

Nottingham Quill



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Young boy reading at an SCA event



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A Note from Their Excellencies

Greetings to Our Beautiful Barony.

We were delighted to see so many of you at Ymir, even if we only got to say “hello” in passing. Despite it being a very, very busy event for us; we also noticed that every time we turned around, we saw members of our Barony serving and helping. It was beautiful to see and made us so very proud.

Speaking of Ymir, not only did we get to assist with some surprises in a couple of vigils, but we had the great joy of watching His Excellency Baron Elphin receive a Writ to join the Masters of Defense. It was truly wonderful to see him getting recognized for all the hard work and skill he has devoted to Rapier Combat.

We look forward to his elevation at Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday and hope to see many of you there to celebrate his accomplishment.

A reminder that the last of our Baronial Champion's competitions will be coming up all to shortly at Dragon's Fire, and we'd like to encourage all our brewers to enter. Please let us know if you'd like the opportunity to compete for Brewing Champion. As of this missive we have no one declared for Baronial Brewer. We accept e-mail, messenger, letter via mail, crayon scrawl on a napkin, runes on a small rock, etc.

And finally, for those attending Gulf Wars, we wish you a safe journey there and back, and a wonderful fun war!

As always: have fun, make stuff, do stuff, and we look forward to seeing you at a future event.

We remain In Service,

Likarion & Ceara

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Baronial Progress

March 8-16: Gulf War
(Her Excellency only)

March 28-30: Hidden
Mountain Baronial
Birthday

April 12: Dragon's Fire.

May 3: Spring Crown
(Tentative)

May 9-11: Hawkwood
Baronial Birthday

May 17: Not Quite
Quarterly Braggin'
Rights

May 23-26: Gem
Joust/Investiture

From the Senechal's Pen



Lord Roderick Mund

Greetings unto Nottingham Coill,

I see daffodils in my front yard; it must be time for Gulf Wars! Our baronial business meeting was very well attended and I will add the minutes of the meeting at the end of this letter to you.

We continue our search for a deputy Chronicler, a deputy Chatelaine, and a Quartermaster.

In March you can attend the Dragons Faire demo event at Eastwind Castle in Trenton, SC. You can find more information at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/976673557406189/>

Next month we will be holding our annual event of Dragons Fire IV: Birth of the Dragon in Easley, SC. You can find more information about the event at: <https://labyrinthine0ne.wixsite.com/dragonsfireiv>

Our baronial picnic will be in August and we are looking for an event steward. If you have pondered the idea of running an event this is a good way to dip in a toe (see it's a lake event, get it!) Held at Dreher Island State Park it is a one-day event that does not require a fee for attendance.

Please contact me at this [email address](#) for an event budget form if you are interested in applying as event steward.

And our big annual event ... Yule Toy Tourney is only 9 months away, which just happens to be about the amount of time it takes to bring forth this joyous event. (See what I did there, I am killing it today!) Yule Toy Tourney is much larger, includes lodging, a feast, and lots of fighting.

Are you up for the challenge? Again, please contact me for the form to submit to steward this awesome event.

Please be safe on your travels to Gulf Wars. Make sure you fill up at Buc-ees and grab some jerky off the wall!

Vivant, Hooray and Congratulations

Lord Adhemar of Saint Albans received the Award of the Golden Knot at Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday for excellence in Arts& Sciences.

m'lord Ender received the Companion of the Coill's Bells for direct contributions to the Barony.

Marguerite Howard received the Award of the Golden Cord for service to the Barony.

Lady Meilan Hua received the Award of the Shields Knot for her promising work in the martial arts.

Baroness Tyra Johnsdatter received the Companion of the Silver Knot for service to the barony by a gentle not residing in the Barony.

Lord Appius Alius Albanus received the Companion of the Opal for distinguished service to the Kingdom.

Lady Johanna Gardner received her Award of Arms and also the Companion of the Opal at the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival.



