

The Windlore

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New Baronial Coronets by Darkridge Jewels.

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Upcoming

Windmasters' Hill Events:

- Baronial Meeting – January 17
- Tourney of Ymir – February 8
- Battle of the Oranges – March 29

Greetings and welcome to the January 2008 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill.

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A Note from Their Excellencies:

Greetings Everyone,

Winter is upon us and we hope the New Year finds you all well and happily enjoying the Holiday season. Although the Holidays can be stressful and busy we hope you all enjoy many days spent in the company of your friends and loved ones.

We want you all to know that we are so proud of the way the Barony has banded together to overcome our current financial issues. It is so wonderful to see everyone working hard together and the positive attitudes and smiles all around.

While we know that this letter will find many of you busily sewing for 12th Night, Ymir will soon be upon us. This spring will be a very busy one for the Barony as many of our Cantons are busily working away on numerous events between now and Pennsic. While we know that all of us are industriously working away on projects for these events we would like to ask all of you to please take a few moments to send in award recommendations to us as well as to their Majesties. We are lucky to have so many wonderful and talented people in our group. Please help us to recognize their hard work.

This past year as you Baron and Baroness has flown by for us. We are so proud and happy to be able to stand with you all and we are looking forward to another wonderful and eventful year.

Gaston and Rosalind

Baronial Champions:

Heavy Champion:

Lord Bjorn of Attilium

Courtier:

Lord Wistic Oftun

Archer:

Lady Jonett Nycholl

Artisan:

Lady Caterina Caravello

Bard:

Master Efenwealt Wystle

Brewer:

TBD



Chirurgeon's Report:

Greetings Kittyhawks,

My apologies for being unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Chirurgeon Report:

Attended Unevent. Quarterly Report and Doomsday filed. No incidents or problems this month. Those interested in becoming Chirurgeons or Waterbearers are encouraged to contact me for more information.

Good & Welfare:

With YMIR on the horizon... I encourage everyone to look at the members of the Barony - especially those that fly below the radar and consider submitting them for awards at the Baronial and Kingdom level. We have a number of shining stars behind the scenes that have gone overlooked for far too long.

YIS,
Andreas

Seneschal's Letter:

At Unevent I learned that I'd be stepping up as Seneschal of the oldest and coolest Barony in the Kingdom. Many thanks to Chow for his aid in a swift transition and for his good advice. I'd also like to thank everyone for their words of congratulation and support. I'd also like to thank Trephina for hitting the ground running as our new Baronial exchequer. She's aggressive, thorough and a good communicator, and I feel confident knowing that she is there.

A little over a month ago our group was called into account for a number of infractions that boil down to not being aware of and our policies and following them, and not sufficiently documenting and reporting our activities. This is not unique to our group, and this year the Kingdom has taken the stance of enforcing its policies. Therefore, the Barony has been placed on a probation that limits our financial activities, which will give us the breathing room to focus on closing 2007 on time with our records in order and up to date.

All gloom and doom? Well, no! I saw five cantons work together professionally and in record time to take over what is essentially a Kingdom-level Baronial event on short notice and nail down the financial arrangements – even with the obstacles presented by following their policies to the letter. Many thanks to the Canton of Elvegast for taking over the official financial responsibility for the event and for all the other cantons for joining with them and pooling their funds to keep Ymir going into its 33rd year. This is not the first time that Ymir has been hosted by a canton rather than the Barony, but it's the first time the finances have been supported across the Barony.

We've also completed an inventory of the Baronial Shed in Fuquay so that a sortable file can be available for anyone that needs to actually find something in there. (Thanks are due to Beatricce, Trephina, His Excellency, and Duncan de Brus for over four hours of sorting, stacking and tallying.)

The Kingdom Seneschal and the Kingdom Exchequer are impressed with the swiftness and the manner in which we have met these challenges, and at such a busy and stressful time of year. There are a good number of things that I hope to accomplish in the coming months with your help, but for the present, I hope you'll all have the time to relax and enjoy the holidays and catch your breath before the busy months ahead.

