

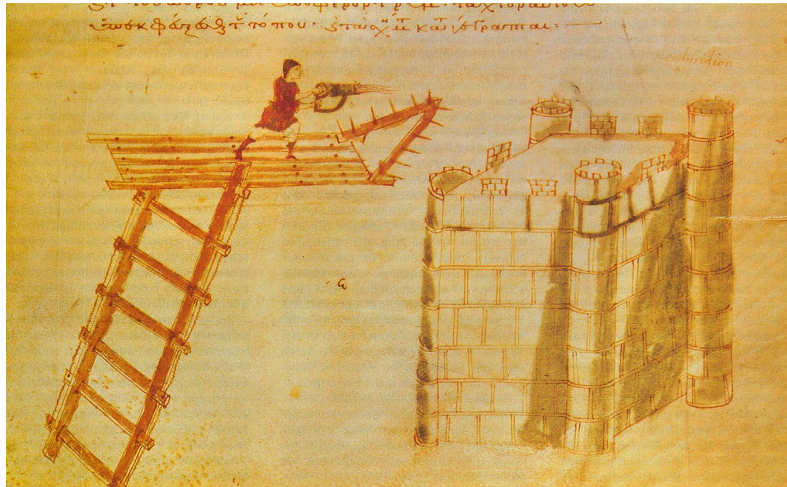


The Drekkar

of the Barony of Storvik
September, A.S. XLIX (2014)



Flamethrowers Are Period!



“Heron of Byzantium,” *Parangelmata Poliorcetica*, 10th cen.



John Skylitzes, *Synopsis of Histories*, in the 12th cen. MS Madrid Skylitzes

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Upcoming Events

September 5-7 A Shoot in the Mountains (Black Diamond)

September 12-14 Battle on the Bay (Storvik/Lochmere)

September 19-21 Middle Atlantian Archery Day (Marinus)

September 20 Fall University (Elvegast)

September 26-28 Bacon Wars II (Tir-y-Don)

September 26-28 MATO: Vikings at the Oasis (Royal Progress) (Elvegast)

October 3-5 Fall Coronation (Bright Hills)

Baronial Activities

Business Meeting: September 21

Fight, Rapier Practice: September 8, 15, 22, 29 (7-9:30pm)

Dance Practice: September 8, 15, 22, 29 (8-10pm)

Archery Practice: Some Sundays (see Yahoo Group messages for details) (11:00am)

Sewing: Third Thursdays

Populace Party and Performing Arts: September 21, 6-7pm (before the business meeting)

Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting, August 17, 2014

Attendees: Griele, Emma West, Graciela, Tirzah, John West, Grazia, Rayhana, Johanna, Patricia, Martha Bartlett, Teleri

Meeting commenced 7:08pm

Officers' Reports

Seneschal (Rayhana): Tendered report with all but Martha Bartlett's (new Knight Marshal) membership info.

A&S (Johanna): Archers working on targets, no plans for August, talking to Isabella about

having something at her condo in Sept. Either Tues or Thurs nights is goal. Send emails detailing A&S activities to Johanna so she can report them.

Chatelaine (Emma): Newcomer's gathering at Emma's house Friday before Revel Aug 29. Patches is doing September's, date not yet set. Emma doing October, baronial Halloween party. Last gathering, weekend before Pennsic. Many (2-3) newcomers, sewing day. Is stepping down. Grazia and Devin interested, one may end up being deputy

Chronicler (Teleri): Newsletter out.

Exchequer (Tirzah): \$6280.53 in account per statement. Emma is taking office over next month at Battle of the Bay.

Herald (Patricia): Filed reports for awards given at HRM, Johanna's Owl at 12th Night. Quarterly report in. Still looking for a successor. Posted summaries of baronial Awards to e-list to assist with recommendations.

Knight Marshall (Martha): Practice going smoothly, can money to Tirzah.

Webminister (Grazia): Uploaded newsletter

Baronage (Griele): Two events coming up, want award recommendations. Camp at Pennsic was fun, will do next year. Griele not at WOW, Baudoin may be. Baronial camps at Ruby Joust, etc., would be fun.

