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Newsletter of the Barony of Nottingham Coill

From the Seneschal Baronial Polling of Confidence

Unto the populace of the Barony of Nottingham Coill, do I, Etain of Sutherland, Seneschal, send greetings and good wishes.

Kingdom Law requires that Landed Baronage may continue to hold office for a total of four consecutive years, provided that the populace demonstrates a polling of confidence in the local Baronage every two years.

Their Excellencies Baroness Elizabeth Canynges and Baron Talun Mac Dubhagain, have expressed their desire to continue in this role. Therefore, the time has come to poll the members of our Barony in order to advise Their Highnesses of Atlantia as to our wishes in this matter.

Polling letters will be mailed to all PAID members residing in the zipcodes of the Barony based on the information in the SCA corporate office at the time of mailing. If you wish to participate in the polling, your membership must be paid and address up-to-date at the corporate office. If you are an SCA member living within the zip codes of the Barony and do not receive a polling letter please contact me, at Claybabyetain@aol.com. Individuals outside of the baronial zipcodes and non-members may mail comments to Their Majesties [or Highnesses] but may not receive official polling letters.

Please note that your response must be sent directly to Their Highnesses at the address below and NOT returned to me. An addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Your polling response must be postmarked no later than January 17, 2009.

Pollings will be mailed by December 31, 2008.

Yours in Service,
Etain of Sutherland



Christmas notes.....

Last month I asked people to send me interesting or strange Medieval Holiday facts, here are the highlights;

In the [Early Middle Ages](#), Christmas Day was overshadowed by Epiphany, which in the west focused on the visit of the [magi](#). But the Medieval calendar was dominated by Christmas-related holidays. The forty days before Christmas became the "forty days of St. Martin" (which began on November 11, the feast of [St. Martin of Tours](#)), now known as [Advent](#).^[26] In Italy, former Saturnalian traditions were attached to Advent.^[26] Around the 12th century, these traditions transferred again to the [Twelve Days of Christmas](#) (December 25 – January 5); a time that appears in the liturgical calendars as [Christmastide](#) or [Twelve Holy Days](#).^[26]

Among the Pagan traditions that have become part of Christmas is burning the Yule log. This custom springs from many different cultures, but in all of them its significance seems to lie in the *iul* or "wheel" of the year. The Druids would bless a log and keep it burning for 12 days during the winter solstice; part of the log was kept for the following year, when it would be used to light the new Yule log. For the Vikings, the Yule log was an integral part of their celebration of the solstice, the Julfest; on the log they would carve runes representing unwanted traits (such as ill fortune or poor honor) that they wanted the gods to take from them.

From Lady Isolda

Christmas disaster in 1066: "Also of note for Medieval England was the fact that William the Conqueror had himself crowned king of England on Christmas Day 1066. Those noble men allowed inside Westminster Abbey cheered so loudly when the crowning ceremony was taking place that the guards outside thought something was happening to their master inside the abbey. They rushed inside, attacked people and houses near to Westminster Abbey were burned down." directly quoted from http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/medieval_xmas.htm

The **Twelve Days of Christmas**, and the associated evenings of those twelve days (Twelve-tide), are the festive days beginning the evening of [Christmas Day \(December 25\)](#) through the morning of [Epiphany \(January 6\)](#). The associated evenings of the twelve days begin on the evening before the specified day. Thus, the first night of Christmas is December 25–26, and [Twelfth Night](#) is January 5–6. This period is also known as [Christmastide](#).

In the [Middle Ages](#), this period was one of continuous feasting and merrymaking, which climaxed on Twelfth Night, the traditional end of the [Christmas season](#). Twelfth Night itself was forever solidified in popular culture when [William Shakespeare](#) used it as setting for one of his most famous stage plays, titled [Twelfth Night](#). Often a [Lord of Misrule](#) was chosen to lead the Christmas revels.

