

THE YEOMAN



Haus Wulfshaven fighters ready for the last day of battle at Pennsic
Photo by Lady Faye de Trees



Artwork throughout by Master Tristan Alexander

*Newsletter of the Barony of Bright Hills,
Kingdom of Atlantia
September 2010, Anno Societatus XLV*



From the Baroness...

Greetings to all in the barony!

We had a great Pennsic this year. A few minor injuries, nothing bad, but worthy of camp fire stories none the less! Next year is Pennsic 40 and will be an event not to be missed!

This month you will have the opportunity to read the letters from our populace who would like to be considered for our next baronage here in Bright Hills. Read them, contemplate them and start to form your opinions on who you would like to see lead us and support us in the future. Endeavor to meet them in person and speak to them.

We have a small event here in Bright Hills that is low key but very, very, challenging and fun. That event is “Trial by Fire” and is sponsored by our own Bright Hills Cooks Guild. It is not an official event but anyone in the barony is invited and encouraged to participate. You can cook, you can be a spectator or if you are fortunate you might just be asked to help judge the entries! In any event you can have fun and enjoy a very good meal at the end of the day. This years Trial by Fire was held at the home of Master Chirhart and Mistress Jeanne on a beautiful Saturday. The winning recipes will be published here in the Yeoman.

Next year I will be entering again (I entered in 2009) and I challenge more members of Bright Hills to enter and cook medieval recipes under Pennsic conditions. (There are fun and fabulous prizes!) You do not need to be a cooks guild member to participate. Mistress, Jeanne, Master Chirhart or Countess Rowen can give you the rules and details on how to enter “Trial by Fire”. There is no cost to enter, there is no cost to attend, but there is plenty to keep you coming back! Prepare yourselves for TBF 2011!

Atlantia Crown Tournament will be within a day trip this November and we will be pulling out all the stops for a grand baronial presence! The field space has already been reserved for our period pavillion and a traditional Bright Hills “light lunch” is being planned! Contact me if you would like to contribute to the board. We will need drink coolers, tables, and other sundry items in addition to snacky bits.

All in the barony are welcome to take their ease and I especially invite our baronial candidates to spend the day with me. I ask everyone to cover all modern items in order to promote as medieval a look and feel as we can. We will also need early and late help to set up and break down the pavillion. Bring your banners, bring your pennants! Please come out and experience the pagentry of an Atlantian Crown Tournament.

yours in service to the barony,
Mistress Martelle von Charlottenburg, OL
Baroness of Bright Hills





From the Seneschale...

Greetings to the Barony!

The great Pennsic War has is over, and the warriors have returned home, with tales to tell. By all accounts, it was another successful war.

At the Baronial Fighter Practice and Arts evenings, we continue to see a variety of classes and projects happening, so check the calendar and watch the baronial list for upcoming classes.

Now that Pennsic is history, we will begin the process of selecting the next Baron and / or Baroness of Bright Hills. In this issue of the Yeoman, the candidates will be introducing themselves to the Barony. Later in the fall, members of the Barony will have an opportunity to advise Their Royal Majesties regarding the selection of the next Baronial Coronets, by participating in the polling. If you have any questions about this process, please contact me.

And now for the commercial announcement: As a reminder, the monthly cost for the use of our fighter practice site has increased. Please keep this in mind as you join us, and contribute something to the collection box. (Note: If you write a check, the donation is tax deductible!!)

In Service, I am

Jeanne Tenneur de Bec, OL, OP, CtB
Seneschale, Bright Hills



The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM. There were 14 gentles in attendance: Baroness Martelle von Charlottenberg, Lady Bernie, Lady Wynne, Lord Graham, Lord Hunter, Lord Philipp, Milord David, Lady Yseulte, Lord Kollack, Lady Rebecca, Lady Livy, Lord Karcher, Baroness Schweuzka, and Mistress Jeanne.

