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FROM THE NEW BARON AND BARONESS

GREETINGS TO ALL RAVENS AND FRIENDS.

WE ARE BARON RAGNULFR "BOARSMOKER" ORNOLFSON AND BARONESS FREYDIS RODMARSDOTTIR. WE ARE HONORED AND THRILLED TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS YOUR NEW BARONAGE. THE NEW YEAR IS HERE AND WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE OUR BARONIAL BIRTHDAY AND SEE EVERYONE THAT COMES NEAR AND FAR. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE THAT CAN, TO GO AHEAD AND PRE-REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.

LOOKING BEYOND BIRTHDAY, WE WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO GO OVER SOME OF OUR GOALS, SOME MIGHT SAY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

1. HAVE FUN. WE WANT TO HAVE FUN WITH Y'ALL. (FREYDIS IS INCAPABLE OF SAYING YOU ALL.) WHETHER IT IS AT LOCAL PRACTICES AND SOCIALS, OR KINGDOM EVENTS WE WANT TO HAVE FUN, LAUGHTER AND SHENANIGANS. WHAT BRINGS US BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN AS A GROUP IS OUR PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO DO AND SHARE WHAT THEY LOVE ABOUT THE SCA. FOR RAGNULFR, ONE THING HE LOVES TO DO IS THROWN WEAPONS, AND ONE FOR FREYDIS, SHE LOVES ORGANIZING HOSPITALITY. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU LOVE AND WE WANT TO TRY AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

2. THE OTHER THING WE WANT DO, IS SHARE OUR LOVE OF THE SCA WITH NEW PEOPLE AND BUILD OUR GROUP. IT IS SAID MANY TIMES THAT NEW COMERS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE SOCIETY, AND IT'S VERY TRUE. WORKING WITH OUR CHATELAIN, LADY SHIPHRAH, WE WANT TO DO MORE DEMOS AND NEW COMER EVENTS. OUR FIRST ONE FOR THE YEAR IS IN APRIL SO HEADS UP, ENC REN FAIRE IS COMING.

3. OUR THIRD GOAL IS TO CELEBRATE OUR RAVENS! WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL OF OUR RAVENS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THIER WORKS, THE ART, THE SERVICE AND THE FIGHTING. FOR ALL THE THINGS THAT WE DO AND EXCEL AT, POUR OUR HEARTS INTO. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE RECOGNITION AND HONOR IS GIVEN FOR THESE ACTS AT OUR LEVEL AND AT THE KINGDOM LEVEL.

WE CANNOT DO THIS ON OUR OWN, NONE OF IT. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL BARONY FULL OF TALENTED, DEDICATED AND LOVELY PEOPLE. WE TRUST THAT TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ALL THIS AND SO MUCH MORE AND WE ARE LOOKING FOREWORD TO IT. WE WILL SEE EVERYONE SOON. UNTIL THEN, HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.

IN SERVICE

BARON RAGNULFR AND BARONESS FREYDIS.



FROM THE KINGDOM SENESCHAL

UNTO THE POPULACE OF THE BARONY OF RAVEN'S COVE, GREETINGS FROM MAISTIR CIAN, KINGDOM SENESCHAL.

I YEAR AGO, I HAD TO MAKE A HARD DECISION REGARDING THE BARONY. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THEIR MAJESTIES RAGNAR AND MARY ISABEL, I HAD TO PUT THE BARONY IN ABEYANCE. IT WAS NOT A TASK I ENJOYED, AND IN FACT IT HURT ME VERY DEEPLY BECAUSE OF THE HIGH REGARD THAT I HOLD FOR RAVEN'S COVE. BUT IT WAS A TASK THAT I HAD TO DO IN MY ROLE AS KINGDOM SENESCHAL.

I MET WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE BARONY IN PERSON AT THAT TIME, AND EXPLAINED WHAT THIS MEANT, WHY IT WAS DONE, AND MUCH OF WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO COME OUT OF IT. I SAW THE HURT AND ANGER IN THEIR EYES, FOLLOWED BY A LOOK OF RESOLVE, A LOOK THAT TOLD ME RIGHT AWAY THAT THE BARONY WOULD COME OUT OF ABEYANCE STRONGER AND BETTER THAN BEFORE. I NEVER HAD ANY DOUBT THAT YOU WOULD PULL OUT OF THIS, AND YOU HAVE PROVEN ME RIGHT.

