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## **From the Baron and Baroness**

Greetings Ravens. We had a wonderful time at Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday and we were thrilled to see everyone there. It was a wet cool day, but there were still plenty of things happening. We had arts and science and bardic in the hall and lots of fun and laughter at both vigils. The food was delicious both inside and outside. Our favorite part was seeing everyone smiling and enjoying being together.

We did want to say congrats to Katie Barger, our newest authorized Rapier fighter who authorized at Birthday. She also competed in the Arts and Science with two cooking entries for the very first time. We are both very proud of you.

To everyone who assisted with Birthday, from planning it to cooking, to setting up tents, or moving tables in the hall, Thank you. We greatly appreciate everyone's hard work to make our birthday the absolute success that it was.

Going forward, we are very excited for Ymir 50. There is going to be a lot going on. We are thrilled to be there, and already we have day shade space reserved. We will be having a Chili day board for Ymir with 2-3 kinds of chili. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Facebook group for people to sign to bring things to go with Chili. If there is something going on at Ymir and you would like us to be there, please reach out and let us know so we can put it on our schedule. We want to support as many Ravens there as we can.

We are both up on our Baronial emails, so if there is an issue you wish to talk about or an idea you want to make happen and want our input, please reach out.

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In Service,

Baron Ragnulfr and Baroness Freydis



### **From The Seneschal**

To the members of The Barony of Raven's Cove,

I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for making Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday 2025 such a truly wonderful and memorable event. Your hospitality, hard work, and dedication shone brightly, creating a gathering filled with joy, camaraderie, and the spirit of our noble Barony.

From our hard working event staff to the artisans, fighters, and all those who lent a hand, your efforts did not go unnoticed. The laughter, the competition, the food, and the shared baronial moments reminded us all why Raven's Cove is such a special place.

Thank you all for your generosity, your friendship, and your passion. I know our Barony continue to grow and flourish for many years to come!

In service,

Ivan Mezey known as Die Fledermaus

Seneschal



### **From The Mistress of Arts & Sciences**

Hello, my mine feathered friends. Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday was a whirlwind of fun. And I would like to express my gratitude to all the ladies who worked so hard on their tutor garb. The countless hours of hand stitching and beading. The hours of laughter at our joint sewing days. Resulted in a delightful aesthetic that helped raise the atmosphere of the event. I'm looking very forward to the future and more ventures, such as our sewing projects.

Now that January has passed, we shall turn our eyes towards February. There are many A&S opportunities coming up.

February 10th at 6 pm at the Jacksonville library. Kirsty Tolman will be hosting a in-person class on Historical Hairstyles.

Feb 15th Arts and Armor. We will be working on open front aprons to ready us for Ymir. It will be at Horns to Halos 12-2. Bring your machines and fabric or just come and hang out.

Feb 16th Urus Bay is hosting a sewing workshop. Sunday, Feb. 16, 2-5 pm, Riverside United Methodist Church, 405 Avenue A in New Bern. Bring your machine, sewing supplies, yarn, fabric, or whatever you need to work on your projects. Long tables available. Come to sew, help, or just hang out. This is a collaborative activity between the MOAS oces of The Shire of Ursus Bay and The Barony of Raven's Cove. Hope many of you can join us!

02-21 – 02-23: Ymir 50: Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P )

Competition themes for Ymir:

The hall, all competitions will revolve around those things which are Freja's domain:

1. Beauty.

2. Fertility.

3. Gold.

4. Love.

5. Magic.

6. Sex.

7. War.

I can't wait to see what everyone comes up with.

As always if you have any questions, or would like to teach or have something specific taught just let me know.

Mistress Finnech

MOAS Ravens Cove



## **From The Golden Raven Herald**

Ravens:

We have done it. We have finally placed new Baronage at the head of our barony. What a great time to be a Raven!!!

WE HAVE NEW HEIRS!!!!!! Congratulations to Baroness Freydis and..... Baron Ragnulfr for Stepping up as our new Baronage. I am looking forward to serving as their voice as I am needed, and have every confidence that they will do a great job in growing our Barony moving forward.

I feel like I can't say anything better than when I collected my thoughts right after the event and I'd like to share an excerpt from that:

"I'm finally to a point where my brain is unraveling enough to put some words together about my experience yesterday at Ravens Cove's Baronial Birthday.

The last court I Heralded before yesterday's event was one of the most emotional experiences that I've been through in the SCA thus far. It was when our barony went into abeyance. The future was very unsure for the people that I call my chosen family from my home group. A lot of options were discussed as to how we would all move forward no matter what happened. Everything seemed like a bad fever dream. Through a lot of hard work, perseverance, and sheer will we got ourselves to a point where yesterday was possible. Yesterday was not just an event in the SCA, it was a statement made by people that I love, saying that we will not let a dream die. It was a line drawn in the sand saying that we will go forward with honor and Grace no matter how dark the night gets. It got dark. It was not easy. No quarter was given. But through it all, a group of people was forged that I truly believe could accomplish anything as long as they were standing shoulder to shoulder.