I. Officers' Reports

- A. Chatelaine- Report submitted electronically.
 - B. Chronicler- Lady Faye was not in attendance. No report.
 - C. Exchequer- Lady Bernie reports that we have money. Friday evening contributions have been erratic, but last week we collected \$95!
 1. Steward- Master Chirhart reports that we still have stuff. As always, those desiring to use Baronial goods must contact him.
 - D. Herald- Lady Wynne reports that there was one new submission. She worked at Herald's Point at Pennsic. The next consultation evening will be 9/17. She would like to have all warranted heralds in the Barony contact her. She is also looking for a deputy.
 - E. Knight's Marshal- Lord Graham reports that, with Pennsic, there has not been a lot to report. He would like to acknowledge and thank Baron Jantos for the loan of his ballista, which allowed members of the Barony to participate in siege weaponry at Pennsic.
 1. Rapier - No report.
 2. Heavy Weapons - Nothing to add to the information above.
 3. Archery - Lady Katarzyna submitted her report.
 - F. MOAS- Chagan Baghsi has submitted her report. The arts are very active in the Barony. There continue to be classes at Friday practices.
 1. Armourer's Guild – No report
 2. Clothiers' Guild - No report submitted.
 3. Cooks' Guild- The Guild is preparing for Trial by Fire, which is next Saturday. Everyone is welcome to participate, or just come watch (and eat!). The menu for the Metalsmyths' Symposium is nearly complete (hosted by Steirbach on September 24). There will be a pre-cook on 9/19. Preparations are underway for TNT.
 4. PAGE- Activity is picking up, and preparations are underway for Chalice and TNT.
 5. Tag- Next Meeting is in September.
 - G. MOL- Lord Hunter reports no activity in the barony this month.
 - H. Webminister- Report submitted.
 - I. Canton- The summer has been slow, but activity is picking up. They will be scheduling monthly meetings. Paperwork (new group submission) is complete. Mistress Bec will review. They have a demo on 9/10, in Chestertown. This will be their first.
 - J. Seneschal- The barony is busy and healthy. We are preparing for the polling, for Her Excellency's successor(s). I have contacted the Kingdom Seneschal to request that this process be expedited, and it appears that we will be able to complete the process early, and have a decision early. The Barony lent our 20x40 pavilion to the Kingdom for use at Pennsic. Unfortunately, those delegated the responsibility for packing up and returning the pavilion to us failed to accomplish this task. We will need to carefully consider any new requests to borrow the pavilion.
 - K. Baroness- Her Excellency reports that this was a good war. The Children's Fete was very successful, with 300+ kids in attendance. She needs to find her receipt. This is the last call for those who would like to be considered as the next Baron and/or Baroness. Letters of intent should be sent to Lady Faye as soon as possible, for publication in the September Yeoman. Please include a picture, if possible. There are 2 investitures in September: Lochmere on 9/11, and Storvik on 9/18. If anyone has contributions for the gift baskets, please contact Her Excellency as soon as possible. Her Excellency will be attending Crown Tourney on November 4. She will be using the period pavilion.
- ## II. Old Business
- A. Regalia- Her Excellency has fabric for the new tabards for the Baron and Baroness.. Baroness Schweizka has

volunteered to assist with them. Lord Graham reports that the new list fence has been completed, and is ready to be painted. The new cloaks are also still in process.

- B. TNT – October 30- Lady Yseulte reports that preparations are well under way. The Archery Marshal inspected the site and thinks we can get by without the portajohns. It looks like we may have siege weapons, as a demo, so we may still want to rent one portajohn. Volunteers are still needed, and the Children’s Feast is still in question. We will need to write the second deposit check at the next meeting. Reservations have been starting to come in.
 - C. Unevent- No news yet.
 - D. Riverfest- No report.
 - E. Baronial Birthday – February 12- There is a new theme. The event has been spiked. Need to check on the contract.
- III. New Business
- A. Award Medallions- Baroness Martelle reports that we will need to place another order for the award medallions. She will get the information together and have it for the next meeting.
 - B. Tax IDs- Lady Bernie attended a presentation at Pennsic, that reported on the project to register the SCA in individual states. Maryland is not at priority at this time.
 - C. Day of Dance- Lady Livi reports that she will have a bid. for Day of Dance next month.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. My thanks to all who attended and participated.

By my hand,
Jeanne Teneur de Bec.



The field battle at Pennsic 39, from the castle gate
Photo by Lady Faye de Trees

Herald's Corner...

Well, it's been a while, but our friend Ethelbert of Bright Hills has decided that it was time to create a device for himself. He had originally chosen this...



But as many of you know, that is the Maryland state flag. It was also, at a time, the arms of George Calvert, Lord Baltimore. Unless Ethelbert, in mundane life, was a direct heir of said Lord, he really can't use it. While there are no Calvert heirs that I know of, he also cannot use it as it represents a "Significant Geological Location Outside the Society". Well, not in the least bit daunted, Ethelbert goes to his local herald and they both sit down to hammer out an acceptable device. As they begin their search, the herald gives Ethelbert advice on the basic Heraldic Laws that govern all device submission.