Happy Holidays,
Ursula

A Missive from the Outgoing Chronicler of Windmasters' Hill:

What you are looking at right now is the first Windlore put out by your new Baronial Chronicler, the talented Lady Guenièvre de Monmarché. December's issue was my last one to print. As I am stepping down from this wonderful position I feel the need to give my thanks to people who have helped me be your chronicler for the last three years.

First and foremost, I want to thank Baron Rodrigo, Barun Athos, Baronessa Maddelena, Baron Gaston, and Baroness Rosalind who allowed me the honor and the privilege of serving as Their officer.

I thank Steafan and Chow and Ursula for being Seneschals during my tenure. You guys do (and have done) a thankless, stressful job that you could not pay me enough money to do! You inspire me!

Thanks to Manus MacDhai for helping me ease into the position three years ago, for serving as a sounding board and for setting such an outstanding example for me to try and follow. If I have managed to be half the chronicler that he was (for 7 years!!!) then I will have considered my service well spent.

Thanks to Master Magnus and Baroness Anne for loaning their collection of Windlores to me (Yes, I still have them Magnus!). I copied several issues that we did not have to put in the chronicler files and thus helped to fill in holes in the history of the Barony as carried by the Chronicler. It's still not complete but it is getting there.

Thanks to everyone who ever took minutes for me (and there were several of you!) Most especially thanks to Lady Trepina, my note-taking deputy and the Goddess of Quality Minutes. She pulled my fat out of the fire on more than one occasion when work or family prevented my making it to meetings.

Thanks to my Lady Tangwystl ferch Morgana for putting up with occasional late nights spent in front of the computer typing minutes.

Thanks to everyone who ever read the Windlore, everyone who ever submitted anything to the Windlore, and everyone who sent me comments (whether positive or negative) about the Windlore.

Finally, thanks to Lady Guenièvre (your new Chronicler) and Lady Rosanella (her Deputy) for being willing to step up and serve the Barony. I am confident that I leave this office in good hands and I am eager to start being a reader (rather than an editor) of the Windlore.

I fully intend to continue contributing to the Windlore and so should each and every one of you. It is, after all, YOUR newsletter.

In service,

Dunstan leHeryngmongere,

Outgoing Chronicler of Windmasters' Hill

From the Incoming Chronicler:

Thank you for letting me take over this position! I hope to be able to come close to filling Dunstan's shoes, though I don't think I'll be nearly as amusing. At any rate, I'm always looking for content (thank you Galeran and Rosanella for your submissions! And an extra thank you to Rosanella for being my deputy!). Also, I've changed the format, so if you have any comments or concerns about that, please let me know – I can be reached at chronicler@windmastershill.org or at guenievre@erminepot.com. Thanks!

Guenièvre

Notes from the Baronial Meeting, December 11:

Lady Elspeth began a short Nimenfeld meeting at 7:35, and then turned the floor over to Lady Ursula, who opened the baronial meeting at 7:38.

Baroness: Ursula immediately transferred the floor to Baroness Rosalind, who mentioned the financial issues facing the Barony and continued to say how impressed she was by the cantons and how they stepped forward to ensure that Ymir was successful in 2008.

Seneschal: Ursula then announced that Lady Trepina would cover the Exchequer business, and reported for the officers who couldn't attend (Full reports are elsewhere in the Windlore). There is a new A&S website, which will be linked to the baronial website soon. KASF needs volunteers, and the University could use a southern site so the someone might want to look into NC State. A&S reports are due from cantons. Chirurgeon – Lord Andreas reports no new business, and asks everyone to look for people to send recommendations for. Herald: couldn't make it, but he has a deputy (Lady Rae) now.

