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Seneschal Election

The election will be held April 15, 2019 at the monthly baronial meeting to be held at Jo-Ann's Fabrics, 1440 Pleasant Valley Road, Manchester, CT. The meeting is from 7-9 p.m. The election will be held at 8 p.m. to give everyone a chance to arrive in time.

Below please find the Letters of Intent from the candidates. Please note they are in the order in which they were received. Grimolfr Skulason has withdrawn from the election.

Letter of Intent for Kay Leigh Mac Whyte



Greetings unto all who read these words:

I would like to take a moment to issue a heartfelt thanks to Lady Sisulle for her past years of service to the Barony as Seneschal, and to Their Excellencies for the opportunity to apply for the position of Seneschal of BBM. To serve the Barony as Seneschal is an honor not lightly undertaken, particularly as we continue to navigate the changing face of the East Kingdom, and the SCA as a whole.

The Barony Beyond the Mountain was my adopted home well before I moved here in 2005. It is because of that welcoming environment from then to now, as well as the diversity among our populace (whether martial, service, or arts oriented, or in the more modern definition of diversity) that has inspired me to help take care of my home as much as it has taken care of me and my family over these many years. We often

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Baronial Officers:

Baron & Baroness - Baron Mark Red Hand, baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org, and Baroness Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn, baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Seneschal – Lady Sisuil Butler, Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Deputy - Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, vynehorn@gmail.com, and Lady Leandra deLeon, leandrasuz@aol.com

Chatelaine – Baroness Aurelia di Stellari, chatelaine@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Deputy – Sybill Teller, mpeckham83@gmail.com

Chronicler – Lady Johanna de Glastingburi, chronicler@bbm.eastkingdom.com

Deputy – Mistress Eloise of Coulter, krisbenysek@att.net.

Company Captain of Archers – Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta, archercap@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Exchequer – Lady Ciara McRobbie, exchequer@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Deputy - Lord Gwilym of Fflint, willied0296@yahoo.com

Herald – Mistress Camma an Daraich, herald@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Knight Marshall – Lord Angus Gove MacKinnon, knightmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

Marshal of Fence – Vacant

Marshal of Thrown Weapons – Vacant

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

Minister of the List – Cordelia MacDougall, mol@bbm.eastkingdom.org

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

Youth Marshal - Vacant

Combat Arts

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

Archery

CT: BBM - Tuesdays – 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting) 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@yahoo.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@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

Thrown Weapons Practice

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

Thursdays (thru October), 7 Jacob's Hill Rd, Ellington, CT. Contact matthewsoucy@gmail.com for times.

Thrown Weapons Weekend - June 29-30, 7 Jacob's Hill Rd, Ellington CT, Royal Roundapalooza - This is a central region thrown

weapons practice open to anyone that wishes to spend the weekend throwing Royal Rounds. For more information please email bomber.kristin@gmail.com.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

Heavy Weapons Champion: Svafnir Thorvaldson

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Baronial Meeting:

Monday, April 15, 2019, 7-9:00 p.m. at Jo-Ann's Fabrics, 1440 Pleasant Valley Road, Manchester, CT.

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.

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speak of leaving a site better than we found it. Though we are already a great Barony, I believe this same view should also be held toward the undertaking of any officer position and it is my hope to make the transition as smooth as possible if elected.

For those who do not know my background, I have served the East Kingdom and the Barony in a variety of roles over these past 20 years, including but not limited to my role as a Greater Officer (Tyger Signet 2011-2015), archery marshal, scribe, voice herald, and more recently, as a deputy herald. By day, my “secret identity” works as an administrative assistant with over 30 years of experience, allowing me to draw on mundane experience in organization, customer service, and problem-solving skills and apply them toward bringing together teams of people from various backgrounds to achieve unity in working together toward common goals.