I HAVE WATCHED THE PEOPLE OF THE BARONY WORK TOGETHER TO GET THINGS ACCOMPLISHED. I HAVE SEEN THE PASSION IN YOUR EYES AS YOU TALKED ABOUT WHAT YOU NEEDED TO DO. I HAVE FELT THE RAW EMOTION OF A PEOPLE UPSET AT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT NOT WILLING TO LET THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUE ANY LONGER THAN THEY HAD TO.

SOON, AT RAVEN'S COVE BARONIAL BIRTHDAY AND INVESTITURE, I WILL BRING THE BARONY OUT OF ABEYANCE OFFICIALLY, AND THEIR MAJESTIES WILL INVEST THE NEW BARON AND BARONESS OF RAVEN'S COVE, THUS COMING FULL CIRCLE FROM A YEAR AGO.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO SIT BACK AND RELAX, HOWEVER. THE BARONY IS STILL SMALL AND NEEDS TO WORK TOWARD GROWING THE MEMBERSHIP AND GETTING THE WORD OUT TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUR AREA THAT YOU ARE HERE AND WOULD WELCOME THEM TO COME JOIN US. YOU HAVE GOOD MOMENTUM HERE, LET'S KEEP IT GOING.

YOU HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE LAST YEAR. I AM SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND I AM PROUD OF THE BARONY OF RAVEN'S COVE. THIS BARONY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SECOND HOME TO ME AND MY LADY.

IF THERE'S EVER ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR THE BARONY OR THE MEMBERS OF THE POPULACE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO ME. I AM ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU.

WITH MUCH JOY AND PRIDE, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT YOU DO IN THE FUTURE.

-MAISTIR CIAN

KINGDOM SENESCHAL

KINGDOM OF ATLANTIA.



FROM YOUR SENESCHAL

THE DAYS ARE STARTING TO GET LONGER AND THAT BRIGHT LIGHT SHINES ON OUR NEW BARONESS AND BARON. THEY WILL HELP TO BE A BEACON TO LEAD US FORWARD AND OUT OF THE DARK. WE OF COURSE WILL ALL HELP TO SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR GOOD WORKS AS THEY WILL HELP US IN OURS.

AS THE SUN CASTS ITS RAYS LONGER EACH DAY WE COME OUT OF SOME FESTIVITIES AND INTO THE LAST CELEBRATIONS OF HOLIDAY REVELRY. ONE OF THOSE IS OUR OWN BARONIAL BIRTHDAY & INVESTITURE – A YULETIDE CELEBRATION. I AM PERSONALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS EVENT. WITH SO MUCH GOING ON AND THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE OF INVESTITURE OF NEW BARONAGE. MAKE SURE YOU ALL JOIN ME AT THIS EVENT SO WE CAN CELEBRATE THE BARONY.

BUSINESS TIME, WITH THE BARONIAL BIRTHDAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH AT THE LAST MEETING WE DISCUSSED HAVING OUR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 23, 2025 AT 7:PM HYBRID AT THE LIBRARY ON DORIS STREET IN JACKSONVILLE. STILL HAVE THE TWO POSITIONS OPEN AND I HOPE WE WILL FILL THEM THIS MONTH.

INSPIRED BY THE SUN
BY DR. GABRIELLA KOROSI

EVERLASTING LIGHT,
YOU ARE SUCH A DELIGHT,
BEAUTIFUL HAPPY ANGELS,
THE SUN IS SHINING SO BEAUTIFULLY.
FLYING IN THE FOREVER LAND,
THE SHINING LIGHT MAY NEVER LAND.
THEN THE BEAUTY OF THE SKY SHINES TODAY,
RAYS COME LIKE LIGHTNING,
CHASING ANGELS.

WATCHING YOU TONIGHT
BEAUTIFUL SUN YOU BRING ME
BRIGHT SIGHT.
NATURE SURROUNDS ME,
IN YOUR LOVELY LIGHT.
I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FOREVER SIGHT.
EVEN THE SKY SHINES
AS THE ANGELS RUN UP AND DOWN.
THE MAIN DAY IS SO WONDERFUL
START IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE..

