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The Story Behind the Cover Image

St. Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon Bishop from the 9th century who is overshadowed by a myth/legend about 40 days of rain for moving his remains from outside the church to inside and posthumous miracle-working. According to tradition if it rains on his feast day, 15 July then it will do so for 40 days. St Swithun's symbols are apples and raindrops, the cover image beautifully depicted in a stained glass window at St Swithin's church in Frettenham, Norfolk. You can read more about this Saint on page 9 of this month's issue.

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A Note from Your Chronicler

Whether the weather be fine
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold
Or whether the weather be hot,
We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather,
Whether we like it or not.

by an anonymous British poet

A little bit of alliteration to let you know that some of this issue has to do with the weather. As you know this year I have been focused on medieval holidays and this month is no different as we explore St. Swithin and possible forecast of rain. I hope you enjoy the history of this saint. In the meantime good luck on your prep for Pennsic if you are going and I will see you there.

Yours in Service, Story and Song,
Lady Scholastica Joycors
Chronicler of Bright Hills

Letters of Interest - Baronial Clerk Signet

Letters of interest for Baronial Clerk Signet are now being accepted.

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- Working with the Baronial Herald

Letters of interest should be submitted no later than 1 August. Please send inquiries to [aemiliarosa\(at\)comcast\(dot\)net](mailto:aemiliarosa(at)comcast(dot)net).

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THE BARONY OF BRIGHT HILLS

And on this glorious summer day do we, Kollack and Rebecca give greetings.



It has been an incredible year filled with memories. Memories filled with joy, pride, sorrow and several, bitter sweet. We would trade none of these memories for all the farthings in the known world. His Excellency and I have been remiss in thanking all that have come to share their memories with us and to make new ones. Each event, practice and gathering over the course of this season have been a treasure trove with a promise of more to come.

We have much to look forward to in the future as well. For the Pennsic War prep is full upon us the first week of July and into August. This will be followed closely by a request from our northern post for a demo at the Royal Rabbit the weekend of the 28th; which has always been in incredible pleasure. We have been warned that there will be many that pass through their lands that will be ever curious in nature and with hope ask many questions. Please come and join us as we cheer on the combatants and competitors at the ever expanding Trial by Fire/Lochmere Arrow Labor Day Weekend. Not only will there be Archery, outdoor cooking and bardic, but this year has been added in classes and instructions aplenty. So many in fact that it has been deemed required to add in another day to fit in all of the activities. It's going to be an incredible affair and one we would never choose to miss.

It is going to be a hot and sweltering summer. Come and join us in our travels. Sit by us for a moment while partaking in a cool glass. Help us add to your memories of wondrous and sometime hapless adventures. For sometimes the best adventures are the miss-adventures.

Yours in Service and Gratitude

Kollack and Rebecca von Zweckel

Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills

Minutes of the Bright Hills Board Meeting

June 22, 2018 - 7ish p.m.

Attendees: Casey Keener, Rebecca & Kenneth Kepple, Jay and Amy Nardone, Robert and Barb Kriner, Karen Whitlock, Richard Muti, Becky Ritterhouse, Wanda Kinnie, Claudia Bosworth, Jill Peters

Report from the Baronage: .

We will be going to Storvik novice. Took the 20x20 pavilion with a wagon to help haul. Their Royal Highness would like to three AoA's recommendations given to Baron and Baroness so that by Trial by Fire. Pennsic on Tuesday of War Week is on Tuesday of War Week at N32 at the Allied Households.

Officer Reports:

Seneschal: Lady Freydis Sjona (Casey Keener) — Meet with Duchess Simon concerning our records, especially in regards to warrants over the last several years. .

Chronicler: Lady Scholastica Joycors (MyLinda Butterworth) — Yeoman out on time.

Exchequer: Lady Wanda Ostojowna (Wanda Kinnie) — Barony is solvent. A personal check from 2017 as to whether to write it off as a loss. Vote was to write it off as a loss was unanimous.

Webminister: Warrant needs to be done for Dagny. I will begin training Lady Dagny for the Webminister position when she returns from vacation the first week of July. She will start her term as Webminister then. I have also written the Kingdom Webminister to let them know I will be stepping down and she will require her warrant, we have not heard a word from that office which has been problematic in the past.

Heralds Report: Master Richard Wyn (Richard Muti) — Busy working on submissions following the Known World Heralds symposium of which Deidre attended in Pittsburgh, it was very informative. No Bright Hills Heralds taught at university.

A&S Report: Lord Alexander de Burdegala (Larry Jones) — Baroness Tatiana Ivanovna got voted in as deputy. Working on having Baroness Avice teach autocrat class with the new kingdom paperwork in the near future - lots of people interested in attending.

