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# The Chanticleer

## Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

March, 2017

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### Customs of the Barony Beyond the Mountain

*This Custom ("Custom") of the Barony Beyond the Mountain (the "Barony") located in the East Kingdom (the "Kingdom") of the Society for Creative Anachronism (the "SCA") is effective as of this 16th day of January, 2017 and supersedes and replaces all previous versions of the Custom, Financial Polices and Election Policies.*

*WHEREAS, the Barony wishes to codify and publish its Custom:*

#### I. Definitions.

*The following terms will have the following meanings for purposes of this Custom:*

- 1. "Governing Documents" will mean the documents contained in the organizational handbook of the SCA, including Corpora, the By-Laws, Corporate Policies, and the Articles of Incorporation as available at [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org).*
- 2. "Kingdom Law" will mean the Laws of the East Kingdom and include the policies of the Kingdom Officers defined therein.*
- 3. The "Populace" will mean the persons fourteen years of age or older who reside within the designated geographic boundaries of the Barony.*
- 4. "Seneschal" and "Exchequer" will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law.*

#### II. Precedence of Law.

- 1. The Governing Documents and Kingdom Law are hereby incorporated by reference.*
- 2. In the event of a conflict the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law will prevail.*
- 3. In the event of a conflict between the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law, the Governing Documents will prevail.*

#### III. The Custom.

- 1. Custom will be published annually in a spring edition of the Newsletter, with a copy to the Kingdom Seneschal.*
- 2. Custom will be posted on the official Barony website hosted by the Kingdom (the "Website").*
  - a. In the event of a conflict between the Website and the Newsletter, the Newsletter will prevail.*
- 3. This Custom may be amended at any time by the following process:*
  - a. The proposed changes must be presented, in writing to the Seneschal and Baronage.*
  - b. The proposed changes must be discussed and voted upon by the Populace present at a regular Meeting in accordance with the voting procedure set forth in Section VI(4). The changes will be deemed approved upon receipt of a plurality.*
  - c. Approved changes must be published in the Newsletter.*

#### IV. The Baronage.

- 1. Selection and Review*
  - a. The Baron and/or Baroness of the Barony (the "Baronage") will be selected and reviewed as set forth in Kingdom Law.*
  - b. The election policies of the Barony are set forth in Schedule B of this Custom.*
- 2. Term. The Baronage will serve for a term as defined in Kingdom law.*

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## *Baronial Officers:*

**Baron & Baroness** - Baron Dorigen of Lewes, [baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org), and Mistress Eloise of Coulter, [baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Seneschal** – Marcus Allectius Felix, [Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Deputy** – Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, [muirnesue@aol.com](mailto:muirnesue@aol.com) & Lady Leandra deLeon, [leandrasuz@aol.com](mailto:leandrasuz@aol.com)

**Chatelaine** – Lady Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn, [chatelaine@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chatelaine@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Deputy** – Sybill Teller, [mpeckham83@gmail.com](mailto:mpeckham83@gmail.com)

**Chronicler** – Lady Johanna de Glastingburi, [chronicler@bbm.eastkingdom.com](mailto:chronicler@bbm.eastkingdom.com)

**Company Captain of Archers** – Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta, [archercap@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:archercap@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Exchequer** – Lady Ciara McRobbie, [exchequer@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:exchequer@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Deputy** - Lord Gwilym of Fflint, [willied0296@yahoo.com](mailto:willied0296@yahoo.com)

**Herald** – Vacant

**Deputy** - Mistress Camma an Daraich, [andaraich@hotmail.com](mailto:andaraich@hotmail.com)

**Knight Marshal** – Lord Angus Gove MacKinnon, [knightmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:knightmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Marshal of Fence** – Lord Grimolfr Skulason, [Grimolfr.Skulason@gmail.com](mailto:Grimolfr.Skulason@gmail.com)

**Marshal of Thrown Weapons** – Vacant

**Mistress of Arts & Science** – Lady Alys du Bois, [moas@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:moas@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Deputy** – Elspeth inghean Armstrong, [bethneedles@yahoo.com](mailto:bethneedles@yahoo.com)

