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#### April

**1-3** Coronation – Lanexa, VA

1 7:30 PM Fighter Practice

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1 PM: Archery/Rapier Practice – Weather permitting 1 PM: Textile Arts Guild

5 6:30 PM: Melee Practice - Lochmere

8 7 PM: Baronial Board Meeting 7:30 PM Fighter Practice

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9 AM: King Archery Champion – Bright Hills

#### 10

1 PM: Archery/Rapier Practice – Weather permitting 1PM: Cooking Event - Owleshurst 2 PM: Cooks Guild – Baroness Cordelia's house 5 PM: Open Arts & Crafts Night – Bel Air, MD

**15** 7:30 PM Fighter Practice

17
1 PM: Archery/Rapier Practice – Weather permitting
22
7:30 PM Fighter Practice/Bardic

**23** Nacht in der Stadt – Lochmere

24 1 PM: Archery/Rapier Practice – Weather permitting

**29** 7:30 PM Fighter Practice

**29-May 1** Revenge of the Stitch - Spiaggia Levantina



Gulf Wars before the storm



#### Onto the populace of Bright Hills do we, Kollack and Rebecca give thanks.

Greetings and Good Wishes to the Barony from Kollack and Rebecca

First we would like to thank all that were in attendance to help celebrate yet another birthday of Bright Hills becoming a Barony. We hope that everyone had as much fun and we did while reminiscing of the past and future of Bright Hills with old and new friends alike. Though it was bitterly cold the weather held and we did not get the snow we are so use to on Birthday.

Now that the worst of winter is behind us we look forward to the upcoming events. Sadly we missed KASF due to a carriage failure, but have heard many good things and had the opportunity to see many photos.

Both of us had the excitement of attending Gulf Wars this year. It was a very exciting time and our only regret was having to leave early to head back to our homelands.

Thanks to all that joined us while attending Defending the gate. We had a wonderful time. All those attending were made welcome in the shared shade of Haus Wulfshaven with a hospitality table set up with sustenance for both combatants and observers. We were very excited to bear witness at court for two of our own who were recognized for their prowess and skill. Congratulations to Lady Reyne for coming in first in her class in target archery and a hearty vivant to her newly appointed Excellency Greer Jonsdottir

April starts with Spring Coronation in Lanexa, Virginia, followed by the Kingdom Archery Champion Tournament hosted by our very own Bright Hills the next weekend. That is followed up quickly by Nacht in der Stadt (Night out on the Town) in Severna Park and Revenge of the Stitch over the bridge in Denton. \*Sadly I may not be able to attend either event so please take the time to say hello to his Excellency.

If you find yourself at any of these events and would like to act as our retainer, if even for an hour or two please let us know. We greatly enjoy your company.

Once again thank you all for being who you are and making Bright Hills such a glorious and fun place to play.

Yours in Service and Friendship Kollack and Rebecca von Zweckel Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills



Lady Aemilia Rosa displays her beautiful scrolls.



From the Chronicler

My apologies to all for not getting the newsletters out. Now that this newsletter is out I am working on the promised special A&S edition. I hope you will enjoy it when it is published. I would like to say a personal "Thank you" to Mistress Mordryn, the outgoing Kingdom Chronicler for her help, guidance and support. It has helped me greatly to improve this newsletter. I look forward to working with Baroness Adina, the incoming Kingdom Chronicler.

A loud "Thank You," goes to all those that contributed to this month's newsletter, Lady Deirdre for her article on Early Welsh Poets and her mushroom pasties recipe, Lady Katarzyna Witkowska for her Tribute poem, and Lady Wanda, Lady Tannis Baldwin and Lady Aemilia Rosa for their pictures. Vivat Bright Hills!

I will be taking a break for at least the next 2 issues of the newsletter to attend to family and mundane commitments. The newsletter will be produced by my deputy, Lady Scholastica. Please give her your support and continue to supply her with the quality articles that you have to me. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield Chronicler of the Barony Bright Hills

#### **Minutes of the Bright Hills Board Meeting**

The January Baronial Board meeting was cancelled due to snow. We were unable to reschedule due to the condition of the roads the following Friday. Officer reports were provided by email. Herein are the ones that were posted.

A. Webminister: Lord Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire – Nothing additional to report this month. Working with Kingdom WM to correct and issue with the RSS Kingdom calendar feed not displaying properly.

B. Herald: Lady Deirdre O'Bardon – We have at least one new warranted herald in Bright Hills, Lord Richard Wyn, who is



my deputy. Otherwise, there has been limited heraldic activity during the last month.

C. MOAS: Lady Reyne Telerius – Here's is my January report. Despite repeated requests, I received only 2 responses.

I am dropping Greenlion Bay from my list, as they apparently report separately, and aren't required to send me their reports.

Also, I am taking on a new deputy – Alexander de Burdegala. More on this when we next meet.

Guild Reports:

- 1. Armorers: No report
- 2. Brewers: No report
- 3. Cheese mongers: No report
- 4. Clothiers: No report

5. Cooks: The first meeting of the mundane New Year was held in the home of Lady Deirdre. From the kitchen came the welcoming aromas of many dishes brought by fellow members, especially a marvelous Russian soup from Cordelia, ham and spiced peas from Deirdre and a few more dishes that looked as good as they smelled.

We were happy to once more welcome our own Mistress Olwen the Odd back from her many travels and we all wished good health to Mistress Brienna, who has by now undergone a knee operation of the other knee.

Our internet communication was the first thing on our list of discussion. I would like to make sure that we are all receiving meeting minutes and announcements. The list is maintained by Silent-tower, and it was suggested that we now link ourselves to the Baronial web site. I will ask Janyn, the web minister what we can do to facilitate that. It may help bring new members to the list and guild.

A discussion was then started about food prices. While we have many stores to choose from when purchasing feast ingredients, not everyone has access to some of the wholesale merchants. SO if you see a very good sale for items, meat, canned or dry goods, let the list know. Freezers are such wonderful things, and sometimes a leg of lamb or some nice veal would love to serve as an ingredient in a Bright Hills feast.

Our canton of Greenlion Bay is holding the Lion's Head tavern event on Saturday, January 30, in Chestertown, MD http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event\_id=9e8a7e64 Lady Alicia of Cambion is in charge of both the lunch and feast. I am unsure who from the barony and guild will be in attendance but if the kitchen calls, I know she would appreciate a helping hand. Otherwise, the meals look scrumptious and filling.

Lunch- Beef and barley pottage, yeast rolls and cheddar cheese. Feast- 1st Course-Bread and herbed butter, a pottage of onions 2nd Course- Roasted chicken, Sowbre sauce, roasted carrots with ginger, buttered worts. 3rd Course- Pain Foundrow with strawberry preserves. There will be vegetarian alternatives but they have not yet been posted. Again, this looks like a nice small feast. If you attend the event, have a lovely time and save room for dessert!

Bright Hills Baronial Birthday will be held at the Manchester Vol. Firemen's Activity Bldg. 3297 York Street, Manchester, MD, on Saturday, February 13, http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137events/167-event-flyer?event\_id=43864497. While the event officially begins at 10:00am, we will be there for early set-up. Exact time pending. We may also be able to set up on Friday night. I will double-check with Chagan, the Autocrat and post it by pre-cook.

Speaking of pre-cook...it will be held at Deirdre's (the head cook's) home (mighty fine of you my lady!) on Sunday, Feb.7 after 1:00 pm. Come early and help clean! Bring your apron, a beverage of two, willing hands and fine conversation.

Deirdre asks that we be on the look-out for goodly priced turnips, parsnips, salmon and mushrooms. (White and/or Portobello). Please e-mail her with your findings through the guild list.

The Feast: 1st Course- Cock-a-Leekie soup, roast pork loin with yellow and horseradish mustards, armored turnips, herbed peas, roasted apples, oatmeal and hazelnut bread.

Palate cleanser- Jellied blood oranges in peel

2nd Course- Spiced beef, Salmon pasties and mushroom parties, honeyed carrots, mashed turnips, white bread.