Chatelain Report: Baroness Barbara Giumaria diRoberto (Barbara Kriner) — We had several facebook requests for information about Bright Hills. On Sat. June 16, Bright Hills assisted our friends from Highland Foorde with their demo at the Mid Maryland Celtic Festival. THL Sindara and her family arrived to showcase her beading skills. Master Heinrich displayed his swords and chainmail. I learned that spinning wolf hound fur is quite easy. I have invited Cary Quintana to present his idea for a demo, at Fri. meeting. I saw the announcement that the Reisterstown demo is postponed for this year.

Knights Marshall: Lord Randver Askmadr (Randy Feltman)— Had a few people interested in fighter practice in Bel Air. Told them when and where. Have not heard from them since. Told them about Friday practice also.


Minister of the List: Lord Alexander Fowler (Hunter Fowler)— no activity

Youth Minister: Lady Katarzyna Witkowska (Katherine Hawkins)— coordinated Youth Activities at Highland River Melees on June 2. Daniella Schwarzkopf, Scholastica Joycors, Rowan Berran McDowell and I taught Pages classes at university on Saturday. .

Baronial Steward: Master Chirhart Blackstar (Truman Barnes) — Lady Deirdre has requested pavilions (and water jugs) for Trial by Fire.

Guild Reports:

Armors - No report.



Bardic Circle — No report.

Brewers – No report

Cheese Mongers: Master Chirhart (Truman Barnes)— No report.

Clothiers – No report.

Cooks Guild: Baroness Wynne ferch Rhodri (Jill Peters)— A Travelers fare supper will be offered Friday night...spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert. Meeting June 3rd 2018. 7 Attendees. Went over planning for future events including up to Harvest wars. Also discussed collaboration with Spiaggia Leventina.

– Meeting May 20th 2018. 5 Attendees. talked about planning two newcomer classes one for Bread Making and one for Butter Making.

Herb Group – Faolan Mac Raghnaill — No report.

PAEG : Lady Reyne — PAEG — We had no activity for this month. I am still trying to get my own schedule under control so that I can plan another guild meeting. I hope to be able to sit and talk with most of the active members at Storvik Novice, and come up with a schedule for the next few months.

St. Matthias – No report.

Scriptorium: Lady Aemilia Rosa (Amy Nardone)— Reminder: I am stepping down as Baronial Clerk Signet and accepting letters of interest which I will be going over with the Baron and Baroness.

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TAG — Mistress Brienna Llewellyn — No report

Woodworkers – No report.

Old Business:

Baroness Tatiana is now warranted as the new Deputy MoAS. Voted to postpone Harvest Wars till next year. The Kriner's and Lord Alexander are going to check on sites near them which will be in within the barony. Coronet designs have gone to artists for pricing.

Trial by Fire port-a-pots will be cleaned once during the weekend. Sunday two class have been scheduled and two more have been volunteered and two more are available. Contact Deirdre the Autocrat if you are interested in teaching a class on Sunday.

Two applicants have expressed interest in the clerk signet office.

Baronial Anniversary/Birthday for 2019 - A security deposit of \$100 is now required as a filing fee before they will give us a day it is refundable after the event in addition to placing some restrictions on the fire halls kitchen equipment. These changes are due to other groups use of the site rather than us. Fundraiser lunch is available for any group who wishes to run lunch. A copy of the SCA insurance has been requested by the seneschal so that a copy may be posted at the site. We need to update our insurance copy.

Baronial polling schedule has been accepted by the Royal Highnesses. Polling will begin in September.

New Business:

The seneschal wants a committee to revise the charter and bylaws. They are looking for 5-9 members to be selected at the seneschal's pleasure please let her know if you are interested as she will be selecting those individuals.

Storvik had requested to conflict Spring Faire with Kingdom Archery which does not follow the 150 mile ruling. Seneschal to Seneschal requests have provided information. Public vote was for

no conflict, his Royal Highness will have to make a ruling on individual event basis for conflict.

Tatiana called for a vote on Harvest Wars. Vote was taken to postpone Harvest Wars to 2019 and find a location within the barony. Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting: July 20, 2018 Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Corrections to last months minutes: The Baron and Baroness are stepping down in February at our Baronial Birthday. Dinner at Pennsic is for food will be served starting at 6pm. It will probably last till around 10pm. Lord Janyne is sending out a draft of updates to the charter for the officers to look over and start bouncing ideas off of.