If you have not yet met me, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My email address is secret.scribe@gmail.com, and I usually respond within 1-2 evenings. I can be reached by telephone until 10:30pm most nights. Though I am happy to listen and am known to use humor to offset certain situations, be assured that I do take my responsibilities very seriously, and would prefer to hear of any concerns among the populace firsthand as they occur.

Thank you for your consideration, and in service I remain,

Baroness Kay Leigh Mac Whyte, OL, OP

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Ciara McRobbie on “Why I want to be Seneschal”



So, here’s the thing, I don’t have any great vision on where I want the Barony to be in 5 years and I don’t have a mission statement of things I want to accomplish as Seneschal. I see a hole that needs to be filled since Sisuile wants to step down, I know I can do the job as I was Seneschal of our local group in Michigan for several years, and I’m willing to fill the position for BBM. The things I can bring to the position include the following: I have pretty decent communication skills, I’m a good listener, I can read and follow rules, and I want to help. I enjoy playing in BBM and I want contribute so that BBM can continue to be a place where we can all gather to enjoy doing the many things that we do. And that’s all I really have to say on the subject. If you have any questions you want to ask me, or anything you would like to discuss, I can be reached at 49908@members.eastkingdom.org , or you can call me at 248-339-6996.



BBM Business

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2019
Manchester Jo-Ann's community room
Attendance: approx. 20

Officer Reports:

Seneschal:

There are 3 candidates for the position of Seneschal: Grimolfr, Ciara, and Kayleigh. Voting for candidates will be during the second half of the April meeting to allow more people time to travel. Baronial members must be present to vote. No proxy votes. The position will be turned over to the new candidate at Yule.

April Meeting- 4/15/19 Manchester Jo-Ann's in the community room in back.

"Official" BBM Facebook list. Currently has 3 moderators. Plan to return to 4 moderators.

Exchequer:

We have sufficient funds. Unable to list account total on public forum. Please ask seneschal or exchequer if you want to know specifics.

Grant from Bank of America received for \$250 Bank Change over- Bank requires Kingdom Exchequer to be a signatory on the account. Those present unanimously agreed with addition.

Their Excellencies:

Collecting toys for the Royal toy box to be given as a group gift.

Seeking award recommendations.

Seeking individuals wanting to make/donate gifts from the Barony for royals.

Knight Marshall:

No current practices in the Barony
New Site – Leffingwell House Museum in Norwich CT. Practices to occur on Saturdays in June/July/August from 11-4. (Outdoor practice)

Archery Marshall:

Practices resuming Tuesday evenings in Burlington. Start 5:30-6p until 7:30

Thrown Weapons Marshall:

Practice in Vernon 1st and 3rd Sunday
2nd practice on Thursdays to start in April
Chatelaine: One contact. Lives in New Britain.
Currently working out of state.

Demos: Sheep and wool festival 4/27
Maker's Faire May 4th

A&S Minister: nothing to report

MOL: no activity

Herald: Nothing to report

Chronicler: Please submit articles

Web Minister: "Getting up to speed"

Upcoming Events:

Summer Solstice shoot/Kingdom Archery

Championships: 6/15/19 - HSC New Britain
Budget for Archery supplies \$600 to be split 3 ways. Barony, Kingdom and Archery community.

Plan 2 tracks of class for the day.

One for Marshallate activities. (classroom/didactic type). Second track for A&S.

Also plans for a tag sale.

Yule: 12/7/19 HSC, New Britain

Site fee - Adult \$15. Members with discount \$10. Youth 17 and under free.

Feast - \$10 per person

Eloise is looking for a candidate to learn and eventually take over the Yule Ceremonies.

Golden Seamstress: Currently looking for a site. Possibly for 9/28 /19

Rumhann and Cormac to be Co-stewards.

