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A Note from Their Excellencies

Greetings to Wonderful Barony!

As we write to you from our Family's Summer Dacha; We hope you are managing to stay cool. We know it's been a couple of weeks of alternating heat wave and thunderstorms at home. We hope you all get to enjoy a little bit of family time, rest and relaxation, or peaceful crafting time in the early July lull between events. We also hope that everyone who's attending Pennsic this year is on schedule in their Pennsic Prep. We also wish you safe travels and a super fun War!

Her Excellency and our youngest had a wonderful time at Royal Archer last month and wanted to say thank you to everyone who shot with us. It was delightful to get out on the range again, even if I'm woefully out of practice. This is such a fun competition and I look forward to attending next year!

We are very much looking forward to both Warrior's Games (The sheep toss is a favorite!) and our own Baronial Picnic. Just a quick reminder for the Baronial Picnic to include your ingredients list with your dish for the potluck. We hope to see many of you at both events.

As always: have fun, make stuff, do stuff, STAY HYDRATED!!, and we look forward to seeing you at a future event. We remain In Service,

Likarion & Kiur'iakiia

Posadnik & Posadnitsa Nottingham Coill



Baronial Progress

July 10-13 – Warriors
and Warlords XXX
(Kingdom of
Northshield)

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July 19 – Warrior's
Games

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August 23 – Nottingham
Coill Baronial Picnic.

From the Senechal's Pen



Lord Roderick Mund

Greetings unto the Barony,

It's July and that means Pennsic! Drive carefully and hydrate.

By now everyone should be aware that the location for the 2025 War of the Wings has been changed. This was a decision made at the highest levels. (Even I was not included in the final decision and as most of you know, I am a legend in my own mind!) The new location will be the VanHoy Family Campgrounds, 742 Jericho Road, Harmony, NC 28634. I have included a sales brochure for the campground on our Facebook page and our discord channel. My first impression is that it looks similar to the campground for Pennsic. The dates for War of the Wings is October 11-19, 2025 and this has not changed from the original schedule. I have given my name to the Land Agent for this event as the land agent for our barony. If there is someone that would like the job I would be happy to act as deputy, or vice versa.... I am looking for a deputy land agent for WoW.

The baronial summer picnic will be Saturday, 23 August at Dreher Island State Park in Prosperity, SC. There are no event fees but the state park does charge:

\$3 adults; \$1.50 SC seniors; \$1 children age 6-15; age 5 & younger free

Here is the park's FAQ sheet for your reading pleasure:
<https://southcarolinaparks.com/dreher-island/faqs#jump>

Noble Giulia Stanizi will be our event steward for Yule Toy Tourney this year. The event will be at Table Rock State Park (again) the weekend of December 12-14, 2025.

We are now accepting submissions for event steward for the Baronial Birthday. This event will be January 16-18, 2026 at the Sandy Ridge Girl Scout Camp in Bennettsville, SC. Please use my email for submissions of budget applications. Bids will close on Thursday, July 17, 2025 for this event.

And as winter gives way to spring the barony will be holding the Dragon Fire event in the spring of 2026 and we are now accepting applications for an event steward for this event.

Please follow the Facebook page and/or the Discord channel for updates and requests for volunteers for these many events. Many hands make easy work.

Thank you so very much to Magistra Machteld Cleine for her quality work in producing our monthly baronial newsletter.

Vivant, Hooray and Congratulations

Noble Etienne La Mons d'Anjou received a Baronial Award of Excellence from Sacred Stone at the Royal Archery Tournament.

Magistra Ealdryth of Humberstone received an Augmentation of Arms, the Golden Elephant, at Summer University for excellence in service.

Arglwydd Macsen ap Rhys of Wyvern Hall received the Companion of the Opal at the Royal Archery Tournament for distinguished service to Atlantia.