Boxing Day: In [feudal](#) Christmas time was a reason for a gathering of extended families. All the [serfs](#) would gather their families in the manor of their lord, which made it easier for the lord of the estate to hand out annual stipends to the serfs. On 26 December, after all the Christmas parties, the lord of the manor would give practical goods such as cloth, grains, and tools to the serfs who lived on his land. Each family would receive a box full of such goods, hence "Boxing Day". According to this tradition, the lord of the manor did not volunteer, but was obliged to supply these gifts.

A bit late period for us but rather fascinating;

England's [Puritan](#) rulers banned Christmas, in 1647.^[28] Pro-Christmas rioting broke out in several cities, and for weeks [Canterbury](#) was controlled by the rioters, who decorated doorways with holly and shouted royalist slogans.^[28] The [Restoration](#) of Charles II in 1660 ended the ban, but many clergymen still disapproved of Christmas celebration.

In [Colonial America](#), the [Puritans](#) of [New England](#) disapproved of Christmas. Celebration was outlawed in [Boston](#) from 1659 to 1681.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all!

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),
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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:

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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
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Garb Night & Archery Practice:

4th Tuesday of each month
7:00 pm
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Canton of Ritterwald

Business Meetings:

Quarterly

Fighter Practice:

None

Archery Practice:

Monthly
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Social:

Monthly canton gathers
Last Sunday of every month

Contact for more info:

Lord Loki Stormslope (Seneschal)

Canton of St. Georges

Business Meetings:

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

Fighter Practice:

Sunday Fighter Practices vary through the month.

Contact Lord Brandon Caiside at: bcaiside@yahoo.com

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.

Email or Website Problems?

If you experience technical difficulties with the NottinghamCoill.org email addresses, send your message to NottinghamCoill@gmail.com and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person for you.