Artifacts of A Life: February 2020

Website needs to be moved

*Viking Days At
Mystic Seaport
June 1 & 2, 2019*

For the second year in a row, the Museum will be transformed in celebration of Viking culture, complete with a Viking market, trade demonstrations, musical and theatrical performances, lectures, and on-the-water activities. Visit a Viking village encampment by living historians Draugar Vinlands, and the clinker-built Viking longship, *Draken Harald Hårfagre*, a reconstruction of what the Norse Sagas refer to as a "Great Ship." And you won't want to miss seeing

the new documentary about the ship's North Atlantic crossing!

Sample Scandinavian fare, watch traditional faering sailing, and a Nordic boat-building demonstration. There will be hands-on activities and games for children and adults throughout the day, and a special Planetarium show on Viking navigation. You're guaranteed to have an amazing time during Mystic Seaport Museum's Viking Days! Stay tuned for the full schedule.

Please note that we welcome guests in Viking attire, we do have these rules:

- No full-face masks/helmets
- No authentic weapons
- Shirts and shoes required

Archaeology News

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

3/29/19 - Medieval Toddler Boot Found in Switzerland - SAINT-URSANNE, SWITZERLAND—A fragment of a medieval shoe thought to have belonged to a young toddler has been discovered in the Swiss canton of Jura, *The Local* reports. Decorated with a foliage motif and geometric patterns, the boot was uncovered during excavations in the historic town of Saint-Ursanne. The fragment, which is made of a mix of goat and cow leather and measures roughly 7 inches by 5 inches, survived due to wet soil conditions under the town's cobble streets. According to researchers from the Shoe Museum in Lausanne, the shoe would have been an ankle-high boot with clasps made of leather buttons. The style was popular in the second half of the fourteenth century and is unique in Switzerland, though three similar pairs have been found in London, and two in the Netherlands. To read more about the archaeology of medieval shoes, go to "Die With Your Boots On." <https://www.thelocal.ch/20190328/extremely-rare-650-year-old-baby-boot-found-in-switzerland-archaeology>

3/28/19 - Researchers Create 3-D Model of Fifteenth-Century Weapon - VALENCIA, SPAIN—*Live Science* reports that researchers from the Polytechnic University of Valencia and the company InHeritag3D have created a 3-D rendering of the medieval warlord Ali Atar's Nasrid sword, which was taken after his death during the

Battle of Lucena in Córdoba, Spain, in 1483. Reportedly aged 90 at the time of his death, Atar, Lord of Zagra, was father-in-law of the Sultan of Granada, King Boabdil, the last sultan of the Nasrid dynasty. Atar's sword, housed in the Toledo Army Museum, is inscribed with animal heads and Arabic letters, and decorated with precious stones and metals. José Luis Lerma of the Polytechnic University of Valencia explained that digital preservation must now complement the physical conservation of artifacts. To read about a Viking sword discovered in Norway, go to "Artifact." <https://www.livescience.com/65098-fearsome-15th-century-warlords-sword-3d.html>

3/27/19 - Another Possible Viking Ship Burial Found in Norway - VESTFOLD, NORWAY—*News in English* reports that a team of researchers has detected the outline of what may be a Viking ship burial using ground-penetrating radar near other Viking burial mounds in Borre Park, which is located in southeastern Norway. Ship burials are thought to have been reserved for high-ranking officials, and included decorative goods and sometimes oxen or horses. The ships were then covered with mounds of dirt. Terje Gansum of Vestfold County's department of cultural heritage management, who led the team, said traces of a circular depression were found around the outline of the possible vessel, suggesting there may have once been a burial mound over the site that was later removed. To read about a Viking sword discovered in Norway, go to "Artifact." <https://www.newsinenglish.no/2019/03/25/norway-finds-another-viking-ship/>

