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We have heirs!

During royal court at Yule, Their Majesties announced that Lord Mark the Red Hand and Lady Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn ap Henry will succeed us as Baron and Baroness Beyond the Mountain when we step down from the Housatonic thrones.



I would like to thank all of the candidates who participated in our Baronial election. Each of you did honor to our Barony with your desire to serve as its head. I would also like to particularly thank Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, who shepherded us through the election process so ably.

Baron Dorian and I have the utmost confidence that Mark and Gwenllian will provide able and honorable leadership after us. They have deep roots and strong ties in the Barony, and will serve you well. They have our full support and congratulations.

Eloise, BBM



Baronial Officers:

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

Seneschal – Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Deputy - Lady Leandra deLeon, leandrasuz@aol.com

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Marshal of Fence – Lord Grimolfr Skulason, rapier@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Marshal of Thrown Weapons – Vacant

Mistress of Arts & Science – Lady Aurelia & Becky, moas@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Minister of the List – Lord Mark of the Red Hand, mol@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Web Minister – Lady Sisule Butler, webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Youth Marshal - Vacant

Combat Arts

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

Archery

CT: BBM – By appointment Sundays, 3-5 at the Norwich Archery Club. Contact Siobhan 860-859-2773.

CT: BBM - Tuesdays – 5:30 p.m. Burlington, CT - Dorigen & Eloise's at 17 Bittersweet Lane, Burlington, CT. Contact Dorigen at 860-673-2240.

CT: Dragonship Haven: Sundays 12-3 pm (in season, weather permitting) Oxford, CT. DragonshipHaven@yahoogroups.com

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

MA: Smoking Rocks - Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm and Fridays 6-8 pm – Trader Jan's, 288 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, MA. Lane fee is \$8. Loaner gear is available.

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.

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Fencing

Sundays, 1-3 pm – 29 Florida Road, East Haddam, CT – Adult rapier only – Contact Grimolfr at 860-682-2526.

Mondays, 7-9 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA (Quintavia).

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.

Heavy-List Fighting

Tuesdays, 7-10 pm, Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT.

Contact: Aine at ainethefearless@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7 pm, Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact 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 the marshal at heavy@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Thrown Weapons Practice

1st & 3rd Sunday, 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT. Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

Saturdays, 9-12 Aschehyrst, 258 Edgell Rd, Framingham, MA. Contact Symon of Barnesdale, thrown-weapons-marshall@carolingia.eastkingdom.org

Youth Fighter Practice

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. This practice is currently in abeyance and planning to restart in January. Please contact Aine at ainethefealeass@gmail.com for more details.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Jonathan Buchanan

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta

Meetings:

Baronial: Next meeting is December 11, 2017 – Joann's Fabric, Newington, CT. Contact Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Arts & Science

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.

Dance

First Tuesday of month – 7:30-9:30 pm - Camelot Co-Housing 46 Sawyer Hill Rd. Berlin, MA (Quintavia)

Sewing

Sewing & Throwing is the 3rd Sunday, bring your string based projects, hang out, throw sharp objects at wood. 64 Orchard St, Vernon, CT Contact sisuile@gmail.com for times.

From our Heirs!

Greetings to all,

Last night in Kingdom court at Yule, we were named the heirs to Baron Dorigen of Lewes and Baroness Eloise of Coulter. We are both honored and grateful to have been chosen for the honor of serving our Barony in this new capacity.

