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Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain

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Proposed Baronial Populace Badges

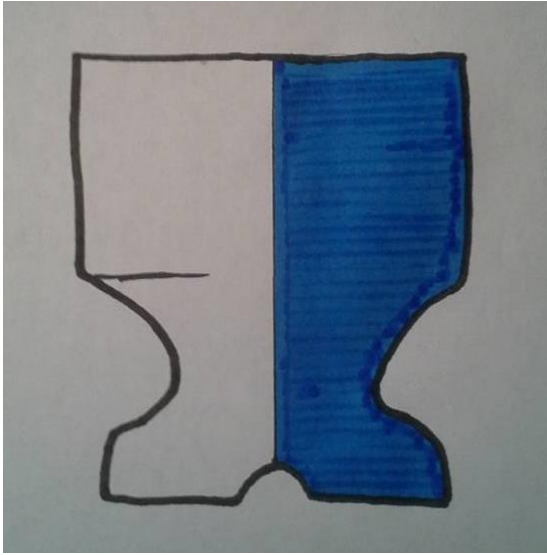
These are the ideas that the populace has given to our Herald, Lord Grimolfr Skulason, for review and conflict checking for the proposed populace badge for BBM.



#1 " (fieldless) in pall three oak leaves stems to center argent and overall an acorn azure" Idea by Lord Grimolfr Skulason

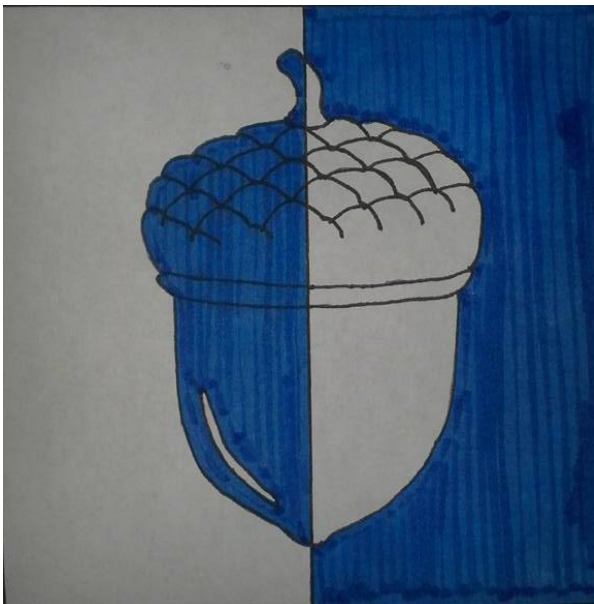
#2 "Per chevron azure and argent, in base a fjord proper" Idea by Mistress Aelfgifu of the Hazel Thicket





#3 "(fieldless) a squared anvil per pale argent and azure" Idea by Baroness Eloise of Coulter

#4 "(fieldless) on a squared anvil argent, an acorn azure" Idea by Bob Upson (I don't know his SCA name)



#5 "Per pale argent and azure, an acorn counterchanged" Idea by Lady Sorcha Inghean Ui Duinn



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Baronial Champions:

Archery Champion: Lady Ciara McRobbie

Fencing Champion: Lord Grimolfr Skulason

Heavy Weapons Champion: Mistress Shiro

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lord Grimolfr Skulason

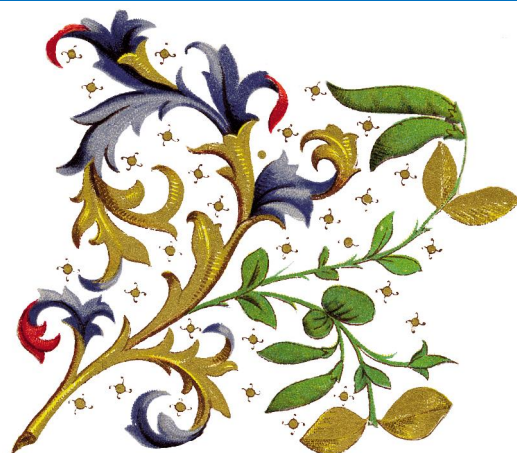
Meetings:

Baronial: **Baronial:** *There will be no baronial meeting in July.*

Newcomers Meeting: TBD

Canton:

Ravenhill: Second Monday of the month, at the home of Seneschal Michael Christian Longstryde (Michael Intemann), 28 John Beach Rd, Newtown, CT 06470, 203-270-3670 (Before 9:00 pm), michael.seneschal@yahoo.com.



