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Please e-mail the Seneschal with <u>any</u> questions, for any vacant office, while we get this position filled. Also each position needs a deputy, please think of signing up and learning a new skill!



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https://www.facebook.com/groups/8337891703/





Greetings unto the Populace of Bridge and friends.

We welcome the new year with high hopes!

Each day brings with it the chance to finish old projects or begin new ones. Remember the events coming up - many have some sort of Arts & Science component. For those of you not so inclined, there is much to do; or just hang out with old and new friends and make plans for future 'battles'.

Enjoy the winter months for they will soon enough pass by.

Clothilde Baroness Bridge



Next Baronial Meeting: Sunday February 10th at Gaunt Days

February 2019	bruary 2019 https://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.php	
Saturday 2nd	At the Sign of the Dancing Fox XXI	Shire of Nordenhalle - Kingston, NY
Saturday 9th	6th Annual Embroidery Schola	Shire of Quintavia - Berlin, MA
Saturday 9th	Bellringers	Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ
Saturday 9th	Ice Weasel 15	Barony of Smoking Rocks - Rochester, MA
Saturday 9th	Winter Nights East: A Bardic Challenge Event	Barony of Carolingia - Groveland, MA
Sunday 10th	Feast of End of Gaunt Days	Barony of the Bridge - Hope Valley, RI
Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th	AE Swim IV	Kingdom of Æthelmarc - Milton, 🎂 PA
Saturday 16th	Tourney of Love	Barony of Endewearde - Ellsworth, ME 3
Saturday 23rd	Baronial Investiture & King's and Queen's Bardic Championships	Barony of Dragonship Haven - 🁑 New Haven, CT





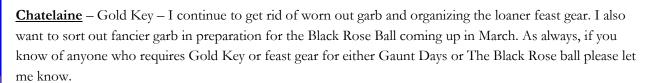
January 2019 Baronial Meeting

Officer reports -

<u>Chronicler</u> – Please submit articles/artwork etc you would like to share

Exchequer – We have money

Herald – Email is up and running!



The Black Rose Ball will be my last event where I function as the Baronial Chatelaine before I hand over the reins. With this in mind, I also plan to go through all my handouts and update anything that needs changing (such as bookmarks and information for new people).

<u>A&S</u> – No A&S due to Birka. Scribal will be Feb 6th 6:30pm at Amia's. Dance practice continues. The quarterly report went in on time, huzzah.

Amia continues to host scribal night on the first Wednesday of the month. The next should be Feb. 6th.

Dance practices are still being held jointly with Smoking Rocks every Sunday.

A&S nights have resumed being held on the 4th Monday, as is traditional, but due to Birka prep madness, we will not be having one in January. The next will be Feb. 25th.

The Feast of the End of the Gaunt Days is coming up on Feb. 10th. In addition to the usual scrumptious food and drink we always bring, Aine and Vargus are encouraging us all to bring craft supplies that we don't think we're going to really use, so that members of the populace who will be able to use them in their own art can take them. I think this is fabulous! One of the things I will be personally bringing is iron-gall ink. If you would like some, please bring your own small bottle.

<u>Webminister</u> – Cindy is working on the website. Would like pics to post, will need the necessary documentation from the person providing the pictures to do this.

Custumal – Amia has the link to the google doc. Stephen will go over it, once updated Amia will create a PDF that can be loaded up to the website.

<u>Archives</u> - NTR

<u>Thrown weapons</u> – NTR

Knight Marshal - NTR

Fencing - NTR

Magister - NTR

<u>Baronial</u> – email was sent

Seneschal – Thank you everyone who showed up. Amia read her Year End Report (see page 6 & 7)















Autocrats

Feast of the End of Gaunt Days – Feb 10 [,]2019 – Aine and Vargus -at Wishford Hall 11am till 8pm , on Kingdom Calendar

Black Rose Ball with Investiture – March 23, 2019. – Fionian, at Hoffman, Kingdom updated, will be adding a 2-3 remove feast to be limited to 100 people served at 3 pm head by Vargus. There will be a day board also a night board headed by Yakkov.

Boy Scout Demo - May 4, 2019 – Dorne - Pit masters, Champlin site, Cranston. Fighting, crafts, do all the things. Archery, thrown weapons.

NewComers - Amia to submit a bid

Day at the Tavern 2019- TBD

Bridge Birthday - Any Bids for the next BB will be accepted until May 13, 2019, at that meeting we will vote on any bids submitted.

Old Bus -

Next Craft night will be April 29, we are booked with the West Warwick library

New Business –

Vendor Table at RI Comic con 2019 – Amy has sent an email to the Vendor coordinator to find out when they will be contacting folks for vendor spaces for the 2019 show

Possible Vendor table at Temple Con – I have been in touch with Aegis' friend Goth, who may be able to get us into this event. I have not found the event online. More to come. Amy will touch base with Goth and see if he has an update.

Please keep your eyes and ears open if you hear of other vendor fairs and such where it would be good exposure for our group.

Announcements – N/A

Neighboring events -

Jan 25-27 – Stonemarche – Birka with shopping on Sunday!!

