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Meetings and Practices

Baronial Business Meetings

1st Thursday of each month Sachem Public Library (Holbrook) 7:30pm Contact Seneschal David Cortijo for information. All are welcome. Officers are encouraged to attend.

Canton Business Meetings

Hawkes Reache

2nd Tuesday of each month Harborfields Library (Greenlawn) 7:30pm Contact Seneschal Alexander MacLachlan (Brett Kessler) for information.

Directions to Gachem Library

Take the L.I.E. to exit 61,
Patchogue-Holbrook Rd.
CR-19 towards Patchogue/
Holbrook. Merge onto Expwy
Drive South, turn left at
Holbrook Rd. The library is at
150 Holbrook Rd.
631-588-5024

Fighter Practice

Outdoor practice suspended See pg. 4 for alternatives

The ball fields at Broadway Ave. Park, Sayville, two cross streets north of Montauk Hwy. Contact Adam Steinfelder at 631-514-1104 after noon

Fencing

Fridays 7:30 - 10 P.M.

Loaner gear available. Anyone 14 yrs. and older welcome. 640 Belle Terre Rd., Building F, Port Jefferson, NY 1177. Contact Moresca at 347-276-8813

or morescarf@aol.com

Archery & Thrown Weapons

Contact Lord Logan de Londres and Lady Damianna de Londres (Mark & Dina Wolyniec) for information: 631-924-6968 (before 9 PM)

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Event Calendar

Local Barony of An Dubhaigeainn events listed in red.

December

12/4 BBM & Bergental Yule: Barony of Bergental - West Springfield, MA

12/11 Bhakail Yule: Barony of Bhakail - Philadelphia, PA

12/11 Shire of Coill Tuar & Crown Lands of Orange and Sullivan County Third Annual Yule Feast: Shire of Coill Tuar - Highland, NY

12/18 <u>Iron Bog's Toys for Tots Challange:</u> <u>Barony of Iron Bog</u> - Pemberton, NJ

For full event listing and information see the East Kingdom website:

http://www.eastkingdom.org/event-list.html

January

1/8 <u>Mistletoe Revel</u>: Shire of Barren Sands - Tuckahoe, NJ

1/9 Yule Baronial Commons: Barony of AnDubhaigeainn - Huntington, NY (see below)

1/15 Twelfth Night Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ

1/22 Bellringers Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ

1/22 An English Country 12th Night Shire of Owlsherst - Wellsville, PA

1/22 Kings & Queens Rapier Champions & All Things Pointy Barony of Bergental - Springfield, MA

1/28th - 29 Market Day at Birka XXII Barony of Stonemarche - Manchester, NH

Yule Baronial Commons:

Please join us for a Holiday Commons at the home of Miquel d'Avinhon and Alissenda la Gailharda (Mike and Linda Davies) on Sunday, Jan. 9th from 1 pm until 8. Garb is encouraged, but not required. This is a great way to meet folks and socialize in an informal setting. Feel free to bring small projects to work on and share. Baron Ateno and Lord Thorolf will be brewing and there are a few other surprises in store!

Please bring a dish to feed four people as well as a beverage of your choice. Depending on the weather, we may light the firepit. There is space for fighters and fencers, so long as marshals are available. Extra chairs are always welcome!

The address is: 887 Park Avenue, Huntington NY, 11743, 631-385-1950.

Directions to Commons:

Take either exit 42 north from the Northern State Parkway or exit 51 north from the LIE. Both will get you on Park Avenue, otherwise known as Rt.35. The road splits just north of the parkway so STAY LEFT. We are north of Jericho and south of Pulaski, on the west side of the street. The house number is on the mail box.

Membership rates going up!

As of January 1, S.C.A. memberships rates will be going up by \$8. You can save money by renewing now at the old rate. You can even renew online:

https://membership.sca.org/

Should you receive one of the VIP passes given with membership renewal and not need it, please consider donating it to the Barony Chatelaine.

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Combat Arts: fighting, fencing, archery & thrown weapons

From the Knight Marshal:

Outdoor practices are temporarily suspended for the cold weather. As practices are scheduled, any of the following may step in as Marshal in Charge so that scheduled baronial practice may continue with insurance intact: Kevin Dowd, James Peck, and Eric Rhude. The fencers operate on a similar premise. Moresca (Julie DeVuono) is the deputy KM in charge of Rapier. In her absence, any of the following may MiC a Rapier practice: Pete Boullianne, Erik Soto, and Brett Kessler.