Yesterday was not just yesterday. The weight of everything was heavier than I could have ever imagined it would be. The closer to yesterday came, the more I reflected on what it meant. My brain has been overloaded with it. Leading up to the event I've hardly slept more than a few hours any night in the past couple weeks. Now that it's over I've gotten some of the most sound sleep that I've had in a long while. "

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 Herald.

Long Live Ravens Cove!!!



### **From The Knight's Marshal**

Greetings Ravens and friends.

To repeat what has been said, Baronial Birthday was a great time and everyone that came out and fought or threw weapons was appreciated. I hope everyone had a great time. The Barony has a new rapier fighter as Katie authorized. We are very proud and excited to have her among our fighters.

Practice this month will be held at Horns to Halos in Richlands on Feb 15th. We will start at 2:00 pm after the Arts and Science class. I will be otherwise engaged in Trimaris on that day, so I want to thank the other marshals (Ivan and Tiberius) for stepping up to bat for me. Please come and have fun.

Ymir is approaching quickly, and I highly encourage everyone to come. If you are fighting and something amazing happens or is going on, please let me know about it so we can recognize our Ravens for their prowess.

We have a new marshal in our neck of the woods, so be on the lookout on our Facebook group for archery and thrown weapons to start happening. If anyone else has an idea or wishes to hold a practice, please let me know and we will make that happen.

Thank you all.

In Service,

Baroness Freydis Rodmarsdottir

Raven's Cove Knight Marshal



## **From The Chatelaine**

Greetings Raven's Cove

We have had a truly amazing kick off to the year with our Baronial Birthday! It was wonderful to see so many Ravens and Scadian friends enjoying a truly awesome event!

One of the most enriching parts of the SCA for me has been the sense of community. As we all explore our own paths learning new art forms, honing fighting skills, and sharing within our community I am also looking forward to showing the beauty of the SCA to New Comers. Last year we had an awesome demo at the Eastern NC Renaissance Fair. It was a great opportunity to spark curiosity in potential new members. We are working to have a demo at the renaissance fair again this year April 12th and 13th. We're excited to show others the beauty of the SCA and all the ways it enriches our lives through history, arts, and camaraderie.

I look forward to sharing more details about the Eastern Renaissance Fair Demo and ways you can get involved.

Yours In Service,

Schiphrah



## **Items from the Populace**

**From Mistress Edan Lowery**

Greetings, all!

Our little barony has been through a lot in the last year, but during our Baronial Birthday, we showed everyone that rising above is possible. The event that was held was dreary weather-wise, but there was warmth and sunshine amongst all that attended. Our new baronage did wonderfully when addressing the populace and conducted themselves with grace. I believe we are all proud of them, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for them and our barony. We need to continue to ride the high that we all experienced at that event, and when things seem somber and may not go as planned, we need to reflect upon what was accomplished in a short amount of time, and we return from the ashes, ready to take on anything that may come our way. I write this missive so that we can remember all that has taken place, and how we need to now come together, roll up our sleeves, and take an active part in what we need to do to be successful. The work will be difficult, at times, but nothing that comes easy is ever worth having. We need to all come together, take our responsibilities, and push ourselves to the limit, and slightly beyond, if possible. We have a great group of people, so lean on each other if you need help. There is nothing wrong with asking for assistance, it is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength! It will be interesting to see where we are at this time next year, let's hope our numbers are doubled (or more), our officers are all happy in their jobs and are fulfilled, and above all, our barony is continuing to shine that the jewel of the coast that she is!

Until next time,

Mistress Edan Lowery.



## **Minutes from the January 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 January 23, 2025, and called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendees included:

Seneschal: Lord Ivan Mezey (Ian Bell)

Deputy Seneschal: Baroness Olwen de Montgomery (Morag Black)

Exchequer: Master Lochlainn hua Rigabarddin (Jim Rardin)

Minister of Arts & Sciences: not present

Chatelaine: M'lady Schiphrah (Kait Neeland)

Herald: Lord Tiberius of York (John Ipock)

Knight's Marshal: Baroness Freydis Rodmarsdottir (Felicia Padgett)

Social Media Deputy: Lady Rota (Kaelinn Padgett)

Baron: Lord Ragnulfr (Paul Padgett)

Baroness: Lady Freydis Rodmarsdottir (Felicia Padgett)

Fionn of Raven's Cove (Finn Black)

Mistress Edan Lowery (Heather Rardin)

Mistress Finnech (Amy Ipock)

Duane Messner

#### Approval of minutes

The minutes of the December 2024 baronial business meeting were published for comment in the January 2025 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 (Lord Ivan Mezey). Everything has been rather quiet right now, everyone is getting things done and signed. Quiet is good.

