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A Note from Your Deputy Chronicler



For the next few months your Chronicler THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield will be taking a short break from producing *The Yeoman* which allows me to put my spin on bringing you the news of the barony along with those articles and more that you have come to expect from *The Yeoman*. The next few months will be busy with the upcoming Crown Tournament along with preparations for Pennsic Wars. I hope that I will be able to keep you up to date on events and encourage you to submit articles, pictures, poetry, even music to entertain and expand your knowledge of the various aspects of medieval life. So enjoy the feast I bring you and prepare for more next month.

Yours in Service,
Lady Scholastica Joycors
Deputy Chronicler of Bright Hills

Greetings from Their Excellencies



And a hearty Hail and Hello to our friends and family of Bright Hills.

Spring is passing into summer and the warm winds and delicate scents have a way of stirring the blood, not to mention the imagination. Petite shades of pale greens and pinks to brighter-rich hues to mark the passing of the seasons. It has been a fantastic spring with great events like Atlantian Royal Archery and soon to pass Revenge of the Stitch. With weather to test our mettle. Something we passed without issue thanks due to good friends, great food, many hands and a good source of wood to keep us warm between the ever variant weather pattern.

His Excellency will be looking forward to seeing you all at upcoming Spring Crown Tourney and we both look forward to seeing everyone at Ruby Joust. We will have plenty of shade to share at gem joust and I have a feeling its going to be a grand time.

Thank you all for your continued friendship and support.

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

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Minutes of the Bright Hills Board Meeting

April 22, 2016 at 7:15

Attendees: Kenneth and Becky Kepple, Michelle England, Erin Scimeca, Hunter Fowler, Graham Wright, Karen Setze, Jay and Amy Nardone, Becky Ritterhouse, Victoria Wank, Karen Whitlock, Randy Feltman, Robyn Becker, Debbie Eccles, Mylinda Butterworth, Sherrill Abramson, Carl Jacobson, Claudia Bosworth, and Sharon Saroff.

I. Report of the Baronage

The King & queen are using Skål -the traditional Norse cheer instead of Vivat for the duration of their reign. Thank you for the donations to the gift basket to their majesties.

II. Officer Reports

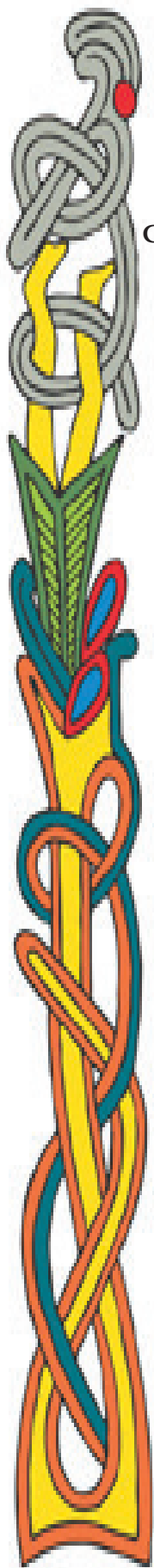
- A. **Chronicler:** THL Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel of the Falconshield – Mistress Mordryn’s replacement, Baroness Adina, was announced at Kingdom A&S. The office was officially turned over during royal court the afternoon.

I am taking a break for the next 2 months and leaving the newsletter in the capable hands of my deputy, Lady Scholastica. Please show her the same cooperation you showed me and provide her with articles and pictures. I will still be around to assist and guide her.

I am in the process of putting together a special arts & sciences edition addition of the newsletter. It consists of several past articles from the Artist’s Cabinet section of the newsletter. The cover of the newsletter is a picture of various Bright Hills Artists.

- B. **Exchequer:** Lady Clara – We have over \$10K in our account. We have more than enough to purchase new coronets and chairs for their excellencies. I am not aware of the new wording “instead of nonmember surcharge it is a member discount. It was posted to Merry Rose, but not official from kingdom. Because it is not official and new forms have not been sent out, the event fees will be collected as advertised. Moving forward, we use the member discount and hope the new forms will be out by our next event.
- C. **Webminister:** Lord Janyyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire – I will put the new card renewal link on the baronial website as soon as it is up & running.
- D. **Herald:** Lady Deirdre O’Bardon – The Bright Hills have been very busy heralding.
- E. **MOAS:** Lady Reyne Telerius – Here’s is my March report. There are no Guild reports for February, despite my request. There are a few Artisan reports for February. And it’s really too early for me to have anything for April yet.
- F. **Dierdre O’Bardon** - I sponsored an A&S competition at Baronial Birthday, in which Aemilia Rosa was chosen as the new A&S champion for Bright Hills.