Desserts- Shortbread, scones, Welsh cakes, fruited bread.

Various dished have been assigned to a few individuals, primarily the spiced beef which will be lovingly brought into being by Cordelia, bread by Brienna, Gustav and Aye, scones by Margherita and Welsh cakes and fruited bread by Wynne. Chagan also let us know that the Northern Region Chatelaines will be meeting during the event AND court will be a bit long due to the great number of awards given out. Feast will be pushed back to perhaps 6:25 pm. We will be ready whatever the time...remember the "Carrot of Doom", Deirdre. While we can hold feast for a time, even cooks get a bit antsy to serve a hot meal!

Lunch for the event will be provided by the barony's equestrians. It is a fund-raiser for tournament equipment and such.

And so as not to worry us; Chagan assured us that the firehouse has us penciled in for next year's (2017) birthday event. A bit of planning ahead never hurt!

Saturday, March 5th is the Atlantian Arts and Sciences Festival http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137events/170-event-info?event\_id=b8592328 Master Chirhart is planning the lunch and welcomes assistance. More information will be posted after birthday...one meal at a time!

Then in April...Saturday the 9th, the guild will be providing lunch for the Kingdom Archery Tournament http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/170-event-info?event\_id=242f2b56. It will be simple wraps, fruits, etc.

Please keep in mind as spring approaches I would like to inventory all the guild stores. Plans will be made when the dust or crumbs from past feasts and luncheons has died down. The Barony of Loch Mere will be sponsoring Fall Crown at Rocks 4-H camp; Bright Hills will assist. They will be in charge of feast, and I am sure any help would be welcome. More later. Guild sites for the next three months:

Sunday, Feb 7- pre-cook at Deirdre's

- ", March 13- Wynne
- ", April 10- Cordelia

The meeting was adjourned and we made our way to the kitchen to eat! Both Cordelia and I prepared items from the challenge recipes. Her Red Deer pasties were very flaky and we both did different versions of the Rice Tart. As I left the recipes at Deirdre's, they will be sent to the chronicler, Sindara, to post in the Yeoman later this month.

This report is made to the best of my memory. Please let me know if something ahs been left out or is incorrect.

6. Herb Group: nothing to report

7. PAGE (Performing Arts Guild Extraordinaire): "PAGE (Performers Arts Guild Extraordinaire) had been planning to attend Lochmere's event dedicated to the Spanish Inquisition, since we had been invited to put our theatrical tendencies to use as sinister inquisitors. "I can't imagine they would think of us for these roles," Lady Yseulte said with a perfectly straight face.

Since Mother Nature has usurped the event, we will continue to scheme, make plans with the autocrat to enact those rules next year, with perhaps a short introductory skit and some Spanish music thrown in. Giving us more time to dream up enhancements is always a great idea. In the meantime, we will work on music for the parade of participants at Crown Tourney this fall.

8. St. Matthias: No report.

9. Scriptorium: – No classes however with Birthday coming I was able to assign scrolls to the newer scribes of the Barony, which is a refreshing change having some new folks and some new interest in the Scribal arts.

Prizes Bought for the Illumination Competition at birthday. If I could get our Baroness to judge along with a Laurel I certainly would appreciate it.

I will be teaching "Drawing Acanthus Leaves" for the class at birthday. There will be handouts and it will be interactive so it should be fun for any level.

- 8. TAG: No report
- 9. Woodworkers: No report
- F. Chatelaine: Baroness Barbara Giumaria diRoberto –
- G. Minister of Lists: Lord Alexander Fowler No MoL activity this month.

**Business Reports** 

Baron Heinrich: Baronial coronets are in various stages of reshape and repair. Both ready for blackening.

Greetings All, especially the Baronial officers.

Due to the impending Blizzard and, thus, the presumed closing of practice, I'm submitting this report via e-mail. If the meeting is rescheduled I will give the report again or just add any new developments.

Plans move ahead for the event. The rental fee and signed contract were mailed to the Manchester Volunteer Fire company and the 2017 date request was included in that letter. For those who plan ahead next year's date is 2/11/2017.

Shopping (pricing food) for feast has commenced and a pre-cook day is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> at Lady Deirdre's home. Check with the Cooks Guild for confirmation and directions to the pre-cook site. I have not had a request for feast funds yet.

There are a number of A & S activities scheduled as well as some hoped for Martial activities. I'll be checking in with staff soon to confirm that all is going smoothly and see if anyone needs anything for the event. Event updates have been posted on the Baronial website, the Merry Rose and the Barony e-list. The first reservations have begun to arrive. As of Thursday, 1/21 we have 6 feast seats sold. 6 down, 72 to go! Fear Not, Your Excellencies those missing 2 seats in the total are the ones reserved for you.

As usual there will be a need for help setting up and breaking down, but we will also need servers for feast. Anyone wishing to help serve the feast should contact Baron Barre fitz Robert so he knows how many helpers he has or needs to find.

Wade and I plan to be at Friday practice every week prior to Birthday so anyone who wants to hand in a reservation is most welcome.

If anyone has questions about this report kindly contact me at chagankhulan@gmail.com

In service and in friendship, I remain, Chagan Khulan Autocrat of Baronial Birthday, 2016.



The Bardic Bearpit competition at Baronial Birthday commences

#### February 18, 2016, 7:15 P.M.

<u>Attendees</u>: Kenneth and Becky Kepple, Michelle England, Erin Scimeca, Hunter Fowler, Barbara and John Kriner, Graham Wright, Karen Setze, Jay and Amy Nardone, Becky Ritterhouse, Victoria Wank, Karen Whitlock, Angela Yau, Randy Feltman, Charlie Jones, Jill Peters, and Sharon Saroff.

I. <u>Report of the Baronage</u> – Since the baronial herald was not present, Aemilia Rosa was asked to read a scroll that was read in court at Baronial Birthday. Lord Graham MacRobert was created the principal of the Shield & Crescent. His scroll was written in Slavic.

Countess Rowan is asking if she could borrow the baronial pavilion to take to 50 year for the artisans. Graham doesn't have problem with loaning the 20x20. If Highland Foorde doesn't want 20x40 for Highland River Melees, they can have that one.

Court was short at Baronial Birthday. It lasted only 50 minutes.

We plan to go to Ponte Alto Investiture for short time and to Kingdom Arts & Sciences.

The new Baronial Arts & Sciences Champion is Lady Aemilia Rosa. The new Baronial Archery Champion is Lord Janyn and Lord Randver is the new Baronial Brewer. The new Baronial Bard is Richard Wynn.

#### II. Officer Reports

A. <u>Chronicler: THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield</u> – Mistress Mordryn's replacement has still not been announced. When one is found I will update you.

I am planning to combine the February and March Issues is everyone is OK with that. I emailed the kingdom chronicler, but she has not responded. I am planning to do a special A&S issue within the next month.

As usual we have a full compliment of articles for the newsletter. Thank you to all that contributed. We continue to receive compliments due to the contributions of this wonderful barony.

B. <u>Exchequer: Lady Clara</u> – We have money. I am still waiting for the receipts from cooks at Green Lion Bay. I was told they are in the mail. I am also waiting for the rest of the receipts from Baronial Birthday.

C. <u>Webminister: Lord Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire</u> – I am supposed to be warranted. I have tried to send in my warrant several times. It needs Graham's signature.

D. <u>Herald: Lady Deirdre O'Bardon</u> – Several new submissions were made for barony members. Lord Richard Wyn was primary herald for the first time at Lion's Head Tavern. My thanks to Lady Beatrice, Baroness Wynne and Lord Wyn for heralding at Baronial Birthday. Baronial heralds also commented on name and device submissions being considered by Kingdom.

E. <u>MOAS: Lady Reyne Telerius</u> – Lady Deirdre held the Baronial A&S Champion's competition at Baronial Birthday, which was won by Lady Aemilia Rosa. Mistress Fevronia Murometsa won the annual Bardic Bear Pit competition at Baronial Birthday. She also won the Poeta Atlantiae's poetry competition held at that event. Angel of Bright Hills won the Youth category of that same competition. Lady Aemilia sponsored a scroll-blank competition among the scribes, and announced three winners. Lord Faolán mac Raghnaill took first place, Lady Elizabeth of Sumersæton claimed second, and Clara Brauer received third. Lord Randvér askmaðr won the Baronial Brewing competition thus becoming the new Baronial Brewer.

