

The Nottingham Quill

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Newsletter of the Barony of Nottingham Coill

From His Excellency

The Road Ahead; Plotting a Course for Nottingham Coill

One of Elizabeth and my goals when we decided to add our name to the baronial polling was to ensure that we did everything we could to help make Nottingham Coill the envy of every other barony in the kingdom, if not the known world. We already knew that there is an incredible array of dedicated and talented people within the Barony, and the first baronial encampment at War of the Wings I seemed to indicate that there were people within the barony who would like to do more as a barony, so we felt that one of the goals we should set for ourselves as Baron and Baroness is to help build a greater sense of baronial identity. We were also fully aware that the building of that identity could not come at the expense of the Canton's identities. Nottingham Coill has a set of strong cantons with one more on the way and the strength of those cantons needs to be the foundation of the barony. Furthermore, we also knew that the challenge was not going to be deciding how to build a stronger identity, but building it the way the baronial populace (that's you guys) would like it to be built.

Since we were invested as Baron and Baroness, Elizabeth and I have been doing our best to get to know the populace and to let you guys get to know us. We haven't tried to set out an active agenda until now, because we weren't entirely sure the populace wanted one, and because we wanted to get to know the barony better, and to let you guys get to know us. After hearing your input over the last nine months, as well as the discussion we had at the baronial meeting, we're starting to come up with a plan, but we still need your input in order to truly build a lasting baronial identity.

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From His Excellency (cont.)

I proposed a number of things at the baronial meeting that seemed to be ideas everyone agreed with; creating a baronial 'guidebook' that will contain not only policies, but baronial history, award descriptions, tabard patterns, and the like. Information that is all really good to know, but is not necessarily easy to find. The need for something like this was demonstrated to me by the number of newcomers at Baronial Birthday, almost one quarter of the attendees were newcomers. The need was further illustrated by some of the older members of the barony who were unfamiliar with what some of the awards are, and if it weren't for the fact that I've read the award descriptions a few hundred times because it's my job, I'd certainly be amongst that number. (On a selfish note, the more people who are familiar with the baronies awards, the more recommendations Elizabeth and I will get, hopefully. This is a hint.)

There were two further items discussed during the meeting that I'd like to touch on here; baronial tabards, and baronial and canton day shades. Currently, I believe that barony possesses about eight baronial tabards, which, according to several heralds, should only properly be worn by myself as baron since they are adorned with the barony's arms, rather than its badge. Something that would be very nice to have is enough baronial tabards that everyone who wishes to wear one at an event, regardless of their field of endeavor, could have one. Three things need to happen before we can start working on this, the baronial badge must be simplified, the tabard pattern must be published, and the colors decided upon. As soon as we get those three things ironed out, hopefully in the near future, we'll get that information to the populace ASAP. The current baronial day shade is suffering from a terminal case of neon green and Day-Glo disease- it has become sun faded enough that it is not appropriate for use. What we discussed at the meeting was the idea of building a set of Baronial shades of a fairly simple lean-to pattern. Each canton could then build their own shade to match and they could be joined together in series at large events such as WOW. (It would be really cool to have a baronial set up on the field at WOW that the entire barony can watch the activities from, gather during the day, etcetera; especially if it's bigger than the other baronies.) His Highness has volunteered to get a pattern to us; again once we get that we'll pass it on ASAP.

There's more to be done, of course, but this is a start, and before we go too much further there is one more important thing that we need: What do you think we should or could do to further Baronial Identity? We are, hopefully, all going to be living in this barony for a long time, so what do you think should be done to make it home? Elizabeth and myself are always happy to hear anything anyone wants to share with us, and I'd like to ask the populace to spend a little time pondering this question, perhaps brainstorming with others, and then passing you ideas along to us. Our email is baronage@nittinghillcoill.org and we would love to hear from you. We would also love award recommendations- there are plenty of people out there doing good works, and we would love to recognize them, so if you could, we'd appreciate the help.