Exchequer: Trepina gave her report as the new baronial exchequer. Her Excellency interrupted to ask everyone to hug her for taking over on short notice. Trepina continued, and stated that at Unevent, there was a meeting with the Kingdom Seneschal, Kingdom Exchequer, Regional Exchequer, etc. She is waiting on a list of everything that needs to happen, but stated that everything that can be fixed before Dec. 31 will be. The Barony is, effective December 1, on "Financial Probation", which started at Unevent and continuing through the first quarter. The Barony will have to ask permission to spend money, from the Regional Exchequer or Kingdom Exchequer. We can receive and spend money, though we can't run an event. (The cantons are handling Ymir). The baronial financial policy will need to be updated this year, though please be careful looking at the kingdom website because it is under construction - look at the society version (2007) to ensure you're up to date. The Barony had a financial policy approved on the website in 2001, and we approved another one in 2003 which kingdom approved with one change (check copies have to be shredded after they clear/event is over). Cantons should follow suit in reviewing the books - everyone needs to look at their financial policy, which needs to be submitted with the Doomsday report. Moving forward, the exchequer and Seneschal will need to work together more closely - the Seneschal will be required to initial bank statements, etc. The most current financial policy has been put on the website, but more work needs to occur (reselling feast seats, bid process, who we comp, etc). A committee will be making these changes. In the future, allocations will be listed in the Windlore and/or Exchequer report. Allocations are being realigned, for instance we need to ensure that there is a \$500 emergency fund at-all-times. Trepina will be updating frequently to ensure everyone knows what's going on. She would like canton exchequers to send her financial policies, and to cc her on canton quarterly reports. Gaston asked whether financial policy could be written such that cantons had to report; Nikulai stated that the Society Board of Directos had said no, because each canton is a financially independent group. Trepina continued to say she just wanted to help groups make sure they met all requirements. Pennsic will no longer be run through the Barony. We will move baronial bank accounts to another bank to comply with Society signature card rules.

The Wounded Swordsman

Written for Baron Alejandro Ramirez

Listen my friends to the story
Of the terrible swordsman that roamed
In the wondrous land of Buckston
And over the World that was Knowne.

He felled all his foes with valor
With a thrust and a parry of might
And no one was known to best him
Until one fateful night.

The swordsman did send forth his challenge
To take on all comers around,
And he fought with usual greatness
Until with a cry he fell down.

The people did gasp in horror
As he rolled on the ground in pain,
And the swordsman was holding his ankle
And the tears ran his face like the rain.

The ladies cried out for his honor
To his side they did fly with a will
And the swordsman cried out in affliction
To the people of Windmasters' Hill.

"Oh, bury me not 'neath the willows
Oh, bury me not 'neath the trees
For my soul belongs to Atlantia
Bury me out in the open seas."

So they carried him up on their shoulders,
To the shores of the open sea,
But before they could fling him to glory
A child cried out, "Don't you see!"

"He has only sprained his one ankle
And his other leg is still good,
I do not know why he is crying
So like a young girl would."

So the swordsman realized his folly
And jumped to the earth once again.
He stood on one leg and cried, "Golly,
I need only the help of a cane!"

The artisans rode for miles
To make him a crutch of wood
And the swordsman was pleased and did smile
When he saw that it was good.

Once again he was wielding his sword
And felling his enemies well
And his honor was therefore restored
And the bards his story did tell.

"They buried him not 'neath the willows
They buried him not 'neath a tree
For he still had another foot
Beneath his other knee."

So learn from this story my children
Not to hurriedly cast in the sea
A man with one ankle broken
Who cries out most piteously.

Lady Rosanella Despucci

Notes from the Baronial Meeting, December 11, Continued:



Chatelaine: Ursula then called on Lady Eibhlin. She reported on notes from Unevent: All demos must be approved by the Seneschal, all demo fighters must be authorized, and whack-a-knight is ok for kids under 12 to hit armored fighter with foam weapon. There is also now an official Atlantian Newcomer badge (see picture). These were cast by the Kingdom Chatelaine and will be available to newcomers who may choose to wear them on a blue and white cord. If you see anyone wearing one of these tokens, please make an effort to greet them as as a newcomer to our Society. Attilium also had a demo on Sat that was well attended by SCA members and poorly attended by the public.

Chronicler: Guenièvre reported that she'd be handling the January Windlore, and needed submissions, but has a fabulous deputy.

