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Yule Revel CANCELED; See Page 3



Cover image: Manuscript leaf with the initial A, from a gradual published in the second quarter of the 15th century, probably in Mainz, then part of the Holy Roman Empire, now part of Germany. The Biblical king David is depicted within the A, playing a psaltery. Musical text is from Psalm 24, sometimes associated with the first Sunday of Advent on the Christian calendar. Source via the Metropolitan Museum of Art under a Creative Commons Open License.

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Upcoming Events

- December 6-7: <u>Unevent</u> (Your Computer) (Q, K). The Kingdom's annual business meeting will be entirely virtual. Modern clothing. Schedule is posted in the Kingdom Calendar; links will be posted on Friday, December 5, or sent privately to the Polling Orders.
- December 20: Storvik Yule Revel (Cheverly, MD).
 Our Barony would have welcomed everyone,
 except that we had to cancel the event due to
 things beyond our control. See page 3.
- January 10, 2026: Atlantian Twelfth Night
 (Trenton, NC) (Q, K, Pr, P). The Canton of
 Nimenefeld welcomes the Kingdom to
 celebrate the winter season. A&S
 competitions: Tempore Atlantia, Kingdom
 A&S Champion, Scrivener Royal, Royal Bard,
 and masks found in folklore.
- January 24: <u>Highland Hearthglow</u> (Thurmont, MD). The Barony of Highland Foorde hosts an all-day feast around the theme of the Golden Age of al-Andalus.
- January 31: Midwinters Revel: The Way of the Pilgrim (Lothian, MD). The Barony of Lochmere extends hospitality to all pilgrims

- on their way to their destinations. Dancing, singing, classes, games, A&S competitions. Rotating day boards featuring cuisines from Spain, Italy, and the Middle East.
- February 6-7: <u>Tri-Kingdom University</u> (Your Computer). The University of Atlantia joins with the Kingdoms of Lochac and Drachenwald to present 27 straight hours of online classes around the Known World.
- February 7: <u>Bright Hills Baronial Birthday</u> (Manchester, MD) (Q, K). The Barony of Bright Hills holds its annual celebration.
- For additional events farther from Storvik, see the <u>Kingdom Calendar</u>.
- Key to Royal attendance: Q=Queen, K=King, Pr=Princess, P=Prince.

Regular Baronial Activities

Locations of regular baronial activities appear on the last page. **We currently do not have a site for in-person populace gatherings**.

- Populace Gathering: Next gathering Sunday, December 21. Virtual only, 6:30-9 PM. Zoom starts at 6:30, meeting at 7 PM. See the Facebook event page or watch the Storvik email list at https://groups.google.com/g/storvik.
- Storvik Fighter Practice: Heavy and rapier.
 December 1, 8, and 15. CANCELED on
 December 22 and 29. 7-10 PM, St.
 Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College
 Avenue, College Park.

Archery Practice: None at this time.

Equestrian Practice: Dates for 2026 will be announced.

Dance Practice: December 1, 8, and 15. CANCELED on December 22 and 29. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Usually gets going around 8 PM.

A&S: The Barony is looking for a new host for monthly A&S gatherings. See the <u>Facebook</u> event page for updates.

Baronial At-Home: Not at this current time.

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Storvik's Yule Revel Is ... Canceled.

Message from the Seneschal (and Yule Revel Event Steward):

All,

I am sad to report that, due to circumstances beyond their control, Cheverly cannot rent us the community center on December 20. The event team discussed possible alternatives, but with the timing as close as it is, there's not really time to make other arrangements and get it into the Acorn. We will be rescheduling the planned Travel Fund fundraiser to Performer's Revel in March.

I know this is a festive, warm event that many look forward to each year, and I am disappointed to have to cancel it.

In service, Teleri



On November 17 the Barony hosted the 17th Storvik Salt and Steel Tournament and had 8 participants. Congratulations to Master Cailin Blackwood, our overall winner! Our Did Something Cool Winner was Lady Caitilín inghean Uí Ruaidhrí!

Tune in next month for the 18th installment of the Storvik Salt and Steel Tournament!

Photo by Lady Caitilín Inghean Uí Ruaidhrí.

Lady Alicia's Cookery Booke: Fygey

By Baroness Alicia of Cambion

It is caroling season here at the Manor, and, whilst I enjoy the tidings of good cheer, the repeated demands for figgy pudding are starting to give this Excellency a bit of a holiday headache. Luckily, we have already anticipated this and have prepared a goodly batch of this sweet winter treat in anticipation of being held musically hostage!

