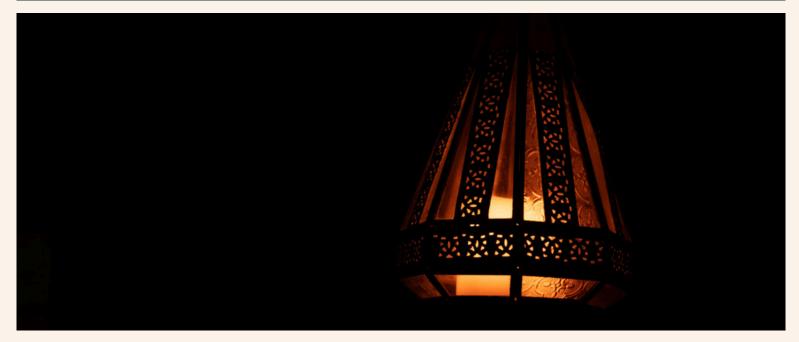
Nottinghill Quill



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A Note from Their Excellencies

Greetings to Our Wonderful Barony!

We Know that September is a very busy month and we've been so delighted to see so many of you able to make events like Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday and the Upstate Ren Fair Demo. We also understand that a lot of you got to attend great classes at Fall University (both in person and Online sessions). We are so proud of the Enthusiastic Joy we've seen displayed in our populace members every time we look around at events.

We are preparing for War of the Wings and know that many of you are as well. We hope to see a big turn out from our Barony. You have till September 30th to pre-register, and don't forget to fill out the spreadsheet featured on the Baronial Facebook Page so our land agent can arrange the camp layout.

Speaking of War of the Wings, we know it's been a very warm fall thus far, but wanted to remind everyone that the weather can do literally Anything at WoW! We've seen 95 degree days, light snow, torrential rain, and everything in-between. Please pack for all weather conditions. We know that space is precious in everyone's vehicle at a long war; but it really is worth squishing in those galoshes, the extra wool blanket, the sun umbrella, and the personal fan.

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 Nottinghill Coill



Baronial Progress

September 27: Silver Chalice (Her excellency)

October4:
Fall Coronation
(His excellency)

October 11-19: War of the Wings (Her excellency)

> October 31-November 2 : Memento Mori

From the Senechal's Pen



Greetings to Nottinghill Coill!

Summer folds into Autumn and soon we will be considering reports of snow and ice. We have had many things happen since the last Quill was sent out so please bear with me as I try to cover all the "things."

Baroness Gwenfrewi of Abergavenny has stepped down as Baronial Herald. Serving in that office going forward will be Arglwydd Macsen ap Rhys of Wyvern Hall. (FYI, Arglwydd is Welsh for Lord.... the more you know!)

The search begins for a new Chatelain:

The Chatelain serves as the newcomer liaison for a branch and ensures that all information that goes out to the public conveys a true, accurate, and unbiased sense of the purpose and intent of the SCA and is conveyed in a respectful and courteous manner.

- The Baronial Chatelain must be familiar with the SCA Organizational Handbook and the Laws and policies of Atlantia.
- You must have a paid SCA membership to serve in this office and obtain a warrant.
- The Chatelain also submits quarterly reports for this office to the Kingdom Chatelain.
- The Chatelain will also maintain a collection of loaner materials (garb, feast gear, etc.) suitable for use by a newcomer at an event or designate a responsible person to bring the loaner materials to events if you are unable to attend.

For more information regarding the position of Baronial Chatelain contact me at <u>Seneschal@nottinghillcoill.atlantia.sca.org</u>. You may submit a Letter of Interest directly to me at the same email. Thank you. This position search will close on Friday, October 10, 2025.

Congratulations to Lady Vani ka Bhediya for her coordination of the SCA demonstration at the Upstate Renaissance Faire. With a three day attendance the demonstration saw 13,000 visitors, not counting other volunteers, vendors, and small children!

Updates for information about War of the Wings 2025 will be made to the baronial Facebook and Discord pages.

Yule Toy Tourney (December 12-14, 2025) information will be updated at: https://atlantia.sca.org/event/?event_id=6873f79d, SCORES will be available soon.