1. No one in the Society may use anyone else's device for their own, as registered devices are protected. Neither may they use recognizable mundane trademarks, military insignia, armory of major characters or significant geographical location in literature or armory of anyone outside the Society.

Well that cuts out the Nike Swoosh® and the Arms of Gondor...so Ethelbert plods along.

2. In order to be able to differentiate the field of a device from its charges we must follow a basic guideline...NO color on color, metal on metal or fur on fur.

The heraldic palette uses TINCTURES these are; COLORS: GULES (red), VERT (green), AZURE (blue), PURPURE (purple), SABLE (black), METALS: OR/ YELLOW (gold), ARGENT/SILVER (white). FURS: ERMINE (white with black 'tails'), COUNTER ERMINE/ ERMINES (black with white 'tails'), ERMINOIS (gold with black 'tails'), PEAN (black with gold 'tails'), VAIR (interlocking 'bells' of blue and white), POTENT (interlocking 'T's' of blue and white) Seems like a lot to remember...check out the following site to see the tinctures up close... <http://heraldry.sca.org/primer/tinctures.html>

3. There must be two Clear Visual Differences, between a submitted device and one that has already been registered and is therefore protected. So, Per pale PURPURE and OR two cats sejant, erect respectant counter-changed, is out of the question. Except for a roundel in base, the proposed device is too close to that of Lady Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hwytel, and she might be a bit testy about another device so close in appearance to hers.

4. Ladies have the choice to use either a shield or a lozenge for their device.

Guys...sorry, but you only have the shield on which to draw yours. A lozenge looks like a diamond shape and was used for the Arms of heiresses, though it was uncommon until the Renaissance.

5. Wikipedia is great as a launching pad, but may not be used as a reference. Your group herald will have access to many reference books and sites. Among them are, A Complete Guide to Heraldry by Arthur C. Fox-Davies, Boutell's Heraldry by John P. Brook, A Display of Heraldry by John Guillim, to name a few.

Web sites include: The Academy of St. Gabriel <http://www.s-gabriel.org/>

Stephen's Florilegium <http://www.florilegium.org/?http%3A//www.florilegium.org/files/HERALDRY/idxheraldry.html>

Modar's Heraldry Page <http://www2.kumc.edu/itc/staff/rknight/Heraldry.htm>

Those are only a few...very few, of the sources available to both Ethelbert and any member of the SCA who wants to register a device. So, with references in hand, paper and pencil at the ready, Ethelbert and his herald will sit and discuss what he might like for his device. What will he pick; the reminder of a hobby, of his heritage, his likes? Only he and his herald know. But when the time comes he will send in all the appropriate papers and hope it passes.

As your Baronial Herald, I am available for consultation at any time other than regularly scheduled consult nights. Please e-mail me and I will bring the necessary items to help. Regular consult nights are the third Friday in the month, usually between 7:30 and 9:00 pm. Please place HERALDRY in the subject heading, if you are a first time e-mailer!



Current Baronial Champions

Archery: Lord Janyn Fletcher
Arts and Sciences: Master Tristan Alexander
Bardic: M'Lady Caillech ingen Alexandair
Baronial Warlord: Lord Graham MacRobert
Brewer: Lady Deirdre O'Bardon
Equestrian: Lady Nem inghean Dochartaigh
Heavy Weapons: Lord Randvar askmadr
Rapier: Lord Richard ffauxes
Childrens Archery- M'Lord Ulliam mac Fearghus

Guild Contacts

Armorer's Guild: Baron Heinrich Kreiner (lands_heinie@yahoo.com)
Bardic Guild: Lady Nina of Bright Hills (Nina@cavtel.net)
Brewer's Guild: Lady Reyne Telarius (robynbecker@comcast.net)
Cheese Mongers' Guild: Master Chirhart Blackstar (chirhart_1@yahoo.com)
Clothier's Guild: Lady Faye de Trees (feataure@yahoo.com)
Cooks' Guild: Lady Deirdre O'Bardon (deccles2@yahoo.com) and
Lady Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hwyell (jay_wynne@hotmail.com)
Illumination Guild: Master Tristan Alexander (vampyre@ponymail.com)
Textile Arts Guild (TAG): Mistress Ingvild Josefsdatter (snspies@aol.com)
Woodworkers' Guild (WAG): Lord Luke of Bright Hills (idylukewild@yahoo.com)
The Worshipful Company of St. Matthias: Lady Ingeborg i Trondheim (ingeborg_sca@yahoo.com)

To see the most current list of local events, please follow the following link:
<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/events/local.htm>

To see the most current list of away events, please follow the following link:
<http://www.atlantia.sca.org/>

Barony Of The Bright Hills Practices and Meetings Site Directions

Friday Night Heavy and Light Weapons Fighter Practices, Archery Practice, Dance Practice, Workshops, Illuminators' and St. Matthias Guild Meetings & Business Meetings (Please See Calendar) Christ the King Episcopal Church, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244
Although we use these facilities, the SCA is not endorsed by the Church.