Any additions or corrections to these minutes should be sent to Lady Scholastica at totallystories@gmail.com

Atlantian Calendar of Events

July 2018

6-8	Kings Assessment	Black Diamond	Appomattox, Va
14	Althing Authorizations and Melees	Highland Ford	Purcellville, VA
14	Warriors' Games	Tear-Seas Shore	Harleyville, SC
27-31	Pennsic Wars (R)	Aethelmearc	Slippery Rock, PA

August 2018

1-12	Pennsic Wars (R)	Aethelmearc	Slippery Rock, PA
24-26	Gardens of Thyme Harvest Table	Crois Brigitte	Boonville, NC
30-3	Hastilude at the Hallow V	Black Diamond	Raphine, VA
31-3	Trial by Fire	Bright Hills	Glen Arm, MD

September 2018

1-2	Known World Academy of Rapier and Known World Armored Combat Collegium	Northshield	
7-9	Rip Rap War: It Takes Two to Parley	Tir-y-Don	Courtland, VA
7-9	Panem et Circenes: Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday (R)	Sacred Stone	Boonville, NC
8	Barony of Stierbach's 20th Baronial Birthday	Stierbach	Leesburg, VA
15	Fall University	Atlantia	
21-23	Southern War Practice X	Ritterwald	New Ellenton, SC
21-23	Battle on the Bay (R)	Storvik	Upper Marlboro, MD
22	Barony of Raven's Cove Birthday - Deus Vult!	Ravens Cove	Richlands, NC
28-30	Clash with Bacchus	Seven Hills	Big Island, VA

October 2018

6	Fall Coronation (R,H)	Atlantia	
13	The Wild Hunt	Ponte Alto	Annandale, VA
17-21	War of the Wings	Atlantia	Boonville, NC

↔ UPCOMING EVENTS ↔

Kings Assessment

July 6-8, 2018 • Barony of Black Diamond

Come join us in the verdant valley of Black Diamond in the mountains of Atlantia for a weekend honing and polishing our skills for the war in the Debatable lands of Pennsic. Combat scenarios will be based on Pennsic war point battles and led by our Warlords. All other activities will be geared toward putting our best feet forward at Pennsic.

Website: <http://www.black-diamond.atlantia.sca.org/assessment>

Althing Authorizations and Melees

July 14, 2018 • Barony of Highland Foorde

The Free Company of Anglesey, along with its friends the Baronies of Highland Foorde, Stierbach, Ponte Alto and Storvick, invite you to a brand new event, "Althing Authorizations and Melees." This event is specifically scheduled to meet the Pennsic deadline for new authorizations. Fighters will have a opportunity to authorize in "all the things" and fights in melees with the Celtic cousins of the bog. That's right you'll be able to authorize in any weapons forms aside from equestrian. No more Excuse! We're committed to offer the opportunity for anyone to authorize.

Website: http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event_id=28a84403

WARRIORS' GAMES

July 14, 2018 • Canton of Tear-Seas Shore

Once again this summer as they have for decades past the fierce warriors of the south will prepare for war with a variety of Celtic-themed competitions to test a warrior's bravery, strength and skill. Come join the folk of Tear-Sea's Shore in the traditional pastimes including the renowned sheep toss, all designed to challenge both novice and experienced warrior. This year we will pay special tribute to our Celtic brethren from the Continent with some special games and competitions.

Website: http://www.atlantia.sca.org/137-events/167-event-flyer?event_id=c9d35b32 Pennsic 47

Pennsic Wars

July 27 – August 12, 2018

Mayor: TH Lord Tommaso Valeriano

Pennsic is an annual event, in the guise of a "War", between the Kingdoms of the East and the Middle of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Pennsic is also the largest Society event, with attendance in recent years exceeding 10,000. The scheduled activities include large melee battles, tournaments, archery, stage performances, dancing, and hundreds of classes on medieval topics. The marketplace has over 200 merchants selling a variety of wares.

Coopers' Lake Campground is a 500-acre site, located in Slippery Rock, PA. The campground has several shower houses and restrooms, and many porta-johns are rented for the event. Water spigots are adjacent to most camping areas. There is a well-stocked camp store. The campground has a laundry room, 2 ATMs, and a playground. In nearby New Castle and Butler there are restaurants, supermarkets, motels, laundromats, and other stores. Moraine State Park, not far from the campground, has public swimming facilities.

The opening weekend of Pennsic is the last Saturday in July, and the event runs for 2 weeks. If you decide to attend Pennsic for the full two weeks, there will certainly be plenty for you to do. But if you can only make it for a week or less, you'll want to be there during the second week, as that's when the battles and most other events are scheduled. A listing of the dates of future Pennsics is on-line.

The opening weekend is known as "Land Grab".

Some people refer to the first week of Pennsic as "Peace Week", since there are no War Point battles scheduled. There is still plenty to do: the Merchant areas are open, Pennsic University classes & Artisans' Row start mid-week, and by the end of the week most other activities are underway, including performances, tournaments, archery, dancing, & children's activities.

"War Week" begins with Opening Ceremonies – a grand procession of all the kingdoms to the Battlefield, where war is declared and each kingdom announces on whose side they will fight. All the War Point battles take place this week, along with Kingdom Courts and a majority of the activities.

