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This February, we explore the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, the fertility rite that evolved into today's Valentine's Day. Celebrated from February 13th to 15th, Lupercalia blended rituals of purification with practices aimed at ensuring fertility, marking a fascinating chapter in the transition from pagan to Christian traditions. Delve into the origins of our modern celebration of love, tracing its roots back to the ancient streets of Rome and the transformative power of centuries-old festivities.



Lupercalia, Andrea Camassei

Ca. 1635

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From Their Excellencies

Baroness Isabella
Anabella Daughter



Baron Hrothgar
Rauvason

Greetings, noble knights and fair maidens of Hidden Mountain.

To our wonderful populace. As we write this missive, we are battling the frost giants at Ymir. Preparations are underway for the 40th anniversary of Hidden Mountain. We are anticipating a wonderful event and look forward to seeing you all there. We are currently taking letters of intent for Baronial Champions. The Champions are as follows:

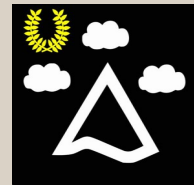
- Heavy
- Archery
- Rapier
- Bardic
- Arts
- Science

Many special events will be happening. If you have black and white garb, we encourage you to wear it. Lots of fun, arts and fighting coming up at Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday.

Vivat Hidden Mountain!

Yours in Service,

Baron Hrothgar and Baroness Isabella



From the Chronicler



Greetings to the populace of Hidden Mountain.

My name is Charlotte, Charlotte Radcliffe. I will have been apart of the Canton of Tear Sea Shore's since Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday 2023. This years Birthday will mark my 1 year with SCA. I've never been more impressed and felt more welcome than when I joined this Barony. I've taken over the Barony Office of the Chronicler and look forward to doing this Newsletter every month! It will give me some creative releases that we ALL need from time to time.

We will miss our previous Chronicler, Umm Samin bint Asad al Isfahaniyya. She did an amazing job and I have some big shoes to fill. Our Barony Chatelaine did reach out to me and requested that since it didn't get said at the last meeting. We are seeking more donations for Gold Key and our Loaner Garb. We mostly need more youth and average sized items, for our stock is running low. We mainly have a lot of winter season items but are needing more in between winter and summer.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you.

Yours in Service,

Charlotte Radcliffe, Barony of Hidden Mountain Chronicler.



From the Seneschal

Greetings to the populace of Hidden Mountain

I am sad that this will be my last missive as Seneschal of Hidden Mountain. It has been a wonderful 2 years serving in this capacity and I want to thank everyone who put their confidences in me. I am happy to announce that Lord Seiffrid Wolfhart was voted in to become my successor as Seneschal of Hidden Mountain. There will be some shuffling at Canton level as to who is Seneschal in which Cantons that are changing.

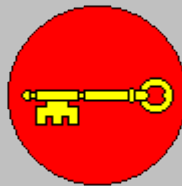
Thank you to every Officer of the Mountain who made sure I didn't fall on my face, and thank to their Excellencies for their trust as well. It truly takes more than 1 person to run a Barony, and there are still Officer Positions open if you are interested in helping the Barony Operate. So please see the Website for the list.

Baronial Birthday is our next event we are hosting. It will be held at Camp Sandy Ridge on March 29th– 31st and there is a fun day of Arts, Fighting, and Feast. So come and help us Celebrate our 40th birthday as a Barony.

Yours in Service,

Lord Pippin the Red, ODM

Seneschal of Hidden Mountain



Hidden Mountain Baronial Meeting

Report by: Lord Pippin the Red

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: Voting on Seiffrid Wolfhart to become new Seneschal. Constantia has agreed to step up to the Seneschal posting in Tear Sea Shores. Vote Passed, Seiffrid will take over at the next meeting. He will become official at Baronial Birthday where paperwork will be signed.

Herald: Going to have 2 long held devices at Manannan should be accepted along with names. Consulting with other people and will see. Still looking for a Replacement Baronial Herald. 2 Possible replacements found.