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.

July Arts & Science Night

July 18, 2016 - 6-9 p.m.

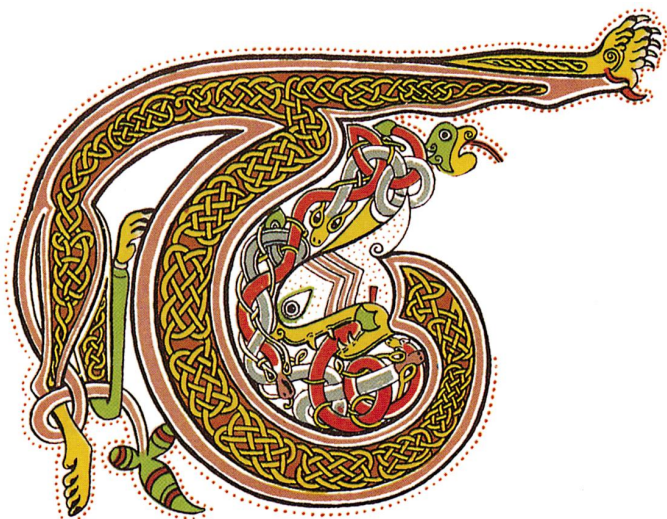
Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06385,
<https://www.google.com/maps?q=49+Rope+Ferry+Road,+Waterford,+CT,+06385,+us>

New comers, old comers, all comers interested in finding out about the SCA and what we have going on are welcome.

Re: A & S - it is open this time. Bring your new, old and/or unfinished projects to show, work and tell.

Some finished items of whatever or works in progress encouraged to show and give ideas. Knowing what is out there gives me great opportunity to exhibit and offer competitive opportunities to all. So you are limited to what YOU can carry only. (Ideally this means only two trips to your car one from and the other back to...)

Alys du Bois



Combat Arts

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

Archery

CT: BBM – The former Canton of Fennbrycg archery practice: Practice to Tuesdays at 4:30 indoors for the winter at the Norwich Archery Club; crossbows welcome. Contact Bob Smith to ensure practice is on due to weather or other issues at 860-848-3525. \$5.00 for non-members of the club.

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

CT: BBM – Woodstock: Practice may still be open by appointment. Crossbows welcome. Contact Krakken at 860-928-0578 or Email: Dean_Whitehead@bose.com.

CT: Dragonship Haven: Thursday from 8pm-10pm at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT. Closed for the Season
MA: Carolingia - Carlisle MA: Practice is closed until spring.

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: Smoking Rocks - Trader Jan's: Practice is open Wednesdays 5:30-7:30PM; Friday 6-8PM at 288 Plymouth Ave, Fall River MA. Lane fee is \$8.00. Loaner gear is available. Contact Owen at Owen_Hudleston@yahoo.com

MA: Quintavia - (Worcester County; Central Mass): Practice is closed until spring.

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

Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415

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.

Sundays, 1-5 p.m. at Mary Elizabeth McGrath Educational Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA (hosted by the Shire of Quintavia). Contact Captain Anssem van Rienen, Marshall of Fence, Carolingia, at fence-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org.

Heavy-List Fighting

Tuesdays, 7-10 Middlefield Federated Church, 402 Main Street, Middlefield, CT. Contact: Aine at ainethefearless@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m. Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main St., Colchester CT 06415

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Barony of Bergental at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Rd., Springfield, MA. Contact Cedric of Armorica, 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 Baron Oskgar of the Wood (Stephen Straut-Esden); oskgar@earthlink.net. **Fridays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.,** Wyman Elementary School, 1 Columbia Ave., Warwick, RI. Directions and contacts on BBM website.

Thrown Weapons Practice

Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., weather permitting In the Canton of Ravenhill, 28 John Beach Rd Newtown, CT. Contact Michael Longstryder (Michael Intemann) thrownweapons@ymail.com 203-270-3670 (no later than 8:30 p.m.)

