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# *The Chanticleer*

## *Monthly Newsletter of Barony Beyond the Mountain*

*May, 2018*

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### *Greetings from Dorian and Eloise, outgoing Baron and Baroness Beyond the Mountain*



While this will likely not be the last time that you see our writings, this is our last missive to you as your Baron and Baroness. It has been six years since we stepped up to sit the thrones that had been so ably filled by those who came before us. Much has happened in that time, for good and for ill, although we sincerely hope that the good days outweighed the ill for you, as it did for us.

In six years we have seen the regular progression of Kings and Queens on the thrones of the East; we have also seen the other Baronial seats of the Kingdom turn over – some more than once. The officers that we leave our successors are different than the officers we took from our predecessors, as it should be.

You have watched our daughter grow from a toddler to the young lady she is becoming.

In that time, we have done the best that we could for your Barony. Our Barony. We both began in this Barony and are knit into it with deep roots. At our core, you will find oak. And so, we have done the best job we were able. We are aware that we have done many things differently than some would have had us do. We are as deeply sorry now for any distress that caused as we were when those actions were taken. But when charged

with the health of the whole, sometimes it means disappointing parts. Indeed, there were many times we did things differently than \*we\* wanted, because what was right for us was not right for the Barony. This is the burden that comes with the coronet.

And yet for all the times that we sorrowed, there were more times that we rejoiced. The people of the Barony Beyond the Mountain are the equal of any that we have met for skill, for service, for generosity. We are proud of you, and we have endeavored to be leaders that you can be proud of also.

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## *Baronial Officers:*

**Baron & Baroness** - Baron Dorigen of Lewes, [baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org), and Mistress Eloise of Coulter, [baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

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

**Deputy** - Mistress Elizabeth Vynehorn, [electiondep@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:electiondep@bbm.eastkingdom.org), and Lady Leandra deLeon, [leandrasuz@aol.com](mailto:leandrasuz@aol.com)

**Chatelaine** – Lady Gwenllian ferch Llewellyn, [chatelaine@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chatelaine@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Deputy** – Sybill Teller, [mpeckham83@gmail.com](mailto:mpeckham83@gmail.com)

**Chronicler** – Lady Johanna de Glastingburi, [chronicler@bbm.eastkingdom.com](mailto:chronicler@bbm.eastkingdom.com)

**Company Captain of Archers** – Rumhann MacDuibhsithe an Bhlog Seolta, [archercap@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:archercap@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Exchequer** – Lady Ciara McRobbie, [exchequer@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:exchequer@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Deputy** - Lord Gwilym of Fflint, [willied0296@yahoo.com](mailto:willied0296@yahoo.com)

**Herald** – Mistress Camma an Daraich, [herald@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:herald@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Knight Marshall** – Lord Angus Gove MacKinnon, [knightmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:knightmarshal@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**Marshal of Fence** – Vacant

**Marshal of Thrown Weapons** – Vacant

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

**Minister of the List** – Lord Mark of the Red Hand, [mol@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:mol@bbm.eastkingdom.org)

**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** - 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@dragonshiphaven.eastkingdom.org.

### Thrown Weapons Practice

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

## Baronial Champions:

**Archery Champion:** Vacant

**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, May 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. at Joann's Fabric, Newington, CT. Contact Lady Sisule 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.

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## *Greetings from Dorian and Eloise*

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So in this, our last official missive, we would like to thank all of you. For your skill; for your service; for the gift of your time; for the gift of your candor. For the opportunity to, in a small way, put our hands upon the tiller that steers the Kingdom, and to remember that while Ostgardr and Carolingia were there before us to lay the keel, the strongest parts of the ship are made of oak.

We could not possibly thank the individuals who have made the last six years possible. It is, as Inigo said "too much." And so we will sum up: thank you all. Every one of you who participated in the Barony in some way helped us to continue this shared endeavor. Whether we worked together or apart, cooperatively or at loggerheads, it takes all of us to continue, and we have worked ceaselessly for all of you, as all of you worked for each other. Thank you for that opportunity.