Knight Marshal: Nothing New to Report.

MoAS: Nothing New to Report

Exchequer: As of today, Baronial checking account holds \$8,155.93. All outstanding checks have been cashed as of today. The movement of the Baronial account to First Citizens' bank from Wells Fargo has been completed. The outstanding deposit refund from Harleyville for Silver chalice 2023 was hand delivered and deposited into our account. We currently have reserved Camp Sandy Ridge for the first weekend in May for the Spring Crown Tourney. We originally reserved the Harleyville Town Center for 9/7/2024 for Silver Chalice 2024 but have since changed the reservation date to 9/28/2024 and received confirmation of the new date. 4th quarter report was filed with the Kingdom. We need to vote on accepting, or not, the current Fiscal Policy for the Barony for another year during this meeting.

Chronicler: Charlotte Radcliffe placed a bid for the office. It was voted upon and populace voted to fill Chronicler with Charlotte Radcliffe. She will become official as soon as possible. She will be asking for submissions from the events and stories. She will be actively working on keeping the newsletter to serve as a History of the Barony.

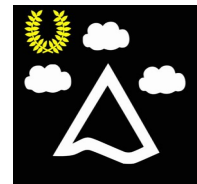
Chatelaine: Nothing new to Report.

Webminister: Last Monday met with Brad Jones (Lord Aaron) to revamp the baronial website. Met on Discord. Warrant runs out at the end of March.

MoL: Lady Qulan has become Kingdom MoL as of Ymir. Geoffrey has received his warrant.

MoYS: Coming up with something for Baronial Birthday

Baronage: Trying to get ready for Baronial Birthday. Requesting Award recommendations. They are requesting donations for the Toy Box. They will be attending Ymir and have the pavilion set up.



Canton of Misty Marsh by the Sea

Report by
Caitrina inghean Eoin

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: Seneschal reports 14 members attended the meeting. They are actively looking to host an AnS event. Most of their members are working on projects for the AnS day.

Marshal: Nothing new to report aside from previous Marshal has stepped down. They will be posting the Marshall office as soon as possible on their website.

Seneschal is looking to add new members and life into the marsh.



Canton of Moorhaven

Report by
Katherine la Douce (Katherine of the Doves)

Officer Reports:

Seneschal reports that 8 people were in attendance to the business meeting this month.

The following topics were discussed:

The necessity of Largesse, what is needed, asking for anything for Gift baskets.

Award metals are needed. His Excellency was going to reach out to Patrice to see if he still had molds.

Discussion regarding Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday. We are needing to have rope applied to Banners so they can be hung on command hooks.

Lady Anastasia will bring to the next meeting.



Canton of Tear Sea Shore's

Report by
Lord Seiffred Wolfhart & Charlotte Radcliffe

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: Seneschal reports that we will be entering a transition very soon. Seiffred will be stepping up to Barony Seneschal. Deputy Seneschal, Constantia, will be stepping up to take his place while we transition everything. As of today's meeting, we will be officially posting the Seneschal office and it will be posted in Mountain Mayhem newsletter.

Exchequer: Adendra reports \$4,057.34 in the account. We have 2 outstanding checks for site deposit and fees for Warriors games and the non-members surcharge check. Maddalena has the previous site deposit and will be giving it to the exchequer this week. Exchequer will be going to work with First Citizens bank to get the account changed over from Wells Fargo this week. We do need to review our financial policy and it is posted on the TSS website.

Marshal: Heinrich reports that the Manannan event was a great day. We had a great rapier tournament. We had a practice since then at Dottie Park where we had 2 newcomers! That has been the only practice we've been able to hold with scheduling. There have been NO injuries to report. The Manannan report has been submitted.

MoL: No New Updates

AnS: No New Updates

Webminister: Jorunn states that Year End report has been filed and has take a copy. She is revamping the baronial page, but not ours for now. She will be posting the Seneschal office and it will be listed as soon as possible. She also states that her warrant will be up and is looking for a replacement to take over.

