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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 04/15/2026

Started At: 7:04 pm

Attended: Seneschal, Exchequer, Deputy Herald, Knights Marshal, MoL, Chatelain, Deputy Chatelain, Baroness and Baron, Web Minister, Deputy Chronicler, members of the populace.

Officer Reports

Chatelain: Greetings to all.

It's been a very fine last few weeks. We have had several people reach out on the updated

Chatelain email. Hoping to hear and see more of them in the near future. On that note, there were several that made it out to the Baronial practice and gathering. All appeared engaged and interested in many aspects of our hobby. One or two were actually there for target archery, as I am to understand. The gathering itself was well attended and dynamic. With luck, this trend will continue.

Moving forward on our schedule, there is the upcoming MayDay Faerie Festival the first weekend in May. I need to double-check with the organizer to confirm if there is more room for additional volunteers under our dayshade.

I'm working on a Discord Group for upcoming demos and will send the details out as soon as they are available.

Thank you all

Chronicler: I am working on getting my warrant situated. I plan on going to Revenge of the Stitch and interviewing the contestants. I will be putting together an article about the event. If anyone wants to write articles, please reach out. I would love to get some people interested in reporting.

Exchequer: My warrant has been renewed. I posted the Royal Archer budget. I am in communications with Lewin about Trial by Fire, and Michael and I need to get with Highland Foorde for the event budget.

Herald: Bright Hills heralds have been busy this month. My thanks to Milady Elyzabeth Mac Alister for all that she has done over the

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past month. Milady Elyzabeth Mac Alister attended the last Officer's Meeting on my behalf. Elyzabeth also heralded Their Excellencies Celeste and William into the afternoon Great Court during the Coronation.

In addition to heralding Their Excellencies Celeste and William into the afternoon Great Court, Mistress Wynne ferch Rhodri was court herald for Their Majesties at Lochmere's Night of the Port.

Dame Alexandria, as Finsterwald Herald, has been posting on updated requirements for court reports.

Finally, I spoke to 2 newcomers who have indicated that they want to submit their names after they have determined more about their personas.

If you are doing something heraldic, please let me know so that I can spread the word. Please let me know what events require a court herald.

Knights Marshal: We held a practice on Sunday, April 11th, where we had 15 heavy fighters, including His Excellency William Ringlancer, as well as 2 youth fighters. We held single combat during the first part of the practice and were able to practice small group tactics later on when we moved to melees. We then finished the day with barbecue chicken sliders and side dishes, along with some war stories. What a beautiful day it was.

The next practice is scheduled for Sunday, May 31st, starting at 12:30 PM. Please keep an eye on the calendar as these dates have a

tendency to change due to other Bowman activities and events.

As it turns out, I will not be attending Revenge of the Stitch this coming weekend. The following weekend, April 25th is Storvik Novice, hope to see some of you there. Followed by The Maryland May Day Faerie Festival on May 2nd and 3rd.

Target Archery Marshal (TAM): We held practice on April 11th and had 12 participants, 3 of whom were youths. We have been having a good combination of new participants, regulars, and youths at practices. I plan on running royal rounds at some point so that I can hopefully hand out new ranking medals at one of the future Bright Hills events. The next archery practices are scheduled for 5/5 and 5/31. The targets and some other supplies are being borrowed from the Bright Hills archery shed for the shoot at Storvik novice on 4/25th. I will also be in attendance to help Patches with the archery portion of the event.

MoAS: The Barony participated in the pilgrimage at Coronation with a display on the history of the Barony of Bright Hills that included photos, memorabilia, songs, and archived documents.

On April 12th, the Cook's guild met at the Baltimore Bowman to discuss upcoming events and the budget for Trial by Fire.

On April 16th, Bright Hills is hosting a virtual class on beginner documentation for A&S taught by the Kingdom Competitions Deputy, Magistra Beatriz Alvarez De La Oya.

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As for individual A&S efforts:

- Lady Sindara Lind Rachael Fessel is researching period Aigrettes and Tarpooshes. She also took a class on making ear wires and S clasps

- Dame Alexandra Wright has been creating school blanks. She also completed and delivered two scrolls to Baron Melchior and Baroness Kade for Night at the Port

- Magistrate Sigurd Briansdotter is working on a test piece regarding a hypothesis on the heel construction of the Uppsala sock, and prepping slide decks for ICMS and RAC/TRAC

- Baron Heinrich is continuing his work on a helm and gauntlets.