Rapier Marshal: Lord Wystric wasn't present at the meeting, but has a report in the Windlore.

Archery: Lord Manus reported that not a lot of archer was happening, due to the cold dark days. There will be archery at Ymir.

Web Minister: Lord Malcom noted that if offices change, he needed permission to post in order to change the official email addresses. He asked that officers please indicate what they wanted public. Baron Gaston wondered whether movie and beach preferences were applicable, Malcom offered to find him a different website.

Quatermaster: A baronial inventory held on Saturday, and some things were removed - flammables, "baronial tiger trap", the "box of broken arrow" which may have been the original Pennsic arrow, etc. There were also some old lost and found items, older than 2 years, which are now in the keeping of the Seneschal. They will reappear later (including the "eyewatering" apparel such as a shirt in fuschia and matching electric green pants). The 4 page single-space list has now been condensed to an excel spreadsheet, which will be posted on the baronial webpage for ease of use. Things have been reorganized for more manageability, and labeled. The baronial eric has been sorted into "needs work" and "good"; Falcone may fix or may ask for help.

Minister of the Lists: Lady Rose reported on behalf of Lady Helwynn. There are new forms for youth and equestrian, if you are a warranted MoL, please sit at a youth MoL table to familiarize yourself with the changes. The MoL fighter lists have become password protected, for privacy reasons.

Minister of Minors: It was reported that Lady Mariana now has a deputy.

Seneschal: Ursula reported that she became the official Seneschal last week. She went on to discuss Unevent - even though the Review of Books was 4 pages long, most of that was citations and redundancies - it's really about a page, much of which was administrative points (reports unsigned, checks not deposited within 15 days, etc). Cantons should consider this as headsup to look at themselves. Ursula will also be checking the officer listings, etc, to ensure everything is up to date, etc. Make sure if you're an officer you have given permission to publish contact information. The Kingdom website has lots of info, policies on financial policies etc, so please check your respective office's manuals if applicable. Phillipa is the deputy Baronial Seneschal. Ursula concluded by mentioning that a lot of people have offered to help with her new job as senschal, but stated that anything anyone does to help anyone in the barony is great, not just things that help her directly.

Minster of Arts Report:

There are a number of things to discuss about A&S, but I will be unable to make the meeting tonight.

(1) For those who have not been there yet, please visit <http://as.windmastershill.org> and let me know what you think. Feel free to request an account.

(2) Kingdom A&S is looking for volunteers. I'm sure they can use your skills if you are interested. There are lots of jobs that still need filling.

(3) University would like a southern (NC or SC) site for the next university and it looks like we might be able to host it at NCState for free. Would any canton or the barony be willing to be the official backer of a bid?

(4) It's time for quarterly reports. If you are the Canton moas, please get these to me ASAP. If you do not have a canton moas, this is the seneschal's responsibility. A&S is how we keep our non-profit status, so these reports are important.

Thank you for your time,
Jehanette De Provins

Notes from the Baronial Meeting, December 11, Continued:

Canton Reports: **Nimenfeld** will not be having a 2nd meeting in December due to Christmas, and the archery practice is on hold for the winter. As a point of interest, it was noted that golf tube combat arrows were recently banned. **Afillium** will be changing several officers in January: marshal, chatelaine and MoL. 1 member recently returned from deployment, 2 deployed, 3 are getting ready to go. Business meetings are on the 3rd Thursday at a new location, practice on Saturdays at Lake Rim Park - these things may change after January. Afillium had Christmas party last weekend - everyone should think about attending it next year because it's fun to watch gifts get stolen at the white elephant exchange. The 3rd Thursday of January will be the baronial meeting, directions will be posted. **Buckston** is not meeting on Christmas or New Year's - there will be a holiday potluck on the 18th. They have allocated money for Ymir. Phillipa also reports that Buckston has lots of dancing, please come and dance. (Valdemar announced later there was no fighter practice at the church until the new year, and that he will be running an armor workshop for Wisby coats for the new guys - discussion of details ensued. **Elvegast** - is "sponsor" group for Ymir, other cantons are donating. Questions should go to Phillipa as coautocrat. Meetings are on Thursday nights, but the university is closed next week and Christmas week. If NCSU is closed, meeting will be at Two Guys Pizza. There will be no meeting on Christmas; meeting will be at Two Guys January 3. Sunday fighter practice is suspended until after 12th night. **Kberg** reports that attendance has been good and that the canton voted for and allocated the \$1200 for Ymir. A potluck dessert revel will be held on the 17th, Buckston is dropping in to "share culture". Rapier practice is still on Thursdays, and no meetings will be held on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

