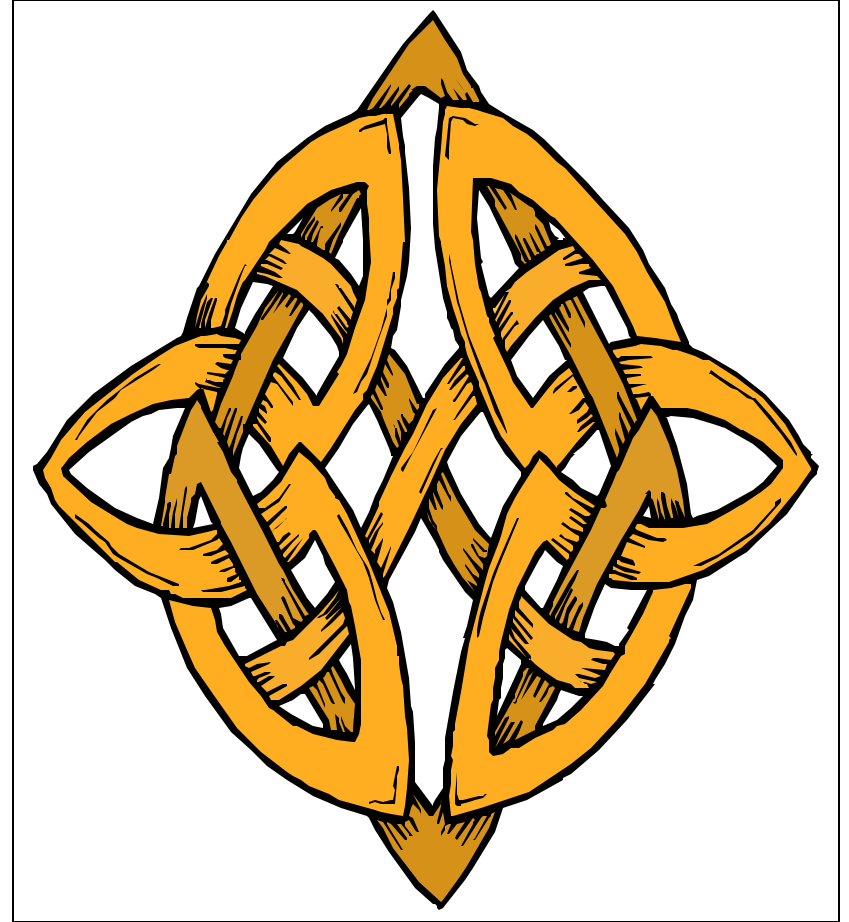


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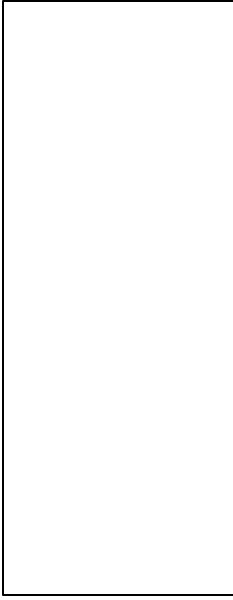
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Kingdom Calendar

March 2002

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| 1-3 | Winter War College/Southern Regional War Practice (PP) | Courtland, VA |
| | Augusta, GA | Charlottesville, VA |
| 2 | Kingdom A&S Festival (RP) | Chesterfield, VA |
| 9 | Banquet de Quatre Barres | Lusby, MD |
| | Atlantian Dance Symposium III | Lumberton, MS |
| 11-17 | Gulf Wars XI (RP) | Camp Lejeune, NC |
| 15-17 | Raiders of the Lost Cove | Westfield, NC |
| 22 | Would Caesar Believe This | Vienna, VA |
| 23 | St. Paddy's Day Bloodbath | Batesburg, SC |
| 29-30 | Nottinghamill Coill Baronial Birthday | Fredericksburg, VA |
| 30 | Defending the Gate | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rose Aeron March 10
Wolfgang March 16



MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2002

New business: If you wish to be listed on the web page on the members list, email Pica. You will be listed with your SCA name, mundane name, and email address. Inn on the Road- the wenches will be returning this year, as entertainers only. There will be actual servers for each table. They are looking for ten wenches. Email Lydia if you're interested in becoming a wench. The canton goal for the year is membership- current and new. Seraphina, Kisaiya, and Lydia will be putting together a proposal for the canton brochures, bookmarks, and business cards. Marion has been contacted by the Glass Studio Design Store (704-730-8975) in Kings Mountain and has set up a glass-beading demo on Saturday, March 23rd. Seraphina asked for and received approval to get a knock down garment rack for the canton loaner garb.