Get off the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) at Exit 17 (Security Blvd Exit). Take the exit west toward Rolling Road, not the exit east toward Woodlawn. Travel west along Security Boulevard about one-half mile, through traffic-lights at Belmont Avenue, Lord Baltimore Drive, and Rolling Road.

Continue west for another block, until you reach Brookdale Road.

The Episcopal Church of Christ the King is on your left.

Make a left turn onto Brookdale, and then turn right into the Church parking lot.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County Schools announce they are closed or closing early, there will be no practice that night. You can usually hear the school closing lists on virtually any local radio station broadcast throughout the morning



Sunday Afternoon Archery Practice

Lady Katarzyna Nowina Witkowska, 443-813-1436

Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Location: Baltimore Bowmen Site
Go to www.baltimorebowmen.com for directions. If the gate is closed, check to make sure it is not locked. If it is not locked, open it and drive down the hill to the butts. If the gates is locked, park your car and walk down the hill to the butts. NOTE: PRACTICE WILL NOT BE HELD WHEN THERE ARE WEEKEND LONG EVENTS AND WHEN THERE ARE EVENTS AT THE BOWMEN SITE.

Guild Gatherings:

Woodworkers' Guild & Bardic Circle (4th Sunday of the Month)

Lady Nina and Lord Luke of Bright Hills' house. 1020 Register Avenue, Towson, MD 21239, (410) 377-6828. Baltimore Beltway, 695 toward Towson. We live near the northern apex of the beltway. Take exit 29 from 695. Take Lock Raven Blvd. south, past Taylor Ave. intersection, go through two lights after Taylor, look for quick right onto Register Avenue just over peak of a hill. (If you miss Register Ave. don't despair: at next light make a right onto Loch Hill Rd., then left at stop sign onto Register Ave.

If you've gone too far on Loch Raven, you will reach Northern Parkway – a huge intersection.) Our house is at 1020 Register – white house with porch on right with SCA-type banner hanging from a signpost on front lawn - large driveway. Park on the south side of Register Avenue if no room in driveway.

Textile Arts Guild

Lady Ingvild. 1725 Trotting Court, Jarrettsville, MD 21084, (410) 692-2076
Meeting the first Sunday of the month. Call for more detailed directions. We will begin at 2:00 pm and end around 6:00 pm. Coffee will be on as will other warm beverages!

Brewer's Guild

Lady Reyne Telarius, 472 Winterberry Dr., Edgewood, MD 21014, (410) 676-5795
Quarterly meetings, contact with questions or to request special brewing days.

Clothier's Guild

Lady Faye de Trees, 1402 Hillside Dr., Bel Air, MD 21015, (410) 838-9694
The clothiers currently do one class per month on a specific project at Friday night fighter practice followed by a sewing session on Sunday afternoon to finish the projects. The location of the Sunday sessions varies.

Have you noticed any errors or omissions? Remember to update your group info with the Chronicler! Don't be left out, send your submissions to the Chronicler. The Yeoman can only improve with your help and interesting submissions of articles, project writeups, book reviews, research tactics, or anything else that is newsworthy that your fellow barony members would like to hear about... Submit now to the Yeoman by emailing feataure@gmail.com or call for information at 410-838-9694. Do your part to make the Yeoman get better every month!

Thanks to Master Tristan Alexander for this issue's new artwork!



September 2010

Bright Hills Baronial Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Fighter Practice & ArtSci Night 7:30pm, Dance Night	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Fighter Practice & ArtSci Night 7:30pm	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Fighter Practice & ArtSci Night 7:30pm, Garb, 15th C V neck gown class	18
19 Baronial Business Mtg. 4-6pm	20	21	22	23	24 Fighter Practice & ArtSci Night 7:30pm, Swap meet night	25
26	27	28	29	30	Coming Soon: October 1st: Dance Night October 15th: 15th C Hennins and Accesories (get dressed for TNT!)	