- Erasmus Taylor is preparing for Revenge of the Stitch

- Mistress Daniella is teaching herself different bookbinding techniques

- I recently took a class on cheesemaking through Roxbury Mill and am aging my own Brie in a repurposed wine fridge in my dining room. I am also slowly hand sewing a new cote, and working on learning a few period harp pieces.

MoL: Nothing to report from the last month.

Web Minister: Please remember to get off the old emails and onto the new Kingdom ones.

Seneschal: This is my last official meeting. Freydis has finished her warrant classes. The Kingdom is aware of this change.

Baronage: We have been busy. We went to Coronation and Night on the Port. We are going to Revenge of the Stitch, Novice, and the May Day Demo. After that, we plan on attending War Practice, Gem Joust, the Baronial Gathering, and the Yard Sale. We will be at an East Kingdom event on June 6th. It is a pageantry tournament event. If anyone wants to join, please let us know. We received an email from Kingdom asking the barony if we plan on doing something for the Children's Fete. The barony did not have an official presence at the Children's Fete last year. Wynne volunteered to run a table for weaving.

Baronial Events, Gatherings, and Activities

Royal Archer: Equestrians will be handling lunch, and the Cooks Guild will do a Bake Sale. Dame Wynne is the Royal Liaison. Will we need a morning court? Standardized court times will not work for this event, due to the type of competition. If their Majesties want to shoot, Chris will provide an escort. The budget is put up to vote, and the budget passes.

Trial By Fire: Lewin just found the revised budget in his email. Lewin defers to Clara's best judgment. We are not using SCOREs for the event. Are we doing a pre-reg discount? Lewin is looking for more MIC's and staff.

Old Business: None

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New Business: Mike Hume is working on taking over the Knights Marshall position. Clara is reviewing the Kingdom Exchequer policy, which may affect Troll.

Next Meeting: 27th of May, 2026

Meeting adjourned: 7:58 pm

Upcoming Baronial Activities & Events

Maryland Fairy Festival Demo | May 2nd-3rd | Rocky Point Park, Essex, MD |

Please reach out to our Chatelain, Rebecca von Zweckel, for more information

Archery Practice | May 3rd | 1:00 | Baltimore Bowman, Glen Arm, MD

Monthly A&S Class *Please reach out to Master Faolán for more information*

Bright Hills Gathering | May 31st | 1-3pm | Baltimore Bowman, Glen Arm, MD

We will have Fighting and Archery, and a yard sale!

Bardic Circle | June 13th | 7pm-? | Randallstown, MD

Reach out to Brigit Donn mka Moira Anderson, for the address and details.

Local Event Calendar

BAWT V | May 15th -17th | Culpeper, VA

Skewered 6 | May 30th | Gaithersburg, MD

On Target | June 6th | Annapolis, MD

Victory on the Vine | June 19th-21st | Culpeper, VA

Royal Archery | June 26th-28th | Glen Arm, MD

Baronage Event Calendar

BAWT V | May 15th- 17th | Culpepper VA | [BAWT V](#)

Gem Joust | May 22nd -25th | Hanover VA | [Gem Joust](#)

A Grand 14th Century Tourney (and Potluck) | June 6th | Langhorne, PA | [A Grand 14th Century Tourney \(and Potluck!\)](#)

If you would like to retain for any of these events, please reach out to Head Retainer, Wanda the Wanderer, via email, 4wandathewanderer@gmail.com

Letter to the Barony

Unto the Populace of Bright Hills do we send greetings!

We have thoroughly enjoyed your company this past month at the many and diverse events we attended; thank you for your hard

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work and dedication...it is greatly appreciated!
April was a very full month, and May is coming hot on its heels! These are the events we will be attending in May:

1-3: May Day Faerie Festival
15-17: BAWT V
22-25: Gem Joust
31: Baronial Gathering / Market Day / Yard Sale at the Bowman

Please look at your calendars and join us when you are able; we would dearly love your company, and we wish to cheer on and support our populace whenever you compete or display.

While we are still deciding on our June calendar, we wanted to let you know that on June 6th we will be traveling to the Barony of Buckland Cross in the East Kingdom so we may participate in A Grand 14th Century Tourney (and Potluck!)... no, really... that's the name of the event!

<https://www.eastkingdom.org/event-details/?eid=4537> If you are able to make the journey, we will love for you to join us for a day filled with chivalrous combat, pageantry, and fun! It will truly be wonderful to show up with a Company from Bright Hills!