Fygey, from the 1392 Form of Cury, is one of the oldest ancestors of what we have come to know today as a Figgy Pudding. The latter may have evolved during the 19th Century, but it shares much in common with this 14th Century recipe, namely it is a thick pudding made with dried fruits and wine and spices and, when served warm, makes a good antidote to the winter chill. You can see why so many carolers want some to fortify themselves on the journeys!

Fygey

Tak almaundes blaunched, grynd hem & drawe hem up with watur & wyne, quarter fygus hole raysouns, cast therto poudour ginger, and honey claryfied seeth it & salt it & serve it forth.

Take blanched almonds, grind them and draw them up with water and wine, quarter figs, whole raisins, cast thereto powdered ginger and clarified honey, boil it, and salt it and serve it forth.

Almond Flour is a good option instead of having to blanch and grind all those almonds. Combine with water and a sweet white wine like a moscato, or use a white grape juice if that is a better option. Ground almonds are a very traditional thickener for soups and sauces and you will find that, not long on the heat, the mixture will thicken up significantly – add more water or wine as needed.

Add your raisins and quartered figs, with more water, and lower to a simmer. You want the fruit to soften and blend better into the almond mix. When thickened, add a little honey (the pudding is already pretty sweet from the fruit) and season with ginger to taste. Lightly salt to cut the sweetness and serve

The result has a slightly grainy texture like you might expect of polenta or grits, but the seasoning tastes like the holidays on a spoon!



Fygey

1 C Almond Flour

34 C Sweet White Wine/White Grape Juice

34 C Water (Plus more as needed)

¼ C Raisins

½ C Figs, cut in quarters

1 t Honey (adjust to taste)

¼ t Ginger (adjust to taste)

Salt

Combine Almond Flour, Wine/Juice and water in

a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and add raisins and figs. Thin with more water if needed. Cook until fruit is softened and starting to fall apart into the almond mix. Remove from heat and add honey and ginger to taste. Return to heat and cook until thick enough to scoop into bowls. Sprinkle with a little salt and serve.

Enjoy! Go forth and make good food!

OYEZ! OYEZ!

Baronial News Highlights

Notices from Lady Mirabella, Storvik's Minister of Arts and Sciences:

We are looking for someone to host monthly A&S nights! If you are interested, please contact Lady Mirabella.

Reminders from Master Celric, Storvik's Knight Marshal:

- 1) All non-members (those without a blue card) are **required** to sign the practice waiver prior to picking up a weapon.
- 2) If you are using loaner gear, especially armor, it needs to be inspected by a marshal to ensure it fits *your body* effectively prior to you fighting in it.
- 3) If there is a problem i.e., weapon breaks, armor failures, injuries Master Celric needs to be looped in every time.
- 4) If you are interested in becoming Storvik's next Knight Marshal, please contact Master Celric.

<u>Maugie Concerts</u>: Maugie's Odd Thursday Concerts happen on Zoom. Next one is on December 18. See <u>Maugie's group on Facebook</u> for more information, or ask him to put you on his email list.

Reminder about fighter/dance practice: Please do NOT park in the gravel lot next to St. Andrew's paved parking lot. Please park on pavement.

<u>Praise the Praiseworthy</u>: His Excellency welcomes recommendations for awards, as always. See the Regnum in this issue for His email address. For Kingdom-level awards, point your browser to https://polling.atlantia.sca.org/index.php.

<u>Remembering Thegn Graçia</u>: Storvik's Chronicler is putting together a special memorial edition of the Drekkar. Please send her any materials you wish to see in the special issue.

Baronial Meeting Notes, November 16, 2025

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. 15 adults were present.

Officers' Reports:

Seneschal

Lady Teleri Barod / J. Lennon

- Need to get updated membership information from officers. Some of them have sent in their information.
- Needs access to Storvik webpages.
- Baronial Polling process: Reached out to Regional Seneschal. Now that the Kingdom has Heirs, things should start moving.
- Unevent is on December 6-7.

Archery Marshal

Magistra Sonya / S. Gross

• Still need to check out the possible practice site in southern Prince George's County. It would be nice to use an archery range in our Barony. It would also be good to have an archery net.

Chatelaine

Lord William / B. Fisher

- Quarterly report has been submitted.
- Some new fighters.
- Will have chatelaine stuff at Yule Revel.
- Needs to sort through new Gold Key items.

