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BBM Seneschal Election October 2016

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Instead of voting at a meeting, we will be doing an online ballot for the Office of Seneschal. The above link will become available for voting on October 17, 2016. Only those paid members who are 14 or older, and who reside within the geographical boundaries of the barony, are eligible to vote. ALL BALLOTS ARE DUE BY 10:00 PM, OCTOBER 31, 2016. Please exercise your right to vote!



Draken Harald Hårfagre is a clinker-built Viking longship, at Mystic Seaport.



Baronial Officers:

Baron & Baroness - Baron Dorigen of Lewes, baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org, and Mistress Eloise of Coulter, baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org

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Deputy - Lady Constance Navarre, wolfie603@sbcglobal.com

Youth Marshal - Karrah the Mischievous, youthmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Canton Seneschal:

Ravenhill – Michael Christian Longstryde,
michael.seneschal@yahoo.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: Monday, October 17, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT. Contact Seneschal Anarra Karlsdottir, t_neill@hotmail.com

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.

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Photos by Baroness Eloise and Mistress Aelfgifa of the Hazel Thicket

Arts & Science

Middle-Eastern Dance

Sundays, 1-4 p.m., Author 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.

Field and Forest

For all you gardeners out there, check out the Field and Forest article at All in Seasons, the Metropolitan Museum's blog that features all the latest news about the Met Cloisters - <http://www.metmuseum.org/blogs/in-season/2016/field-and-forest>. There are two time lapsed videos that show the transformation of the Trie Cloister Garden at The Cloisters to mimic the Museum's Unicorn Tapestries.

Sounds like a good reason for a spring field trip! Anyone interested?

The All in Season blog took the place of The Medieval Garden Enclosed which is still available for viewing at:

<http://blog.metmuseum.org/cloistersgardens/>.



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. 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: Thursday from 8pm-10pm at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT. Closed for the Season

MA: Carolingia - Carlisle MA: Practice is closed until spring.

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): Practice is closed until spring.

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

Fencing

Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415

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.

Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA (hosted by the Shire of Quintavia). Contact Captain Anssem van Rien, Marshall of Fence, Carolingia, at fence-marshall@carolingia.eastkingdom.org.

Heavy-List Fighting

Tuesdays, 7-10 Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Áine at ainethefearless@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m. Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415. **PLEASE NOTE the 3rd Wednesday of each month is for Youth Combat Practice Only.**

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Cedric of Armorica, 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 Oskgar of the Wood (Stephen Straut-Esden); osgkar@earthlink.net. Fridays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wyman Elementary School, 1 Columbia Ave., Warwick, RI. Directions and contacts on BBM website.

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 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

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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. 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



A Message from our Baroness:

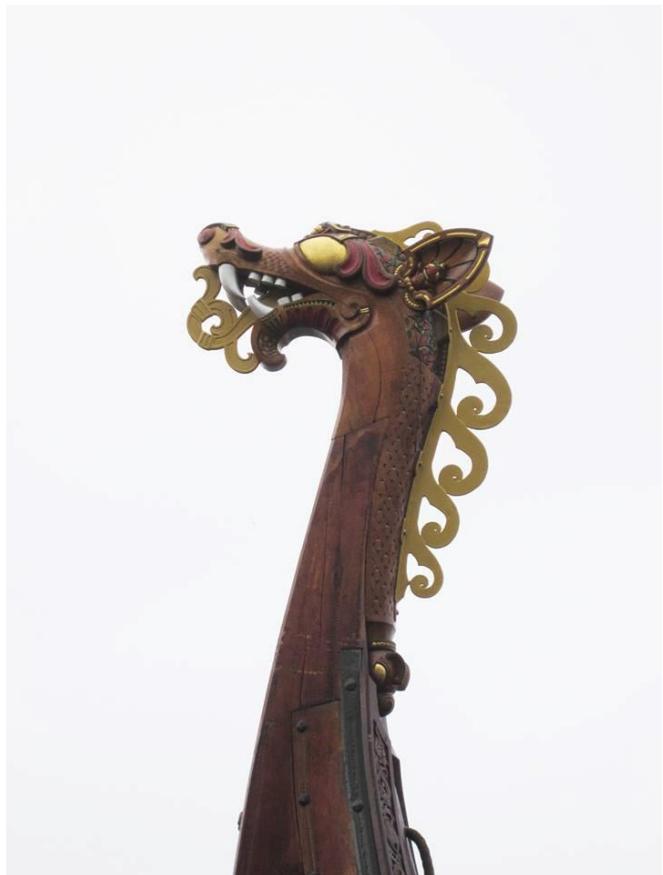
The leaves are turning, the air is cooling, and it's raining on all the wrong days. It must be autumn in New England. To be honest, I'm delighted that it's finally raining, but does it really need to rain on the weekends? Thursdays seem like a much better time for it. Since our last writing, a King has stepped down, a King has stepped up, a Viking ship has landed on our shores, and the Barony has selected a new thrown weapons champion. A few words on a couple of those items.