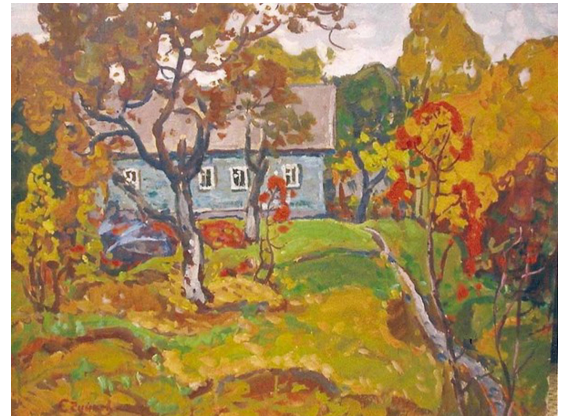
Russian Word of the Month

In the modern sense, summer means hot weather, school break, family vacations, etc. so I thought it was fitting to introduce the word **дача** (dacha).

A Dacha is a summer cottage located somewhere in the country and was a place to beat the heat and bustle of city life. It is a late period (17th century) concept that the Tsar gifted. This is where the word is derived from, the verb **давать** (davai) which means "to give."

Eventually, almost every family of status had one, and the gifting of one could be awarded by the state. And could be the first to go if the person fell out of good standing.

Со стола Оксеня (From the desk of Okseniia)



Sources: <https://lidenz.com/russian-country-home/>
<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%82%D1%8C>

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What's That Job Actually Entail: Territorial Baronage, Part 1.

While all jobs have a description in Kingdom Law, and many have handbooks and classes; there are always group specific and behind the scenes parts of the Job. Our wonderful chronicler, Magistra Machteld, and I were chatting about how it's daunting to volunteer for a job if you don't really know what it entails. We thought it might be a good idea to have a whole series of articles covering what's actually involved in given offices. Since being Landed Baronage doesn't come with a handbook or classes I volunteered to start out covering the "behind the scenes" aspects of the office. Since I don't want to try and publish a handbook, I'll be covering Territorial Baronage over several different issues of the Quill. Hopefully other officers will follow suit with articles on their "behind the scenes" duties.



Instead of starting with the serious parts, I thought I'd open with: Do you have a favorite metal polish? Seriously, a good metal polishing compound is critical to the job. My favorite is Maas (and a Thank You to Baroness Delia for introducing me to it!). It doesn't smell bad like some of the less expensive brands. It works great on brass, bronze, copper, steel, and silver. It probably works great on other metals including gold, but that's waayyy out of my personal budget. It also leaves a light protective coat on the metal when you're done polishing so hopefully holds the shine longer.

Why do we care about a polishing compound? Well that's because basic regalia maintenance is a big part of the job of the Baronage. I'm of course not talking about major repairs, for the one time we've needed a major repair on something we took it to the original maker. There are 3 different sets of Baronial Coronets. Each of which is maintained differently.

There's a painted leather and pearl "field/fighting" set which must be regularly oiled on the back side (I use boot oil) to avoid the leather cracking and becoming brittle. The paint needs to be touched up every so often, based on how often they're worn and whether a particular set of Baronage chooses to fight in them or not. The pearls need to be checked and re-glued or replaced when damaged or loose.

There's the super lightweight resin and wood coronets that Baron Elphin & Baroness Delia often wore. When dirty, these need to be wiped down with a soft cloth to clean them and the paint on the wood periodically touched up.

Lastly, there's the Brass & Pearl knot work set Likarion and I most often wear. These need to be polished fairly often. Especially if we've been attending a lot of outdoor events. Typically we polish them the day after the event we just wore them at, and check again before the next event to see if they need another quick touch up. This keeps them from needing a lot of work to keep them looking shiny.

And not just the Coronets: There's some bronze/brass Baronial jewelry such as a placard belt and a set of Norse broaches. Even though these are stored in a properly lined box in an airconditioned house and haven't been worn since we stepped up, they need polished once or twice a year just due to the humidity of our climate. Also I find my personal jewelry needs polishing more often, simply because I wear it more. I'm sitting up in the front of court and want to be fully "blinged out".



Additional common regalia maintenance Likarion and I find ourselves doing is: Washing all the baronial feast gear when we get home if the site doesn't have a Hobart to clean them post feast (fortunately our Baronial feast dishes are dishwasher safe). Laundering all the tablecloths and napkins post feast, fortunately these are incredibly stain resistant and haven't required anything besides a standard wash and dry. Periodically laundering the decorative chair cover-cushion combination for the travel chairs; don't forget to take the safety pins out before washing! Regularly tighten up the joints on the travel chairs, they tend to loosen with all the hauling around. Steaming the silk pennants (they get wrinkled and dirty), I prefer a fabric steamer for this. Cleaning the silk banner typically* by steaming it like the pennants. Replacing frayed ropes for the Baronial Day Shades. Vacuuming the Baronial Kneelers once or twice a year (they pick up dust from being hauled around and depending on sites). And packing all canvas/banners/etc. dry, or setting it up to dry in the yard post event.