Chronicler

Lady Patricia / P. Daukantas

- Finishing up the newsletter.
- Considering doing a special memorial issue for Thegn Graçia.

Equestrian/Exchequer [via email]

Doña Zarra de la Vega / L. Churchill

- <u>Equestrian</u>: We hosted the last practice for the year on November 9. It was a very successful joint practice with the fighters. We did mounted-to-ground combat.
- Want to continue this last year; site has lots of room and costs \$100 a pop. Teleri suggested that we could promote these practices as a social gathering for the Barony.
- Exchequer:

- \$23K in the ledger.
- \$413 set aside for storage unit, \$400 for list fence, \$738 for baronial travel fund, \$200 for Yule Revel, \$460 for Performer's Revel, \$20.8K left for general use.
- 2 checks written since last report (Lochmere's half of Battle on the Bay, and reissued a lost check for feast). Teleri mentions last month's vote on getting an archery net. Cameron is obtaining prices for such a net.

Herald

Lady Rose / E. Stark

• Everything quiet. Still learning how to use electronic payments.

Knight Marshal

Master Celric / D. Bartlett

- Got rid of the old helms in the storage closet.
- Practices happen.
- No fighter practice 11/24, 12/22, 12/29. Patches will check with the dancers.

Minister of Arts and Sciences

Lady Mirabella / M. Gretsinger

- Still looking for new host for A&S night.
- Dance continues.
- Quarterly report is due in December.

Social Media

Magistra Sonya and Lady Rose / S. Gross and E. Stark

- Put up flyers in the church to advertise this meeting during Monday practice.
- Rose put together a link tree: <u>linktr.ee/storvikbarony</u>. Morgan will add it to the website.

Webminister

Lord Morgan / M. Lane

- Website has been updated with the most recent events.
- Will regularly update after the business meeting.
- Will integrate the linktree into the website.

Youth Officer

Lady Astrid / E. Whitlock

Nothing to report.

Baronage

Thegn John / J. Hutchings

- Has receipts from Coronation for the travel fund.
- Will attend Holiday Faire on 11/22.
- Please send award recommendations!

Events:

Yule Revel, December 20, 2025

- Spiked.
- Astrid will do children's activities. Sonya will lead dancing. Hedwig will coordinate kitchen access. Zara is in charge of the date. Teleri will coordinate the pop-up display. Laura will act as hall steward. Teleri needs to sketch out the setup for tables and chairs. Mirabella is the point of contact for classes. Maugorn will lead the music and wants a copy of last year's list of carols. Celric will provide some games and instructions. Patricia will direct the parking, although this is importantly mostly during the first hour or two of the event. We need paper products and a sign-up sheet for food.

AwesomeCon, March 13-15, 2026

- Master Caitlyn will be our point person.
- Paperwork done except for proof of insurance. Moved and approved: \$75 to get proof of insurance from SCA Inc.
- Sign-up for classes not yet open; probably will open in January; we will propose a dance class.

Performer's Revel, March 28, 2026 (Patches)

- Spiked, working on SCORES (event is free; SCORES is for the food fee).
- Will need help with decoration, ladder, hooks.
- Zarra will be the registrar.
- Need to decide what feast fee covers (lunch, dinner, both?).
 - Alicia is the cook.

Novice Tourney, April 24-26, 2026 - Tirzah willing to help reserve

- \$1400 is the site fee.
- Natalie may be interested to understudy
- Morgan can do field organization and layout.
- We need a portajohn for the first 200 people and +1 for every 50 additional attendees.
- We unanimously approved the budget.

Battle on the Bay 2006

• The dates will be October 23-25, 2026.

2027 Dates for Novice and BotB

- We will revisit the Novice 2027 decision in early 2026.
- Ask AwesomeCon if they know their 2027 dates usually they announce them at the end of the previous year's con.
- We would like to have Battle on the Bay 2027 in the first weekend of September.

Old Business:

- Church contract Zara is working on it.
- Storage contract Teleri is working on it.

New Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Next meeting: December 21 on Zoom.

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Arts & Sciences

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Equestrian

Lord William

Ethereal

Mistress 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 <u>canceled</u>: 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 (none scheduled at this time).

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

Baronial At-Home: Not at the moment.



Release Forms

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

Please send submissions to Patricia Daukantas 9219 Greenwood Lane Lanham, MD 20706

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