

The Chanticleer

The Monthly Newsletter of the Barony Beyond the Mountain

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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:

Apr 11, 2024 07:00 PM

May 9, 2024 07:00 PM

Jun 13, 2024 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84586128611?pwd=TmlzMVdTeDRkVDJXRjlldWpRWS9odz09>

Meeting ID: 845 8612 8611

Passcode: 776223

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!)

Upcoming Practices

Archery Practices

In BBM we are fortunate to have two different archery practice options for those interested! The Andover practice is not open yet, watch this space for updates!

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 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.

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Please pay attention to the BBM email list day of, practice is weather permitting and may be canceled if the weather is not amenable.

For those on the East side of the Connecticut River, there is another practice! On Sundays, at the Andover Archery Center (398 Hebron Rd / RT 316, Andover CT, 06232)

Site Rates: \$5.00 per hour, per person

- MiC 1: Kay Leigh Mac Whyte 120272@members.eastkingdom.org
- MiC2: Camma an Daraich
- MiC3: TBD (Accepting Applications!)

Sundays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the following dates: (all dates weather dependent, pay attention to the mailing list for more information)

- April 14, 21, 28
- May 12, 19
- June 23, 30
- *July to October 2024 - TBD*

Site Rules:

- Loaner gear: Gloves and armguards from MiCs. Bows may be rented at cost from the pro shop.
- Archers are advised to bring their own bug spray; sunscreen; water; or other personal supplies.
- The parking area is small. Carpooling is encouraged where possible.
- Carry in, carry out. Please leave the site cleaner than you found it.
- Please provide payment to the pro shop at the end of your session.
- Cancellations will be published on the Baronial FB and mailing list should they occur.

Practices are generally held 2-3x a month, pending marshal availability.

We are always looking for more marshal volunteers, and are happy to help train new marshals (MiTs) upon request. If you are a MiT awaiting a warranting exam, please contact the Captain General for arrangements with a warranted Lt. General At-Large.

Stay tuned for updates!

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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.

Dragonship's Practice is BACK!

Best of all, our Baronial Knight Marshall is working on getting a practice up and running on thursdays in Norwich CT! Please contact him if you are willing to marshall heavy list or fencing, he is hoping to get it started by mid april.

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.

Dragonship's Practice is BACK!

Thrown Weapons Practices

Hosted by our baronial herald, BBM's Thrown Weapons Practice is coordinated by THL Matteo who can be reached on Facebook (Matt Soucy) or email (225471@members.eastkingdom.org) and THL Safiya al-Naghira (Kristin Bomber, 239314@members.eastkingdom.org) for the exact address in Windsor, Connecticut. Please pay close attention to the Baronial email list, practice is weather dependent.

Come join our Barony's throwers on wednesday evenings, from 5:30pm to dusk to practice your knives, axes, or javelin (or rubber chicken, we won't judge!) Please bring your own hydration, chair, sunscreen, bug spray etc. necessary for your own health and safety while participating. For safety reasons, closed toe shoes are required for participation, and loaner weapons are available if you don't have your own set. Donations towards target upkeep will be happily accepted.

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Thrown Weapons is **BACK!** May 1st, not only Beltaines but also the first day of thrown weapons practice in BBM! Join us one and all, and celebrate the good weather (knock on wood) and the start of a summer of fun!

Upcoming Events

INVESTITURE IS HAPPENING! Not only do we have heirs for our baronial seats, we have an event! The event announcement is posted on the East Kingdom Calendar of Events, at [<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4277>]. Mistress Randall and Lady Erzsebet are working with Mistress Ciara McRobbie and Sir Angus Gove Mckinnon to make an event that will showcase all the wonderful talents and abilities of our barony. (see more below.)

The March baronial business meeting was held, and the following were discussed. Please contact the chronicler for more details if you have any questions.

If you are interested in autocrating Golden Sewist in the fall, please contact the Seneschal! Its a fantastic first event, and you will have a ton of support from experienced autocrats in the barony.

Investiture is happening and we have received the bid for Armoured champions! (see more below.)

Yule is ours this year, please contact the Seneschal if you are interested in stewarding, or if you have a lead on a site!