TRIAL BY FIRE XIV
Saturday, August 28, A.S. XLV (2010 of the Common Era))

Here are the results of the Bright Hills Cooks Guild 2010 Trial By Fire-

The Meat / Main Dish category was won by Lady Elisande Walters for her dish of Beef and Vegetables. The recipe was taken from “On the Observance of Foods” as translated from De Obseruatione Ciborum by Anthimus, as translated and edited by Mark Grant.

The Vegetable category was won by Mistress Cordelia FitzRobert of York for her dish of Civet of Eggs. The original recipe can be found in “Menager de Paris”.

The Bread / Grains group was won by Mistress Margherita de Tessatrice for her rendition of Frumenty. Her redaction came from the book “Forme of Curye”.

The Desserts section was won by Lady Brienna Llewelyn Lindsey with her Cherry Bread Pudding called “Chireseye”. This dish can be found in the book “Pleyn Delit”.

And our Grand Champion this year was Mistress Cordelia FitzRobert of York, for her very excellent dish, Civet of Eggs. For those who would care to try it out, here is her recipe.

Civet of Eggs

Sources: Menager de Paris (174)

Original Receipt: Cives d’oeufs: puchez oeufs a l’uille, puis aiez oignons par pouelles cuis, et les fiolez a l’uille, puis mettesboulir en vin, verjus, et vinaigre, et faiteboulir tout ensemble; puis mettez en chascune ecuelle trois ou quatre oeufs, et gettez vostre brouet dessus, et soit non liant.

Translated: Poach some eggs in oil, then take onions, cut into circles and cooked, and fry them in oil, then boil them in wine, verjuice and vinegar, and boil everything together; then put three or four eggs in each bowl and pour the brouet over, in should not be thick.

- Odile Redon , Françoise Dabban, & Silano Serventi, . Medieval Kitchen,: Recipes from France and Italy, University of Chicago Press, Ltd, London, 1998.

REDACTION:

This recipe may be the ancestor of the famous French dish “oufs in meurette”, popular in Burgundy. I don’t currently have any verjuice on hand so I substituted some white grape juice with a touch of lemon for bite and slightly increased the amount of vinegar to compensate.

My Recipe:

8 fresh eggs

2 large onions

2 cups light-bodied red wine (Beaujolais or other gamay)

1 ? Tbsp vinegar (I used and apple vinegar to help out with the lack of verjuice, red wine vinegar is an option if you have the verjuice)
2 Tbsp white grape juice
1 tsp lemon juice
Olive oil
Salt and Pepper

Directions:

Peel the onions and cut them into ? inch slices. Steam or poach them for 5-7 minutes. (Poached is easier over a campstove).

In a frying pan, heat the olive oil sufficient to cover the bottom of the sauté pan; add the cooked onion and sauté for about 10 minutes or until the onions are lightly golden.

Add the wine, juice and vinegar; bring to a boil and cook at a gentle boil until the mixture has reduced by three fourth and the result resembles a loose jam. Add salt to taste.

When the onions are in their final stages, fry the eggs in olive oil, sunny-side up. Do not break the yolks. Lift onto a warmed platter, lightly salt and pepper, and spoon the onion sauce over them.

Serve immediately.

The other winning recipes will be available on the Bright Hills Yahoo website shortly in the File Trial By Fire Recipes 2010.

Thank you,
Rowan
BH Cooks Guild Guildmistress



The field battle closing in for the first crash at Pennsic 39, from the castle gate
Photo by Lady Faye de Trees

Unto the Populace of the beautiful Barony of Bright Hills do Mistress Branwen Wallis and THL Richard ffaukes send greetings,

It is with pleasure that we, hereby, put ourselves forward as candidates for the positions of Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills.

We feel that we can serve the populace of Bright Hills well in this capacity, for although we are relative newcomers to this Barony (having only lived here for 3 years); we are not newcomers to the SCA or to the Kingdom of Atlantia. We both have 20+ years of SCA experience, at least three-quarters of which was gained here in Atlantia.

I, Branwen, am a peer of this realm, while Richard is a Provost, a member of the Order of the Golden Dolphin, and is the current Baronial Rapier Champion. He has also had the pleasure of serving in the past as Chancellor of the University of Atlantia. We have a wide range of interests both artistic and martial and promise to be good patrons to all.

We have found Bright Hills to be filled with the most talented and hardworking people. This Barony is already known far and wide for its fabulous Cook's Guild, and we want the rest of Atlantia to know about all of the other wonderful things this Barony has to offer. Therefore, it is our wish to use the time that we have traveling about the Kingdom to spread the work about Bright Hills and its people.

