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Official SCA Homepage: <https://www.sca.org>

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chatelain@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org

LOCHMERE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Populace Meeting

Last Monday of every month
7:00 pm Via Google Meet or live at the Odenton
Library

Archery Practice

Every Thursday
Lord Ivan's Home
511 Chad Avenue, Severn, MD 21144

Fighter Practice (Heavy & Rapier)

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Severn Christian Church
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Severn, MD 21144

Arts and Sciences

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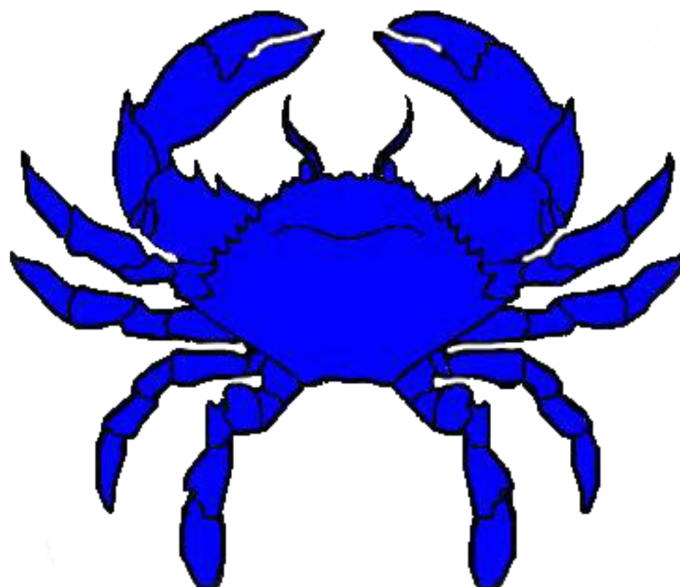
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Thank You!

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Words from Their Excellencies

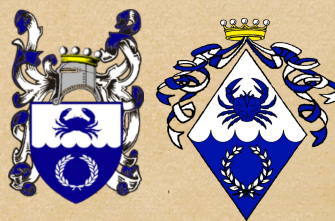
Greetings, Lochmere,

First and foremost, we are sad for the needed cancelation of our Midwinter's event, but given the state of the weather, we think it was the right call. The ice around the site has been treacherous in previous years, so we can only imagine how bad it would have been this year. We know how much work has been going into preparing the event this year, and fortunately we should be able to carry most of it forward to next year.

In case anyone missed it, the polling to determine our successors is officially underway. It will be running until February 14th, and if you have any issues, feel free to reach out. Letia and I can try to help, but likely your concerns will need to go through either the regional seneschal or, if it's ESP related, Master Jonathas.

This coming month you can expect to see us at Bright Hills Baronial Birthday, Aedult Swim, and Ymir. We hope to see you all there, too!

- Baron Linhart and Baroness Letia



Lochmere Business Meeting - Special Session

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Event updates

- On Target: Noble Ragnhailt proposed the budget. \$750 total requested, \$600 for food and \$150 for supplies. SCORES will not be requested. Cost will be \$15 for adult members and \$5 for feast. 40-60 attendees are expected. The budget was approved 10-0.
- Battle on the Bay: Dame Emma proposed the budget. \$4,220 requested, including \$1,200 for feast, \$900 for latrines, \$600 for supplies, and SCORES expenditures. Horse insurance is now \$800 per location per year. Discussion on this line item is tabled to the regular meeting. Cost will be \$15 for adult members, \$5 for youth, and \$15 for feast. 250-300 attendees are expected. The budget, not including horse insurance, is approved 10-0.

Q&A Session With Baronage Candidates

- Introductions
 - Mistress Arianna/Dame Dealla: They have been friends for over thirty years, and both have spent decades in the barony. Mistress Arianna has served as group seneschal, group chatelaine, group exchequer, kingdom chatelaine, and deputy kingdom seneschal. She wants to do something new and gain the new experience. She served, unofficially, as baroness when Master Reynard unexpectedly became a bachelor baron. Dame Dealla has been with the barony since it was still the Barony of Myrkwoode and has served as group archery marshal, chiurgeon, kingdom archery marshal, kingdom thrown weapons marshal, and deputy society thrown weapons marshal for special projects. She wants to give back more to the barony.
 - Master Melchior/Lady Kade: They have been active in the SCA since the 1990s and in Lochmere for almost 20 years. Their experience includes group seneschal, group exchequer, herald, society webminister, and member of the society peerage committee. They prefer defined objectives over less-defined vision statement and promoting engagement and inclusion. Quarterly activity days and organic growth of ideas from the populace will be priorities. "We've nver done it that way," is not a barrier. They desire to give back after having been in the SCA for over 20 years.
- Favorite SCA Moment
 - Mistress Arianna: 1) Her first event, Storvik Novice, where a courteous member drove her to her first event and she got to borrow a tunic from the sitting princess. The effort expended to make her feel welcome was key to her staying involved. 2) Her first populace meeting, prior to the event. The group exchequer had to step down, as she was the new crown princess. Everyone else present already had an office, so she stepped up to be the new exchequer.
 - Dame Dealla: One of her first demos, being drawn to the experience of getting involved.
 - Master Melchior: One of his first events, experiencing the chivalric virtues first hand and having the opportunity to help a lady across a puddle. His experience was quite welcoming, almost ambassadorial in nature.