Check the website's Overall Schedule to see what will be taking place.

Website: <http://www.pennsicwar.org>

Lore from the Larder



illumination from The Luttrell Psalter

Tartys In Applis

recipe by Daniel Myers

It seems a bit unusual to grate apples, and it does make this recipe a bit messier to make than the typical fruit tart. Still, it's a quick and easy apple pie, and it tastes delicious.

Ingredients

4 - 5 apples
6 figs, chopped
1/4 cup raisins
1 1/2 tsp. powder douce
1/4 tsp. salt
pinch saffron
Short Paest for Tarts



Method

Peel, core, and grate apples. Add figs, raisins, and spices. Mix well and put into tart crust. Bake at 350° until done, about 40 minutes. Serve warm or cold.

Source [*Forme of Cury*, S. Pegge (ed.)]: For To Make Tartys In Applis. Tak gode Applys and gode Spycis and Figs and reysons and Perys and wan they are wel ybrayed colourd wyth Safroun wel and do yt in a cofyn and do yt forth to bake wel.

<http://www.medievalcookery.com/recipes/appletart.html>



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Weather it Rain or Whether it Won't tales of St. Swithun

by Lady Scholastica Joycors

A standing joke worldwide is the English preoccupation with the weather. So how did it come to pass that the English summer should be determined by a long dead Anglo-Saxon Bishop known as St. Swithun?

Saint Swithun was born in Kingdom of Wessex (an Anglo-Saxon Kingdom in the South-West and the precursor to the unified Kingdom of England) and educated in Winchester, the Kingdom's capital. and was ordained priest by Helmstan. King Egbert appointed him as tutor of his son, Æthelwulf (Alfred the Great), and considered Swithun one of his chief friends. In 852, Ceolnoth, Archbishop of Canterbury, consecrated Swithun as bishop of Winchester, it is suspected that this appointment was made at the King Æthelwulf request. In his new office he was known for his piety and his zeal in building new churches or restoring old ones. At his request Æthelwulf gave a tenth of the lands of Wessex to the Church as documented on ancient parchments with their signatures. William of Malmesbury adds that Bishop Ealhstan of Sherborn was considered Æthelwulf's minister for temporal matters, but it was Swithun who he conferred with as minister for spiritual matters.

Among the few things we know about Swithun is that he made his diocesan journeys on foot and when he gave a banquet he invited the poor and not the rich. Swithun won the affection of his folk among whom he labored for the better part of a decade. He was famous for building bridges, churches and planting apple trees. Patterning himself after Christ Jesus, he gave gifts to the poor and needy. Only one miracle is attributed to Swithun while he was alive. An old lady's eggs had been maliciously smashed by workmen building a church. Swithun picked the broken eggs up and, it is said, they miraculously became whole again.

Bishop Swithun died on 2 July 862 and according to William of Malmesbury that on his dying bed left instructions that his body should be buried outside the church by the north wall of the Old Winchester Cathedral, *ubi et pedibus praetereuntium et stillicidiis ex alto rorantibus esset obnoxius* [where it might be subject to the feet of passers-by and to the raindrops pouring from on high]. His body lay there peacefully for about a century.

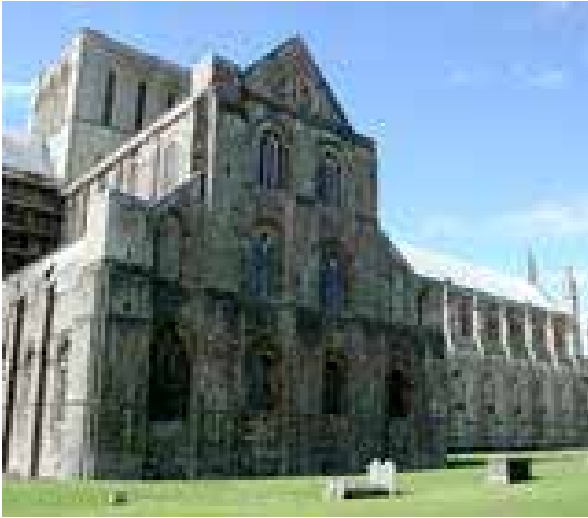
On 15 July 971 when the monastic reform movement had been established and religion was once again at the forefront, Æthelwold of Winchester, the current Bishop of Winchester, and Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, decreed that Swithun was to be the patron saint of the restored Cathedral at Winchester where an impressive shrine was built for him. Swithun's body was removed from its simple grave and interred. However, the removal was also accompanied by ferocious and violent rain storms that lasted 40 days and 40 nights and is said to indicate the saint's displeasure at being moved, and thus this well know piece of verse came about:

*St. Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain no more.*

When Swithun's remains were transferred to the cathedral, many people claimed miraculous cures. The common folk regarded this as proof he had indeed been a saint. One such miracle was his appearance to Queen Celfgifa (or Emma as she is also known), mother of Edward the Confessor. This was on the night before her 'ordeal', a trial for her supposed adultery with Aelfwine, former Bishop of Winchester, which involved walking across hot blades at Winchester Cathedral. St Swithun supposedly told Queen Celfgifa "I am Saint Swithun whom you have invoked; fear not, the fire shall do you no hurt." The following day, the Queen was able to walk barefoot across the blades completely unharmed. The miraculous work of Saint Swithun, and of course, her innocence.