The last official request that we will make of our Barony is that you uphold and encourage our successors with the same overwhelming support with which you recommended them to Their Majesties. You will not see most of the work that they do for you, but do not mistake that to mean that they are not working on your behalf. When the coronets leave our head for theirs, it becomes their responsibility to uphold, and shield, and recognize all of you, as we have done during our time.

It has been an amazing experience. Thank you all. Be well.

Yours in service,

Dorian and Eloise



# *Barony Beyond the Mountain Investiture*

**May 19, 2018  
New Britain, CT**

Join us on May 19, 2018 as we invest our new Baron and Baroness at the HSC Community Center, 370 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT

Note the site will be open for set-up from Noon, Friday the 18th to 8 p.m. and from 7:00 a.m. Saturday the 19th. Tear-down ends at Midnight Saturday (Or, hopefully, MUCH earlier!)

Site is damp. Beer, wine, mead or champagne ONLY. No spirits or spirit-based cordials are allowed on site.

No smoking or vaping on site. Not even in the parking lot. You must go outside the fence to smoke or vape.

No animals are allowed on site except Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (guide dogs, signal dogs, or other animals individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability).

**Site Open:** 9:00 am to 9:00 p.m.

**Registration:** Adult: \$15.00, \$5 discount with proof of SCA membership; Youth: 17 and under- Free.

Canadians may reserve via e-mail and pay on site.

**Feast:** \$10 per person; Limited to 88 seats. No discount for age. Deadline for reservation May 5th.

Canadians may reserve via e-mail and pay on site.

**Make Checks Payable to: Barony Beyond the Mountain, SCA Inc.**

**Event Steward:** Baroness Aurelia Stellari, (Cheryl Grieco), Cheryl\_grieco@msn.com, 860-874-7993.

No calls after 9 pm please

**Send Reservations to:** Joseph Grieco, 68 Parker St, Manchester CT, 06042,

ormac\_east@yahoo.com, Phone: 860-716-2788. No calls after 9 pm please

**Other Contact Information:**

Merchants may contact: Mesterinde Anarra Karlsdottir, OL, (Terry Neill), t\_neill@hotmail.com, (860) 223-6843 (please do not call after 9:00)

**For Dietary concerns/Questions please contact:**

DayBoard - Severin (Larry Laudenslager), Larry.laudenslager@att.net

Feast - Sisule Butler,

seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org

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## *The Vikings Begin: Treasures from Uppsala University, Sweden*

May 19, 2018-September 30, 2018  
Collins Gallery, Mystic Seaport

One of the world's finest early Viking-age collections is coming to Mystic Seaport. Priceless treasures, including helmets, shields, weapons, glass, and other artifacts are safeguarded at the Gustavianum Museum of Uppsala University in Sweden, Scandinavia's oldest university. These collections, dating as early as the seventh century, are now the focus of a major research initiative designed to significantly advance our understanding of how the Norse culture evolved. Thematic sections on Viking warfare, trade, the Baltic Sea, a ship burial, Norse gods, and relations to other cultures will employ rare archaeological finds in the discovery of how this maritime society lived more than a millennium ago. This exhibition represents the first instance most of these artifacts will have ever left Sweden.

## *Customs of the Barony Beyond the Mountain*

This Custom ("Custom") of the Barony Beyond the Mountain (the "Barony") located in the East Kingdom (the "Kingdom") of the Society for Creative Anachronism (the "SCA") is effective as of this 16th day of January, 2017 and supersedes and replaces all previous versions of the Custom, Financial Polices and Election Policies.

**WHEREAS**, the Barony wishes to codify and publish its Custom:

### **I. Definitions.**

The following terms will have the following meanings for purposes of this Custom:

1. "Governing Documents" will mean the documents contained in the organizational handbook of the SCA, including Corpora, the By-Laws, Corporate Policies, and the Articles of Incorporation as available at [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org).
2. "Kingdom Law" will mean the Laws of the East Kingdom and include the policies of the Kingdom Officers defined therein.
3. The "Populace" will mean the persons fourteen years of age or older who reside within the designated geographic boundaries of the Barony.

4. "Seneschal" and "Exchequer" will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law.

### **II. Precedence of Law.**

1. The Governing Documents and Kingdom Law are hereby incorporated by reference.
2. In the event of a conflict the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law will prevail.
3. In the event of a conflict between the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law, the Governing Documents will prevail.