Chatelaine: Charlotte reports that she has been keeping an eye on the Facebook group pages to ensure she has been getting in contact with the newcomers and seeing what their interests are. She will be helping guide them and get them connected to the correct areas of interest. Nothing new to report aside from that.

Herald: Vacant

Old Business:

Tourney of Manannan mac Lir: Adendra reports on behalf of Maddalena, Final numbers for the report, as it stands right now, we made \$83.64 in profits. We are waiting on receipts from Elizabeth and the refund check from Maddalena. She is a little behind on getting the report turned in, but she will be doing the upload to get it posted. The reports were posted in on time and we are waiting on Kingdom to report. The financial end of it has been tied up and in the works of getting completed. Maddalena wanted to share HUGE thanks to everyone for the contributions.



Canton of Tear Sea Shore's

Report Continued

Old Business Continued:

Canton Owned Regalia: Tegan states that we had some of the Regalia with them. They have been drawn out and inked, but we are needing to get the painting completed. One for each peerage and then one with the Manannan symbol, and another with a Spike.

Fall University 2024: Constantia is reporting the date has been officially spiked, since there were previous questions about that. She is looking for people to help with teaching some classes and is still wanting more help. Tegan wanted to add is that one thing we are wanting to do with University. If you have friends in other kingdoms, share it with them and let them know that it will be in person so we can get more people there.

Warriors' Games 2024: Charlotte & Adendra report that the site deposit and fees have been posted for the Harleyville community center for July 13th, 2024. Titan games will be there, and we will be sorting out the issues with the placements of games. They state that there won't be any special concessions, but we will have to have a separate sign up and ensure that the authorizations are good to go. We will work on the scheduling of the games. There could be three categories, Titans, Adults & Youth, the top two from each category, get to duke it out. Titan category will already be fighters that are authorized to fight. Strongly suggest specifying if the Titan's are in armor or out of armor.

New Business:

Canton Office of Herald: Tegan de Moreton puts a bid in for the office. It has been seconded by Bambi and Thirded. The vote has passed.

Review Canton Policy & Financial Policy—will be accepting new proposals at the next meeting otherwise it will get voted in as is. The Financial Policy has been voted in as is and will be updated if things change with Kingdom.

Manannan Mac Lir 2025: We are now accepting bids for Autocrat of Manannan Mac Lir 2025. Hoping to spike the date and get it set in advance.

Upcoming Events:

03/17/2024—Full Contact Social	04/21/2024—Full Contact Social
05/19/2024—Full Contact Social	06/16/2024—Full Contact Social
07/21/2024—Full Contact Social	08/18/2024—Full Contact Social
09/15/2024—Full Contact Social	



Lupercalia to Valentine's Day

Lupercalia to Valentine's Day: A Historical Journey of Love and Fertility

The month of February is steeped in history, not just for its association with Valentine's Day but for its ancient origins that trace back to the Roman festival of Lupercalia. Celebrated from February 13th to 15th, this ancient festival was dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and was a significant rite of fertility and purification.

Lupercalia was characterized by unique and striking rituals. The festivities began with the sacrifice of goats and a dog, animals representing fertility and purification. Following this, the Luperci, or priests of Faunus, would cut strips from the goats' hides, dip them in the sacrificial blood, and run through the streets, gently slapping women with the hides. Far from being an act of aggression, this was welcomed by participants; it was believed to ensure fertility and ease the pains of childbirth.

As the Roman Empire and its territories transitioned from paganism to Christianity, many pagan traditions were reinterpreted or replaced. Lupercalia was no exception. By the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I declared February 14th as Saint Valentine's Day, a day dedicated to the celebration of love and affection between intimate companions. This marked the transformation of a pagan fertility festival into a Christian feast day, symbolizing the interweaving of pagan rituals with Christian traditions.

