

The Chanticleer

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Message From The Seneschal Regarding the Election

After a variety of setbacks due to membership issues at the Society level, our Baronial Heir Polling has officially begun!

Polls will be mailed out before the end of this week to all paid members of the Barony Beyond the Mountain. Please keep an eye on your mailboxes for a brightly colored envelope with your polling inside.

Once you receive your poll, please fill it out completely and mail it back using the enclosed pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelope. You will be asked to print and sign your legal name (parents may sign for those under 14 years of age), write your SCA Membership #, and write your date of birth. You will then have three choices on the ballot- "I am under 14 years of age and cannot vote", "I abstain", or "Angus Gove MacKinnon and Ciara McRobbie". Please choose

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only ONE of the three check boxes, and make sure your choice is clear. There is space at the bottom of the poll to write any comments you may have.

Polls must be received by the Branch Polling Deputy by **Monday, November 27th, 2023**, but the best thing you can do is fill it out immediately and send it back. Although we have only one couple running, we must have over 50% of the polls returned for the poll to be valid.

If you do not receive a poll and believe you should have received one, please contact me at seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org with proof of membership and confirmation of address, and I can provide you with a poll.

Upcoming Meetings

Going forward, Baronial Meetings will be held on the **second Thursday of the month** via Zoom at 7pm unless otherwise noted. Upcoming Meetings are as follows:

November 9, 2023
December 14, 2023
January 11, 2024
February 8, 2024

We welcome all members of the barony to participate in and attend the monthly meetings, they are a great place to keep up with the goings on of the barony (and say hi to your friends before the meetings starts!)

All financial votes will be announced ahead of time, in order to give the populace a reasonable amount of time to make a thoughtful decision.

Upcoming Practices

Archery Practices

Our archery practices are now down to the singular, with the last Andover practice being held this past Sunday. As soon as I have the information, it will be made available regarding when the Andover practice starts up again, but until then the Burlington practice is open, weather dependent.

For those on the **West** side of the Connecticut River, THL Dorian of Lewes holds archery practice on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7:30 nights in Burlington. For more information, contact bob.schlain@gmail.com. Please bring your own bug spray, pens, water, and other materials for

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your own comfort. There is no loaner equipment available, any loan of equipment is between individuals. Access to the deck is permitted for socializing; the remainder of the house is closed. **Please pay attention to the BBM email list day of, practice is weather permitting and may be canceled if the weather is not amenable.**

Fighter Practices

Bergental, our neighbor to the North has a wednesday evening practice (7-10p), at the Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield Massachusetts (455 Island Pond Rd, Springfield, MA 01118). The first Wednesday of the month is the central region practice, for those interested in more fights. The Bergental Fighters FB page is active, and a good place to reach out if you are curious about attendance.

Dragonship Haven, our neighbor to the South, has a Monday evening practice (8:00-10:30p) at the Naugatuck Parks & Rec, at 607 Rubber Ave, Naugatuck CT, 06770.

Fencing Practices

Bergental holds a joint practice with Heavy List, on wednesday evening practice (7-10p), at the Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield Massachusetts. (455 Island Pond Rd, Springfield, MA 01118)

Dragonship Haven has two a week, at Naugatuck Parks & Rec, 607 Rubber Ave, Naugatuck, CT 06770, Mondays 8:00 PM-10:30 PM and at Bethesda Lutheran Church, 305 St. Ronan Street, New Haven, CT 06511, Thursdays 7:00 PM-9:00 PM.

Thrown Weapons Practices

The thrown weapons practice is closed for the season, pay attention to this space for updates once the weather is warmer!

Upcoming Events

On November 4th, [Crown Tourney](#) will be held, to determine the next Heirs of the East Kingdom! I hope all who are interested are able to make it, and if they are not, then I hope they go to [St. Eligius](#), held by our good neighbors to the south in Dragonship.

On November 10-11th, BBM is hosting the Golden Sewist Challenge!

Back by popular demand!

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The Barony Beyond the Mountain invites you to come show us your costuming skills.

The seamstresses and seamsters of the east will take up the challenge to create a complete set of garments, from the skin out, in 18 hours. Teams of 1-6 active members are to start at 8pm on Friday, and continue to 4pm Saturday. Team members are expected to remain on site during the competition. At the close of the sewing portion of the competition, each team will present their final outfit to the judges and populace. They will be expected to show and explain all layers in as succinct and expeditious a manner as possible. Additional presentations are welcome, but will be done while the judges are sequestered after the show. Once the judges have reached a decision, Their Excellencies of BBM will hold court, and the winners will be announced.

For full details on the competition and information on registering a team, please visit: <https://bbm.eastkingdom.org/events/golden-sewist/>

And ofcourse, on December 2nd, [Yule](#) is being hosted by the Barony of Bergental.

The next two months are going to be busy, but hopefully it is an enjoyable time, with friends and good company!

Champions Day Report

It was a wet and wild day for everyone. I can safely say it was somehow dryer than the Consorts' and Sovereigns' Archery Championship back in the spring, but as that is a low bar it's not a good comparison. I've walked through swamps dryer than C+S Archery Champs. The event had a fantastic attendance of nearly 80 people, and many newcomers! Along with their Royal Cousin from Dragonship Haven, Baron Mark and Baroness Gwenllian were able to hold the contests to determine Dragonship's champions and showcase the talent for the selection of BBM's Baronetcy.

All four martial disciplines's events were conducted during a lull in the weather, and in true weather fashion as soon as court started the sun came out. I'm choosing to interpret this as a blessing from Helios on BBM and Dragonship Haven's incoming champions, and not the ironic amusement of a fickle weather deity with nothing to do but mess with us.

