### The Chanticleer

# Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

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Unto our great Barony Beyond the Mountain do we, Mark and Gwenllian send greetings,

We have now had our Investiture, sending our beloved Dorian and Eloise into their well-deserved retirement...well...Eloise anyway. Dorian had other ideas and is now our Baronial Archery Champion.

We are grateful to have been chosen as your new Baron and Baroness. We are looking forward to seeing you continue to do the great things you do to keep our Barony going. We would like to take this time to, again, thank everyone who helped make Investiture a success. Our Barony showed that, even when less than favorable weather happens, we can switch gears a bit, rearrange things, and still have a fun filled event. We had a several of our usual activities such as fencing, archery (in the rain) and games. We even had a new game - Pin the Wimple on the Baroness, and one of the funniest courts we've ever seen! The hall and cafeteria looked amazing with all the banners. We had a wonderful day with great friends. We couldn't have asked for things to go any better.

We hope to see this Barony grow and thrive. Our officers and champions have our full support and confidence that they will do a great job. As always, we are looking for award recommendations since we can't know all or see all. Please help us recognize deserving people for their talents. If you have a weirdness idea, we

want to hear about that too. We really like those and Baroness Eloise has offered to keep doing the documents since she has been enjoying the research for them and we want our courts to be enjoyable and fun. Do you have an idea of something you want to try? An idea for something fun at court? Something fun at feast? An idea for a new event? Let's see what we can do to make them happen.

Looking to the future, 2022 brings our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday as a Barony. 3 ½ years sounds like a lot, but we all know better. Besides, it's never too early to start planning a birthday bash!

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#### Combat Arts

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

#### Archery

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

#### Fencing

**Thursdays,** 7:30-10:00 p.m., Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Fencing Marshal (Christophel) @ fence@dragonshiphaven. eastkingdom.org.

#### Heavy-List Fighting

**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, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, CT, hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the marshal at

heavy @dragon ship have n. eastking dom. org.

#### Thrown Weapons Practice

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

#### Baronial Champions:

**Archery Champion**: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

**Heavy Weapons Champion:** Lord Gwilym of

**Fflint** 

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta

#### Baronial Meetings:

Next meeting is Monday, June 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. at Joann's Fabric, Newington, CT. Contact Lady Sisuile Butler, 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 – 8:30-10:30 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.

#### **Greetings from Their Excellencies**

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We have a couple of requests also. If you need to get a hold of us, there are a couple ways to do that. If it's an idea, award recommendation, general communications, something that's NOT an emergency, please email us at our official emails. If it's something a little more urgent, you can call us. Gwenllian's phone number is on the website. We ask that you respect the fact that we have jobs and might not be able to answer you until after we get home from work. If you call us, please do it before 9:30 at night. If you call after that, we're assuming the Barony is on fire or falling off the earth. In other words, it needs to be an emergency!

With all that said, thank you for your faith in us to be your Baron and Baroness. We're looking forward to serving our amazing Barony!

Mark and Gwenllian, Baron and Baroness



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#### Archaeology News

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

#### 5/30/18 - PICTISH TRASH PIT YIELDS ARTIFACTS IN SCOTLAND - ABERDEEN.

SCOTLAND—<u>BBC News</u> reports that Pictish artifacts have been recovered from the remains of a fort at Burghead, which is located on the coast of northeast Scotland. The fort is thought to have been burned during a tenth-century Viking invasion. The fire preserved a layer of oak planks that had been part of a wall in the fort, which otherwise would not have survived. Excavation of a trash pit has also yielded jewelry, including hair and dress pins, and animal bones, which do not usually survive in Scotland's acidic soil. Gordon Noble of the University of Aberdeen said the artifacts will provide more information about the daily lives of the Picts. To read about the study of a Pictish artifact, go to "Game of Stones."

https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-44303606



https://sisuilebutler.wordpress.com/projects/arms-copes/ for more on Dorigen and Eloise's cloaks

### 5/23/18 - SPANISH GALLEON WRECKAGE DISCOVERED OFF COAST OF COLOMBIA - CAPE COD.

MASSACHUSETTS—<u>CBS News</u> reports that the wreckage of San José has been discovered under 2,000 feet of water off the coast of Colombia by a

team of researchers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), Maritime Archaeology Consultants, Switzerland AG, and the Colombian government. The ship, a three-masted Spanish galleon carrying 62 guns and a cargo of ceramics, gold, silver, and emeralds, sank in 1708 during a battle with British ships that was part of the War of Spanish Succession. The ship was identified by its engraved bronze cannons, which were first spotted on the sea floor by research engineer Jeff Kaeli of WHOI using the REMUS 6000, a remotely operated vehicle carrying cameras and sensors. "I'm not a marine archaeologist, but ... I know what a cannon looks like," he said. "So in that moment, I guess I was the only person in the world who knew we'd found the shipwreck." The government of Colombia plans to build a museum and conservation lab to preserve and display San Jose's artifacts. To read about pages of a book found in a shipwreck, go to "The Pirate Book Club."

