

Nottingham Quill



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A Note from Their Excellencies

Greetings to Our Beautiful Barony!

Fall is in full swing, even here in Southern Atlantia. We've been seeing the leaves turn and are hopeful that all our populace has had a bountiful harvest season and will be well stocked for the upcoming winter.

We hope all your preparations are completed for the upcoming conflict at War of the Wings. We hope to see many of you there, striving towards glory on whatever field of competition you choose. We know you will rise to the challenge of both your opponents and nature. While you are at War, or other events this fall, we bid you pay attention to the good works of kindness and service, acts of valor on the marshal fields, beautiful displays of artistry, and all other noble deeds worthy of recognition. We hope many of you will send in Award Recommendations, both Baronial and Kingdom. Please note that Yule Toy Tourney is listed as a Royal Progress, and will be here sooner than you think! It's a great time to see members of our Barony recognized by the Crown, so we should try and give their Majesties scribes plenty of time to work on scrolls.

Speaking of Yule Toy Tourney being here before we know it..... After WoW is a great time to start purchasing the new unwrapped toys for your entry fees. Remember this event benefits Country Santa and your generosity will bring so much joy to so many of the Upstate's poorest children this Holiday season.

Finally, We'd like to thank our outgoing Herald Baroness Gwenfrewi and outgoing Chronicler Magistra Machteld for there service. Thank you both so very much. Both of you have helped keep our Barony running, and we appreciate all the love, passion for service, and hard work you've put in. We'd like to welcome our new Herald Lord Macsen and new Chronicler Lady Oksennia. We are delighted to have such enthusiastic volunteers and look forward to seeing you both help our Barony continue to thrive.

As always: have fun, make stuff, do stuff, stay warm at war!!, and we look forward to seeing you at a future event. We remain In Service,
Likarion & Kiur'iakiia

Posadnik & Posadnitsa Nottinghill Coill



Baronial Progress

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

October 31-
November 2:
Memento Mori

December 6: Unevent

December 12-14: Yule Toy Tourney

From the Seneschal's Pen



Lord Roderick Mund

Greetings to Nottingham 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 Seneschal@nottinghamcoill.atlantia.sca.org . 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 fulfill those burning urges to volunteer:

Baronial Quartermaster,
Deputy to the Exchequer
Deputy Herald
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:

Обжунки (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.

Со стола Оксеня (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

<https://mnogoknig.com/en/products/1417514/secrets-of-the-rites-of-rus-at-the-autumn-equinox-autumn-autumn-we-invite-you>

Vivant, Hooray and Congratulations

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

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

Old loves and New Adventures

War of the Wings has long been one of my favorite events: a true break from reality. This year, War of the Wings was different for me for many reasons. Yes, it was on a different site, and that meant that things were different. Distances were different, activities were in different places, and people's camps were different. What was also different were my goals this war. Knowing how much time the processing takes, I was trying to spend less time 'shooting' at the event and more time doing other things. Don't get me wrong, I love photographing the event, but the last few years, I have done War of the Wings with a color coded schedule to get to everything I wanted and needed.. and still failing to catch everything. This year I decided to only do a few things. I shot some portraits, I actually sat around with people, I did some embroidery, and I had a chance to revisit an 'old love'.



When I started in the SCA, two things I loved the most, were water bearing and sitting at gate. Water bearing is one of the most directly gratifying acts of service you can perform. Everyone who has been fighting is grateful for water. You get to be close up to the action and you do something really needed. My second love keeps you a bit more isolated: Sitting at gate means you can not participate in other activities and you don't get to see as much. But.. you are the first smile that people see when they come to war! You can make that little bit of necessary administration that people need to get out of the way before entering easier, happier and give people the feeling that they are about to be part of something special.

It was a long time since I had 'sat gate' and while I did it for just a few hours, it reminded me that I really liked it, just for that reason. To offer a welcome, to be the voice that reminds people that they are home.

It also gave me a chance to speak with some newcomers. There were some people who came with friends and had been thoroughly briefed, but there were others who were discovering something they had never heard of! What a lovely chance to share something that has become so very special to me! I also sat down and embroidered, while listening to people, while adding into a conversation. I always thought that 'embroidery would be my thing' in the SCA. Instead I discovered other things, and while I can embroider at home, I can only photograph torchlight tourneys at an event. So usually that takes precedence.



But this time I didn't just photograph a torch light tourney, I offered challenges for the fighters, ate baking, sang with the other spectators and offered a token to a kind young man from Meridies who had entered. And I had so much fun. I laughed till I had tears in my eyes!

Every now and again, it's good to reset, not because the things you are doing aren't valuable or fun, but because there are other things worth doing, and those things can be old and familiar activities, or new adventures. Each one has a place in your SCA journey, Don't let habit dictate your part in the dream. After all.. this is all a great and wonderful game that we play together, and you have every right to reinvent yourself!

