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Black Fox Award Winner

Best Regular Feature 2022

Nomination: Best Artwork

For overall artwork throughout



A Note from Your Chronicler

A New Year has donned and activities are already in the works. Bright Hills Baronial 12th Night is being held on 13 January and a new baron and baroness have been selected and will step into service at Bright Hills Birthday and Investiture. None of these things do you want to miss.

For my part they recently announced the Blackfox Awards for great newsletters across the Knowne World and Bright Hills did not come up wanting. We received a win for best regular feature in The Bard's Corner and we were also recognized for great artwork throughout our newsletter. I am proud to have been apart of bringing honor to Bright Hills.

Yours in Service, Story, and Song,
Lady Scholastica Joycors
Your Bright Hills Chronicler

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the barony of bright hills



Bright Hills, we offer greetings. We wish everyone a very happy and delightful new Year. We look forward to our 12th Night Celebration in Eldersburg on the 13th of January. This is our second and last 12th Night celebration as Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills.

As the winter continues, we find that we are still in the mood to celebrate and what better way to celebrate than with the Bright Hills Baronial Birthday.

Their Royal Majesties will be joining us for a day of fun, food, and friendship.

This is also the day we will step down as Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills and new leadership will take over. Please plan on joining the celebration of everything that is Bright Hills.

The cook's guild is preparing a feast that will again live up to their motto "feed them into submission,"

Many hands make light work, please contact the Autocrat if you can help set up or take down for Birthday.

Gatherings and practices will resume after Baronial Birthday. We continue to look for an indoor area that we can use during the winter months. If you know of a location, please let us know.

There are still some Officer and deputy positions that need filling, we are a volunteer group, and the Barony needs your help. If you are interested, please speak with the Seneschal, Mistress Jeanne Tenneur de Bec.

"Always the Best", the motto for Bright Hills.

Over the last three years we have seen this displayed every day from our populace. We both thank you for being kind and considerate to everyone that lives within our lands and to all visitors to our Barony.

We ask that you continue with your good works, be patient and remember that others may be under higher levels of stress than yourself. Please take care of yourself, we are just a phone call away or even a virtual meeting away and we are always ready to talk to our family from Bright Hills.

Yours in Service,

Gordon Kinloch and Wanda the Wanderer
Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills





Business Meeting Minutes



December 16, 2022
started online at 7:05 pm

In Attendance: Gordon and Wanda Kinnie, Becky Ritterhouse, Mylinda Butterworth, Debbie Eccles, Rebecca and Kollack von Zweckel, Richard Muti, Allis Inghean ul Bhrian, Alexander Fowler, Dagny austkona, Richard Muti, Erin Markel, Debbie Eccles, Katrina Grossberg, Claudia Bosworth

Officer Reports:

ChateLain

Baroness Rebecca von Zweckel (Becky Kepple)

There is not a whole lot to report for this month. There was a pretty good turn out for the Irish Festival with Katheryne Maeder, Master Heinrich and Maestra Barbara leading our invasion. I know that Saturday was a lot of fun and we were joined by Their Excellencies and two of our newest members. It was great to see them out and sharing in the fun with us. We had plenty of visitors that stopped by. Some to check out the armory, some to ask questions about what we do and a few smalls that were amused and entertained in creating their own tabletop siege weapon.

I did attend the Chatelain meeting at Unevent and learned of some interesting ideas on communication and division of labor between Chatelains and their deputies. I look forward to sharing with Maestra Barbara and Lord Wrade in the near future.

I have seen several of our previous members that went on sabbatical/holiday that have stepped forward to let us know they are still around. I look forward to seeing their return.

Other than that, there is little to report as the holidays draw near and people are busy making preparations.

Chronicler

Lady Scholastica Joycors (MyLinda Butterworth)

Yeoman out. I attended unEvent. Nothing new to report. Need to have Dagny submit her warrant. *Black Fox Awards* were posted and The Yeoman was nominated for Best Artwork for overall artwork throughout and won Best Regular Feature for The Bards Corner. I will be receiving a token, a certificate and the right to use Master William Blackfox Award winner/nomination in the newsletter.