Beavy Weapons: Up to date information on practices may be found at the Yahoo web site here: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scaducks/

We have also been invited to join the fighters of Ostgardr who continue to meet on Sundays in Brooklyn from noon until about four pm. at Quality Conservation, 140 58th Street, Bldg. A, Unit 8M. The site is indoors - a large warehouse with plenty or room, so even polearms are fine. There is plenty of parking within a fenced and guarded lot. For those taking pub-

NEW! Youth Combat!

Youth Combat practices are held at the same time and place we hold Heavy Weapons practice. Please confirm your attendance in advance with Lord Marcus so there are Youth Marshals present. You can reach him through: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scaducks/

lic transportation, the site is two to three blocks from the R/N train stop at 59th Street. Non-fighters are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact RobertEsteves@gmail.com

Fencing Practice

Please call Moresca before coming to practice to confirm that practice will be held

We continue to meet at 640 Belle Terre Rd., Building F, in Port Jefferson. As noted, practice for fencers is Friday evenings, 7:30-10 PM. Some loaner gear may be available if requested beforehand. If you're curious, come see what we're all about!

Contact Moresca at at 347-276-8813 or morescarf@aol.com

We have also been invited to join a <u>NON SCA</u> practice held by MSR on Thursday nights at 7 pm at Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, 1845 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793. Please contact Adam Redler for further info: <u>adamo_di_barbera@yahoo.com</u>

Archery & Thrown Weapons:

Practice is temporarily suspended for the cold weather.

In the meantime, those interested in the English longbow might find this eleven part video entertaining. It's a filmed debate between Kelly DeVries of Loyola University and Clifford Rogers of West Point filmed at California University of Pennsylvania, on October 20, 2010. Between them, professors DeVries and Rogers have written countless books and articles dealing with medieval warfare and military technology. In this debate, they challenge what we think we know about the use and tactical effectiveness of the English long bow, taking apart references from literature, archaeology and art .

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E--DR8ZIIVo&feature=related



Help Wanted

The Barony is currently seeking Letters of Intent for the following positions whose terms are expiring. If you have questions about a job, you can speak with either the outgoing officer, the Seneschal Lord David, or His Excellency, Baron Ateno. Letters of Intent must be submitted to either Lord David or Their Excellencies.

: Seneschal : : Knight Marshal : : Deputy to the Minister of Lists : : Web Minister : : Youth Minister :

Canton of Hawkes Reache



Greetings All,

We have a new Canton Web Minister! Thanks to Lord Miquel d'Avinhon for taking on the job. We hope to be up and running soon.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at the Harborfields Public Library in Greenlawn, NY. For directions, see: http://harb.suffolk.lib.ny.us/directions.htm.

Yours in service, Alexander MacLachlan, Canton Seneschal

Thank You from the Autocrat for St. Andrews Stops to Smell the Roses!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make St. Andrew Stops to Smell the Roses a success! My hope is that you all enjoyed the day. Among the many I would take this time to thank:

My husband, Master Baron Don Jean Xavier, and Lady Daria for their invaluable assistance in creating the feast tokens, helping to put the final touches on the gaming prizes, setting up and cleaning up, and all-around support. (Thank you, my dear, for also running the fencing tournament.) Thank you to Baroness Mistress Suzanne Neuber de Londres for once again providing a delicious repast, both for dayboard and for the evening's feast. (And for, once again, coming in under budget.)

My thanks to Lady Ambjorg (Helga) and Lady Diana, two veritable whirlwinds, for working the kitchen all day with Mistress Suzanne, serving the feast, and then insisting on doing dishes at the end. Thanks also to Lord Logan and Derin for helping with the dishes, as well.

The Petritsch family (Scott, Pamela, Amanda, and Joel) for their help everywhere they were needed. Most especially for set-up and at Troll. (Thank you, Scott, for providing the yummy pumpkin pies for the event!)

Our Games Master for the day, Lord Eanraig, and his daughter Victoria for putting together and running a most excellent gaming competition with some truly wicked rules.

Lady Damianna for pitching in at Troll when I needed to step away. Their Excellencies of An Dubhaigeainn, Baron

Ateno and Baroness Lassar, Their Excellencies of Ostgardr, Viceroy Alexandre and Vicereine Eularia, THL Peter of Hawkwoods, James, Lord Logan, Lord Tristan, Lady Sherre of Seaford, Lord Friderich Grimm, and Rufus for their work at evening's end in cleaning up the site.

