



An Illumination by Lady Eleanor Gildenher

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BARON AND BARONESS MATHIEU AND ISABEL*

## *Letters*

Greetings to All to whom These Present Letters Come,

It is my sincerest hope that this missive finds you in good cheer, having enjoyed a safe and joyful holiday season. While the winter weather may be dreary there is still celebration to be had as our good friends in Marinus will be hosting Inter-Baronial Twelfth Night on January 3rd, 2015. I would like to encourage all who can to attend and join us in the celebration.

In the not too distant future our own Barony will be celebrating both our 40th Anniversary as well as the investiture of a new Baron and Baroness. The Anniversary Celebration and Investiture will take place on March 28th, 2015. As with any such event there is a lot of hard work that is required to make sure it is a success. I would like to thank those who have already been hard at work in the planning and organizing of this event as well as encourage all members of the Barony to volunteer at least some of your time to help ensure the events success.

The technical aspects of the Baronial polling are most likely to be handled by the Kingdom Seneschal. I anticipate that the polling forms should be placed in the mail by the second week of January assume all goes well. It is therefore critical that if you have not renewed your membership or updated your address on file with the SCA that you do so immediately so that you will receive your polling form. These forms will likely be due to their majesties by around the end of January. As more specific details become available I will be sure to pass them along.

Lastly, I have been honored to serve as your Seneschal for almost four years at this point. According to Kingdom Law, the maximum allowable term of service is four years. So in spring of this year I will be turning over the office. My current deputy, Lady Thora, has agreed to step up to the challenge. I am very grateful to know that the Barony will be in capable hands. However, if you are interested, Thora will also require a deputy, so please feel free to contact her or myself regarding this if you are interested.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time.

Lord Brian Crawford,  
Seneschal, Tir-y-don

Greetings unto the list:

Polling schedule:

1-3-2015: Seneschal conducting the polling prints, stuffs, and stamps envelopes.

1-10-2015: Kingdom Seneschal provides address labels and the pollings are mailed.

1-31-2015: Pollings are due to the Crown

2-14-2015: The Crown will notify the candidates of their decision.

3-28-2015: Baronial Investiture

Greetings,

## FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

As we are in the middle of the Christmas Season our minds are overwhelmed by the now, but I urge you to look forward to the next year and the A&S opportunities presented there. I have compiled a list of the upcoming events and the competitions offered.

1/3/2015 Interbaronial 12th Night in Marinus

Good Shepard Lutheran Church at 1489 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

<http://ib12.yolasite.com/arts--sciences.php>

Create the best Medieval "bling" that represents your Barony!

Baking Competition sponsored by the Royal Baker

Tudor Sweets

1/10/2015 Kingdom 12th Night in Sacred Stone

Elm Street Center 203 S. Elm St, Greensboro, NC 27401

<http://www.twelfthnight.atlantia.sca.org/>

Illumination Contest Sponsored by the Royal Scrivner

Description: Create an illumination based on an Italian Manuscript.

The Twist: Incorporate one of Their Majesties' whims. (<http://www.atlantia.sca.org>)

The Rules: Create an illumination based on an Italian manuscript 800-1600 CE.

You can create this on any surface, creativity is a plus! You must incorporate one of the whims of Their Majesties.

How you do it, is up to you.

Kingdom Arts and Sciences Championship Competition

Open Display

Tempore Atlantia 1500 A.D to 1600 A.D.

Poeta Atlantiae: The challenge is to write a poem either in a style used by Venetian poets of the fifteenth century or about an event in Venice between 1400 A.D. and 1500 A.D.

Mask Competition: During the day on Saturday, there will be a masked parade from the upstairs merchant area to the downstairs ballroom of all who wish to participate and have fun by joining in. If you want to enter your hand decorated mask in the competition, then after the parade you will place your mask on the tables provided along with your name.

Garb Competition: There will be a garb competition at 12th Night to choose the garb that best typifies the time frame and authenticity of the event. Two winners will be selected...Best Individual Garb and Best Couples Garb.

Period Baking/Dessert Competition: In honor of our Queen, known to many as the "Dessert Dutchess", Lady Murienne l'aloiere will be sponsoring a period dessert/baked good competition.

1/17/2015 Ge of the Stone in Sacred Stone's Canton of Middlegate

Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1365 Jonestown Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

<http://ofthestone.wordpress.com/>

Chinese Style Scroll Competition: Show us what scrolls from the Song Dynasty looked like! The attendees of Ge will surely enjoy seeing beautiful illuminations and calligraphy created in a Chinese style.