Exchequer

Lady Clara von Wonsiedel (Michelle England)

No report. Went to unEvent. Kingdom is trying to push through another banking system. Will need to update signatures after the polling and change in baronage. Registrar for birthday Send checks for birthday to 219 Grendel Street, Baltimore, MD. Have to do some interesting schenanigans for donation check.

Herald

Lord William Ringlancer (Bill Soucy)

Attended the Heralds Meeting at Unevent; hosted a Virtual Herald Zoom; no one attended. I am 98% sure this will be my last time offering it. I have two submissions that I have worked on, and returned my progress and suggestions to the submitters, but neither has responded with what they would like to do next. I have two other consultations in progress.

Knights Marshall

Sir Kollack von Zweckel (Kenneth Kepple)

Nothing new to report. The archers met on the 11 December with 4 new people. Send in quarterly report and kingdom is happy about the numbers.

MoAS

Mistress Deirdre O'Bardon (Debbie Eccles)

'Deirdre O'Bardon' via Officers | Barony of Bright Hills

There was no live or online bardic was held.

The Clothiers Guild met November 17 in the home of Dame Wynne. Emma, Johanna, Katherine and Mistress Wynne attended and worked on projects. No date was set for the next meeting, although one is planned.

Lord William Ringlancer attended the Heralds Meeting at Unevent, hosted a virtual Zoom consult, sent suggestions to two submitters for comment and approval and has two other consultations in progress.

Several competitions are planned for Baronial Birthday including a poetry competition, the competition for the new A&S champion and for the new bardic champion. The bardic champion will be chosen at Trail by Fire, but



our traditional bearpit will be held at birthday.

Attended the MOAS Unevent Meeting. Atlantia is still looking for a new KMOAS.

There was a suggestion that we continue to make online displays available for people who will not be attending events and to make sure that people know that they don't have to be present to display. It was also suggested that we encourage pre-registration for events.

Kilmeny discussed changes to University staff and publicized University generally. Requested classes for February University. Noted that Sophia the Orange is the online coordinator.

The Oak is being revived. A&S newsletter survived for a long time in both print, and later electronically. People have been requesting that the Oak be revived. Sophia is the lead in building webpage for the Oak. It is a blog that was coordinated with Owain so that it is consistent with the Kingdom webpage. The process is submit your article online, it is reviewed and given minor editing before being posted on the Oak website. Quality and accuracy is the responsibility of the submitter. There is a release form and a Google form to upload your content. The link to submit to the Oak is in the Submission Guidelines document (which is linked from the Oak website): <https://docs.google.com/document/d/12bzkvs1RbQi9E9wRjMeMY5EA6RSArcY2iwDkVoWfP7g/edit>.

The Oak's new link: <https://oak.atlantia.sca.org/>

Some people who joined the SCA during the pandemic don't understand our in-person culture and language. Please be willing to explain our culture and language gently.

KMOAS was looking for a deputy to follow Guilds and special interest groups and keep an updated list as a resource for Atlantians. The list would include the name of group, brief explanation of group, how to find it, and who is in charge of each group. Note which groups are SCA official, SCA unofficial, or just related groups. Lady Marta de Lyon later volunteered and is now the Guild Liaison. She may be reached at martadelyon@gmail.com.

KMOAS and local MOAS deputies may be needed as an administrative assistant and backup. May be in charge of a specific function i.e. dance deputy. Not required to have a deputy but is useful. Local deputies do not have to be warranted, but Principal wants contact information.

Hagar the Black discussed alternatives to competitions, such as challenges (think Persona Challenge) and displays. Suggested that we encouraged people to submit people for recognition (awards). Principal suggested that we use the OP to see who has what award.

MINISTER OF THE LIST

Lord Alexander Fowler (Hunter Fowler)

No report. Will be at baronial birthday.

YOUTH MINISTER • VACANT

WEBMINISTER

Lady Dagný austkona (Rachael Knoblauch)

No report. Need activity location for Baronial 12th Night

SENEŠCHAL

Mistress Jeanne Tenneur de Bec (Becky Ritterhouse)

People are concerned about not getting enough information on Facebook for polling. Facebook decided that Bec was posting too often and the last week they did not show up.