www.NottinghamCoill.org

Moments in Our Time December

1. 800 - [Charlemagne](#) judges the accusations against [Pope Leo III](#) in the [Vatican](#).
1420 - [Henry V of England](#) enters [Paris](#).
- 4 771 - [Austrasian](#) King [Carloman](#) dies, leaving his brother [Charlemagne](#) King of the now complete [Frankish](#) Kingdom.
1110 - [First Crusade](#): The [Crusaders](#) conquer [Sidon](#).
1259 - Kings [Louis IX of France](#) and [Henry III of England](#) agree to the [Treaty of Paris](#), in which Henry renounces his claims to [French](#)-controlled territory on continental [Europe](#) (including [Normandy](#)) in exchange for Louis withdrawing his support for English rebels.
1563 - The final session of the [Council of Trent](#) is held (it opened on [December 13, 1545](#)).
- 5 771 - [Charlemagne](#) becomes the sole King of the [Franks](#) after the death of his brother [Carloman](#).
1082 - [Ramon Berenguer II, Count of Barcelona](#) is [assassinated](#).
1360 - The [French Franc](#) is created.
1408 - Emir [Edigu](#) of [Golden Horde](#) reaches [Moscow](#).
1484 - [Pope Innocent VIII](#) issues the [Summis desiderantes](#), a [papal bull](#) that deputizes [Heinrich Kramer](#) and [James Sprenger](#) as [inquisitors](#) to root out alleged [witchcraft](#) in [Germany](#) and leads to one of the severest witch hunts in European history.
1492 - [Christopher Columbus](#) becomes the first [European](#) to set foot on the island of [Hispaniola](#).
1496 - King [Manuel I of Portugal](#) issues a decree of expulsion of "heretics" from the country.
- 6 1060 - [Béla I of Hungary](#) is crowned king of [Hungary](#).
1240 - [Mongol invasion of Rus: Kiev](#) under [Danylo of Halych](#) and [Voivode Dmytro](#) falls to the [Mongols](#) under [Batu Khan](#).
1534 - The city of [Quito](#) in [Ecuador](#) is founded by Spanish settlers led by [Sebastián de Belalcázar](#).
- 10 1041 - Empress [Zoe of Byzantium](#) elevates her adoptive son to the throne of the [Eastern Roman Empire](#) as [Michael V](#).
1508 - The [League of Cambrai](#) is formed by [Pope Julius II](#), [Louis XII of France](#), [Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor](#) and [Ferdinand II of Aragon](#) as an alliance against [Venice](#).
1520 - [Martin Luther](#) burns his copy of the [papal bull Exsurge Domine](#) outside [Wittenberg's](#) Elster Gate.
1541 - [Thomas Culpeper](#) and [Francis Dereham](#) are executed for having affairs with [Catherine Howard](#), Queen of England and wife of [Henry VIII](#).
- 11 1282 - [Llywelyn the Last](#) (b. c.1228), the last native [Prince of Wales](#), is killed at [Cilmeri](#), near [Builth Wells](#), south [Wales](#).
- 12 627 - [Battle of Nineveh](#): A [Byzantine](#) army under Emperor [Heraclius](#) defeats Emperor [Khosrau II's](#) [Persian](#) forces, commanded by [General Rhahzadh](#).
1098 - [First Crusade](#): Massacre of [Ma'arrat al-Numan](#) - Crusaders breach the town's walls and massacre about 20,000 inhabitants. After finding themselves with insufficient food, they resort to [cannibalism](#).
1408 - [Order of the Dragon](#): The [Order of the Dragon](#) was first created on December 12, 1408 by [Emperor Sigismund](#), then King of Hungary, and his wife Queen [Barbara of Celje](#) following the battle for possession of [Bosnia](#).
- 13 1294 - [Saint Celestine V](#) [abdicates](#) the [papacy](#) after only five months; Celestine hoped to return to his previous life as an [ascetic hermit](#).
1545 - [Council of Trent](#) begins.
1577 - Sir [Francis Drake](#) sets out from [Plymouth, England](#), on his round-the-world voyage.
- 14 1287 - [St. Lucia's flood](#): The [Zuider Zee](#) sea wall in the [Netherlands](#) collapses, killing over 50,000 people.
1542 - Princess Mary Stuart becomes Queen [Mary I of Scotland](#).
- 15 1167 - Sicilian chancellor [Stephen du Perche](#) moves the royal court to [Messina](#) to prevent a rebellion.
1256 - [Hulagu Khan](#) captures and destroys the [Hashshashin](#) stronghold at [Alamut](#) in present-day [Iran](#) as part of the [Mongol](#) offensive on Islamic southwest Asia.
1467 - [Stephen III of Moldavia](#) defeats [Matthias Corvinus of Hungary](#), with the latter being injured thrice, at the [Battle of Baia](#).
- 16 1431 - [Henry VI of England](#) is crowned [King of France](#) at [Notre Dame](#) in [Paris](#).
1497 - [Vasco da Gama](#) rounds the [Cape of Good Hope](#), the point where [Bartolomeu Dias](#) had previously turned back to [Portugal](#).
1575 - The [1575 Valdivia earthquake](#) takes place.
1598 - [Seven Year War: Battle of Noryang Point](#) - The final battle of the Seven Year War is fought between the Korean and Japanese navies, resulting in a decisive Korean victory
- 17 920 - [Romanos I](#) is crowned as co-emperor of the underage Emperor [Constantine VII](#).
942 - Assassination of [William I of Normandy](#).
1398 - [Sultan Nasir-u Din Mehmud's](#) armies in Delhi are defeated by [Timur](#).
1531 - [Pope Clement VII](#) establishes a parallel body to the [Inquisition](#) in [Lisbon, Portugal](#).
1538 - [Pope Paul III](#) excommunicates [Henry VIII of England](#).

