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Season's Greetings!



From this month's installment of 'Murder Hobos of History:' Eustace the Monk

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Upcoming Events

Kingdom level in-person events are currently permitted, under limited circumstances.

January 15: Kingdom 12th Night has been made VIRTUAL-ONLY. Further details will be [here](#).

January 19: Henry's Holiday Huzzah! - Midwinter's 2022 has been CANCELLED.

February 5-6: [ONLINE Winter University of Atlantia](#) (virtual). Student registration opens Monday, January 3rd and closes on February 2nd.

Regular Baronial Activities

Locations to regular baronial activities on the last page. Well, regular during a more normal time period. **We currently do not have a site for in-person meetings.**

Populace Gathering: January 16th, Virtual only, 6:30-9 PM. Zoom starts at 6:30, meeting at 7 PM. See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information.

Storvik Fighter Practice: In-person practice canceled for January.

Archery Practice: In-person practice canceled for January. Virtual Archery discussion January 25th, 7-8:30 PM. See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information.

Dance Practice: In-person practice canceled for January.

Martial Related A&S: In-person meetings canceled for January. Virtual A&S Night January 11th, 6-7 PM. See the [Facebook Event Page](#) for further information.

A&S: In-person meetings canceled for January. Virtual A&S Symposium (SASS). January 18th, 7-9 PM. See the [Facebook event page](#) for contact information.

Baronial At-Home: TBD

Greetings from their Excellencies!



Hola Storvik from John and Gracia!

We would like to thank everyone that participated in our hybrid cookie swap and populace gathering. It was a great time and we enjoyed seeing so many in-person faces (albeit masked as is only right and proper!)

We are hoping that everyone was able to ring in the New Year safely and with much enjoyment! While we certainly look forward to sharing time and space with everyone, it seems that Omicron has other ideas. Many events have gone virtual and we ourselves has chosen to cancel in-person activities like fighter practice in an effort to make sure our populace stays safe and healthy. In an effort to ensure transparency on our decision, we, in conjunction with our Seneschal and Knight's Marshal (for indoor martial activities) are

basing our decisions on case numbers of infection rates per 100,000 people in our counties and immediate neighbors. We would like to see those numbers are 100 per 100,000 or lower.

Thank you so much for your encouragements and insights as we continue to navigate these ever-changing tides.

In an effort to ensure that we are prepared for the future, we are happy to announce the Dame Emma West has agreed to act as autocrat for Storvik Novice in June. We are excited to see how the event unfolds and hope to encourage as many newcomer/novice activities as possible. We are hoping to secure our normal site within the next week (1/12/22) as reservation dates have been pushed back due to inclement weather.

Let us continue to support one another during these adventurous times and know that we are ever a phone call, message or email away.

May your hearth fires burn bright and warm.

John and Gracia

OYEZ! OYEZ!

Baronial News Highlights

Maugie Concerts: Jan 7, 2022 07:30 PM. Zoom Link [here](#).

The Known World Entertainment Guide: a variety of online programming, updated weekly. [See here](#) for the current highlights.

Reopening Atlantia: See [here](#) for all current official Atlantian policies and COVID-19 information.

Virtual Atlantia: See [here](#) for upcoming virtual activities in the Kingdom of Atlantia.

Praise the Praiseworthy: Their Excellencies welcome recommendations for awards, as always.

Overheard and Unattributed

Said at the populace meeting; we won't say by whom

"You've got a taste for human flesh now."

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Baronial Meeting Notes, December 19, 2021

Meeting started at 7:05 PM. 14 adults (3 non-members), two dogs at physical meeting, 5 virtual.

Officers' Reports

Seneschal

Lady Marguerite Honoree d'Cheneau/J. Chenault

- Nothing to report

Deputy Seneschal

Lady Julianna ad Aguam/A. Cheripka

- Nothing to report.

Chatelaine

William de Hirst/B. Fisher

- 2 new heavy fighters showed up.
- Starting to think about demos.
- Quarterly report due.

Knight Marshal

Master Celric d'Ravelle, private citizen/D. Bartlett

- Practice is going good, lots of armored fighters, some new people, some loaner out and being used.
- Is tracking the gear that's out.
- Practice closed 12/20 & 27. Dancers closed as well.
- Next practice 1/3/22.
- Waivers haven't gone out yet.

