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## Teamwork!



*Monk-Scribe Astride a Wyvern*  
mid-12th century (North German metalwork-brass)  
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*All hail the Storvikki Armored Team at Defending the Gate!*  
(Picture by [Thomas Beebe](#). Used with his kind permission.)

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## Upcoming Events

- April 9: [St. Paddy's Day Blood Bath](#) (Vienna, VA). No on-site registration! Heavy, Rapier, bearpit, no merchants, no feast, no alcohol, pets permitted on leashes.
- April 15-17: [Night Under a Faie Moon](#) (Annapolis, MD). Join Lochmere for fighting, feasting, and fun! Lochmart and merchant space available. Youth activities, camping. Wet sites, service animals only.
- April 22-24: [Revenge of the Stitch VII](#) (Chestertown, MD). Join the Shire of Spiaggia Levantina! 24 hour group garb challenge! Bardic, static A&S display. Heavy weapons, feast on Saturday, lunch for purchase on Saturday. Merchants, children's activities, cabin camping.
- May 5: [Atlantian Spring Crown Tourney](#) (Leesburg, VA). Crown Tourney, Tempore Atlantia A&S, children's A&S, no feast, lunch time hospitality table, merchant space available, limited alcohol permitted, service animals only.

## 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:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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:** April 4, 11, 18, 25, 7-10PM, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

**Archery Practice:** In-person practice canceled for March. Virtual Archery discussion April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 PM. See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information.

**Dance Practice:** April 4, 11, 18, 25, 7-10PM, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

**Martial Related A&S:** Virtual A&S Night April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM. See the [Facebook Event Page](#) for further information.

**A&S:** In-person meetings canceled for February. Virtual A&S Symposium (SASS). April 21<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM. See the [Facebook event page](#) for contact information.

**Baronial At-Home:** TBD

## Greetings from their Excellencies!



*Hola Storvik,*

*It has been a busy time in recent weeks as we begin to see more and more events appear on the horizon. There has been Word Fame aplenty and we have borne witness to newly authorized warriors, to others accepting situations with wonderfully talented mentors.*

*At our most recent event, we saw many of our number recognized for their diligent works. Now as the weather begins to warm we turn our thoughts to upcoming events. Night under the Faie Moon comes quickly in the lands of Lochmere, May brings Crown Tournament and our own Armored Champion will vie for the greatest prize that Atlantia has to offer.*

*The end of May brings Gem Joust and it is our intent to travel and set up a Baronial Camp for several days of fun in the lands of Caer Maer. We hope that many of you will join us at the new location (now just north of Richmond). We will publish more details on this on the e-list and Social Media.*

*There is news that our Crowns are raising funds to assist with hospitality at the Atlantian Royal Encampment at Pennsic and to ensure the Royal Travel Fun remains plentiful. A request for Gift Baskets that can be purchased to be created and can be delivered at Gem Joust has been sent out. We are putting the call out to see we would like to create a basket for the cause in the name of the Storvik. More information can be found at <https://www.fleurandermine.com>.*

*Thank you all for being epic and we look forward to what new adventures tomorrow brings.*

*In Service,*

*John and Gracia*

**OYEZ! OYEZ!**  
*Baronial News Highlights*

Maugie Concerts: April 15, 29, 07:30 PM. Zoom Link [here](#).

Fashioning an Empire: Safavid Textiles from the Museum of Islamic Art, Doha: National Museum of Asian Art, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. “[A]n exhibition focusing on a selection of extraordinary seventeenth-century textiles and full-length portraits from Safavid Iran. Fine illustrated manuscript folios from our collections are also included in the exhibition.”

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.

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**Skol!**

*Word-fame for Storvik's hall!*

- Lady Juliana ad aquam received the Award of the Undine at Coronation!
- Lady Marguerite Honoree d'Cheneau received the Award of the Undine, the King's Award of Excellence, and was made a Companion of the Gold Dolphin at Coronation!
- Lady Talia de Morales received the Award of the Shark's Tooth at Gulf Wars XXX!
- Lord Lucian de la Monte was made a Companion of the Kraken at Defending the Gate!
- Lord William de Hurst joined the household of Sir Carlyle Jamesson as a squire at Defending the Gate!
- Storvik's Master Igor, Lady Lady Rose nic Galen, and Blaze also won costuming prizes at Costume-Con!