Old Business : The new coronets were delivered by Baron Geoffery and Baronessa Maddalena to much applause.

Ymir: A well attended staff meeting was held on Sunday, highlights include:

- < Falcone will be running fighting as a standard double-elim.
- < Site opens at 5 for the public, noon for staff.
- < Phillipa asked everyone to come help out, bring people and it'll be a really good event.
- < Site is gorgeous and has many amenities, please bring everyone you know.
- < If you want to help, please look at the staff list and offer.
- < Remember: this event makes the WH budget.
- < There will be a silent/live auction to benefit the Barony organized by Duchess Padraign - please contact her if you'd like to donate "high quality items".

New Guest from the Outlands: Robert Blackhawk moved in from the Outlands in the last few months and has a coronation gift from the Outlands that needs to go to Their Royal Highnesses. Because of his schedule, he can't guarantee he'll be at Coronation or any other local events any time in the near future. It was noted that if he brings the gift to a later meeting he can find someone to take it to Ymir.

BYK · MY U f g N · Baronessa Maddalena will be having her traditional "Formal as you want to be" New Year's Party, starting at 8PM on New Year's Eve. Bring food and beverages to share. Wear whatever makes you happy, as long as it involves clothing. On that note, the meeting ended @ 8:42.

New Baronial Coronets:

Mistress Lailin of Darkridge Jewels, the same jeweler who created the newest set of Atlantian Crowns, recently completed new Baronial Coronets for Windmasters' Hill. The new Coronets are a hinged design, which will be lighter and more comfortable for Their Excellencies. For details of their construction, you can visit Darkridge Jewels' [website](#). Amusingly, the warranty includes the following disclaimer: "Twirling, cornet bowling, sitting on or tossing it, are examples of things not covered under warranty. As well as wearing it while jumping over a fire pit, cleaning up debris for the woods battle, or any type of manual labor...."



The Tourney of Ymir

Site: [Betsy-Jeff Penn 4H Center](#), 804 Cedar Lane, Reidsville, NC 27320. ([camp map](#))

Directions: [Click here for directions.](#)

Site Opens: 5:00 PM Friday, February 8, 2008. (Event staff may enter at noon.)

Site Closes: 11:00 AM Sunday, February 10, 2008

Site Restrictions: Pets permitted only on a leash. Fires allowed in only designated areas (pre-existing fire pits). You may bring stoves and the like for cooking, however, no food may be cooked or prepared in the cabins. Swim in the lake at your own risk; no lifeguard is on duty. Alcohol is permitted on site for those over the age of 21. Please recycle your empties (of any kind) in the recycling bins provided. It is advisable if you have a cart to bring it with you for loading and unloading, as parking directly by the cabins is prohibited.

Further Event Information can be found at:

<http://sca.housebayard.net/ymir.htm>

Strap on fur and buckle leather.
Hone your ax and stow your gear.
Set your sail for the southlands
And the Tourney of Ymir.

Do you lust for battle?
Strive with warriors far and near.
Bring your hoard of hammered silver.
Many merchants gather here.

Gather in our grander feast hall.
Bring your brew and mugs along.
Meat and mead and warmth and laughter,
Gracious gifts and soaring song.

Thaw the thews that long have rested
While the winds of winter chill.
'Tis the time to go a
Yearly in Windmaster's Hill.

- viking

Join us!