**Minister of the List** – Mark of the Red Hand

**Web Minister** – Lady Sisuille Butler, [webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Deputy** - Lady Constance Navarre, [wolfie603@sbcglobal.com](mailto:wolfie603@sbcglobal.com)

**Youth Marshal** - Vacant

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# Combat Arts

**NOTE: Practices are subject to change without notice. Please call ahead.**

## Archery

**CT: BBM – The former Canton of Fennbrycg archery practice:** Practice to Tuesdays at 4:30 indoors for the winter at the Norwich Archery Club; crossbows welcome. Contact Bob Smith to ensure practice is on due to weather or other issues at 860-848-3525. \$5.00 for non-members of the club.  
**CT: BBM - Bowman's Rest:** Tuesdays – 5:30 p.m. Burlington, CT - Dorigen & Eloise's at 17 Bittersweet Lane, Burlington, CT. Contact Dorigen at 860-673-2240.

**CT: BBM – Woodstock:** Practice may still be open by appointment. Crossbows welcome. Contact Krakken at 860-928-0578 or Email: Dean\_Whitehead@bose.com.

**CT: Dragonship Haven: Sundays, noon-3pm** (weather permitting), in Oxford, CT.

**MA: Carolingia – Carlisle, MA: Sundays** from 10 am to 1 pm - Archery practice runs year round, by Master Peter the Red, at his home at 94 Laurelwood Drive, Carlisle, MA. All are welcome and loaner equipment is available. Contact Peter at peter.carmichael@comcast.net or call 978-287-0808.

**MA: Smoking Rocks - Trader Jan's:** Practice is open Wednesdays 5:30-7:30PM; Friday 6-8PM at 288 Plymouth Ave, Fall River MA. Lane fee is \$8.00. Loaner gear is available. Contact Owen at Owen\_Hudleston@yahoo.com

**MA: Quintavia - (Worcester County; Central Mass): Sunday from 1-3 pm** weather permitting. Rozi and Brokk's, 472 Gleasondale Road, Stow, MA.

**RI: Tobyn's practice:** Practice is open by appointment. Website has current information: [www.baronyofthebridge.eastkingdom.org](http://www.baronyofthebridge.eastkingdom.org). Contact Tobyn 401-741-9130 or Radagast 401-741-9067.

## Fencing

**Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Colchester Federated Church**, 60 Main St., Colchester, CT 06415  
Youth Fencing from 7-8PM

**Thursdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m.**, Keefe Community Center, Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Fencing Marshal

(Christophel) @ [fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org](mailto:fence@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org).

**Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center**, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA (hosted by the Shire of Quintavia).

## Heavy-List Fighting

**Tuesdays, 7-9 Middlefield Federated Church**, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Áine at [ainethefearless@gmail.com](mailto:ainethefearless@gmail.com)

**Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Colchester Federated Church**, 60 Main St., Colchester, CT 06415.

**Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church**, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Lord Harkin MacTighearnan, Knight Marshall of Barony of Bergental for more information.

**Thursdays, 8-10 p.m., Keefe Community Center**, Hamden, CT, hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact Baron Osgkar of the Wood (Stephen Straut-Esden); [osgkar@earthlink.net](mailto:osgkar@earthlink.net).

## Thrown Weapons Practice

**Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.**, weather permitting In the Canton of Ravenhill, 28 John Beach Rd Newtown, CT. Contact Michael Longstryder (Michael Intemann) [thrownweapons@ymail.com](mailto:thrownweapons@ymail.com) 203-270-3670 (no later than 8:30 p.m.)

## Youth Fighter Practice

**Tuesdays, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm** at Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact Aine at [ainethefearless@gmail.com](mailto:ainethefearless@gmail.com)

**Thursdays, 7-8 p.m.** at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Youth Fighter Marshal (Taoisech Holt Kincaid) for more information at [youth@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org](mailto:youth@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org). Those who are new or need loaner gear should arrive a little early and a marshal will be there assist them. Please bring your own personal protection (athletic cup) and water bottles.