### **III. The Custom.**

1. Custom will be published annually in a spring edition of the Newsletter, with a copy to the Kingdom Seneschal.
2. Custom will be posted on the official Barony website hosted by the Kingdom (the "Website").
  - a. In the event of a conflict between the Website and the Newsletter, the Newsletter will prevail.
  3. This Custom may be amended at any time by the following process:
    - a. The proposed changes must be presented, in writing to the Seneschal and Baronage.
    - b. The proposed changes must be discussed and voted upon by the Populace present at a regular Meeting in accordance with the voting procedure set forth in Section VI(4). The changes will be deemed approved upon receipt of a plurality.
    - c. Approved changes must be published in the Newsletter.

### **IV. The Baronage.**

1. Selection and Review
    - a. The Baron and/or Baroness of the Barony (the "Baronage") will be selected and reviewed as set forth in Kingdom Law.
    - b. The election policies of the Barony are set forth in Schedule B of this Custom.
  2. Term. The Baronage will serve for a term as defined in Kingdom law.
  3. Champions
    - a. The Baronage may select champions (the "Baronial Champions") to represent whatever endeavors and in whatever fashion they choose in their sole discretion.
    - b. The Baronial Champions serve at the discretion of the Baronage, for a term determined by the Baronage.
    - c. The location and manner of selection of new Baronial Champions will be determined by the Baronage in consultation with the current Baronial Champions.
    - d. The Baronial Champions will have the following duties:
      - i. Represent and defend the honor of the Baronage and the Barony;
      - ii. Advise and assist the Baronage in choosing their successors;
      - iii. Further the practice of their arts within the Barony;
      - iv. Attend the Baronage in court;
      - v. Bear and maintain the regalia associated with their positions; and
      - vi. Return the regalia to the Baronage upon selection of a new Baronial Champion;
  4. Awards.
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The following awards may be given at the sole discretion of the Baronage:

- a. The Order of the White Oak will be given for service to the Barony by a member of the Populace.
- b. The Order of the Sun and Soil will be given for service and/or participation with the Barony by people who live outside of its designated geographic boundaries.
- c. The Order of the Holly will be given for excellence in the arts and sciences by a member of the Populace.
- d. The Order of the Defender of the White Oak will be given for excellence in any of the martial arts by a member of the Populace.

#### **V. The Officers.**

1. The Barony will maintain officers as required by the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law ("Baronial Officers").
2. Baronial Officers are subject to the policies of their respective Kingdom counterparts.
3. Baronial Officers will serve for the terms defined by Kingdom Law. In the event that Kingdom Law does not define a term, Baronial Officers will serve for a term of four years.
  - a. Unless otherwise specified in Kingdom Law, Baronial Officers may be re-elected for consecutive terms.
  - b. In the event that a Baronial Officer has not submitted a report to the Baronial Seneschal for a period of one year, their office will be deemed vacant, and a successor will be elected.
4. The Seneschal and the Exchequer are required to live within the geographic boundaries of the Barony. Other Baronial Officers are not required to live within the geographic boundaries of the Barony.
5. Baronial Officers will be elected by the Populace.
  - a. Applicants for a baronial office must submit a letter of intent to the Baronage, the Seneschal, and the incumbent Baronial Officer.
  - b. Notice of applicants for a baronial office and the date of the Meeting where the vote will take place will be published to the official baronial email list and in the Newsletter.
  - c. Baronial Officers will be selected by a plurality of the Populace present at the designated Meeting.
  - d. An incoming Baronial Officer will be deemed appointed at the Meeting where the Populace vote is taken.
  - e. When practicable, a Baronial Officer will give a minimum of three months' notice prior to vacating their office.
  - f. The outgoing and incoming Baronial Officers will, together with the Seneschal, ensure that all appropriate paperwork and permissions are filed within thirty days of the appointment of the incoming Baronial Officer.
  - g. All paperwork and related materials will be transferred to the incoming Baronial Officer within thirty days of their appointment.
5. Baronial Officers will make best efforts to attend all Meetings. If a Baronial Officer cannot attend a Meeting, they will provide the Seneschal with a report sufficiently in advance of the Meeting for the report to be read into the minutes.
6. Baronial Officers will publish their contact information on the Website and in the Newsletter. This will include a)

their legal name; b) a phone number; and c) an email address.