Rebekkah Samuel - I taught quilling at Birthday. In addition, I autocrated the demo at Margaret Brent School on March 10. We provided multi-sensory experiences for students with severe and profound multiple disabilities and students with autism. Our gentles demonstrated embroidery, wool spinning, beading, and the use of sekanjubin. Students and staff were able to dress up in loaner garb and have their portraits taken. Students were able to experience a variety of textures from wool, leather, beading, embroidery, and quilling, as well as music provided by our music teacher and taste sekanjubin.



Greer Jonsdottir - I taught a German dress pattern class March 11th at fighter practice, we had 8 students I think?, Swiezcka helped me get everyone fitted in their own custom bodice pattern, along with detailed instructions for finishing.

Richard Wynn – I have started holding Bardic Practice at Friday night Fighter Practices, every 5th week or so, as my work schedule allows. All are welcome to attend.

I am taking on Alexander as a deputy because I need a deputy to step in when I step down at birthday at 2017. I will be his deputy for a year

Guild Reports:

1. Armorers: No report
2. Brewers: In March Raven came over and learned how to make Sekajanvin.
3. I made two bottles for the event this weekend! (Raspberry and Pear)
4. Cheese mongers: No report
5. Clothiers: No report
6. Cooks: The Bright Hills Cooks Guild met at the home of its guild mistress on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

The main topic of discussion was the luncheon for the Kingdom Archery Championship, Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Baltimore Bowman. Mistress Jeanne is heading up this venture. The menu will include soup, egg, tune, ham salad sandwiches, veggies and desserts. Lady Deirdre offered to make one of the soups and the guild is welcomed to bring items for the dessert table. The gate opens at 8:00 am with sandwich making and the heating of s the soups top begin as soon as possible. Guild members are encouraged to help with any aspect of the lunch. If you spend any monies for items brought to the event for lunch, keep your receipts and hand them over to Jeanne at the event or soon afterwards.

Bright Hills will once again sponsor an Open House at Pennsic this year. Guild members are welcome to assist in making this a great night of food, friendship and anythingelse we can think of. More information will be forthcoming.

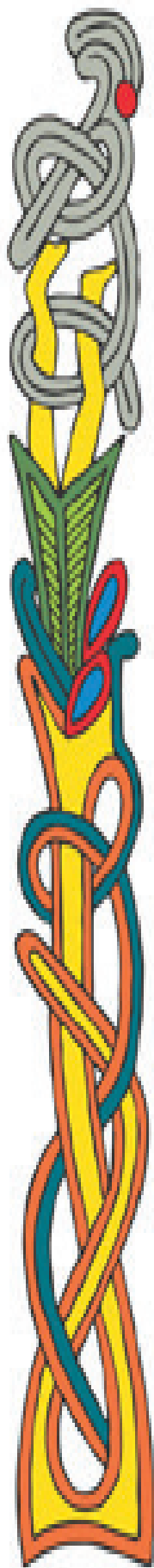
The birthday feast, headed quite capably by Deirdre was brought under budget. The final total was \$463.98. Although we had two casualties, the kitchen ran well and was a very happy place to work. Many were the compliments on the fare. We were reminded that we do indeed have a first aid box, and need to make sure it is filled properly and readily available if and when needed.

The display at the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival was well received as were the snack things we left on the table. Aside from the ever present Welsh cakes, there were breads from Mistress Brienna, recipes of favorite Bright Hills' dishes, pictures and an invitation to attend the Trial by Fire competition this July.

The guild has been asked by Their Excellencies to provide a hospitality table for their Majesties for the fall Crown Tourney, Saturday October 5th at Rocks 4-H camp. While Loch Mere is actually holding the event Bright Hills as faithful allies will be assisting where ever we can; more on this topic later.

Mistress Olwen surprised us with a far-speaker call. She is now living in South Carolina. I have her address for those who would like to correspond with her. She has also been promised a guild apron.