Our new Chronicler

Здравствуйте, добрые члены баронства,
(Hello, kind gentles of the barony,)

I am Okseniia, newly called to serve as Chronicler for our honored company—a humble servant of ink, parchment, and memory. As the old ways teach, a people without a story are like a tree without roots. And so, I take up my quill for the coill, that our deeds may take root and flourish in the soil of remembrance.

With ink-stained fingers and a heart drawn to the beauty of the written word, I pledge to record our deeds both great and humble, that they may echo through the halls of memory and stir the hearts of those yet to come.

May the voices of our warriors, artisans, and dreamers be preserved as the bards once did by firelight and the scribes in candle-lit chambers of wood and stone. From feast to field, from laughter to glory, I shall gather your tales and set them down with honor.

If you carry a memory worth keeping, a mighty deed worthy of praise, or a humble announcement... come to me. Let us bind it with ink and spirit, that which needs to be carried along.

С поклоном и делом верным,
(With reverence and faithful work,)

Okseniia Konstantinova Romanovich, your new Chronicler of Nottingham Coill

Lady Okseniia lives a quiet life in the rural countryside of the Principality of Galicia–Volhynia. She spends her time enjoying nature, art, and visiting the local monastery when she can.



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Lady Thorve Skald Rikardsdottir

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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

Viktor Likerionovitch

Kingdom Events

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

November - 2025

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

December - 2025

12-06 - 12-07 : [UNEVENT 2025](#) : (Atlantia)
12-12 - 12-14 : [Yule Toy Tourney](#) :Pickens SC (Nottingham Coill) (Q K)
12-20 - 12-20 : [Storvik Yule Revel](#) :Cheverley MD (Storvik)

January - 2025

01-10 - 01-11 : [Atlantian 12th Night](#) :Trenton NC (Nimenefeld) (Q K Pr P)
01-16 - 01-18 : [Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday XLVI](#) :Bennettsville SC (Nottingham Coill)
01-24 - 01-24 : [Highland Hearthglow](#) :Thurmont MD (Highland Foorde)
01-24 - 01-24 : [Ice Castles 2026/Legend of Yuki-Onna](#) :Lynchburg VA (Black Diamond) (Q)
01-31 - 01-31 : [Epics of the Stone](#) :Winston-Salem NC (Sacred Stone)
01-31 - 01-31 : [Midwinters Revel: The Way of the Pilgrim](#) :Lothian MD (Lochmere)

February - 2025

02-07 - 02-07 : [Sir Walter Raleigh Costume Ball IV](#) :Durham NC (Windmasters' Hill)
02-07 - 02-08 : [Winter University 2026](#) : (Atlantia)
02-07 - 02-07 : [Bright Hills Baronial Birthday](#) :Manchester MD (Bright Hills) (Q K)
02-14 - 02-14 : [Tourney of Manannan mac Lir XLIV](#) :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore) (K)
02-20 - 02-22 : [Ymir 51: Tyr's Redemption](#) :Ellerbe NC (Windmasters' Hill) (Q K)
02-27 - 03-01 : [Children of Loki, Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday](#) :Richalands NC (Raven's Cove)

The Backpage



The last backpage, and a chance to look back at my short time as chronicler of the Quill. It's bitter sweet. On one hand I know it will be in great hands with Okseniia, and I am proud to put my stamp on it, even for a few months with the new design. On the other hand I wanted this to be a longer commitment, but changes in mundane life make that currently impossible. There will be more about that later, though probably not in the Quill. So what do I want this last backpage to speak about? Do I have any parting wisdom? I am not sure. I have been in the SCA for well over a decade by now, but compared to many, I am still a youngster. My advice for everyone reading this Quill is the same as I would give in person:

1. Have fun. The SCA is a non profit educational organization that started from a backyard party and has become a world wide group of people that are fascinated by different aspects of the same thing. Give space to everyone for enjoying this group in the way that they like, whether it's geeking out over historical details and getting THIS close to a perfect reproduction, or whether it's sailing through a history tinted fantasy with great hats! And goodness do we have some great hats!
2. Per my article above: Try things. Try new things, learn new things. Fail spectacularly at new things. And decide which ones you like, which ones are worth your energy, and which ones are just not for you.
3. Be Kind. In life, in the SCA it's honestly the easiest thing to do. And when it isn't easy, it's most important! If you can't feel kindness, speak kindness. The feeling will follow!
4. Now and again, try to look at the SCA through the eyes of a newcomer. Allow them to refresh that feeling you had when you first discovered there was an entire group of people who are interested in that same weird thing as you are. And they're willing to take you along on that journey. Sometimes we forget about the wonder, because we've seen behind the curtain. But the fact that there is hard work and real fallible people behind the scenes of every event, shouldn't diminish that magic, but enhance it!

With that, I take my leave from these pages, and hope to see you in person again, very soon.

As always:

Be loved and blessed,

Machteld