Seneschal: The new fighter practice waiver policy is now being enforced as the Kingdom Seneschal has filled the new waiver secretary position. Whoever is running a particular fighter practice has fourteen days from the fighter practice to get the waivers to the secretary.

Exchequer: \$1316 in account. Mieszko is stepping down and Lydia is taking over.

Marshal: There were a couple of good fighter practices in January. March's practices are after Gulf Wars, on the 17th and the 24th.

Deputy Web Minister: We need release forms from the poets for their poetry. Need the member list updated. Need the officers to send information about what they want their pages to include.

MoAS: There is an outbreak of card weaving. Classes continue on Tues.

Herald: Absent

Chronicler: Newsletter is out. Current subscription is \$5.00. There are currently ten paid subscriptions.

Chatelaine: Half of the loaner garb is now at Seraphina's. A newcomer has contacted her. She would like to have the canton's permission to print up new brochures. (This was given).

THE SENESCHALE'S SENDING

Greetings dear friends. This month's update is as follows:

IMPORTANT: Our meeting site has changed and we met on February 13 at the Gaston-Lincoln Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, in Gastonia. This is our new meeting place and we do not anticipate moving again. See you there next meeting, March 13, 7:00 pm as always.

Our directory is in the final stages. Maeve has taken over the task and will try to get an online version (on the Pica's Exchange private list) up before the end of February. She hopes the hard copy version will be available at the March meeting, but be advised that is a tentative deadline, not hard and fast. If you are willing to be included in the directory, please e-mail me (weber697@bww.com) with your permission. A simple "It is okay to publish my information" and your SCA and mundane names, is sufficient.

Inn on the Road:

Lady Lydia will hold an informal meeting of the staff members for Inn on the Road immediately following the March meeting.

The canton has decided to use "Membership" as our central goal for the year. The Ladies Kisaiya, Lydia, Seraphina will assemble ideas on how this goal could be implemented throughout our activities and bring those ideas to the next meeting.



If I can be of any help to anyone, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
PICA

THE CHATELAINE'S CALL

There's really nothing new to report... I've talked to a few people, and someone new came to the bardic circle this past Monday, but that will be on NEXT months' report! Really, with the exception of the canton approving the purchase of coat hangers and a garment rack for the Loaner Garb, there's nothing more to report from the Chatelaine.

Sincerely,
LADY SERAPHINA NETKA

THE CHRONICLER'S MUSINGS

You know that March 17 is St Patrick's Day. But did you know...

The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches, which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that me, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated.

Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to



Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

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Always in Service,
LADY MAEVE

HERALD'S CRY

Greetings,

Not much to report to you this month. My mundane life has taken a major turn and my free time has been reduced by a lot. For example, I have a class at CPCC on Wednesday nights until the end of the school year. As for some of you folks know, I am taking classes to finish my BS degree and will be done in June of next year. And in doing so, I need math credits to transfer to my school. Oh, well... I haven't heard anything from the submissions that have been sent in the last few months. I should know something either next month or April by the latest. I will be at Novice tourney and Blue Mountain to hold an IKAC shoot. As for the rest of the year, I will know as the next few months approach. If you have any business with me please e-mail me first or leave a voice mail message.

Yours in Service LD. OTTO VON SCHWYZ
Cornet herald - Canton Aire Faucon

Just a reminder that A&S meeting nights are every Tuesday evening at Lady Susanna von Schweissguth (needleznpinz@charter.net.) In addition, there is Sunday afternoon fighter practices at Biggerstaff Park

every other Sunday. There will be A&S activity at these practices, and help available for projects you may be working on or learning about.