Feb 9 – Quintavia -Embroidery Schola — Embroider all the things

Feb 9 – Smoking Rocks – Ice Weasel

Feb 23 – Dragonship Haven Investiture



Barony of the Bridge- Seneschal's Yearend report – 2018

First let me say "Thank you" to all the Officers and members that ran events last year, without these folks we would be just crazy people running around in funny clothes.

At the beginning of year our Barony was struck with tragedy, we lost not only a Pillar of our community but a great friend. There will be forever a Kenric size hole in our hearts. Please continue to keep his family in your thoughts.

Feast for the End of Gaunt days was a wonderful event in February full of food, socializing and more food. Wishford hall was filled with friends, which always makes for a great gathering.

Black Rose Ball was held in March at the Coventry community center. The hall was filled with music, dancing and laughter. House O'hoda provided a fantastic dayboard and feast that folks are still talking about.

The Barony participated with the Boy Scout Demo/cookoff at Camp Champlin. We had a heavy fighting demo and fiber crafts for the scouts to try. The Kumihimo and Loom were the favorites. The cookoff portion of the day was a delicious addition, the boys were creative in their entries.

In June the Barony decided on the members who would be running for the Baronial seats. The candidates were Duchess Avelina, and Lady Tayla and Lord Dorne.

West Warwick library welcomed us in to do our Newcomer's Demo. We used the large conference room and the outdoor space, showcasing many aspects of our society. We had a good number of folks come and talk to us and showed some interest in what we do.

With the summer comes the saying – "Summer is here, Bridge is out"

The Barony hosted a craft night at the West Warwick library on Aug 27, it was a small but mighty gathering.

September arrived and Bridgies gathered to elect the Baronial heirs. We had 79 members on the mailing roster.

Bridge had a good representation at the Coronation of Wilhelm von Ostenbrücke and Vienna de la Mer in October. The Barony also held another craft night at WW library where 6 folks came to paint, do chainmail and learn Kumihimo.



Seneschal Year End Report continued

In November, Their Majesties declared that Duchess Avelina will be our Baronial Heir, investiture to happen at Black Rose Ball 2019. 79 Ballots were mailed out 40 something were returned. Thank you to everyone who voted.

December rolled in and Bridge Birthday 44 was a grand success. The North Kingstown masonic hall was decorated with floating candles and stars. The German Christmas market theme was wonderful, there were even a few folks selling wares. The food was provided by Periac and Suhama and was delicious as always. It was a magical time, surrounded by our Baronial family. We have new champions, A&S - Nuno Cabral de Mar , Bardic – Lady Agnes. The annual brewing competition was won by Crystalis.

HL Amia has started a scriptorium once a month for all levels of experience. The scriptorium provided scrolls for Bridge Birthday.

Our officers and event stewards are the backbone of our society. The officers give us guidance and the event stewards give us places to go and things to do, but we need to work on two other important aspects, New and retaining members.

We had a great demo at the West Warwick library back in June but have not seen or heard from any of the folks who came to see us. We have new folks join our Facebook group but we do not meet them in person. We have folks who are part of the Barony that we never see. What can we do going into the new year to fix this? One solution is to get out into the public more, with makers fairs, cons etc. Another solution is the everyone needs to be a voice for the Barony and the SCA, when you meet people and they ask what you do for hobbies talk about the SCA and what you do in it and what you get out of it, give them our Web address (which will be updated soon), for now word of mouth is our best advertisement.

Thank you to all the members of the Barony, you keep this dream alive.

Submitted – Amia Turner





Art & Science Guilds in the East Kingdom/SCA

https://www.eastkingdom.org/Arts.php

The East Kingdom Assassins' Guild https://ekag.eastkingdom.org/

This Guild's purpose is to study the history, art, and practices of the nefarious specialties of yore, and to provide a positive and constructive outlet for those who would make such skills a part of their Dream.

The Gilded Pearl https://gildedpearl.eastkingdom.org/

The purpose of The Gilded Pearl is the aligned study of the Renaissance Period (c.1450-1650) throughout the Known World for the enrichment of its members and for the benefit of the Society for Creative Anachronism

East Kingdom Brewers https://ekbg.eastkingdom.org/

Dedicated to the art and science of brewing, vintning, distilling and compounding of period alcoholic drinkables

The Keepers of Athena's Thimble https://thimble.eastkingdom.org/

The Keepers of Athena's Thimble is the Embroiderers' Guild of the East Kingdom of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. The guild provides an active forum for those involved in researching and creating embroidery as done in the pre-seventeenth century world.

Loyal Guild of St Erasmus http://members.iconn.net/~gedney/StErasmus.htm

The Loyal Guild of Saint Erasmus shall primarily focus its efforts to the promotion of research and re-creation of the both Nautical and Maritime arts, sciences, history and warfare, within the period of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

East Kingdom Herbalists' and Apothecaries' Guild

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1773941576252129/

Encouraging study, teaching and practice of medieval herb uses, as well as study of medieval apothecary and pharmacy practice. A conduit for herbalists and apothecaries in the kingdom to communicate with and learn from each other, and to disseminate knowledge to others.

