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BARONIAL MEETING NOTES

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After a very tasty and assorted Christmas potluck, the Baronial Meeting was held on December 18, 2011 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1500 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC. The meeting started at 4:42.

28 paid members and 3 unpaid members were present.

The Baronage speaks: Congratulations to Callie and Drea for being chosen as the next Baronage of Windmasters' Hill! The transition will occur at Ymir. We expect to hold 1 ½ more courts, so we are still looking for award recommendations.

The Seneschal reports from Unevent: the Acorn is going to electronic format March 1. Provide email addresses to get a password in order to see the Acorn. You will continue to receive paper copies until your current membership subscription expires. When you renew you will switch to email *unless* you opt for paper – there will be a fee involved if you opt for paper. The Kingdom operating expenses are between \$6000-\$7000 per year not including Acorn or University. The Acorn runs in excess of \$15,000 per year, which is not covered by membership fees. Switching to electronic format will save a lot of money.

New regional deputy Jean Franc will be stepping up in May. Adrianna is stepping down due to her new position as Baroness. There are 3 deputy positions opening up for the Seneschalate. There are no term limits on warrants for Seneschal but you do have to extend – Gaelan will be extending for 1 year to assist the new Baronage. Seneschal 101 will be offered at university and by teleconference for those who wish to consider serving in this position.

There has been some discussion of not having Unevent, switching to Webinar format, or regional Unevents, or combining Unevent with University for the training.

There was discussion regarding the length and frequency of Baronial Meetings. One suggestion was to send officer reports to e-list to keep baronial meeting times down.

A Seneschal Communication Calendar will be implemented so events can be coordinated due to the 150 mile non-compete limit. Event Autocrats have to be paid members. Baronial pollings now require 2-4 candidates rather than 3, as previously required. If there are more than 4 candidates, it is not specified how you need to get down to the maximum number, as long as you do get there.

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Exchequer quarterly reports may have electronic signatures, but the Doomsday Report must be physically signed, and scanned. There is a website for exchequers showing report status so we can check our status. We need to be sure that we have our financial policy completed and sent in.

ACCEPs is required for all kingdom events. Reports are generally run on Wednesday nights. ACCEPs must be closed 2 weeks before the event to allow time to get all required reports.

Money for capital expenditures (equipment) should be separate from event budgets. Comps should be listed as expenses for events.

Rosamund reported for rapier marshals from Unevent – IF there are issues at an event, they need to be in the event report. As marshals, our job is to enforce the rules as written. Recommendations can be made, but the job is to enforce the rules as written. Also discussed at Unevent were the proper fitting of masks, which must be snug under the chin, sized and shaped so the nose does not contact the mask if the face is pushed forward, and the mask must turn with the wearer's head when the head turns.

The "location box" for Kingdom events is within 50 miles on either side of I-95 up to the 495 intersection at DC, and down to the South Carolina border. Locations that are outside of the "box" but have previously been successfully used may be used as exceptions ("bubbles"). There will be a website to help manage this process, listing the pros and cons of sites, and perhaps even having pictures. When that website is implemented, if you know of good sites, be sure to send in information about them. It is possible to bid for events out to 2014. They are hoping to make decisions by February 2012 for the rest of the 2012 calendar. . If you are thinking of bidding for a kingdom event in 2012, you probably want to get that bid together now.

This being intended as a short meeting, the usual officer and canton reports were not requested. However, some reports were volunteered.

Officer Reports

Exchequer: In the bank: \$16,614.69. Total allocated: \$13,839.37. Total unallocated: \$2775.32. The breakdown of the allocated monies is as follows:

Baronage \$49.37
 Emergency \$500.00
 Pavilion \$600.00
 12th Night \$5,335.00
 Ymir \$7,355.00

Chatelaine: Rose is stepping up as Sea Stag Pursuivant for the Kingdom and is looking for someone interested in being baronial chatelaine.

Canton Reports

Buckston-On-Eno: Tessa reported that Buckston would like to host daylight fighter practice, one per month, from 1-5 in the afternoons. This is to be in addition to any other fighter practices, including the one normally scheduled for the day of the Baronial Meeting. Proposed dates for the first 3 months: Jan 1 or 29. Feb 5. March 25. Practices will be in northern Durham. A&S will be happening. They have a rapier marshal but are still seeking a heavy marshal. In addition, if they can get an archery marshal, they have a field available for archery practice. Everyone is invited. Additionally, the Baronial Meeting could happen at this site, there is indoor space.

