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# The Chanticleer

## Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

August, 2017

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Greetings to the barony!

As Seneschal Felix stated, I will be running the barony's election. If at any time you have questions about the election or the process, please do not hesitate to contact me at [electiondep@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:electiondep@bbm.eastkingdom.org) or at [vynehorn@gmail.com](mailto:vynehorn@gmail.com).

### **NEXT STEPS**

I am working with the kingdom's branch polling deputy to ensure a smooth election. She has confirmed that the next steps are as follows:

1. Create a baronial ballot (based on EK templates) and submit to kingdom for approval;
2. Contact the EK Postal Legatus for a list of our zip codes.

I will work with the deputy to complete both of these steps. Once these steps are complete and we are ready to start the polling period, I will request mailing labels from Milpitas (which usually takes 1 week to get to us) and then mailing out the ballots no later than 10 days after receiving the labels.

### **POLLING PERIOD**

Originally, we had planned to mail out ballots at the end of July. However, several members of the populace have expressed concerns about ballots getting lost/forgotten due to Pennsic and its aftermath, and the EK Branch Polling Deputy also recommends that we do not poll during Pennsic.

Therefore, ballots will now be mailed out at the end of August or beginning of September, which will give us an opportunity to discuss the approved ballot and process at the August baronial meeting on 8/21 (location TBD).

This means that the polling period (minimum of 30 days and maximum of 45) will end in late September or early October.

### **TALLY PERIOD**

All ballots will be counted within 2 weeks by the Branch Polling Deputy and forwarded to the EK Seneschal and Crown (allowing 3<sup>rd</sup> week for postal mail).

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## *Baronial Officers:*

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**Marshal of Fence** – Lord Grimolfr Skulason, [rapier@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:rapier@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Marshal of Thrown Weapons** – Vacant

**Mistress of Arts & Science** – Lady Alys du Bois, [moas@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:moas@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Minister of the List** – Mark of the Red Hand

**Web Minister** – Lady Sisuire Butler, [webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:webminister@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Youth Marshal** - Vacant

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# Combat Arts

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

## Archery

**CT: BBM – The former Canton of Fennbrycg archery practice:** *By appointment Sundays, 3-5 at the Norwich Archery Club. Contact Siobhan 860-859-2773.*

**CT: BBM - Bowman's Rest:** *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.*

## 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: Áine 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

**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.** *Contact Aine at ainethefearless@gmail.com*

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## Canton Seneschal:

Ravenhill – Michael Christian Longstryde,  
[michael.seneschal@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.seneschal@yahoo.com)

## Baronial Champions:

**Archery Champion:** Jonathan Buchanon

**Fencing Champion:** Sir Arnwult Aethelreding

**Heavy Weapons Champion:** Lord Mark the Red Hand

**Thrown Weapons Champion:** Lord Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta

## Meetings:

**Baronial:** Next meeting is August 21, 2017 location to be determined. Contact Seneschal Marcus Allectius Felix, [Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:Seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

## Minister of Arts & Sciences Needed!

Having served the Barony for a term as our Minister of Arts & Sciences, Lady Alys du Blois is stepping down from the position. MoAS is a position required to maintain baronial status. Anyone who is interested should send an email to the Seneschal and Baron/ess at [seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org), [baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org), and [baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org). Candidates will be announced in the July newsletter. Due to the lack of a July meeting, a vote on the candidates will be taken at the August meeting.

Many thanks to Lady Alys for her service.

Photo by Lady Johanna de Glastingburi



**A little taste of Pennsic for those unable to attend with members of the Barony of Stonemarche, who did a two day camping demo at the Cummington Ren Fair.**

## 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](mailto:nancysuad@gmail.com).

### Dance

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

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## **CROWN DECISION**

After receiving the results, the Crown typically takes 1 month to consider the preference/recommendation expressed by the barony. They may have questions or need more information. If they deem it necessary, they make take additional time in announcing their decision. Hopefully, we should have heirs by the end of November as originally planned.

As I stated above, anyone with questions about the election should contact me at [electiondep@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:electiondep@bbm.eastkingdom.org) or at [vynehorn@gmail.com](mailto:vynehorn@gmail.com).

In service,

Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn

## *Archaeology News*

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

**7/31/17 - 16TH-CENTURY CRYPT DISCOVERED IN NEW WORLD'S FIRST CATHEDRAL - SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**—According to a report in *El País*, a brick vault that could hold the remains of Gonzalo Fernández de Oviedo has been found at the Basilica Cathedral of Santa María la Menor, the first cathedral built in the Americas. Oviedo wrote *Summary of the Natural History of the Indies*, the first account of the New World, and served as governor of the fortress of Santo Domingo from 1532 until his death in 1557. “We know that up to middle of the sixteenth century there was an altar dedicated to Santa Lucía built on Oviedo’s instructions, and that right underneath he ordered a vault to be constructed, where he was buried,” said Esteban Prieto Vicioso, head of the conservation project at the cathedral. Christopher Columbus had also been buried at the cathedral for a time, but his body was later moved. Prieto Vicioso explained that there is no documentary evidence that Oviedo’s body was ever exhumed, however. The restoration

team plans to open the crypt, which, in addition to Oviedo’s remains, might hold an iron key to the fortress of Santo Domingo. A head injury received during a knife fight could help Prieto Vicioso’s team identify Oviedo’s remains. For more on archaeology in the Caribbean, go to “Finding Lost African Homelands.”