BARON AND BARONESS

Godai Kinloch and Wanda the Wanderer
(Gordon & Wanda Lee Kinnie)

Virtual Bardic on December 23. UnEvent was uneventful. Baronial 12th night waiting for location information. Birthday is going constantly. Hospitality for the royals is arranged.

GUILD REPORTS:

COOKS GUILD. .No report.

EVENTS:

Birthday - Start time to nail down final details. What champions will there be competition for. Try to put bardic outside with rooms with heaters and walls. No thoughts for fundraiser except for luncheon. Requests for volunteers for setting up and taking down dayshades. Cooks are going to look into servers and master of the hall. Portable heaters will be needed, non-electric. MoAS will be inside.

Trial by Fire/Lochmere Arrow - Is now on the calendar.

Kingdom Arts and Science Festival - Max budget of \$4000, attendance fee of \$15. Renting the library and the social studies wing, includes table and chairs. To be held at the Former North Carroll High School. Allis is looking to send in a bid and an event report. Scheduled March 4th

Baronial 12th Night: Flyer ready to go for the 13 January. event. Potluck. Garb encouraged. 7-10. pm. Encourage people to register for birthday while they are there.



Old Business

Need to encourage people to submit polling and send it in.

New Business

The knights marshal would like to get started with youth combat since we have a couple of youth interested. Looking for form to submit.

Baronial 12th night will be considered gathering.

Next meeting will be January 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting ended at 7:44 PM

Any corrections or additions to these minutes should be sent to the Chronicler at brighthill.chronicler@gmail.com



Greetings and Good Wishes to you all!

Pray Attend and Heed these words from Aoran and Anya,
Their Royal Majesties of Atlantia!

They have taken counsel from the Barony and have determined that
on the 11th day of February, Anno Societatis LVII,
being the Year 2023 of the modern calendar,
Lord Graham MacRobert and Lady Freydis sjona
will be invested as the next Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills.

Please join me in congratulating Lord Graham and Lady Freydis
as they prepare for this event.

I am, in service to the Barony,
Jeanne Tenneur de Bec
Seneschal



Atlantian Calendar of Events



for more details go to <http://www.atlantia.sca.org/events/atlantia-calendar-events>

January 2023

7	Kingdom 12th Night 2023	Atlantia	Winston Salem NC
28	Henry's Holiday Huzzah - Midwinter's	Lochmere	Lothian, MD
28	Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir	Tear-Sea's Shore	Ridgeville, SC

February 2023

4	Winter University of Atlantia	Atlantia	
10-12	Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday 43	Nottingham Coill	Bennettsville SC
11	Bright Hill's Baronial Birthday and Investiture (K Q)	Bright Hills	Manchester MD
11	Days of Love III	Marinus	Virginia Beach VA
11	Sir Walter Raleigh Ball	Buckston-on-Eno	Burlington, NC
17-19	Tournament of Ymir (Q K)	Windmasters Hill	Ellerbe NC
25-26	Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday	Raven's Cove	Richlands NC


March 2023

4	Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival (KQ)	Atlantia	
11-23	Gulf Ward (P PR)	Glen Abhann	
24-26	Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday and Investiture (K Q P Pr)	Hidden Mountain	Bennettsville, SC
25	Defending the Gate	Sudentorre	Spotsylvania, VA
31-02	Spring Coronation 2023 (K Q P Pr)	Storvik	Upper Marlboro, MD

April 2023

15	Dragon's Fire II: Tribute for the Dragon	Saint Georges	Easley SC
15	Festival of Elvegast	Elegast	Hillsborough NC
20-23	BAWTIII (Q K)	Morrhaven	N Myrtle Beach SC
21-23	Revenge of the Stitch VIII	Spiaggia Levantina	Chestertown MD

Thanks to His Excellency Gordon & Calontir Trim, we have procured 300 yards of Baronial trim!!!!

We have exclusive rights for ONE year and then Calontir Trim will sell the remainder. We will be selling it at the price that we purchased it for: \$3.00 per yard. All money will go to the Barony! Checks, which is the preferred payment, made out to "SCA, Inc., Barony of Bright Hills" will  ms of payment at this time.