Youth Fighter Practice

Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. at the Keefe Center in Hamden, CT (hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven). Contact the Youth Fighter Marshal (Taoisech Holt Kincaid) for more information at youth@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org. Those who are new or need loaner gear should arrive a little early and a marshal will be there assist them. Please bring your own personal protection (athletic cup) and water bottles.



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A Message From Our Baroness

Happy July! Summer has been beautiful so far, but it appears that the heat and humidity have finally arrived. I've been saying for weeks that if only Pennsic could be like this, I would weep with gratitude. Well, from the looks of the forecasts, my eyes shall remain dry. Speaking of Pennsic...

Opening Ceremonies are NOT at their usual time this year. They are scheduled for *Saturday night,* August 6, at 6:00 pm in the Great Hall, not on the field. At this point we have no information on muster times or locations, but I would assume that we're mustering at EK Royal as usual, and I'd say that if you can meet us there in the vicinity of 5:15, 5:30ish, that will probably work. I will post on the email list and Facebook if we receive any more detailed information. If you would like me to be able to text you updates, please be sure that I have your cell number - and please don't assume that I already have it. I'm terrible about keeping track of phone numbers. If you do nothing else for the Barony this Pennsic, please muster out for Opening Ceremonies (For the record, I've missed a class that I desperately wanted to attend for the last four years because it conflicted with Opening Ceremonies. Naturally, this year it's not being offered.)

If you should need us for anything during War, we will be camped in our usual spot in Block X03 on the south leg of Painted Wheel Road - just across from the West Kingdom. If we're not home, there will be a notepad and pen on the table in front of our tent (Panther Regent, blue dags, rain fly. It's a seriously small camp this year, so we'll be easy to pick out.) Leave me a message, and we'll get back to you. And just like the phone numbers - please don't assume that I know where you camp. Just because you've camped there for two decades and I've even come to visit you - my brain melts down in the heat, and I need extra help.

In other news, either in this issue or one shortly to come, we have (or will have) representations of some possible populace badges for the Barony. There is a beautiful oak leaf and acorn pattern based on elements of Mistress Aelfgifa's drawing of the Baronial arms; there is a counter-changed acorn in the baronial colors; there are a couple of variations with a square anvil, as an homage to and remembrance of our founding Baron, Balin the Fairhaired whose arms are "sable, a square anvil within an annulet Or (and your trivia for the day: Balin's arms are the cited reference for

the square anvil in the SCA PicDic. Pretty cool.); and there is a very cool geometric that evokes our mountain and river, citing the Baronial name ("Housatonic" roughly translates from Mohican as "beyond the mountains.") Take a look. Think about what you like, what you can make with them, and how you would go about making it. In a few months we'll start the decision process - there will likely be an online poll in addition to our usual streams of communication.

Please note that as Pennsic approaches, practice schedules will be shifting according to the marshal's availability. Check the calendar on the front page of the Baronial website before you get on the road!

Have fun, keep cool, and let's all think good Pennsic weather/temperature thoughts!

Eloise



June 2016 Baronial Meeting

There is **no Barony Meeting in July**. However, we do have the Waterford Public Library reserved from 6 – 9 on July 18 for a gather/schmooze/A&S night. 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06385 <https://www.google.com/maps?q=49+Rope+Ferry+Road,+Waterford,+CT,+06385,+us>

August—We need to talk about August. There is no meeting place scheduled. Do we want to do the August meeting on the 22nd or the 29th (or the 25th, which is a Thursday)? Anarra will be returning from Kansas City on the 22nd and is scheduled to get in that morning but if planes are delayed could miss an August 22nd meeting. **Anarra to call New Britain Public Library to schedule one of those days. Or Plainville if NBPL isn't available.**

September 19 – Waterford Library

October 17 – Waterford Library

November 14 – site TBD - **Note change of date.**

December 12 – Site TBD - **Note change of date.**

ALL OFFICERS – If your SCA membership expires on or before June 30 2016, PLEASE send Anarra your new expiration date. She needs it for her Seneschal's Report.

