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Happy New Year!



*Bowl With Cheetah
Engraved Sphere
Byzantine , ca. 11th - 13th Century*

It is not obvious why this bowl should have shown up when using the search term 'renewal.' However, and much more importantly: cheetahs are awesome. I will always exercise the cheetah option. Hrm. 'The Cheetah Protocol,' maybe?

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Upcoming Events

January 13: Atlantian 12th Night (Yadkinville, NC). (R) The theme is "Pageantry, Chivalry, and Courtly Love in the 14th Century English Court." No martial activities. Tempore Atlantia Competition (1000 – 1350 AD), feast, very limited merchant space, no camping, no open flames, service animals only.

January 27: [Holiday Court of Volodymyr the Great](#) (Lothian, MD) Please join the Barony of Lochmere in a day of feasting, the arts, fun, and friendship in the Eastern European tradition. Wet site, feast, no marshal activities planned, ADA compliant.

February 3-4: University of Atlantia, Session #115. [Online](#).

February 10: [Bright Hills Baronial Birthday](#) (Manchester, MD). Thirty years old! Fighting, fencing, feast, merchants, ADA compliant, wet site.

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 20th: 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: January 8, 15, 22, 29 7-10PM, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Archery Practice: See the [Facebook event page](#) for further information.

Equestrian Practice: All levels welcome. See the Facebook event page for further information.

Dance Practice: January 8, 15, 22, 29 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Martial Related A&S: No Martial Related A&S meetings this month. See the [Facebook Event Page](#) for further information.

A&S: First Tuesday of every month. See the [Facebook event page](#) for contact information.

Baronial At-Home: Not at this current time.

The Storvik Oar and Board tournament at the December 18th fighter practice was a great success! The next one will be on [January 29th](#).

Greetings from their Excellencies!



From the field:

Our new year began with the gift of service from our Barony, as Storvikis gathered to make banners and learn the arts of peace. All have heard stories of the clever hands and minds of our Barony's members, and it is wonderful to see those stories proved true once more. The Fire of Storvik burns freely and bright, even in these days of wind and cold.

Speaking of winter: we expect to travel throughout the Kingdom these next few months, and even beyond. First, a Twelfth Night of dancing and feasting in an English court. Then a celebration of new baronial Cousins in Marinus, before a journey north beyond the bounds of Atlantia where Thegn John can trade blows and wisdom with fighters of many realms. From far north to far south, to try wits with Loki in the Frost Giants' realm. And then we will travel north for a time of teaching and learning, and greeting another set of Baronial Cousins.

So if you see us, traveling the land or resting by the watch-fires, come join us. You will warm our hearts with your visit, as much as our hopefully still-dry socks will warm our feet.

In Service,

John and Gracia

Thegns.

A&S Report - January 1st

We had another wonderful Thing at the Cheverly Community Center! I'm beyond thrilled that we are able to make use of this space - it allows us to offer more free, accessible activities to members of our Society. There were 20 people who joined us this time for an A&S workshop.

On New Years' Day, Dame Emma West joined us to lead a Banner Painting activity. We painted two Inspiration banners for Queen Mary Isabel to hand out at events in 2024. Banner painting is a great activity to do with a large group because many hands make light work! Your banner will come out best if you keep working from a "wet edge" - don't let the dye dry while you move on to another section or take a break, it may appear splotchy. When you have a team of 6-10 people working on the banner, though, there is always someone to sub in when you need a break!

The first thing we had to do was assemble some simple frames using PVC pipe. Dame Emma brought two frames for us to use, and we applied clips to them using rubber bands. The purpose of this step is to stretch the silk so the dye can spread evenly over the surface. The silk fabric was previously treated with a starch solution "resist", which fills the pores of the fabric so the dye is limited to the top layer of silk. In other methods of silk dyeing, resist is applied to the borders of shapes and then dye is used to fill them in (think "flood fill"). The main disadvantage of this technique is that the design will appear backwards on the reverse side. Using the starch solution allows the reverse side of the banner to be dyed in a different design (we didn't do this, but you *could*).

We painted two designs that were outlined by Dame Emma - the outline traced from a “cartoon”. There were some parts that had to be a specific color (the Atlantian Populace Banner) and other parts that were a bit more open to interpretation. We separated out into two teams to work on the two banners and those people got to make the decisions for the colors. This is one of many ways that each inspiration banner is truly unique. Another aspect of uniqueness that many of us learned first hand - the dye is a bit unpredictable and there’s no eraser. You can try your best but every banner is going to have some instances of “coloring outside the lines”. Don’t be discouraged though! If you consider the banner’s usage in period, they’re flying high and proud. Nobody’s going over them up close and looking for mistakes!