January Local Events

- 13 Baronial 12th Night
 Gathering/Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice at 12:30 PM
 Web Minister Office Hours 7-8 pm (Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/iph-nbed-bib>)
 Heraldic Consult/Open House





Bright Hills
Baronial 12th Night
13 January 2023
7-10 PM

Community Center of Winifred Manor
2020 Rudy Serra Drive,
Eldersburg, MD

Garb suggested but not required
Bring a potluck dish to share

GREETINGS TO THE BARONY!

After consultation with Their Excellencies Gordon and Wanda and with the Baronial Officers, it has been determined that the Baronial Twelfth Night celebration will take place on Friday, January 13, 2023.

The celebration will be held at the Community Center of Winifred Manor (an Independent Living Community) located at 2020 Rudy Serra Drive, in Eldersburg, Maryland. When you enter the community, turn left. Follow the road to the Community Center about halfway around the circle.

Parking is at a premium. Marked spots are reserved for residents. Any spot that is unmarked is available. There is also a small shopping center nearby with available parking.

We will open the hall at 7:00 PM (if you come early you'll be asked to help with set up) and will continue until 10:00 PM.

There will be a pot luck meal, so please bring a dish to contribute and to impress us (this is Bright Hills, after all)!!! The Bright Hills Cooks' Guild will provide non-alcoholic drinks, and plates, utensils, napkins, etc.

Garb is suggested, but not required.

The donation box will be available for contributions to the site fund, which helps cover the cost of the hall rental throughout the year. (Note - if you write a check, it is tax-deductible!)

We hope that you will be able to join us for the evening to celebrate the season and enjoy the company of friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please contact the organizers of the celebration - Mistress Jeanne Tenneur de Bec or Dame Wynne ferch Rhodri.

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Directions:

From North, East or South of the Baltimore area; Take your best route to the Baltimore beltway (I-695). Take I-695 to exit # 18 /Rte 26/Liberty Rd towards Randallstown. Follow Liberty Rd until you cross the Liberty Reservoir. In a fairly short distance look for Captain Dan's Crabhouse and the Harvest Inn. They will be on your Left hand side, there is also a Dairy Queen on the Right as landmarks. Turn Left onto Monroe Ave, which is immediately after the Harvest Inn. Follow Monroe to the next Left at Rudy Serra Drive and follow it around till you see their Community center.

From the West of the Baltimore area and I-695. Take I-70 Eastbound to either MD rte 97 North or MD rte 32 North**, Follow your route of choice until you reach MD rte 26/Liberty road and turn Right onto Liberty Rd. Follow Liberty road through Eldersburg and continue until you see a Weis Grocery store on your Left or The Harvest Inn on your right. Turn Right onto Monroe Ave, which is just before you'd reach the Harvest Inn or the Weis store. Follow Monroe Ave to Rudy Serra Drive. Turn left on Rudy Serra and follow it around to the Community center.

** Both rtes 97 and 32 will take you directly to MD rte 26/Liberty road. Rte 32 will bring you out in the middle of Eldersburg. Rte 97 is (probably) the better road as far as size and condition but it will bring you to Md 26 further West of Eldersburg.

NOTE; Some of the map programs direct you to turn onto Goddard Park road. Unfortunately Goddard Park does NOT connect to Rudy Serra Dr., it puts you in the parking lot of an shop named Serra Brothers Italian Deli.



Lore from the Larder



Snowe

This is a fun, medieval, glorified version of whipped cream that is intended to look like fresh snow. The addition of beaten egg whites stiffens the mix beyond the texture of ordinary whipped cream. The flavor is only slightly sweet, although you could add more sugar to taste. The hint of rosewater is what makes this light and fluffy dish especially unique. Although originally a dessert dish in its own right, to our modern sensibilities, it's more like a topping. Personally, I think this would make a great addition to any wintery feast, and would look especially fitting next to a nice chocolate yule log. It can accompany any dish with which you would serve whipped cream.



image from <https://innatthecrossroads.com>

To make a dissh full of Snow. Take a potell of swete thicke creame and the whites of eight egges & beate them al togider with a sponse / then put them in youre creame and a saucer full of Rosewater and a disshe full of Suger with all / than take a sticke & make it cleane / and than cutte it in the ende foure square / and there with heate all the aforesayde thinges together / & ever as it ryseth take it of and put it into a Collander / this done / take one apple and set it in the myddes of it and a thicke busshe of Rosemary and set it in the middes of the plater / then cast your Snow upon the Rosemary & fyll your platter therewith. And if you have wafers cast some in with all and thus serue them forth. -A Propre new booke of Cokery, 1545