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# Canton Seneschal:

# Arts & Science

Ravenhill – Michael Christian Longstryde,  
[michael.seneschal@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.seneschal@yahoo.com)

## Middle-Eastern Dance

Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Authur Murray Dance Studio,  
Glen Lochen Marketplace, 39 New London  
Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT. Contact Mistress Su'ad  
(Nancy Barrett) at 860-228-6933 (before 10 p.m.);  
[nancysuad@gmail.com](mailto:nancysuad@gmail.com).

## Baronial Champions:

**Archery Champion:** Lady Ciara McRobbie

**Fencing Champion:** Lord Grimolfr Skulason

**Heavy Weapons Champion:** Lord Mark the Red  
Hand

**Thrown Weapons Champion:** Lord Rumhann  
MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta

## Meetings:

**Baronial:** Sunday, March 12, 2017 1:00 pm - 4:00  
pm at the home of Master John McGuire, 103  
Union St, Vernon, CT. Gather at 1:00, meeting  
begins at 2:00. Don't forget daylight savings time!  
<http://bbm.eastkingdom.org/> or yahoo group.  
Contact Seneschal Marcus Allectius Felix,  
[Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Newcomers Meeting:** TBD

**Canton:**

**Ravenhill:** Second Monday of the month, at the  
home of Seneschal Michael Christian Longstryde  
(Michael Intemann), 28 John Beach Rd, Newtown,  
CT 06470, 203-270-3670 (Before 9:00 pm),  
[michael.seneschal@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.seneschal@yahoo.com).

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## Golden Seamstress Challenge

April 7th, 2017 - April 8th, 2017  
Hosted by Barony of Beyond the Mountain -  
Middlefield, CT

Are you behind on your resolution to start your  
Pennsic sewing early? Do you like to sewing garb  
but find it's more fun to sew with a group a folks?  
Do you have a set of garb that you want to make  
but are afraid to go it alone? Well we have just the  
event for you!

The Barony Beyond the Mountain invites you to  
show us your costuming skills The seamstresses of  
the East will take up the challenge to create a  
complete set of garments, from the skin out, in  
eighteen hours. Teams of from 1 to 6 active  
members are to start at 10 PM Friday and continue  
to 6 pm Saturday. Team members are expected to  
remain on-site during the competition. A tavern will  
be available on Saturday for breakfast and lunch.

For full details on rules of the challenge and how  
to register a team please  
visit <http://bbm.eastkingdom.org>

**Site Opens:** 6 pm Friday, April 7th

**Site Closes:** 11pm Saturday, April 8th

**Location:** Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main  
Street, Middlefield, CT 06455

**Directions:** Take your best Rout to I-91. Take exit  
20. Turn left onto Middle St (0.1 mile), turn left onto  
Country Club Rd (1.1 mile), turn right onto Higby  
Rd (1.2 mile), continue onto Jackson Hill Rd (2.1  
mile), turn left onto CT-157 N, church will be on the  
right.

**Registration:** No site fee or feast fee

**Event Steward:** Ciara McRobbie, MKA: Anne  
Akin, 248-339-6996, [anne.akin@pfizer.com](mailto:anne.akin@pfizer.com)

**Send Reservations to:** No reservations needed

**Other Contact Information:** No merchants, no  
children's activities, no martial activities

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## Calling all Heralds!

It was announced at the last meeting, as well as on the email list and FaceBook page that Lord Grimolfr has stepped down as the Baronial Herald effective as of the February meeting. As his deputy, Mistress Camma is filling in until a replacement is selected.

After announcing his resignation at the meeting, Grimolfr put out a call for candidates. At this time Camma has expressed interest in taking on the position. Per custom, the candidate(s) will be discussed at the March meeting and a vote will be taken at the April meeting.

If you are interested in holding an office for the Barony, but lack experience or time, consider acting as a deputy to one of the existing officers. It is a great way to understudy the job, to be involved, and to give back to the group. All of the officers' contact information is listed on the website: [www.bbm.eastkingdom.org](http://www.bbm.eastkingdom.org). Feel free to contact any of them about their position and what it entails - everyone loves to have a deputy.