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- Lady Kade: The way everyone has their niche of history or crafts. Community where everyone is excited to share their interests and answer questions.
- The most exciting thing about being potential baronage
 - Master Melchior: The potential opportunity to provide a welcoming environment
 - Lady Kade: The defined role at events that baronage has providing structure that she finds can be lacking otherwise
 - Mistress Arianna: Encouraging someone to find their niche and recognizing accomplishments. We shouldn't let perfection stand in the way of participation, and we should foster a culture of progress and inclusion.
 - Dame Dealla: Every member is a chatelaine. The opportunity to recognize others for their efforts.
- Lochmere has been accused of running more events than other groups do. If you had to cut one event, what event must be kept, and which can be cut?
 - Dame Dealla: Must-Stay: On Target. No cuts because each has its own purpose, and there is no issue of hogging the calendar.
 - Mistress Arianna: Each event has its own attraction. It is what the barony wants, however, not what has been done for a long time.
 - Master Melchior: Must-Stay: Battle on the Bay. He would not make cuts but would alternate the other events. Night on the Town could use some revitalization to make it the region's premier rapier event.
 - Lady Kade had to step away.
- Ideas to help with potential for decline in revenue due to increasing costs.
 - Dame Dealla: Fundraisers, as the barony and other groups generally have had success with them. Look down the line for expenditures, but overall expenditures are too much. We must remember to not have too much money on hand, due to nonprofit status.
 - Mistress Arianna: Encouraging donations for prizes, printing, and supplies. Fundraisers and donation jars.
 - Master Melchior: Fundraisers. Be more realistic with budgeting and expectations. We also need to remember that events exist to be fun and that not all of them need to turn a profit.
 - Lady Kade away
- Events intended to attend
 - Dame Dealla: Maryland, Virginia, and trying to make it to North Carolina yearly. Potential for out-of-kingdom events.
 - Mistress Arianna: Coronation. She and Dame Dealla are not tied to each other, so mundane events are unlikely to keep both from the same event.
 - Master Melchior (speaking for himself and Lady Kade): Adjacent groups, trying for the Carolinas at least one per year

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- Feeling about potential need to hold court alone
 - Mistress Arianna: No issues, as long as she has a herald
 - Dame Dealla: Part confident, part nervous. Can present when needed but prefers having someone else to share the duty.
 - Master Melchior: He'd likely have more nerves handling solo court but knows this and is working to address it;. He is good at planning, notetaking, and preparation, so he would be comfortable if the need arises.
 - Lady Kade remains away.
- Prior applications for baronage
 - Dame Dealla and Mistress Arianna: Yes
 - Master Melchior and Lady Kade: No
- How you would handle a situation that assumes you have knowledge or resources you do not
 - Dame Dealla: Ask predecessors
 - Mistress Arianna: Admit she doesn't know and ask those who do. Just because something has been done one way in the past doesn't mean that it must be that way in the future. Ask for reasons and opinions on changes.
 - Master Melchior: Institutional knowledge takes time to build. Rely on those who have the knowledge but do the work to foster learning through lived experience.
 - Lady Kade remains away.
- What will you do if you have multiple people approaching you because of similar missing information?
 - Dame Dealla: Documentation
 - Mistress Arianna: Documentation, clarifying what officer roles are, encouraging in-person meetings to foster community and knowledge.
 - Master Melchior: Documentation, being mindful of contemporaneous recording. Being available 1-on-1 and helping seekers find correct people or resources.
 - Lady Kade: Web resources and patient, personal connections
- Several officers are departing the barony. Ideas for encouraging recruiting replacements.
 - Dame Dealla: Deputies
 - Mistress Arianna: Ask people in person. Have list of people and deputies. Encourage current officers to pitch how much they enjoy the role. Match talents and skills to people.
 - Master Melchior: Personal connections, getting people into positions and helping them be happy in them. Learn what goes into the jobs. Be honest with each other and new people about what jobs entail.
 - Lady Kade: Deputies

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- Facilitating turnover if emergency comes up
 - Dame Dealla: Get deputies.
 - Mistress Arianna: Thinking on your feet
 - Master Melchior: Having deputies and fallback plans
 - Lady Kade: Get deputies.
- Why now?
 - Master Melchior: He has always wanted the opportunity to serve the populace as baronage.
 - Lady Kade: Timing now works, as family life is more settled.
 - Dame Dealla: She is trying to help the barony as much as possible and is one of its original members.
 - Mistress Arianna: She is at a good place post-retirement and has a lot of energy.