Redaction:

- 1 pint heavy cream
- 2 egg whites
- 1 tsp. rosewater, or more to taste
- 2 Tbs. sugar, or more to taste
- rosemary and apple, for garnish

Combine the cream, egg whites, rosewater, and sugar in a bowl. Beat with a mixer until the mixture thickens substantially and begins to resemble a fluffy snow. Scoop into a colander and allow to drain in the fridge for at least five minutes. Decorate a platter with rosemary stalks, then spoon the "snow" on top. Dust with a little extra sugar for sparkle, then place an apple in the middle. Serve immediately.

This would be good placed over spiced apples or any fruit or cake. Try vanilla, orange, or almond extract instead of vanilla.

Prep: 15 minutes Makes 4 plus servings



Curiosity Corner



ON THE TWELFTH NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

January 5 marks Twelfth Night, a holiday in some branches of Christianity marking the coming of the Epiphany or the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world and the coming of the Magi, and concluding the Twelve Days of Christmas and the Christmas season.

When is Twelfth Night? Some traditions consider Christmas Day to be the first day of Christmas, making January 5, or Epiphany Eve, the 12th day of Christmas. In other traditions, the 12th night and Epiphany are on the same day and fall on January 6.

Epiphany, also called Three Kings Day, is the day when the three wise men, or magi, visited baby Jesus Christ as an infant. In other Christian faiths, it is the day that Jesus was baptized. The Twelfth Night festival celebrates the coming of Epiphany and marks the end of the Christmas season.

Twelfth Night is a celebration, and holding a ball, or even a masked ball, was a common way to mark the occasion. You can hold your own Twelfth Night party or masquerade to close out the holiday season.

In Elizabethan times, one tradition was for servants to act as nobility and nobility to act as servants during the celebration. While that social structure has largely changed, consider having a lord or lady of misrule oversee the fun and games of your party.

Twelfth Night party games, such as blind man's bluff, were also common at the festivities, as was the tradition of wassailing. Wassailing involved going down to the orchards and firing guns and banging pots and pans to send away any remaining evil spirits and to awaken the trees to produce a new harvest in the coming year. Participants would also sing songs and enjoy their ale or cider.

Also considered a time of merrymaking, some cultures mark the occasion by exchanging of gifts, and Twelfth Night, as the eve of the Epiphany, takes on a similar significance to Christmas Eve. In Tudor England, the Twelfth Night marked the end of an autumn/winter festival that started on All Hallows Eve, which is now celebrated as Halloween. On this day, the king and his upper-echelon would become the peasants, and vice versa. At the beginning of the Twelfth Night festival, a cake containing a bean was eaten. The person who found the bean became king and would run the feast. Midnight signaled the end of his rule and the world would return to normal.

Most people day automatically think of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night which clearly mimics the conventions of the Twelfth Night celebrations, with the social order of the play suspended and characters easily crossing social classes, there is no obvious reference to the holiday within the play itself. While Shakespeare's Twelfth Night makes no mention of the three magi, the baptism, or the birth of Christ, it channels the rowdiness of the holiday revelries. Feste the Fool, Sir Toby Belch, and Sir Andrew Aguecheek can all be considered versions of the Lord of Misrule, while Maria bears strong resemblance to the Lady of Misrule. Feste's song at the end of the play suggests the reintroduction of reality – once the festivities are over, the audience will face a long, bleak winter in which social norms are back in place and debauchery is frowned upon.

No matter which way you go — traditional celebration or Shakespeare's version of Twelfth Night you are sure to have a good time.



The Bard's Corner

Where story, poem and song gather together for the sharing

W Black Fox Award Winner
B Best Regular Feature 2022

SIR CLEGES AND THE CHRISTMAS CHERRIES

My Lords and Ladies, you shall hear of one who lived many generations ago, in the time of King Uther Pendragon, father of the famed King Arthur. I speak of a knight, hardy and strong, tall and fair, brave and noble. In all the world there lived no one as courteous, noble or generous as he. To landowners, who struggled in times of war, he gave gold. To poor farmers who rented lands from him, he gave food and good cheer. A spare place at his table was always laid just in case anyone might pay a visit to him.

