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Web Minister – Lady Sisuile 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@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@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, 5:30 p.m. to dark. If there is any chance of cancelation, I will post on the BBM Facebook page. Contact Matthew Soucy (Matteo Genovese) matthewsoucy@gmail.com 774-545-5733.

Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Baron Dorigen of Lewes

Fencing Champion: Agnes de Leon

Heavy Weapons Champion: Svafnir Thorvaldson

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Gwilym of Fflint

Baronial Meeting:

Monday, October 21, 2019, 7-9 p.m. at Cragin Library, 8 Linwood Avenue, Colchester, CT 06415.

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.

Photos by Baron Dinsdale of Northumbria Mistress and Aelfgifu of the Hazel Thicket

Barony Beyond the Mountain

Meeting Minutes 9/16/19

Officer's Reports

Seneschal -

-Used the \$100 discretionary of the office to do a donation for Leffingwell before the end of the season. Barony voted was good thing, reinstated the seneschal's budget

-Copy Kayleigh on everything from here on out. Officially done at Yule, which is not very far away.

Exchequer - We have a healthy bank account.

- We have checks that have not been cashed. Please cash them!

- Financial Policy to be discussed in old Business

Chatelaine – not present, office quiet.

Chronicler - Please send articles, stories, links, how-to, recipes, photos, etc. Johanna will be stepping down at Yule. She will post an announcement that she is looking for a successor.

Arts and Sciences – Not present; no report

Herald – Nothing happening

Web Minister – She is trying to keep things updated, but people must inform her if they want something posted to the Announcements page on the website, or to the Calendar. Please send all requests to the web minister email address.

Lists – Not present; nothing to report at this time

Knight Marshal – Fight practice over for the season. Ana Ilevna & Anarra have volunteered their back yard for a FP.

Fencing Marshal – VACANT

Captain of Archers – Archery is happening on Tuesdays in Burlington

Youth Marshal – VACANT

Thrown Weapons Marshal – not present, no report

Baron and Baroness – Looking for largess, throw your friends under a bus, their excellencies are happy to ask people in specific.

Champions Day? find a site and a day

Old Business

Baronial financial policy - Minor tweak of removing line IV.5.E – Minor children of Dignitaries. Vote in October & November, then send to Kingdom.

Yule 2019

Notes from the stewards:

Comp Mark, Gwenllian, & Johannes for Yule – voted yes. Will be repeated in Oct.

Stewards = Ciara and Anarra

Feast = Sisuille

Day Board = Sisuille/Kira

Hall Steward for Feast = Needed - someone step up please??

Gate = Ask at meeting. Maybe Leandra?

Merchant Liaison = Ciara

Royalty Liaison = Camma & Gwenllian.

Silent Auction = Severin

Yule Ceremony = Eloise and understudies

Kitchen Clean up = Confirm if Aelfgiva will do her towel challenge

Heavy Marshal = Ask Bergental if they want to organize Heavy Fighting. BBM Heavy Champions will be at Yule

Rapier Marshal = BYOM – If someone wants to hold Rapier, contact the event stewards

Archery Marshal = on hold until October

Needed: A person who is not eating feast, who can organize other people who will not be eating feast to take down decorations and clean up in the halls and gym.

Largess Challenge = Bergental person talked to Gwenllian, who directed them to Dyrfinna (MOAS).

Please tell the Stewards if something either needs space or to be on the schedule and also tell us both what you want in the event announcement.

We propose an A&S Display. Talk to Dyrfinna.

Do we want to do A&S Classes?

Musicians = Ciara will contact

Dancing = Anarra to contact Aelia Fortunata from Carolingia who tentatively offered to teach dance at last year's Yule.

Ask the Site:

- Can they set up the first 100 chairs at the front of court and leave the last 100 chairs at the back for us to set up so we have more space for dancing.

- Can they move the big...thingie...that looks like a soccer goal on steroids that's over by the piano so we can access the steps up to the stage on the Lord's changing room side.

- If we're going to do archery can we ask for the grass to be mown and the brush to be removed.

- 10 round tables in Cafeteria plus dayboard and cooler table plus other rectangular tables for High table, A&S (?) and Schmooze.

- Rectangular tables all along the windows that face the courtyard outside the gym for silent auction.

Anarra will e-mail and Facebook BBM and Bergental and ask for volunteers for:

- Set up

- Clean up

- Gate

- Ask anyone doing anything at Yule to tell us both so we can schedule it and put it in the event announcement.



Golden Seamstress (no date) - Not site has been found yet, but multiple people are looking. Her Excellency will be looking at a site in Norwich in the near future.

Site requirements: At least 1 large room, and another smaller room (for sleeping contestants), as well as space for changing. A small kitchen is nice but not required. Price range: ideally not more than \$200, as that's what the event generally brings in.

Artifacts of a Life IV – 2/8/2020

- Baron Jehan will once again be an unofficial co-autocrat and will begin work shortly on recruiting judges. Elizabeth is working on thank you gifts for the judges.