In grateful service to Nottingham Coill

Talun Mac Dubhagain

Baron Nottingham Coill

Canton-ese

News from your officers and around the Baronry

From the Geneschal

If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to drop me an email.

Yours In Service,

Lady Etain of Sutherland

Unto the Populace of Nottinghamill Coill does your new chronicler, Lady Emma vzech Howell send grætings.

Wow what a great response I've had to last month's question! I will post the question and then choose several answers and publish them in each month's newsletter. Please try to keep your responses short and sweet, so I can publish a good variety of answers. Send your questions, answers and submissions to me at quill@nottinghamillcoill.org

I look forward to hearing from everyone!

Lady Emma

Last months questions was: **What is the best piece of advice you can give a newcomer?**

My best advice, take your time. The SCA is a big organization with a LOT to offer. Many different activities and types of people. Come to several events and local meetings before you jump right in. Too often I have seen people jump in with both feet just to later decide they really are not into what ever it is they have just dropped a large chunk of change on - that being armor or a particular type of garb or supplies for a certain A&S activity. Get some good loaner garb, or make yourself some inexpensive tunics and hang out for 6 months or so to decide what really is for you!

Great question!

Meriall Hogaine

Wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes to events.

Cordially,

Lady Isolda Jourdan

For this month I'd have to say the best piece of advice I have given to a newcomer is to have relax and have fun. What is the point if you are not having fun? It is too easy to get wrapped up in membership, rules, names and everything else when you are starting out but then you stop having fun and then people stop playing. Just relax, have fun and everything else will fall into place.

Lady Victoria Pringle

This months question:

What is the one "you just can't miss it" event each year?

Readers Comments

I think it is perfectly reasonable to have a hissy fit over the fact that the bathroom, in a side room, which we picked the lock to get into, didn't have working lights! I firmly believe that every autocrat should have a hissy fit during their event, the more pointless the reason the better!

Lady Victoria Pringle

SPRING CROWN TOURNEMENT

Draw nigh fair Atlantia and hear the heralds cry. By decree of Their Royal Majesties, Sinclair and Kari, a Grand Tournament will be held to determine Their Heirs. The Barony of Nottingham Coill and the Incipient Canton of Brockshore Abbey are pleased to invite one and all to attend as we see as the worthy competitors vie for the coveted title of Heirs to the Throne.

May 2-4, 2008

The Heirs to Their Throne will be determined by a Grand Double Elimination Tournament

The event will be held at beautiful Camp Sandy Ridge (Girl Scouts of America)

3681 Girl Scout Road Bennettsville, SC 29512

Cabin Space is limited. Pre-registration is highly encouraged!

The site is **DRY!** Smoking is prohibited except in designated areas. Fires in approved fire circles ONLY!
No pets are allowed on site.

The site opens at 5:00pm Friday, May 2nd and closes at 11:00am Sunday May 4th.

COSTS:

Adult Members: \$8.00 Site Fee \$4.00 Camping/Cabin \$7.00 Feast

Adult Non-members: \$11.00 Site Fee \$4.00 Camping/Cabin \$7.00 Feast

Children 6-17 \$4.00 Site Fee \$2.00 Camping/Cabin \$7.00 Feast

Children 5 and Under are the Guests of the Barony and Their Majesties

Reservations: Please mail reservation to Lady Emma verch Howell (Karen Beedy P.O. Box 1811 Hartsville, SC 29551) Email: k.beedy@hotmail.com Phone: (843) 861-7853. If you are staying on site, please indicate whether you require a cabin or will be camping. Also, if you want to camp with a specific group, please indicate that group with your reservation.