Mark (06/30/2016)

Officer's Reports

Exchequer – Ciara/Gwilym (Deputy) - \$16,358.46 as of the end of last month; Have not heard back from Kingdom or regional about getting the spreadsheet sorted out; Inventories are done.

Chatelaine – Gwenllian - Need to contact Emma about August. Email out to Big E, haven't heard back—Has now heard back and we will be "roving" through the building, not in our usual corral.

Colchester demo – 4 people attended, went well

Helped w/CT Ren Faire demo, and recruited two newcomers to practice. Catalina may run it again in the fall, and is thinking about recruiting other baronies: possibly each could have their own weekend. We could set up a camp and camp on the grounds.

Chronicler – Johanna/Emme (Deputy) - **Johanna wants a new deputy. No, really, she does. NEW DEPUTY!! It could be YOU!** Contact Johanna if you are interested. Please send articles, stories, links, how-tos, recipes, photos, etc. Needs stuff for the newsletter. Anarra brought up the idea of changing the newsletter to less than once a month; Jane does not currently feel burdened. July newsletter deadline July 2.

Arts and Sciences – Alys du Bois - Bardic circle on June 4, another one July 16 at 6:00 at Grimolfr & Khaza's house. Limited camping is available. William the Alchemist is/was the King's Bard, Alys is working on getting classes going – he's in the area a lot. There was a private brewing workshop on June 11. On June 25 DSH is having a chair workshop. Sybill, Sorcha, & Gabby did some private dying
Grimolfr has been tooling leather.

Herald – Grimolfr/Camma (deputy) - Grimolfr has put together five ideas for populace badges, sent them to the chronicler for the newsletter; if he will send them to Sisuile, they can go on the website. At such time as we're ready to make a decision, Sisuile can do a poll on the website. Check the Chanticleer in July for pictures of the badges.

Web Minister – Sisuile/Gwilym (Deputy) - Who is having trouble with email? – exchequer, rapier, chronicler, youth minister; Spam filters are getting rolled out (Because spam is hitting the Kingdom e-mail boxes). If the officers can't get into your official email, contact the webminister, **you MUST be checking it at least once a week**; Custom is up, June chanticleer is up on website; OP database is being worked on;

Lists – Mark the Red Hand/Alexandra Cupbearer (deputy) - One reportable injury at Yule that Bergental is dealing with because it was their

fighting event and their Marshal. Gellys told us the report had been submitted. Anarra asked the Kingdom Seneschal for a copy. Fight practices are happening; new fighters are turning out; no reportable injuries.

Knight Marshal – Angus - One reportable injury at Yule that Bergental is dealing with because it was their fighting event and their Marshal. Gellys told us the report had been submitted. Anarra asked the Kingdom Seneschal for a copy. Fight practices are happening; new fighters are turning out; no reportable injuries.

Fencing Marshal – Grimolfr - Practice was a little slow this month, but due to some promoting, we should have an increase for the next month. We had a demo across the street and I have spoken with other BBM fencers to have them come to teach and draw a following.

I would also like to talk about shortening the Colchester practice times to 2 hours. Most of the last hour is spent talking and not fighting and I don't want to waste the donations at an extra \$100/month. Times would be 7-9 weekly on Wednesdays.

The dates that we will not have a practice will be July 6th, August 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We have sent a contract and a check for \$250 for 7-9 on July 13, 20, 27 and August 24 and 31.

Also, I would like to make the 3rd Wednesday of each month a YOUTH ONLY NIGHT. This will take care of any concerns about space, because having 4 activities at the same time will be too much for our current location. This means that the first practice we will have after Pennsic would be a Youth Night.

As long as Karrah has two deep, she's fine with the idea. Motion passed. Grimolfr is working on becoming a warranted youth fencing marshal

Donations received at Colchester fight practice: 5/18/16 - \$115; 5/25/16 - \$67; 6/1/16 - \$20; 6/8/16 - \$25; 6/15/16 - \$76

Grimolfr was given the old loaner gear for youth fencing: 5 epees, 2 foils, 1 foil dagger, 5 fencing masks, 1 gorget, 2 fencing jackets, 2 pairs of pants, 2 blue tabards with a white oak on them for baronial inventory.