Valentine's Day as we know it today retains little of Lupercalia's fertility rites, focusing instead on love, affection, and the exchange of gifts and cards. Yet, the essence of celebrating relationships and the coming of spring traces a lineage back to these ancient rites, showcasing the enduring human desire to celebrate love and life.

Triumph of Pan, Nicolas Poussin

Ca. 1636



Upcoming Events

March 2024

3/2	Kingdom Arts & Sciences/Tir-y-Don Baronial Investiture	Newport News, VA (Tir-y-Don) (Q K Pr P)
3/9-3/17	Gulf Wars	Gleann Abhann (Q K Pr P)
3/23	World Turned Upside Down—Attack of the Killer Rabbits	Wellford, SC (Falconcree)
3/23	Defending the Gate & Barony of Stierbach Investiture	Spotsylvania, VA (Sudentorre) (Q K Pr P)
03-24	Barony of Hidden Mountain— Baronial Business Meeting @	Zoom— Link on HM FB Page
03-29– 03-31	Missile Madness	Monroe, VA (Seven Hills) (K)
03-29– 03-31	Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday	Bennettsville, SC (Hidden Mountain) (Pr P)
03-30	Barony of Ponte Alto Investiture	Vienna, VA (Ponte Alto) (Q)

April 2024

04/05– 04/07	Spring Coronation– The Master of Game	Boonville, NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P)
04/12– 04/14	Storvik Novice Tournament	Upper Marlboro, MD (Storvik) (Q K)
04/13	Festival of Elvegast	Hillsborough, NC (Elvegast)
04/13– 04/14	Eastern NC Ren Faire Demo	Kinston, NC (Raven's Cove)
4/14	Barony of Hidden Mountain— Baronial Business Meeting @	Zoom— Link on HM FB Page
04/20	Night on the Town	Severn, MD (Lochmere)
04/26– 4/28	Revenge of the Stitch IX	Chestertown, MD (Spiaggia Levantina)

***** Check Facebook for updates on these meetings

Check with the [Baronial calendar](#) and the [Kingdom calendar](#) to see what has been added since the newsletter was published.

Regular Meetings



Barony of Hidden Mountain – In person meetings will be added soon, for the date and venue, contact the seneschal seneschal@hiddenmountain.atlantia.sca.org



Misty Marsh by the Sea - for the date and venue contact the seneschal seneschal@tearsseashore.atlantia.sca.org.



Moorhaven—for the date and venue, contact the seneschal karen1insc@aol.com.



Tear-Sea's Shore - Typically at 6 PM on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Contact the seneschal for confirmation and details seneschal@tearsseashore.atlantia.sca.org



Important Notices

HIDDEN MOUNTAIN BARONIAL TRIM FOR

\$2.50 A YARD



To order, contact Baronial Exchequer Geoffrey d'Ayr of Montalban at Rob Himmelsbach, 199 Cabrill Drive, Charleston, SC 29414
Make all checks out to "SCA Inc, Barony of Hidden Mountain"

Help Wanted

The Canton of Tear Sea Shore's is in need of an officer.

Seneschal

To learn about requirements of these offices or to apply, contact

the Seneschal at [sene-
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Help Wanted

The Barony is in need of some officers.

Webminister Exchequer

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Information on Submissions



Submission deadline is the 25th of the month.

These forms **MUST be signed**, an electronic signature is OK. Here is one (of many sites) where you can add electronic signatures <https://www.adobe.com/sign.html>

- The Grant of Use Form is used by an author or artist for articles, poems, stories, songs, etc. or for original artwork (not clip art). Note that no form is needed for correspondence from officers or autocrats, for event notices, or for captions: <http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>
- The Photographic Release Form is used for photographic materials: <https://www.sca.org/photo-video-release-form/>
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Submit material for the Mayhem by **emailing** to the Chronicler at: chronicler@hiddenmountain.atlantia.sca.org