#### **VI. Policies.**

1. The Chanticleer is the official newsletter of the Barony (the "Newsletter").
2. Official announcements will be published in the Newsletter, and may also be published on the Website. In the event of conflict, the Newsletter will prevail.
3. A meeting of the Baronial Officers and Populace (the "Meeting") will be held every month except July.
  - a. When possible, the Meeting will be held in different geographic regions of the Barony.
  - b. The Meeting will be overseen by the Seneschal or the Seneschal's designee.
  - c. The Meeting is open to the public, but only Baronial Officers and the Populace may vote on Barony matters.
4. Decisions regarding Barony matters will be determined by a vote of the Populace in attendance at the Meeting designated for decision of those matters.
  - a. Those matters which require paid membership in the SCA by the Governing Documents or Kingdom Law in order to vote will be identified as such by the Seneschal.
  - b. Adequate discussion of matters will be permitted in order to allow the Populace to form an informed decision.
    - i. When possible, matters will be raised and discussed at a Meeting, and the vote will be held at the following Meeting.
    - ii. In the case of a time-sensitive matter requiring an immediate decision, a vote of the Populace will be taken at the first Meeting. If necessary, this decision will be reviewed at the following Meeting.
    - iii. In the case of a non-critical matter, if significant objections are raised, the matter will be tabled until the following Meeting to permit further discussion.
  - c. Any decision may be re-examined at future Meetings.
  - d. Matters related to the disbursement of Baronial funds may only be voted on by members of the Financial Committee, as described in Schedule A.

#### **VII. Event Policies.**

1. The Barony will sponsor activities in the manner defined in Section II of the Governing Documents (the "Events.")
2. Any Event which will be published in the Kingdom newsletter and on the Kingdom website (a "Major Event") must be proposed to the Populace at a Meeting for approval, prior to any publication, announcement, or commitment.
3. All Events must be approved in advance, in writing, by the Barony's Seneschal.
  - a. Verbal approval is sufficient to initiate planning, but written approval must be on file with the Seneschal before the Event occurs.
  - b. The Seneschal may approve an Event via email.
4. Events must be published in the Chanticleer prior to their occurrence
5. A signed, written contract is required for any Event where a rental fee for a site is paid, unless the site is unable to provide one.
  - a. The contract should include the following:
    - i. any and all fees associated with the site;
    - ii. the site address;

- iii. a description of the planned activities;
  - iv. a list of the facilities to be used by the Barony at the site;
  - v. whether or not the Barony will have exclusive use of the site;
  - vi. the dates and times when the site will be opened and closed; and
  - vii. contact information for the site both prior to, and the day of the Event.
6. The official announcement for a Major Event must be approved by the Seneschal in advance, in writing, prior to publication. The Seneschal may approve the announcement by email.
- a. All Major Event announcements will state the reservation policy for residents of Canada set forth in the Financial Policy in Schedule A, Section [\_\_\_\_\_]
7. The person in charge of a Major Event (the "Event Steward") or their designee must attend the two Meetings immediately prior to the Major Event.
- a. If attendance at the Meetings is a hardship for the Event Steward or their designee, they may request that one of the Meetings be moved to a location that will allow them to attend. The Barony will make a good faith effort to accommodate such a request.
  - b. In the event that there is a request to move a Meeting, the person requesting the change will be responsible for providing an appropriate site.
8. The Event Steward, with the assistance of the Seneschal and the Exchequer must be familiar with the financial policies regarding Events as set forth by the SCA and the Kingdom.
9. At the discretion of the Seneschal, the Event Steward may be suspended from running Events for two years from the date of their Event if they violate policies regarding Events, or fail to file the required reports associated with their Event within thirty days of the conclusion of their Event.
10. The Barony's Seneschal may at any time cancel an Event or remove an Event Steward. The cancellation or removal must be reviewed by the Baronage. Such cancellation or removal may only occur if a) appropriate SCA, Kingdom, and/or Barony policies have not been followed; and b) the situation endangers the Populace, finances, and/or reputation of the SCA, Kingdom, or Barony. The reasons for the cancellation or removal must be documented in the Seneschal's records.
11. A person who wishes to serve as a Major Event Steward who has not previously done so in the Barony must work with an experienced deputy approved by the Seneschal. A person who has previous experience as an Event Steward outside of the Barony may be allowed to run a Major Event without a deputy at the discretion of the Seneschal.
12. Policies regarding the collection, handling, and disbursement of Event monies are addressed in the Financial Policies listed in Schedule A of this Custom.