Captain of Archers – Rumhann - Baronial championship was squeezed into the K&Q championship. Congrats Ciara! Practice on Tuesdays in Burlington continues.

Youth Marshal – Karrah - She's here!!! Practice is going in Colchester – 3rd Wednesday of each month.

First youth practice was a little scary due to being overburdened, but her sister stepped in and helped out. Anyone under 12 now works from 7-8; All

currently div 1, will split them after Pennsic; Those over 12 now work 8-9; Baronial loaner gear is trash or gone; Karrah made some new out of her pocket; (New gear belongs to Karrah, not the Barony, just to be clear.—Anarra) Aine is only waiting on her background check, and then Middlefield can hold youth combat practice; Scott Weeks and Grimolfr are MITs, will be fast-tracked at Pennsic; At the last practice Ryan and Sir Mathgamain helped out; Will be teaching classes at Pennsic for youth combat; Picked up \$100 Tandy gift card for the youth fighter in An Tir with private donation.

Thrown Weapons Marshal – Michael - No Report
Seneschal of Ravenhill – Michael - No Report.

Alys has received no answers regarding the identity of the current canton A&S minister; According to Kingdom, Sisule has control over the canton website and email addresses; Due to Anarra not receiving answers to her inquiries, and others who e-mail officers listed on Ravenhill web site also not receiving answers, we agreed that Sisule will be bringing the Ravenhill website down, and will put in a redirect to the barony website. Official email addresses will not be generated, as the current officers are unresponsive, and that will perpetuate the issue of newcomers not receiving responses. If Ravenhill asks for site to be restored we will discuss with them. This isn't punitive, just done as a service for folks looking for the SCA in that part of the Barony so they get responses. Gwenllian has had contact with a member in the Ravenhill area, and has someone who would like to host a garb workshop; Ben is talking about a potluck barbeque for people in the area who wish to be active; Idea of starting a western CT FB page to facilitate communication.

Baron and Baroness – Dorigen & Eloise - It's all about Pennsic at this point. Opening ceremonies are on Saturday, 8/6 @ 6:00. I presume that we will be asked to muster at royal in the vicinity of 5:00 or 5:30. I know it's dinner, but please think about mustering out with the barony. With Carolingia in front of us with their cast of thousands, and Bhakail behind us with theirs, it would be nice if there were enough to be noticeable. It would be nice if you wore blue and white, but if you're dressed and there, that's good enough for us. We would love to have two volunteers to carry the sail. We have no word of any other official appearances from the royals. If you are willing to be asked to retainer if we DO get any of the usual last minute requests, please make sure Eloise has your cell number, and she will text. If any of our champions intend to compete in the Baronial Champions Tournaments at Pennsic, please let us know so that we can try to be there. No promises, but if you don't tell us, we

definitely won't be there. There is a Youth combat tourney at Pennsic on Monday – it would be great if some of the barony could come by and cheer the kids on.

Seneschal – Anarra - We have two candidates for Seneschal (thank you Eloise for the blunt post). Alys du Bois (Danielle Anderson), and Drusus Arminius Rufus (Joe Kattermann). A third person has expressed interest but hasn't officially said yes yet. Will need to do a vote in October; Jane would like a short note from candidates for newsletter.

Old Business

Yule 2016

We need to pick a BBM Coordinator around September. If you want to do it, be thinking about it between now and then. Silent Auction Coordinator (assuming we want to participate in the silent auction). Help with: Gate, set up, clean up, hall flipping, A&S classes, Kitchen crew (and kitchen clean up), setting up Baronial Stuff in Court. Not on calendar – Anarra e-mailed Bergental Seneschal to ask about Event Announcement (and silent auction, A&S Classes and what kind of help needed); No response from their A&S minister about us organizing classes yet. In the case of the silent auction, disposition of money up to people who donate.

Golden Seamstress Event September 10—

Steward = Ciara MacRobbie - We have permission from DSH to use the site; No setup worth mentioning. Don't need gate, fee is donation to church, need waiver forms; breakfast and lunch are going to be run by any groups that want to sell for fund raising. She has someone for breakfast, fencers will run lunch; There's room outside if they want fighting or fencing on a small scale; Ciara will send out rules and guidelines, and Sisule will post them on the website.