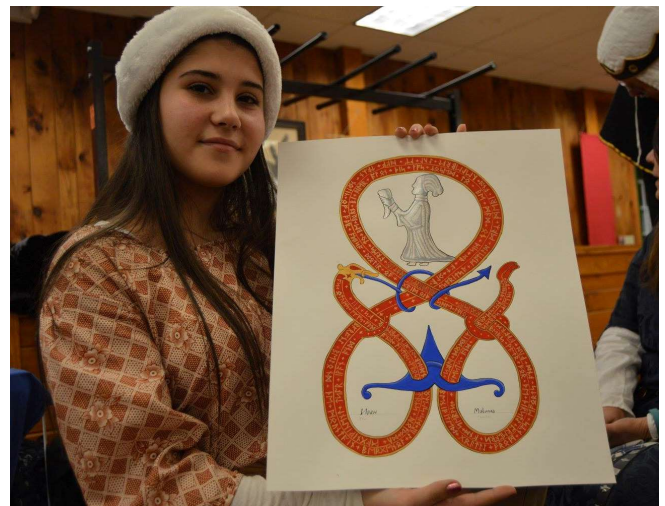
We want to thank you, our beloved Barony for your faith in our ability to lead you as your future Baron and Baroness. We would also like to thank the other candidates for a smooth, well run campaign and Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn for taking up the mantle of Seneschal for this election. We are grateful for her experience and knowledge.

We are looking forward to working with their Excellencies Dorigen and Eloise to ensure a smooth transition into our new roles. We have also had generous offers from Baron Dinsdale and Baroness Aelfgifa, of their wise council, should we need it. We are so thankful for their experience and insights. I'm sure we will draw form their experience.

Last, thank you to Their Majesties Ivan and Matilde for their faith in us. We will do our best to make you proud of your decision.

Yours in service,

Mark and Gwenllian



Photos by:
Baroness Eloise of Coulter
Lady Sitt al Gharb ha-niqret Khazariyya

Congratulations to:

Lord Gwilym of Fflint,
our new Thrown Weapon Champion

Lady Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn
who received the
Order of the Keel from the Barony of Dragonship
Haven and their Fiskur Award at St. Eliguis

The following received awards at Yule:

Noah of Manchester:
Companion of the Order of the White Oak
Francesca di Stellari:
Companion of the Order of the White Oak
Jon Buchanon:
Companion of the Defenders of the White Oak

Members of Musica Tranmontana
Mistress Rufina Cambrensis:
Companion of the Order of the Sun and Soil
Master John Elys:
Companion of the Order of the Sun and Soil
Mistress Deonna von Aachen:
Companion of the Order of the Sun and Soil
Mistress Isabeau d'Orleans:
Companion of the Order of the Sun and Soil

New Baronial Heavy List Champion:
Baron Angus Gove MacKinnon

Grant of turbary to Rumhann - turbary is the right to cut peat.

Grant by Dorian and Eloise, Baron and
Baroness Beyond the Mountain to Rumhann
MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta of sufficient
common of turbary in the Tolland Moss for burning
in his own house and material for covering his
buildings, with right of digging, drying, and carrying
the said turves at all times of the year. Rent, a rose
at the feast of St. Christina the
Astonishing.Warranty, for so long as we hold the
Barony in trust for the King. Fennbrycg. Saturday,
on the feast of Saint Bibiana, A.S. 52

Treaty with the heirs to the Barony Beyond the Mountain:

Dorigen and Eloise, baron and baroness
Beyond the Mountain, to the knights, masters,
officers, barons, and to all their subjects Beyond
the Mountain, greeting.

Know that We, Baron Dorigen and Baroness
Eloise, with the consent of the King and Queen of
the East, have established Lord Mark the Red
Hand and Lady Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn ap Henry
as our successors in the Barony Beyond the
Mountain, and have recognized them as our heirs
by right, and thus we have given and confirmed to
them the Barony Beyond the Mountain.

Mark and Gwenllian in return for this honour and
gift and confirmation which we have done to them,
have done homage to us, and given us surety by
oath. They have sworn that they will be our
liegemen, and that they will guard our lives and
honour by every means in their power according to
the agreements made between us which are
described in this charter.

We also have given an oath of surety to Mark
and Gwenllian that we will guard their lives and
honour by every means in our power, and that we
will maintain them as our children and heirs in all
things, and that we will do all we can to guard them
against all men.