### **Schedule A**

The Financial Policies of the Barony Beyond the Mountain  
A re-write of the financial policies will be provided by Ciara

### **Schedule B**

The Election Polices for the Baronage of the Barony Beyond the Mountain

All capitalized terms in this Schedule A will retain their meanings as defined in the Baronial Custom.

I. The election policies of the Barony as regards the Baronage (the "Election Policies") will conform to the election policies of the SCA and the Kingdom as regards the Baronage.

II. Election Process.

1. Timing.

a. No later than one year prior to the end of the current Baronage's term, the Seneschal or their designee will:

- i. commence the planning process for the Major Event to install the new Baronage (the "Investiture"). Event planning at this stage will consist of a minimum of the selection of a month mutually acceptable to the Barony and the outgoing Baronage for Investiture.

- ii. determine the current polling procedure as set forth by the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law, ascertain the materials and timetable required, and convey this information to the Populace at the Meeting.

- iii. contact the royalty regarding the proposed Investiture date as soon as possible.

b. No later than nine months prior to the month selected for Investiture the Seneschal or their designee will issue a call for nominations of candidates. This will include but

not be limited to announcements at Meetings, announcements on the official Baronial email list, and publication in the Newsletter and the Kingdom newsletter.

- i. Candidates will nominate themselves. No one may nominate a third party.

- ii. Nominations must be sent to the Seneschal or their designee, and the Baronage.

- iii. Nominations may be sent via first class mail or email.

- iv. Nominations must include proof of eligibility.

- v. Eligible nominations will be announced by the Seneschal or their designee at Meetings, on the official Baronial email list, and published in the Newsletter on an ongoing basis.

c. No later than seven months prior to the month selected for Investiture the Seneschal or their designee will commence the selection of a form of ballot. The decision of the form of ballot will be made by the Populace as set forth in Section VI(4) of the Custom.

d. No later than six months prior to the date selected for Investiture nominations will close and the Seneschal or their designee will finalize the form of ballot and send it to the Kingdom for approval.

e. No later than four months prior to the date selected for Investiture, the Seneschal or their designee will send the ballots to those members of the Populace who are eligible to vote as determined by the Governing Documents and Kingdom Law. Ballots will include:

- i. The form of ballot;

- ii. A self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of the ballot;

- iii. A copy of the election issue of the Newsletter.

2. Newsletter.

A special edition of the Newsletter will be prepared for the election, containing the following:

# Archaeology News

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

- a. The sections of Kingdom Law that address pollings for the Baronage;
- b. The Election Policies of the Barony;
- c. The list of candidates, including both SCA and legal names;
- d. If they so choose, letters from the candidates, subject to the following guidelines:
  - i. One letter per candidate or candidate slate;
  - ii. The subject matter is at the candidates' discretion;
  - iii. Letters may be up to 1,000 words in length;
  - iv. Letters must be received by the deadline for publication set by the chronicler;
  - v. Letters will be published without editing by the chronicler; and
  - vi. Letters may be submitted in any format legible to the chronicler;
- e. The special edition of the Newsletter will be published as usual, and will also be printed and sent with the ballots. Funds necessary for the printing will be provided by the Barony and will not require approval by the Financial Committee.

### III. Changes to the Election Policy.

The Election Policy may be amended at any time by the following process:

1. The proposed changes must be presented by a paid member, in writing, to the Seneschal and the Baronage.
2. The proposed changes must be discussed and voted upon by the Populace present at a regular Meeting. The changes will be deemed approved upon receipt of a simple majority.
3. Approved changes must be published in the Newsletter.