Sumer Solstice Shoot June 24, 2017 - Anarra talking to the site. There is an event Friday night which may impact us.

Artifacts of a Life September 2017—Steward =

Elizabeth Vynehorn - We need a venue. Preliminary announcements to Kingdom have gone out. Ana Ilevna has an idea for prize—game boards. If anyone would like to make game boards or pieces please discuss with Lady Alyse, Mesterinde Ana Ilevna or Mistress Elizabeth. Identified a couple of sites to look at after she's back from vacation. Asked for a budget for site. Had about 100 people last time. Good with no lunch. Budgeted \$1000 for site.

Champions - We have a new Archery Champion! Congratulations Mistress Ciara!

We need to discuss Thrown weapons and Heavy. There are some ideas floating out there. Also confirm if Rapier is OK to wait until Summer Solstice(ish) Shoot.

Aelfgifa has proposed getting together in a corner of the field at Pennsic, and people seem to like the idea. Eloise is going to have her suss out the details, and publish them everywhere.

Rumhann and Sisule have offered to host the thrown weapons championship at their home. Set for October 9 (Sunday) and will be pot luck. Grimolfr will work out the championship, and Eloise will post it... everywhere. Will need to be published in Chanticleer.

Demo at St Patrick Church in Collinsville CT—Syble - Do we want to do this? What would it involve? On a Sunday from ?? to 4:30.

No Report

Demo in Bridgewater August 20 - Last month we decided to do this on August 20. Now that Unnatural Axes is not happening, date is clear. Gwenllian to get in touch with person who wants demo.

Baronial Customs - Sisule has put it on Baronial Web site. Please read! To emphasize – this is a proposal. Please read through and collect questions, comments, and proposed changes. Anarra has a few already. We should probably schedule a separate meeting just for custom.

Invitation to the Battle of Five Armies in Quintavia—Possibly August 26th, 2017 - It would be good for us to participate – if there are particular things people would like to see there, Quintavia would like to hear. Eloise intends to win the “court” point.

Coronet Boxes - We have a volunteer to make them.

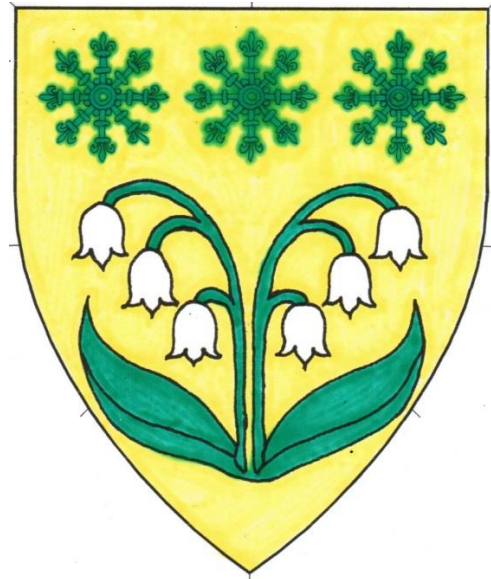
Baronial Inventory - The Gold Key and Kitchen inventories have been turned over to the Exchequer.

New Business

MDC is no longer available. We need new sites for business meetings. If we start renting library rooms we'll need to tighten up time on the meetings. Possibly have officers submit their reports ahead of time to Seneschal? Anarra will check the Rocky Hill Library, Sisule will check Newington. Danbury Library has a free room. Shorter meeting hours at libraries will require more brevity. Suggestions include starting at 7:00, and reporting officers reports in the minutes rather than at the meeting, unless there is something that needs to be brought to the barony's attention. **EVERYONE LOOK FOR SITES IN YOUR AREA.**

News from our Herald

Lord Grimolfr Skulason



Lady Alys du Bois just had her arms approved by the College of Arms. The blazon is "Or, a lily of the valley very flowered argent and in chief three escarbuncles vert".



Hrodgeirr Manason also just had his name and device approved by the College of Arms. The blazon is "Sable, a bend Or engouled of wolf's heads between two increscents argent".