3/26/19 - Rare Medieval Royal Charter Discovered in English Archive - DURHAM, ENGLAND—According to a *BBC News* report, medieval historian Benjamin Pohl of the University of Bristol found an 819-year-old royal charter carrying King John's wax seal in the archives of Ushaw College Library, which is managed by Durham University. Issued in York and dated March 26, 1200, during the first year of King John's reign, the charter confirms the transfer of ownership of two hamlets in County Durham to Walter of Caen and Robert FitzRoger, Lord of Warkworth and Sherriff of Norfolk and Suffolk. Historians knew of the transaction because it had been recorded in an administrative copy of the original charter known as a charter roll, but the charter roll listed only three of the witnesses present at the signing of the original. Pohl said the newly discovered document lists nine witnesses, including some of the most powerful people living in northern England at the time, who

would presumably have been eager to do business with the new king. For more, go to “The Curse of a Medieval English Well.”
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-tyne-47698594>

3/7/19 - Medieval Plague May Have Reached Sub-Saharan Africa - TEMPE, ARIZONA—It had been previously thought that *Yersinia pestis*, the bacterium that causes the Black Death, did not cross the Sahara Desert in the fourteenth century A.D., when the disease killed as many as 200 million people in Europe and Asia. However, *Science Magazine* reports that researchers are reviewing circumstantial archaeological, historical, and genetic evidence that the plague may have wiped out entire communities in sub-Saharan Africa as well. Gérard Chouin of the College of William & Mary said Akrokrowa, a farming community founded around A.D. 700 in what is now southern Ghana, was abandoned in the late fourteenth century. Daphne Gallagher and Stephen Dueppen of the University of Oregon say Burkina Faso’s site of Kirikongo grew for more than 1,000 years, until the fourteenth century, when it suddenly shrank to half its previous size. Mention of epidemics has been found in Ethiopian texts dating from the thirteenth through the fifteenth centuries, and Marie-Laure Derat of the French National Center for Scientific Research said that Ethiopians adopted St. Roch and St. Sebastian, two European Christian saints associated with plague, as their own. In addition, Monica Green of Arizona State University has found that a subgroup of the plague bacterium, found only in East and Central Africa, is related to the strain that devastated Europe. Sub-Saharan Africa’s heat and humidity degrade DNA in human remains, but the scientists will next look for the smoking gun of *Y. pestis* DNA in human teeth recovered in the region. For more on archaeological evidence of *Y. pestis*, go to “Bronze Age Plague.”
<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/03/black-death-may-have-transformed-medieval-societies-sub-saharan-africa>

3/1/19 - Spanish Researchers Begin New World Shipwreck List - MADRID, SPAIN—*The Guardian* reports that archaeologists Carlos León and Beatriz Domingo and naval historian Genoveva Enríquez have combed Spain’s archives and compiled a list of 681 Spanish ships lost off the coasts of Cuba, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Atlantic coast of the United States since 1492, when Christopher Columbus’ flagship, *Santa María*, sank off the coast of what is

now Haiti. León said the objective of the project, which is sponsored by Spain’s Culture Ministry, is to help identify and protect shipwreck sites, especially those that have been lost from memory. “The most famous ships have been investigated,” he said, “but there’s a huge number about which we know absolutely nothing.” The researchers found that more than 90 percent of the ships sank in severe weather, about four percent ran onto reefs or had navigational problems; one percent were sunk during naval engagements with the British, Dutch, or United States; and less than one percent were sunk during pirate attacks. Fewer than 25 percent of these wrecks have been found to date, León added. The documents also revealed the ships headed toward the New World carried things like religious objects and stones for building churches; tons of mercury to extract gold and silver from New World ores; clothing for slaves; and weapons for putting down local rebellions. To read more about underwater archaeology, go to “History’s 10 Greatest Wrecks.”
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2019/mar/01/spain-logs-shipwrecks-maritime-past-weather-pirates>



Ryan McWhyte – Silver Mantle

*Congratulations to the following
gentles who received awards at the
Black Rose Ball:*

*Ryan McWhyte – Silver Mantle
Aurelia Stellari - Queen’s Award of
Esteem*

*Francesca – Queen’s Award of
Esteem*

*Grimolfr Skulason - Queen’s Award
of Esteem*

*Sitt al-Gharb ha-niqret Khazariyya –
Queen’s Award of Esteem*



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