Prices & Reservation Info

Adult Site Fee (non-members add \$3)	\$12.00	Send your paid reservations to: Rae Sidlauskas Attn: Ymir 409 Snow Crest Trail Durham, NC 27707 (919) 357-1033 (NLT 9 PM) ladyrae966@gmail.com Non-members: please add \$3 to site fees. Make checks payable to: "Canton of Elvegast / SCA, Inc."
Adult Cabin Space (add to site fee)	\$5.00	
Child (ages 6-12) Site Fee (non-members add \$3)	\$6.00	
Child (ages 6-12) Cabin (add to site fee)	\$2.50	
Feast (all ages) (add to site fee)	\$8.00	
Child (ages 5 & under) Free		

IMPORTANT: It's helpful if you include email and/or phone number with your reservation. This allows us to contact you quickly if any issues arise. Please indicate if you would like to receive confirmation of your reservation. Include a self-addressed stamped postcard if you would like to receive confirmation by mail.

Cabin Reservations: If you want to be in a cabin or camp with a group of people, PLEASE specify a group name on your reservation form. Cabin space is limited to eight heated cabins with 24 beds each, and these are expected to fill up quickly. All cabins are heated, though you might want to bring a space heater in case you prefer to be warmer. (Actually an electric blanket will keep more of the heat where you need it.)





An Invitation for Dancers!

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to a Masked Ball at Atlantian Twelfth Night on January 12, 2008 in our neighboring barony of Sacred Stone.

Two and a half hours have been scheduled for this revel (5:00 to 7:30), I have selected a list of dances that should appeal to novice and master dancers alike, and many fine musicians will be gathering and playing to support the ball! The list of dances can be found at the end of this letter, and those who have been attending Buckston's dance practices should find many familiar choreographies on the list. Most dances will also be taught at the ball, so do not let inexperience keep you absent - those marked with asterisks indicate more complex choreographies that will not be taught fully at the ball. It is said that nothing drives the cold winter away so well as revelry and dance, so I do hope that many of you will join me on the dance floor!

12th Night Dance List			
Set 1:	Set 2:	Set 3:	Set 4:
Official Bransle	Ballo del Fiore (The Dance of Flowers)	Horse's Bransle	Jenny Pluck Pears
Black Nag	Turkish Bransle (SCA Maltese)	Lorayne Alman	Bransle Charlotte
"Belle Qui" Pavane and Galliard	Chestnut	Scottish Bransle	Tinternell
Heart's Ease / Ruffy Tufty	Black Alman	Amoroso	Ly Bens Dystonis
La Dance des Cleves*	Petits Vriens	Gathering Peascods	Sellenger's Round
Gracca Amorosa*	My Lady Cullen*	Hyde Park*	Gelosia*
	Rostiboli Gioioso*	Lauro*	Parson's Farewell*

In preparation for the ball, Buckston will be hosting an extra-long dance session on Tuesday evening, January 8 from about 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM, including a short break for the business meeting. I will be going over as many dances from the Twelfth Night ball list as possible, and Buckston will also offer light refreshments to help sustain your stamina. All are welcome to attend this practice, or any of the regularly scheduled dance practices that occur on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:45. We have been having a wonderful turnout at these practices (I counted fourteen dancers last week) and there's no better time to come join the fun!

In Service to Atlantia and Terpsichore,

Galeran Chanterel

The Canton of Buckston-on-Eno invites all to join them for a day in honor of St. Vitus, the patron saint of dancers on April 19, 2008.

Hone your skills with a selection of classes during the day and then show off your fancy footwork at our evening ball!

Capriol, a young dance student, tells us that "**Without knowledge of dancing, I could not please the damsels, upon whom, it seems to me, the reputation of an eligible young man depends.**"

(Jehan Tabourot in **Orchesography**, 1589)

Lest you fail to please the damsels or risk your reputation, you must dust off your finery and come strut your stuff - on the dance floor or off! For those who may not wish to dance all the day long, we will offer a salon featuring period games.

Lady Beatrice Villani will offer a light sideboard feast during the ball so that you may refresh yourselves between dances, and we invite all attendees to contribute to our dessert revel!

Questions? Contact Rheinwyllydd (ladyrae966@gmail.com)