Members of Brockshore Abbey are creating a shield tree. All entrants are encouraged to send a line drawing of your heraldry to the autocrat so a shield can be made

Space immediately on the list field is restricted to period pavilions. Tourney participants and Baronies will be given first priority. Please provide dimensions including rope requirements and the parties for whom the space is being reserved to the Autocrat Lord Sebastien de Vymont (Mike Beedy email: mikeb6874@yahoo.com Phone: (843)861-5208)

A sumptuous feast will be prepared by the able hands of Her Excellency Baroness Fiona McLeod. Please forward any dietary concerns to the Co-Autocrat Lord Draco (Daren Brown) at unkdarn@yahoo.com or by calling (803) 609-0369

Merchant Space is available. Please contact the Co-Autocrat Lord Draco (Daren Brown) at unkdarn@yahoo.com or by calling (803) 609-0369

Tempore Atlantia 1492-1600.

Please see the Nottingham Coill Baronial webpage for the full event flyer!

Activities around the Barony

Baronial Activities

Scribal Arts Workshop

Hosted by Baroness Brig ingen Erenniagh in Greenwood, SC.
Dates vary, please contact the Baroness (Missy Looper),
ldybrigh@embarqmail.com , 864-227-0751.

Canton of Cyddlain Downs

Business Meetings:

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm
Piccadilly Cafeteria (Dutch Square Mall)
Columbia SC

Fighter Practice:

Every Tuesday
6:00 pm (rapier); 6:30 pm (armored)
Riverfront Park, Columbia SC

Archery Practice:

3rd Sunday of each month, 2:00 pm
Camden Revolutionary War Park, Camden SC

Contact for more info:

Lord Matthew of Battle (Chatelaine)
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Canton of Falcon Cree

Business Meetings:

1st Tuesday of each month
7:00 pm
Downtown Greenville Library
Greenville SC

Archery Practice:

Monthly practice
IKAC and Royal Rounds
Email for time & location:
Archery@FalconCree.org

Garb Night & Archery Practice:

4th Tuesday of each month
7:00 pm
Email for time & location:
trishka@bellsouth.net

Canton of Ritterwald

Business Meetings:

Quarterly

Fighter Practice:

None

Archery Practice:

Monthly
Contact for more info:

Social:

Monthly canton gathers
Last Sunday of every month

Contact for more info:

Lord Loki Stormslove (Seneschal)

Canton of St. Georges

Business Meetings:

1st Tuesday of each month 7:00pm
Central/Clemson Library
Central, SC

Fighter Practice:

Every Sunday 11am-3pm

Easley, SC

Please email sara@dixiememories.com for location

Incipient Canton of Brockshore Abbey

Business meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Shoney's of Hartsville.

Fighter practices; 1st and 3rd Sundays from 2-4 pm at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hwy 151 Hartsville

Archery Practices; 2nd and 4th Sundays from 2-4 pm at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hwy 151 Hartsville

A&S days; 1st and 3rd Sundays from 2-4 pm at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hwy 151 Hartsville

We will beginning a regular monthly dance practice with details to be announced.

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Special Notes

Telephone Courtesy

Please do not call any of the officers after 9PM. Keep in mind also that many of them are at events on the weekend and may not be able to return your call until the following Monday.

Email Courtesy

Please give adequate time for a response, keeping in mind that we all have busy lives. However, if you have not received a reply in a reasonable amount of time (24 – 48 hours), try sending your email again. Sometimes emails “get lost” and the recipient does not receive it.