Literary Arts: Write a poem, story, play or other literary work featuring the Phoenix or Feng Huang and/or Goat.

Populace Vote Competition: Best use of Goat in celebration of the Year of the Goat.

Impress the Emperor: The "Impress the Emperor" display is for any A&S project you'd like to display.

Classes

Song Dynasty Flutter Book: Isobel Muire aka Marj Johnson: Create a flutter book. The flutter book is a Chinese and Japanese style book that originates in the Song Dynasty. Class size is limited to 10. Under 12 must have a parent present due to sharp tools being used. There is a fee of approximately \$5

Cha! the Delight: Akiyama Kazuhiko: This class will seek to introduce some of the particulars of Chinese tea from the Song Dynasty on; includes preparation and taste-testing! Class size: 15. Time: 2 hours.

Chinese Decorative Knots: Murienne l'aloire: Decorative knots have been used in cultures around the world for centuries. We will explore some of the Chinese knots and their meanings and we will make good luck knots to take home or give to a friend. Class limit 20.

Chinese Braiding: Eleanor of Grey: Chinese braiding is a no-needle braiding that traditionally was used to decorate clothing in an applique fashion to create a larger design. Think of a kumihimo flat braid created with bobbins. Come learn something new and different!

Bardic: If you are a performer and would like to play between courses of feast, please let Akiyama Hiroaki know your SCA name, what you perform (like instrumental music, singing, dancing,

storytelling, acting, juggling, or other talent), and if you have a preference for the line up.

1/24/2015 Ice Castle in Black Diamond

Alphin-Stewart Livestock Teaching Arena 500 Plantation Rd Blacksburg, Va 24060

<http://blackdiamond.atlantia.sca.org/icecastle/>

All that Glitters: Black Diamond is a jewel in the crown of Atlantia. Let the populace and visitors from afar bring forth the glorious adornments that they have created. Jewelry, bead work, glass work, casting, gilding...if it shines sparkles, glitters, or glows, it's fair game.

Youth : Draw a picture of Spike to add to the Queen's Scrapbook. Prizes will be awarded.

Sponsored by Lady Katarzyna

Portfolio Display: Many artisans and scribes keep a portfolio of their work, but for many the pieces they create are seen only by the recipient after they are presented. Please bring your portfolios (photocopies or pictures preferred over originals) to display so that your works may be enjoyed by all.

Open Display: Open to all.

Classes to be posted by 1/1/2015

1/25/2015 Storvic Song and Dance (All the World's a Stage) in Storvik

Comfort Inn Capital Beltway I-95 North 4050 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, MD, 20705

[http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event\\_flyer.php?event\\_id=f95e67bd](http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=f95e67bd)

Dancing, Bardic, Performances

1/30/15-2/1/15 Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir XXXV in Canton of Tear-Seas Shore

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Open Competition with Sea Theme

Best depiction of a Sea Monster

Bardic

1/31/2015 Feast of Saint Brigit in Lochmere

St. Martins in-the-Field Episcopal Church 375 Benfield Road Severna Park, MD 21146

<http://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/participate/events/mid2015/>

Bread and Butter Competition: St Brigit was known for her generosity to the poor. As a child, she once gave away all of her mother's butter, but the butter was miraculously replenished in answer to her prayers. Inhabitants of the land would also leave out bread for Saint Brigit, so she would have something to eat as she passed by and blessed their homes.

Saint Brigit Themed Competition: Any artistic mode that ties in with the theme of St. Brigit's Day and or Imbolc (novice and experienced)

Bardic Competition sponsored by Royal Bard.

2/7/2015 Kingdom University in Dun Carraig

St. Mary's College of Maryland, 17008 Point Lookout Rd (MD Route 5) Lexington Park, MD 20653

<http://university.atlantia.sca.org/>

2/14/2015 Bright Hills Baronial Birthday in Bright Hills

Manchester Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall at York St. and Locust St. 3291 York St.

Manchester, MD 21102

[http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event\\_flyer.php?event\\_id=912aad56](http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_flyer.php?event_id=912aad56)

Costume Contest: Most Outrageous Bling. Bling up your garb with the flashiest stuff you can find!

Passion Plays about Purim: Performers are encouraged to develop and perform passion plays about the events and customs related to Purim.