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/robot-submarine-finds-shipwreck-san-jose-carrying-17-billion-treasure/



#### 5/18/18 - ARCHAEOLOGISTS SEARCH FOR SCOTLAND'S ROYAL

DOCKYARDS - AIRTH, SCOTLAND-The Falkirk Herald reports that archaeologists led by historian John Reid are investigating a possible site for the sixteenth-century royal dockyards near Clackmannanshire Bridge, which spans the Firth of Forth. So far the team of researchers has found the foundations of mill buildings next to the channel, a millstone that had been reused as a paver, a corndrying kiln, a well-built stone sea wall, and posts from a wooden pier. Ships known to have been serviced at the royal dockyards include the *Great* Michael, flagship of King James IV, and the Margaret, the second ship of the Navy, which was named for the gueen, Margaret Tudor. Both ships are thought to have been at the docks in 1513 before sailing to the Battle of Flodden, where James IV was killed. "Although it's impossible to say for now whether this dates to the right period

for James' docks, we've submitted samples of the wood for radiocarbon dating," said archaeologist Elinor Graham of the University of St. Andrew's. "We also had a coin from the stone pier, which will need to be looked at by experts, but which might give us a date for its construction, too." For more on archaeology in Scotland, go to "Fit for a Saint." https://www.falkirkherald.co.uk/news/environment/a irth-archaeological-dig-sheds-more-light-on-royal-dockyards-connection-1-4740727



#### 5/11/18 - LEPROSY MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN EUROPE - JENA.

GERMANY—*The Guardian* reports that leprosy may have originated in Europe, and not in Asia, as had been previously thought. An international team of researchers led by Johannes Krause of the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History sampled about 90 different skeletons bearing the telltale deformations of leprosy. The skeletons were unearthed in Europe, and have been dated to between A.D. 400 and 1400. From the bones, the scientists reconstructed ten new genomes of medieval Mycobacterium leprae, in addition to the one or two strains already known to have been circulating in medieval Europe. "This latest research shows all the strains of the leprosy bacterium were in fact present in medieval Europe, which strongly suggests leprosy originated much closer to home, possibly in the far southeast of Europe, or western Asia," said Helen Donoghue of University College London. The oldest strain was detected in a skeleton found in Great Chesterford, Essex, in southeast England, which has been dated to between A.D. 415 and 545. This is the same strain found in modern-day red squirrels, and may have been introduced to Britain through the ancient squirrel fur trade. The scientists will continue to search for the disease in even older human remains. For more, go to "Diagnosis of Ancient

https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/may/10/new-study-suggests-leprosy-came-from-europe



#### 5/7/18 - DOCTOR OFFERS POSSIBLE DIAGNOSIS FOR 12TH-CENTURY

**SULTAN** - PHILADELPHIA. PENNSYLVANIA— According to a *Live Science* report, Stephen Gluckman of the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine suggests that Saladin may have been killed by typhoid. Born in what is now Tikrit, Iraq, Saladin fought against the Egyptian Fatimid Caliphate, and eventually became commander of Syrian troops in Egypt. In 1187, his army conquered Jerusalem, which led to the Third Crusade, from 1189 to 1192. Saladin died in 1193, at the age of 55 or 56, after a two-week-long illness with fever. Gluckman analyzed historical documents that recorded the sultan's symptoms, and ruled out plague or smallpox, which kill people quickly, and tuberculosis, because there was no mention of coughing or breathing problems. Malaria, Gluckman added, is likely to have caused chills, which were not listed in the records. However, Gluckman explained, typhoid is contracted through the ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium Salmonella typhi, and causes high fever, weakness, stomach pain. headache, and loss of appetite. For more on archaeology in Iraq, go to "Assyrian Archivists." https://www.livescience.com/62487-historicaldiagnosis-sultan-saladin.html

Photos by Danielle Parker, Sisuile Butler, and Baroness Aurelia di Stellari



Playing pin the wimple on the Baroness

#### 5/3/18 - ARTIFACTS FROM PRAGUE'S PAST RECOVERED - PRAGUE. CZECH

REPUBLIC—<u>Czech Radio</u> reports that researchers from the City of Prague Museum excavated the city's Wenceslas Square and St. Valentine's Gate, where they found a wooden doorstep and traces of the city's medieval ramparts. Analysis of the oak step suggests the tree used to make it had been cut down around the year A.D. 1239. In Wenceslas Square, the team, led by archaeologist Petr Starec, found evidence of the market where horses were traded and agricultural products and crafts were sold from the mid-fourteenth through the sixteenth centuries. Starec said the markets and the dwellings in the area produced a lot of waste, including the bones of cattle, sheep, and goats; pottery; and horseshoes, so the muck was periodically covered with layers of pebbles from the VItava River. A two-inch-tall Christian statue depicting the Virgin Mary holding the child Jesus was also recovered from the layers of Wenceslas Square. Starec thinks this valuable item must have been accidentally dropped by a wealthy person. "There is a little metal device on her back," he said, "so it was probably attached to some object, perhaps a home altar." For more, go to "Off The Grid: Prague."

http://www.radio.cz/en/section/curraffrs/prague-archaeologists-shed-light-on-medieval-city























Congratulations to Mark Red Hand on the registration of his name by the College of Arms' and

On the acceptance of Sisuile Butler's badge by the College of Arms: Vert, an ounce sejant contourny, forepaw raised Or, a bordure argent.

#### And

Congratulations to the following gentles who received awards at Investiture:

Baroness Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn – Silver Crescent Lord Gwilym of Fflint – Silver Wheel Rumhann MacDuibhsithe – Silver Wheel Mistress Ana Ilevna – Silver Wheel Don Llewellyn Walsh – Sun and Soil



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