IVAN MEZEY (MAUS)

RAVENS COVE SENESCHAL



FROM YOUR MISTRESS OF ARTS & SCIENCES

ATLANTIA KINGDOM A&S CHAMPION FOR WINTER REIGN AND GULF WARS A&S COMPETITION INFO

ATLANTIA'S CHAMPIONS ARE SELECTED BY EACH CROWN WITH THE METHODS OF THEIR CHOOSING. THE ATLANTIA KINGDOM A&S CHAMPION FOR THE WINTER REIGN IS EXPECTED TO EITHER COMPETE AT GULF WARS OR HELP THE CROWN FIND A PROXY. (SEE OAK ARTICLE WITH DETAILS HERE: [HTTPS://OAK.ATLANTIA.SCA.ORG/CHANGES-IN-ATLANTIA-LAW-AFFECTING-THE-AS-COMMUNITY/](https://oak.atlantia.sca.org/changes-in-atlantia-law-affecting-the-as-community/))

SINCE THE GULF WARS A&S COMPETITION IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE ROLE OF KINGDOM A&S CHAMPION FOR THE WINTER REIGN, EXPECTATIONS FOR THE GULF WARS A&S COMPETITION SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ATLANTIA KINGDOM A&S CHAMPION COMPETITION FOR THE WINTER REIGN.

FOR GULF WARS 2025, NEW RULES AND PROCEDURES ARE CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT. UPDATES ARE EXPECTED SOON FROM THE GULF WARS A&S COMPETITIONS COORDINATOR, MISTRESS THORKATLA HERJOLFSDDOTTIR. CURRENT STATUS CAN BE SEEN ON THE GULF WARS A&S WEBSITE HERE: [HTTPS://GULFWARS.ORG/ACTIVITIES/ARTS-SCIENCES-2/ARTS-SCIENCES/](https://gulfwars.org/activities/arts-sciences-2/arts-sciences/)

ELEMENTS OF GULF WARS A&S COMPETITION CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

DOCUMENTATION IS EXPECTED TO BE SENT IN EARLY SO JUDGES CAN READ AT HOME. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTATION WILL BE FEBRUARY 15, 2024.

JUDGING WILL INCLUDE ONE FACE-TO-FACE CONVERSATION.

COMPETITORS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND GULF WARS IN PERSON, SO ONLINE MEETINGS ARE EXPECTED FOR FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING CONVERSATIONS.

JUDGING INCLUDES HOW THE ITEMS ARE DISPLAYED.

INCLUDING IN PROCESS ITEMS SHOWING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE FINAL ITEM IS ENCOURAGED.

UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE ENTRIES ARE ENCOURAGED.

IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH SELECTING THE ATLANTIA KINGDOM A&S CHAMPION FOR THE WINTER REIGN, UNDERSTANDING THAT GULF WARS A&S COMPETITION RULES AND EXPECTATIONS ARE STILL UNDER DEVELOPMENT, THE FOLLOWING PLANS ARE BEING MADE:

TRMS IUL'IANA AND RANDALL WILL SELECT THEIR A&S CHAMPION AT ATLANTIA'S TWELFTH NIGHT EVENT ON JANUARY 11, 2025 ([12TH NIGHT WEB SITE](#))

COMPETITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER WITH THEIR BEST CREATIONS REGARDLESS OF ERA OR CULTURE.

DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED.

JUDGING WILL USE THE CURRENT ATLANTIA A&S JUDGING FORM AVAILABLE HERE: [HTTPS://MOAS.ATLANTIA.SCA.ORG/ATLANTIAN-AS-JUDGING-FORM/](https://moas.atlantia.sca.org/atlantian-as-judging-form/)

THE DISPLAY OF THE COMPETITOR'S ITEM WILL BE PART OF THE JUDGING SINCE IT WILL BE AT GULF WARS.

AT LEAST ONE FACE TO FACE DISCUSSION BETWEEN COMPETITOR AND JUDGE WILL BE INCLUDED SINCE IT WILL BE AT GULF WARS.

TRMS WILL SELECT THEIR A&S CHAMPION BASED ON CONSULTATION WITH THE JUDGES.

COMPETITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER STATIC ARTS IF THEY WISH TO COMPETE AT GULF WARS. ACCORDING TO MISTRESS THORKATLA, THE GULF WARS A&S COMPETITION IS STILL NOT ABLE TO FAIRLY INCORPORATE PERFORMING ARTS ENTRIES. THIS IS AN ONGOING ISSUE UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY THE GULF WARS STAFF.

ATLANTIA PERFORMING ARTISTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPETE IN THE ATLANTIA KINGDOM BARD COMPETITION AT ATLANTIA'S TWELFTH NIGHT AND ALSO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM AT GULF WARS IN THE LEGENDARY GREEN DRAGON INN. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN GULF WARS A&S COMPETITIONS INCORPORATION OF PERFORMING ARTS WILL BE SHARED AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ATLANTIA'S KINGDOM A&S CHAMPION COMPETITION FOR THE WINTER REIGN TO THE KINGDOM MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, DAME SOPHIA THE ORANGE, VIA MOAS@OFFICER.ATLANTIA.SCA.ORG.

VIVANT ATLANTIA ARTISTS!



FROM YOUR KNIGHT'S MARSHAL

GREETINGS RAVENS!

FOR THE KNIGHT MARSHAL OFFICE, WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY WEEKEND PRACTICE THIS MONTH. INSTEAD, I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF OUR FIGHTERS THAT CAN COMPETE AT RAVEN'S COVE BARONIAL BIRTHDAY. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HOST A PRACTICE OF ANY MARTIAL DISCIPLINE NEXT MONTH, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. ANY MARSHAL CAN CALL A PRACTICE, JUST MAKE SURE I GET THE REPORTS AFTER. FOR FEBRUARY, WE ARE TENTATIVELY GOING TO PLAN ON PRACTICE TO BE ON THE 8TH, SO EVERYONE PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION THERE.

IN SERVICE

BARONESS FREYDIS

RAVEN'S COVE KNIGHT MARSHAL



FROM THE CHATELAINE

HAPPY NEW YEAR RAVENS,

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS HAD A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON.

IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SERVE AS THE RAVEN'S COVE CHATELAIN THESE LAST FEW MONTHS AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE AND THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS ATTENDED, PLANNED, AND PARTICIPATED IN DEMOS, AS WELL AS WELCOMING NEWCOMERS TO THE AWESOME COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR TO DEMOS, A & S MEETINGS, MARSHAL PRACTICES, AND OUR BARONIAL BIRTHDAY I AM EXCITED FOR OUR BARONY. I HOPE TO WORK WITH EVERYONE TO WELCOME NEWCOMERS AND HELP THEM FIND THEIR PATH IN THE SCA!

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025, AND HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT OUR BARONIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

IN SERVICE,

SHIPHRAH



ITEMS FROM THE POPULACE

FROM MISTRESS EDAN LOWERY

RAVENS ALL,

REJOICE! FOR YULE IS UPON US! THIS BEING THE TIME OF YEAR FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO GATHER, IT MAKES OUR UPCOMING BARONIAL BIRTHDAY AND INVESTITURE (JANUARY 17-19, 2025) MUCH MORE SPECIAL. WE WILL BE INVESTING OUR NEW SET OF BARONAGE AND I AM SURE THAT THEY ARE BEYOND EXCITED ABOUT CELEBRATING THE JOY AND MERRIMENT OF THE SEASON. OUR EVENT WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND I HEAR THAT OUR MARSHAL IN CHARGE, MASTER CALIXTUS GILL, IS COOKING UP SOME AWESOME SCENARIOS AND SURPRISES FOR EVERYONE. OUR DAY BOARD WILL BE DIVINE, AS WE TAKE A TRIP BACK IN TIME TO SAVOR SOME OF THE FOODS OF THE TUDOR COURT. (NO, NO BEHEADINGS WILL OCCUR.... I THINK...).

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT, PLEASE POP OVER TO OUR WEBSITE, AND IF YOU DON'T SEE WHAT YOU NEED OR YOU CANNOT FIND WHO YOU NEED TO CONTACT, POP ME A QUICK EMAIL AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU (RARDINHJ@GMAIL.COM).

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAS A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON, WHATEVER YOU AND YOURS CELEBRATE, AND THAT WE WILL ALL COME TOGETHER ON A MOST HAPPY OCCASION, TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF OUR BARONY. VIVAT RAVEN'S COVE!