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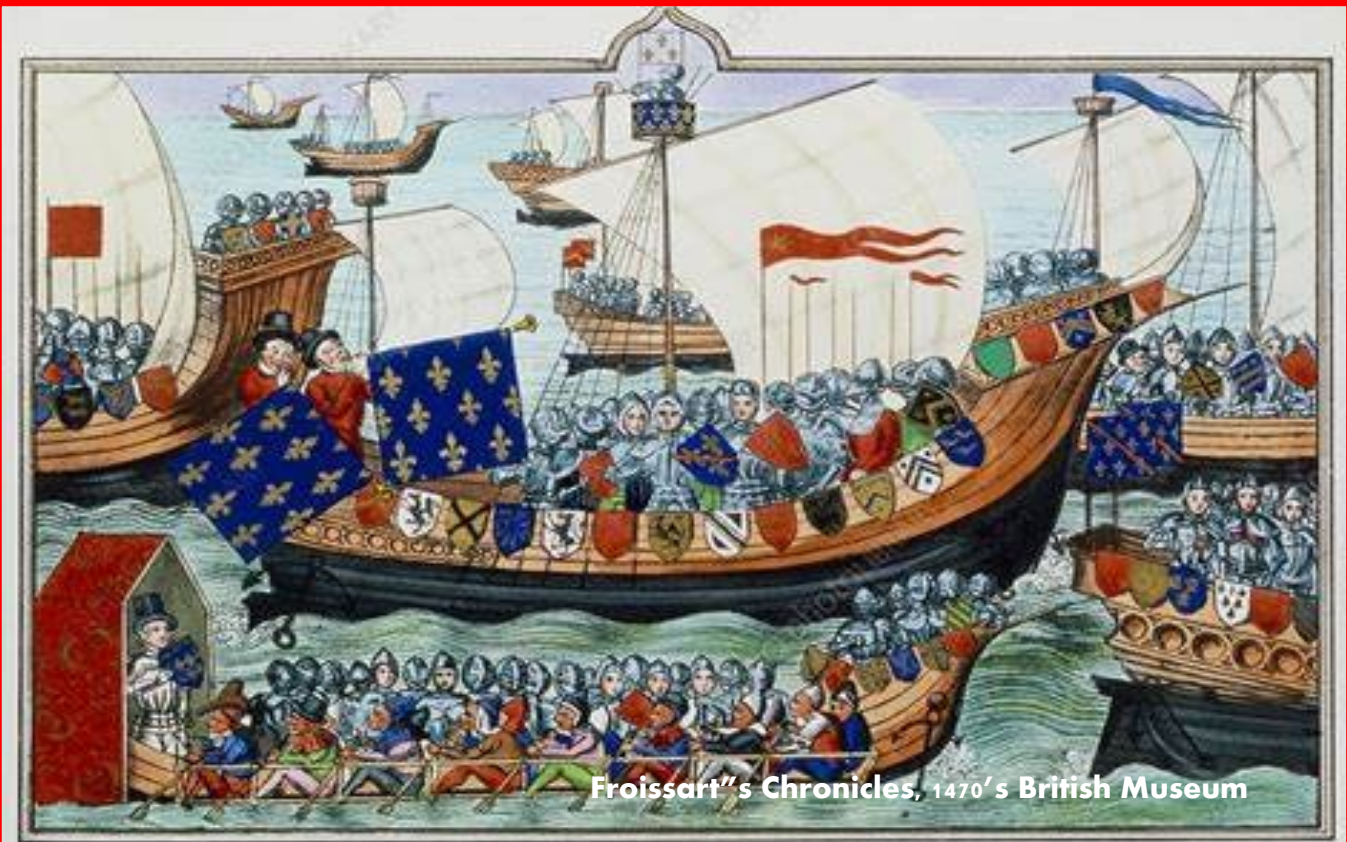
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Froissart's Chronicles, 1470's British Museum

Regular business meetings will resume in August

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Moorthaven Regum



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Tear-Sea's Shore Regum



Crusader's Ships circa 1100

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Newcomer's Page: <http://chatelain.atlantia.sca.org/>

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