## **Baronial Meeting Notes, March 20, 2022**

Meeting started at 7:11 PM. 13 adults.

### **Officers' Reports**

#### Seneschal

*Lady Marguerite Honoree d'Cheneau/J. Chenault*

- New Covid policy in effect. Talk to Seneschal if there are any questions.

#### Deputy Seneschal

*Lady Julianna ad Aguam/A. Cheripka*

- Nothing to report

#### Chatelaine

*William de Hirst/B. Fisher*

- Getting input on people getting loaning garb / giving loaning garb.
- Hoping for more of a draw from outsider fighter practice.
- Checking with Catholic U to see if they're doing a Medieval Day.
- Thinking on what to do for Awesome Con.

#### Knight Marshal

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

- Still having practices.
- DST is letting us do more outdoor time.
- Mask mandate still in effect inside.

#### Minister of Arts and Sciences

*Lady Mirabella/M. Gretsinger*

- Nothing new to report

#### Exchequer/Equestrian

*Doña Zarra de la Vega/L. Churchill*

- Went to Stierbach's Equestrian practice.
- Next month practice in Highland Forde; thinking of doing another practice in Storvik in April.
- gotten everything from last
- Excheq. Checks written for events, practices.
- Need address of church. 15.5K CoH as of end of February.
- Needs check for Equestrian practices.
- Gave/will give out signatory paperwork out,

#### Chronicler

*Lord Morgan O'Lathlann/M. Lane*

- Drekkar went out.
- Give me articles!

#### Social Media Officer

*Lady Sonya/S. Gross*

- Archery: Regular archery discussions going on.
- SM: getting things out. Still working on warrants

#### Webminister

*Diana Della Torre*

- Not present

#### Deputy Chatelaine

Vacant

#### Herald

*Lady Rose/E. Stark*

- Gearing up to start up with consultations.

#### Youth

*Astrid Spakona/E. Whitlock*

- Not present.

#### MOL

*Lady Kunigunde/R. Green*

- Not present

#### Baronage

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

- Not much going on.
- Going to Defending the Gate, Coronation, St Paddies, Night Under a Fae Moon.
- Storvikis always welcome at the Baronial dayshade.

#### **Events:**

- CostumeCon: April 1st-3rd Social media person is thinking of going; conflicts with Coronation. Capping attendance. It would be nice to get a couple of people there (6) to cover tables. Motion to pay for up to three additional memberships passes (\$55 each).
- AwesomeCon: is happening June 3-5. Nothing happening at the moment. Put in request for two demonstration slots. Second point of contact Seneschal. Put in request for a 10x30 spot. Will hear by mid-April about demonstration, but likely not until May for exhibition spot. Maybe kingdom Chatelaine will be participating.
- Novice: Autocrat forwarded early version of budget. Discussion ensued on profits for Storvik events. We don't want to rake in the cash, but we have expenses. We also need to keep a reserve in case of disaster or bad-revenue events. Rebuilding year? Discussion tabled while the budget is reviewed.

#### **Old Business:**

- Old Business: Signature/paperwork: excheq is now a signatory, getting the others.
- Baronial trim: B/B has the trim!

#### **New Business:**

- SM will be doing dance class at Balticon( Memorial Day weekend).
- Herald: Armstreet is in Ukraine: can pay for blanket for refugees (see Facebook for details).
- Chronicler: we should do a picnic!
- B/B: likes the idea of social activities, maybe in DC, maybe in Laurel. Prefers Sundays to Saturdays. April/May.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 PM. Next meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom.

# Costume-Con Report

By Lady Sonya Flicker

On April 1-3, Storvikii staffed a table at CostumeCon 40 in Bethesda, Maryland. It was a small (300 persons) costume oriented convention. We connected with many people that were former scadians as well as seven new people who were interested in us.

A huge thank you to the people who helped staff the booth:

- Lady Rose Nic Galen
- Lady Patricia of Trakai
- Blaze
- Mistress Fevronia Murometsa

We were able to have a dance demo on Saturday and some of our staff entered the masquerades and won! There were three entries in the historical masquerade and one in the sci/fantasy masquerade.