UNTIL NEXT TIME,

MISTRESS EDAN LOWERY

FROM BARONESS OLWEN DE MONTGOMERY

A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF KNITTED STOCKINGS

BASED ON TEACHING NOTES FROM A CLASS TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ATLANTIA, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

WHAT IS KNITTING? A GOOD DEFINITION IS “THE ART OF LOOPING YARN TO CREATE A DURABLE, SOMEWHAT STRETCHY, FABRIC.” KNITTING SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THOSE SKILLS WITHOUT A DEFINITE BEGINNING, AND IT MAY BE THAT ITS ORIGINS ARE INDEED LOST TO THE MISTS OF TIME. WHAT IS KNOWN IS THAT THERE IS NO GREEK OR LATIN WORD FOR WHAT WE KNOW AND DESCRIBE AS “KNITTING”, THOUGH IT’S POSTULATED THAT IT MAY COME FROM THE ANGLO-SAXON WORD “CNYTTAN” MEANING TO TIE OR TO KNOT, BUT THERE IS NO REFERENCE THAT HAS YET BEEN FOUND TO USING THE WORD “CYNTTAN” TO REFER TO WHAT WE MODERNLY CALL KNITTING.

WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL ARTS OF LOOPING STRING SUCH AS NETTING, NALBINDING, AND SPRANG WHICH CAN OFTEN BE CONFUSED FOR KNITTING. THIS ERROR DID ACTUALLY OCCUR AT THE TWO OF THE WORLD’S GREAT MUSEUMS, THE VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM IN LONDON, ENGLAND AND THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM IN TORONTO, CANADA. IN BOTH INSTANCES, NALBOUND SOCKS WERE MISTAKEN FOR KNITTED SOCKS. BASED ON EXTANT PIECES, IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO BELIEVE THAT KNITTING AS WE KNOW IT (USING TWO OR MORE NEEDLES TO PULL LOOPS OF YARN THROUGH LOOPS OF YARN) COMES FROM THE COPTS IN EGYPT IN APPROXIMATELY 1000 C.E., THOUGH THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CONCRETE PROOF OF THIS. WHAT APPEARS TO SURVIVE BEST ARE COPTIC STOCKINGS AND BASED ON EXTANT EXAMPLES, THERE ARE NO SEAMS IN THE STOCKINGS, INDICATING THAT THEY WERE VERY LIKELY KNITTED IN THE ROUND ON MULTIPLE NEEDLES. COPTIC STOCKINGS ARE ALSO TYPICALLY WHITE, WITH INTRICATE BLUE DESIGNS THAT ARE KNITTED INTO THE FABRIC, INDICATING A KNOWLEDGE OF STRANDED COLORWORK. ADDITIONALLY, COPTIC STOCKINGS ARE MADE FROM COTTON AND HAVE SEPARATED TOES, SIMILAR TO JAPANESE TABI, AS THEY ARE MEANT TO BE WORN WITH SANDALS. IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THROUGH TRADE AND WAR, THE KNOWLEDGE OF KNITTED STOCKINGS TRAVELED THROUGH THE WORLD, UNTIL WE HAVE DEFINITE PROOF OF KNITTED SILK STOCKINGS IN THE COURT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH I OF ENGLAND IN THE 1560S. APPARENTLY, THE QUEEN LIKED THE SILK STOCKINGS SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE WOOL ONES MORE PREVALENT IN ENGLAND THAT SHE EVENTUALLY HIRED A WOMAN TO MAKE HER SILK STOCKINGS. IN 1562, ELEANOR OF TOLEDO DIED AND WAS BURIED WEARING A DELIGHTFUL PAIR OF ELABORATE AND ELEGANT SILK STOCKINGS. THIS IS THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF THE PURL STITCH USED IN STOCKINGS AS THE TOP OF THE STOCKINGS ARE KNITTED WITH A PURL TRELIS PATTERN, WHICH IS MEANT TO BE FOLDED OVER TO HIDE THE GARTERS.