Nottinghill Coill's Baronial Birthday (January 16-18, 2026) will be updated at: https://atlantia.sca.org/event/?event_id=687ea9f0, SCORES will be available soon.

These baronial positions are still available to fufill those burning urges to volunteer:

Baronial Quartermaster,
Deputy to the Exchecquer
Deputy Herald
Deputy Chronicler
Deputy Chatelaine
Deputy Minister of the Arts & Sciences
Minister of the Lists

Russian Word of the Month

As you giddy at the sight of pumpkins and the feel of cooler air signaling that Fall is here let me direct you to this month's word of the day:

Обжинки (Obzhynki)



This is the Russian word for the fall festival. It can date to Pagan times with the autumn equinox.... But has been carried through generations and celebrated any time between mid- August to mid-September.

Co стола Оксения (From the desk of Okseniia)

Image credit: Cover art for the book "Secrets of the Rites of Rus at the Autumn Equinox" by *ГУСЕЛЬНИКОВ А*

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Vivant, Hooray and Congratulations

Lord Malik ibn Da'ud al-Rawandi received the Courtesy of Nottinghill Coill at the Nottinghill Coill Baronial Picnic

Magister Eldred Ælfwald received an Augmentation of Arms, the Golden Elephant, at Battle on the Bay

Arglywydd Macsen Ap Rhys of Wyvern Hall received the Courtesy of Nottinghill Coill at the Nottinghill Coill Baronial Picnic

Lord Gunnulf Hroak received the Companion of the Kraken (recognizing non-belted fighters who have distinguished themselves by consistent excellence on the field) at Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday

Lord Olaf Stammkopf received the Courtesy of Nottinghill Coill at the Nottinghill Coill Barchiell Picnic

Magistra Ealdthryth of Humberstone received an Augmentation of Arms, the Golden Elephant, at Battle on the Bay

Mourning

"Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak knits up the o-er wrought heart and bids it break."

William Shakespeare, Macbeth

Pain is the price of love, but for all the sorrow, I would not miss it. The gift is worth the price. We have recently lost a wonderful person in Atlantia, and as much as I believe in Shakespeare's words, I do not think I can add to the tributes that have been going around about Thein Graciela. I could weave tales of course about her great and wonderful heart. About hospitality and plotting and joy. About great talent and energy and kindness. About the time I 'covered her nakedness' when she had forgotten her underdress and only had a viking apron. And yet all of them fall short of encompassing her. But I will miss her. I will miss her deeply.

It seems each year I add to the list of my family in the SCA that I have loved and lost. I do not think I counted on that when I started 'playing' over a decade ago. I expected or hoped to make friends, but the way people would intertwine themselves in my heart, become a family as real and sometimes more real than the one I have by blood or law.

I have spoken at a funeral, I have cried at memorial bardics, and I have photographed a ship engulfed in flames, slowly turning to ashes. While the SCA is, and must be, 'a game', the people we meet through it are never merely players. They are people and many of them will touch our lives in ways that are hard to describe.

I go back to Shakespeare again, this time to "as you like it"

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts"

But sometimes those exits are too swift, too painful and too unexpected, as if some unseen poet forgot that there were kso many scenes that should still be played, and when someone leaves like that, there is this part of us that remains: the part of friend, the part of family, the part of one who loves, who still has words to stay, and yet it seems the space has run out to say them.

Speak those words. Speak them to friends who mourn equally or to friends who didn't have the chance to loose what you once found.

Speak often, speak freely, and cry. Mourn. In medieval times, for those of means, elaborate monuments were made for the dead. Because loss is not merely an absence, it must take a shape, lest that absence eats us whole. We may not be able to raise Eleanor crosses along the road for all we have lost, but I know within our minds, the roads to each event are lined with memories that we turn into memorials each time we tell the story.

So I implore you, do not mourn alone. Share the grief, the tears, the ache that seems to swallow you, if one of our family goes, whether long expected or taken as if by a thief in the night. Let's build the memorials of love together, and in that find comfort. For those taken and mourned brought us love. Sharing that love within their loss, is the final gift we can give them.