Lady Clara, the barony's exchequer spoke to the guild about how money for feast is acquired. It starts with the Autocrat who asks the guild or an individual to accept the position of Head Cook. A menu is planned by the Head Cook (and guild if we are doing it as a guild) and approved by the Autocrat. It is the responsibility of the Autocrat to post the



menu to any and all sites and publications for the kingdom. Cash advances for purchasing food comes through the Autocrat and can come 4-6 weeks in advance. Keeping receipts is a must. The Head Cook then fills out the Exchequer forms (found on the barony's Yahoo group site) Reimbursement Voucher Cook. If access is not available either I or Clara can provide copies. It is always best to copy every receipt as originals go to the Autocrat who in turn gives them to the Exchequer. Clara is willing to assist in any aspect of recording money spent.

The meeting adjourned until next time when we meet at the home of Barre and Cordelia on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 pm. Any member of the Bright Hills populace in very welcome to attend!

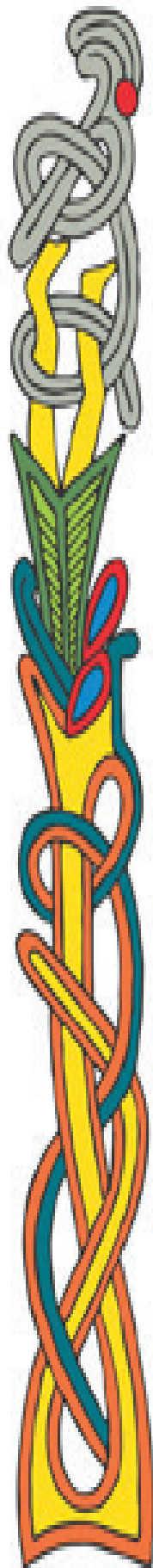
7. **PAGE** (Performing Arts Guild Extraordinaire): Lady Yseulte Trevelyn, evil genius of the Performing Arts Guild Extraordinaire (PAGE), is currently hatching plans for mischief at Trial by Fire, and the guild's contribution to this year's Fall Crown Tourney (which is being co-hosted between Bright Hills and Lochmere). Anyone wanting to stop her will have to join the conspiracy. (BWAHAHAA!)
8. **Herb Group**: No report
9. **St. Matthias**: No report.
10. **Scriptorium**: I displayed at KASF in March, Lady Aemilia Rosa
11. **TAG**: No report
12. **Woodworkers**: No report
- G. **Chatelaine**: Baroness Barbara Giumaria di Roberto – It has been a very busy 6 weeks. I received 4 requests for information via email. Lady Rebekka coordinated a successful demo at her school. Royal Rabbit winery has invited us back. No date at this time. I have contacted Rev. Fran about the date for the Pumpkin Fest, but have not received a reply.
- H. **Minister of Lists**: Lord Alexander Fowler – No activity in the past month. I will be trolling at Kingdom Archery tomorrow
- I. **Knights Marshall**: Randver Askmadr - I sent in my quarterly report.
- J. **Youth Minister**: Lady Katarzyna Witkowska - I am attaching Lady Aine's announcement about Children's Fete for your information. It will be on Tuesday instead of Wednesday from 1 to 4. If we are to have a Bright Hills table, I will need volunteers. Please let me know if you can volunteer.

Our table will be making bean bags with herbs. I will need volunteers to sew the bean bags and leave a small hole for the children to stuff them and sew up. I am also looking for someone to make a bean bag toss for the children to play when they have made the bean bags.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you can help!

III. Old Business

- A. **Archery Champion**: Lady Yseulte – Kingdom archery- The event will still be going on. Please dress warmly. Aiden is Marshall in Charge.
- B. **Baronial Birthday**: Chagan Bagshi – Birthday will be on February 18, 2017.
- C. **Margaret Brent School Demo**: Lady Rebekka - The demo went well. We provided multi-sensory experiences for the students. Our gentles demonstrated embroidery, wool spinning, beading, and the use of sekanjabin. Students and staff were able to dress up in loaner garb and have their portraits taken. Students were able to experience a variety of textures from wool, leather, beading, embroidery, and quilling, as well as music provided by our music teacher and taste sekanjabin.