Looking good in Camp

Good Gentles,

Our time together is most wondrous, but it can easily lighten the pouch. We wish to be seen in the most fashionable clothing when out and about – but are these garments suited for every situation? Sadly, nobles that we are, we cannot bring our servants to every gathering and must often see to our own mundane needs. I, for one, have no wish to burn the end of a silk sari in my campfire, nor dip it in dish water. But what is there to be done?

I suggest a trip to a reseller of clothing to acquire three things: a cotton or linen tablecloth, a light yet textured scarf or table runner (preferably cotton), and a large shawl or second tablecloth. Now, any of these things can be purchased at a fabric merchant, but the reseller is easier on the purse. Do remember that we all like bright colors!

The examples I am wearing are a maroon tight-woven cotton tablecloth, a pale-yellow cotton gauze scarf gifted to me, and a large black cotton blend shawl.

To begin, have your sewist (you do have one, I assume, even if they look like a long-lost twin to your Noble self) assemble a basic tunic from the tablecloth. Have them make the sleeves looser in the upper arms and fitted on the lower, ending at or slightly above your wrists. Make sure to include at least two gores so you can freely bend or (gasp!) sprint to extinguish a fire.

Many ladies prefer this tunic to be slightly above ankle length, but I have been known to wear mine shorter with trousers or a skirt underneath. Whatever suits the wearer is the best!

Next, the turban. Why a turban? It works for all genders, keeps grime off of hair, and perspiration out of food. Besides, I feel it looks nicer than a simple kerchief. Take your length of cloth and have it trimmed and hemmed until it is approximately these measurements: in width, the length of the tip of your finger to your inner elbow (mine is 16 inches); in length, the spread of your arms or the tiniest bit shorter (mine is 60 inches). One can go even shorter, but there will be fewer twists 'round the head and it is slightly less secure. If you have enough hair, tie it in a loose low tail to be tucked up or else a loose wide bun near the crown of your head. If it is exceptionally long, two braids pinned up is the best. Position the scarf on your forehead and with one side touching your shoulders. Then, pass the short end under the long and through the opening between in half of an overhand knot. Pull until tight, then loosen ever so slightly – chores are enough of a headache!



Here, you have a choice: tuck the short end into the cap now fitted to your head or leave it to be dealt with at the end. I recommend waiting if you have a tender scalp, fragile hair, or more than four inches of short end left. Now, take the long end and pull it in front of you, beginning to twist it. Once it is spun to your liking, but not so firm as a rope, loop it over the cap portion around your head. When you reach the back, make sure to catch up any loose short end so the twist holds it in place. Make a second loop, stacked neatly above the first. If you have a third (which is unlikely), position it on top of the first two in a little pyramid. Once you have reached just before the end of your twist, tuck the final four inches into both loops. You may pin here with a veil pin, or trust in the textured fabric and physical sciences to keep it in place. Do similarly to any remaining short end and your turban is complete!

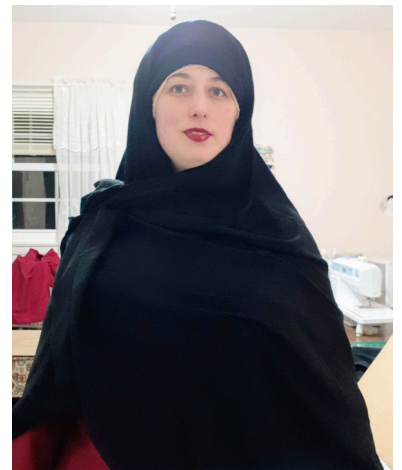
Finally, the shawl. Holding the shawl edge in one hand, pull the fabric up your arm to your shoulder – mark here with a pin. Fold the fabric at this point and add a foot to determine the ideal length. Do not remove the pin. The shawl width should be from the top of your head to your waist. If it is overwarm outside, do leave this off. Add a belt sash or small jewelry and your outfit is complete! If it is cold and you are working near a fire, please have at least three pins of safety at hand. If you are simply making a hot beverage or using a tabletop cooker, only two pins are truly necessary. Once appropriately armed with hemmed fabric and safety pins, position the shawl over your turban with the pin centered on your forehead. I suggest you use said pin in the rolls of your turban to hold the shawl centered while you drape. Now, take the short end, pull it to the front and tuck it into your tunic at the opposite collarbone (or higher, in colder weather). Don't pull too tight or it will impede movement of your head! Pin here without worry that a plain pin will show. Take the long end and pull it up to the other shoulder, allowing a dip in the middle for an elegant drape. For colder weather, pull it further over your shoulder, again allowing for head movement.