*"Typically" got the asterisk because stain removal within reason is also part of maintenance. For example if the Silk banner gets caught in a gust of wind and blown into chocolate cupcake frosting the proper procedure is to let the frosting dry completely, flake off the dried frosting, then dip a paper towel into straight Clorox 2 color safe bleach, dab the stain off with it, repeat with as many paper towels as needed to lift the stain off. It took about an hour working on it to get the stain out, then rinse the banner in cold water to remove the Clorox 2, and hang dry.

The Clorox 2 dab method also works for other oil based stains (like when I accidentally got bright red lipstick on my new pale blue linen dress because I forgot I was wearing lipstick and took off the dress, OOOPS!).



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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

Viktor Likerionovitch

Kingdom Events

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

July – 2025

07-19 – 07-19 : Warrior's Games :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)
07-25 – 08-10 : Pennsic War : (Atlantia) (Q K)

September – 2025

09-05 – 09-07 : Battle on the Bay- Ride of the 4 Horsemen :Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q)
09-05 – 09-07 : Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 2025: A Celebration of Mehregan :Boonville NC
(Sacred Stone) (K)
09-13 – 09-13 : Phoenix Rising: A Newcomers Nest :Charlotte NC (Charlesbury Crossing)
09-13 – 09-13 : Stierbach Baronial Birthday :Culpeper VA (Stierbach) (Q K)
09-20 – 09-20 : Fall University (TBD) : (Atlantia) (Q)
09-26 – 09-28 : Trial By Fire & Lochmere Arrow: Alba gu bràth! :Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills) (K)
09-27 – 09-27 : Silver Chalice Novice Tournament :Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain)
09-27 – 09-27 : Heralds & Scribes Workshop :Salem VA (Black Diamond)

October – 2025

10-04 – 10-04 : Fall Coronation (TBD) : (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)
10-11 – 10-19 : War of the Wings, 2025 :Boonville NC (Atlantia) (Q K)
10-25 – 10-26 : Hallowed Market :Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)
10-31 – 11-02 : A Festival of Bones :Nanjemoy MD (Dun Carraig) (Q)
10-31 – 11-02 : Memento Mori: The Nightmare Before Yule :Old Fort NC (Haukesgate)

The Backpage



It's not the heat, it's the humidity!

Actually, it's both. And the mosquitos. And possibly ticks. And the storms. Why do we do it? This 'thing' that gets us out camping in hot weather with about 10 000 friends and strangers? Or at times when the weather could be "anything really. Prepare for very hot and very cold. Oh and three years ago there was that big storm". Perhaps because while we have so many physical things around us, art that has been made, clothing, practical set ups.. the experience of the 'Modern Middle Ages' remains ephemeral. Photographs keep the memories a bit, they help us conjure the feeling of what was, but what the SCA 'is' can only be experienced in the moment.

But it's not just camping. Thanks to technology, that moment is sometimes online in our home. I distinctly remember during the pandemic attending a theater history class. I have taught a similar class and all of a sudden, at the other end of the screen.. there was someone who was geeking out about the same thing as I. I remember being in the chat "typing" "Roswitha! Roswitha! Roswitha!" as a chant, and this person who didn't know me.. chuckle on camera because she understood. Everyone knows Shakespeare.. but who knows Roswitha? Even while we were not physically together, that moment had the same quality of 'once in time' as some of the physically present Brigadoon moments of seeing War of the Wings 'arise' before my eyes.

I have not yet experienced Pennsic. I hope to one day. I hope to find that magic. And I wish everyone who attends to have their 'welcome home' moment that I have so often heard people describe. If like me you have not yet been able to go, allow me to challenge you to think of your 'magic moments', whether you were physically there, or whether you attended online, or even when you heard afterwards how something had happened in the stories of a friend. Some moments just have that feeling. "This is unique. This is 'now'. This moment will live in me forever, long when it's actual time has past.

May you find your magic!!
Be loved and blessed,
Magistra Machteld