- D. Thrones - Lord Graham provided an update. I have written a submission for Glastonbury chairs \$350 for pair. We will discuss this again next month when we have more bids.
- E. Coronets – Lord Graham provided an update. The current coronets are cracked and need replacing. I have looked at coronets from various sources. We are getting bids and discuss this more at the next meeting. Janyyn & aemilia submitted a design for new coronets.
- F. Stepping Stone Demo & News – Chagan Bagshi provided an update: Lady Faye got a certificate for equestrian insurance for Sunday practice from now until October.
- G. The demo will be at the beginning of June-opposite Old School War Practice in Marinus- a lot of people will be at Marinus.
- H. 50 year – Lord Graham provided an update. We will be able to lend 20x40 to Rowen for 50 year for artisans row. Randy is transporting.
- I. Crown - Lochmere is asking us to do road signs and master of the hall. They would like the Cooks' Guild to organize a hospitality table for the royal area. Lochmere will pitch in. donations and do a separate hospitality table for the barons.
- J. They are looking for a fundraiser lunch for travel fund. They want Baroness Wynne to be the second herald. They would also like us to provide a merchants coordinator and an A&S coordinator.

IV. New Business

- A. Trial By Fire - Ailis is putting in bid for Lochmere Arrow / Trial By Fire. Deidre will be the deputy in charge of cooking things. The event will be at bowman. We may look into doing fireworks. We don't need an Minister of Lists. Nicki is our Martial-in-Charge. The dates are already spiked. We don't pay for camping. People who come in Friday will troll in on Saturday. There will be cap of \$40 for families.

The officers voted to accept this bid.

Next business meeting is on Friday, May 20 at 7pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Their Excellencies of Lochmere, Baroness Avice Claremond and Baron Gabrell Fairecloughe, invite archers to join Their Barony for their event **On Target** to be held at a scenic waterfront site in Annapolis, Maryland for a day of archery, Atlatl, thrown weapons, good food and better companionship. Shooting will commence around 10 am on Saturday, May 14, 2016. As always, the main event will be the challenging walk through shoot. It can be somewhat difficult to get to some of the targets' locations so be prepared to climb up and down wooded slopes. But the challenges only make hitting the target that much sweeter!

If you do not shoot, the Barony encourages you to come for the food, the socializing with old and new friends and the time to work on small A&S projects. If you are a newcomer to the SCA, this is a nice, low key, no pressure event to learn about archery and some of the many A&S activities practiced in the Society. There are only a few chairs at the site so attendees bring their own. As always there is a bake sale to help the Cancer Society.

<http://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/on-target/>





Feel like conducting a Viking Raid on the East Kingdom? Have we the event for you! Mark your calendars! The next Viking Thing: Huginn and Muninn is scheduled for the weekend of May 20-22 in the Shire of Owlsherst (York Haven, PA), and pre-registration ends on May 6th. Celebrate with us in remembering Huginn and Muninn, Odin's ravens. Far and wide they flew, reaching the ends of the earth, and returning with "thought" and "memory" to the All-Father. Join us in gathering our thoughts and memories of a bygone age and celebrate a culture that influenced the entire world!

Some of the activities at this year's Thing:

Ships and Islands - a combination of melee heavy combat and a novelty archery shoot.

A&S Competitions: Crafts, Brewing, Cooking

Messenger Race • Bardic Circle • A&S Classes (if you would like to teach, please contact Lord Brandulfr or Lady Mori)

Feast

Information for where to send your reservations can be found at

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=2978>

We hope to see you there!

In Service to the Dream —Brandulfr Saefinnson, Event Steward



To see the most current list of local events, please follow the following link:

<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/events/local.htm>

Atlantian Calendar of Events

May 2016			
6-8	Atlantian Spring Crown Tournament (R)	Sacred Stone	Randleman, NC
13-15	Hawkwood Baronial Birthday: For Love and Friendship (R)	Hawkwood	Arden, NC
13-15	Spring Fling For Siege II	Border Vale Keep	Augusta, GA
14	On Target	Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
20-22	Garden of Thyme: Herbal Collegium	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC
27-30	Ruby Joust (R)	Caer Mear	Amelia, VA
June 2016			
2-4	Old school war practice (R)	Marinus	Clarkesville, VA
10-12	Summer University	Atlantia	Boonville, NC
10-12	Highland River Melees - Highland Games (R)	Highland Foorde	Knoxville, MD
17-27	SCA 50th Year Anniversary Celebration (Q)	Middle	
17-19	Return to Crecy III	Salesberie Glen	Harmony, NC
18	Stierbach Baronial Birthday (K)	Stierbach	Warrenton, VA
24-26	Kings Assessment	Black Diamond	Amherst, VA
July 2016			
1-3	Trial by Fire and Lochmere Arrow	Bright Hills	Glen Arm, MD
9	Storvik Baronial Investiture and Novice Tournament (R)	Storvik	College Park, MD
16	Warrior's Games	Tear-Seas Shore	Harleyville, SC
29-Aug 14	Pennsic War (R)	Aethelmearc	