[https://elpais.com/elpais/2017/07/27/inenglish/1501149491\\_780251.html](https://elpais.com/elpais/2017/07/27/inenglish/1501149491_780251.html)

## **7/28/17 - MEDIEVAL CHILD’S BURIAL UNEARTHED IN NORTHERN RUSSIA -**

**SALEKHARD, RUSSIA**—According to a report in *The Siberian Times*, a medieval burial containing the remains of a young child has been discovered in northern Russia, above the Arctic Circle. Researchers spotted a fragment of a bronze bowl exposed by wind erosion while on an expedition to monitor permafrost on the Gydan Peninsula. The turquoise-colored piece of bronze is thought to have been made in Persia, and was about 200 years old when placed over part of the child’s head some 1,000 years ago. The lone burial could have been left by traders who camped at the site while hunting for walrus, birds, and furs. “He or she was from some wealthy family, judging by the things laid in the grave,” said archaeologist Andrey Gusev of the Arctic Research Center. A ceramic vessel, fragments of fur clothing, a ring, and the decorated handle and sheath of a knife were also recovered. The iron blade itself was not preserved. For more, go to “Siberian William Tell.”

<http://www.archaeology.org/news/5769-170728-arctic-persian-bowl>

## **7/24/17 - 18TH-CENTURY PLAGUE VICTIMS UNEARTHED IN MEDIEVAL CEMETERY -**

**POZNAŃ, POLAND**—The remains of three people who may have died during an early eighteenth-century epidemic have been unearthed at the site of a medieval cemetery in west-central Poland, according to a report in *Science & Scholarship in Poland*. A silver coin helped archaeologists date the burials. “The medieval graves are dug deep beneath the surface of the earth, so it was a surprise to discover three skeletons above them,” said archaeologist Pawel Pawlak. As many as eight or nine thousand people, or 65 percent of the population of Poznań, are thought to have died of the plague in 1709. “The residents of

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Poznań had to deal with the burials of their loved ones themselves," Pawlak explained. The bodies are thought to have been buried in a garden near a house. One of the bodies, which appears to have belonged to an elderly woman, had been placed in a pine coffin, and the other two were probably just wrapped in shrouds. Among the medieval burials in the cemetery, Pawlak's team also found the remains of a man who may have been executed and quartered before he was hastily buried in a pit. For more, go to "Off the Grid: Krakow."

<http://scienceinpoland.pap.pl/en/news/news,415051,poznan-victims-of-the-epidemic-300-years-ago-discovered-in-srodka.html>

**7/20/17 - MEDIEVAL GRAFFITI FOUND IN EGYPT - CAIRO, EGYPT**—Graffiti dating to the medieval period was discovered engraved on the walls of a cave in southeastern Egypt, according to a report in *Ahram Online*.

Mohamed Abdellatif of Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities said the cave was used as a rest stop by travelers passing through what is known as the Gold Triangle area, marked by the cities of Safaga and Quesseir at the base, and the city of Qena at the top. Some of the carvings have been damaged by erosion, but Mohamed Tuni of the Red Sea Governorate's Islamic and Coptic Antiquities Department said two of the texts have been read. The first says "There is no God except Allah," and the second reads, "God has returned the poor slave Youssef Bin Hatem Al-Shati to his family in 755 of Hegira. May God have mercy on him and his parents and all the Muslims. Amen." The ministry may restore the graffiti and put the cave on the official list of protected heritage sites. To read about religious medieval graffiti in England, go to "Writing on the Church Wall."

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/9/43/273873/Heritage/Islamic/Medievalera-graffiti-discovered-in-cave-in-Upper-E.aspx>

**7/11/17 - CHRISTIAN SAINT'S HUT POSSIBLY IDENTIFIED - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND**—BBC News reports that the wattle and timber hut where St. Columba is said to have worked and prayed in the sixth century A.D. has been identified on the island of Iona, home of the Iona Abbey, a Christian pilgrimage site. Sixty years ago, historian and

archaeologist Charles Thomas uncovered what he thought could be the saint's cell on a hill traditionally known as Tòrr an Aba, or "the mound of the abbot." After the structure burned down, the site is thought to have been covered with beach pebbles to preserve it, and a hole at the site suggests that a cross may have been placed to mark it. Archaeologists Ewan Campbell and Adrián Maldonado of the University of Glasgow recently radiocarbon dated some of the pieces of hazel charcoal carefully preserved by Thomas and obtained a date range of A.D. 540 to 650. "What Charles Thomas and his team found—and couldn't prove until now—was that we've been walking on the early monastery this whole time," Maldonado said. To read more about archaeology in the region, go to "Letter From Scotland: Living on the Edge."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-40556985>

**7/3/17 - VIKING FORTRESS YIELDS NEW DISCOVERIES - VORDINGBORG, DENMARK**—Archaeologists working at Borgring, a Viking ring fortress on the island of Zealand in Denmark, have uncovered evidence that challenges conventional wisdom about the site's lifespan and purpose, according to a report by *ScienceNordic*. One of five famous ringed fortifications in Denmark, Borgring was likely built around A.D. 980 by the Viking King Harald "Bluetooth" Gormsson, who, perhaps under pressure from the Holy Roman Empire, agreed to be baptized in the year 965, and is credited with the Christianization of the Danes. While many scholars have traditionally understood Borgring as a single-purpose structure meant to project Bluetooth's power or cement the spread of Christianity, recently uncovered ceramic sherds at the site dating to the eleventh century suggest that the fortress continued as a settlement for hundreds of years. To read more about Harald Bluetooth, go to "Bluetooth's Fortress." <http://sciencenordic.com/new-discovery-could-rewrite-viking-fortresses%E2%80%99-history>

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**Don't forget:**

**Artifacts of a Life III**

*September 30th, 2017*

*New Britain, CT*



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