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Greetings unto the fair populace of Nottingham Coill!

First of all, vivats to Prince Janos and Princess Rachel, our newest heirs to the throne of Atlantia!

I apologize for the delay in getting this issue out. It seems that my mundane life is feeling neglected and thus demanded more of my time this month.

I would like to thank all that have ventured to Newberry for the past two months for Baronial fighter practice! Yesterday's practice was by far our most exciting yet as we were able to enjoy archery activities in addition to heavy and rapier activities as well. I look forward to the continued support of the Barony for future practices. Our next practice is slated for June 19th unless otherwise posted and will once again be held at Newberry Middle School. Directions will be re-posted the week of the practice.

Again I encourage all citizens of our barony to submit any and all artwork, articles, letters of note to me for inclusion in The Quill. Any and all subjects pertaining to the SCA, history, A&S, martial activities, etc will be considered.

I look forward to seeing many of you this coming weekend at the Feast of Saint Catherine of Sienna, hosted by the Canton of Falcon Cree at King's Mountain State Park.

In Service to the Barony and the Dream,
Etaoin Cambell

Greetings,

Vivant to Prince Janos and Princess Rachel, heirs to thrones of Atlantia!

Our first KnotWorks was held this past weekend, May 7th. KnotWorks will be a series of A&S activities for the entire barony to participate. Our inspiration comes

from you and those that joined us this past weekend were truly inspiring. Five baronial banners with images chosen from the Maciejowski Bible and the Manesse Codex plus the Baronial arms were traced and about 75% painted. Many of the participants were able to design their own personal banners that will be started at the next KnotWork. In addition to working hard, this was also an excellent opportunity to get to know each other better and learn about everyone's interests, goals, and wishes (as well as some good snacking). Our next KnotWorks will be hosted by Cyddlain Downs in June (more information to follow).

The next baronial fighter practice will be held May 15th in Newberry. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet in addition to honing skills. We will have armoured combat, rapier, and archery!

One of the greatest joys of being baronage is recognizing individuals of this barony for their service and talents, please help us by sending names of those who you have seen as deserving of an award.

Yours in service,
William and Julian
Baron and Baroness

May 20-22 – Feast of St. Catherine, Falcon Cree

The Chirurgeon's Corner

This month's column concerns missiles, guided and otherwise, and possums.

Question: why did the possum cross the road? Answer: to prove to the chicken it could be done. One possum recently almost died in the attempt, and the Barony almost lost the services (however briefly) of its Chirurgeon due in part to said possum.

According to The American Heritage Dictionary, a missile is "an object or weapon that is fired, thrown, dropped or otherwise projected at a target; a projectile." Now that I've made all this perfectly (un)clear, how do the missiles figure in with the possum?

On my way home late at night from the recent Tourney of Lyons, I was figuratively scratching my head to come up with a topic for this month's column. My lord husband Bardulf was, as usual, driving our van full of 'stuff'. Stuff that had been so carefully loaded much earlier that morning was now heaped and piled in with far less regard for good order. We just wanted to get home to our own bed. All of a

sudden, on a long dark stretch of road, Bardulf braked the van - HARD! Directly ahead of him was the aforementioned possum, trying gamely to cross the road. The laws of physics not having been repealed recently, all of the van's contents did as they could be expected to do in this instance: they shot forward, regardless of anything in their path. Unfortunately, directly in the path of the pointed feet of a camera tripod was my head.

Now I have a better idea of why The Society mandates helmets for people who voluntarily stand in the way of missiles: rapiers, swords, polearms or similar weapons. Had I been wearing a helmet, there would have been no damage to my head. As it was, the tripod missed my left eye by about half an inch and the fragile bone near the ear by little more than that. The skin was cut and I ended up with a stabbing headache (pun intended). But -- I survived. And I knew then what would be the subject of discussion.