Announcements from the Society

During the month of April the SCA Board of Directors has made some changes that effect us all. Here they are:

Grand Council Disbanded

Published April 23, 2016 | By Kelly Magill

The Grand Council was formed in 1994; a time before email and social media. There was a need then for a committee that made sure that the membership had a way to communicate with the directors on issues of importance to the SCA. Twenty years later, members have access to the Internet and with it direct lines of communication to the directors and Corporate officers. We know we still have problems receiving input from, and transmitting information to, the membership; but we don't think an intermediary body provides us with the solution to these problems today.

So with thanks for the long and faithful service of the Grand Council, we have decided to disband the committee and work on new methods and approaches for increasing our responsiveness to the members of the SCA.

Society President John Fulton, Director Richard Sherman, and Director Andrew Coleman have been directed to investigate the creation of a new vehicle to facilitate communication between the membership and the directors that recognizes and utilizes the changes in technology, demographics and culture that have changed the way the Society conducts business in the 22 years since creation of the Grand Council.

Board of Directors, SCA Inc

Non-Member Surcharge is now Member Discount

Published April 5, 2016 | By Kelly Magill

After much research and consideration it has been decided to replace the term "Non-Member Surcharge" with "Member Discount" for SCA use.

With this change, it is important for everyone to know that Child Registration Fees will not go up in view of the "Member Discount". We are not assessing \$5 for children who do not have a membership. If under the old fee structure, the site fee was \$15 for adults with \$5 NMS and \$5 for children under 16, then the NEW nomenclature would be as follows:

Adult Event Registration; \$20, Adult Member Discount Event Registration \$15, Children (specify the age range) Registration Fees (less at least \$5 or more than the member price) Youth (specify the age and under) free.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Society Exchequer, Corporate Treasurer or myself.

Regards,

A.J. Pongratz

Vice President of Operations, SCA Inc.

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

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SKÅL - This Reigns Cheer

by Lady Scholastica Joycors

At the recent coronation of Dietrick von Stroheim and Thora Heri her majesty asked us to respond with the Norse word skål instead of vivan. There was a odd look on many faces at this request but not one citizen of Atlantia did refuse their warrior queens request and a loud skål echoed through the hall. So during the reign of our current monarchy we do respond to good works with the cheer of skål.

In order to understand the meaning of this word I did a little research and discovered that the word skol/skål is a Norsk (Norwegian) word used to cheer, or salute or as toast wishing good fortune and good health, as to an admired person or group and it always carries very friendly connotations. It is pronounced like scauld without the D, scaul.

In Danish the word skål literally means bowl or drinking vessel. One tale of the Middle Ages, when rampaging bands of Vikings were roaming the world, tells us that at the end of each battle it was customary for Viking warriors to decapitate the king or leader and later that night they would celebrate by drinking from his skull—skål—as a sign of respect for the fallen opponent. Viking warriors believed that it was only then that an opponent who had fought valiantly could be allowed into Valhalla.

In battle, Vikings would urge each other forward by yelling "SKÅL" by doing so, they were telling each other to keep it up so they could drink well that night and celebrate their victory.

SKÅL has evolved over the years from a battle cry of warriors to a common salutation or toast to friends, which in a way...it always was. Whether this is just another tall tale that bards tell by smoky fires at night or just a good reason to drink and celebrate one's friends is up to you to decide, but in the mean time I encourage all of you to release your inner Viking ... SKÅL.



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Cooks Corner

Crisps and Fritters are simply a variety of foods ranging from pancakes to fried dumplings. Simply put, crisps and fritters are fried. Listed below are several recipes that come from a variety of 14th and or 15th century sources.

Pipesfarces

Le Ménagier de Paris c. 1395

Et qui veult faire des Pipesfarces, convient avoir de bon frommage de gain par grosses lesches comme le doy, et les enveloper en la paste des pettes crespes et puis les boutter en son sain chault; et les gardez d'ardoir; et quant ilz sont seiches et jaunettes les drecier, et les crespes avec.