His Excellency Baron Ateno for running a successful raffle. Baron Stefanus and Lady Oriana of Grey Fog for their generous raffle donations. To everyone who entered the raffle.

Baron Stefanus, Lord Thorolf, and Citizen Titus for the delicious beverages on tap.

Lord Dankwert for running the Heavy List tournament that also provided his successor as Baronial Heavy Weapons Champion. Lady Lilie who stepped in during the day and provided the Chatelaine's assistance that I needed. A heartfelt welcome goes out to the newcomers who came out to us from neighboring lands to share in the day's activities. Well met and may we see you again!

Layla! Most especially for your much-appreciated assistance with the seating chart and your wise words of advice. Grazie, my dear!

To any whose names I may have missed, trust that your assistance during the day went a long way to making the event the success it was and to easing the mind of this bustling autocrat.

Lastly, to all those who attended the event, whether you competed in any of the competitions or just enjoyed the day, this event would not have happened without you.

Grazie a tutti! Gianetta

Seen on the Web

One of the most important resources we have available to us on the web is the East Kingdom website: http://www.eastkingdom.org/ We also have a wonderful 'wiki' East Kingdom website stocked with goodies: http://www.eastkingdom.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page

Some other newsworthy items from the net:

After all the hub-bub over the discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard last year (see the article at the Guardian: http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/sep/24/anglo-saxon-treasure-hoard-gold-staffordshire-metal-detector), an Oxford academic has challenged the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the Anglo-Saxons. Called <a href="https://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/sep/24/anglo-saxon-treasure-hoard-gold-staffordshire-metal-detector), an Oxford academic has challenged the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the Anglo-Saxons. Called <a href="https://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/sep/24/anglo-saxon-treasure-hoard-gold-staffordshire-metal-detector), an Oxford academic has challenged the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the Anglo-Saxons. Called https://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/sep/24/anglo-saxon-treasure-hoard-gold-staffordshire-metal-detector), an Oxford academic has challenged the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the Anglo-Saxons. Called <a href="https://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/sep/24/anglo-saxon-treasure-hoard-gold-staffordshire-metal-detector), an Oxford academic has challenged the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the Anglo-Saxon ship in the sax of the property of the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the Anglo-Saxon ship in the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the anglo-saxon ship in the public to help create the world's largest archive of online material concerned with the public to help create the world's largest archive of the publ

Thanks to Lady Damianna, we have this story: **DNA Testing Reveals Pompeii's 'Extinct' Breed of Horse is a Donkey**. Back in 2004, scientists analyzed the DNA from an equine skeleton discovered in the stable of Casa Amanti, an estate buried in the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Tests suggested then that they had discovered an extinct breed of horse. However, recent tests suggest that the skeleton belonged to a breed of donkey that originated in Somalia. For the full story, check out this article at the e-zine, The Horse: http://www.thehorse.com/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=17289

Music video of the month - **The Divine Comedy** (sung to Blondie's *Rapture*). This is one of a series of music videos posted that use hit music to help kids remember key events from history. This one follows Dante on his tour of Hell, Purgatory and Paradise http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyRaCwgRKXk&feature=related

Finally, don't forget Fordham's wonderful Medieval Sourcebook with tons of documents in translation like this excerpt from Gildas' Concerning the Ruin of Britain: http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/gildas.html Gildas, an opinionated monk from 6th century Britain, set out to demonstrate the wickedness of his time and ended up becoming one of the few original source writings that survive from the time of the Anglo-Saxon conquest of Britain.



Local Museum Exhibits of Interest:

While some basic information gets reprinted every month, be sure to read the fine print! The highlighted events section has new information in every issue.

In these tough economic times, remember to check with museums to see if they have any options for free admission. Many local museums have free or reduced admission prices at specified hours, and many Suffolk libraries offer free passes for admission to specific museums on specific days. Check with your local librarian for further details or do a quick search on the Suffolk Web: http://suffolk.lib.ny.us/ Enter 'museum passes' in the search field to find out if your library offers passes.