Archaeology News

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

6/30/16 - MEDIEVAL MANOR EXCAVATED IN SOUTHWEST ENGLAND - DEVON, ENGLAND—

A medieval manor known as North Hall is being excavated in the village of Widecombe in southwest England. A ditch at the edge of the site is thought to have been a moat that was coupled with an earthwork to defend the house. "We think it was attacked at least twice in the Middle Ages by brigands on the moor," Mike Nendick, Dartmoor National Park spokesperson, told *The Plymouth Herald*. The team of archaeologists and volunteers has also recovered cobbles, a section of wall, flag stones, pottery, post holes, palisades, and wooden beam slots. "The people who lived here would have been powerful as it would have been a really high-status site," he explained. For more, go to "The Many Lives of an English Manor House."

<http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/dartmoor-dig-sheds-light-on-medieval-manor-under-attack-from-brigands/story-29463169-detail/story.html>

6/30/16 - VIKING CASTLE UPDATE FROM DENMARK - KØGE, DENMARK—

Archaeologist Jens Ulriksen thinks that a fire was deliberately set 1,000 years ago at the Viking castle Vallø Borgring, and has requested the assistance of police dogs and a fire safety investigator. "The outer posts of the east gate are completely charred, and there are signs of burning on the inside," he told *The Copenhagen Post*. The unfinished structure, built on a man-made plateau, is one of five known ring fortresses in Denmark, and is thought to have been the last one built by the Danish king Harald Bluetooth. "Our theory right now is that other powerful men in the country attacked the castle and set fire to the gates," Ulriksen added. For more, go to "Bluetooth's Fortress."

<http://cphpost.dk/news/danish-cops-now-on-a-1000-year-old-case.html>

6/28/16 - LIFEGUARD FINDS MEDIEVAL OIL LAMP - ASHEKELON, ISRAEL—

Lifeguard Meir Amsik was out for his regular run on a beach at Tel Ashkelon National Park when he discovered a clay oil lamp eroding out of a coastal cliff. After showing it to a colleague, the two decided to contact the Israel Antiquities Authority and alert specialists to the find. Archaeologist Sa'ar Ganor then examined the artifact and dated it to the twelfth century A.D., the Crusader Period. "Finding such a treasure is very exciting," Amsick told the *Jerusalem Post*. "Just to feel like a part of history fulfills a sense of appreciation for what was here before me, and makes me feels like a link in the chain." To read

about the discovery of coins in Israel dating to the time of the Bar-Kokhba rebellion, go to "Artifact: Roman Coins in Israel."

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Lifeguard-discovers-900-year-old-oil-lamp-on-Ashkelon-beach-during-morning-jog-457932>

6/28/16 - MEDIEVAL WEAPONS FOUNDRY DISCOVERED IN SIBERIA - IRKUTSK, RUSSIA—

Beneath a road used by tourists traveling to the popular destination of Lake Baikal, archaeologists have discovered a medieval forge dating to about A.D. 1000. Led by Irkutsk National Research Technical University's Artur Kharinsky, members of the team first noticed the site when they spotted slag on the surface of the road. The *Siberian Times* reports that remote sensing at the spot showed the presence of two underground structures, which after excavation were found to be stone furnaces that would have been used to smelt iron ore for knives and arrowheads. "Judging by the amount of iron, which can be produced with such forges, the locals managed not only to meet the needs of their own territory, but also to export production to neighboring areas," says Kharinsky. It's likely the forge was used by the medieval Turkic-speaking Kurykan people, who were known for their blacksmithing abilities. To read more about medieval-era archaeology in Siberia, go to "Fortress of Solitude."

<http://siberiantimes.com/science/casestudy/news/n0686-medieval-weapon-making-foundry-discovered-on-shore-of-lake-baikal/>

6/27/16 - VIKING TOMB STUDIED IN DENMARK - SILKEBORG, DENMARK—

Study of a wooden Viking tomb dating to A.D. 950 shows it held the remains of a man and a woman who were likely nobles who had international connections. *ScienceNordic* reports that the man was buried with Baltic ceramics and coins from what is now Afghanistan, along with a battle-axe. "It's a very large axe and would have been a formidable weapon," said archaeologist Kirsten Nølleman Nielsen, who led the excavation. "People across Europe feared this type of axe, which at the time was known as the Dane Axe—something like the 'machine gun' of the Viking Age." The woman was buried in a wagon, as was typical for female nobility of the period, and went to her death carrying two keys, one of which fits a small shrine that was also buried with her. To read more about the archaeology of Vikings, go to "The First Vikings."