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Moments in Our Time

April

- 1 1318 - Berwick-upon-Tweed is captured by the Scottish from the English
1572 - In the Eighty Years' War, the Watergeuzen capture Brielle from the Spaniards, gaining the first food hold on land for what would become the Dutch Republic
- 2 1453 - Mehmed II begins his siege of Constantinople, which falls May 29
1513 - Juan Ponce de Leon sets foot on Florida becoming the first known European to do so. He would later claim it as a territory of Spain
- 3 1042 - Edward the Confessor is crowned King of England
1559 - The Peace of Cateau-Cambresis treaty is signed, ending the Italian Wars
- 4 1581 - Francis Drake completes a circumnavigation of the world and is knighted by Elizabeth I
- 5 456 - St. Patrick returns to Ireland as a missionary bishop
1242 - During a battle on the ice of Lake Peipus, Russian forces, led by Alexander Nevsky, rebuff an invasion attempt by the Teutonic Knights
- 6 1320 - The Scots reaffirm their independence by signing the Declaration of Arbroath
1385 - John, Master of the Order of Aviz, is made King John I of Portugal
- 7 1521 - Ferdinand Magellan arrives at Cebu in the Philippines. He is killed three weeks later by natives led by Chief Lapu-Lapu in the Battle of Mactan
- 8 1139 - Roger II of Sicily is excommunicated
1271 - In Syria, sultan Baybars conquers the Krak of Chevaliers
- 9 1241 - Mongol forces defeat the Polish and German armies at the Battle of Liegnitz
1413 - Henry V is crowned King of England
1440 - Christopher of Bavaria is appointed King of Denmark
- 10 879 - Louis III becomes King of the Western Franks
- 11 1079 - Bishop Stanislaus of Krakow is executed by order of Boleslaw II of Poland
1241 - Batu Khan defeats Bela IV of Hungary at the Battle of Muhi
- 13 1111 - Henry V is crowned Holy Roman Emperor
1204 - The Fourth Crusade sacks Constantinople
1250 - The Seventh Crusade is defeated in Egypt. Louis IX of France is captured
1598 - Henry IV of France issues the Edict of Nantes, allowing freedom of religion to the Huguenots
- 14 1205 - Battle of Adrianople between Bulgarians and Crusaders
1341 - Sack of Saluzzo, Italy by Italian-Angevine troops under Manfred V of Saluzzo
1471 - In England, the Yorkists under Edward IV defeat the Lancastrians at the Battle of Barnet. The Earl of Warwick is killed and Edward IV resumes the throne
- 15 1450 - Toward the end of the Hundred Years' War, at the Battle of Formigny, the French nearly annihilate English forces, ending English domination in Northern France
- 16 1071 - Bari falls to Robert Guiscard, ending Byzantine rule in Italy
1521 - Martin Luther's first appearance before the Diet of Worms to be examined by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V and the other estates of the empire. Luther refuses to recant his teachings, is excommunicated, and launches the Protestant Reformation
- 17 1397 - Geoffrey Chaucer tells the Canterbury Tales for the first time at the court of Richard II. Chaucer scholars have also identified this date in 1387 as when the book's pilgrimage to Canterbury starts
1492 - Spain and Christopher Columbus sign a contract for him to sail to Asia to get spices
- 18 1025 - Boleslaw I the Brave becomes the first King of Poland
- 19 1587 - Sir Francis Drake sinks the Spanish fleet in Cadiz harbor
- 20 1534 - Jacques Cartier begins his voyage, in which he will discover Canada and Labrador
- 21 1509 - Henry VIII ascends the English throne at the death of his father, Henry VII
- 22 1500 - Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral becomes the first European to sight Brazil
- 23 1014 - Irish King Brian Boru defeats Viking invaders at the Battle of Clontarf, but is killed in the battle
- 24 1558 - Mary Queen of Scots marries the Dauphin of France, Francois, at Notre Dame de Paris
- 27 1124 - David I becomes King of Scotland
1296 - Edward I of England defeats the Scots at the Battle of Dunbar
1578 - Duel of the Mignons claims the lives of two favorites of Henry III of France and two favorites of Henry I, Duke of Guise
- 28 1192 - Conrad of Montferrat, King Conrad I of Jerusalem is assassinated in Tyre, two days after his title to the throne is confirmed by election. The killing is carried out by Hashshashin
- 29 1429 - Joan of Arc arrives to relieve the Siege of Orleans, and is considered the second coming of Jesus Christ in the body of a woman, and is later burned at the stake by the English
- 30 711 - The Islamic conquest of Hispania led by Tariq ibn Ziyad lands at Gibraltar beginning the invasion of the Iberian Peninsula

For More Information

Quill Comments

Do you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for The Quill? We want to know! Please send them to quill@nottinghillcoill.org or directly to my e-mail at k.beedy@hotmail.com

Lady Emma verch Howell

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