### To my beloved BBM –

As some of you may be aware, I have been the White Oak Persuivant (Herald of Barony Beyond the Mountain) since 2014. After 3 years of service to BBM, I have decided to put more focus into being a single officer and remaining BBM's Marshal of Fence.

I seek a replacement. It is actually a lot of fun. There are some reports, but it's totally worth it make up some schtick in court. Her Excellency Eloise of Coulter taught me a lot about running and organizing a court, and if I can learn you can to. I had no training or experience walking into being the White Oak, but I will be there for you if you need me.

So who wants to give the spotlight a try?

Please contact me

at [herald@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:herald@bbm.eastkingdom.org) if you are interested or have any questions about what the office has in store for you if you chose to put your name in to accept the honor of White Oak Persuivant.

Yours in Service,  
Lord Grimolfr Skulason; White Oak Persuivant, BB  
M Marshal of Fence

# Customs of the Barony Beyond the Mountain

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### 3. Champions

- a. The Baronage may select champions (the "Baronial Champions") to represent whatever endeavors and in whatever fashion they choose in their sole discretion.
- b. The Baronial Champions serve at the discretion of the Baronage, for a term determined by the Baronage.
- c. The location and manner of selection of new Baronial Champions will be determined by the Baronage in consultation with the current Baronial Champions.
- d. The Baronial Champions will have the following duties:
  - i. Represent and defend the honor of the Baronage and the Barony;
  - ii. Advise and assist the Baronage in choosing their successors;
  - iii. Further the practice of their arts within the Barony;
  - iv. Attend the Baronage in court;
  - v. Bear and maintain the regalia associated with their positions; and
  - vi. Return the regalia to the Baronage upon selection of a new Baronial Champion;

### 4. Awards.

The following awards may be given at the sole discretion of the Baronage:

- a. The Order of the White Oak will be given for service to the Barony by a member of the Populace.
- b. The Order of the Sun and Soil will be given for service and/or participation with the Barony by people who live outside of its designated geographic boundaries.
- c. The Order of the Holly will be given for excellence in the arts and sciences by a member of the Populace.
- d. The Order of the Defender of the White Oak will be given for excellence in any of the martial arts by a member of the Populace.

### V. The Officers.

1. The Barony will maintain officers as required by the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law ("Baronial Officers").
2. Baronial Officers are subject to the policies of their respective Kingdom counterparts.
3. Baronial Officers will serve for the terms defined by Kingdom Law. In the event that Kingdom Law does not define a term, Baronial Officers will serve for a term of four years.

a. Unless otherwise specified in Kingdom Law, Baronial Officers may be re-elected for consecutive terms.

b. In the event that a Baronial Officer has not submitted a report to the Baronial Seneschal for a period of one year, their office will be deemed vacant, and a successor will be elected.

4. The Seneschal and the Exchequer are required to live within the geographic boundaries of the Barony. Other Baronial Officers are not required to live within the geographic boundaries of the Barony.

5. Baronial Officers will be elected by the Populace.

a. Applicants for a baronial office must submit a letter of intent to the Baronage, the Seneschal, and the incumbent Baronial Officer.

b. Notice of applicants for a baronial office and the date of the Meeting where the vote will take place will be published to the official baronial email list and in the Newsletter.

c. Baronial Officers will be selected by a plurality of the Populace present at the designated Meeting.

d. An incoming Baronial Officer will be deemed appointed at the Meeting where the Populace vote is taken.

e. When practicable, a Baronial Officer will give a minimum of three months' notice prior to vacating their office.

f. The outgoing and incoming Baronial Officers will, together with the Seneschal, ensure that all appropriate paperwork and permissions are filed within thirty days of the appointment of the incoming Baronial Officer.

g. All paperwork and related materials will be transferred to the incoming Baronial Officer within thirty days of their appointment.