With that said, the following is the Court Report. Both Baronies have much to celebrate, with so many accomplished individuals willing to compete and participate in their chosen art, and so many others willing to brave the rain not for martial prowess, but instead the warmth of community, potluck and a good time together.

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In addition to welcoming the new Baronial Champions, Their Excellencies also had the following business. They saw before them:

Thurayyā Bint Sitt al-Sirr, and awarded her the Sun and Soil, our baronial award for service performed for our barony, by one who does not live within its bounds.

Ander Tynegate, and awarded him the Defender of the Oak, the baronial martial award, for his dedication and commitment to competing for the barony at all levels of competition, from Kingdom to baronial.

Jaffon of the Priory, and inducted him into the Order of the White Oak, the baronial service award, for his dedication to our game.

Congratulations also to Gwylim of Flint, for receiving the Advanced Thrower's badge, given to throwers with a score average of 45 or more, but less than 75 points. Our barony has developed a strong culture of thrown weapons and we are proud of all the throwers in our barony, whether they compete or not!

Vivat!

Current Champions

Their Excellencies Gwenllian and Mark would like to thank their outgoing champions, who honored the barony with their willingness to compete and represent their barony. They would like to offer their congratulations to their new champions, and look forward to getting to know them moving forward.

Thrown Weapons

Durin Bastien has the barony's gratitude for serving as Thrown Weapons Champion, and we would like to welcome Thurayyā Bint Sittal-Sirr as our new champion! Congratulations to Matteo Genovese, who won the contest which consisted of a who-can-get-closest to a target the size of a quarter!

Hello, I am Thurayyā bint Sitt al-Sirr, also known as Melmyra, and I am proud and humbled to have been chosen by Baron Mark and Baroness Gwenllian to be BBM 's Thrown Weapons champ. I will do my best to represent the Barony. I have been active in the SCA for at least a decade and began with thrown weapons as I used to help out with the games area of a local Ren Faire on occasion. I truly started to focus on them in the last few years. I find it to be a great

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stress relief and a fun community to be a part of. I have also begun to dabble with archery on and off. I attend many local events in the East and, of course, Pennsic! I love to help out where I can and cheer on everyone. I have recently become a student of Caoilfhionn for service and I look forward to seeing where my path takes me! I will be MIC for 100 Minutes, so come on out and see what tournament I have in store! I look forward to serving the Barony.

Humbly, Thurayyā

Archery

Thank you to Dorian of Lewes for serving as Baronial Archery Champion, and we congratulate Ander Tynegate for winning the competition, beating both the wind, rain AND mud (and the other competitors too I guess.)

Congratulations to BBM's new Archery Champion, Angelina Capasso.

Lady Angelina was born into the family of a wealthy Italian fabric merchant, c1400. Her husband was murdered by pirates while on a trading venture, leaving her widowed at a young age. Seeking a change in landscape, she decided to travel to England and set up shop. Her shop happened to be down the lane from a handsome tailor named Bartholomew Sharpe, whom she has gotten to know better. While being fairly new at archery, her beau makes sure she is up to date on the latest fashions on Tudor archery accessories and looking good. She enjoys the comradery of fellow archers and is proud as heck to represent as the Barony's Champion.

Lady Angelina Capasso, Yours In Service

Heavy List Fighting

Thank you Mihail Bialy for serving as our outgoing champion, and thank you to Sir Angus for stepping up to give THL Timbrien a fight, it was a delight to see you both in action, and truly brightened a dreary day.

Congratulations to Lord Reinhart aus Danzig, our newest Heavy List Champion for BBM!
I carry greetings from him, please see below.

I am Reinhart, and I fight Heavy List, do leatherwork, armoring, and sew. I'm originally from Meridies but moved to the EK in 2021.

YIS,
Reinhart aus Danzig

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Fencing

Thank you Agnes de Lyon for standing with our Baronial Seats, and we wish you the best as you continue your journey on your chosen path. Congratulations to the new Baronial Champion, Xavier the Sinister!

I am delighted to carry a missive from Don Xavier, introducing himself to our barony.

Greetings, noble populace of Barony Beyond the Mountain,

I am Xavier the Sinister, your recently named Rapier Champion. Hailing from the end of the Viking age, I have immersed myself in the intricate art of Girard Thibault d'Anvers' fencing system, a passion I share with the community through teaching. My dedication to the rapier community led me to serve as the Pennsic War rapier general for the East Kingdom in AS 54 and become a proud member of the Order of the Golden Rapier in AS 52.

In my pursuit of mastering Thibault's style, I am currently engrossed in creating a comprehensive flow chart of the fencing system, a testament to my commitment to the art. Beyond the fencing salle, I find joy in strategic games and have a interest in the Forester's guild.

I look forward to sharing my knowledge, learning from all of you, and contributing to the vibrant rapier community within our barony.

Yours in service,
Don Xavier the Sinister

History In The News



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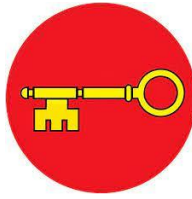
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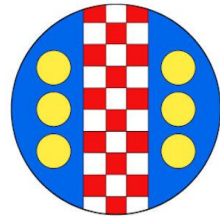
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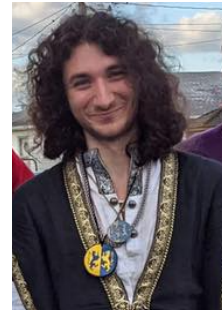
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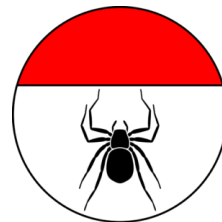
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Captain of Archers

Lord Gwylim of Flint

Classifieds

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