Discussion ensued, regarding the possibility of having the Baronial Meeting at that site. The schedule is not for the 3rd Sunday that is the normal meeting schedule. Due to concerns about how far people from Attilium would have to travel, it was decided to do it once, on January 29th. Rose will contact northern fighters to let them know about the fighter practice. Girard will try to contact and coordinate with Attilium.



Nimenefeld: Gaelan reported that Nimenefeld has contacted him asking to do a fundraiser lunch at Ymir. Gaelan approved this request. The website will be updated to reflect the change.

Other

Old Business:

12th Night: Please register through ACCEPs if you are going. ACCEPs closes January 7th. If you plan to help with set-up, we can get on site about 3:30 Friday afternoon. We still need help placing SCA signs (and there may not be as many signs as we need. Some discussion ensued concerning how to make additional signs). We still need help with take-down, troll, and the kitchen. If you are there and willing to pitch in, find a staff member and they'll put you to work.

In accordance with the request sent by Attilium for a mock tourney to help the new fighters, there will be fighter practice at Camelot Park in Pinehurst the Sunday after 12th night. Adrianna will be running an MoL table at that practice, for those who have taken MoL 101 and requiring practice.

Ymir: The website is up. ACCEPs is visible but not yet active. It should become active within the next 48 hours. The event fee covers the event, cabin fees are extra. \$13 for the event for adults, \$7 for minors (ages 5-17), children 4 and under are free. \$10 for cabin fees or camping, \$10 feast, NMS applies. Sunneva has agreed to be A&S coordinator. Gaston is doing the website. Tessa is coordinating the merchants. Gerard is doing field setup. Their Royal Highnesses Midrealm are coming. We'll be asking for the baronial canvas or the big pavilion, depending on how much room is needed for the court populace.

Gaelan will be coordinating for load-out and load-in for the shed stuff. We may possibly need to rent a trailer to haul stuff up there. Bambi's trailer may not be road-worthy. If Gaelan is hauling a trailer, he needs someone with a full size truck to haul the pig cooker.

Other assistance needed:

Youth Combat Marshals for Rapier and Armored

Marshal for thrown weapons

Herald

Head Server

Hall Steward/ess

Cleanliness Monitor

Gate/Troll

Children's Activities

Gold Key (now filled, Rosanella volunteered during the meeting. Rose also volunteered to put a message out on the Herald's List seeking a Herald In Charge.)

Royal Liaison

Site Setup Gaffer

Lumper in Charge

If you have an interest in volunteering for any of these positions, Marshals contact Girard le Bourguignon. All others contact the Autocrat, Gaelan mac Cuinniga'in (contact info for both on page **XXXX**)

The meeting closed at 5:32.

The next Baronial Meeting is scheduled for January 29th at the Club house on Indigo Creek Trail in Durham.



Horses on the List Field

Over the last several years there has been a keen interest in the Equestrian Program of the SCA. The emergence of the 14th Century Joust has attracted more attention from heavy fighters, peers and those from outside the community. During the year, many events are organized and attended. Of the 36 or so yearly events, only 5 or so involve equestrians. Many core/founding members of the Cavalry of the Kingdom of Atlantia are cautious as we venture into occupying the same list field as our Heavy and Light fighters. Our level of play has increased. Our professionalism and mounted abilities, along with our field presentation and skills at arms have met the same challenges.

In the Barony of Windmasters' Hill we boast 9 riders with an average of 7 horses. Though we have few practices throughout the year, our practices are centered on preparing the mounts and riders for the immediate local equestrian events such as Tournament of Friends and War of the Wings.

From start to finish, set up, portable stalls, pasture, feed, and competition are all included in training and our efforts have paid very large dividends. Despite our newfound success, there is evidence of a growing number of members who withdraw due to the drama they find themselves pitted against at each showing. Truth be told, the one common factor we fail to recognize is the **people**.