Overall, it was a great time introducing many Storvikii and friends/neighbors to the world of banner painting! We had a lovely potluck snack station and plenty to go around, so thank you to all who attended. Beyond any productivity or educational goals, we enjoyed the day working together!

-Laura of Storvik

A&S Report - January 2nd

The A&S Night was at Lady Andromeda and Sir Marcus' house. It was attended by 10 gentles. There was armoring, scribal, sewing, and fun! Next one is February 6m in Fort Washington. Text Andromeda at 202-680-9314 for address.



OYEZ! OYEZ!

Baronial News Highlights

Maugie Concerts: Maugie's Concerts are going on! See [here](#) for more information.

From the KM: St. Andrews Church has removed the restrictions for the indoor mask mandate for Storvik fighter/dance practice and is instead using a "personal masking preference" guideline. They ask that we open the windows during practice.

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

Upcoming Inter-kingdom A&S Events

[Known World Colour Symposium](#), January 6, 2024, Kingdom of Ealdormere virtual

[SCADEIB Collegium](#), January 20, 2024, Kingdom of An Tir virtual

[Atlantia University](#), February 3-4, 2024, Madison Heights, VA

[Kingdom A&S](#), March 2, 2024, Newport News, VA

Baronial Meeting Notes, December 17, 2023

Meeting started at 7:10 PM (approximately). 11 adults.

Officers' Reports

Seneschal

Lady Marguerite Honoree d'Cheneau/J. Chenault

- Teleri's warrant has been approved; doing Seneschal classes.
- Went to Unevent; we are shifting to a new email system, with Gmail accounts.
- Quarterlies due at the end of the month, check up on your paperwork.

Deputy Seneschal

Lady Juliana ad Aquam/A. Cheripka

- Not present

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Lady Mirabella/M. Gretsinger

- attended Unevent; they're going to try to grow social aspects of Oak.
- New A&S nights; first Tuesday of the month.
- No dance 12/25, 1/1.
- Banner making class.
- Virtual events.

Chatelaine

William de Hirst/B. Fisher

- Not present

Knight Marshal

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

- No fight practice 12/25, 1/1.

Exchequer/Equestrian

Doña Zarra de la Vega/L. Churchill

- Exchequer: 19.3K in ledger, 16.3 K general use.
- Wrote check for 4q church rental.
- Still waiting on damage deposit check from Battle on the Bay.
- Unevent: Gate at events will be effective deputy excheq, will need training by excheq / Kingdom. We need to take pictures of checks before deposits, for potential auditing issues.
- Equestrian: Looking to hosting practices next year. Insurance raised to \$200/year/per location.

Chronicler

Lord Morgan O'Lathlann/M. Lane

- The Drekkar went out.
- Needs articles!

Social Media Officer

Lady Sonya/S. Gross

- Archery: not present (Sent report: nothing to report)

- Social Media: not present (sent report: publicizes the Baronial meeting. Published announcement of no meetings on Dec 25 and Jan 1).
- Social Media (Herald): not present

Webminister

Diana Della Torre

- They're looking for a new Kingdom Webminister.

Deputy Chatelaine

Vacant

Herald

Lady Rose/E. Stark

- not present

Youth

Astrid Spakona/E. Whitlock

- Not present

MOL

Meisterin Kunigunde/R. Green

- Not present

Baronage

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

- Not present (reported that things will be quiet until New Year's)

Events:

- Cheverly: went well. Chill, casual. Estimated 50 people. Mix of old and new people, some walk-ins. Some A&S. [Banner painting](#) on January 1st.
- Awesomecon: We are registered for a booth, looking for an island space. Signed up for three demonstrations: fencing class, armored/rapier demo, dancing. Deadline for more demonstration signups is tomorrow by 4 PM. We don't know budget numbers yet, but will probably have the same kind of expenses as last year. Will discuss budget next year.
- Novice 2024: Budget approved. Has most of the people needed. We need to consider equestrian insurance; will discuss it next meeting.

Old Business:

- No old business

New Business:

- Rental agreement with church. No significant changes. Motion to approve yearly \$3,400 fee passes.

Meeting ends 8:10 PM. Next meeting January 20th, 2024, via Zoom.

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Lady Alicia of Cambion

Bardic

Lord Charles Alexander

Equestrian

Lord William

Ethereal

Lady Marguerite de Cheneau

Heavy Weapons

Sir Marcus de Rath

Rapier

Lady Marta de Lyon

Youth

Paul of Storvik

Populace meetings are held the 3rd 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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[Grant of Use Form](#): For articles, non-photograph artwork, most other contributions

[Model Release Form](#): People appearing in photographs must sign this if:

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3. The photograph is taken at a non-public venue (such as an armor-making workshop at a home)

No model release form is needed when the photograph is taken at a public place and in a public forum

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