IT APPEARS THAT, LIKE THEIR COPTIC COUNTERPARTS, THESE STOCKINGS WERE KNITTED IN THE ROUND ON MULTIPLE NEEDLES. IN 1655 THE FIRST PRINTED STOCKING PATTERN SHOWS UP IN A PUBLICATION CALLED NATURA EXENTERATA (WHICH, ROUGHLY TRANSLATED, MEANS “DISEMBOWELED NATURE), A PUBLICATION WHICH APPEARS TO BE SOMETHING OF A 17TH CENTURY VERSION OF MRS. BEETON’S, CONTAINING RECIPES FOR MEDICINES AND FOOD STUFFS, PLANTING SCHEDULES FOR HERBS AND VEGETABLES, RECIPES FOR DYES TO ACHIEVE PARTICULAR COLORS AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION FOR ANY CHATELAINE TO KNOW. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, PAINTINGS SHOWING THE MADONNA KNITTING DEPICT HER USING FOUR NEEDLES, THOUGH IT APPEARS THAT IN PRACTICE, FOUR NEEDLES WERE USED IN ENGLAND, WHILE FIVE NEEDLES WERE USED ON THE CONTINENT. AS WIRE DRAWING BECAME MORE REFINED IN THE ELIZABETHAN ERA, KNITTING NEEDLES START TO BE MADE FROM WIRE AND RESEMBLE MODERN NEEDLES, THOUGH IT IS UNCLEAR IF THERE WAS ANY KIND OF STANDARDIZED SIZING.

SOURCES:

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MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

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 VIA ZOOM ON DECEMBER 19, 2024 AND CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06 P.M.

ATTENDEES INCLUDED:

SENESCHAL: LORD IVAN MEZEY (IAN BELL)

DEPUTY SENESCHAL: BARONESS OLWEN DE MONTGOMERY (MORAG POLASKI)

EXCHEQUER: MASTER LOCHLAINN HUA RIGABARDDIN (JIM RARDIN)

KNIGHT'S MARSHAL: LADY FREYDIS RODMARSDOTTIR (FELICIA PADGETT)

BARON (TO BE): LORD RAGNULFR (PAUL PADGETT)

BARONESS (TO BE): LADY FREYDIS RODMARSDOTTIR (FELICIA PADGETT)

FIONN OF RAVEN'S COVE (FINN BLACK)

MISTRESS EDAN LOWERY (HEATHER RARDIN)

LORD JUAN DE ZARAGOZA (JOHN ROMERO)

AILENN NA LAIMHE (KRISTY TOLMAN)

DUANE MESSNER

KATIE BARGER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2024 BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING WERE PUBLISHED FOR COMMENT IN THE DECEMBER 2024 EDITION OF THE RAVEN'S CRY. HAVING RECEIVED NO COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS, LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT THE PRIOR MINUTES STAND AS APPROVED.

REPORTS

SENESCHAL: REPORT GIVEN BY IAN BELL (IVAN MEZEY). IT'S BEEN PRETTY QUIET, BUT THERE'S INTERESTING NEW BUSINESS COMING UP. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO MAJOR FIRES.

EXCHEQUER: REPORT GIVEN BY JIM RARDIN (MASTER LOCHLAINN). WE HAVE AN ACTIVE BANK ACCOUNT, HOLDING \$3,544.60. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WE SENT TO KINGDOM AND WHAT WE HAVE IS THE 2 CHECKS FOR THE SITE AND THE PORT-A-JOHN'S FOR THE UPCOMING BARONIAL BIRTHDAY THAT WERE WRITTEN BY KINGDOM AND REIMBURSED BY US. SCORES HAS BEEN ACTIVE, WITH 23 ADULTS AND 1 CHILD REGISTERED FOR BIRTHDAY.

MINISTER OF ARTS & SCIENCES: REPORT GIVEN BY MOAS DEPUTY AILLENN NA LAIMHE (KRISTY TOLMAN). LAST A&S WAS ATTENDED WITH 6 PEOPLE MAKING FRENCH HOODS FOR OUR UPCOMING BIRTHDAY. TRYING TO SCHEDULE AN A&S NIGHT FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2025 AT THE JACKSONVILLE LIBRARY.