Mark and Gwenllian have agreed to the
increments which we have given to our past
champions, to wit, revenues of the forest of Talcott
and manor of Heublein, the manors of Tarrywile
and Ives, assartment within the messuage of
Hartland, and revenue of the forest of Nipmuck.

Also, in order to increase our thanks and to
strengthen our love towards them, Mark and
Gwenllian have confirmed to all our liegemen those
grants of pannage, agistment, estover, fortification,
pontage, murage, toll, turbary, and quittances
which we have given to them with whatever
pertains to those honours and will confirm all the
other things given by us.

If Mark and Gwenllian go back from their
promises, it shall altogether break our service to
them until they correct their errors; and our
daughter also, following the counsel of wise men,
shall act likewise in similar circumstances.

Our peers and officers shall give faith to Mark
and Gwenllian saving their fealty to us so long as
we live and have the barony with a similar
understanding that if we go back from our promises
they shall altogether break their service to us until
we correct our errors.

Done the second day of December, Anno Societatis fifty-two, at the hundred of Fennbrycg, in sight of the King.



Proposed Betrothal

From the Mudpuppy - Settmour Swamp's newsletter

At the joint Yule revel of the Barony Beyond the Mountain and Bergental, Mistress Isabeau d'Orleans carried the words of Jonathan and Teresa, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp, proposing the engagement of their son Oscar to Charlotte, the daughter of Baron Dorian and Baroness Eloise. This union would enhance the friendship between our two baronies. As proof of the good intentions, Mistress Isabeau presented an offer of a manor surrounded by lush and fertile pasture lands as jointure to support Charlotte should she outlive Oskar. As proof of its value, she noted that this same pasture land has been coveted by the Barony of Carillion. Mistress Isabeau did suggest that one possible stipulation for the happy engagement was that Charlotte could not knock out any more of Oscar's teeth. Baron Dorian and Baroness Eloise entertained to the offer of engagement. Her excellency suggested that further negotiations were needed, in particular due to the tender ages of the young couple, and being assured of their desires in the matter. Mudthaw was proposed as the date for these further negotiations. The full encounter may be viewed in a video captured by Baroness Arlyana van Wyck: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t319g3GGT10&feature=youtu.be>

Archaeology News

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

11/28/17 - POSSIBLE MEDIEVAL MIKVEH IDENTIFIED IN FRANCE - SAINT-PAUL-TROIS-CHÂTEAUX, FRANCE—A basin in an ancient cellar in southern France may have been used as a mikveh, or Jewish ritual bath, during the Middle Ages, according to a *Times of Israel* report. Researchers led by Claude de Mecquenem of the French National Institute of Preventive Archaeological Research recently re-examined the cellar, which is located in what had been the heart of the Jewish quarter in the town of Saint-Paul-Trois Châteaux in the thirteenth century. "Every time I went down there, there was always water there," commented Mylène Lert of the Tricastine Museum of Archaeology. "And considering that a Torah ark was discovered in a house next door, the clues suggesting that this is a mikveh are starting to add up," she said. After King Philip IV expelled Jews from southern France in 1306, they were only allowed to live in guarded ghettos on land owned by the pope. To read about the discovery of another mikveh, go to "Under the Rug." <https://www.timesofisrael.com/archaeologists-may-have-found-a-mikveh-near-marseille/>



11/22/17 - MEDIEVAL VILLAGE UNEARTHED IN DENMARK - TOLLERUP, DENMARK—Traces of three medieval farm buildings have been unearthed in eastern Denmark, reports *Science Nordic*. The structures were built between A.D. 1400 and 1600, but the site itself probably dates to at least the eleventh century. King Canute IV deeded a village in the vicinity of the excavations to a local bishop in 1085, and tax records from the period suggest there were six farms and a manor at that site. Archaeologists suspect the newly discovered

village is the same one mentioned in the medieval documents. National Museum of Denmark archaeologist Nils Engberg says that merely finding any traces of buildings dating to this period is exceedingly rare. Because of a chronic timber shortage in the Middle Ages, buildings were made from stone, which was often reused in later buildings. "We have lots of excavations from earlier periods" says Engberg. "For example from the Stone Age and Bronze Age. But unfortunately not from the Middle Ages." To read more about medieval Denmark, go to "Bluetooth's Fortress." <http://scienordic.com/lost-medieval-village-discovered-denmark>