I hope that people were able to get to Mystic to see the Drakan Harald Hårfagre if they wanted to - it was an amazing sight. Even in the entirely mistimed rain. If you weren't able to make it and you have access to Facebook, a number of people have posted photos well worth looking at: Mistress Aelfgiva's are particularly impressive. It was humbling to think about people crossing the ocean in boats that (relatively) small, in a world before GPS, weather radar, and the Coast Guard. They were made of stern stuff. By the time you read this the Drakan Harald Hårfagre will be closed to the public - the crew is in the process of closing her down for the winter. She is over-wintering at Mystic Seaport, and my understanding is that next summer's course is not yet set. I'm hopeful that they may have another public access again in the spring before they depart. If anyone keeps track of that and finds any information, please share it with the Barony.



Of more local interest, we have a new thrown weapons champion! First the thank you's - many thanks to Lady Sisuile and Lord Rumhann, who offered their home and their time to host the competition. I'm sure that when they originally conceived the idea they didn't think we would all be in their kitchen, but that's autumn in New England. Just as many thanks to Lord Grimolfr for

coming up with targets that were just as much fun to watch as they were to throw at. The Barony clearly needs more cowbell, and he did his best to provide it. Additionally, he gave new meaning to "having a bad hair day." Personally, I want to thank both Grimolfr and Rumhann for the instruction time they put in, and for letting me throw a few axes. That was a lot more fun than I thought it would be, and something I might want to try some more. However, after letting myself and young Jacob try our hands at throwing tools and (in Jacob's case) cutlery down range, there was actually a tournament held, and I am pleased to announce that Lord Rumhann MacDubhsithe an Bhlog Seolta is our newest Champion. Many thanks to Grimolfr for his time in the position, and welcome to Rumhann. It was fun day, even if considerably more wet than anyone had hoped.



As an aside, I should thank my husband for insisting that "cauldron" was the correct size batch of mustard soup for the day. I tend to forget that it never goes to waste.

There are a few things in the next few months worth noting. November brings us St. Eligius, held by our neighbors of Dragonship Haven. They always hold great events, so don't miss this one. Unless, of course, your interest lies in the area of stewarding events, in which case I

recommend the Autocrat's Colloquim in the Barony of Carolingia. Sadly, on the same day. If you have any interest in that side of service, please investigate the class list - it will be well worth the drive.

December is Yule, and it will be on us sooner than you think. Our responsibility this year is to provide staffing - particularly for set-up, gate, and clean-up, although I doubt that an offer of help anywhere will be turned down. Lady Sybill Teller is our coordinator - if you can help out in any fashion, please contact her and let her know. If you want to help but you're not sure how, contact her and she'll give you a job! Volunteer early, volunteer often.