- Master Peregrine has agreed to run the tabulation process, which is a big part of the behind the scenes work.

- We would like to give prizes of raw materials – contact Elizabeth with any questions regarding suitability. We have previously discussed a budget of \$50 for prizes, which Elizabeth would like to use towards the cost of the wood chests that Eloise and Dorian usually build.

This month's Pikestaff contains the old date for Artifacts (which was in September 2019). Eloise has put out an announcement on FB, letting people know that the correct date is 2/8/2020.

East Hartland Site

Aelfgifu provided an extensive report on the site, which she will also send to the seneschal.

Basically, they won't rent to the SCA as a group (renters are not allowed to charge a fee for entry), but will rent to Andrea as an individual for \$40 for the day. So, this means any event is basically a private party hosted by Andrea.

Craft & Nosh is scheduled for Sept 28

Old Business Held For October

Food Safety Kitchen Equipment

Severin attended a class at Pennsic on food safety and noted several things which he thinks we should add to the kitchen supplies: 1) thermometers with wire attached to digital monitor; 2) disposable gloves in multiple sizes; 3) long handled teaspoons for tasting. Severin will look into costs and come back with a proposal.

Thrown Weapons Event

Matteo would like to run a decathlon-themed thrown weapons event. He doesn't have a site yet, and would like help finding one. Requirements are: Big field (100' x 100'). Kitchen not required, but bathrooms are needed. Parking: For no more than 50 attendees if event is TW only. He's willing to include other activities, but site requirements may change as a result.

As Matteo has never run an event, he's also looking for help/guidance. He's happy to do the work, but doesn't know everything that needs to be considered and/or done.

Communication and Social Media Issues

Seneschal's Response:

The Barony Beyond the Mountain Facebook Group was changed to an Official Group under Felix, at the March 2017 meeting in Vernon. This was done at the time based on several discussions that had occurred on the list which had required significant moderation and it was thought that taking it official at the time would hopefully quell some of the less desirable behaviors. Official in this case does *not* mean that things that are announced on FB are announced in the appropriate places for coverage by insurance or the ability to do the business of the barony/baronage. It does mean that it needs to follow the harassment and bullying policy. Official groups are PR, and fall under the seneschal's office. The people required to be moderators are the seneschal, and whoever they designate. Present at this meeting were 3 of the 4 moderators. At that meeting, it was decided to have it be the seneschal, the webminister, and to leave the other two 'floating' mods in place. Society Social Media policy has now evolved from Spring of 2017. At this point, from the EK Social Media deputy, it doesn't really matter if we call it official or not, if it says 'barony beyond the mountain - SCA', it's an official presence.

A baronial Page is probably a good idea, except for the fact it's *one more thing* to keep updated.

Related to this: a social media liaison is an appointed deputy of the seneschal's office, subject

only to their whim and the approval of the kingdom social media liaison/kingdom Seneschal, like all other deputies of the Seneschal.



Archaeology News

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

9/23/19 - Medieval Boots and Hose Unearthed in Scotland - PORTMAHOMACK, SCOTLAND—*The Scotsman* reports that a 600-year-old pair of leather ankle boots with a copper alloy buckle and thick leg hose made of felted wool have been recovered from a grave under Tarbat Old Parish Church in the Scottish Highlands. “The man had been put in a coffin wearing these clothes,” said Cecily Spall of Fieldwork Archaeology Services, “but the coffin at some point collapsed and everything concertinaed. There was something about that collapse that meant that oxygen was excluded, which allowed for this incredible piece of conservation.” Signs of wear and tear, and leg hairs in the hose, indicate that the man wore these items during his lifetime. Spall said he may have been an important person in the community, since most people are thought to have been buried without clothing or in a shroud during the medieval period. Radiocarbon testing and chemical analysis of the man’s bones could offer more information about when he lived, where he was born, and his diet. To read about another pair of well-preserved boots that were recently found in a medieval burial in London, go to “Die With Your Boots On.”

<https://www.scotsman.com/heritage/600-year-old-pair-of-ankle-boots-found-in-the-highlands-1-5009775>

9/19/19 - Mosaic Uncovered in Israel’s “Burnt Church” - HAIFA, ISRAEL—According to a *Live Science* report, a well-preserved mosaic floor

dating to the late fifth or early sixth century A.D. has been uncovered at the site of a church in the ancient city of Hippos, which is located in northern Israel on a mountain overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Michael Eisenberg of the University of Haifa said images of loaves of bread, fish, fruit, birds, and baskets in the mosaic could refer to two miracles described in the Christian New Testament, in which Jesus multiplied a few loaves and fishes to feed thousands of people, and his disciples collected leftovers. Although the purported location of the miracles is unclear, he added, the church may have been built in Hippos to mark the site where the miracles were believed to have occurred. Greek inscriptions in the mosaic indicate the structure was built by the church fathers for a martyr named “Theodoros.” The church was burned to the ground in the beginning of the seventh century during the Sasanian conquest. To read about a unique bronze mask found at Hippos, go to “Mask Metamorphosis.”