As always, if you see someone doing something excellent, going above and beyond...please let us know. We cannot be everywhere at once, and so we rely on you, the populace, to be our eyes and ears. Thank you!

William and Celest
Baron and Baroness of Bright Hills

Historical Happenings in April

- The United Kingdom of Great Britain was formed on May 1st, 1707
- The Yorkist army defeated the Lancastrian army, killing Edward, Prince of Wales, on May 4th, 1471
- The Holy Roman Empire sacks Rome on May 6th, 1527
- Jagiellonian University was chartered, making it the second-oldest university in central Europe, on May 12th, 1364
- Simon de Montfort claimed victory at the Battle of Lewes on May 14th, 1264
- Gabriel Fahrenheit added mercury to thermometers, approving their accuracy on May 14th, 1686
- The city of St. Petersburg was founded on May 16th, 1703
- Anne Boleyn was executed after being falsely accused of adultery, incest, and treason on May 19th, 1536
- Lambert Simbel is crowned king in Dublin, posing as a fake Earl of Warwick on May 24th, 1487
- The Venerable Bede, known as the Father of English History, died on May 26th, 735
- Joan of Arc was captured and burned at the stake on May 30th, 1430

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Swabish Please!

Author: Lady Brigit Donn
Photographs: Lady Brigit Donn

As 5 o'clock came closer and closer on Friday, team Swabish Please diligently set up their work station at Revenge of the Stitch. Ironing tables, cots, and a whole leather working table. While Lord Matthaeus Dupuy, Eleanora de Martini, and Masha of Roxbury Mill were all working on their parts, I was able to get some questions answered by the rest of their team. While Lady Aibinn of Roxbury Mill was working on ironing, she told me about how she joined the SCA. Lady Aibinn joined two years ago, at the recommendation of her friends. Funnily enough, she reached out to the Roxbury Mill chatelain, Lady Helena Kassandreia, and they had no idea that they were already friends until they met at the Aibinn's first event.

This may have been her second year in the SCA, but it is her first Revenge of the Stitch! Lady Helena, who was there working on her wonderful pleat work, told me this was her third Revenge of the Stitch. She was part of a team during her first, and then she ran a team in her second, and now she is part of Swabish Please. What makes Revenge of

the Stitch special to Lady Helena, is that this event is the best iteration of a school project because everyone wants to be there. Noble Erasmus recalled a year when they spent the final 5 minutes of their time rethreading needles for their team.

The research done for this project was insane. Based on portraits and an extant exemplar, which is an original piece that still exists.



They had 58 pages of outstanding documentation that had been uploaded on Facebook. For Helena, the pleatwork was the longest technique because of the different techniques that apply differently to different fabrics. They both agree that the most challenging aspect of Revenge of the Stitch is

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time management. However, they also agreed that no matter how much time they have, the team would run to the last possible second either way.

The outfit that Swabish Please created would have been worn by a noblewoman. It was most likely a court gown because of the velvet and gold. All of the techniques that the team used were all historically accurate. The dress was entirely hand-stitched. The tools that were used were modern, for example, the lasts, shoe molds, are made out of plastic, instead of wood. There was no time to make wooden lasts for this event. Noble Erasmus does highly recommend that people start pressing their seams. "Pressing! It looks so much better!" Erasmus also recommends handsewing. It sits differently from machine-sewn seams. The team's advice to people who want to compete next year is this. Hydrate, press every piece, you can actually sleep, and no skill is really required. It's intense because you make it intense.

I appreciate the time that Swabish Please took to speak with me, and congratulations on your win!

Ragnarök

Written by Gypsy Teague

Ragnarök is both the ending and the beginning. It is the end of time, but it is also the beginning of a new time. Every citizen of every realm knows how the end will happen. It is told in many of the sagas and stories. The end will begin with three years of winter. During that time the wolves Skoll and Hati will consume the sun and the moon and the worlds will be thrust into endless night and cold. Brothers will kill each other. Friends will become mortal enemies, and the worlds will rush to the final confrontation.

Fenrir will slip Gleipnir and rise up. Loki will escape his chains and leave the cave of misery and then lead the dead of Helheim upward to the plains of Ásgarðr where each will meet some kind of conclusion. Heimdallr will blow his great horn Gjallarhorn and the warriors of Valhalla and Folkvang will rush to their appointed doom.

When Jörmungandr releases his tail in the deep waters of Midgard the giants will board Naglfar, the ship made from all the finger and toenails of all the dead and move toward their battle.