11/22/17 - NEW RESEARCH ON VIKING ARMY CAMP AT REPTON - BRISTOL, ENGLAND— Archaeologists have turned up new evidence about a ninth-century Viking overwintering camp in the Derbyshire village of Repton, according to a report from *Yahoo News*. The site, which was occupied by a Viking army in the winter of 873-4, was previously excavated starting in the 1970s and was thought to have been limited to a fortified D-shaped enclosure measuring just a few acres. Now, a team from the University of Bristol has found evidence of structures and activities including metalworking and ship repair in the area outside this enclosure. Among the items found there were lead gaming pieces, fragments of battle-axes and arrows, and nails with roves, which are a telltale feature of Viking ship nails. The finds show that the Viking camp was larger and host to a wider range of activities than had been previously known, said Cat Jarman of the University of Bristol. According to the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, when the Vikings arrived in Repton in 873, they drove the Mercian king Burghred overseas. The researchers also confirmed that a mass grave at the site containing at least 264 people dates to the time of the overwintering camp and likely holds Viking war dead. For more on the Vikings in England, go to

"Vengeance on the Vikings."
<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/archaeologists-uncover-ancient-viking-camp-870s-village-repton-104659235.html>



11/21/17 - VIKING KING'S BONES RECREATED WITH 3-D PRINTER - JELLING, DENMARK— *Science Nordic* reports that the heavily damaged bones of a Danish Viking king, Gorm the Old, have been 3-D printed by a team led by archaeologist Adam Bak of the National Museum of Denmark. Gorm the Old died in A.D. 958, and he is thought to have been buried in at least one other location before his remains were deposited under the floor of Jelling Church, where they were recovered in 1978. Computer tomography scans were made of the bones before they were reburied in 2000. The new 3-D model has been adjusted to correct the pressure damage that occurred during the long period of the burial, according to Marie Louise Jørgkov of the University of Copenhagen. "We can then re-analyze the skeleton and study the bones to look for any signs of disease, which can't be seen at the surface," she said. The reconstruction of the flattened skull revealed a lump on the back of the king's head, which may have been caused by a load on the muscles and ligaments connected to the protuberance. "It can best be compared to a bunion," concluded Carsten Reidies Bjarkam of Aarhus University. For more on the Vikings of Denmark, go to "Bluetooth's Fortress." <http://scienordic.com/denmark%E2%80%99s-first-viking-king-printed-3d>





11/15/17 - SILVER AND GOLD COINS UNEARTHED AT FRANCE'S CLUNY ABBEY - LYON, FRANCE—*The Local* reports that a medieval treasure trove has been found near the Cluny Abbey in eastern France. The excavation team, made up of researchers from the University of Lyon II and France's National Center for Scientific Research, discovered the cache of twelfth-century coins while looking for the corner of the abbey's infirmary. Most of the 2,200 silver coins were issued by Cluny Abbey. The 21 gold coins, which had been stored in a canvas bag, originated in the Middle East. Additional gold items include a gold signet ring engraved with the word "Avete," a Latin greeting, and a folded piece of gold leaf. Team member Vincent Borrel said that in their time, the items discovered would have been able to purchase a six-day supply of bread and wine for the abbey. For more, go to "France's Roman Heritage." <https://www.thelocal.fr/20171115/medieval-treasure-trove-discovered-by-archaeologists-in-france>