Horses are not in the arena competing without a rider, and everything about the training, care and performance of their Mount is brought about by PEOPLE...our members. Emerging from a need of mutual support, the Lance of Saint Anthony has focused on the people of our equestrian community. While communicating among our equestrian friends, titles mean little. Our courtesy and gratitude toward those who chose to align themselves with our vision of one COMMON family has been demonstrated at each event. We have endeavored to create a truly wondrous spectacle where mounted fighters compete in fair head-to-head competition while at the same event as our heavy and light brothers and sisters...

Improvement is based on the exchange of knowledge. We are always open to exchanges with institutions, other groups, and individuals. Our research is linked to archaeological findings, museum items, text sources and historical pictures. We constantly replace and improve our equipment, thus aiming to advance our and our partners' knowledge regarding the daily life within the SCA period.



The Lance of Saint Anthony lives on the energy and the enthusiasm of its members. Happy and motivated members are the basis for every successful event and a fulfilling hobby. The friendship we share creates a good atmosphere in our camp no matter what may have befallen us in the past. Every event, practice or get together we share, a mishap is bound to happen. Whether we fall from our horse, trip on our own two feet or break that new lead line, we as a LANCE expect such things to happen, and we band together to overcome them. The times we really appreciate usually come while around a campfire knowing that unless we have each other for support, our world, no matter how cleverly fashioned, may not exist. Looking left and right we see the happiness in the smiles and eyes of our friends as we share in merriment and common drink. To this day, our household has been able to overcome some extraordinary pressures, seemingly unscathed. There will always be hardships brought by nature and the unavoidable disagreement that may arise between the members. Keeping our goals in mind, and sharing our interests and our experience, improves the solidarity of the group. As a consequence we take our hobby very seriously, but ourselves much less seriously.

Next month I will focus on the equestrian games which have culminated into the Atlantian games course.

In Obscurum nos fio lux Lucios

Lord Alain de La Rochelle, Squire to Sir Rodrigo Falcone



Happy New Year!

The earliest recording of a new year celebration is believed to have been in Mesopotamia, c. 2000 BCE. Of course, at that time, they didn't call it 2000 BCE.... It was celebrated around the vernal equinox (mid-March), in the spring, when winter is past and new life is beginning in the fields and forests. It went on for 11 days!

A variety of other dates related to seasonal changes were used by other cultures. Some celebrated the new year at the fall equinox, and some on the winter solstice (the winter day when the sun is furthest from the celestial equator, causing the shortest day and longest night of the year – around modern December 21st or 22nd).

The early Roman calendar designated March 1st as the New Year. This calendar consisted of 10 months in a year of 304 days. The Romans seem to have ignored the remaining 61 days, which fell in the middle of winter. The 10 months were named Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Junius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, and December. The last six names were taken from the words for five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten. Some of the other month names may be noted for their similarity to modern months.

Romulus, the legendary first ruler of Rome, is supposed to have introduced this calendar in the 700s B.C.E. Numa Pompilius (753-673 BCE; king of Rome, 715-673 BCE) is supposed to have added January and February to the calendar, making it 12 months. This made the Roman year 355 days long. Roman months matched the lunar cycle. To make the calendar also correspond approximately to the solar year, Numa Pompilius also ordered the addition every other year of a month called Mercedinus.

The Julian calendar began in 45 BCE when Julius Caesar reformed the Roman calendar. The solar year had been known since ancient times to be about 365 and 1/4 days long. The new calendar changed from following the lunar cycles to following the solar cycles. The Julian calendar also designated January 1st as the first day of the new year. January was named after the god Janus. Janus was the Roman god of doors and gates, and had two faces, one looking forward, and one looking back. Caesar felt that the month named after this god would be an appropriate “door” to the new year.

Time went by. After the beginning of the Christian Era, in Europe the celebrations of the new year on January 1st were considered pagan. The Council of Tours (In the medieval Roman Catholic church there were several Councils of Tours, that city being a seat of Christianity, and considered fairly centrally located in France) abolished January 1st as the beginning of the year. At various times and in various places throughout medieval Christian Europe, the new year was celebrated on Dec. 25, the birth of Jesus; March 1; March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation; and Easter.

