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the Canton of Stormwall presents:

Rumors of War - Part Deux: June 6-8, 2025

As you most likely read these words, *war is imminent*. On Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8, Atlantia must stand strong (and have a good time) in Stormwall.

> The **Canton of Stormwall** is completely surrounded on three sides by the **Kingdom of Meridies**. It is logical that the Meridians would make their incursion into Atlantia through this sleepy canton nestled in the mountains. It could take weeks before news of this invasion would reach the ears of the Atlantian Crown and a kingdom wide alarm is raised. **Stormwall** must rely on their brethren from **Hawkwood** and their cousins from **Sacred Stone** and **Nottinghill Coill** if the invaders are to be slowed or dare we hope, repelled. Gird up your loins, strap your kit to your steed and make haste to the West to prevent the invaders from gaining a foothold on our lands.

The event web site has a complete schedule of the martial events, A&S events, classes, vendors, food trucks, and a map of the site. The official Kingdom event page also has all the relevant details, including driving directions.

Upcoming Events

Rumors of War - Part Deux

Friday, June 6, 2025, 3PM, through Sunday, June 8, 2025, 12PM
Great Smoky Mountains Event Park, 1130 Hyatt Creek Rd, Bryson City, NC 28713
You should go to this event.

Royal Archery Tournament (Sacred Stone)

Friday, June 6, 2025, 5PM, through Sunday, June 8, 2025, 12PM
Elchenburg Castle Farm, 2239 Center Rd, Booneville, NC, 27011

Fighter Practice at Weaver Park

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 3PM to 6PM
200 Murdock Ave, Asheville, NC 28801

Barony of Hawkwood Business Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 7PM to 8PM
Online via Google Meet

Fighter Practice at Weaver Park

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 3PM to 6PM
200 Murdock Ave, Asheville, NC 28801

Giants Dance (Nant-y-Derwyddon)

Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 2025
Laurel Grove Event Venue, 2125 Carolina Ave. Bristol, TN 37620

Fighter Practice at Weaver Park

Sunday, June 22, 2025, 3PM to 6PM
200 Murdock Ave, Asheville, NC 28801

Bryson City (Stormwall) Fighter Practice

Sunday, July 6, 2025, 3PM to 6PM
Great Smoky Mountains Event Park, 1130 Hyatt Creek Rd, Bryson City, NC 28713

Hawkwood Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Seneschal: Vivats to the new heirs, Prince Athos and Princess Alianora. We had a great event at Crown last weekend.

Chronicler: Newsletter going well. At Baronial Birthday, I ran into the keeper of some of our founding Baronial documents, and we're arranging for them to be handed off to me.

Herald: Received new heraldry at the event for one Hawkwoodian.

A&S: Working on ideas for Memento Mori.

Along with the Chatelain, I'm planning a monthly A&S class at one of our Asheville fighter practices. I'm putting out a Google Form polling on classes that people would like to teach or take.

We're planning a new Guild within the Barony concerning "the entertaining arts" of brewing, bardic, and cooking. If anyone is interested, please contact Signe at signetheskald@gmail.com.

Knight's Marshal: Congratulations to all who fought at Hawkwood Baronial Birthday. We had 16 rapier fighters, including 1 new authorization, and 12 armored fighters. Fighting mostly went well, though there were two reported injuries on the rapier field.

Sam of Hawkwood won the rapier Grand Melee, Humfrey Lovett won the rapier Titan tourney, Irving of Hawkwood won the armored Round Robin, and Afshin Darius won the armored Grand Melee and the armored Titan tourney.

As Signe said, we're working on adding A&S to practices, in part so that passers-by can see more than fighting.

Fighter practice is now from 3PM to approximately 6PM, for all fighter practices.

Baroness: His Highness was very pleased at how welcomed he was in Hawkwood, and hopes to return soon.

Please help our Baroness as she manages the children at the upcoming Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday.

Exchequer: I have the money from the event to deposit tomorrow, and will also be working on reimbursement checks tomorrow. I have bank access as of last week. I'll have a formal exchequer report next week.

Webminister: A minor issue with the webminister's warrant has now been resolved.

Stormwall: Greetings fair Hawkwood. Here are the news from Stormwall.

We will be hosting Rumors of War Part Deux June 6-8, 2025. This is our inter-kingdom fighter practice event. There is plenty of information available on our event website.

The event has been spiked and reservations are available online through SCARS.

We hope to see everyone come out to enjoy a fun day at a beautiful site. We will be holding some planning meetings soon so please join us as we'll need as much help as possible.

Stormwall held our regular monthly fighter practice and A&S gathering Sunday, March 2nd. We had armored combat, rapier and beaded cup covers were made in the A&S gathering. 14 good gentles joined us that day and everyone enjoyed the sunshine though the breeze was a bit cool.

Due to another scheduling conflict, we will not be participating in Greening Up the Mountains in Sylva this year. We are in search of another demo opportunity in Mid April.

Yours in Service
HL Arias Velarde

The Baroness notes that every Stormwall practice is preceded by a meeting at 2, and there's A&S in parallel with fighter practice.

Haukesgate: No news.