Pipesfarces. Take egg yolks and flour and salt, and a little wine, and beat together strongly, and cheese chopped in thin slices, and the roll the slices of cheese in the batter, and then fry in an iron skillet with oil in it. This can also be made using beef marrow.

1 lb Mozzarella
2 eggs
½ cup flour
1 tsp salt
¼ cup white wine
Cooking Oil

Slice cheese into finger sized pieces. Beat eggs with fork, add a little flour and salt and wine to the eggs making a smooth batter. Dip cheese slices into batter and fry until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve warm.

Fritelle da Imperadore Magnifici

Libro di cucina del secolo XI (14th or 15th century)

Se tu voy fare fritelle de Imperadore, toi la chiara de l'ova e fete de formazo fresco, e batille cum la chiara de l'ova, e mitige un pocho de farina q e pignoli mondi. Toy la padella cum assay onto, falo bolire e fay le fritelle. Quando sono cocte, polverizali ben zucharo e tienli caldi, etc.

The Emperor's Magnificent Fritters. If you want to make the Emperor's fritters, take egg whites and slices of fresh cheese, and beat them together with the egg whites, and add a little flour and hulled pine nuts. Take a pan with plenty of fat, bring it to the boil, and make the fritters. When they are cooked, sprinkle them with plenty of sugar and keep them hot, etc.

½ lb. Ricotta cheese
3 egg whites
2 Tbsp pine nuts
5 Tbsp flour
Sugar
Cooking Oil

Mix cheese and egg whites together, beat until well blended then stir in pine nuts. Drop cheese mixture into hot frying oil. Cook until golden brown. Drain and sprinkle with sugar.

Frytour Blaunched.

Form of Cury (14th Century)

Take almaundes bluanchyd, and grynde hem al to doust withouten eny lycour. Do þerto pourdour of gyngewer, sugur, and salt; do þise in a thynne foile. Close it þerinne fast, and frye it in oile; clarifie hony with wyne, & bake it þerewith.

Take blanched almonds and grind them all to dust without any liquid. Do thereto powder of ginger, sugar, and salt. Do this in a thin foil (of pastry). Close it therein fast, and fry it in oil, clarify honey with wine & bake it therewith.

½ lb. blanched almonds
1 tsp ginger
2 Tbsp sugar
¼ tsp. Salt
potsticker or egg roll wrappers
cooking oil
2/3 cup honey
¼ cup white wine

Grind almonds. Add ginger, sugar and salt and mix with ground almonds. Drop a spoonful into wrapper and seal them with water. Fry in oil, until golden brown. Drain on paper towel. Heat honey and wine together, pour over fritters and bake at 350°F for 10 minutes.

A fritur Rat Hatte Emeles

Diuersa Cibaria (14th century)

Nym sucre, salt, & alemauns & bred, & grind am togedre; & soþþen do of ayren. & soþþen nim grece opur botere opur oyle, and soþþen nim a dihs, & smeore heom; & soþþen nym bliue, & cose wiþ sucre drue: & þis beoþ þin cyueles in leynten ase in opur time.

Take sugar, salt, and almonds and bread, and grind them together, and then do of egg and then take grease or butter or oil, and then take a dish and smear them and then take quickly and sprinkle with dry sugar: and this be thin cakes in Lent as in other time.

½ cup sugar
¼ salt
1 cup ground almonds
1 cup fine bread crumbs
4 eggs
Cooking oil
Extra sugar to sprinkle on top

Combine sugar, salt, ground almonds and fine bread crumbs. Beat eggs together and add to dry mixture. Deep fry in oil until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Put on plate and sprinkle with sugar.



Poet's Corner

An example of Skaldic Verse. A skald is the Scandinavian term for a poet. Skaldic poetry forms one of two main groupings of Old Norse poetry, the other being the anonymous Eddic poetry.

Krákumál

(Death Song of Ragnar Lodbrok)

We hewed with the brand!
Long since we went to Gothland for the slaying of the Worm,
There I won Thora and my name of Leathern-Breeches,
Since I pierced that serpent through, with my blade of inlaid steel.



We hewed with the brand!
Young was I when east of Oere-sound we made good breakfast for the wolves,
While our steels sang on the high-crested helms much food did they find,
Blood-stained the sea, the ravens waded through.

We hewed with the brand!
Ere twenty years passed o'er us, high-borne were our spears,
At Dvina's mouth in the far east eight jarls did we lay low,
Warriors died; the crimson death colored the sea and ravens feasted.