11/15/17 - 1,400-YEAR-OLD LOOM DISCOVERED IN NORTHERN IRAQ - FRANKFURT, GERMANY—According to a report in *Seeker*, recent excavations in northern Iraq led by Dirk Wicke of Goethe University uncovered traces of a loom dating to the fifth or sixth century A.D., and pieces of clay imprinted with images of griffins and horses that may have been seals placed on rolls of fabric. The loom, placed in the corner of a room, would have supported vertical hanging threads pulled straight by clay loom weights. A bench of six mudbricks had been situated in front of the loom, presumably so the weaver could insert the horizontal threads. Below the loom, the excavators found a cylinder seal dated to the Assyrian period, between the ninth and seventh centuries B.C. Two winged genies with a cone and a bucket of liquid thought to have been used during a purifying ritual appear on the seal. "It is difficult to pinpoint an exact meaning to it, but this image was very often depicted in the royal palaces and appears to act as a beneficiary motif used to magically protect the king and inhabitants of the palace or palaces," Wicke said. The team also uncovered a stone wall dating to the Assyrian period that may have been part of a watchtower. To read about an excavation in Iraqi Kurdistan, go to "Erbil Revealed." <https://www.seeker.com/culture/archaeology/archaeological-treasures-in-iraq-unearthed-just-before-deadly-73-earthquake>



11/10/17 - MEDIEVAL MASS GRAVES UNEARTHED - KUTNA HORA, CZECH REPUBLIC—While excavating beneath a Catholic

chapel in the central Czech Republic, archaeologists have unearthed some 1,500 skeletons from 30 medieval mass graves, reports the *Prague Daily Monitor*. Experts believe the remains belong to people who likely died during a famine in 1318 and a plague epidemic that began in 1348. "We must realize that such a mass grave represents a sample of a population within a very short period, which is extremely valuable to us," says the Czech Institute of Archaeology's Jan Frolík, who supervised the dig. The burials were probably unmarked and while the team found some buckles and coins in the cemetery, the people were largely buried without any grave goods. To read more about medieval mass graves, go to "Vengeance on the Vikings."

<http://www.praguemonitor.com/2017/11/10/archaeologists-uncover-30-medieval-mass-graves-kutn%C3%A1-hora>



11/9/17 - MEDIEVAL JEWISH CEMETERY EXCAVATED IN ITALY - BOLOGNA, ITALY—

According to a *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* report, more than 400 graves at the site of a medieval Jewish cemetery have been uncovered as part of a construction project near Bologna's Via Orfeo. In 1569, after Pope Pius V banished Jews from most papal territories, he reportedly turned the cemetery's land over to the nuns of a nearby cloister and told them to destroy the graves. Archaeologists recovered the remains of adults and children, and artifacts made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and amber. No tombstones were found, and 150 of the graves showed signs of intentional desecration. To read about another recent discovery in Italy, go to "Itinerant Etruscan Beekeepers."

<https://www.jta.org/2017/11/07/news-opinion/world/medieval-jewish-cemetery-uncovered-in-bologna-italy>



11/9/17 - TEENAGER'S BONES RECOVERED FROM SCOTTISH CAVE - EIGG, SCOTLAND—

The Scotsman reports that tests have confirmed that some 50 human bones discovered in Frances Cave on the island of Eigg belonged to a single teenager who lived between 1430 and 1620. The cave is also known as Massacre Cave, after a story of clan warfare said to have wiped out as many as 400 members of the Macdonald clan by their Macleod rivals in 1577. The Macdonalds are said to have retreated to the cave when the Macleods arrived on the island seeking revenge after several of their young men were tied up and returned to their boats for reportedly harassing the local girls. The Macleods are accused of setting a turf fire at the entrance to the cave that suffocated the hiding Macdonalds. "When post-excavation analysis has been completed we will discuss what happens next with the community on Eigg," said archaeologist Kirsty Owen of Historic Environment Scotland. For more on archaeology in Scotland, go to "Fit for a Saint."

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/teenager-s-bones-found-at-eigg-massacre-cave-tests-confirm-1-4608279>





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