Investiture

In the lands of the Housatonic River, change comes slowly. Since the reign of Akbar II there have only been six barons and five baronesses Beyond the Mountain. Therefore, when the coronet of the thirteenth oldest Barony in the Known World changes – a Barony older than all but four Kingdoms – it behooves the subjects of the East to take notice. Such transitions should be marked by pomp, and ceremony, and attended by signs in the heavens, so seldom do they transpire.

On the 11th of May, such a ceremony shall occur. Mark and Gwenllian, having held the lands of the white oak in the King's name for six years, will retire from the Housatonic thrones, and the coronet will change for only the sixth time in fifty-two years. Therefore, join us to celebrate the

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Investiture and acclamation of Sir Angus Gove MacKinnon and Mistress Ciara McRobbie as the seventh Baron and sixth Baroness of the Barony Beyond the Mountain.

The Barony Beyond the Mountain is delighted to host the East Kingdom Armoured Champions Tourney at our Investiture, and we bring the missive below from the current Sovereign Champion of Armoured Combat.

To All Rattan combatants who would vie for the title of Sovereign and Consort's champion of arms-below is the format for this year's contest!

The day will begin with all combatants distributed into 4 pools to fight a round-robin style tournament. Combatants in this round may bring their preferred weapons form. The top 4 combatants of each pool will advance to the next round of 16.

The Round of 16 will be double elimination, with all pairings being a single pass, and double-kills re-fought. Combatants in this round may bring their preferred weapons form.

Starting in the Quarter Finals, all pairings will be fought best 2 of 3 passes, with double-kills being re-fought. Combatants in this round may bring their preferred weapons form. PLEASE NOTE: if a combatant enters the Quarter Finals with zero losses, then loses 1 pass and wins 2 - that combatant does not retain any losses. If a combatant has 1 loss going into the Quarter Finals, that combatant must still lose 2 of the 3 passes to be eliminated.

The Semi-Finals will be fought best 2 out of 3 passes. The combatant with 1 loss must win 2 passes, the combatant with no losses need only win 1. All passes in the Semi-Finals will be fought with each combatant's preferred weapons form. The Finals will be fought as a best of five (5) with all prior losses forgiven.

Finals:

Round 1 - Weapon Chosen by Sovereign

Round 2 - Weapon Chosen by Consort

Round 3 - Weapon Chosen by Lower Precedent Combatant

Round 4 - Weapon Chosen by Higher Precedent Combatant

Round 5 - Combatants Bring Their Best (Weapons form)

There are also other things to do! Excellent food, a thrown weapons range, and fencing will all be available alongside an A&S Display.

The site is DRY. No alcohol is permitted on site for any reason, including A&S Display, consumption, gifts, for sale, or distribution. Please contact the Steward if you have any questions.

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The midday meal will be a Period progressive feast by THL Sisule Butler. The plan is not for a traditional "dayboard", but instead a progressive feast, served in two courses. It will be served buffet style, so people can eat in the main hall or (hopefully) outdoors if the weather is nice. The feast is based on the Lord of Ireland's household accounts in the 1590s to give me a guide for what is appropriate to serve in May and a couple of contemporary cookbooks for the recipes and the mix of dishes in each course.

The menu currently stands as:

- 1: Salat of All Kinds of Herbs, Turkey, Spinach Fritters, Rice Tarts
 - 2: Roasted Beef with rosemary and thyme, Cooked Greens, Spring Pea Tarts, and Fine Cakes
- With the traditional bread, butter, fresh and aged cheeses alongside both courses.

As is usual with THL Sisule's feasts and dayboards - all pastry and batter will be gluten free (though Mistress Randall is making her traditional wheat breads, those are baked in a different kitchen). Detailed ingredient lists will be posted online and outside the kitchen, please let me know if you have any dietary concerns that I can address. Please visit the event website for the full feast breakdown of ingredients and removes.

The site is accessible as per the Accessibility Porter's criteria. Please contact the steward for the full breakdown.

There will be a thrown weapons range for practice, as well as some fencing coordinated by our own baronial fencing champion, Lord Gareth.