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Lady Mirabella/M. Gretsinger

- Not present

Exchequer

Lord Morton/S. Graf

- Not present, sent copy of contract rental agreement for next year (\$850/quarter, 2 Mondays a year, no practice on lawn, closet for storage, no pets, etc) and a COVID waiver. SMO has issues with Church hall HVAC. Motion to sign the agreement passes.

Chronicler

Lord Morgan O'Lathlann

- Drekkar went out.
- Unevent report.

Social Media Officer

Lady Sonya/S. Gross

- (Archery) finished MiT, currently processing through system. Has thoughts about a shoot. May have a pandemic shoot for Novice. Looking for places for shoots/practices. Did the target archery marshal class.
- (S/M) S/M now warranted position, under aegis of Seneschalate.

Webminister

Diana Della Torre

- NTR

Deputy Chatelaine

Vacant

Herald

Lady Rose/E. Stark

- Nothing new on TikTok, putting stuff on Twitter, Instagram. Stuff from higher up on how to handle newcomers.
- Went to unevent, nothing coming down the pipe on that.

Youth

Astrid Spakona/E. Whitlock

- Went to Unevent. Background check is covered until 2023. May become a regulation that under-ten kids have parents stay with them.

MOL

Lady Kunigunde/R. Green

- went to Unevent. New 3 part authorization forms. Changes to authorization types.

Baronage

Thegn John and Thegn Gracia/J. and G. Hutchings

- Thanks for all the help. Ready to support the Barony on events. Always a welcome for barony members at event. No trim today. Jan 10 will be trim day.

Events:

- BotB 2021: lost and found bag
- Worldcon: we did dances, 2 concerts.
- Novice 2022/BotB 2022: site is opening up spaces for both in 2022, for 2 years. Pavilion registrations begin 1/5/21. Price is going up, and further increases if over 200 people. \$600 for day use, \$200 for overnight. June 11 2022 and June 10 2023 for Novice. Motion to authorize \$5000 for both events passes. Need to have a conversation with Lochmere on BotB 2023.

Old Business:

- Paperwork for the bank. Will have conversation on that and financial policy.
- Didn't get bid for Coronation.

New Business:

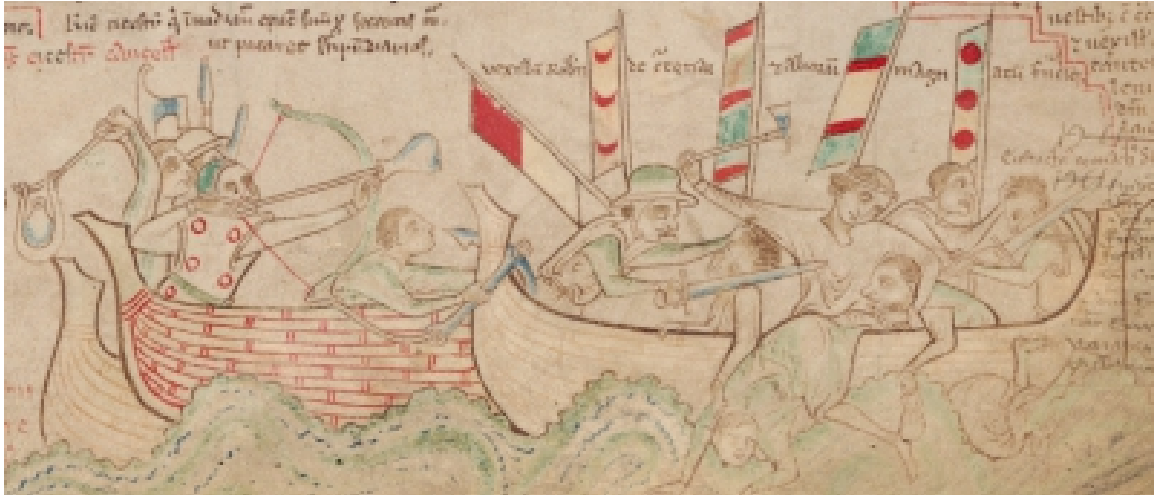
- SMO mentions Costume Con, Bethesda, lots of costume competitions. Talked to organizers about free table and 3 memberships, and discounts on 8 more memberships. 850 person cap. Talked to organizers about SCA-specific panels on garb-making. Will have Seneschal reach out to Roxbury Mills about that.
- Motion to spend \$50 for insurance to host 4 equestrian practices (\$50 insurance) in 2022 passes.
- New exchequer: Zarra!
- Still need a deputy chatelaine or at least gold key.