Noisemaker Decorating Contest: Children can decorate a gragger (noisemaker)

Baronial A & S Champion: Going with the Purim theme, the theme of the A&S competition is "pretending" as Esther "pretended" to not be Jewish in order to become Ahasuerus' wife:

a) Something that could be used to pretend to be another thing (ie a costume or mask)

b) Something pretending to be something else (ie, like Lady Deidre's tree subtlety made of food).

Baronial Brewing Champion: The competition for the Baronial Brewer for Bright Hills will be held at the Baronial Birthday celebration. All entries are welcome, be they of alcoholic variety or non. Each entry will be judged on its own merits. Presentation and documentation will play a small part in the judging. Entries should be presented at the table by 11 of the clock at the hall.

2/20/2015-2/22/2015 Nottingham Coill Baronial Birthday XXXIV in Ritterwald  
Camp Sandy Ridge 3681 Girl Scout Road Bennettsville, SC 29512  
<https://sites.google.com/site/ncbb34/home>

Dusty Half-Dozen Donation Derby: The theme for this competition is Green and/or Yellow! Your items should be primarily green and/or yellow in order to enter. You may use other colors as accent but the Baronial colors should make up at least 75% of your entry. All entrants must create a half-dozen (6) of the same type of item based on the theme that are suitable for largesse. All entries must be tagged and ready to be gifted the day of the competition. Important information such as allergy warnings should be noted here. Items will not be accepted if they are not tagged. Items need not be documented. This is not an Arts and Sciences competition. Judging will be done by the 'beads in a cup' method. Members of the populace are asked to come by and vote for their favorite entry!

Baronial Dessert Competition: The theme for this competition is the Barony of Nottingham Coill! Your items should be representative of the Barony in some way. All entries must include some documentation. Specifically, an entry will not be allowed without a list of ingredients. This is extremely important for dietary concerns.

2/21/2015 Brunch with the Bards in Ponte Alto  
Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston. 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, VA 20190  
[http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event\\_info.php?event\\_id=0a492387](http://acorn.atlantia.sca.org/event_info.php?event_id=0a492387)

2/27/2015-3/1/2015 Tournament of Ymir in Windmasters' Hill  
Betsy-Jeff Penn. 804 Cedar Lane, Reidsville, NC 27320.  
<http://ymir.windmastershill.org/index.php>

Please DO Feed to (Ro)Bears! The Vikings traveled. They had to take provisions with them when going to sea or into unknown territory. Meat had to be preserved. We still preserve meat today. Salted, pickled or brined, dried as jerky or sausage, or smoked meats have been eaten throughout our history. Find your favorite recipe for preserving meat, period or modern, and bring it with a sample to feed to (Ro)bears. Master Robear and THL Jared the Potter (Bear) will be the judges and will determine a winner based on the documentation of the preservation process (period or modern), a comparison of the entrant's expected outcome and the actual product, and overall judges' impression.

Vikings Were Well-Groomed: The Vikings were warriors, yes, but they were well-groomed warriors. Many finds of Viking artifacts include grooming implements. To honor this I am sponsoring a two-fold competition. Entries may either be a grooming implement such as a comb or toiletry such as a soap. They do not have to be Viking in origin but must be from our time period, 800-1600 CE. Documentation is required. Judging will be based on Atlantian standards for miscellaneous crafts (Judging Forms) Please note: there will be two winners, one in each category, and those winners will exchange entries for prizes. After all - you don't have to be a Viking to like being clean!

Scribal Calendar Competition at Ymir! The inevitable icy winds of Ymir have inspired a seasonally-appropriate scroll competition for scribes of all levels! Entries can be any work, backlog scroll, or other book-art related piece - it just needs to be based on some sort of period calendar! Calendar pages can be found in most books of hours spanning a hefty chunk of SCA period, and thus can be found in many different styles - the options are overwhelming! Extra bonus points are given for entries based on a winter-themed page. Extra extra bonus points for a February page. (Documentation not required but encouraged- please be considerate and include a picture of your source in order to get those extra points!)

Hopefully this list has sparked a few ideas and Tir-y-Don will be represented in upcoming A&S displays and competitions.

Lady Eleanor Gildenher  
DMOAS Barony of Tir-y-Don

## BARONIAL EVENTS:

**Fighter Practice Heavy & Rapier:**

Sunday afternoons - Noon to 3:00 pm  
Boys & Girls Club NN

429 Thorncliff Drive, Newport News, VA 23608  
\*This isn't just for the fighters! Folks  
sometimes bring a picnic lunch, their A&S  
projects and enjoy a friendly chat.