Pin to itself at your shoulder, hiding the unsightly side of the pin on the underside. If working near a fire, bring the bottom of the long end up. Extend the same arm diagonally from your body and pin the shawl to both the fabric already there and your tunic. It may not be as easy to hide the pin, but injury prevention is more important. Now, decorate as you would if you had left the shawl off. Sashes and belts go under the shawl, decorative pins and perhaps light jewelry should be visible.

And there it is! One's inner nobility shines through even when laboring in rather plain attire, but it eases the mind when one looks good as well.

Yours in Service,

Lady Vani ka Bhediya
Chatelaine, Falcon Cree



Did you know? Russ Edition

Yaroslav the Wise & the Primary Chronicle

Yaroslav the Wise, Grand Prince of Kiev, ruled over the Kievan Rus' from 1019 to 1054. A statesman, military leader, and patron of learning, he understood that preserving history was as vital as forging alliances or winning battles. As his reign brought prosperity to Rus', Yaroslav was deeply concerned with the fading memory of his people's past.

In 1037, he took decisive action. Inspired by the rich traditions of Byzantine scholarship, Yaroslav ordered the creation of a chronicle to document the history of Rus'. The task was entrusted to churchmen and scholars, most notably the monk Nestor, who began recording the deeds of the early princes, the Christianization of the Rus' by his father, Vladimir the Great, and the key events of Yaroslav's own reign.

The result was the Primary Chronicle (also known as the Tale of Bygone Years), a vital historical document that blended oral traditions with written records. It chronicled the formation of the Kievan state, its rulers, and its relationships with neighboring nations. Under Yaroslav's patronage, the chronicle became a cornerstone of Rus' identity, ensuring the preservation of their history for future generations.

Through this effort, Yaroslav's legacy was immortalized—not just in his political achievements but in the written word, securing his place as a ruler who valued both wisdom and history.

source:

https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Yaroslav_I_the_Wise



Word of the Month is Morning:

ympo

You may want to wish someone "Good Morning" when you first see them at an event. You would say, *Доброе ýmpo!* (DO-broye OO-trah)

Video to hear the pronunciation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSFl48gcwww>

Resource: http://masterrussian.com/vocabulary/utro_morning.htm

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Baronial Champions

Art

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Sciences

Lady Giulia Stanizi

Bardic

Lady Thorve Skald Rikardsdottir

Archery

Lord Cáelán Cócaire

Youth Archery

m'Lord Artur Maddsen

Thrown Weapons

Lord Snorri 'Big Crunch' Halfdan

Cut & Thrust

Lord Mads Arthurson

Armored

Lord Gunnulf Bjornsen

Rapier

Lady MeiLan Hua

Brewing

Lady Mor Gwen holds the title till a new champion is chosen at Dragon's Fire

Kingdom Events

Complete Atlantian Calendar can be found
[here!](#)

February – 2025

02-08 – 02-08 : Bright Hills Baronial Birthday :Manchester MD (Bright Hills)
02-15 – 02-16 : Ædult Swim 2025 : (Æthelmearc) (P)
02-15 – 02-15 : Celebration – Babur :Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Pr)
02-21 – 02-23 : Ymir 50 :Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K Pr P)

March – 2025

03-01 – 03-01 : Kingdom Arts and Sciences Festival :Raleigh NC (Elvegast) (Q K)
03-08 – 03-16 : Gulf Wars XXXIII (TBD) : (Gleann Abhann) (Q K)
03-09 – 03-09 : CURIA 2025 : (Atlantia)
03-15 – 03-15 : St. Urho's Tournament :Statesville NC (Salesberie Glen)
03-22 – 03-22 : Storvik's Performer's Revel :Cheverly (Hyattsville) MD (Storvik)
03-22 – 03-22 : Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday Bloodbath :Vienna VA (Ponte Alto)
03-28 – 03-30 : Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday :Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain) (Q)
03-29 – 03-29 : Defending the Gate :Spotsylvania VA (Sudentorre) (K)