<https://www.livescience.com/ancient-mosaic-new-testament-miracle.htm>

9/18/19 - Tests Indicate Iceland’s Walruses Disappeared After Viking Arrival - COPENHAGEN, DENMARK—Tange Olsen and Xénia Keighley of the University of Copenhagen radiocarbon dated the remains of 34 walruses recovered in western Iceland in an effort to learn if the island’s unique subspecies died out after the establishment of a permanent Viking settlement around A.D. 874, according to a *New Scientist* report. The study suggests that three of these animals lived during the Viking period, with the latest death occurring sometime between 1213 and 1330. It had been previously suggested that the walrus hunt described in a twelfth-century Icelandic saga, and the walrus skull and tusks sent to Canterbury to commemorate the death of Thomas Becket in 1170, may have involved animals that lived somewhere other than Iceland. The new dates suggest, however, that these animals could have been locals. In addition, to test the idea that the Icelandic walrus population simply left the island after the establishment of the Viking settlement and joined another walrus community, Olsen and Keighley’s team analyzed mitochondrial DNA obtained from the bones. They found that the Icelandic walrus subspecies is genetically distinct from walrus communities now living in other areas of the North Atlantic. “That was highly surprising,” Olsen said. To read about the surprising discovery of Pacific walrus bone fragments in a coffin with the remains of eight 19th-century humans, go to “World Roundup:

England." <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2216471-vikings-probably-hunted-icelands-walruses-to-extinction-for-ivory/>

9/16/19 - Medieval Royal Carving Discovered in England - MILTON KEYNES, ENGLAND—

According to a report in the *MK Citizen*, a stone carving that may depict the head of Eleanor of Aquitaine was discovered in southeast England's Bradwell Abbey during conservation work. Eleanor was Duchess of Aquitaine when she married King Louis VII of France and participated in the Second Crusade. After her marriage to Louis VII was annulled, she married the Duke of Normandy, who became King Henry II of England in A.D. 1154. Three of her sons from this marriage, including Richard the Lionheart, became kings of England. The carving is thought to be original to the twelfth-century abbey, where traces of medieval paint were also uncovered. For more on Richard the Lionheart's involvement in the Crusades, go to "Reimagining the Crusades."

<https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/news/people/ancient-queen-s-head-is-discovered-in-milton-keynes-1-9072800>

9/5/19 - Relatives Identified in Medieval Mass Grave - MOSCOW, RUSSIA—DNA analysis has revealed that two women and a young man whose remains were recovered from a medieval mass grave in northwestern Russia were a 55-year-old grandmother, her 30-to-40-year-old daughter, and her grandson, who was about 20, according to a *Live Science* report. The grave is one of nine burial pits found in Yaroslavl, a city located at the confluence of the Volga and Kotorosl Rivers, where more than 300 massacred residents were interred after an attack by Mongol soldiers under the command of Batu Khan in A.D. 1238. A team of scientists from the Institute of Archaeology at the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology decided to test these three skeletons, discovered at the site of what may have been a wealthy estate burned down during the attack, because they shared certain skull features, in addition to signs of spina bifida—a hereditary birth defect that affects the spinal cord. Asya Engovatova, director of excavations at Yaroslavl, said the three individuals also suffered from more advanced tooth decay than many of the other remains found in the city's burial pits, indicating they may have eaten more honey and sugar, befitting their status. A fourth individual who was buried in a nearby grave may have also been a maternal relative, she added. To read about two young hunter-gatherers buried together at the

Russian site of Sunghir, go to "Alternative Deathstyles." <https://www.livescience.com/family-massacre-mongol-army.html>



9/4/19 - Scientists Examine 15th-Century Remains in Scotland - BRADFORD, ENGLAND—

According to a *BBC News* report, archaeologists are examining two complete skeletons and four skulls discovered during the 1997 excavations of a grave at Tarbat Old Parish Church in the Scottish Highlands. The bones, which are thought to date to the fifteenth century, may be the remains of men killed during a feud between the Ross and Mackay clans. Cecily Spall of York's Fieldwork Archaeological Services said one of the skeletons belonged to a powerfully built man who had suffered a fatal sword wound to the head. Chemical analysis of the bones could reveal where the men were born and even what they had eaten, she added. In addition to radiocarbon dating the remains, the research team will also attempt to extract DNA samples from them. "Are these men related?" Spall asked. "Are they father and son, brothers, or are they clan chiefs who were related to each other, or are they rivals?" To read about Scottish clan conflicts, go to "A Dangerous Island." https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-49581010?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.com/news/science_and_environment&link_location=live-reporting-story

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*Congratulations to
Lord Thomas of
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for receiving the
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