6. Baronial Officers will make best efforts to attend all Meetings. If a Baronial Officer cannot attend a Meeting, they will provide the Seneschal with a report sufficiently in advance of the Meeting for the report to be read into the minutes.

7. Baronial Officers will publish their contact information on the Website and in the Newsletter. This will include a) their legal name; b) a phone number; and c) an email address.

#### VI. Policies.

1. The Chanticleer is the official newsletter of the Barony (the "Newsletter").

2. Official announcements will be published in the Newsletter, and may also be published on the Website. In the event of conflict, the Newsletter will prevail.

3. A meeting of the Baronial Officers and Populace (the "Meeting") will be held every month except July.

a. When possible, the Meeting will be held in different geographic regions of the Barony.

b. The Meeting will be overseen by the Seneschal or the Seneschal's designee.

c. The Meeting is open to the public, but only Baronial Officers and the Populace may vote on Barony matters.

4. Decisions regarding Barony matters will be determined by a vote of the Populace in attendance at the Meeting designated for decision of those matters.

a. Those matters which require paid membership in the SCA by the Governing Documents or Kingdom Law in order to vote will be identified as such by the Seneschal.

b. Adequate discussion of matters will be permitted in order to allow the Populace to form an informed decision.

i. When possible, matters will be raised and discussed at a Meeting, and the vote will be held at the following Meeting.

ii. In the case of a time-sensitive matter requiring an immediate decision, a vote of the Populace will be taken at the first Meeting. If necessary, this decision will be reviewed at the following Meeting.

iii. In the case of a non-critical matter, if significant objections are raised, the matter will be tabled until the following Meeting to permit further discussion.

c. Any decision may be re-examined at future Meetings.

d. Matters related to the disbursement of Baronial funds may only be voted on by members of the Financial Committee, as described in Schedule A.

#### VII. Event Policies.

1. The Barony will sponsor activities in the manner defined in Section II of the Governing Documents (the "Events.")

2. Any Event which will be published in the Kingdom newsletter and on the Kingdom website (a "Major Event") must be proposed to the Populace at a Meeting for approval, prior to any publication, announcement, or commitment.

3. All Events must be approved in advance, in writing, by the Barony's Seneschal.

a. Verbal approval is sufficient to initiate planning, but written approval must be on file with the Seneschal before the Event occurs.

b. The Seneschal may approve an Event via email.

4. Events must be published in the Chanticleer prior to their occurrence

5. A signed, written contract is required for any Event where a rental fee for a site is paid, unless the site is unable to provide one.

a. The contract should include the following:

i. any and all fees associated with the site;

ii. the site address;

iii. a description of the planned activities;

iv. a list of the facilities to be used by the Barony at the site;

v. whether or not the Barony will have exclusive use of the site;

vi. the dates and times when the site will be opened and closed; and

vii. contact information for the site both prior to, and the day of the Event.

6. The official announcement for a Major Event must be approved by the Seneschal in advance, in writing, prior to publication. The Seneschal may approve the announcement by email.

a. All Major Event announcements will state the reservation policy for residents of Canada set forth in the Financial Policy in Schedule A, Section [\_\_\_\_\_]

7. The person in charge of a Major Event (the "Event Steward") or their designee must attend the two Meetings immediately prior to the Major Event.

a. If attendance at the Meetings is a hardship for the Event Steward or their designee, they may request that one of the Meetings be moved to a location that will allow them to attend. The Barony will make a good faith effort to accommodate such a request.

b. In the event that there is a request to move a Meeting, the person requesting the change will be responsible for providing an appropriate site.

8. The Event Steward, with the assistance of the Seneschal and the Exchequer must be familiar with the financial policies regarding Events as set forth by the SCA and the Kingdom.

9. At the discretion of the Seneschal, the Event Steward may be suspended from running Events for two years from the date of their Event if they violate policies regarding Events, or fail to file the required reports associated with their Event within thirty days of the conclusion of their Event.

