLEET WAS STOCKED WITH CROSSBOWS, MUSKETS, BARTER GOODS, SALTED PORK AND CASSAVA BREAD." THIS INDICATES THAT THE SPANIARDS BROUGHT PORK PRODUCTS INTO THE YUCATAN AND CASSAVA BREAD IS A FORM OF BREAD MADE FROM THE YUCCA ROOT. THE SPANIARDS ENCOUNTERED CASSAVA BREAD WHEN THEY MET THE TAINO INDIANS OF THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS. CASSAVA BREAD CAN BE DRIED BY THE SUN INTO WHAT WE COULD CALL TODAY A CRACKER. I USED THIS A FOUNDATION TO PRESENT A "FLOUR" TORTILLA FOR THE FEAST.

"IN MAY, GRIJALVA DISCOVERED COZUMEL AND LATER ARRIVED AT THE TABASCO REGION OF MEXICO." IT IS MENTIONED IN SOME OF THE SPANISH LETTERS THAT THEY DID BRING LIVESTOCK WITH THEM ALONG WITH EUROPEAN FOOD SUPPLIES.

"1519: HERNÁN CORTÉS DE MONROY Y PIZARRO ALTAMIRANO, ACCOMPANIED BY APPROXIMATELY 11 SHIPS, 500 MEN, AND 13 HORSES, LANDED ON THE YUCATAN PENINSULA IN MAYAN TERRITORY. THERE HE ENCOUNTERED GERONIMO DE AGUILAR, AGUILAR LEARNED THE CHONTAL MAYA LANGUAGE AND WAS ABLE TO TRANSLATE FOR CORTÉS. THEY MOVED INTO THE TABASCO REGION AND SETTLED IN VERACRUZ." GERONIMO DE AGUILAR WAS STRANDED IN THE YUCATAN FROM AN EARLIER VOYAGE. ON THEIR MARCH TOWARDS TENOCHTITLAN, THE SPANIARDS WERE INTRODUCED TO TORTILLAS AS THEY CLIMBED THE MOUNTAINOUS REGION TO REACH THE AZTEC CAPITAL. IT IS DOCUMENTED THAT MOCTEZUMA II WAS ALREADY AWARE OF THEIR LANDING LONG BEFORE THEY ARRIVED. I USED THIS INFORMATION TO INTRODUCE THE CORN TORTILLA FOR THE FEAST. TORTILLAS WERE ORIGINALLY CALLED "TLAXCALLI" BY THE NAHUATL NATIVES.

"BERNAL DÍAZ DEL CASTILLO DOCUMENTED A FEAST ENJOYED BY EUROPEANS 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. IT IS DOCUMENTED THAT TURKEY AND "SALSA" WAS INTRODUCED TO THE SPANISH AT THIS FEAST.

“IN NOVEMBER, THE CONQUISTADORS ENTERED THE AZTEC CAPITAL TENOCHTITLAN, TODAY’S MEXICO CITY. THEY FOUND THE AZTEC EMPEROR, MOCTEZUMA II, FOND OF A DRINK CONCOCTED FROM VANILLA AND CHOCOLATE AND SWEETENED WITH HONEY.” BERNAL DIAZ DEL CASTILLO COMMENTS ON HOW THE RULER OF TENOCHTITLAN MOCTEZUMA II WAS SERVED FOOD:

“HIS COOKS HAD MORE THAN THIRTY STYLES OF DISHES MADE ACCORDING TO THEIR FASHION AND USAGE, AND THEY PUT THEM ON SMALL LOW CLAY BRAZIERES SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT GET COLD ... IF IT WAS COLD THEY MADE HIM A FIRE OF GLOWING COALS MADE FROM THE BARK OF CERTAIN TREES ... THE ODOR OF THE BARK ... WAS MOST FRAGRANT ... THEY PUT THE TABLECLOTHS OF WHITE FABRIC ... THEY SERVED HIM ON CHOLULA POTTERY, SOME RED AND SOME BLACK ... AND FROM TIME TO TIME THEY BROUGHT HIM SOME CUPS OF FINE GOLD, WITH A CERTAIN DRINK MADE OF CACAO.”