Even though they know how it all will end they play their part as though it is theatre. Odin will die by Fenrir but his son Viðar, wearing a magical shoe made from all the

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scraps of leather from all the cobblers making all the shoes will hold the great wolf's mouth open and kill him.

Hel's wolf, Garm, will kill Týr but will die from wounds sustained in the battle. Thor will find and kill Jörmungandr but will succumb to the poisonous bile after staggering nine steps from the dead serpent. Freyr, without his sword, will fight and die at the hands of Surtr. Heimdallr will fight and kill Loki but die in the process. Surtr, with his fiery great sword, will reduce Ásgarðr and Midgard to Ash. In the end Hel will remain to collect the dead.

While Ragnarök is often portrayed as the end it is a precursor to a new beginning. Baldr and Hödr will return from Helheim to fight and survive. Thor's sons will inherit Mjöllnir and carry on where their father left off. Two humans, Líf and Lífþrasir, will emerge from the safety of Hóðmímir's Wood to repopulate the world of humans. The gods of new Ásgarðr will meet at Íðavöllr and the worlds will thrive again.

No mention is made of Freyja, Njörðr, or Hel. I contend that there must always be a place for the dead and Hel will remain the final judge and 'overseer' of those who died until the next Ragnarök.

One final thought. The All Mother, Frigg, knows how everything will end. It is said in the Lokasenna Saga. However, she allowed her most beautiful child to be killed by his blind brother. She allowed the All Father to conceive another son to kill Hödr, she accepted the binding of Fenrir and Loki, knowing that at the appointed time they

would both slip off their bonds and usher in Ragnarök. She even knows, since she knows how all will die, when the end will come, yet she, and the rest of the Æsir, Ásynjur, and Jotnar play their parts as though it was theatre. (*Excerpt of Norse Cosmology: A Compendium, Gypsy Teague, available on Amazon.*) Next month we will discuss food and where those foods may be found in the literature.

TART IN YMBER Day

Lady Brigit Donn

Recipe Translation and information was aided by <https://www.medievalcuisine.com/culinary-journey/recipe-index/tart-in-yMBER-day>

What better way to start your spring, than with a traditional fasting day meal? This was historically eaten on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after various holidays. One of those holidays is Pentecost, which is 50 days after Easter, and this year, that lands it in May.

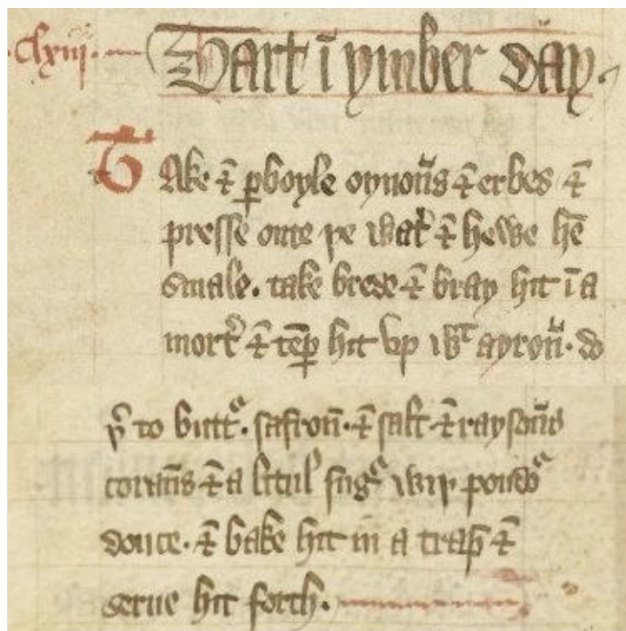
The recipe has been translated as follows:

Boil onions and herbs, and then press the water out, and chop finely

Take bread and pound it in a mortar, and temper is with egg, butter, saffron, salt, raisins corinth, and a little sugar with powder douce.

Bake it in a shell and serve!

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My Notes:

Onions- Not sweet onions, probably closer to shallots

Herbs- since this is savory, and celtic, I would recommend sage, fennel, chives, rosemary, thyme and parsley.

Raisins corinth are also known as Zante

Currants

Powder douce would have likely contained cinnamon, cloves, ginger, and nutmeg.

Maybe peppercorn and cardamom.

We do have our baronial gathering happening on May 31st. What better time to test this out?

Electronic Connection

The Baronial website is available at:

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

The baronial Facebook page is located at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/brighthills/>

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