Exchequer: Report given by Jim Rardin (Master Lochlainn). Even made \$523.04 assuming there's no requests for refunds, other than the \$40 double charge by SCORES. We took in \$1,550 at gate and \$890 via SCORES, \$21.14 SCORES fee, \$4,767.64 in bank account

Chronicler: Report given by Jim Rardin (Master Loch). Please turn in missives this week so it can be published by the 1st.

Minister of Arts & Sciences: Report given by Amy Ipock (Mistress Finnech). A&S reports went in on time, and all is good. A&S at Birthday went well and everyone was impressed. Mistress Brig will be teach silk painting at the end of the month via Zoom. If anyone wants to put together an article on the dresses and documentation done for Birthday, please see Mistress Finnech. Ursus Bay is having a sewing day on Feb 16, please support them.

Chatelaine: Report given by Kait Neeland (m'lady Schiphrah). Reports went in on time.

Herald: Report given by John Ipock (Lord Tiberius). Lot of people got cool stuff at Baronial Birthday.

Marshal: Report given by Felicia Padgett (Baroness Freydis). Working with Mistress Finnech. The 14th and 15th of February will be the next Arts and Armor if we have another marshal. If not, we will support the A&S. Lord Ivan will marshal rapier, Lord Tiberius will marshal heavy. Her Excellency will work with Katie and Mistress Finnech to get it all organized. Concussion protocol training is coming as a requirement for marshals, Master Loch will ensure getting the link out to people interested.

Webminister: Report given by Jim Rardin (Master Loch). He would all officers please look at the regnum bios and send him a bio to finish off that part of the site.

Social Media Officer: Report given by Kaelinn Padgett (Lady Rota). We have a Bluesky account, which is essentially a Twitter alternative. We may or may not use it, but we have it if we want to and to keep cybersquatters off of it. No information has migrated over to it. She will post links to it and Loch will post it to the website.

Baronage: Report given by Felicia Padgett (Baroness Freydis). They have had a hard time putting thoughts about Birthday into words for Facebook but will get a missive out to the Cry. They are focused on Ymir as their next event. Heather de Kent has agreed to help with dayboard at events that will have a lot of Ravens at. The theme for Ymir's dayboard will be chili and people can sign up for what they'd like to bring to go with the chili. Field space for Ymir has been requested. Baronial progress is posted on website and will be updated as often as possible. They cannot be more proud of how the Ravens took on Birthday and cannot thank the populace enough.

#### Unfinished business

East Coast Ren Faire: Schiphrah is getting radio silence from the organizers. There are Facebook posts, but no one is responding to Schiphrah's calls/emails. Freydis will forward all the contact information from the previous year and Schiphrah will keep us posted.

Zoom/Wordpress Accounts: We are not eligible for not for profit for WordPress but get a tax exemption for Zoom. We can pay by check, but it will take a bit longer to get everything set up.

Proposed Baronial Policy Changes: Proposed changes will be published in the February Cry.

Knight's Marshall and Webminister offices: There were two people who submitted to hold these offices – Baroness Freydis and Master Loch, who are both currently holding the offices.

#### Motions

A motion was made by Heather Rardin (Mistress Edan) and seconded by Jim Rardin (Lochlainn) to purchase the WordPress and Zoom subscriptions. Passed.

A motion was made by Heather Rardin (Mistress Edan) and seconded by Jim Rardin (Lochlainn) to elect Baroness Freydis to the position of the Knight's Marshall. Passed.

A motion was made by John Ipock (Lord Tiberius) and seconded by Duane Messner to elect Master Loch to the position of Webminister. Passed.

A motion was made by Morag Black (Baroness Olwen) and seconded by Duane Messner to put together a bid for Spring Coronation 2027. Passed.

#### New Business

Chronicler's office position: Interested candidates should send an email to the seneschal. It will be announced on social media and in the Cry. Application cut off is the next meeting.

Queen's Rapier Tourney: Baroness Freydis would like us to host this event on April 19 at the Halifax 4-H complex. The theme is based on 13th century Spain. Baroness Freydis will put together the appropriate bid paperwork and we can take a vote on it via social media instead of at a meeting. There is a deadline of January 30 for the budget to be submitted to the populace.

Spring Coronation 2027: Mistress Edan would like to discuss our hosting this event as a joust at Halifax 4H.

Baronial Day Shade: Baron Ragnulfr would like to explore replacing the current day shade cutting down the Baronial day shade to make it easier to travel with. Tabled for next meeting.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2025 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

A motion was made by John Ipock (Lord Tiberius) and seconded by Duane Messner to adjourn the meeting. Passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the populace, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



## **Special Announcements**

We are looking to fill the position of Baronial Chronicler. If you are interested, send a letter of your intent to the Seneschal, as well as the Baron and Baroness.

# Calendar of Events

## February

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