10. The Barony's Seneschal may at any time cancel an Event or remove an Event Steward. The cancellation or removal must be reviewed by the Baronage. Such cancellation or removal may only occur if a) appropriate SCA, Kingdom, and/or Barony policies have not been followed; and b) the situation endangers the Populace, finances, and/or reputation of the SCA, Kingdom, or Barony. The reasons for the cancellation or removal must be documented in the Seneschal's records.

11. A person who wishes to serve as a Major Event Steward who has not previously done so in the Barony must work with an experienced deputy approved by the Seneschal. A person who has previous experience as an Event Steward outside of the Barony may be allowed to run a Major Event without a deputy at the discretion of the Seneschal.

12. Policies regarding the collection, handling, and disbursement of Event monies are addressed in the Financial Policies listed in Schedule A of this Custom.

#### Schedule A

The Financial Policies of the Barony Beyond the Mountain

A re-write of the financial policies will be provided by Ciara

#### Schedule B

The Election Polices for the Baronage of the Barony Beyond the Mountain

All capitalized terms in this Schedule A will retain their meanings as defined in the Baronial Custom.

I. The election policies of the Barony as regards the Baronage (the "Election Policies") will conform to the election policies of the SCA and the Kingdom as regards the Baronage.

#### II. Election Process.

##### 1. Timing.

a. No later than one year prior to the end of the current Baronage's term, the Seneschal or their designee will:

i. commence the planning process for the Major Event to install the new Baronage (the "Investiture"). Event planning at this stage will consist of a minimum of the selection of a month mutually acceptable to the Barony and the outgoing Baronage for Investiture.

ii. determine the current polling procedure as set forth by the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law, ascertain the materials and timetable required, and convey this information to the Populace at the Meeting.

iii. contact the royalty regarding the proposed Investiture date as soon as possible.

b. No later than nine months prior to the month selected for Investiture the Seneschal or their designee will issue a call for nominations of candidates. This will include but not be limited to announcements at Meetings, announcements on the official Baronial email list, and publication in the Newsletter and the Kingdom newsletter.

i. Candidates will nominate themselves. No one may nominate a third party.

ii. Nominations must be sent to the Seneschal or their designee, and the Baronage.

iii. Nominations may be sent via first class mail or email.

iv. Nominations must include proof of eligibility.

v. Eligible nominations will be announced by the Seneschal or their designee at Meetings, on the official Baronial email list, and published in the Newsletter on an ongoing basis.

c. No later than seven months prior to the month selected for Investiture the Seneschal or their designee will commence the selection of a form of ballot. The decision of the form of ballot will be made by the Populace as set forth in Section VI(4) of the Custom.

d. No later than six months prior to the date selected for Investiture nominations will close and the Seneschal or their designee will finalize the form of ballot and send it to the Kingdom for approval.

e. No later than four months prior to the date selected for Investiture, the Seneschal or their designee will send the ballots to those members of the Populace who are eligible to vote as determined by the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law. Ballots will include:

i. The form of ballot;

- ii. A self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of the ballot;
- iii. A copy of the election issue of the Newsletter.

#### 2. Newsletter.

A special edition of the Newsletter will be prepared for the election, containing the following:

- a. The sections of Kingdom Law that address pollings for the Baronage;
- b. The Election Policies of the Barony;
- c. The list of candidates, including both SCA and legal names;
- d. If they so choose, letters from the candidates, subject to the following guidelines:
  - i. One letter per candidate or candidate slate;
  - ii. The subject matter is at the candidates' discretion;
  - iii. Letters may be up to 1,000 words in length;
  - iv. Letters must be received by the deadline for publication set by the chronicler;
  - v. Letters will be published without editing by the chronicler; and
  - vi. Letters may be submitted in any format legible to the chronicler;
- e. The special edition of the Newsletter will be published as usual, and will also be printed and sent with the ballots. Funds necessary for the printing will be provided by the Barony and will not require approval by the Financial Committee.

#### III. Changes to the Election Policy.

The Election Policy may be amended at any time by the following process:

1. The proposed changes must be presented by a paid member, in writing, to the Seneschal and the Baronage.
2. The proposed changes must be discussed and voted upon by the Populace present at a regular Meeting. The changes will be deemed approved upon receipt of a simple majority.
3. Approved changes must be published in the Newsletter.