Lord Faolán mac Raghnaill was awarded the Order of the Shell and Crescent during court at Baronial Birthday for his skill in the bardic arts.

Lady Ailis inghean uí Bhriain presented to Their Excellencies 2 hand-painted, glazed pottery plates bearing the baronial arms that she herself had made.

F. <u>Chatelaine: Baroness Barbara Giumaria diRoberto</u> – I have had 3 inquiries this month and had the pleasure to meet some of the folks at Baronial Birthday.

The date of the Royal Rabbit Demo is Saturday, August 27, 2016. Mark your calendars.

G. <u>Minister of Lists: Lord Alexander Fowler</u> – No MOL activity at birthday because of the weather. There is a new program to renew fighter cards online, but it is not working yet.

H. <u>Knights Marshall: Randver Askmadr</u> I have taken over doing the waivers and marshalling stuff from Green Lion Bay.

I. <u>Youth Minister: Lady Katarzyna Witkowska</u> - I will be unable to attend the meeting this week due to family commitments.

We had 7 children participate in Children's Activities for Bright Hills Baronial Birthday. Two pages classes were taught. A great time was had by all including your Youth Minister! We have a wonderful group of children here in Bright Hills.

For Pennsic, I would like to have the children make herbal beanbags and have a beanbag toss. I estimate a cost of \$50-\$75 for beans and herbs and making suitable bean bag toss boards. Fabric will be by donation. Sewing help will be needed in order to prepare the bags for filling and then the children will sew them closed. The bean bags can be used as dream pillows afterward.

I have been asked to coordinate children's activities for WOW. I will be looking for a few volunteers for Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15th, to assist with activities and to teach Page's academy classes. I am looking for calligraphy, SCA courtesy, medieval games, herbology, jewelry making, kumihomo, Viking wire weaving, etc. teachers. Please let me know if anyone can assist.

I would like permission to donate the remainder of the robin hood hats to WOW for the children's activities. I estimate there are about 40-50 hats.

#### IV. Old Business

A. <u>Archery Champion: Lady Yseulte</u> – Kingdom archery-There is a change of theme. The original theme was going to be historical archers, but we couldn't come up with enough names. The new theme is "someone is being invaded and the archers are defending. Lady Livia is taking care of the merchants. The Cooks' Guild is doing fundraiser lunch.

Aiden is Marshall in Charge. We need to send out invites to the rest of the kingdom.

B. <u>Baronial Birthday: Chagan Bagshi</u> – Here's my post event report for Baronial Birthday. Feel free to pull anything you need for your own reports. I hope this got to all the officers.

What I don't have is the number of competitors in each competition but, hopefully all the winners names will be in the Heralds report. I think I remember most of them.

We had over 100 attendees and a goodly number of those were children. I should have an exact head count soon. We served 64 gentles at Feast and by all appearances they enjoyed the food. There were quite a few kids (8) who enjoyed the many kids' activities.

The Equestrians fundraiser lunch was profitable, so they'll be replacing some much needed tourney equipment. They raised \$200.

We held 5 A & S competitions and 1 open display. Response to the competitions was very good but, sadly, no one chose to display anything.

The competitions were;

Baronial Brewer – run by Lady Nem inghean Dochairtaigh and won by Lord Randdver Askmadr Baronial A & S – run by Lady Deirdre O'Bardon Bardic Bear Pit – run by Lady Faye Trees and won by Lord Faolan Mac Raghnaill Illumination – run by Lady Aemilia Rosa Poetry – run by Lady Katarzyna, Poetaa Atlantia.

There were 3 classes offered – Baron Heinrich teaching Courtesy and Customs of the SCA for newbies. Sad to say, no one attended. Quilling was taught by Lady Rebekkah Samuel and a class on Celtic Myths and Legends taught by Lady Katarzyna Witkowska.

Archery, Rapier, Youth fighting and Heavy weapons were cancelled due to bitter cold (15 degrees), much snow and biting winds.

Other activities included a Heralds Consult table, the Sekunjabin Tavern, Children's activities, shopping, a display of Baronial history, Court and feast. We had originally had 5 merchants lined up but two were unable to make it due to snow and one intrepid new merchant came in their stead.

Overall the event well. Set up and break down were accomplished in short order and, as far as I could tell, everyone seemed relaxed, content and were enjoying themselves. Lost and found is minimal, with only 5 items, 2 of which are already claimed. We remain in good standing with the volunteer fire company and are already on their calendar for 2/11/2017.

I have Spiked the event for next year. I have the Spike password and event ID. I'll happily share this info with whoever is autocratting the event.

C. <u>Margaret Brent School Demo - Lady Rebekka</u> is planning to attend the Storvik business meeting to recruit people for the demo at the Margaret Brent Academy in North Carrollton, MD on Thursday March 10, 2016. She noted she is looking for tactile items to bring for the students to touch and experience. She is hoping that the weavers could bring a loom.

D. <u>Thrones – Lord Graham</u> provided an update. Baronial thrones can be salvaged. We should never had paid for them because they were not well made. Various proposals were reviewed. Sternkill was suggested at \$200 for a chair. Baron Raven offered x-chairs or Glastonbury chairs at \$350 each. Another offer is \$250 a chair. Glastonburys are a more comfortable & better made chair.

Baron Heinrick was annoyed that it has taken so long. Graham noted that we need to get bids. Lady Faye suggested sending a list of requirements to the craftsmen & to post the bids to the officer list. The Baron is meeting on March 9 with Lochmere about crown tourney.

#### V. <u>New Business</u>

A. <u>Trial By Fire</u> - Baroness Wynne is working on coordinating Trial By Fire. We are planning to do it with the Lochmere Arrow competition. We need to find a date. I suggest in June or July. We cannot do it in September because Lochmere got Labor Day Weekend for Battle by the bay.

B. Stepping Stone demo Lady Faye – We are moving the Stepping Stone demo to the Celtic festival weekend. We would like to offer to have TBF on that same weekend which is June 4&5, 2016. These dates are open on kingdom calendar to be spiked. The only cost is equestrian insurance. I still need an MIC, MOL. The MOL will be Lord Alexander. It will be a very busy weekend. We still have fire pit and may do a bardic.

C. The Baron would like to get dance started again. There are a lot of new people. They want to learn to dance.-He suggested doing it on the third Friday meeting night, when the Baronial Meeting is held.

VI. Other Business

A. Baroness Wynne spoke to Duchess Simone who asked if she could borrow our backdrop to use during royal court at Pennsic-. She will set it up for 1 day and transport it.

She also brought in the freshly washed curtains from All Things Marshall.

B. Chagan noted that we need a new first aide kit.

The next officers meeting will be on Friday, March 25, 2016 at 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM



Lord Godai tests his new bow.



**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

Spring Coronation Kingdom of Atlantia April 01-03, 2016

A magnificent day is coming where will welcome our new King Dietrich von Stroheim, a fierce warrior and leader and his bold Queen Thora Heri, the strength and beauty of Valhalla. It will be a day filled with activities honoring our new majesties with fighting, feasting and celebration.

Website: http://coronation.atlantia.sca.org/ Martial Activities: A Valhalla Tourney will be held for heavy and rapier fighting, where the slain will be selected by Valkyries to fight on a team for Odin or Freya in a field battle after the tourneys are complete. There will be a King's Cut and Thrust Champion Tourney where the final combatants will face his majesty to determine the winner. The gods and goddesses of Norse mythology will be represented on the archery range. Arts & Sciences Activities: 1. Cultural Atlantia: This is a new competition that will be held at Coronations. Their Highnesses have requested that we pay homage to the Odin and Freya with our arts and sciences. Use creativity and ingenuity to create and document an entry relating to these deities. The winner of the competition will receive a reward. The judging will use new forms and criteria which can be found at:http://moas.atlantia.sca.org/tempore.htm/

Poeta Atlantiae: On April 2nd at Spring Coronation the competition for the new Poeta Atlantiae will be held. You must write two (2) poems in documentable medieval form. One poem should honor our new queen and the second should honor our new king. Documentation is required as well as a letter of intent stating what you wish to accomplish as Poeta. You must be present to enter.