We hewed with the brand!
The war-queen loved us when we sent the Helsinga to Odin's halls,
Keen bit the feathered arrow when our ships reached Iva's flood East Baltic ,
Gay was the music of sword on breast-plate and cleft shield.

We hewed with the brand!
Great was our courage when fierce Herraudr, 'mid his winged steeds, died.
No jarl more fearless sent his framing coursers o'er the main;
His stout heart drove him, fearless, by the sea-fowls' haunt.

We hewed with the brand!
The brand bit sore at Scarpa-reef Scarborough , the sword flew from its sheath,
Crimson the borders of our moon-shields when King Raven died;
Loud roared the spear on Ulla's field, as low lay Eystan the King.

We hewed with the brand!
O'er us was fated Herthiof to win a mighty victory,
There fell my son, bold Rognavd, before the host of spears.
His bow, unerring, shot in Sudorey Hebrides its last fatal bolt.

We hewed with the brand!
In Ireland King Marstan let not the she-wolf nor the eagle starve.
A sacrifice he made at Wetherford Waterford , for the steel-thorn issuing from its sheath,
Pierced to the heart of Ragnar, fearless son of mine.

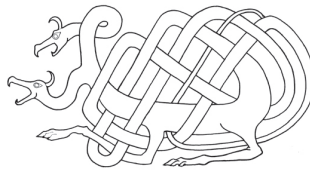
We hewed with the brand!
South we played at war with three kings, the blood of the Irish dyed the sea,
Then stormed we to the sword-play at the river-mouth of Anglesey,
No kissing of a girl was it to fight as we fought there.

We hewed with the brand!
Little did I wot that at the hands of Ella my death should come!
Yet what boots it? None can withstand his fate and well is it
To quaff the mead in skull-boughs drinking horns in the great hall of Odin.

We hewed with the brand!
Before cold death does no brave man quail; no thought of fear have I.
Soon with the battle wake when Aslaug's sons their bitter blades unsheath,
Soon will they learn the manner of my death, stout hearts of their brave mother!

We hewed with the brand!
My life is well-nigh o'er; sharp is the pang that the serpent gives.
Goinn the Snake, nests deep in my heart. No more will my children rest;
Great wrath will be theirs at the undoing of their sire.

We hewed with the brand!
Full gladly do I go! See the Valkyrjar fresh from Odin's halls!
High-seated among heroes shall I quaff the yellow-mead.
The Aesir welcome me. Laughing gladly do I die!



The complete Old Norse skaldic poem "Krákumál" (Lay of Kráka), probably composed at the end of the 12th century on Iceland, consists of 29 stanzas.

In 1782, Rev. James Johnstone translated the above 13 stanzas. He was an eminent Scandinavian antiquary, and for some years chaplain to the English envoy extraordinary in Denmark.

Ragnar Lodbrok (Ragnar 'Hairy-Breeches', Old Norse: Ragnarr Loðbrók) was a semi-legendary king of Sweden and Denmark who reigned sometime in the eighth or ninth centuries. As the "Ragnars saga loðbrókar" has it, he was a renowned Viking and dragon-killer. He died bravely, laughing in the face of death, in a snakepit in which his enemy Ælla of Northumbria had him thrown. His sons avenge him.

Note that Ragnar has a vision of entering Valhall even though he does *not* die in battle !
This is one of ca. five similar instances in written lore when a non-battle death still leaves the hero eligible for Valhall.
These examples are usually ignored in modern heathen discussions about who goes or doesn't go to Valhall...

"We hewed with the brand" = We fought with the sword.

<http://www.odins-gift.com/pclass/ragnar.htm>

Image: Gunnar in the snakepit, playing the harp with his toes. 13th century woodcarving from the portal of the stave church in Hylestad (which was pulled down; portals now in Oslo museum).



Johannes Zainer, "Von dem Rappen und Pfawen" (The Jackdaw and the Peacocks), wood-cut illustration from 'Vita Aesopi fabulatoris', 1479. National Art Library Pressmark: 86. B2

Aesop (Ancient Greek: Αἴσωπος, Aisōpos; c. 620 – 564 BCE) was an Ancient Greek fabulist or storyteller credited with a number of fables now collectively known as Aesop's Fables. Scattered details of Aesop's life can be found in ancient sources, including Aristotle, Herodotus, and Plutarch. An ancient literary work called The Aesop Romance tells an episodic, probably highly fictional version of his life, including the traditional description of him as a strikingly ugly slave (δοῦλος) who by his cleverness acquires freedom and becomes an adviser to kings and city-states. Older spellings of his name have included Esop(e) and Isope. One thing we do know is that his stories with a moral have been passed down over the generations both spoken and written and to date number nearly 700 fables.