## Archaeology News

<http://www.archaeology.org/news/>

**2/23/17 - SKELETONS BURIED HAND IN HAND EXCAVATED IN LONDON - LONDON, ENGLAND**—The skeletons of two men who appear to have been interred hand in hand were excavated from a plague burial ground in London during the construction of the Crossrail tunnel, according to a report from *The Guardian*. The men are thought to have been in their 40s and were buried in the early fifteenth century in a carefully dug double grave. They were placed in identical positions, with their

heads angled to the right, and the left hand of one man clasping the right hand of the other. "One possible interpretation is that they were related in some way, for example by blood or marriage," said archaeologist Sam Pfizenmaier, who led the excavation, noting that the positioning of their hands could be accidental. Both men are thought to have died in an outbreak of bubonic plague and were buried in the cemetery in Smithfield that opened in 1348 and ultimately held more than 50,000 bodies. DNA of several of the skeletons excavated from the cemetery has revealed exposure to *Yersinia pestis*, the bacterium that causes plague. To read about another discovery as part of the Crossrail project, go to "A Tale of Two Railroads." <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/22/mystery-male-black-death-victims-found-buried-hand-in-hand>

**2/23/17 - CROUCHED MEDIEVAL BURIALS FOUND IN SIBERIA - YAMAL PENINSULA, RUSSIA**—Unusual burials of three women and a man dating to the eleventh century have been discovered in Russia's Yamal Peninsula, according to a report from *The Siberian Times*. All four bodies were found in a crouched position, which archaeologist Andrey Plekhanov said indicates they may have been ritually buried or possibly even sacrificed. All four also suffered from serious diseases or starvation, and the man was set on fire after death, a phenomenon not previously recorded in the area. "We can be sure that he did not die in the fire," said Plekhanov. "His dead body was set to fire, but not a very strong one. His bones remained almost intact, the fire damage[d] mostly the soft tissues." Among the artifacts found with the bodies were a bronze bracelet with a bear image, a knife with a bronze handle, a tanning scraper, bronze and silver pendants, a ring, and a facial mask made of animal skin. Fragments of pottery, possibly from the funeral meal, were also found. To read about another recent discovery in the area, go to "Siberian William Tell."

<http://siberiantimes.com/science/casestudy/features/f0290-medieval-burials-on-yamal-peninsula-may-have-been-ritualistic-sacrifices/>

#### **2/21/17 - MEDIEVAL ENGLISH GRAFFITI SURVEYED - BOLTON, ENGLAND**—

Archaeologists are searching buildings in Bolton for medieval markings designed to fend off evil spirits and bad omens, according to a report in *The Bolton News*. Members of the Bolton Archaeology and Egyptology Society are being trained to spot the marks through tours of historic buildings such as Hall i' th' Wood, a Tudor manor house built in the early sixteenth century. "Buildings often change uses," says Ian Trumble, the society's chairman.



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*“For example, Hall i’ th’ Wood was a farmhouse before it become a posh home and markings could show the different uses of the building over time.” Among the markings society members will be looking for are daisy wheels, taper burns, and the “VV” sign, which stands for “Virgo Virginum” and has traditionally been associated with the cult of the Virgin Mary. To read in-depth about medieval graffiti, go to “Letter from England: Writing on the Church Wall.”*

[http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/15101689.Owners\\_of\\_homes\\_pre\\_dating\\_1700s\\_urged\\_to\\_check\\_their\\_houses\\_for\\_39\\_witch\\_markings\\_39\\_/2/14/17](http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/15101689.Owners_of_homes_pre_dating_1700s_urged_to_check_their_houses_for_39_witch_markings_39_/2/14/17) - **MEDIEVAL KILN UNEARTHED IN NOTTINGHAM - NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND**—*The Nottingham Post reports that pottery, glass, roof tiles, and a possible brick kiln have been unearthed at a construction site located outside what had been the limits of the medieval town of Nottingham. The town was known for its green-glazed pottery, but this is the first time that evidence suggesting that it was produced beyond the town ditch has been found. “Defense was a factor, but the main purpose of a town ditch was demarcation,” said project manager Paul Flintoft. “Every town would have needed one. It’s almost as if there may have been a suburb on the outside of the ditch.” To read about another recent discovery in England, go to “Behind the Curtain.”*