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$15.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$10.00 Camping
Adult, Non-Member:	\$20.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$10.00 Camping
Youth (9-17):	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$10.00 Camping
Child (0-8):	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$10.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Kingdom of Atlantia

Cost Notes: PayPal Event Registration Instructions: The PayPal registration form is available on Atlantia.sca.org under "Events in Atlantia". To register for the event please complete the online form. Once you have submitted the form, please allow up to 48 hours for the invoice to be created. You will receive the invoice directly from PayPal. Once you have received the invoice from PayPal you will follow the link in the email to pay the invoice via credit card, e-check, or PayPal account. You will have up to 7days to pay the invoice. Please do NOT send money to PayPal without receiving an invoice.

Please be patient with this process and we work out any remaining bugs. If you have an issue or questions, please contact the PayPal Deputy Exchequer, Mistress Helena de Flores at dep.atlantiaexchequer@gmail.com or me (at exchequer@atlantia.sca.org).

There is no camping, the \$10 is for a cabin bed. For cabin reservations please contact Mistress Graciela de Esperanza at hutchings1111@gmail.com, once you have preregistered for the event.

Site: Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center. 3700 Roper's Church Road, Lanexa, VA 23089. Site opens 4 pm Friday, closes 11 am Sunday.

Site Restrictions: No pets. Alcohol is permitted for those over 21. ALL ORIGINAL CONTAINER MUST BE PACKED OUT. Trash bags will be provided at Gate.

Feast Information: A delicious feast of Norse fare prepared by Lady Magdelena Sanguigni. Food allergy concerns and questions involving ingredients should be directed to her at benegesseritt@gmail.com

Merchanting Information: Merchants are asked to preregister for the event and reserve merchant space by contacting Baroness Yenega Velasconi de Santurce at vivianvaz42@gmail.com.

Autocrat's Information: Rayhana bint Yusuf (Lea Ann Alonso), 1817 Belt St, Baltimore, MD 21230, Phone: (407) 902-5400, E-mail: rayhana.bint.yusuf@gmail.com

Reservations: Alana Urquhart (Victoria Howell), P.O. Box 382, Lovettsville, VA 20180, E-mail: exchequer@atlantia.sca.org

Directions:

Makemie Woods is ideally located in Lanexa, VA, just off Interstate 64 between Williamsburg and Richmond, VA. Many guests take advantage of the local attractions as we are less than 30 minutes from Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, the Williamsburg Pottery and hundreds of other shopping outlets. Just a little over an hour from Virginia Beach!

From the West (Richmond, etc.): Take exit 220 off I-64 and follow Rt 33 to the first traffic signal. Turn right at the signal onto Rt 30, and go 3.8 miles, just passing a mini-storage on the right, and the Barhamsville Post Office on the left. You will see the white Makemie Woods sign on your right. Turn right at the sign (Rt 632) and follow the paved road. In less than a mile you will see a small sign on your right, directing you left onto Rt 621, Ropers Church Rd. Turn left and go over two bridges covering the interstate. You will see the entrance to Makemie Woods on your right.

From the East (Tidewater VA area): Take exit 227 off I-64 and go North on Rt 30 approximately 2 miles. You will see the Makemie Woods sign on your left (Rt 632). (If you pass the Post Office, you have gone too far.) Follow the paved road. In less than a mile you will see a small sign on your right, directing you left onto Rt 621, Ropers Church Rd. Turn left and go over two bridges covering the interstate. You will see the entrance to Makemie Woods on your right.

From the North (Washington, DC): Take 95 South to 295 towards Williamsburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, etc. Take 295 to 64 East, and follow the above directions from the Richmond area.

From the South (North Carolina): Take 95 North to 295 towards Williamsburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, etc. Take 295 to 64 East, and follow the above directions from the Richmond area.

From West Point and the Middle Peninsula: Follow 33/30 across the bridges to the second traffic signal. Turn left on to Rt 30 and follow the directions "From the West" above.

\*\*\*\*Please make sure to bring these directions with you. Your GPS may or may not route the most efficient way.

#### Atlantian Spring Crown Tournament Barony of Sacred Stone May 06- 08, 2016

You are invited to join us on a glorious spring day in Southern Atlantia. Witness mighty, brave, and noble warriors fight for honor, glory, and for the right to wear the Crown. Come and see the beauty and grace of the consorts who inspire the combatants to these great deeds.

The trumpets are sounding Atlantia. Before dusk there will be a new Prince and Princess. On this day, history will be made, do not look back and regret that you were not there.

Website: https://sites.google.com/site/atlantiancrown2016

Martial Activities: The Martial activity will be the Tournament to choose to heir to the Atlantian throne.

Arts & Sciences Activities: Tempore Atlantia, Best Field Presence, and other competitions/displays will take place. Check website for information.

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$12.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$5.00 Camping
Adult, Non-Member:	\$17.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$5.00 Camping
Youth (6-17) :	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$5.00 Camping
Child (0-5):	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$10.00 Feast	\$5.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA, Inc., Barony of Sacred Stone

Cost Notes: Feast and Cabin spaces are only able to be reserved with a paid reservation.

Site: Spring Crown Tournament will be held at the beautiful Woodman of the World Camp in Randleman, NC. 657 Woodmen Camp Trl Randleman, North Carolina 27317. Site opens Friday 5pm, closes Sunday noon.

Site Restrictions: No alcohol Service animals only No swimming in pool or pond No climbing on high ropes course

Feast Information: A wonderful, feast filled with period food fit for a King & Queen... or a newly crowned Prince and Princess will be prepared by Lord Brian Symson and his cooking crew. The seats for this grand meal will be held for all who register with their feast payment included, up to the 100 person limit.

A menu will be posted as we get closer to the event. If you have any questions or dietary concerns please contact Lord Brian at 336-970-7697 or Bsine99@icloud.com.

Merchanting Information: Merchants are most welcome! There is no additional fee for merchants but we do ask that all merchants let us know you are coming.

Other Information: Dancing, Bardic, Kid's games, and a mini golf game will all take place at various times throughout the event.

Autocrat's Information: Murienne l'aloiere (Nikole Harrington), 2602 Guyer St, High Point, NC 27265, Phone: (336) 823-4777, E-mail: dragonfly78@gmail.com

Reservations: Send reservations to autocrat

Directions:

From the north via Greensboro: Take US 220 south to Randolph County. Go to the Randleman exit (not Randleman Road in Greensboro). At the bottom of the ramp, turn left. At the first traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto W. Academy St. Continue onto W. Academy St. Continue onto W. Naomi St. Turn right onto US-200 BUS S/S Main St. Turn left onto Worthville Rd. In 1.5 mile turn Right onto W.O.W. Rd. In 1 mile turn right onto Woodmen Camp Trail.

From the south via Rockingham: Take US 220 north to Asheboro. Go to Vision Drive exit. At the light, go through Fayettville St. onto Old Liberty Road. After a few miles, you will see the Rock Store Cafe on the right. Turn left onto WOW Road. The camp is about 1.5 miles on the left.

From the east via US 64: Go through Ramseur past the Amoco Station. When you see Brady Auto Center on the left, turn right at the light onto Presnell Street and make an immediate right onto Henley Country Road. The first stop sign will be Old Cedar Falls Road. The second stop sign will be Old Liberty Road (Rock Store Cafe will be on the left). Go straight (road name changes to WOW Camp Road). The camp is about 1.5 miles on the left.

From the west of Mocksville, NC via I- 40: Take exit 168 and go east on US 64. Go about 1 hour to Asheboro and turn north on US 220 and follow the directions from the south.

