

# The Chanticleer

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Whether you celebrate the Gregorian New Year, [Lunar New Year](#), [Diwali](#), [Rosh Hashanah](#), [Enkutatash](#), or [Nowruz](#) I hope you have a wonderful evening, and a lovely new year.

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## *Upcoming Meetings*

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

Jan 8, 2026 07:00 PM  
Feb 12, 2026 07:00 PM  
Mar 12, 2026 07:00 PM  
Apr 9, 2026 07:00 PM  
May 14, 2026 07:00 PM  
Jun 11, 2026 07:00 PM  
July 9, 2026 07:00 PM  
August 13, 2026 07:00 PM  
September 10, 2026 07:00 PM  
October 8, 2026 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 **Eastern** BBM practice at Andover Archery is closed for the season, when a restart date is determined it will be published here, and on the baronial mailing list.

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](mailto: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. Rain, ice, and snow may all make the range unsuitable for use, but that is determined close to the day of practice due to the unpredictable nature of New England .

### **Fighter Practices**

BBM's own fighter practice is on hold for the winter, but Knight Marshall Jaffon of the Priory is looking to restart it in late march/early april depending on site availability. Updates can be found here, and on the baronial mailing list.

Bergental, our neighbor to the North, has a Monday evening practice (7-10p), at the Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield Massachusetts (455 Island Pond Rd, Springfield, MA 01118). The first Monday 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**

BBM's own fencing practice is on hold for the winter, but Knight Marshall Jaffon of the Priory is looking to restart it in late march/early april depending on site availability. Updates can be found here, and on the baronial mailing list.

Bergental holds a joint practice with Heavy List, on Monday 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**

BBM's two thrown weapons practices are currently closed, with both Taber Creek run by Thurayyá bint Sitt al-Sirr, and the Windsor practice run by Matteo and Safiya on hold until the weather is more conducive to outdoor activities.

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## **Open Officer Position- Captain of Archers**

The Captain of Archers is responsible for overseeing all archery activities within the group and ensuring that all relevant safety procedures are followed. They also promote the accomplishments of the archery community within the Barony. Per Baronial Custom, it is a four year term.

**The Captain of Archers must be a paid member of the SCA and be an actively warranted archery marshal.**

Duties:

- • Send reports to Kingdom as required (April 1st, October 1st)
- • Ensure MICs from practices and events submit royal round scores and incident reports as necessary
- • Report on archery activities within the Barony for the monthly business meetings
- • Ensure Baronial archery equipment is properly maintained and stored, and replace as necessary
- • Coordinate with the Knight Marshal and Event Steward(s) for events with archery within the Barony, including any supplies needed
- • Monitor the Archery Rankings and present Archer, Marksman, and Bowman badges to members of the Populace in Baronial Court

**Please submit letters of intent to [seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:seneschal@bbm.eastkingdom.org), [baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baron@bbm.eastkingdom.org), [baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:baroness@bbm.eastkingdom.org), and [archercap@bbm.eastkingdom.org](mailto:archercap@bbm.eastkingdom.org) by 11:59pm Sunday January 4th, so we may present applicants to vote on at the Baronial Business meeting on January 8th.**

## **Baronial Custom Updated**

As of Thursday December 11th, the Baronial Custom is updated. Please see the accompanying PDF attachment to see the proposed changes, with Schedule A and B omitted, as no changes have occurred to them as of yet.

As of December, the only changes were made to the Custom portion of the document, and changes to the Financial Policy will be voted on at the January 8th Baronial Business Meeting.

If you would like to provide feedback, please email the seneschal before the meeting. Feedback and discussion is encouraged.

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## *Current Officers*



**Baron Beyond the Mountain**

[Baron Angus Gove McKinnon](#)



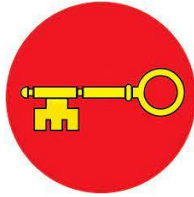
**Baroness Beyond the Mountain**

[Baroness Ciara McRobbie](#)



**Seneschal**

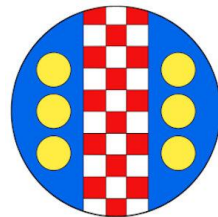
Mistress Karrah the Mischievous  
(she/her/they/them)



**Deputy Seneschal**  
Lady Erzsébet Csesztvei



**Exchequer**  
THL Safiya al-Naghira

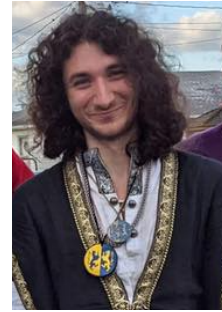


**Deputy Exchequer**  
Master Allyn min Teanga



**Herald**

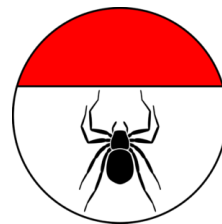
THL Matteo Genovese



**Chatelaine**  
THL Michal Bialy



**Webminister**  
Lady [Rachael of BBM](#)



**Deputy Webminister**  
Lord [Aleistair Valentine](#)

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**Minister of Arts and Sciences**

THL L. Severin Schröder



**Thrown Weapons Marshal**

THL Thrainn Steinsson



**Minister of Lists**

[THL Cordelia MacDougall](#)



**Chronicler**

[Lady Erzsébet Csesztvei](#)



**Captain of Archers**

[Lord Gwylim of Flint](#)

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