Unto all who may hear these words, distant fellows and neighbors next door, pray attend. On the day of their Investiture, Sir Angus and Mistress Ciara, newest Baron and Baroness of Barony Beyond the Mountain, have the wish to see your Arts and Science works. Bring for display something you have made or a skill you have learned, since the start of the pandemic, that you are most proud of. Their Housatonic Excellencies shall make time over the course of the day to discuss the display with all who shared their works. Please contact Lord Severin at moas@bbm.eastkingdom.org to arrange for display space.

BUT WAIT! There is more! We will also be hosting Youth Heavy Combat! Bring your youths! Bring their desire for combat! And maybe some friends too! Youth Heavy Combat is for fighters aged 6-17. Loaner gear will be available on a first come, first served basis. We encourage all fighters to bring at the very least their own groin protection, along with anything that is appropriate for armor, even if they lack a full kit.

Additionally, the EK Youth Combat Program is also seeking donations of loaner gear, which will be distributed to marshals in need to support the program. For a full list of items appropriate for donation, please see

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wmlb8IPqbrjRiLVN6xBQjsijWwT3CgzC0u3eJ6Ceib8/edit?usp=sharing>

And there may be another youth activity! Stay tuned!

Tentative Schedule (will be updated)

9:30 - Gate Opens

12:00 - First Feast Remove Served

1:30 - Second Feast Remove Served

7:30 - Site Closes

For Canadian attendees: please email the steward with your full mundane name, sca name, member number and expiration date, and if you are attending Feast, and bring US Cash to pay at Gate. You will be considered pre-registered, but not paid.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at Gate, and while we would like to see everyone; it is more important to rest and recover(at home) if you are not feeling well.

Event Website: [Barony Beyond the Mountain Investiture and East Kingdom Armoured Champions Tournament](#)

Event Location: Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp (326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret Center, CT 06259)
[Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp](#)

Directions:

WINDHAM-TOLLAND 4-H CAMP

326 Taft Pond Road

Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Take your preferred route to I-395

Take exit 47 for Route 44 West

Continue straight onto CT-97 S

Continue straight onto CT-244 W

Turn left onto Taft Pond Rd, Destination will be on the right.

In addition to the above, Marcus Quintius will be running gate, and is looking for

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volunteers. If you have an hour of your day to spare, we both would appreciate it. It's a fun way to make sure your friends have arrived, and to see who is there!

We look forward to hosting Armoured Champions certainly, but the true stars of the days are our Baronage. Gwenllian and Mark have served the barony, and lead us all through trying times. They may be stepping down, but we will be grateful for their devotion and dedication to this barony, and I hope that they see that in the event we have made for them. Ciara and Angus are stepping up, and just as much as Investiture is a celebration of Mark and Gwenllian's tenure, it is a celebration of their upcoming term as our baronage. I would like to personally invite one and all (and all your friends!) to this event. We only get to host an investiture every 4 (or 6) years, and I think it is certainly worth throwing a grand party for!

History in the News

[A small earthquake and 'Moodus Noises' are nothing new for one Connecticut town](#)

[Ancient stone tools found in Ukraine date to over 1 million years ago, and may be oldest in Europe](#)

['They're quite like us': Scientists reveal groundbreaking finding on Stone Age piercings — and who wore them](#)

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Baron Mark Red Hand



Baroness Beyond the Mountain

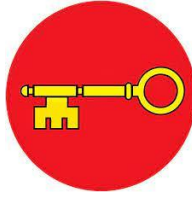
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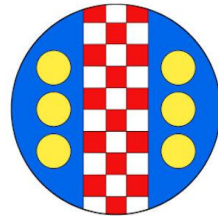
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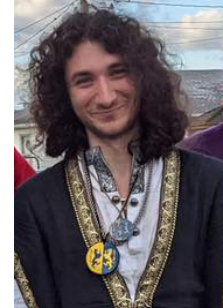
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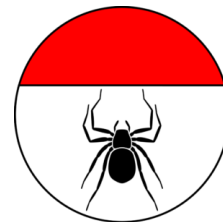
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