Meeting adjourned 8:06 PM. Next meeting on January 16th, via Zoom.

Murder Hobos of History: Eustace the Monk

Teleri the Well-Prepared

mur•der ho•bo, noun: A mercenary character who makes their way through the world by killing other people and taking their stuff



The Death of Eustace at the Battle of Sandwich. He's getting beheaded at the far right. Corpus Christi College MS 016II: Matthew Paris, Chronica Maiora II, f 55v. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial 3.0 Unported license (CC BY-NC).

Eustace, born the son of a Boulogne lord around 1170 CE, *probably* wasn't a wizard. The *romance* of his life, a fictionalized account of his biography, makes that claim, saying he was educated in the dark arts in Toledo - the very best place for such study! It would certainly be a fitting start to Eustace's career as an embezzling monk-outlaw-pirate.

Hot off his alleged Toledo studies, Eustace entered the monastery, where he was a holy terror. Impious and flatulent, he encouraged bad behavior in the other monks. There was a collective sigh of relief when he left (or was expelled) in 1190, to avenge his father's murder.

He pursued his avenging in a rather hands-off way, via trial-by-combat. His champion lost. Rather than return to the monastery, Eustace - who could read and write - was employed by the Count of Boulogne as a seneschal. By 1205, he was banished by the count for

embezzlement. Either he was guilty, father's murderer was making trouble for him, or it was a bit of both. Either way, this was when Eustace's murder-hoboing career took off.

The *romance* of his life is the main source for these outlaw years, and the stories involve all the disguise and trickery you'd expect to find in a later Robin Hood story. Potter, coal merchant, pilgrim, and leper were all disguises he used to get the drop on the count's men. In one case, he dressed himself as a woman to proposition one of the count's knights; at a key moment, he lets out a huge fart before making off with the man's horse and coin.

But it's not all foolery - he's said to have maimed four of the count's men by cutting off their feet, leaving one man intact to report back. A young spy was forced to make his own noose before being hanged, unshriven. Pretty cold for an ex-monk.

Back in more historical waters, Eustace took to sea. In 1205, he was a pirate working for King John of England, attacking the French ships in the English Channel as part of John's attempts to reclaim Normandy. He set up a base on the island of Sark and was granted land in Norfolk. He commanded up to 30 ships, and wasn't above occasionally raiding his English allies as well as the Norman French. This aquatic slaughter proved to be something of a problem and made him unpopular with his English allies. When his old enemy the Count of Boulogne decided to switch sides and support King John of England, Eustace went rogue.

He made his way to King Phillip Augustus of France and was accepted by him as the admiral for the Channel. His knowledge of English resources and tactics was invaluable, and he played a key role in transporting Prince Louis and his men to invade England in 1216. When Louis ran into trouble and was blockaded at Rye, Eustace swooped in to rescue him.

That was Eustace's last hurrah. En route to save Louis yet again, his ships were intercepted by the English at the Battle of Sandwich. Eustace asked to be ransomed, but the English - still incensed at his betrayal - beheaded him on the spot.

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Lady Marguerite de Cheneau

Heavy Weapons

Lord Marcus de Rath

Rapier

Lady Marta de Lyon

Youth

Vacant

<p>Populace meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm via Zoom. Baronial business will be conducted at 7pm.</p> <p>Fight practice (armored 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.</p> <p>Archery practice currently canceled: usually on Sunday 11:00am at Adelphi archery range, 2800 University Blvd E, Adelphi, MD 20783; equipment-making at Lord Cameron's during inclement weather.</p> <p>Storvik Arts & Sciences Society: 9426 Canterbury Riding, Laurel, MD. Right off I-95 exit 35A. Free unassigned parking.</p> <p>Baronial At-Home:</p>	
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Release Forms

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