It is our sincere hope that you will give us the opportunity to serve the Barony of Bright Hills and the Kingdom of Atlantia in this way.

In Service,
Branwen Madyn Wallis, OL, CP
Richard ffaukes, WS, GD



Unto our Majesties, her Excellency of Bright Hills and to the populace of Bright Hills, do Lord Kollack von Zweckel and Lady Rebecca von Zweckel give heartfelt greetings.

Good Gentles,

We are saddened and concerned for our most loved Excellency Martelle von Charlottenburg and her failing health as you may have heard she has been stricken with consumption. I and my Lady wish to put ourselves before you as candidates for the baronage so that her Excellency may travel to the far lands of Lourdes to partake of its healing waters.

I, Lord Kollack von Zweckel have 19 years in the SCA. During that time I have shown my dedication to the dream and proven leadership and have received the Silverberg (2/97), inducted into order of the Blue Collar (2/98), received Silverberg Augmentation (2/04), the Baronial Award of Courtesy (5/05), Job (8/08), and inducted into the Order of St. Barbara (2/09), through the wonderful Barony of Bright Hills. Through the Kingdom of Atlantia I was inducted to the Order of the Sea Stag (8/04) awarded the Fountain (5/05) along with Supporters (5/05), became part of the Company of Sergeants of Saint Aidan (8/08), and inducted into the Order of the Kraken (6/09). This along with my job skills in management and customer service thru my job as Lead Voice Communications Engineer with Lockheed Martin have given me the skills necessary to effectively interact with a wide range of individuals and melding their strengths towards a common goal.

I, Lady Rebecca von Zweckel have served in the SCA for 18 years. I have had the honor of working with the Children's guild for the first of those years. Currently I have the pleasure of working with the marshalling activities in equestrian, combat archery and siege and have volunteered my time in becoming a marshal for both the equestrian and heavy weapons. I have been honored to receive the Blue Collar (11/98) and Job (3/09) for my services thru the Barony. Thru my mundane career of Move Manager for a large moving and transportation agency for many years I have extensive experience in customer service and a deep appreciation for the diversity and energy that make up our fair barony.

Between us both we have the skills and mindset to foster working relationships along with implementing ideas and projects to benefit the barony as a whole.

Our plans for the Barony would be to continue the upward path of our esteemed predecessors. Our Barony is an incredibly diverse and accomplished group and strong in both A&S and marshalling activities. It would be our greatest pleasure to show Atlantia what our Barony has to offer. We both believe that it is the responsibility of the Baronage to be the advocates of the populace and to be role models of the dream.

Yours in Service;

Lord Kollack von Zweckel
Ken Kepple

Lady Rebecca von Zweckel
Rebecca Kepple



**Unto the populace of the Barony of the Bright Hills
Does Mistress Magherita la Tessarice and the Honorable Lord Denis de Dijon
Send respectful greetings**

As you all know, the Fair Martell will be stepping down as baroness in February of next year. The hunt will soon be on for a replacement - as if we could replace so fine a person.

Lord Denis and I are putting ourselves forward for the coronet. Between us we have been in the SCA *mumble, mumble* years. I have a Laurel, and he does not – but he is a Pearl of a guy.

We understand that the main duty of the coronet is to act as cheerleader to the Barony, and to bring us to the attention of the Crown, the Kingdom and the Society. We would, therefore, support the Arts and Sciences while not neglecting the fighters, fencers or the archers.

We promise the court will be fun, short, to the point and will never delay feast.

We further promise to enforce sumptuary laws – everyone must look sumptuous. After all, Lord Denis’s motto is “Too much is not enough!”

We promise to take the Barony seriously, but not our selves. Our motto will be – We’re all here for the fun of it!

By my hand this 29th day of July
Mistress Magherita and the Honorable Lord Denis de Dijon



**Greetings Unto all Good Gentles in the Barony of Bright Hills,
from Chirhart Blackstar and Jeanne Tenneur de Bec.**

We would ask for your support as the next Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills.

If there are those who do not know us well, Chirhart is the Baronial Steward (also known as the Keeper of the Baronial Stuff), and has served in this capacity since 1997. He has also served as Chronicler for the Barony. Jeanne is serving a second term as Baronial Seneschale. We have been active members of Bright Hills for nearly twenty years. We were instrumental in the effort to elevate Bright Hills from Shire to Barony, and we had the unique honor of hosting the elevation and first Investiture ceremony in our front parlor.

At events, we can be found in the kitchen, with the Bright Hills Cooks' Guild. We have served as event autocrats, and Chirhart has been the head cook for many events, including a Kingdom Twelfth Night, and the Knowne Worlde Party at Gulf Wars.