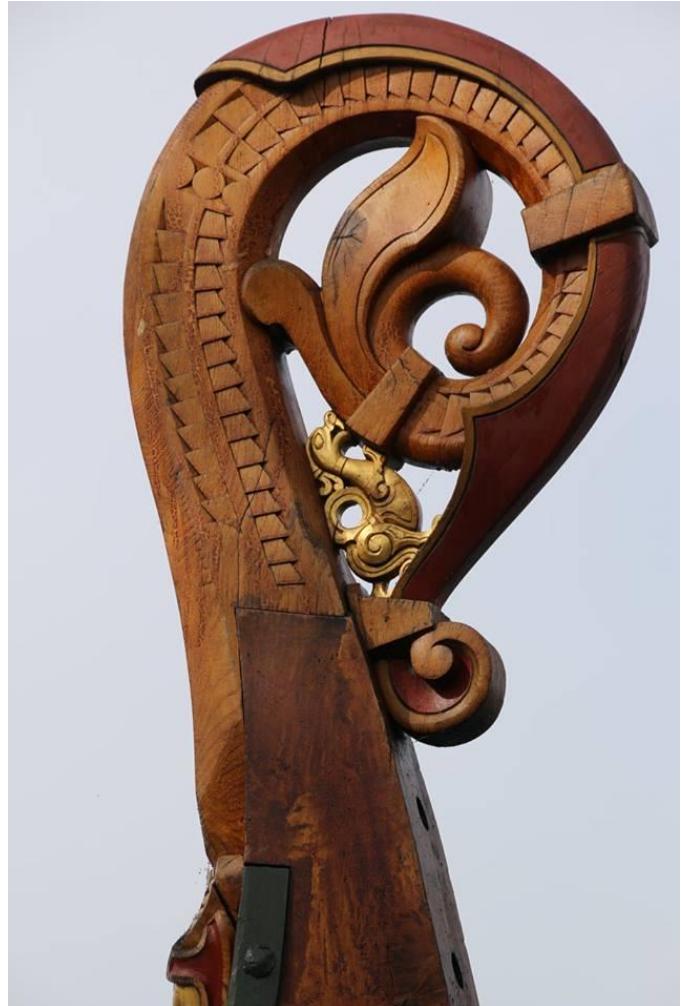
So what shall I try next? I'm still working on the heavy list goal (coming down sick at Pennsic slowed that *right* the heck down,) and I tried out a tiny bit of thrown weapons (and want to try more, but I'll probably wait until spring.) His Excellency and I will negotiate about archery over the winter. What else would you all like to see me do badly? I won't make any promises, because we all have our limits, but let's at least talk about it.

Lastly, the two usual things. Remember that there are a variety of practices available throughout the Barony: heavy weapons practice on Tuesdays in Middlefield (with special guest instructor King's Champion Gelleys every other week - and yes, he knows I'm taking his name in vain;) fencing practice and sometimes heavy weapons on Wednesdays in Colchester (the site requests a donation to cover rental costs;) youth combat practice in Middlefield on Tuesdays; and archery in Burlington on Tuesdays. Please note that while the sun is setting sooner and the weather is getting colder, archery DOES continue. The range is lit, and as long as there is not snow on the ground and the archers are willing to leave the comfort of the central heating, there WILL be practice. Please check the Baronial calendar on the front page of the website for information on the various practices.

And finally - if you are aware of anyone in the Barony whom we should recognize with a Baronial award, please let us know. Yule court is not so far away - send those recommendations now before I decide that we're full up for that event. The Baronial order of precedence is also listed on the website, so if you know of a deserving person, please take a moment to check their listing. The people who are "overdue" for awards are usually because everyone thought they already had it.

Thank you, and enjoy your pumpkin spice everything. Talk to you in November.