A typical Medieval cult grew up around him. Swithun's tomb became one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in England. Pieces of his body were borrowed for other shrines, his head going to Canterbury and an arm to Peterborough Abbey. In *Aelfric's Lives of Saints* it states people would travel to the site in hopes of miracles and dozens of them are listed from healing broken bones to eyes being replaced and illness being cured. A short tunnel (the Holy Hole) allowed them to crawl right under his shrine, as close as possible to his miraculous healing powers.



Swithun's body was moved into yet another Winchester church in the following century. It remained in this final home until the Reformation. The cult of St Swithun and his shrine came to an abrupt end during the Reformation, when King Henry VIII seized control of the Catholic Church in England, and declared himself head of the Church of England. They considered it idolatry to bow and pray at such shrines and unnecessary anyhow, because Christians are free to go directly to God through Christ.

On 21 September 1538, under cover of darkness at 3am in the morning, the king's commissioners smashed it apart, and stole all the valuables. Three years later, a workman stopped up the Holy Hole. Nothing remains of his once great shrine today, but you can see a modern memorial that marks the spot.

15 July is when the feast of St. Swithun occurs still to this day. The emblems of St. Swithun refer to the legend of the forty days' rain (raindrops) and the apples from the trees he planted. Oddly enough apple-growers hope for a good soaking or christening

from the saint on this day. This is because they believe that the 'saints are watering the crops.' If they fail to do so, the apple-crop will be a poor one. Furthermore, no apple should be picked or eaten before July 15th. The other side of the superstition is that apple-growers believe all apples still growing at St Swithun's day will ripen fully.

Whether you choose to believe that this simple home grown saint caused it to rain because he didn't like being moved indoors or that he is simply christening the apples doesn't matter, because even to this day the weather forecasters still watch to see if the weather is going to be balmy or clear. In fact the Royal Meteorological Society believes that there is a grain of truth in the myth, as weather often locks into a pattern in high summer, only changing when autumn begins to rear its head from the end of August.

So what is the weather going to be this year? It will be a mixed picture of sunshine and showers and will continue as such for the foreseeable future, with warm sunshine punctuated by storms and showers. In other words pretty much like every other summer.

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Helpful Camping Hints - Part 1

by Chagan Khulan

As I was looking for information that would be helpful as you prepare for Pennsic I came across an article about camping which I thought I might bring to you in bite-sized pieces. *Scholastica*

Security

Unfortunately the modern world has not totally ignored the SCA. At large events there are very real possibilities of criminal happenings. You can do a number of things to avoid or minimize the opportunities to be a victim of these happenings.

- Do not carry large sums of cash on your person or leave them in your tent. Travelers checks are your friend. If you do have to have a large sum of cash on hand secure it in your car or a really unlikely hiding place in your tent. Same thing goes for purse, wallet, credit cards, security badges, etc. Think of some place really icy—no, not a port-a-john—and hide things there. Put them in a zip-lock bag if it's some place the things get damp.
- Do not go out alone at night.
- Do not leave valuables such as swords and jewelry near the edges of your tent. Hands can slip under the edge and snatch things.
- Do install a "door bell" on your tent. WHAT?!? A door bell? Hang a string of bells on the tent wall INSIDE the tent. Should someone try to enter your tent or disturb a wall—the bells will sound. This is such an unlikely sound in a tent that it wakes most folks up fairly easily.
- Do keep a sword, broom, or ball bat near at hand at night. With luck you'll never need it. If you only need it once it will be worth its weight in gold. And you don't need a carry permit for a broom.

Safety

- Fire is very much a part of SCA camping. We have fire pits, tiki torches, lanterns, hibachi's, charcoal grills, braziers, candles and propane stoves. We got FIRE.
- When placing torches make sure they are a least 3 feet further away from your tent, the ropes and the camp wall then they are tall. If they fall this gives you a minimum safe distance between the torch and anything it can burn.
- Do not leave anything unattended when it is burning.
- Do not close up your tent while keeping a lit candle, brazier or other heat/light source in your tent. Allow for GOOD ventilation if you have something burning in your tent.
- Always douse fires with water after you have extinguished the flame.
- If it was a particularly large fire, you should also stir and break up the leftover wood or coals in the fire pit. Sand also works to smother a smoldering fire.
- Keep a bucket of sand or water outside your tent. Just in case.
- Keep a fire extinguisher inside your tent. Once a year have them inspected. If dead then replace them.
- Mark your ropes with something colorful if they extend a long distance out from your tent or spray paint your tent pegs.
- Carry a first aid kit. Have your preferred over-the-counter medications in it. Check it yearly for expiration dates. Good things to have camping are burn cream, suntan & sunburn lotion, bee sting remedies, band-aids, moleskin for blisters, and in summer—fighters often need salt tablets.
- Dehydration and sunburn are the two most common afflictions at Pennsic. Plan for them.