Lochmere Business Meeting

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Officer Reports

- Baronage: January 27 practice is cancelled due to impending inclement weather. Horse insurance needs to be discussed. The weather contingency plan for Midwinter's Revel will be discussed during the event section. Polling for new baronage is open.
- Seneschal: Lady Iona will be moving out of kingdom in April, so a successor seneschal is needed.
- Exchequer: The baronial ledger has a balance of \$12,674.04.
- MOAS: The position is vacant.
- Webminister: Not present.
- Herald: Baron Not present. The position is currently open for applications.
- Knight Marshal: Nothing to report. The position is open for applications.
- Missile: Nothing to report. The position of archery marshal is open for applications.
- Chronicler: Lord Godwin published the January issue of the Dredgings. Lord Godwin needs a successor chronicler quickly, as he is moving out of kingdom in April, so the March issue will be his last. Baronage can fill in for one issue, but a new chronicler then must be in place to prevent the barony from becoming inactive.
- Chatelaine: Baron Bacon established contact with a newcomer from Discord.
- Youth Chancellor: The position is vacant.



Event updates

- Midwinter's Revel: Preparation has been completed, and feast is sold out. There is a chance of major inclement weather. A decision on whether to cancel the event will be made by Thursday morning. The only cost that cannot be carried forward to next year is the liquor license. If the event occurs, setup will begin at 7:00. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be provided.
- Night on the Town: Baroness Cellach and Lord Godwin are beginning to plan decorations. Mistress Tirzah is now cooking feast. Positions of event and rapier MICs are still open.
- On Target: Lady Bronwyn is beginning to design targets and the competition format.
- Pennsic: The barony is registered as "Lochmere," and registration is now open. If you have questions, please consult the information sheet on the baronial website or reach out to Master Reynard or Mistress Arianna. There may be work days prior to the event.
- Battle on the Bay: Dame Emma is beginning planning. She is seeking a head cook and looking into SCORES. Lord Leon is event MIC.

Other Business

- Equestrian insurance is now \$800 per site per year. Storvik will split the cost of the insurance. Per Dame Dealla, the equestrian practice site may change to the Highland Havic site. Higher echelons of the society will subsidize five equestrian insurance licenses; beyond that, the price is \$1,600.
- Master Melchior brings up the question he received about a baronial Discord server. Discussion reaches the status of using the Lochmere channel on the kingdom server unless and until it gets sufficient interaction to justify returning to the question at a later date.

Next Meeting: February 23 at 7:00

Open Officer Positions

- Seneschal: The barony's legal representative. Ensures compliance with mundane, society, and kingdom law and administers baronial business.
- Chronicler. The baronial secretary. Publishes the baronial newsletter, maintains the baronial library, and publishes baronial history.
- Herald: The officer who serves as the voice of the baronage at events and aids members with heraldic submissions.
- Minister of Arts and Sciences: The officer responsible for promoting the arts and sciences within the barony, including coordinating classes and competitions.
- Historian: A deputy chronicler who assists the baronial chronicler by compiling and publishing the history of the barony.
- Minister of the Lists: The officer responsible for organizing and administering martial tournaments and authorizations.
- Chancellor of Youth Activities: The officer who organizes activities focused on the youth of the society.
- Rapier Marshal: The officer responsible for the promotion and practice of fencing within the barony.
- Thrown Weapons Marshal: The officer responsible for the promotion and practice of thrown weapons within the barony.

Upcoming Vacancies

- Knight Marshal: The officer responsible who oversees all martial events and practices in the barony. The knight marshal also supervises the barony's discipline marshals.
- Archery Marshal: The officer responsible for the promotion and practice of target archery within the barony

Upcoming Events

February - 2026

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

March - 2026

03-07 - 03-07 : Kingdom Arts & Sciences: Newport News VA (Tir-y-Don)
03-14 - 03-22 : Gulf Wars 2026 : (Gleann Abhann)
03-21 - 03-21 : Ponte Alto Baronial Birthday Bloodbath: Vienna VA (Ponte Alto)
03-27 - 03-29 : Hidden Mountain Baronial Birthday & Investiture: Bennettsville SC (Hidden Mountain)
03-28 - 03-28 : Defending The Gate: Spotsylvania Courthouse VA (Sudentorre)
03-29 - 03-29 : Storvik's Performer's Revel: Cheverly (Hyattsville) MD (Storvik)

April - 2026

04-04 - 04-04 : The Coronation of Wilhelm and Genevieve:vFredericksburg VA (Stierbach)
04-10 - 04-12 : Collegium on the Border: Trenton SC (Border Vale Keep)
04-11 - 04-11 : Night at the Port: Severn MD (Lochmere)
04-11 - 04-11 : Festival of Elvegast: Greenwood Gathering: Hillsborough NC (Elvegast)
04-17 - 04-19 : Revenge of the Stitch XI: Denton MD (Spiaggia Levantina)
04-17 - 04-19 : Spring Camp II: Apex NC (Windmasters' Hill)
04-18 - 04-18 : Dragon Fire V: Skyweaver Training Grounds: Easley SC (Nottinghamhill Coill)
04-24 - 04-26 : Storvik Novice Tournament: Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik)
04-25 - 04-25 : Below The Salt: Meet at the White Phoenix Tavern: Winston Salem NC (Sacred Stone)



You can find the full Atlantian calender at
<https://atlantia.sca.org/events>

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