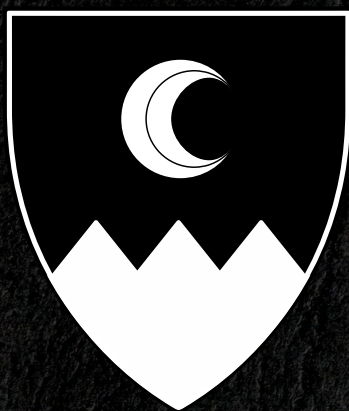


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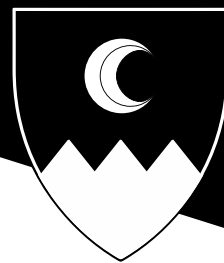
# The Neoman



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## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 12/18/2024

**Started At:** 7:05 pm

**Attended:** Seneschal, Baroness, Exchequer, MoL, Herald, Chatelain, Web Minister, Birthday event steward, Chronicler, deputy Chatelain, members of the populace. The Baron arrived late (or did he arrive precisely when he meant to?)

## Officer Reports

**Chatelain:** It's been a fruitful month thus far for this office. I participated at Unevent's Chatelain meeting. Nothing special to report there. Mainly reminders on reporting requirements and discussions on recruitment and retention strategies.

We had 1 reach out from a newcomer that is interested in the Arts and Sciences. He made it to the gathering on the 19th. We had the opportunity to explain some aspects of armored combat; which they are also interested in.

I have also been in contact with several of our repeating demo venues. We are looking at returning to Royal Rabbit May 10th. The day prior to Mother's Day. More on that after the holidays.

We have also been requested to come back to Oakenmist mini-Renaissance Festival the week after Pennsic. This has been a very good venue for us, and I look forward to working with the team to build it up even more.

Finally, while discussing the Oakenmist, it was brought up that we had not heard from the organizers for Maryland Faery Festival yet. After a reach out, it has been discovered that they are expecting us to return for a 3rd year. We just need to find out who they are contacting on our side and get the information we need to set up.

I believe that is all for now. See you all soon and have a great holiday season.

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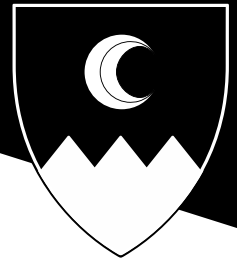
**Chronicler:** The December Yeoman was sent out on 12/3. I attended UnEvent, where they did a Chronicler 101 course; I have nothing significant to report from UnEvent, but there was discussion around ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) for the office and discussion about how the Society should stay abreast of copyright conflicts with development tools (e.g., Adobe tools, Microsoft tools, etc.) continually updating terms of use. Feel free to contact me for more info.

**Exchequer:** We have one check outstanding to the College of Herald (it was sent some time ago); we will follow up to see where it is at. We will be closing Wells Fargo account and moving to M&T on this coming Friday. \$15,000 will go in savings, \$5,000 in checking. We have a check #2326 for \$100 that hasn't been used (event site fee for B-day; check never cleared). Motion to void check passed unanimously. We need to set a date to do signatures (Wanda, Bec, Mia) for Manchester M&T. End of year will be done once Dec. statements are out.

**Herald:** I attended Unevent; the main takeaway (especially for non-heralds) is that there is now a system for making submission payments online...no more need for a check or money order! It uses a QR code that goes straight to a Paypal account.

During the office hours at Unevent, I made a comment about a neat thrift store find that I was going to incorporate into a Staff of Office for our baronial herald (then Nest informed me that there already is one...anyone know where it is?) Anyway, a newer herald piped up "Wait, we get sticks?" Which leads me to the point...Not for this University but a future one, I will be teaching a class on heralds and their batons and staves, in period and SCA usage. It will be called "Wait, we get sticks?"

There is a chance that Bill may not be at Birthday; we should find a herald in the event that occurs.



## Meeting Minutes, cont.

**Knights Marshal:** On Sunday December 15th Bright Hills held a Fighter Practice/Bright Hills Gathering at the Bowman. There were only four of us, Rebecca, Myself, a newcomer, and Baron Graham. It was cold but we stuck around for a little less than two hours, explaining what the SCA was about and all that is available in the SCA. As it seems highly unlikely to get warmer in the near future, and I really do not want to be standing out in the cold, I believe we should remove any practices/gatherings scheduled for the Bowman until late February or even March of 2025.

Two other things of note. First, I will be heading to Shire of Spiaggia Levantina on Sunday January 19th, 2025, to help with a youth practice they have put together. It is being held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at 307 N. Washington ST, Snow Hill Maryland.

Second, my youth marshal warrant expires at the end of January 2025. Apparently, the method I started in September to renew my background check, which is listed on the kingdom website is no longer a valid method. I have reached out the Atlantia Kingdom Seneschal as directed by other youth marshals during Kingdom Unevent but have not received a response so far. Obviously if I do not get it renewed before Baronial Birthday, I will not be able to be the youth marshal.

**MoAS:** No report (not in attendance).

**MoL:** Nothing to report.

**Web Minister:** Removed January gatherings from the calendar. (Brrrr!) We will leave February's on for now and evaluate next month. Seneschal email is still having issues sending to the officer's google group.

**Seneschal:** Not much to report from Seneschal's meeting at UnEvent (just some reminders).

**Youth Minister:** No report (not in attendance).

## Meeting Minutes, cont.

**B&B (Baroness):** Attended UnEvent. Their Majesties are doing a lot of pollings to the Orders. They are requesting participation. Bring snacks to some long future Kingdom Courts!

**B&B (Baron):** Nothing new.

## Events

**Birthday:** Livi will be the merchant coordinator. Elizabeth will help with troll. Still need volunteers for Heavy Marshal and rapier marshal. Menu testing occurred at the last Cooks' Guild meeting.

**Twelfth Night:** The deposit has been paid. The activity will be from 7pm-10pm on 1/10. The site is the Knights of Columbus Hall (Lutherville). Info will be posted for the activity on evening of 12/18. There is no site fee, but we will have the donation jar out (exchequer will collect donation funds in January). There is a full kitchen; January will include a meeting to provide layout details to site. We expect the site fee to be \$450. Cooks' Guild will provide paper plates/utensils. We will have the usual potluck.

## Old Business (none)

**Pavillion:** We need measurements of the pavilion at the Bowmen. There are some options of places that we could purchase walls from.

**Erroneous Transactions:** The bank has refunded the money from the erroneous transactions.

## New Business (none)

**Next Meeting:** 1/15/25 at 7 pm (virtual)

**Adjourn:** 7:37 pm

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## Upcoming Baronial Events & Activities

Baronial Twelfth Night | *January 10, 2025, 7-10pm*  
See Baronial Calendar for info | Knights of Columba Hall, Lutherville, MD

Baronial Business Meeting | *January 15, 2025, 7pm*  
See Baronial Calendar for info | Virtual

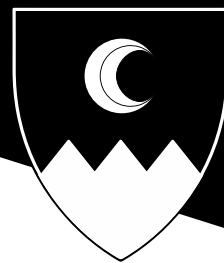
Bright Hills Birthday | *February 8, 2025*  
More details forthcoming | Manchester, MD

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Full Baronial Calendar of Events

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