From Charlotte via NC 49: Take NC 49 north to Asheboro and turn north onto US 220.

Follow the directions from the south.

#### Kingdom Archery Tournament 2016 Barony of Bright Hills April 9, 2016

Let the word go forth: Atlantia faces imminent invasion. The kingdom's defenses rely on the strength, skill, and stout hearts of the men and women of the bow. But numbers alone will not save the realm. The accuracy and speed of the kingdom's premier archers are the weapons that will slay the terrible tyrants and cruel conspirators driving the attack.

In addition to deciding the next Atlantian Royal Archer, the day will also offer the opportunity to compete for a prize arrow and the year's bragging rights as the best in any royal round ranking except novice.

Martial Activities: Target archery.

Arts & Sciences Activities: Bards, Musicians, Dancers, Poets, Philosophers, Storytellers, Performers of all kinds, are invited to while away the day in or near the renowned Sekunjabin Tavern, singing songs, swapping stories, sharing gossip and brewing mischief. The autocrat offers prizes for archery-themed performances.

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$12.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Adult, Non-Member:	\$17.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Youth (6-17):	\$6.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Child (0-5):	\$0.00 Day-Trip	\$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA-MD, Inc., Barony of Bright Hills

Cost Notes: No family (of parents and children) will pay more in site fees than the cost of two adults and two children, \$36, (not counting non-member surcharges.) Refunds will be given if requested by May 1, 2016.

Site: Baltimore Bowmen, 10301 Harford Road, Glen Arm, MD 21057. Site opens at 9 am and closes at 6 pm.

Site Restrictions: Alcohol is forbidden on the archery ranges. Pets are allowed on site but must be leashed and owners must clean up after them. No smoking in the building or toilets.

Feast Information: Lunch will be a fund-raiser for the Bright Hills Cooks Guild.

Merchanting Information: Merchanting Information: Merchants are MOST welcome! Contact the Merchant Coordinator: Lady Livia di Samuele (mka Sherrill Abramson). 7927 Mandan Road, Apt. 104, Greenbelt, MD 20770. (301)807-5476; abramsonsm@gmail.com

Other Information: Children's Activities: a tournament to slay small dragons with miniature crossbow and trebuchet using marshmallow ammunition, and dragon eggs to color, all run by Lady Katarzyna Witkowska.

Autocrat's Information: Lady Yseulte Trevelyn (Karen Setze), 1629 Riedel Road, Crofton, MD 21114, Phone: (410) 721-4752, E-mail: yseulteharper@gmail.com

Reservations: Lord Cairell MacCormaick (Carl Jacobs), 7927 Mandan Road, Apt. 104, Greenbelt, MD 20770, Phone: (443) 416-8356, E-mail: cairellmaccormaic@yahoo.com

Directions:

From the North: Take I-695 towards Towson, and take Exit 31B Harford Road. Follow Harford Road about 2 miles, through three traffic lights. Once you pass the second light, North Wind Road, you are very close. Follow Harford Road down the hill a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile and watch for signs on the right. Turn right and go through two gates. You are there!

From the South: Take I-95 north to Baltimore and through the Fort McHenry Tunnel (toll \$4). Continue on I-95, getting into the right lane to take Exit 65 onto I-695 towards Towson. Drive about two miles to Exit 31B Harford Road. Follow Harford Road about two miles through 3 traffic lights. Once you pass the second light at North Wind Road, you are very close. Follow Harford Road down the hill a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile and watch for signs on the right. Turn right and go through two gates. You are there!

Nacht in der Stadt Barony of Lochmere April 23, 2016

It is May 1564, Holy Roman Emporer Maxamillian II has sent his envoy Adam Zwetkovich to England. His public mission is to return the late Emperor's insignia to Elizabeth. But privately, Zwetkovich is here to see if the Queen would be interested in a dynastic marriage between the Queen and Archduke Charles. Zwetkovich and his entourage have arrived in Smeewick on their way to London and will be spending a couple of days investigating the politics of England and the reputation of the virgin Queen. Join us as we entertain the travelers from Germany with a day of revelry, combat at arms, mutual learning, and feasting.

Website: http://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/annual\_events/nott2016/

Martial Activities: Lord Linhart Von Marburg is acting as MIC and has a series of melees and individual bouts planned for a challenging day of competition. Questions should be addressed to him at rmauler@gmail.com. Baron Kryss Kostarev will be running a thrown weapons target area and competition. To obtain further information, contact His Excellency at lthrgryphn[AT]aol.com. Arts & Sciences Activities: Lady Shannon inghaen Bhriain ui Dhuilleain is coordinating classes and competitions.

Competitions will include:

Beginner's Showcase-Entries must be an item for which the skill was learned within the past year and which the artist has never before entered in a competition. Documentation is required, with the EZ-Doc as the minimum accepted. Participants may have multiple entries, but each entry must be from a different category (as defined for the Kingdom A&S Persona Pentathalon). A prize will be awarded for first and second place.

Youth Competition: To be announced

Open Display

A variety of classes will be offered for our guests. Topics to be determined. Any questions can be directed to Lady Shannon at shannon.dhuilleain@gmail.com

Performers are encouraged to attend! Please contact the autocrats with any questions.

Cost:

Adult, Member:	\$15.00 Day-Trip \$13.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Adult, Non-Member:	\$20.00 Day-Trip \$13.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Youth (5-17):	\$ 7.00 Day-Trip \$13.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping
Child (0-4):	\$ 0.00 Day-Trip \$0.00 Feast	\$0.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA-MD, Inc., Barony of Lochmere

Cost Notes: Family Cap: \$44 for site fee. Please make all checks payable to: SCA-MD, Inc, Barony of Lochmere and include the modern names, SCA names, and membership numbers of all applicable guests when registering.

Site: Earleigh Heights Fire Company 161 Ritchie Highway Severna Park, MD 21146. Site opens 9am, closes 10pm.

Site Restrictions: The site is wet; the buildings are smoke-free (please police your butts); and only working service animals are allowed. There is no camping at this site.

Feast Information: Lunch is separate from the day trip cost and is available on a limited basis (set for 80 people). The cost is \$5.00.

A hearty German feast is being prepared by Master Reynard de la Rochefoucauld, Lord Cadfael ap Madoc and their wonderful kitchen staff. Cost is \$13.00. Feast Space is limited to 80 people. It is recommended that attendees register early. Seating for below the salt will be available for those wishing to stay for the evening's entertainments. Dietary concerns should be sent to Lord Cadfael at maddoxcm42@yahoo.com and/or Master Reynard at baronreynard@juno.com

Merchanting Information: Merchants are welcome! Please contact Mistress Arianna Morgan to reserve field space at chrissings@juno.com

Alongside the merchants will be our annual Loch mart. This is a wonderful opportunity to sell or acquire gently used SCAdians items. Please contact Mistress Arianna Morgan for more information at chrissings@juno.com

Autocrat's Information: Lady Gwen verch Llywelyn/Mistress Arianna Morgan (Stefanie Fogle/Christine Stuermer), 7913 Darien Dr, Glen Burnie, MD 21061, Phone: (317) 345-2709, E-mail: kanamidori@gmail.com

Reservations: Lady Isolda de Crosthwaite (Jill Wallenfelt Lee), 11778 Big Bear Ln, Lusby, MD 20657, E-mail: isolda1066@gmail.com

Directions:

Take your best route to Route 50 East (outside the Washington D.C. Beltway) towards the Bay Bridge. Take exit 27 for MD-2N/MD-450 S Toward Baltimore/Naval Academy. Keep left at the fork, and follow signs for MD-2N (Ritchie Hwy)/Baltimore and merge onto MD-2N/Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd.

Continue to follow MD-2N for about 10 minutes. (7.3 miles)

Turn right onto E. Earleigh Heights Rd./Magothy Bridge Rd. Destination will be on the right.