This knight had a gentle wife, the best a man could wish for. No woman was more beautiful, or more noble in her heart than she. Dame Clarys was her name. Of goodness, she had truly. Together they brought gladness to many a soul. No man, rich or poor, felt any ill will against them.

Every year, Sir Cleges, for that was the name of this noble knight, would hold a feast at Christmas time. No king celebrated that day in greater style than he. Rich and poor came to his feast. He would turn away no man. Friars payed him with blessings, minstrels with music – those were the highest prices he would ask for his food. When the feasting was over, the guests would not leave without gifts. He gave freely of robes, horses, silver and even gold. All this he did in honour of Him who was born in a manger on that day.

But his wealth dwindled with each passing year. He would not give up his feasting or his gifts. He let, mortgaged, even sold his lands to pay for his generosity, until at last he had almost nothing left. The Christmas feasting had to end. He lived meekly with his good wife and two children – and of luxuries, they knew no more.

One Christmas Eve, Sir Cleges was walking up and down his garden, when he heard the sound of trumpets, pipes, drums, harps and cymbals. He could hear carols and dancing. The sound of merriment brought back memories of his past feasts and festivities. He knew well that the music came from the court of King Uther, who was at Cardiff for Christmas. The King had not invited his loyal knight to join his table for the festivities. He had either forgotten him, or thought that he was dead. Sir Cleges wrung his hands began to pray piteously.

“Oh Jesus, heavenly king, you made everything out of nothing. I thank you for times past, for the merriment I used to make. I gave freely for your sake. I fed both rich and poor. Those who dined at my table did not lack for any meat or game, or good drinks. Of the cost I thought nothing. Now, here I stand, a poor man at your service, overlooked and forgotten by all mortal men, high and low.”

As he stood mourning so, his wife came to him, and enfolded him in her arms. She kissed him with glad heart and said, “My true husband, I heard what you were saying. It does not help to have sad thoughts, so let your sorrow be gone. Everyone should be happy on this day, and be glad with what they have got. So let us go inside, and be merry and eat our dinner joyfully.”

“Of course,” said Sir Cleges. With somewhat better cheer he quickly wiped the tear from his cheek and went inside to eat his food. After they had eaten, they took great delight in playing with their two children. At midnight they went to church and asked God to keep them clothed and fed.

On Christmas morning, Sir Cleges went into his garden. He kneeled on the snow covered ground before his favourite cherry tree, and prayed once again. When he had finished, he reached up for a branch to help him stand. As he arose, the bough broke in his hand. He noticed that it bore green leaves, and that there were ripe, round cherries clustered around it.



He said, "Dear God. What manner of berries are these that grow at this time of year? Then he picked a cherry and tried it. It was the most delicious fruit he had tasted since he was a small boy. He cut off a little branch and took it to his wife to show her.

"My dear, here is a novelty," he said. "I found these growing in our garden. Cherries in mid winter. I am afraid it is some ill omen, a warning to me for my sorrow and grieving."

"Why no," said his wife, "Rather it is a sign that goodness is coming to us. Tomorrow at first light, take the cherries to Cardiff and the King. He will have no better gift than this."

When it was daylight, she prepared a large basket full of cherries. She told their eldest son to carry it on his back, and walk behind his father to Cardiff. So they set off, not on a steed or pony, but Sir Cleges' walking stick as his only support.

When they arrived at the gates of the castle, the porter saw his poor clothing and said, "You shall turn around and leave smartly without delay, or by God and St. Mary, I shall break your head. Go and stand in the beggars' row. That's the place for you."

But Sir Cleges said, "Good Sir. I pray you let me go in. I have a present for the king. Here, look."

The porter went over to the basket and lifted the lid. When he saw the cherries he marvelled and said, "If I let you pass, you must promise me a third of whatever reward the king shall grant you for this gift, be it silver or gold."

Sir Cleges replied, "I consent," and he went through the gate into the castle. On his way to the banqueting hall he met an usher of the court who said, "Go, vassal, get out of my sight, and if I find you again within these walls I shall beat your head and your limbs without a moment's regret."