Before we came to Bright Hills, we lived in several other kingdoms of the Knowne Worlde. Chirhart has served in the offices of Herald, Marshal, and Chronicler, at the barony and principality levels. Jeanne was the scribal deputy to the Herald's office and also served as advisor to the Crown of Atenveldt.

Bright Hills is a strong and prosperous Barony, noted for hospitality. Her Excellency, Baroness Martelle, has led us with grace and generosity. We would strive to continue this legacy in all ways, by:

- * Encouraging and expanding the ranks of the Barony's fighters;
- * Providing opportunities for the Barony's artists to shine in Bright Hills and promoting their works in the kingdom and beyond;
- * Exploring new events and new sites, and encouraging new autocrats to try their wings;
- * Building on the Barony's strong reputation throughout the Kingdom;
- * Ensuring recognition of worthy gentles, who have served in various capacities,
- * Supporting the Barony's Officers in the performance of their duties;
- * And having fun!!

We believe strongly in the dream that the Society represents and we have been fortunate to experience the hospitality and generosity of spirit so many of you offer. Should we be chosen to serve as the next Baron and Baroness, we will do our best to provide enthusiasm, support and encouragement to you all. We ask that you all take the opportunity to participate in the polling. If any of you have questions for us, we would like to hear from you.

We thank you for your attention.

In Service to the Barony of Bright Hills,
the Kingdom of Atlantia and the Society,
we are

Chirhart Blackstar, OL, OP, CtB, Nonpareil
Jeanne Tenneur de Bec, OL, OP, CtB





Officers and Deputies of the Barony of Bright Hills

Please try not to call any of the following individuals after 9 pm

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Randallstown, MD 21133
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baronessbrighthills@yahoo.com