<http://sciencenordic.com/unique-viking-tomb-contains-remains-noble-couple>

6/23/16 - POSSIBLE MOSQUE RUINS COULD MARK OTTOMAN SHRINE - SZIGETVAR, HUNGARY—

Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent, ruler

of the Ottoman Empire, died in 1566 in Hungary during the siege of Szigetvar Castle. Last year, Norbert Pap of the University of Pecs announced he had found the shrine where the sultan's organs were interred before his remains were transported to Istanbul. Now, according to a report by the Anadolu Agency, Pap claims to have uncovered the mosque built next to the shrine by Suleiman's son, Sultan Selim II. "According to archives, in the very same area there must also be a 1570 [era] dervish lodge used by the dervishes coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina," Pap said. He and his team are continuing to look for the dervish lodge. The complex was destroyed by Austrian Habsburg soldiers in 1692. For more, go to "Temple of the Storm God." <http://aa.com.tr/en/culture-and-art/mosque-ruins-hint-at-sultan-suleiman-shrine-in-hungary-/595976>

6/20/16 - LARGE ANGLO-SAXON CEMETERY EXCAVATED - WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND—A research team from Wessex Archaeology has excavated a large Anglo-Saxon cemetery discovered in the 1970s near the village of Collingbourne Ducis on England's Salisbury Plain. The 1,600-year-old burials include four cremation graves and more than 80 inhumation graves placed on what had been a wooded hilltop. The team found traces of infections such as tuberculosis and leprosy among the bones. Some of the graves contained shield bosses, knives, and spearheads, and are thought to have belonged to warriors. "All of the burials seem to have an iron knife. We're not too sure if it's symbolic of reaching a particular grave, but some of the infant or small child burials have got them as well," Neil Fitzpatrick of Wessex Archaeology said in a Culture 24 report. Fitzpatrick added that most of the graves had grave goods, but individuals who had been buried in a crouched position tended to have been buried with only an iron knife. Many of the women had been buried with reused Roman beads or other jewelry. The team also found traces of funerary structures on both sides of the cemetery. To read about another recent discovery in the same area, go to "A Villa under the Garden."

<http://www.culture24.org.uk/history-and-heritage/archaeology/art557050-wessex-saxon-cemetery-roman-cremations-burials>

6/8/16 - POSSIBLE SHISHMAN-DYNASTY GRAVES UNEARTHED IN BULGARIA - SOFIA, BULGARIA—The graves of several aristocrats have been found under the site of the medieval Church of St. George, located near the town of Botevgrad in northwestern Bulgaria. Archaeology in Bulgaria reports that Filip Petrunov of the country's National Museum of History discovered a ring with

the monogram of the Shishman Dynasty, which ruled from 1331 to 1395, in the grave of one woman that had been built into the foundations of the church. His team also found evidence that the church had been part of a monastery, which at the time, was located on an island in a small lake. Byzantine coins from the fifth and sixth centuries suggest that the monastery could date to the early Christian era. For more on archaeology in Bulgaria, go to "Thracian Treasure Chest." <http://archaeologyinbulgaria.com/2016/06/05/archaeologists-discover-grave-of-medieval-bulgarian-princess-built-into-foundations-of-stone-church-near-botevgrad/>



Balls or Skinless Sausages

These little meatballs are tasty and go great with your favorite sauce.

Country: Denmark
Century: Early 17th

1 lb ground beef
2 eggs
1/2 tsp salt
3/4 tsp pepper
3/4 tsp ginger
beef broth

Mix beef, eggs, and spices. Make meatballs and cook in beef broth for about 6-8 minutes.

Original Recipe Sources

Source [Koge Bog, Martin Forest, trans.]: XLIX - Balls or skinless sausages. Finely chop fillet of beef. Add egg with salt, pepper, ginger, saffron if you want. Mix this and make them round. Then put them in clean seething water that they seeth well in there, and serve them up with the same broth.

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