BERNARDINO DE SAHAGUN PROVIDES A LIST OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF TLAQUETZALLI, A CHOCOLATE DRINK SERVED TO AZTEC LORDS: THE RULER WAS SERVED HIS CHOCOLATE, WITH WHICH HE FINISHED HIS REPAST] – GREEN, MADE OF TENDER CACAO; HONEYED CHOCOLATE MADE WITH GROUND-UP DRIED FLOWERS – WITH GREEN VANILLA PODS; BRIGHT RED CHOCOLATE; ORANGE-COLORED CHOCOLATE; ROSE-COLORED CHOCOLATE; BLACK CHOCOLATE; WHITE CHOCOLATE.”

“THE CONQUISTADORS WERE FURTHER IMPRESSED BY THE VARIETY OF FOODS ENRICHING AZTEC DIETS WITH CROPS SUCH AS MAIZE, BEAN, PUMPKIN, CHILIES, AVOCADO, GUAVA, PAPAYA, TOMATO, COCOA, HENEQUEN, MAGUEY, SQUASH, ONION, POTATOES, PEANUTS, CASHEWS, LIMES, AND CASSAVA.”

“1520’S: SPANISH COLONIZERS INTRODUCED ASIAN RICE TO MEXICO AT VERACRUZ.” AT THIS POINT VERACRUZ WAS ALREADY A STRONGHOLD FOR THE SPANISH WHILE HERNAN CORTES WAS STILL IN TENOCHTITLAN. I WAS ABLE TO USE THIS TO INTRODUCE “YELLOW RICE” OR SAFFRON RICE FOR THE FEAST.

“1524: IN OCTOBER, CORTÉS LEFT TENOCHTITLAN AND LED AN EXPEDITION TO HONDURAS OVER LAND. THE CONQUISTADORS HAD 140 SPANISH SOLDIERS, 93 OF THEM MOUNTED, 3,000 MEXICAN WARRIORS, 150 HORSES, A HERD OF PIGS, ARTILLERY, MUNITIONS AND OTHER SUPPLIES.” THIS ACCOUNT INDICATES THAT IN JUST A FEW YEARS THE PIG BECAME AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE SPANISH DIET BECAUSE PIGS BREED AT A HIGHER RATE THAN OTHER LARGER MAMMALS. FATHER BERNARDINO DE SAHAGUN, WROTE OF SALSA 1529, AZTEC LORDS COMBINED TOMATOES WITH CHILE PEPPERS AND GROUND SQUASH SEEDS AND CONSUMED THEM MAINLY AS A CONDIMENT SERVED ON TURKEY, VENISON, LOBSTER, AND FISH.



## FROM YOUR GOLDEN RAVEN HERALD

RAVENS:

I HOPE THIS FINDS YOU WELL AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

MANY OF US HEADED THE CALL OF WAR AND ARE FRESHLY BACK FROM WAR OF THE WINGS. WHAT A GREAT WAR IT WAS! SO MANY GREAT ARTS AND SCIENCE CLASSES WERE HELD AND ATTENDED. MUCH GLORY WAS EARNED ON THE BATTLEFIELDS. FRIENDSHIPS WERE FORGED, ALLIANCES WERE KINDLED, AND ALL THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE DREAM AND THIS GAME WE PLAY WERE FOUND TO BE ALIVE AND WELL. WE EVEN GOT TO SEE THE BARONY'S WAR STANDARD UNFURLED AND PROUDLY DISPLAYED WITH A NEW BEAD ADDED TO APPEASE OUR TIME HONORED TRADITION.

WHILE AT WAR I SAW A LOT OF GREAT HERALDRY ON DISPLAY. I WAS INSPIRED BY ALL OF THE WORK THAT WENT INTO SO MANY FLAGS, TUNICS FAVORS AND SHIELDS. WE'RE YOU INSPIRED? LOOKING TO GET YOUR NAME OR HERALDRY MOVING FORWARD AND REGISTERED? I WOULD ASK:

WHAT COLORS SUIT YOU? WHAT CHARGES SPEAK TO YOU? WHAT REPRESENTS YOU, AND WHO YOU WANT TO BE? 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.