Revenge of the Stitch Shire of Spiaggia Levantina April 29-May 01, 2016

A long time ago, in a shire far, far away....there was a mighty battle fought with steel, thread, and song. Blows were thrown, stitches were sewn, and songs were sung. Now the battle returns! What historical garb can teams create in 24 hours? Who will prevail with sword and shield? (hint: we have folks from EK and Atlantia to be in attendance...)What melodies and tales will win the judges hearts? Come find out at Sword, Stitch and Song! We will also have a Silent Auction (benefit of the Shire) and Merchants so bring your wallets!

Martial Activities: Yes, there will be martial activities. We will have scenarios planned for the day (by a Knight visiting from another part of Atlantia??). There may even be a Woods Battle....check the Facebook page for developments. We plan to have archery and possibly thrown weapons. for questions, please ask the autocrat or the Marshal in Charge (newhunter@earthlink.net)

Arts & Sciences Activities: THE MAIN EVENT: GARB CONSTRUCTION1 Teams of up to 6 people will have from Friday, 5 pm to Saturday 5 pm to construct a complete outfit. A seventh person can serve as a model only. Judges shall monitor activity throughout the competition and will use their observations plus a review of the outfits to determine the winner. The hall limits the competition to the first 8 teams to register. Top teams will receive prize baskets - the Facebook page may contain hints on what is in them... More detailed rules can be obtained from Grace Ann (Tracy Kelly) at graceannoceallaigh@yahoo.com or the event's facebook page.

Bardic Competition: Lord Richard Wyn will run a bardic competition: 2 songs about swords or stitches (garb) documented to be in period (pre 1650). For inquiries, please contact Richard Muti.

Cost:

Adult, Member: \$12.00 Day-Trip \$10.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

 Adult, Non-Member: \$17.00 Day-Trip \$10.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

 Youth (6-17):
 \$8.00 Day-Trip \$10.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

 Child (0-5):
 \$0.00 Day-Trip \$0.00 Feast \$0.00 Camping

Make Checks Payable To: SCA - MD, Inc., Shire of Spiaggia Levantina

Cost Notes: No family group (parents/guardians and minor children) will pay more than \$40 - (non-member surcharge and feast exempted)

Site: Caroline County 4-H Park, 8314 Detour Road, Denton, MD. Site opens 4 PM Friday and closes noon Sunday. Folks there after 10:30 or so on Sunday may be considered for clean-up crew.

Site Restrictions: No Fire pis - fire bowls only. Ashes must br cold and disposed of safely. Service animals only. No original containers please.

Feast Information: There will be a Feast to follow the judging and FolkMoot on Saturday. The feast will feature medieval German recipes. There are 80 seats available for the feast, which must be preregistered by April 22. Please contact Meleri (Mel Walker at melanie.walker@accomack.k12.va.us with any food allergies/concerns. Any stand-by seats will be available at Troll.

Merchanting Information: Merchants are welcome! Please contact the autocrat for merchanting information.

Other Information: Children's activities: A scavenger hunt and other activities will be held throughout the day on Saturday. There will be a static A&S display.

Autocrat's Information: Eleri Vwyn (Laurie Strang), 13380 Pruitt Ln, Mt. Vernon, MD 21853, Phone: (410) 651-3123, E-mail: newhunter@earthlink.net

Reservations: Send reservations to autocrat

Directions:

The site is in Denton, MD. The best route from the west is to cross the Bay Bridge and continue on US Rt 50East (about 7 miles) to MD 404 and turn left at the traffic light. MD 404 is also called Shore Highway. Follow 404 about 17 miles until you reach Harmony Rd. \*\*Harmony Rd. is also Rt. 16. The highway sign for Harmony Road has a different road name on it. Turn right on Harmony Rd. / Rt 16. Go to Detour Rd. about 1.5 miles and turn left. The 4-H park is well marked and on the right.

From North or South: Take US 13 to Rt. 404 (intersection near Bridgeville DE) and turn west. Follow the directions above.

#### Cooking, Food & Customs Owlsherst April 10th

Owlsherst is sponsoring a get-together for all who are interested in cooking, food, customs, etc. to gather and cook, talk, eat, share, (etc.) food .

April 10th from 1:00 - about 8:00 we will be there. You are welcome to come anytime and stay as long as you like. We are declaring this day to be English, so please bring dish/ingredients to prepare that is English in origin. Recipes would be nice to have. Once we know approximately how many will be there I will post it so you know how many copies to bring (if you want to). We chose English to do first because we all speak/read English, so we won't have to translate from a foreign language for the first time. Other cuisines to follow!

For those who want to bring an already prepared dish that is fine. If you want to bring ingredients and a recipe that will be great - we will work you on converting an "old" recipe into modern English and looking at what may need to be substituted, figure out what they mean with some of the strange wording, etc. Even if you've never cooked but are interested in trying something (or nothing and just come observe) you are welcome.

We want this to be fun, educational and an exploration. Bring recipe/ingredients for about 8 people. We expect there will be enough food for us all to taste (and get full) on the numerous dishes.

So, April 10, 1:00 - 8:00, expecting to eat about 5:30/6:00. Bring dish or ingredients to cook for 8 servings, tasters are welcome to come closer to 5:30, but please let us know you'll be coming, we want to have an idea of numbers so that there's enough food/drink/utensils/room for everyone.

RSVP to Orlaithe at blackswan20@comcast.net . But even if you don't RSVP and can come please do so. The more the merrier.

Nutshell version - 4/10/16 Medieval Cooking Event, 1:00 - 8:00, Marcus and Fabrisse's, 3005 Forrest Lane, York, bring food/ingredients to serve 8, give us an idea if you're coming - blackswan20@comcast.net, English food since it's easiest to read! Plan to have fun and learn something!



Sunday! April 10<sup>th</sup> 5pm to 8pm in Bel Air.

I will begin hosting an open SCA arts and crafts night. The purpose will be to help foster fellowship and connection in our barony. I can teach some rudimentary calligraphy. I encourage people of all skill levels to attend. If you're in the mood please feel free to pass on some of your knowledge of your crafts but, by no means feel pressured. Even if you just want to come over and work on something you're already working on that would be FANTASTIC. Sometimes just sharing your work in progress can help inspire others or help them get out of a creative hump. Please respond here if you have an interest! Also feel free to let your friends know that might not use Facebook a lot. There will be some snacks etc as well. Let's all play and share the dream together!



Mark your calendars as we have once again been invited to participate in the merriment of the demo at Royal Rabbit Vineyards, 1090 Jordan Sawmill Road, Parkton, MD 21120 443.721.6693.

Watch this space for further information.



**New Coronets** 

Their Excellencies, Baron Kollack and Baroness Rebecca and Lord Graham are looking for input from the populace about new coronets. The current coronets need cleaning and some repairs and will soon need replacing. Lord Graham would like the baronial artisans and anyone with an idea to submit pictures by the end of this month. These ideas will be discussed at the next officers meeting and then posted to request feedback from the populace.

Please send your ideas to Lord Graham at grahammacrobert@hotmail.com



Former barons engage in a friendly game



#### The Lore of the Diamond By THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield

For centuries we have been fascinated by the beauty of beads and precious stones. Since the time of our ancestors we have bestowed upon these most wonderful of God's creations, properties of power, protection, and healing. Those who follow the teachings of the Koran know that stars are the "Beads of the Sky - Heavenly eyes which offer protection by lighting the darkness of the night." We know that where there is darkness, there is evil and where there is light, there is good. As the stars' light sends away the evil of the night, beads are the bringers of light that protect us from the evils of the world. And many are the jewels of light God has created to protect and guide us.

In my travels, I have learned of many stones that have such magnificent powers. Powers of protection, alteration of future events, prediction of the future, weather transformation, healing, communication with the dead and divine, and evil. Some of these I shall endeavor to present to you now, along with stories, legends, and recipes that have been entrusted to me.

According to Persian legend, when God created the world, he made nothing that is useless, that even gold, silver, and precious gems have their purpose. Further, Satan, the dark one, watches the appetites and passions of man. It is noted that Eve passionately loved the many colored flowers of the Garden of Eden. Satan, seeking to imitate the brightness of the flowers on Earth created the many colored precious gems and the Diamond. The Diamond, says this legend, was created because it strongly appealed to man's feelings of greed and covetousness and, therefore, is the cause of much crime and wretchedness.