- Blaze did a Barbie cosplay in the sci/fantasy masquerade and a red and black cotehardie in the historical masquerade. Blaze won for her cotehardie.
- Rose was Princess Fiona in the Historical Masquerade: Journeyman category. She won for Workmanship, Honorable Mention "Those Darned Socks".
- Master Igor Medved wore a Russian finery outfit made by Mistress Fevronia. He won the "Noble Beast" award for fabric choice and "Honorable Mention: Most Commanding Presentation" in the Journeyman category, in the Historical Masquerade.



# Murder Hobos of History: Caravaggio

Teleri the Well-Prepared

*murder hobo, noun: A mercenary character who makes their way through the world by killing other people and taking their stuff*



*Caravaggio, "Medusa," 1597. It is a self-portrait. Reproduction allowed for non-profit activities<sup>1</sup>*

Strictly speaking, Caravaggio wasn't a murder hobo. He was an artist, a massively influential one, whose use of light and shadow revolutionized Western European art. He did, however, live the murder hobo life, with many a tavern brawl, a lengthy arrest record, and a few murders to his name. His career was repeatedly interrupted by jail time and desperate escapes from cities where he was wanted by the law.



Caravaggio learned to paint in Milan, Italy, under the tutelage of Simone Peterzano, himself said to be a student of Titian, another Big Art Name. Caravaggio had to hit the road for Rome in the early 1590s after he got into some fights, possibly even killing someone, and wounded a police officer. This sort of thing would become a theme for him.

In Rome, without much in the way of resources or connections, he got a job in a workshop, turning out still lifes of fruit and other stock images. He - guess what - got into an argument with the head of the workshop and struck out on his own. He made some friends who hooked him into the Roman art scene, including making connections to wealthy buyers. At least one of those friends also introduced him to Roman street-brawling, which he found a natural fit.

In 1600, he beat up a nobleman, resulting in an official complaint and jail time. He was released and turned out a few masterpieces. Mannerist painting was the dominant style in Italy at the time, and a very stylized style it was. It was self-consciously artificial, using distorted forms, strange colors, and often elongated, unreal anatomy. Caravaggio brought a more northern European realism, and deployed tenebrism, a heightened form of chiaroscuro (Italian for "light-shadow") technique to stunning effect. Important characters are practically spotlighted, emerging from dramatic shadows around them. It was divisive - people either loved it or hated it - and Caravaggio was a sensation.

Nevertheless, in between creating works that upended the art world, he found the time to write offensive poems about another painter. The painter sued Caravaggio and his friends, Caravaggio went back to jail, but was transferred to house arrest after the French ambassador intervened. And after that, he was the subject of complaints for carrying a sword illegally, for assaulting the police again, and for throwing a plate of artichokes at a waiter. Finally, he had to flee Rome to Genoa after attacking a man in a dispute over a woman, Lena, who was Caravaggio's model and lover.

Speaking of Caravaggio's loves, many of his paintings are so deeply homoerotic that art historians think he was bisexual.

The good times continued to roll when he returned to Rome, after his patrons covered up the attack. His landlady sued him for back rent; he threw rocks at her window; she sued again. A bit after that, he ended up in the hospital with a serious injury from "falling on his own sword," which sounds a bit like "in an illegal fight I don't want to mention." Finally, after castrating and killing a very rich man in a duel (possibly over a woman, or a debt, or a game, or over politics - accounts vary), Caravaggio fled Rome for the last time. His patrons couldn't cover this one up, and Caravaggio headed south to avoid a beheading. He lived for four more years in several cities, still getting into fights, before he became ill and mentally disturbed - syphilis may have been to blame. He died in 1610.

"Medusa" hangs in the Uffizi Gallery. Here is there reuse policy:  
<https://www.uffizi.it/en/professional-services/wewef>

## Baronial Regnum

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Lord William

**Ethereal**

Lady Marguerite de Cheneau

**Heavy Weapons**

Lord Marcus de Rath

**Rapier**

Lady Marta de Lyon

**Youth**

**Populace meetings** are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 6:30pm via Zoom. Baronial business will be conducted at 7pm.

**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.

**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.

**Storvik Arts & Sciences Society:** 9426 Canterbury Riding, Laurel, MD. Right off I-95 exit 35A. Free unassigned parking.

**Baronial At-Home:**



## Release Forms

Want to share something in the Drekkar? Give me legal permission to do so!

Please send submissions to

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