Seneschal
Mistress Jeanne Tenneur de Bec
Becky Ritterhouse
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Hampstead, MD 21074
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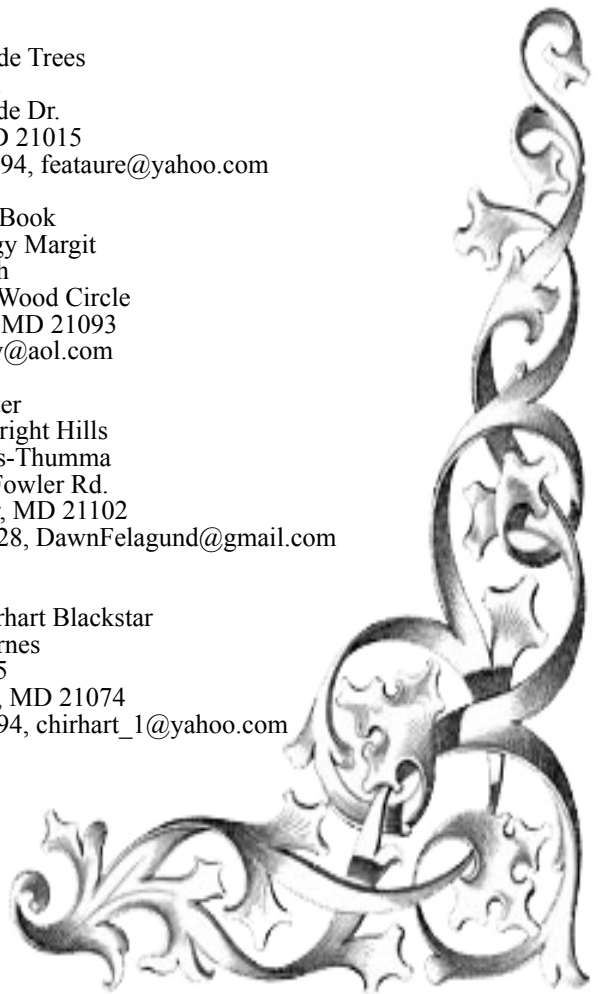
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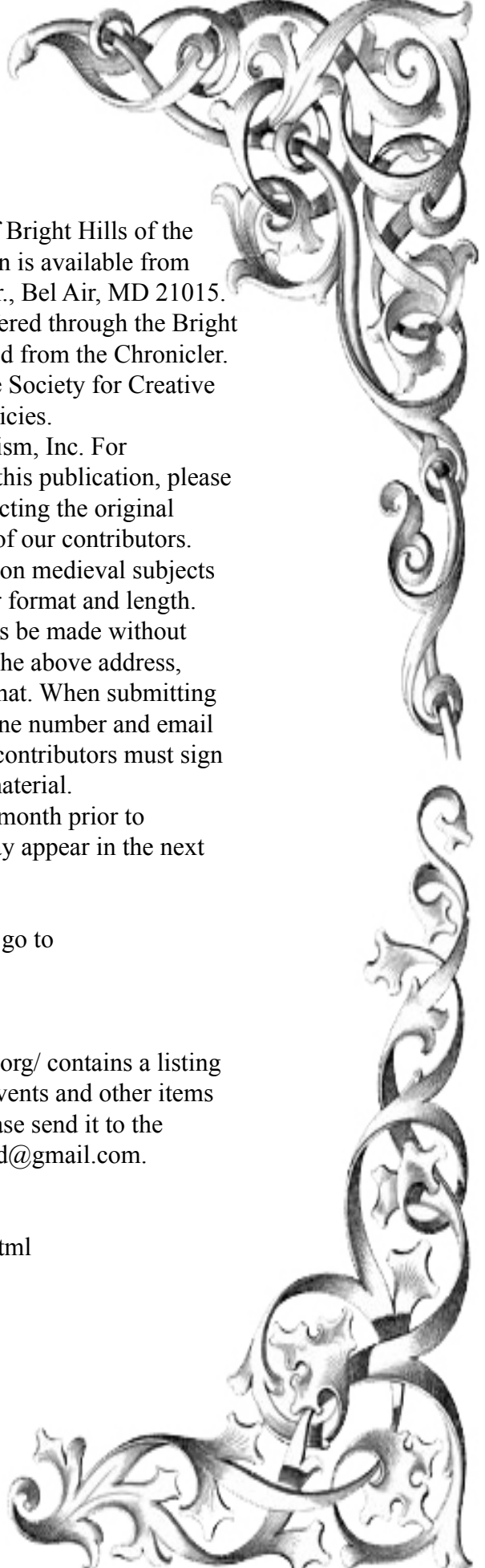
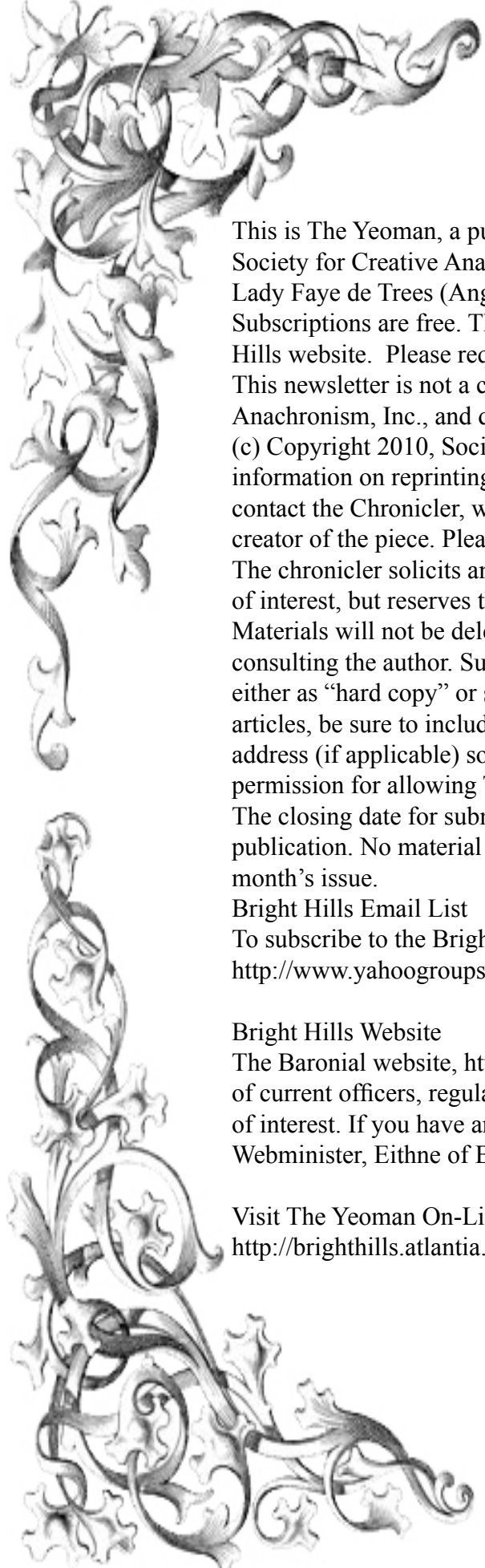
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