East Kingdom Soothsayers' Guild http://www.soothsayersguild.org/

The East Kingdom Soothsayers' Guild has been continuously active since A.S. XI. Its members explore and practice period techniques of divination.

East Kingdom Metalsmiths' Guild https://ekmg.eastkingdom.org/

The East Kingdom Metalsmiths' Guild is dedicated to the study and teaching of all the metalsmithing arts and sciences: blacksmithing, smelting, casting, working in various metals, jewelrymaking, glassblowing, glass lampworking (beads, etc.) and the like.







Art & Science Guilds in the East Kingdom/SCA

https://www.eastkingdom.org/Arts.php

The Worshipful Company of Stationers of the East Kingdom

http://lists.gallowglass.org/mailman/listinfo/ekstationers

The Worshipful Company of Stationers of the East Kingdom is dedicated to the arts of the book, including binding, printing, writing of text and lymning, wood cuts for prints, papermaking, penmaking, et al.

The Worshipful Company of Narrowworkers of the East Kingdom

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NarrowworkGuild/

The Worshipful Company of Narrowworkers of the East Kingdom studies all the narrow textile arts, including tablet weaving, fingerloop braiding, kumihimo and other types of cord making.

Saint Bavon's Company of Falconry http://sca-falconry.org/

Saint Bavon's Company of Falconry is an inter-kingdom falconry fellowship for those interested in studying medieval falconry, arts and practices. Membership is open to anyone with an interest who agrees to abide by our charter.

Known World Aviculturists Guild http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scaparrots/

The Known World Aviculturists study together the gentlest of the four animal arts: aviculture, that is, companion birds such as parrots, finches/canaries and doves/pigeons. As an inter-kingdom guild, we work together to foster research in medieval aviculture and help each other publish papers on the subject.





Practices and Workshops in the area

Our neighboring Barony Smoking Rocks has the following practices.

Heavy List Practices:

Fighting & Fencing Practice

At PAL Hall, 31 Franklin street, Fall River, Ma 02720

Friday evenings 7:30pm-I0:30pm

Sundays . I:30pm-4:30pm



\$5 per fighter but if attendance goes up the price will drop. New guys and first time visitors are always free. It's in the Large gym upstairs. See PAL facebook page for changes https://www.facebook.com/groups/PALSCAPRACTICE/

Archery Practice

At Trader Jan's at 288 Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, MA

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 PM and Fridays 6 – 8 PM

Lane fee is \$8. Loaner gear is available for people wanting to try it out.

Please check the barony facebook page for last minute changes or cancellations.

Organizer: diegoporcelos.sca@gmail.com

Arts and Science Workshops

Dance Practices:

Dance Practices: Sunday Afternoons 4pm until 6pm Goff Hall, 123 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA Contact: Lord Maurin 401.398.0104 or join the yahoo group for more info http://groups.yahoo.com/stonebridgegambol/









Recipe of the Month

Syrups for Beverages and Desserts



There exist many recipes from period for various syrups. Some were added to water to create a pleasantly sweet beverage; others were poured over baked goods or even meats as a flavorful glaze.

They are generally made with the following method, no matter the flavorant:

Pack a saucepan with as much flavorful plant matter as you can. If the parts used are leaves (like mint) or flowers (like violets), at most you need to gently crush them.

If you are using a root, like ginger, peel and grate or mince it.

If you would like to use a bark like cinnamon, I recommend using lightly crushed sticks- powdered spices are difficult to filter out.

Pour over enough water to cover. Bring the contents to a gentle boil.

1/2 hr is usually good for leaves and flowers, while roots and barks can benefit from a full hour.

Strain the resulting liquid, measure it, and return it to the pot. Add an equal amount of white sugar, and heat it up to the boil again.

Let it boil for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly, until it just starts to thicken.

Pour off into a glass bottle or jar and allow to cool before sealing.

In period, these jars would have been stored in a cool dark place and may even have been used as a preservative. Syrups will keep indefinitely in the refrigerator.

Store outside the fridge at your own risk; immediately toss anything that grows mold or smells strange.





Useful Links & Required Stuff

EK Event Listing: https://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.php **Crown Barony of the Bridge:** http://www.baronyofthebridge.eastkingdom.org/ (under construction)

EK Order of precedence (Awards page): https://op.eastkingdom.org/op.php PLEASE NOTE: if you have been awarded any honors please check and make sure they are listed. If you find any errors or omissions contact shepherds.crook@eastkingdom.org: SCA: SCA.ORG

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GIBDRE	
IRULC	
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VLAEANI	
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ANNIEV	
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ILFYAM	
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SCA Word Scamble

BORNYA BARONY

GIBDRE BRIDGE

IRULC <u>ULRIC</u>

EOHLCIDLT CLOTHILDE

VLAEANI AVELINA

IWLMEHL WILHELM

ANNIEV <u>VIENNA</u>

UFN <u>FUN</u>

ILFYAM <u>FAMILY</u>

STAR ARTS

CINCSEE SCIENCE

ENWSPAO <u>WEAPONS</u>

BOBHY HOBBY

ISCNNPE PENNSIC

OESR ROSE

EEPR PEER

OYRTALY ROYALTY

KAIRB BIRKA