ARTS AND SCIENCES CORNER

This has been a busy A&S month. The card weavers are continuing to create beautiful bands.

We've had visitors from other cantons attend A&S nights here.



Lady Margaret won the Armor and Chain mail portion of the A&S competition at Ymir the second weekend of February.

A bardic circle has begun on the second and fourth Mondays and Lady Fiona and Lady Kisaiya's house. Another class is scheduled for February 26th.

My email address has changed to NeedleznPinz@charter.net

Respectfully submitted,
LADY SUSANNA VON SCHWEISSGUTH

NOTTINGHILL COILL BARONIAL BIRTHDAY
MARCH 29TH-30TH
BARONY OF NOTTINGHILL COILL

Greetings to all!! Wanted, stalwart fighters, members of the Academy Espree, skilled archers, inventive artisans, and very healthy appetites. The good people of the Barony of Nottingham Coill invite you to join us and our good Baron and Baroness, Janos and Rachel, in celebration of Nottingham Coill's Baronial Birthday.

Activities: Planned so far is a Bear pit Tourney for heavy fighters. Royal Round for archers. Challenge tourney for Rapier. A&S, Baroness Rachel has asked for a scribe competition to help with the baronial backlog and there will be an open competition using Vert and Or. There will be children's activities. Also the traditional choosing of the Baronial Champions. All contenders for becoming a champion please contact their Excellencies prior to the event. The populace is also encouraged to have a subtlety or period style decoration for their table at feast.

Feast: Once again Lord Bruno Jager and house Drunken Moose will provide a most succulent and filling feast that will have minor noble and Royal both satisfied and stuffed. Allergy considerations please contact Ld. Bruno at (803) 642-2287 or via email: jager2@mindspring.com Feast space is limited to 300 persons.

Site: Camp Barstow Boy Scout Camp, Rout 3 Box 294B-107, Batesburg, SC 29127 (Ruby Riser Road). The site opens Friday March 29th at 6pm and closes at 12 noon on March 31. The site is camping only and handicap spaces are available. Please no pets allowed.

Hotel Info: For those who do not wish to camp hotel arrangements have been made at the Comfort Inn in Lexington, SC located at the junction of US 1 and Hwy 378, (803) 359-3099 or (800) 228-5150. Please let them know that you are with the SCA. Room rate is \$54 plus tax per night. If you call the national number the regular room rate will be quoted and the adjustment will be made at the desk when you check in. Contact autocrat for any other questions.

Site Fee: Adults \$17 on site/ on board, \$12 offsite/ on board, \$5 off board/off site. Children age 6-12 half price. Family of 5 or more pays no more than price for 4 adults (family constitutes parents and their children). Make checks payable to Barony of Nottingham Coill, SCA Inc. Please send reservations to the autocrat. The only reservation is a paid one.

Autocrat: Lord Robert the Forgotten of Foxmoor (Robert Skidmore), 616 Pershing Drive, North Augusta, SC 29841, (803) 279-4169, email: tuathan@mindspring.com Note: autocrat works odd hours so a delay in response may happen.

Directions:

From I -20 take exit 39 Hwy 178 to Batesburg/Leesville. Where Hwy 178 and S.C. 391 meet continue on 391 towards Newberry (there will be a stop sign outside of town take a left). Continue to the junction of Hwy 391 and 378 that will be a traffic circle. Follow CA and Camp Barstow signs from there. From I-26 take exit 76 SC 219 to Newberry. Take a left at junction of 219 and Hwy 76 towards Columbia. Follow to the Junction of SC 391 and Hwy 76 in Prosperity and turn right. Follow SC 391 for about 10 to 12 miles and look for SCA signs.

From hotel: Take Hwy 378 to Saluda follows signs at the junction on 378 and 391.

Vivats

To Lord Bryan who came in second at the Tourney of Ymir and Lord Jonathan who came in seventh.

This is the longest running tourney in Atlantia and had a field of 103 entries on this day!

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