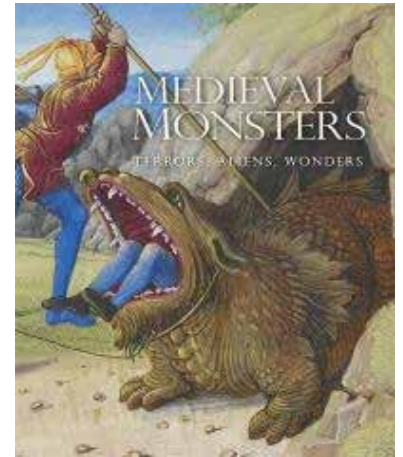
Books of Knowledge

Medieval Monsters: Terrors, Aliens, Wonders

by Sherry Lindquist, Asa Simon Mittman, preface by China Miéville

Tales of love and war, courage and pain, justice and tyranny, heroes and villains, and ultimately the relationship of humanity to the divine powers are a common element of all cultures. For a millennium, these tales have served to transmit values, communicate wisdom, and reveal the nature of right and wrong -- in short, to demonstrate a particular society's ethics and way of life via storytelling.

Monsters possess transformative powers, rendering them at once profoundly dangerous and utterly fascinating. *Medieval Monsters* explores the cultural importance and rich variety of monstrosities in the art of the Middle Ages, with examples drawn from the Morgan Library & Museum's renowned collection of illuminated manuscripts. While presenting a lively array of strange beauties and frightful anomalies—demons and dragons, centaurs, and unicorns—the authors reveal how monsters played a central role in medieval societies. From centaurs to giants to grotesque hybrids, these beasts lack codified meanings, yet their strange beauty and frightful abnormality inspire us to marvel.



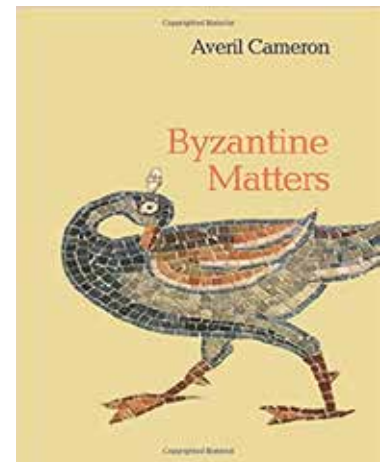
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Byzantine Matters by Averil Cameron

For many of us, Byzantium remains "byzantine"—obscure, marginal, difficult. Despite the efforts of some recent historians, prejudices still deform popular and scholarly understanding of the Byzantine civilization, often reducing it to a poor relation of Rome and the rest of the classical world. In this book, renowned historian Averil Cameron presents an original and personal view of the challenges and questions facing historians of Byzantium today.

The book explores five major themes, all subjects of controversy. "Absence" asks why Byzantium is routinely passed over, ignored, or relegated to a sphere of its own. "Empire" reinserts Byzantium into modern debates about empire, and discusses the nature of its system and its remarkable longevity. "Hellenism" confronts the question of the "Greekness" of Byzantium, and of the place of Byzantium in modern Greek consciousness. "The Realms of Gold" asks what lessons can be drawn from Byzantine visual art, and "The Very Model of Orthodoxy" challenges existing views of Byzantine Christianity.

Throughout, the book addresses misconceptions about Byzantium, suggests why it is so important to integrate the civilization into wider histories, and lays out why Byzantium should be central to ongoing debates about the relationships between West and East, Christianity and Islam, Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy, and the ancient and medieval periods. The result is a forthright and compelling call to reconsider the place of Byzantium in Western history and imagination.



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Past Knowledge

Tips from books of yore

How to Picnic, c. 1387



Getty MS 27, f. 60v (1430-1440)

"The place where the assembly will be held should be a beautiful green meadow, with beautiful trees all around, well separated from one another, and a clear fountain or some running water... And they should spread out towels and cloths everywhere on the green grass, and put out various meats in great abundance according to the power of the lord. And some people should eat sitting, some standing, some resting on their elbows; and some people should drink, some should laugh, perform and tell stories and play, and in short all the festivities and delights."