Also, in 567 ADE, the Council of Tours ended a dispute. Western Europe celebrated Christmas, December 25th, and Eastern Europe celebrated Epiphany, January 6th, recalling the Wise Men's visit and Jesus' baptism. The Council made all 12 days from December 25 to January 6 “holy days” or “holidays,” thus the “Twelve Days of Christmas.”

January 1st was not again celebrated as the beginning of the new year for about 500 years. The Julian calendar had 11 months of 30 or 31 days plus February, which was 28 days for 3 years and 29 days on the fourth. It departed from the true solar calendar by only 11.5 minutes a year. But that adds up, over time. By the 16th century, the Julian calendar was behind the solar calendar by 10 days. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered the advancement of the calendar by 10 days and introduced a new corrective device to curb further error: century years such as 1700 or 1800 would no longer be counted as leap years, unless they were (like 1600 or 2000) divisible by 400. The Gregorian calendar also re-established January 1st as the beginning of the year. Although most Catholic countries followed this convention immediately, most Protestant countries did not. The British, for example, did not adopt the reformed calendar until 1752. Until then, the British Empire, including the American colonies, celebrated the New Year on March 1st.

Information extracted from various Internet articles and presented for your enjoyment.

AROUND THE BARONY

PlayMakers' Repertory Company is putting on Henrys IV & V this winter. We are looking for "Tavern dishes" — Plates, bowls, mugs, tankards, cups, pitchers, trays, and eating utensils. We're talking "Rustic looking" here, so wood and ceramic, even metal are good. We need a whole bunch of them, and we need them to be 'mismatched'. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee their safety, so if folks have old things they won't want back that's what we're looking for. We can return things, but can't make promises.

We also need weapons. With weapons, we are looking for anything earlier period. These will not be fought with, but carried around to look pretty. Broadswords, one handed swords (But not rapiers) bucklers, long daggers, morning stars, maces, bucklers—These are the kinds of things we're looking for.

We're looking to have these things starting right after New Years until March 5th.

Thank you!

Rowan of Hawkdridge

mka Elizabeth Moss

Props Artisan, PlayMakers' Repertory Company

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Until sometime in spring, the location of the Canton of Kappellenberg's rapier practice is moving from Herndon Park to Parkwood Elementary School.

We have access to the school's gym (yes, an actual indoor practice!) from 6:15-7:45, but we'll meet in the parking lot at 5:45 to start warming up.

Location:

Parkwood Elementary School

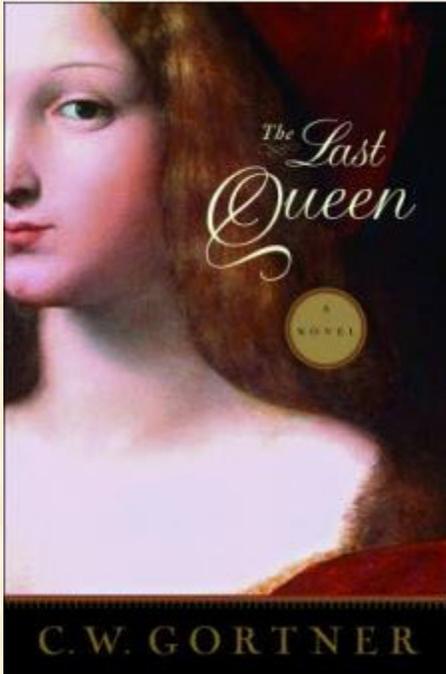
5207 Revere Rd. Durham, NC 27713

From Chapel Hill, take I-40 to Exit 276. Turn left at the top of the off-ramp, then turn right on Hwy 54. Go approximately a mile, and take a right on Revere Rd. Turn left on Clermont (the next traffic light), and take the second entrance to the parking lot.

From Raleigh, take I-40 west to Exit 278. Take a right at the bottom of the off-ramp, and a right on Hwy 54. Go approximately a mile, and take a left on Revere Rd. Turn left on Clermont (the next traffic light), and take the second entrance to the parking lot.