At this, Sir Cleges said, "Good Sir. Stay your anger. Be gentle and good - for I have brought a present for the king. See here, these fruits grew this Christmas season in my garden. They are the fairest cherries that man did ever see."

When the usher saw the cherries, he was amazed and said, "If you grant me a third part of whatever you may win for these, then you may indeed go on."

As Sir Cleges had no other choice, he agreed to the usher's terms, and into the hall he went with his son and the basket.

As they entered the Hall, the steward saw them. He went up to Sir Cleges and said, "Who made you so bold as to come in here uninvited? Turn around smartly and get out."

Sir Cleges replied, "See, good sir, I have a gift for the king." When the steward saw what he had brought he exclaimed, "By Mary I never saw such fruits at this time of year. You shall go before the king, but only if you promise me a third part of whatever you shall receive."

Sir Cleges stood and thought to himself that betwixt these three men, he would divide all that he received. For all his trouble he would win nothing. As he did not reply right away, the steward demanded, "Have you no tongue? Give me your answer without delay or I shall beat your rags with my stick!"

Seeing that he had no other choice, Sir Cleges said, "Very well, whatever the king shall reward, you shall have a third part."

The steward brought Sir Cleges before the king, where he knelt down and uncovered the basket.

"Great King," he said. "These fruits grew in my garden this christmas time, and I have brought them to you as a gift."

The king saw the cherries, fresh and new, and said, "Truly this is the work of our Lord." He commanded Sir Cleges to sit down and join the feast. The king sent a portion of the cherries to a radiant and fair lady in



Cornwall, and he commanded the rest to be served around the hall. When all had eaten and were glad, the king commanded, "Bring before me the poor man who gave me the cherries."

Sir Cleges knelt again before the king, and the king said, "I thank you heartily for the gift you have brought me. It has honoured my feast. Whatever you will have, I will grant you. Whatever your heart desires, be it lands, or serfs or goods."

Sir Cleges replied, "Great King. I ask nothing but 12 strokes of my stick that I might give freely to my enemies around this castle."

On hearing this the king was angry and said, "I am sorry that I granted you this gift. Better that you asked for silver or gold, for you have more need of it. Nevertheless, if that is your wish, let my debt to you be paid with blows."

Sir Cleges went into the hall and sought the steward to give him his reward. He dealt him such a blow that it knocked him down. Then he gave him three more. On leaving the hall he found the usher and told him, "Here's the third part of my gift that I promised you!" And he beat him four times with his stick. Then he found the porter and gave him his reward with the words. "I keep my bargain. Take this, and this, and this and this!"

While Sir Cleges was busy paying back his enemies, the king sat in his chamber and listened to a minstrel. The minstrel sang of a great knight who had served him in years past, one who was full of fortune, nobility and grace. His name was Sir Cleges. As the king listened, memories came back to him, and he realized that he had seen the good knight that very evening."

"Why, was that not him who knelt before me in the hall?" Exclaimed the King.

"Sire, indeed it was," replied the minstrel.

When word reached the lords and ladies of the court of how Sir Cleges had paid back the porter, the usher and the steward, they all laughed heartily and thought that it was good sport.

The king called Sir Cleges before him, and this time he gave him lands, forests, and a cup of gold to take to his wife. He made his son a squire and gave him fine clothes to wear.

Every year after that, Sir Cleges and his wife celebrated Christmas with good food, music, merriment and gifts, and they lived in great happiness until the Good Lord sent for them.

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The Barony of Bright Hills



Practices

Heavy & Light Weapons Fighter Practices and A&S classes are held the second and fourth Friday nights from 7:30 PM-10 PM at the Baltimore Bowman see



Business Meetings are held from 7 PM-8 PM the fourth Friday of the month as an online meeting

Sunday Afternoon Archery Practice

Most Sundays 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. Please join the BH archers google group to receive practice schedule emails NOTE: PRACTICE WILL NOT BE HELD WHEN THERE ARE WEEKEND-LONG EVENTS AND WHEN THERE ARE EVENTS AT THE BOWMEN SITE.



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.

Cook's Guild

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Guild Gatherings

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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,

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Bright Hills FaceBook Page

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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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