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Bardic

Lady Thorve Skald Rikardsdottir

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Lord Cáelán Cócaire

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Lord Snorri 'Big Crunch' Halfdan

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Lord Mads Arthurson

<u>Armored</u>

Lord Gunnulf Bjornsen

<u>Rapier</u>

Lady MeiLan Hua

Brewing

Viktor Likerionovitch

Kingdom Events

Complete Atlantian Calendar can be found here!

September - 2025

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09-05 - 09-07 : Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 2025: A Celebration of Mehregan : Apex NC (Sacred Stone) (K Pr P)

09-05 - 09-07 : Battle on the Bay- Ride of the 4 Horsemen : Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (Q)
09-13 - 09-13 : Stierbach Baronial Birthday : Culpeper VA (Stierbach) (Q K)

09-13 - 09-13 : Phoenix Rising: A Newcomers Nest : Charlotte NC (Charlesbury Crossing)
09-14 - 09-14 : Curia : (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)
09-20 - 09-21 : University of Atlantia : Lynchburg VA (Seven Hills) (Q)

09-26 - 09-28 : Trial By Fire & Lochmere Arrow: Alba gu bràth! : Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills) (K)
09-27 - 09-27 : Heralds & Scribes Workshop - CANCELLED : Salem VA (Black Diamond)
09-27 - 09-27 : Silver Chalice Novice Tournament : Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain) (P)
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October - 2025

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10-04 - 10-04: <u>Fall Coronation</u>: Bahama NC (Kapellenberg) (Q K Pr P)
10-10 - 10-13: <u>Emerald Hastilude IV</u>: Lanexa VA (Tir-y-Don)
10-11 - 10-19: <u>War of the Wings, 2025</u>: Harmony NC (Atlantia) (Q K)
10-25 - 10-26: <u>Hallowed Market</u>: Culpeper VA (Ponte Alto)
10-31 - 11-02: <u>Memento Mori: The Nightmare Before Yule</u>: Old Fort NC (Haukesgate)
10-31 - 11-02: <u>A Festival of Bones</u>: Nanjemoy MD (Dun Carraig) (Q)
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November - 2025

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11-01 - 11-01 : <u>Goblin Games</u> :Richmond VA (Caer Mear)
11-07 - 11-09 : <u>Fall Crown Tournament</u> :Courtland VA (Marinus) (Q K Pr P)
11-14 - 11-16 : <u>Highland Havoc; Ride of Enbarr</u> :Ijamsville MD (Highland Foorde)
11-21 - 11-23 : <u>Buckston Birthday</u> :Apex NC (Buckston-on-Eno) (K)
11-22 - 11-22 : <u>Holiday Faire</u> :Fredericksburg VA (Stierbach) (Q)
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The Backpage



Change is in the air! Though I wish the weather, which had cooled so nicely, would make up it's mind instead of vacillating between a week where our temperatures dipped nicely into the seventies and the eighties, and and the next week where we are reaching way up to the nineties again. With that though, I want to echo the words of our baroness and remind you that War of the Wings has just about every variety of weather, and you better prepare for all of them!

War of the Wings will be different this year in many ways, not the least being a new site, which leads to all kinds of different configurations and adjustments. I know the 'good people of the Coil' will take all the changes in stride, adjust and help each other out! That is the way I have always known it, and I am sure it's the way it will remained.

Speaking of changes, this will be my last or one but last 'backpage' as your chronicler. While I won't reveal anything yet, we are preparing this newsletter for transition. I hope to keep writing for the Quill however, and I encourage everyone else to do the same. Beyond a requirement for a barony, the newsletter is also an opportunity. It is a chance to share your thoughts and memories. It is a chance to share your research. It is a chance to just share that little squirrel rabbit hole you just got sucked into. And the fun part? It doesn't have to be a paper ready for judging, it doesn't need to be a deep dive! It can be OMG, I found this cool thing!! So share your latest work, share your best camping trips, share your 'you wouldn't believe how period this modern thing can look', share your favorite medieval movie snark, or your "I read this book and you all have to read it too!'

It has been my pleasure to share these months with you as the chronicler, and I am looking forward to see how it develops from here!

Be loved and blessed, Machteld