Event: We had an event. Good to have one after a year, after the damage the barony suffered. 103 attendees. Under budget. His Highness is very excited to come back, especially after seeing the legend of the musical chairs in action.

June 28th is planned as an A&S day.

Dinner Night Out: July 12th, probably the same Mexican restaurant as last time.

Memento Mori: Signe is helping with A&S, planning ongoing. Staff positions to fill: Goldy is gate sitter. Greylond is fencing marshal. Solomon and Louis are doing the dayboard. Contact Heather or Ari with ideas.

Chatelain: Planning newcomer event prior to MM. Have to plan around WOW, which is shortly before the event. August may be best. Hope to attract newcomers to fall events.

Reached out to Mars Hill University re demo. WCU has a free space with 10 days notice. University events are best held in the fall when students are back on campus.

Discussion: Signe mentioned Mars Hill First Fridays as a demo opportunity.

Gold Key: We have a lot of Gold Key garb, and hope to plan a yard sale soon, possibly at WoW and/or Rumors of War.

Discussion: At Crown, Mistress Jessamyn sold some garb for the benefit of the barony without a formal vendor table. Selling garb for the barony as a side activity can be successful.

WOW: Meal planning ongoing, including budget planning and scheduling of who is making meals.

Party at WOW? Goldy's making beers, including a bottled Hawkwood beer. Goldy can play music. We need a party manager.

The chatelain is reaching out to Whistle Hop about scheduling another demo there; we like those demos.

We should go to Nant-y-Derwyddon's events, since they're our neighbors and they support ours so often. They have Giants Dance June 20-22 and Borders Without Walls August 22-24.

Submissions for The Talon

Please submit any articles, letters, artwork, photographs, notes, suggestions, complaints, or musings to chronicler@hawkwood.atlantia.sca.org. Anything received on or prior to the 25th of the month will be considered for the upcoming issue.

This release form is required for all submissions:
https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Creative-Work-Release-Fillable.pdf
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A note from your Chronicler

Several gentles asked me for the recipes for the lunch at Baronial Birthday, and I told each of them that I would put those recipes in the newsletter. These are not polished recipes, but they accurately represent the food as it was made. I do not believe any of them to be particularly authentic to modern or historical Moroccan cooking, except the batbout.

Ras el Hanout Chicken: Heat up some oil in a big pot. Add 10 pounds of cubed chicken thigh, some salt, and 2 ounces of ras el hanout seasoning. Stir. This creates way too much liquid for the chicken to sear properly. Dump the liquid out into a smaller saucepan and simmer it. Stir the chicken in the big pot once in a while as it sears. Add the liquid from the smaller saucepan back in. Cook until it's not too damp.

Lamb "Tagine" Stew: Prepare 10 pounds of seared lamb neck. Make strong lamb stock with the neck bones and mirepoix. Set aside the meat and the stock. Saute 4 large sweet onions in half a stick of butter. Add 4oz tomato paste and brown it with the onions. Add 4 16oz cans of chickpeas, drained. Add 3 28oz cans of crushed tomatoes, not drained. Add 1 cup sliced kalamata olives. Add 13 cups of lamb stock and 2 cups of vegetable broth. Add ¼ cup honey. Add 8 potatoes, peeled and sliced into thin discs. Add spices: ½ cup paprika, 2 tbsp cumin, 1 tbsp coriander, 1 tbsp cinnamon, 2 tbsp salt, 1 tbsp cayenne, 2 fingers fresh microplaned ginger, and 2 fingers fresh microplaned turmeric. Simmer until the potatoes are nice. Add 10 pounds of chopped lamb neck that you seared earlier. Simmer only a minute or two once the lamb neck is added.

Mrouzia (sweet sauce): Combine 1.5 cups vegetable broth, 1 diced sweet onion, ¼ cup honey, 1 finger microplaned fresh ginger, ¼ tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp salt, and a heaping ¼ cup each of dried dates, chopped apricots, and raisins (mostly golden raisins, a blend). Stew all these together in a small saucepan until it's good and thick, almost like jam.

Harissa (hot sauce): Roast 2 red bell peppers in olive oil. Seed and re-hydrate 16 dried bird's eye peppers. Saute both kinds of peppers with 6 cloves garlic, 3 tbsp lemon juice, 2 tsp cumin, 1 tsp paprika, 1 tsp cayenne, 1 tsp salt, and 1 tsp coriander. Grind in a small food processor until smooth. Add 1 tbsp olive oil and 1 tbsp lemon, and stir. Store with a thin layer of olive oil over the top.

Chermoula (green sauce): Combine and blend the following in a food processor: 2 bundles cilantro, 1 bundle parsley, 8 mint leaves, 2 poblano peppers (seeded and chopped), 1 head garlic, 1 finger ginger, 1 tbsp coriander, 1 tbsp cumin, the juice of 1 lemon, ⅕ oz of hot honey, ⅔ cup olive oil, ⅓ cup lemon olive oil, ⅓ cup chili crisp.

Batbout (flatbread): We used this recipe from Taste of Maroc, by Christine Benlafquih. It is excellent.

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