Gaston Phoebus, *Livre de chasse*

How to Carry Objects While Swimming, c. 1595



"To carrie any thing drie over the water in his hands. This is onely done by swimming upon his backe, and strayingning himselfe to lye straight with his body, so that he holde his armes straight up, which will else force him to bend his bodie, and so he shall sincke, and holding his armes upward as afore, he may easilie carrie, or recarry, any thing over the water without wetting, as for example."

Christopher Middleton, *A Short Introduction for to Learne to Swimme*

from the collections of <http://askthepast.blogspot.com> by Elizabeth Archibald

Barony of the Bright Hills

Practices and Meetings Site Directions

Heavy & Light Weapons Fighter Practices and A&S classes are held most Friday nights from

7:30 PM-10 PM

Business Meetings are held from 7 PM-8 PM the last Friday of the month (Please See Calendar)

Location: Christ the King Episcopal Church, 1930 Brookdale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21244

Although we use these facilities, the SCA is not endorsed by the Church.

Directions: Exit the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) at Exit 17 (Security Blvd Exit). Take the exit west toward Rolling Road, not the exit east toward Woodlawn. Travel west along Security Boulevard about one-half mile, through traffic-lights at Belmont Avenue, Lord Baltimore Drive, and Rolling Road. Continue west for another block, until you reach Brookdale Road. The Episcopal Church of Christ the King is on your left. Make a left turn onto Brookdale, and then turn right into the Church parking lot.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Baltimore County Schools announce they are closed or closing early, there will be no practice that night. You can usually hear the school closing lists on virtually any local radio station broadcast throughout the morning.

Sunday Afternoon Archery Practice

Lord Dagfinnr Jarnauga, 443-857-5178

Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (See Calendar)

Location: Baltimore Bowmen Site

Go to www.baltimorebowmen.com for directions. If the gate is closed, check to make sure it is not locked. If it is not locked, open it and drive down the hill to the butts. If the gate is locked, park your car and walk down the hill to the butts. NOTE: PRACTICE WILL NOT BE HELD WHEN THERE ARE WEEKEND-LONG EVENTS AND WHEN THERE ARE EVENTS AT THE BOWMEN SITE.

Guild Gatherings

Bardic Circle/PAGE

(Sundays 4-8pm; Contact Lady Reyne Telarius home, 472 Winterberry Dr, Edgewood, MD check for exact dates or check calendar)

Woodworkers' Guild (Check Calendar)

Lord Luke of Bright Hills' house. 1020 Register Avenue, Towson, MD 21239, (410) 377-6828.

Directions: Take Baltimore Beltway 695 toward Towson. We live near the northern apex of the beltway. Take exit 29 from 695. Take Lock Raven Blvd. south, past Taylor Ave. intersection, go through two lights after Taylor, look for quick right onto Register Avenue just over peak of a hill. (If you miss Register Ave. don't despair: at next light make a right onto Loch Hill Rd., then left at stop sign onto Register Ave. If you've gone too far on Loch Raven, you will reach Northern Parkway – a huge intersection.) Our house is at 1020 Register – white house with porch on right with SCA-type banner hanging from a signpost on front lawn - large driveway. Park on the south side of Register Avenue if there is no room in driveway.

Brewer's Guild

Lady Livia di Samuele, 7927 Mandan Road Apt 104 Greenbelt, MD 20770; 301-807-5476

Abramsonsm@yahoo.com

Contact with questions or to request special brewing days.

Clothier's Guild

Lady Faye de Trees, 1402 Hillside Dr., Bel Air, MD 21015; 352-281-8216, feataure@gmail.com.

The clothiers currently do one class per month on a specific project at Friday night fighter practice followed by a sewing session on Sunday afternoon to finish the projects. The location of the Sunday sessions varies. (Check calendar)

Textile Arts Guild

Mistress Brienna Llewellyn Lindsey, 3009 Ebbtide Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040, 410.598.3422, ladybrienna@gmail.com.

TAG meets the first Sunday of every month. Check calendar for location and times

Armory

Baron Heinrich, 3114 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158; 443-789-8109, lands_heinie@yahoo.com
Weekends by appointment.

Cook's Guild

Baroness Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hwyell, jay_wynne@hotmail.com

Meets second Sunday of the month. Check calendar for location and time.