We are lucky enough to live near Manhattan, home to some of the world's most beautiful Medieval and Early Renaissance art. Did you know that the Metropolitan Museum web site allows you not only to check out its calendar of events online, but also has a function that will send you an automatic email to remind you of the specific events you're interested in? Simply go to the calendar page, check on a program of interest, and then at the bottom of the entry you will see a box that asks if you'd like a reminder. Simple! http://www.metmuseum.org/calendar/

The Metropolitan Museum of Art - From September 28 through April 3, 2011, you'll have the rare opportunity to see the Roman Mosaic from Lod, Israel. Unearthed in 1996, it is believed to have belonged to a wealthy Roman living there in about 300 A.D. For those interested in the East, The World of Khubilai Khan: Chinese Art in the Yuan Dynasty will be on exhibit through January 2, 2011. And if you'd like to learn more about Renaissance painting and costume, don't miss Man, Myth and Sensual Pleasures: Jan Gossart's Renaissance which runs until January 17. The full range of events and programs available at the Met can be found here: http://www.metmuseum.org/events/. Special Exhibitions information can be found





There are a few **Special Events at the Met** this holiday season: On **December 3**, you can learn more about deciphering clues in painting and sculpture based on <u>The Observant Eye–Greek and Roman Mythology</u>.

This program is free with Museum admission, but registration is required. Each session is limited to twenty-five participants; two sessions are offered each evening. Please use the Observant Eye Registration Request Form to register. Email

observanteye@metmuseum.org or call 212-570-3764 for more information.

Several Medieval Treasure Hunts have been organized at The Cloisters. On December 29 and 30, the whole family can join in, while children 4-12 get to follow a treasure map and make a take-home treasure box. Family Festival: A Medieval Treasure Hunt! Want to learn more about Death in the Middle Ages? On December 5 at either noon or 2 p.m., come along to The Cloisters for a free talk: Gallery Talks at The Cloisters—This Life and the Next: Death in the Middle Ages. Judgment and Punishment in the Middle Ages will be the lecture topic on January 2.

If you can't get to one of our fabulous museums, you can still visit their websites for virtual tours, videos and lectures. Curator Roger Wieck of **The Morgan Library and Museum** explores the images and iconography in the **Prayer Book of Claude de France** (1517), discussing selected illustrations in depth with gorgeous video of the actual tiny book: http://www.themorgan.org/collections/multimedia/claude/default.asp And don't forget YouTube where you can even find lectures from the Met: http://www.youtube.com/user/metmuseum.

You can search the collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London which houses some of the famous art and objects from the Middle Ages and Renaissance here: http://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/index.html Or try The Cluny Museum in Paris, site of some of the most magnificent medieval objects in existence: http://www.musee-moyenage.fr/ang/index.html The site is in both English and French. And, of course, let us not forget The Louvre: http://www.louvre.fr/llv/commun/home.jsp?bmLocale=en This site is also bilingual.

From the Coronet





Welcome to the cold season of Yule. Though most of us hate the humidity of summer and dislike the cold and snow of winter, it is always nice to live where there are definite seasons. It helps us pace our lives and keeps us looking forward to something.

At the recent St. Andrew's event, Lassar and I announced our intention to step down in when our term of service expires in two years. If you are thinking of joining the election process to be our successors, we encourage you to contact us so we can help make the transition as smooth as possible for the Barony. We won't kid you. It's an awesome responsibility, but also a very rewarding position. Please let us know if you're interested.



Speaking of which, St Andrew was a terrific day! Thank all of you for making our banner event. We had an expansive day of gaming thanks to Lord Eanraig, and affirmed a Baronial champion for the next year - congratulations to lord Rudolph. There was a bittersweet note at Court as we said goodbye to Lord Dankwert. While we will miss him, we are happy to wish him every success in his move to the Kingdom of AEthelmearc.

We both gave our fealty to King Gryffith and Queen Aikaterine, as well we also witnessed the installation of a new Baron of Concordia of the Snows. Welcome to Baron Pierre, we hope he has a great reign.

We are planning to travel to New Jersey on January 15 to attend 12th night at the Barony of Settmour Swamp. If anyone is planning to also attend, please let us know so we can travel together. We encourage you to use the offered express check-in procedure. It really helps at troll.

We also encourage you to attend the Yule Commons on Sunday, January 9 in Huntington. Ateno will be making more beer, and maybe lots of mead.

Happy holidays to everyone and we hope you enjoy them and please be safe!

In Service, Ateno and Lassar Baron and Baroness An Dubhaigeainn