## FROM YOUR KNIGHT'S MARSHAL

GREETINGS ALL RAVEN'S AND FRIENDS.

THIS MONTH I HAVE TWO PRACTICES SCHEDULED IN RICHLANDS AT THE HORNS TO HALOS. IT WILL BE ON SAT NOV 2 AND AGAIN SAT NOV 23 FROM 2-4. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME. ARTISANS I WILL HAVE A TABLE SET UP FOR YOU, SO IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US PLEASE DO. IF YOU ARE A HEAVY MARSHAL AND PLAN TO ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT ME.

IF ANYONE WANTS TO HOST A MARTIAL PRACTICE OF ANY TYPE PLEASE LET ME KNOW, I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE IT AS LONG AS THERE IS A MARSHAL PRESENT. IF THERE IS AN IMPROMPTU ONE, LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS YOU CAN AFTERWARDS, AGAIN MARSHAL MUST BE PRESENT. THANK YOU ALL.

IN SERVICE

LADY FREYDIS RODMARSDOTTIR

RAVEN'S COVE KNIGHT MARSHAL (INTERIM)



### FROM MISTRESS EDAN LOWERY

HELLO, ALL!

IN HONOR OF OUR UPCOMING BARONIAL BIRTHDAY, HERE IS SOME INFORMATION ON THE YULE SEASON IN THE TUDOR COURT. HOW MANY OF THE TRADITIONS YOU SEE HERE, ARE STILL CELEBRATED TODAY? AMAZING HOW TRADITIONS CAN SPAN CENTURIES, KEPT ALIVE BECAUSE OF THE JOY THEY BRING! IF YOU WERE A COURTIER IN THIS ERA, WHAT WOULD YOU LOOK FORWARD TO, THE MOST?

THE TUDOR COURT CELEBRATED THE YULE SEASON WITH A VARIETY OF FESTIVITIES, INCLUDING:

- **CHRISTMAS:** A TIME FOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES, FEASTING, AND REVELRY:
  - **CHRISTMAS EVE:** A TIME FOR FASTING, AND A LARGE YULE LOG WAS LIT TO WARD OFF MISFORTUNE AND DISEASE
  - **CHRISTMAS DAY:** A DAY FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES, INCLUDING MASS AND MATINS, FOLLOWED BY A FEAST
  - **BOAR'S HEAD:** A ROYAL DISH, OFTEN SOAKED IN RED WINE AND SPICES, AND PRESENTED WITH GOLD LEAF ON THE TUSKS AND ORANGE IN ITS MOUTH
- **NEW YEAR'S DAY:** A DAY FOR GIFT GIVING, WITH THE MONARCH RECEIVING GIFTS FROM COURTIER'S AND SERVANTS
- **HOSPITALITY:** A TIME WHEN THE RICH SERVED FOOD AND HELD ENTERTAINMENTS FOR THEIR GUESTS
- **TABLE MANNERS:** COURTIER'S FOLLOWED STRICT TABLE MANNERS

- **KISSING BOUGH:** A TRADITION WHERE VISITORS WERE GREETED AND KISSED UNDER THE MISTLETOE, WITH EACH KISS REQUIRING A BERRY TO BE PLUCKED FROM THE BOUGH
- **WORK STOPPAGE:** A TIME FOR REST, WITH ALL WORK ON THE LAND STOPPING EXCEPT FOR LOOKING AFTER THE ANIMALS
- **PAGEANTS:** A FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT
- **CAROLS:** A FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT
- **DANCING:** A FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT
- **SINGING:** A FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT

UNTIL NEXT TIME!

MISTRESS EDAN LOWERY



## MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

THERE WAS NO OCTOBER MEETING DUE TO WAR OF THE WINGS.