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/pottery-clues-to-medieval-nottingham-s-growth-industry/story-30135688-detail/story.html>

**2/14/17 - ROASTED TURNIP FOUND IN 16TH-CENTURY SIBERIAN SETTLEMENT - TARA, SIBERIA**—*According to a report in The Siberian Times, a team of researchers from Tomsk State University is excavating a house at an early Russian settlement in southwestern Siberia that was founded in 1594. The military town was situated on the border of the steppe, in order to protect areas to the west that were occupied by Russians. The house under investigation burned down, so that a woman’s knitted stockings, a turnip in a large clay pot, and wooden structures and fortifications were preserved. “The fire was quite big,” explained archaeologist Maria Chernaya. She said that the turnip had been stored near the house’s stove, and when the fire began, it baked inside the storage pot. Analysis of the root vegetable indicates that it had been kept in the pot for several months, suggesting that if it had been harvested in autumn, the house burned down in the winter or spring. “Among other interesting finds are pieces of glassware, which was made by Venetian technology somewhere in Germany or the modern Czech Republic, and then exported to Russia,” she*

*explained. For more, go to “Siberian William Tell.”*  
<http://siberiantimes.com/science/casestudy/features/f0286-charred-turnip-dinner-from-400-years-ago-throws-new-light-on-conquest-of-siberia/>

**2/10/17 - ANIMAL BURIALS UNEARTHED IN ENGLAND - SHROPSHIRE, ENGLAND**—

*Shropshire Live reports that the remains of three people and several animals have been found at the site of a church that could date to the Anglo-Saxon period. A flint was found in the ribs of a calf buried side-by-side with a pig. The remains of a large dog, which had died giving birth, was buried near six chickens. The team also uncovered a pig that may have been interred in a leather-covered wooden coffin. The bones of a pregnant goat, another dog, and what may be a large goose have also been found. “The bones don’t show any signs of butchery, and the animals appear to have been deliberately and carefully laid in the ground,” said archaeologist Janey Green of Baskerville Archaeological Services. “To find animals buried in consecrated ground is incredibly unusual because it would have been a big no-no,” Green explained. The bones may be linked to a nearby prehistoric burial mound, however, and once they have been dated, they will be reburied at the site. For more on the Anglo-Saxons, go to “Letter from England: Stronghold of the Kings in the North.”*

<http://www.shropshirelive.com/2017/02/10/archaeologists-discover-possible-anglo-saxon-church-and-mysterious-ancient-animal-burials/>

**2/8/16 - MORE ON SCOTLAND’S ARDNAMURCHAN BOAT BURIAL - LEICESTER, ENGLAND**—

*According to a report in Live Science, a team of scientists has analyzed the contents of a 1,000-year-old Viking warrior’s grave discovered in western Scotland in 2011. Isotope analysis of the warrior’s teeth revealed that he grew up in Scandinavia, while his grave goods are thought to have originated in Scandinavia, Scotland, and Ireland. The high-status weapons in the grave included a large ax head, a sword with a decorated hilt, a spear, and a shield whose boss has survived. Other artifacts related to daily life included a whetstone made from a type of rock found in Norway, and a copper-alloy ringed pin, which may have been used to fasten a burial cloak or shroud. Stones for the boat burial may have been obtained from a nearby Neolithic burial cairn. For more, go to “Hoards of the Vikings.”*

<http://www.livescience.com/57793-viking-warrior-grave-has-ax-sword.html>

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*Upcoming Baronial Events:*

*Golden Seamstress Challenge*

*April 7th, 2017 –*

*April 8th, 2017*

*Middlefield, CT*

*And*

*Summer Solstice Shoot*

*June 17, 2017*

*New Britain, CT*



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