Gold Key

To Access Gold Key garb, Contact Lady Wanda Ostojowna, wlkinnie@comcast.net

Bright Hills Email List

To subscribe to the Bright Hills mailing list, please go to: <http://www.yahogroups.com/subscribe/brighthills>

Electronic Connection

Bright Hills Website

The Baronial website, <http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/> contains a listing of current officers, regularly scheduled meetings, events and other items of interest. If you have an item for the website, please send it to the Webminister,

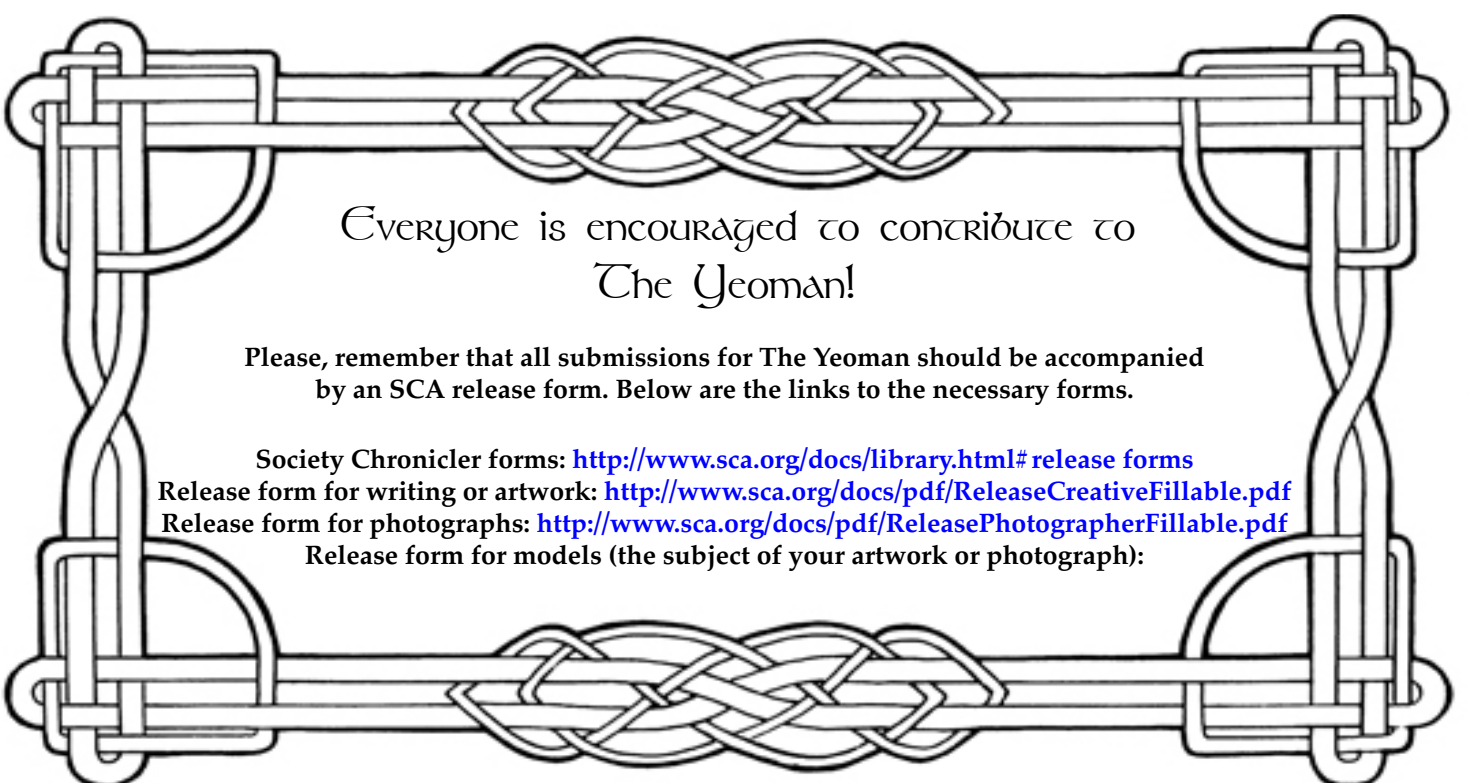
THL Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire at janynfletcher@comcast.net

Bright Hills FaceBook Page

The new baronial Facebook page is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brighthills/>. Further information can be obtained from the administrators Lady Reyne Telarius at robynbecker@comcast.net, THL Janyn Fletcher of Lancastreschire at janynfletcher@comcast.net or Lady Aemilia Rosa at aemiliarosa@comcast.net

The Yeoman On-Line

<http://brighthills.atlantia.sca.org/yeoman/yeoman.html>



Everyone is encouraged to contribute to
The Yeoman!

Please, remember that all submissions for The Yeoman should be accompanied by an SCA release form. Below are the links to the necessary forms.

Society Chronicler forms: [http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html# release forms](http://www.sca.org/docs/library.html#release%20forms)
Release form for writing or artwork: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>
Release form for photographs: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>
Release form for models (the subject of your artwork or photograph):

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Equestrian: Mor Inghean Ui Dochartaigh
Heavy Weapons: Lord Grimkel
Thrown Weapons: Lord Trygvvi
Rapier: Lord Conrad Muni
Children's Archery- Cedric and Moira