**Archery Practice:**

Sunday mornings - 10:00 am  
Newport News Park, Archery Range  
Call Ludwig if you're planning on coming out  
to practice.  
\*A NN Archery safety class is needed to  
shoot.

**Arts & Sciences:**

Most Thursday nights - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Contact Eleanor, the Deputy MOAS, for more  
info.

**Business Meeting:**

2nd Sunday of the month – 3:00 pm  
Boys & Girls Club NN  
429 Thorncliff Drive, Newport News, VA 23608

*Arts and Science Schedule*

Jan. 1 no A&S  
Jan. 8 Baltic jewellery  
Jan. 15 Eura Dress  
Jan. 22 schedule spring classes

At some point a beginning embroidery class will be taught by Lady Meip for the Baronial Cloak project. It will be quick and might be worked in.

*Atlantia Calender* of events:

**January 2015**

3	<a href="#">Inter-Baronial 12th Night</a>	Marinus	Virginia Beach, VA
10	<a href="#">Atlantian 12th Night</a> (R,H)	Sacred Stone	Greensboro, NC
17	<a href="#">Ge of the Stone</a> <a href="#">Storvik Song and</a>	Middlegate	Winston Salem, NC
24	<a href="#">Dance (All the</a> <a href="#">World's a Stage)</a>	Storvik	Beltsville, MD
30-1	<a href="#">Tourney of Manannan</a> <a href="#">Mac Lir XXXV</a> (R)	Tear-Seas Shore	Ridgeville, SC
31	<a href="#">Feast of Saint Brigid</a> <a href="#">(Midwinter's Revel)</a>	Lochmere	Severna Park, MD

**February 2015**

7	<a href="#">Kingdom University</a> (H)	Dun Carraig	St. Mary's City, MD
14	<a href="#">Bright Hills Baronial</a> <a href="#">Birthday</a> (H)	Bright Hills	Manchester, MD
20-22	<a href="#">Nottinghill Coill</a> <a href="#">Baronial Birthday</a>	Ritterwald	Bennettsville, SC

Cancelled	<a href="#">XXXIV (H)</a>	Greenlion Bay	Chestertown, MD
21	<a href="#">Lion's Head Tavern</a>	Ponte Alto	Reston, VA
27-1	<a href="#">Brunch with the Bards</a>	Windmasters' Hill	Reidsville, NC
	<a href="#">Tournament of Ymir</a>		
	(R,H)		

## DECEMBER BARONIAL MINUTES

19 December 14

Baronage: IB 12 is in a couple of weeks, the baroness hopes to see many of us there.

Seneschal: May be sending out a message later. He was unable to attend Unevent. Officers please be aware of your presence on social media. Officers have lost their warrants. Dont embarrass us please. My term of office is up in May. Please think about taking over.

Exchequer: Is looking for a deputy. Will be doing fun stuff in January. We are in good finiacial standing. We have an outstanding report appraently from 2008. Nothing new at unevent.

Marshal: We have a beautiful indoor asite for prractice. We also get Marinus people. Amoury night is every Monday. Projects are being accomplished. Come on out.

Archery: A little thinly attended. Won't be out for a couple of weeks but will be starting up inJanuary. There is a winter challenge.

MOL: Nothing to report. Unevent was uneventful. There is a new handbook out.

A&S: We had A&S and discussed toys but haven't gotten far. Scheduling will be 22 January. IB 12 A&S theme is Tutor.

Chatelain: In progress. No warrant currently. He will be taking Chatelaine classes at university next time.

Herald: No report. We have 2 kingdon heralds.. A dolphin herald from the south and a new male. Cindel is the new Kingdom deputy silent herald.

Webminister: No report

Chronicler: Need letters from the officers, please

### Old Business:

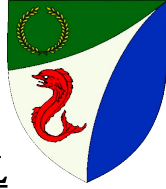
Tir-y-Don's Baronial Birthday and Investiture: We are now up against defending the gate. We may loose some people to that event , mostly from the north. We need a volunteer to take the trailer. Lord Brian will take care of that.

There will be a brewing competition as well. Feel free to try.\ something and enter.

The sample polling letter went to their Majesties, it is expected they will want the Kingdom Seneschal will run our polling.

**New Business:** No new business.

The next meeting will be the second Sunday in January.



## BARONIAL

## REGNUM

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