**Connecticut Sheep and Wool Demo**

**April 28, 2018**

**4/25/18 - CASTLE MOAT UNCOVERED IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE** - NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND—*The Nottingham Post* reports that a ten-foot-deep moat was discovered at Newark Castle's castle gate during work to improve Nottingham's water and sewer systems. Newark Castle was first built of timber and then later reconstructed of stone in the twelfth century. The castle's moat held animal bones and pottery dating to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, suggesting the ditch had begun to fill in as the castle began to fall into decay, according to archaeologist Vicky Owen. "We have read about there being a moat and mention it as part of tours so to have this find confirming the existence of the moat brings it to reality," said castle warden Floss Newman. The castle was partially demolished in 1648, during England's Civil War. To read in-depth about excavations at another castle, go to "Letter From England: Stronghold of the Kings in the North."

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/business/moat-created-defend-newark-castle-1497609>

**4/17/18 - MEDIEVAL EGYPTIAN POTTERY FOUND IN BULGARIA** - PLOVDIV, BULGARIA—The site of an opulent medieval building in southern Bulgaria has yielded a lusterware plate made in Egypt, fragments of colorful murals, and ancient roadways, according to a report in *Archaeology in Bulgaria*. The pottery, decorated with a human form and a metallic glaze, has been dated to the twelfth or thirteenth century A.D. The cellar in which the plate was recovered had been decorated with murals painted in red, green, and blue. "Pieces which haven't been pieced together yet show floral motifs as well as scenes," said archaeologist Kamen Stanev. "We hope to find more pieces from the murals, which were laid on wooden planks." Coins, belt appliques, weights, and fragments of glass bracelets have also been recovered during the rescue excavation. The building was found near six layers of a roadway that had been reused over the centuries. Stanev explained that in antiquity, the road had been paved with large stone slabs, but during later periods, it was covered with fragments of ceramics, small stones, and bits of mortar from ancient buildings. During the city's poorer periods, its roads were just "a river of mud," she added. To read more about archaeology in Bulgaria, go



to "Iconic Discovery."

<http://archaeologyinbulgaria.com/2018/04/13/archeologists-find-rare-12th-century-lusterware-pottery-from-medieval-egypt-in-building-with-rich-murals-reveal-medieval-streets-in-bulgarias-plovdiv/>



#### **4/17/18 - STONE FOUNDATION MAY MARK COPENHAGEN'S OLDEST CHURCH -**

**COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**—According to a report in the *Copenhagen Post*, the foundations of a building or a dyke have been found in Copenhagen's City Hall Square, near the remains of 20 people thought to have lived some 1,000 years ago. The foundations may have supported the city's first Christian church. It had been thought that Copenhagen had been a fishing village at the time. "If it is a church, it would further prove that Copenhagen was an established city at the start of the Middle Ages," said archaeologist Lars Ewald Jensen of the Museum of Copenhagen. The museum will continue to study the skeletons. To read about a discovery from a later period of the city's history, go to "Kidnapped in Copenhagenen." <http://cphpost.dk/news/archeologists-may-have-found-copenhagens-oldest-church.html>

#### **4/13/18 - MEDIEVAL SKELETON FOUND WITH POSSIBLE ARM PROSTHESIS - ROME, ITALY—**

*Science Alert* reports that the remains of a man whose partially amputated right arm appears to have been replaced with a knife has been found in a Lombard necropolis in northern Italy. Archaeologist Ileana Micarelli of Sapienza University said the man died between the ages of 40 and 50 sometime during the sixth to eighth centuries A.D. He had been placed in the grave

with his right arm bent at the elbow and laid across his torso. A knife blade, a D-shaped buckle, and decomposed organic material—probably leather—were found aligned with the arm. Micarelli said the man's hand may have been amputated after an injury from a fall or combat. He survived, and the ends of the arm bones had formed a callus and a bone spur on the ulna, perhaps from wearing a prosthesis. Micarelli also noted that the teeth on the man's right side were very worn, possibly from using them to tighten straps that held a prosthesis in place. A ridge of bone on his shoulder may have also been caused by frequent tightening movements. For more on archaeology in Italy, go to "Rome's Oldest Aqueduct."

<https://www.sciencealert.com/medieval-lombard-man-amputated-arm-knife-prosthesis>



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