Contact Wistric for further information (otownes@gmail.com)

BOOK REVIEW



The Last Queen by C.W. Gortner
(Ballantine Books, New York; 2006, 2008)
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“Hence, this blank page, the sharpened feather and the pot of ink... The memories tonight are vivid, not evanescent; they evoke and entice. They do not haunt. If I close my eyes, I can smell the smoke and jasmine, the first and rose; I can see the vermilion walls of my beloved palace, mirrored in a child’s eyes... And so tonight, I will bear witness to the past. I will inscribe everything I have lived and seen, everything I have done, every secret I have hidden. I will remember, because a queen can never forget.” (Excerpt, Page 1)

So begins the story of the enigmatic Juana of Spain as told by C.W. Gortner in his book *The Last Queen*. She is most well-known as “Juana la loca” or Juana the crazy and many (myself included before reading this book) have continued to believe the possible political propaganda that she was mentally ill. Most people (again myself included prior) do not know that she in fact was the first to rule over both Castile and Aragon, which became Spain. Hers was a life of constant turmoil and unrest as sovereigns (her parents included) constantly struck strategic bargains using marriage, policy, and subterfuge. Untimely deaths moved her quickly into places of power that were precarious and ever-changing. She was the daughter of Isabel of Castile and Ferdinand II of Aragon and also the older sister of Katherine of

Aragon who would become the first wife of Henry VIII. She was the mother of six children who would become queens and emperors. She was a woman with power - and yet a pawn.

The story is in first person, which immediately allows the reader to feel a sense of intimacy and empathy with this elusive character. The author begins with her youth in Castile, living in the shadow of the great Queen Isabella. It is said that Isabella was such a strong woman that she gave birth and was back in armor within hours fighting Moors in the Crusades. The relationship between child and mother is interwoven into the story and an interesting picture of what it must have been like to be ruler of a country and yet nurturer of children is seen. The author goes on to describe her betrothal and marriage to Archduke Philip of Flanders as one beginning with the excitement of youthful love but deteriorating into a relationship fraught with fear and violence. It is an interesting picture of a woman of power who continually struggles against the bonds of a male-dominated society.

C.W. Gortner has an MFA in writing with an emphasis on historical studies from the new College of California and has taught university courses on women of power in the Renaissance. He is also half-Spanish and was raised in Malaga, Spain. Although I enjoyed reading this book tremendously, I would not say that his degree and experience would make him a scholarly resource. He identifies the book as a novel and it is just that – a novel. There exists no document in the hand of Juana herself, so the first person thoughts/feelings identified in the book cannot be authenticated. There is also some discrepancy in the chronology of events in the book, and certainly some events (particularly those involving her relationship with her father) are based purely on conjecture. While I would not recommend the book as a resource for serious documentation, it is a good read that will outline a life not often explored and form a basis for further research into this fascinating woman.

-Lady Rosanella Vespucci

K I N G D O M C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

January 2012			
7	<u>Winter Ball</u>	Bright Hills	Chestertown, MD
14	<u>Kingdom Twelfth Night (R,H)</u>	Windmasters' Hill	Carthage, NC
21	<u>Verses of the Stone</u>	Middlegate	Jamestown, NC
21	<u>Lochmere Mid Winter Revel</u>	Lochmere	Lothian, MD
21	<u>Inter-Baronial Twelfth Night</u>	Tir-y-Don	Yorktown, VA
28	<u>Ice Castle (R,H)</u>	Black Diamond	
28	<u>Midwinter's Tale</u>	Border Vale Keep	Augusta, GA

February 2012			
4	<u>Kingdom Arts and Science (H)</u>	Sudentorre	Spotsylvania, VA
11	<u>Bright Hills Baronial Birthday</u>	Bright Hills	Manchester, MD
17-19	<u>Ymir XXXVII & Baronial Investiture (H)</u>	Windmasters' Hill	Reidsville, NC
24-26	<u>Nottinghamhill Coill Baronial Birthday</u>	Nottinghamhill Coill	Simpsonville, SC
25	<u>Ponte Alto 20th Anniversary</u>	Ponte Alto	Fairfax, VA

BARONIAL SCHEDULE

January 2012

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Kappellenberg Canton Mtg Nimenefeld Archery Practice	3 Kappellenberg Armored Practice	4 Nimenefeld Fighter Practice	5 Rapier Practice, Buckston & Kappellenberg. Elvegast A&S Attilium Social Night	6	7
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