17. cont. [1577](#) - [Francis Drake](#) sets sail from [Plymouth](#), England, on a secret mission to explore the [Pacific Coast](#) of the Americas for English [Queen Elizabeth I](#).
[1586](#) - [Emperor Go-Yozei](#) becomes [Emperor of Japan](#).
- 18 [1271](#) - [Kublai Khan](#) renames his empire "Yuan" (元 yuán), officially marking the start of the [Yuan Dynasty](#) of [China](#).
- 19 [1154](#) - [Henry II of England](#) is crowned at [Westminster Abbey](#).
[1490](#) - [Anne of Brittany](#) is married to [Maximilian I, Holy Roman Emperor](#) by proxy.
- 20 [1192](#) - [Richard the Lion-Heart](#) is captured and imprisoned by [Leopold V](#) of [Austria](#) on his way home to [England](#) after signing a treaty with [Saladin](#) ending the [crusade](#).
 come [1522](#) - [Suleiman the Magnificent](#) accepts the surrender of the surviving [Knights of Rhodes](#), who are allowed to evacuate. They eventually settle on [Malta](#) and become known as the [Knights of Malta](#).
- 23 [962](#) - [Byzantine-Arab Wars](#): Under the future [Emperor Nicephorus Phocas](#), [Byzantine troops](#) stormed the city of [Aleppo](#), recovering the tattered tunic of [John the Baptist](#).
[1493](#) - Georg Alt's German translation of [Hartmann Schedel's Nuremberg Chronicle](#) is published.
- 24 [1294](#) - [Pope Boniface VIII](#) is elected [Pope](#), replacing [St. Celestine V](#), who had [abdicated](#).
- 25 [800](#) - [Coronation of Charlemagne](#) as [Holy Roman Emperor](#), in [Rome](#).
[1000](#) - The foundation of the [Kingdom of Hungary](#): [Hungary](#) is established as a [Christian](#) kingdom by [Stephen I of Hungary](#).
[1066](#) - [Coronation of William the Conqueror](#) as king of [England](#), at [Westminster Abbey, London](#).
[1100](#) - [Baldwin of Boulogne](#) is crowned as the first King of [Jerusalem](#) in the [Church of the Nativity](#)
[1130](#) - [Roger II of Sicily](#) is crowned as the first King of [Sicily](#)
[1223](#) - [St. Francis of Assisi](#) assembles the first [Nativity scene](#).
[1261](#) - [John IV Lascaris](#) of the restored [Eastern Roman Empire](#) is deposed and blinded by orders of his co-ruler [Michael VIII Palaeologus](#).
[1553](#) - [Battle of Tucapel](#): [Mapuche](#) rebels under [Lautaro](#) defeats the Spanish [conquistadors](#) and executes the governor of [Chile](#), [Pedro de Valdivia](#).
[1599](#) - The [city of Natal, Brazil](#) is founded.
- 26 [1481](#) - [Battle of Westbroek](#) - [Holland](#) defeats troops of [Utrecht](#).
- 27 [1512](#) - The Spanish Crown issues the [Laws of Burgos](#), governing the conduct of settlers with regards to [native Indians](#) in the [New World](#).
- 28 [1065](#) - [Westminster Abbey](#) is [consecrated](#).
[1308](#) - The reign of [Emperor Hanazono, emperor of Japan](#), begins.
- 29 [1170](#) - [Thomas Becket](#): [Thomas Becket](#), Archbishop of Canterbury, is assassinated inside [Canterbury Cathedral](#) by followers of King Henry II; he subsequently becomes a saint and martyr in the [Anglican Church](#) and the [Roman Catholic Church](#).
- 30 [1460](#) - [Wars of the Roses: Battle of Wakefield](#).
- 31 [1229](#) - [James I of Aragon](#) the Conqueror enters [Medina Mayurqa](#) (now known as [Palma, Spain](#)) thus consummating the [Christian](#) conquest of the island of [Majorca](#).
[1599](#) - [British East India Company](#) is chartered.

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@nottinghamhillcoill.org or directly to my e-mail at k.beedy@hotmail.com

Lady Emma verch Howell

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