MARSHAL: REPORT GIVEN BY FELICIA PADGETT (LADY FREYDIS). ARTS AND ARMOR WAS HELD IN RICHLANDS, 2 PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR FIGHTER PRACTICE, SO NOT MUCH WAS DONE, BUT THERE SHOULD BE MORE FOR DECEMBER. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO PRACTICES FOR JANUARY, BUT THAT MAY CHANGE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BARONIAL POLLING RESULTS: THE RESULTS ARE IN AND LORD RAGNULFR AND LADY FREYDIS WILL BE OUR NEW BARONAGE. THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE POLLING.

BARONIAL BIRTHDAY: KING, QUEEN, PRINCE, AND PRINCESS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. EVERYTHING IS RUNNING AS IT SHOULD. WE WILL BE BRINGING THE FIGHTER BETTING POOL AGAIN WHICH SHOULD BE INTERESTING.

EAST COAST REN FAIRE: TABLED TO NEXT MEETING.

AGINCOURT EVENT: THERE'S A SNAG WITH THE DATE AND CROWN, THE SITE RENOVATIONS ETC. WE MAY CHANGE SITES OR POSTPONE THE EVENT PENDING A BARONIAL VOTE AT A LATER DATE.

MOTIONS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORAG POLASKI (OLWEN DE MONTGOMERY) AND SECONDED BY HEATHER RARDIN (EDAN LOWERY) TO PUT PROPOSED NEW BARONIAL POLICY WORDING IN THE RAVEN'S CRY. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS: THERE ARE 2 OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS – KNIGHT MARSHALL AND WEBMINISTER.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES SHOULD SEND AN EMAIL TO THE SENESCHAL. IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND IN THE CRY. APPLICATION CUT OFF IS JANUARY 3. COMMENTS WILL BE FROM JAN 6-10, AND THE NAMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

BARONIAL POLICY: JIM RARDIN (MASTER LOCHLAINN) IS RECOMMENDING THAT THERE BE A CHANGE IN THE WORDING TO THE PARAGRAPH TO GIVE A GOOD TIME PERIOD FOR DEADLINES AND STREAMLINE THE POLICY TO MAKE IT LESS TEDIOUS AND CLUNKY.

WORDPRESS SUBSCRIPTION: THIS IS THE PLATFORM FOR THE BARONIAL WEBSITE. IT ALLOWS US TO OPTIMIZE 200 PHOTOS, BUT WE HAVE TWICE AS MANY LEADING TO SLOW DOWNS IN LOADING. THE NEXT STEP UP WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE UP TO 5000 PHOTOS OPTIMIZED. THE COST IS \$50/YEAR TO MAINTAIN THIS. IT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WEBMINISTER. THIS WAS TABLED TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON COST FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS.

ZOOM ACCOUNT: A PAID ZOOM PRO ACCOUNT WOULD ALLOW THE BARONY TO HOST MEETINGS WITHOUT RELYING ON MEMBERS' PERSONAL PAID ZOOM ACCOUNTS TO HOST. IT WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE UP TO 30 HOUR MEETINGS, MORE DOCUMENTS, ETC. IT WOULD BE EASIER TO ACCESS WITH A GENERIC EMAIL ACCOUNT TO ALLOW THE OFFICERS TO HOST MEETINGS AS DESIRED. THE ACCOUNT CAN BE TIED TO THE GOOGLE CALENDAR, WHICH IS BENEFICIAL. THE COST OF ZOOM PRO IS \$159 PER YEAR PER USER, WHICH IS ANOTHER REASON TO HAVE A GENERIC EMAIL ACCOUNT TIED TO IT. THERE MAY BE A DISCOUNT FOR A NOT FOR PROFIT GROUP. THIS WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WEBMINISTER TO MAINTAIN. THIS WAS TABLED TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON COST FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2025 AT 7 P.M. HYBRID AT THE LIBRARY ON DORIS STREET IN JACKSONVILLE.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE POPULACE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:47 PM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

			1	2	3	4
5 SEWING DAY WITH URSUS BAY 1-6PM	6	7	8	9	10	11 ATLANTIA 12 TH NIGHT
12	13	14	15	16	17 RCBB / INVESTITURE	18 RCBB / INVESTITURE
19 RCBB / INVESTITURE	20	21	22	23	24	25 ICE CASTLES TOURNEY OF MANANNAN MAC LIR
26	27	28	29 SILK BANNER PAINTING VIA ZOOM AT 7 PM	30	31	