Yet another legend tells of the "God of the Mines," who created all manner of colored stones. It is said that one day he called his courtiers and requested them to bring him one of each of all the known gems. When they returned, he found that they were of many colors, tints, and hardnesses. He then crushed and compounded them. After that, he said, "Let this be something that will combine the beauty of all; yet it must be pure, and it must be invincible." As soon as he finished speaking, the Diamond was born. It is described as being "pure as the dew drop, invincible in hardness, and when its ray is resolved in the spectrum, it displays all the colors of the gems from which it was made. This gem was then claimed by the God of the Mines as his very own and therefore, named the "King of gems".

The Talmud declares this gem's origin is the lightening bolt worn by the High Priest. Rabbi Benoni, a great mystic of the fourteenth century, claims this stone produces somnambulism, and when used as a talisman attracts the planetary virtues so as to render the wearer invincible. His contemporary Pierre de Boniface, made the same assertion.

Rabbi Jehuda of Mesopotamia, once told a fable of the Diamond's power to bring dead animals back to life. The fable recounts an experience he encountered while on board a ship. He notes seeing a Diamond encircled by a snake and that a diver from the ship went to obtain it. However, the snake threatened to swallow the ship if the diver took the gem. A raven then came along and bit off the snake's head, thus turning the water to blood. Another snake came along and placed the Diamond in the carcass of the dead snake. Miraculously, the snake came back to life and again threatened to swallow the ship. Another bird came and, as did the first, bit off the snake's head, and then threw the Diamond on the ship. Rabbi Jehuda was curious if the gem would have the same affect on other dead creatures as it did on the snake. He

placed the gem in the center of some salted birds. The birds became animated and flew away with the stone.

Yet another fable of this most beautiful gem is told by Al Kazwini. He notes that there exists a place called the Valley of Diamonds connected to the land of Hind. No one except the great Alexander ever reached this place and returned alive. It is spoken that the serpents that guard this valley can kill a man with their glance. To avoid this, Alexander brought with him a giant mirror. When the serpents gazed upon their own reflection in the mirror, they died. Then, after consulting his wise men, Alexander threw flesh into the valley which was picked up by vultures. When the vultures rested, some of the Diamonds attached themselves to the flesh. Thus, when the vultures took flight again, the gems fell to earth and into the waiting hands of Alexander.

Within the old English Ballad of Hind Horn and Maid Rimnald, the diamond plays an important role. The ballad speaks of a Diamond ring given to Hind Horn by his beloved Maid Rimnald, the daughter of the king. While he was away at sea, the ring became pale and lost its sparkle. Hind Horn knew this to be a sign that his beloved was unfaithful. He then hurried back and prevented her from marrying another.

Our ancestors believed this gem to have great powers. The Diamond shielded one against evil, demons and wild animals, promoted fertility in barren women, rendered poisons harmless, and cured gout, insanity and heart and circulation problems. In the Talmud, it is explained that the High Priest used the Diamond to discern the guilt or innocence of one accused of any crime. If the gem dimmed, the person was guilty. In the 'Tesoro delle Giole,' Arnobios prescribes this gem as an antidote for poison and protection from the plague and pestilence. The Lapidary of Damigeron reports that the Adamant or Diamond gives victory, averts evil dreams, and protects the bearer from poison and strife. Isidore, Pliny, and Dioscorides further recommend this gem for mitigating semi-tertian fevers. In his 'Blason de la Marguerte et Autres Pierres Precieuses,' Jean de la Taille claims this gem drives away the terrors that come by night.

It is reported by Sire Jerome Horsey that the Diamond is the most precious and richest of stones. Giacinto Gimma proclaims this lovely clear gem to be the Sun's stone. Oddly enough, Gimma chose the Diamond to represent the color black. This color stands for gravity, good sense, constancy, and fortitude in a man. In an unmarried woman, it represents fickleness and foolishness, but if the woman is married, it symbolizes constant love and perseverance. It is also noted to be a symbol of envy. Camillo Leonardo calls the Diamond the "Sun Gem" or "King Gem." He too, notes that it brings victory because it renders the bearer fearless and invincible and endows him with superior strength, fortitude, and courage. Because it is called the gem of the Sun, the Diamond is the chief stone of Sunday. It is also one of the stones of the winter season and the gem of the twelfth hour of the day.

Marbode, proclaims the Diamond to have great magical powers. It could drive away night specters if set in gold and worn on the left arm. Saint Hidegard noted the devil to be this gem's enemy because it could resist his powers whether it was day or night. Rueus reports that the Diamond enhances the love between a husband and wife and is, therefore, known as the stone of reconciliation. My Arabian and Persian cousins also proclaim the Diamond to be the bringer of good fortune. Indeed, even to those of the Christian faith, who are wealthy, bear Diamonds on their rosaries.

Cardano notes a weakness in this most powerful of all stones. He states that the Diamond is sometimes consumed or melted when it thunders. Another negative quality is noted by the Buddhabhatta. If part of the gem is the color of blood or spotted with this red color, he who wears it will die soon. Jerome Cardan notes the Diamond makes its wearer unhappy and intrepid, because its brilliance irritates the soul as excess sunlight does the eyes.

The Chinese describe an amulet that combines the protecting influences of several precious stones. This amulet, it is said, lengthens the life of the wearer. The Diamond is one of the stones on this amulet. In India it is said that the goddess Indra worships the Diamond. They classify this gem according to their four castes. The Brahmin brings power, friends, good luck, and riches. The Kshatriya prevents the approach of old age. The Vaisya gives success to the bearer and the Sudra, gives all manner of good fortune. It is said by those of the Hindu faith that the Diamond makes up the base trunk of the Kalpa Tree. Beside the tree is a throne composed completely of this gem, where many a Buddha of the Kalpa reposed and "fell into the ecstasy of the Diamond." This beautiful stone is part of both the "Panchratna-the five gem jewel" and the "Nararatna-the nine gem jewel." It is set to the east and represents the influence of Venus. The Hindus further note the Diamond is one of the "Maharatnani-the great gems".

In the Talmud there is a legend of the Emerald. It is said that it is one of the four gems given to the wise King Solomon by God himself. Possession of these stones endowed the king with power over all creation. The Mogul emperors of Delhi say, "He who possesses this charm shall enjoy the special protection of God." Our ancient ancestors, the Egyptians endowed the Emerald with the power to induce the gift of prophecy. They described a potion of boiled Emeralds to produce this gift. It was also said that placing the gem under one's tongue produced the same affect. This gem was recommended as a cure for weak eyesight, liver and stomach pains, a calmer of childbirth pains, an antidote of venomous stings, and an aid in curing back problems.

Although, I have still much more to discuss, my eyes and mouth have grown tired. Perhaps I should seek a remedy of jewels. For now though, I bid you Shalom-peace.



Poetry Corner The Early Welsh Poets By Deirdre O'Bardon

Welsh poetry is many centuries old. The earliest Welsh poets whose names and alleged work is recorded include the sixth century poets Taliesin and Aneirin. However, most of the extant early Welsh poetry is in manuscripts that only date to the thirteenth through fifteenth centuries. The major manuscript sources include The Black Book of Carmarthen, The Book of Aneirin (thirteenth century), The Book of Taliesin (fourteenth century), The Book of Hendregadredd, and The Red Book of Hergest. The poetry written in Welsh up to the eleventh century is usually called Yr Hengerdd or Old Song and those who wrote it are referred to as Y Cynfeirdd or the Early Bards.

Aneirin (also called Neirin) and Taliesin were Early Bards or poets who lived in the sixth century. They were even mentioned in the eighth century in the Historia Brittonum by Nennius. Although Aneirin and Taliesin were historic people, they are also legendary figures and it is difficult to separate the fact from the fiction. There are actual extant poems attributed to each of them. Unfortunately, it is not clear whether the poems attributed to Aneirin and Taliesin were actually written by them.