I doubt I am much different from others in the SCA in how I pack my vehicle at the beginning and the end of an event, especially if both occur on the same day. Garb that was so clean and well packed now is bundled up and stuffed 'wherever'. Feastware is collected haphazardly in a plastic bag, still soiled from the meal. And all the other paraphernalia we deem so necessary to our comfort and existence - it goes wherever it will fit with the least amount of effort. But this is when we really need to be more careful so as not to end up in the path of an unexpected missile.

When loading your vehicle, especially if it's one that's basically a large open box (such as a van or SUV), secure all potential missiles. Look long and hard at your possessions and consider which ones are likely to shoot forward if the car's forward momentum stops suddenly. Load the largest and heaviest items at the bottom of the pile. Carefully pack the potential missiles (swords, collapsible camp tables, tent and/or banner poles, one section of a two-board chair, tripods, etc.) in and around the bottom items. If that's not possible, and the potential missiles are now sitting taller or higher than the top of your vehicle's seats, ensure that at least half of the missiles' height is lower than the top edge of the seat. You may end up with a rip in the seat, but that's certainly better than a hole in your head. Invest in some bungee cords or tie-downs of various lengths to secure items together. One item by itself may go flying, but several tied together are far less likely to do so. Even a section of cargo netting draped over the load and tucked down the sides would be useful for keeping things where they belong.

A few extra minutes of care in packing after an event will help keep you from being packed off to the hospital.

Yours in service to the continued good health of The Dream,
Morwenna Trevehan

Happenings Around the Barony

These are just some of the activities happening around the Barony on a regular basis. If you are interested in any of these activities, contact the Canton seneschal, whose information is listed earlier with the Baronial Regnum.

Business Meetings

- 1st Tuesday Falcon Cree, Symmes Branch Library, Greenville, SC
- 2nd Tuesday St. Georges, Central Branch Library, Central, SC
- 3rd Wednesday Cyddlain Downs, Shoneys on Busch River Rd. Columbia, SC
- 4th Sunday Canton of Ritterwald, rotating location, please contact canton seneschal as listed with Baronial Regnum

Martial Activities

- Sunday, May 15th, Baronial Fighter Practice, Newberry Middle School, contact Eitaoin Cambell at lyndasty@gmail.com for details.
- Every Sun. Fighter Practice, 2-5 pm, Cleveland Park, Greenville, SC
- Every Tuesday Fighter Practice, 6:00 Rapier, 6:30 Heavy, Riverfront Park, Columbia, SC
- Every Tuesday Fighter Practice at Clemson Park, 7:00-8:30pm.

Archery Practice

- Falcon Cree: Contact Tiarna Cormac an Faoldubh archery@falconcree.org for more info
- Ritterwald: 2nd Sunday of each and every month, Torsguard, in Williston, SC. There will be a pot luck supper. Contact Lord Torr Olafsson at (803) 266-2162, or at torsguard@yahoo.com.

Cavalry Practice:

- Ritterwald: 3rd Sunday of each and every month, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, with pot luck luncheon break. All fighter disciplines are welcome as well, and there will be workshop projects for anyone else. Fee \$5.00 per person. Contact Baroness Beatrice von Staufen at (803) 593-6512, or at baronessbeatrice@hotmail.com.

Other Activities

- 2nd Tuesday Calligraphy Night, 7pm Lady Muirgheal and Lord Cormac's Home, Greenville, SC
- 4th Sunday, Dance Practice, Church of the Cross Episcopal. Contact Baroness Julian for directions. Columbia, SC
- 2nd Thursday A&S Night, 7pm, changing locations contact Falcon Cree's seneschal, Greenville, SC

Workshops have been slated for any who choose to attend, at Torsguard, concurrent with the planned Archery Practice on the 2nd Sunday of each and every month, beginning on February 12. It is our hope that all Canton members will join us, whether to Arch or to enjoy our fellowship and learning sessions. A potluck luncheon is planned and your participation is encouraged. We are scheduling workshops on the matters of Device Design and Creation, Canton Banners, Sewing a Cotehardie, etc. Should you have particular subject you would like for us to offer, please contact the Canton Minister of Arts and Sciences, Desideria Liberati di Norcia (Patricia della Piana) at (803) 266-5828; patdellapiana@yahoo.com.