April – 2025

04-05 – 04-05 : Spring Coronation (TBD) : (Atlantia) (Q K)
04-12 – 04-12 : Dragons Fire IV: Birth of the Dragon :Easley SC (Saint Georges)
04-12 – 04-12 : Festival of Elvegast :Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)
04-12 – 04-12 : Night at the Faire :Severn MD (Lochmere)
04-18 – 04-20 : Canterbury Tales: Missile Madness Reloaded :Monroe VA (Seven Hills)
04-24 – 04-27 : LEAFS (Learning Equestrian, Agriculture, and Forestry Symposium) :Upper Marlboro
MD (Highland Foorde)
04-25 – 04-27 : Revenge of the Stitch X :Denton MD
04-25 – 04-27 : Baronial Spring Camp :Apex NC (Windmasters' Hill)

May - 2025

05-03 - 05-03 : Spring Crown Tournament (TBD) : (Atlantia)
05-09 - 05-11 : Tir-y-Don Baronial Birthday :Hayes VA (Tir-y-Don)
05-09 - 05-11 : Hawkwood's XXI Baronial Birthday: One Night In Marrakesh :Old Fort NC (Hawkwood)
05-17 - 05-18 : Victory on the Vine II :Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)
05-17 - 05-17 : Not Quite Quarterly Braggin Rights Tournament V :AIKEN SC (Ritterwald) (Q K Pr P)
05-17 - 05-17 : Skewered! V: Tenoch's Table :Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)
05-31 - 05-31 : On Target! :Annapolis MD (Lochmere)

June - 2025

06-06 - 06-08 : Rumors of War- Part Deux :Bryson City NC (Stormwall)
06-06 - 06-08 : Royal Archery Tournament :Booneville NC (Sacred Stone)
06-14 - 06-14 : Summer University (TBD) : (Atlantia)
06-20 - 06-22 : Storvik Novice Tournament :Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik)

July - 2025

07-12 - 07-12 : Procrastinators Paradise- Last Chance Authorization and Sewing Day :Waldorf MD
(Dun Carraig)
07-19 - 07-19 : Warrior's Games :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)
07-25 - 08-10 : Pennsic War : (Atlantia)



The Backpage



Greetings and good tidings to all!

It is March, the sun is shining and it is a glorious 67 degrees here, a wonderful moment in time where it is not too hot, not too cold but instead, for a moment, just right.

Today, I am considering what made the SCA just right for me. We all know the goldilocks story: a bed that's not too big, not too small, but just right. Sometimes things just.. fit. Being in the SCA for me felt like a perfect fit. But why? There are so many reasons, but I think the greatest one for me is generosity. Recently I got a catalog for the folk school in my mailbox and there were so many courses that looked good. Unfortunately they were fully out of my budget. 800 dollars for a weekend? 1600 for five days? Don't get me wrong, the teachers and the school deserve that money, I just can't spend it! Then I realize that I can go to an event like WoW, which costs a fraction of that, and dozens of people will offer their expertise to teach me. Our Atlantia University offers a chance to learn in person and online. Free. There is not an event that I have gone to where I haven't had the chance to learn something. People will offer free expertise at practices in anything from fighting to nalbinding.

I have often joked that "If you stand still long enough in the SCA, someone will teach you something. You do not even always have to stand still."

The generosity with what people have learned, made, sometimes even bought or bartered for, to others with whom the only connection is that they are interested in the same things, is not something to take for granted in an increasingly commercialized world. Take a moment this month to think of all the mentors, generous people, or benefactors in any way that you have benefited from on your SCA journey. And don't forget to consider all the times you yourself have offered or what you can offer in the future.

Have a wonderful month!