The Jay and the Peacock

A Jay venturing into a yard where Peacocks used to walk, found there a number of feathers which had fallen from the Peacocks when they were moulting. He tied them all to his tail and strutted down towards the Peacocks. When he came near them they soon discovered the cheat, and striding up to him pecked at him and plucked away his borrowed plumes. So the Jay could do no better than go back to the other Jays, who had watched his behaviour from a distance: but they were equally annoyed with him, and told him: 'It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds.'

The Peacock and Juno

A Peacock once placed a petition before Juno desiring to have the voice of a nightingale in addition to his other attractions; but Juno refused his request. When he persisted, and pointed out that he was her favourite bird, she said: 'Be content with your lot; one cannot be first in everything.'

Barony of the Bright Hills

Practices and Meetings Site Directions

Heavy & 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County Schools announce they are closed or closing early, there will be no practice that night. You can usually hear the school closing lists on virtually any local radio station broadcast throughout the morning.

Sunday Afternoon Archery Practice

Lady Nichola Blackwell, 301-404-6133

Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (See Calendar)

Location: Baltimore Bowmen Site

Go to www.baltimorebowmen.com 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.

Guild Gatherings

Bardic Circle/PAGE

(Sundays 4-8pm; Contact Lady Nina for exact dates or check calendar)

6414 Loch Raven Blvd. Baltimore MD 21239

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Woodworkers' Guild (Check Calendar)

Lord Luke of Bright Hills' house. 1020 Register Avenue, Towson, MD 21239, (410) 377-6828.

Directions: Take Baltimore Beltway 695 toward Towson. We live near the northern apex of the beltway. Take exit 29 from 695. Take Loch Raven Blvd. south, past Taylor Ave. intersection, go through two lights after Taylor, look for quick right onto Register Avenue just over peak of a hill. (If you miss Register Ave. don't despair: at next light make a right onto Loch Hill Rd., then left at stop sign onto Register Ave. If you've gone too far on Loch Raven, you will reach Northern Parkway – a huge intersection.) Our house is at 1020 Register – white house with porch on right with SCA-type banner hanging from a signpost on front lawn - large driveway. Park on the south side of Register Avenue if there is no room in driveway.

Brewer's Guild

Lady Livia di Samuele, 7927 Mandan Road Apt 104 Greenbelt, MD 20770; 301-807-5476

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Contact with questions or to request special brewing days.

Clothier's Guild

Lady Faye de Trees, 1402 Hillside Dr., Bel Air, MD 21015; 352-281-8216, feataure@gmail.com.

The clothiers currently do one class per month on a specific project at Friday night fighter practice followed by a sewing session on Sunday afternoon to finish the projects. The location of the Sunday sessions varies. (Check calendar)

Textile Arts Guild

Mistress Brienna Llewellyn Lindsey, 3009 Ebbtide Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040, [410.598.3422](tel:410.598.3422), ladybrienna@gmail.com.

TAG meets the first Sunday of every month. Check calendar for location and times

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Cook's Guild

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Meets second Sunday of the month. Check calendar for location and time.

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Bright Hills Email List

To subscribe to the Bright Hills mailing list, please go to: <http://www.yahogroups.com/subscribe/brighthills>

Electronic Connection

Bright Hills Website

The Baronial website, <http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/> contains a listing of current officers, regularly scheduled meetings, events and other items of interest. If you have an item for the website, please send it to the Webminister,

THL Janyyn Fletcher of Lancastreshire at janyynfletcher@comcast.net

Bright Hills FaceBook Page

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The Yeoman On-Line

<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/yeoman/yeoman.html>



Everyone is encouraged to contribute to
The Yeoman!

Please, remember that all submissions for The Yeoman should be accompanied by an SCA release form. Below are the links to the necessary forms.

Society Chronicler forms: [http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release forms](http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release%20forms)
Release form for writing or artwork: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>
Release form for photographs: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>
Release form for models (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

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