Events

Post Pennsic Revel (Emma West): Everything up and running. Check written, handed in, receipt acquired. Reminder, is a potluck. Looking for \$25 budget for soda/drinks. Rayhana makes the motion, all aye. \$25 approved. Patches will do dancing/music. Bring games (Richard Wynne to bring medieval games)

Battle on the Bay (Graciela): Facebook page is up. Receiving requests for hay bales, not sure if budget can sustain, will get back soon. Confirmed portajohn order, will get invoice, then submit for payment. Have to go out on Thursday to figure out where they want them, will send to company. ACCEPS is up. Confirmed

with Duchess Mel, Storvik will need to set up Storvik kitchen for her. Barony has two big pots to use, Tirzah has others the barony usually uses. She will precook what she can, we will help. Thrown weapons added, children's activities added by Lochmere, Emma coordinating with Lochmere chatelaine for newcomer's stuff. Need spare canvas/tentage. A&S people could use it. Seneschal for Lochmere said they have a tent for their tea, just put them fieldside. Lots of space on field, no problem. Tea people are looking for contributions to tea - cookies, grapes, etc. SCA appropriate fine. Need to schedule baronial court and such - king will determine schedule for investiture, will have to bend around him.

Storvik Song and Dance (Rayhana for Patches): Investigated site in DC, Captial Christ Church, kind of expensive \$1400, does have a kitchen, very large, parking meh (across street), probably not better than Comfort Inn. Looking to have budget for next month's meeting.

Unevent: Grazia noticed that Unevent has no bids. Kingdom offers no money but could maybe do a sack lunch or such to offset costs. Johanna will autocrat. Graciela got a quote from the Comfort Inn. If we can guarantee 30 rooms at \$79/night, we can get the space for free.

Rayhana says we should go for it. Gracie will talk to her management to start the bid process Monday (tomorrow) morning. Tirzah thinks we should get a hospitality suite Friday night, but we have to wait and see if we even get the bid from Kingdom.

2015 Events: Patricia asks when will we discuss dates for 2015 events. Rayhana thinks at the Sept meeting.

Conflicts: Johanna says WoW is the 3rd week of Oct, suggests moving barony meeting up or down a week. [Chronicler has no record of a motion made or passed on this.]

Meeting closed 7:58

New Business

Respectfully submitted,
Lady Teleri the Well-Prepared, Chronicler for Storvik

On the Cover: Greek Fire

Greek fire was an incendiary weapon developed ca. 672 and used by the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire. The Byzantines typically used it in naval battles to great effect as it could continue burning while floating on water. It provided a technological advantage, and was responsible for many key Byzantine military victories, most notably the salvation of Constantinople from two Arab sieges, thus securing the Empire's survival.

The impression made by Greek fire on the west European Crusaders was such that the name was applied to any sort of incendiary weapon, including those used by Arabs, the Chinese, and the Mongols. These, however, were different mixtures and not the Byzantine formula, which was a closely guarded state secret, a secret that has since been lost. The composition of Greek fire remains a matter of speculation and debate, with proposals including combinations of pine resin, naphtha, quicklime, sulfur, or niter. Byzantine use of incendiary mixtures was distinguished by the use of pressurized nozzles or siphōn to project the liquid onto the enemy.

Although the term "Greek fire" has been general in English and most other languages since the Crusades, in the original Byzantine sources it is called by a variety of names, such as "sea fire" (Ancient Greek: πῦρ θαλάσσιον pyr thalássion), "Roman fire" (πῦρ ῥωμαϊκόν pyr rhomaïkón), "war fire" (πολεμικόν πῦρ polemikón pyr), "liquid fire" (ὑγρὸν πῦρ hygron pyr), or "manufactured fire" (πῦρ σκευαστόν pyr skeuastón).

- Wikipedia, "Greek Fire," http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_fire

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Directions to business meeting and Monday fight/rapier/dance practice:

Business meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 7pm at Comfort Inn Capital Beltway, 4050 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville MD 20705, Exit 29B off of I-95.

Fight practice (heavy and rapier) and dance practice are held each Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave., College Park, MD 20740, at the corner of College Ave and Princeton Ave. off of Route 1, south of Paint Branch Pkwy. 7 blocks from the College Park/U of MD Metro on the Green Line.

Archery practice on Sunday 11:00am at Adelphi archery range, 2800 University Blvd E, Adelphi, MD 20783; equipment-making at Lord Cameron's during inclement weather.

Performing Arts and a general populace potluck are held before the business meeting, 4-7pm, at the Comfort Inn.