Several of the poems attributed to Taliesin praise Urien, who ruled over Rheged c. 575. Other poems attributed to Taliesin are eulogies to fallen warriors. Aneirin's masterpiece, "Y Gododdin", eulogizes the men of Gododdin, a group of 300 Britons, who unsuccessfully fought the Saxons c. 600. It describes one warrior as valorous, although he was not Arthur. This comment may be one of the earliest written

references to the legendary King Arthur. Although no one really knows whether these poems attributed to Aneirin and Taliesin were actually written by them, these poems demonstrate the poet's duty to praise his ruler and to memorialize heroic deeds. These poems also demonstrate that this early poetry used end rhyme and internal alliteration and assonance .

You probably have heard that Celtic poets and bards were highly ranked within their society. Historical records and modern analyses regarding the Welsh bards support this. The description of the rights and obligations of Welsh bards and poets in this article is based on findings from several books, many articles and the Laws of Hywel Dda.

According to the Laws of Hywel Dda, the bard of the household, sometimes called the domestic bard, was one of twenty-four officers who accompanied the king and queen. The bard lived in the house of the chief of the household who was the officer with the largest house. The bard received wool clothing from the king and linen clothing from the queen three times per year at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. Furthermore, during those festivals, the bard of the household wore the clothes of the steward of the household, which are presumably fancier than the bard's everyday clothes.

I did not find anything that definitely stated whether the bard was an officer of the king or an officer of the queen. However, the position of the bard within the officer lists and the perks of being a bard suggest that the bard was an officer of the King. If so, the bard shared directly in the King's revenues. If not, the bard was an officer of the queen and shared in her revenues.

When he took office, the household bard was given a harp by the king, and a gold ring by the queen. The bard, of course, could never part with the harp. The bard was also given free land. He didn't even have to buy his horse, because the king regularly gave his bard a horse. The bard also had an honored place to sit - second nearest to the chief of the household. Before raids or other battles, the bard sang encouragement to the warriors. After the battle, the bard received a steer plus one man's share of the loot collected. Those seem pretty good wages for a song.

In spite of all that a bard was given, sometimes the bard wanted more. The law provided that the bard should sing one song to solicit from a king; three songs to sing to solicit from a breyr; and the bard should sing until he is tired to solicit from a taeog. It is interesting that the bard was required to give less service to solicit from the king than the lower ranking nobles.

In Wales, wrongdoers and their legally defined family compensated the victim or the victim's family based on fines established by law. The fine was higher or lower based on the status of the victim. The household bard was very high status and ranked as high as the steward of the household. The person who insulted the bard had to pay a fine of nine cows and nine score of money. The person who murdered the bard owed nine hundred and nine cows. If the wrongdoer didn't or couldn't pay, the wrongdoer's family had to pay. Imagine the effect of that kind of payment on the family's resources. Even today a payment equivalent to nine hundred and nine cows would bankrupt most families. This gave every family incentive to make sure that no member of the family insulted, or even worse, killed a bard.

With all of these perks, many people might want to be a bard. The art of a bard was frequently passed down in families. Furthermore, a serf could not study bard craft without his lord's permission. However, if a serf completed the learning required of a bard and began practicing bard craft without hindrance from the lord, the serf became legally free.

The Laws of Hywel Dda were replaced by English laws after King Edward I of England conquered Wales. However, according to Welsh tradition the bards were viewed by Edward I as a potential threat to his reign in Wales. Welsh tradition has it that Edward I enticed the bards to Beaumaris Castle with

promises of great rewards based on the value of their poems. There the bards were killed and many manuscripts burned. This ended the possibility of rebellion by the Welsh as there were no bards to lead them.

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Lady Rebekkah converses with Lord Denise at school demo



#### A Tribute By Lady Katarzyna Witkowska

The haunting image of that Lady's face, Brings smiles to e'en the coolest temperament, And with her warm, bright spirit doth embrace Each soul that is seized by her entrancement. Her joy pierces each strong integument To find her pathway into each one's heart Though such sweet glances seem most decadent, Caring, these to the people doth impart. The queen's generosity is an art In which ev'ry Atlantian does share. She plies such mischief that sets her apart. These things personify the Lady fair. Herein of lovely Adelhait I sing; To the unique assets of our fair queen.



The heralds' consult table



From the Bright Hills Kitchen:

Mushroom Pasties By Lady Deirdre O'Bardon Recipe from The Goodman of Paris :

MUSHROOMS of one night be the best and they be little and red within and closed at the top; and they must be peeled and then washed in hot water and parboiled and if you wish to put them in a pasty add oil, cheese and spice powder.

Mushroom Pasties My redaction (Makes 10-12 pasties.)

2 pie crusts <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lb. mushrooms, sliced 1 medium onion, diced Olive oil for sautéing mushrooms and onions ½ tsp. thyme
½ Tbs. parsley
½ cup parmesan cheese
½ cup shredded Mozzarella or Mexican cheese blend
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. grains of paradise (Can substitute pepper)

Directions

- Cut 5 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch circles per crust. Lightly roll to lengthen circles into ovals. If additional crusts are needed, roll out leftover piecrust and cut out additional circles.
- Cook sliced mushrooms and diced onions in olive oil until onions are translucent.
- Mix mushrooms, onions, seasonings and grated cheese.
- Place a heaping tablespoon in each circle and seal.
- Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until crust is browned.

The Goodman of Paris A Treatise on Moral and Domestic Economy by a Citizen of Paris, c. 1393, pp. 176-177, Translated by Eileen Power, © Eileen Power 1928, 1st pub. 1928, paperback edition pub. 2006, The Boydell Press, Woodbridge, UK.

My redaction adds onions to the original recipe and selects specific seasonings. Both onions and the seasonings selected were used in cooking in medieval Europe.



Lord Janyn & Lord Seamus are awarded the Bow & Crescent





Lady Daniella is awarded Lady Nem is awarded the Silver Scroll the Spur & Crescent







Lord Godai & Lord Faolan are awarded the Shell & Crescent





Baroness Tatiana is awarded Lady Ailis is awarded the Augean Stables the Award of Excellence



Lady Katarzyna is awarded the Northern Light



Lady Beatrix passes the Spirit Cup to Lady Livia



Lord Cairell & Mistress Brienna are inducted into the order of St. Barbara



Baroness Wynne & Lady Daniella confer with His Majesty



Court at Ponte Alto Investiture



Lord Godai & His Majesty shoot archery



Fighting at Ymir



Court at Ymir



Mistress Marguerite, Lady Sindara & Lord Denise demonstrate Baroness Yohana helps get an employee their crafts at school demo.

into costume and dances with students.











their crafts.

Lady Ailis & Lady Aemilia display Lady Daniella Baroness Adina Lady Reyne plays Storvik's becomes a baroness. is the new Chronicler. Performers' Revel

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Heavy and Light Weapons Fighter Practices and A&S classes are held most Friday nights from 7:30 PM-10 PM

Business Meetings are held from 7 PM-8 PM the last Friday of the month (Please See Calendar) Location: Christ the King Episcopal Church, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244

Although we use these facilities, the SCA is not endorsed by the Church.

**Directions:** Exit the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) at Exit 17 (Security Blvd Exit). Take the exit west toward Rolling Road, not the exit east toward Woodlawn. Travel west along Security Boulevard about one-half mile, through traffic-lights at Belmont Avenue, Lord Baltimore Drive, and Rolling Road. Continue west for another block, until you reach Brookdale Road. The Episcopal Church of Christ the King is on your left.

Make a left turn onto Brookdale, and then turn right into the Church parking lot.



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Lady Nichola Blackwell, 301-404-6133 Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (See Calendar) Location: Baltimore Bowmen Site

Go to <u>www.baltimorebowmen.com</u> for directions. If the gate is closed, check to make sure it is not locked. If it is not locked, open it and drive down the hill to the butts. If the gate is locked, park your car and walk down the hill to the butts. NOTE: PRACTICE WILL NOT BE HELD WHEN THERE ARE WEEKEND-LONG EVENTS AND WHEN THERE ARE EVENTS AT THE BOWMEN SITE.





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