Eloise, Baroness



Archaeology News

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

9/20/16 - POSSIBLE ANGLO-SAXON PALACE DISCOVERED AT RENDLESHAM - SUFFOLK, ENGLAND—*BBC News* reports that traces of a large structure at the Anglo-Saxon site at Rendlesham have been detected with aerial photography and geophysical surveys. Researchers think Rendlesham may be the “king’s village” described by the Venerable Bede, an eighth-century monk, who also mentioned a palace in the village. “We have discovered what we think is a large Anglo-Saxon Hall, which could be the palace itself, if you could call it that,” said Faye Minter of Suffolk County Council’s archaeological unit. The building measures 75 feet by 30 feet. Helen Geake of the British Museum explained that Anglo-Saxon kings probably had many palaces and halls in East Anglia so that they would have places to stay when they toured the kingdom. Scholars also think that the king at Rendlesham was buried in the ship burial at Sutton Hoo, located about four miles away. To read about other discoveries in

Suffolk, go to "Letter from England: Writing on the Church Wall." <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-suffolk-37412519>

9/12/16 - RADAR SCANS DETECT POSSIBLE ROYAL GRAVE AT READING ABBEY -

READING, ENGLAND—**BBC News** reports that graves have been detected with ground-penetrating radar behind the high altar at the ruins of Reading Abbey, where King Henry I is said to have been buried in 1136. He founded Reading Abbey in 1121, and King Henry VIII sacked it during the dissolution of the monasteries in the mid-sixteenth century. A jail, a parking lot, a church, and public gardens are among the buildings that were later built on the site. Twelve archaeological digs to look for additional traces of the medieval abbey and the remains of the king are planned. For more, go to "Legends of Glastonbury Abbey."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-berkshire-37340498>



9/6/16 - VIKING SWORD DISCOVERED IN ICELAND - SKAFTARHREPPUR, ICELAND—**The Iceland Monitor** reports that a group of men out

hunting geese in southern Iceland recovered a 1,000-year-old Viking sword. "It was just lying there, waiting to be picked up," said hunter Rúnar Stanley Sigvatsson. The men handed the artifact over to officials from the Cultural Heritage Center of Iceland. Experts believe the sword had been placed in a grave. An excavation of the site is being planned. For more, go to "**Artifact: Viking Sword.**" http://icelandmonitor.mbl.is/news/news/2016/09/05/video_viking_sword_was_just_waiting_to_be_picked_up/

9/6/16 – ARE DIGITAL IMAGES ACCURATE

ENOUGH FOR RESEARCH? - SWANSEA, WALES—**BBC News** reports that high-resolution, 3-D reconstructions of a skull and artifacts recovered from the wreckage of Henry VIII's warship the *Mary Rose* are now available to the public. The skull, recovered on the ship's lower deck, was identified by researchers as having belonged to a carpenter based on the tools, including a wood plane and a whetstone holder, found near the bones. The carpenter's remains reveal that he suffered from an abscess in his jaw, and arthritis in his spine, ribs, and left clavicle. He also had a healed wound across his right eyebrow. Researchers will have access to additional bones recovered from the *Mary Rose*. "We're going to challenge the research community to see if they can actually do osteological analysis," said materials engineer Richard Johnston of Swansea University. "Then we will take the results from around the world and try and compare those to a study that we did, where people looked at the real remains," he explained. To read more about this wreck, go to "**Mary Rose and Vasa.**"

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-37250413>

9/2/16 - SALISBURY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

YIELDS RANGE OF ARTIFACTS - SALISBURY, ENGLAND—**The Salisbury Journal** reports that development in the city center has uncovered artifacts and features ranging from the medieval period through the Victorian age. The finds include medieval building foundations, a Tudor kiln, a sixteenth-century well, and silver coins from the Tudor period. Archaeologists also recovered a clasp or pin made of polished bone. "It was a nice surprise that so much of what we found has survived, considering all of the development on the site that's gone on in the modern period," said Ray Kennedy of Cotswold Archaeology. To read about another site in southern England, go to "**The Many Lives of an English Manor House.**"

http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/14718189.Medieval_artefacts_found_on_city_centre_development_site/

*Congratulations to our
new Thrown Weapons
Champion:*

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