

# THE FLAMBERGE

## A Barony of the Flame Publication, Fall/Winter 2019

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To our Barony of the Flame,

Well done! We are SO proud of everyone who had a hand in pulling off not one, not two, but THREE major events over the past few months. Everyone deserves a much-needed break – enjoy the holiday season and start of the new year with your family and friends. Then, join us on Saturday, January 11th for our annual Baronial 12th Night celebration – with pizza (feel free to bring some snacks or desserts to share)! We are starting the day around 2pm, allowing for people to come and play games, work on projects, teach impromptu classes, and have a fun time. We will have a Baronial meeting, a gift exchange, a Baronial Court later in the evening, and we will be looking for our next Arts and Sciences Champion, and hopefully a Bardic Champion!

For both A&S and Bardic Championships:

#### The Challenge:

Your entry should incorporate the Baronial colors (black, gold, red) or Kingdom colors (red, green). Alternatively, if working with a medium that doesn't include much color, you could choose to incorporate symbols of the Barony (the Flamberge) or the Kingdom (Dragon). Please include documentation at least consisting of century and country of origin.

#### The Expectations:

- Champions within an arts or science field are expected to participate in the Regional A&S Faire or another faire/competition/display during their tenure as Champion.
- We request that our Champions develop a class in their chosen art or science, and teach that class at least once during their tenure.
- Over the course of their time as Champion, we invite them to create something that can be used as Baronial Regalia or Largesse.

We are looking forward to what the next year has in store for us!

Incendo!

Baron Gustav and Baroness Marissa of Flame

# OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal	<p>Want to thank everyone who helped volunteer and support both Rose and Christmas Tournament. Stephanie Kittle, Kelsey Kittle, James (Kelsey's BF), Robin (can't remember her last name) Catherine Oyler, Marlene Broderick, Nancy Derosa, Sevaric and Angela for sponsoring, Keaton, the Abby, Abby, Yvonne (your mom, duh), Chad White, Kate Reis, Stephen Michael Erickson, and Courtney Boston. I know there are many more people who i didn't mention, however, without all our volunteers, we wouldn't have been able to run these two events without you. Both were very well attended and a huge success and everything was planned out splendidly, and I can't thank you all enough.</p> <p>Of course our next get together will be Baronial 12th night on January 11th, we will change the format a little and be a day of A&amp;S, bring stuff to work on. This will also be our next Baronial meeting, it will be a quick one, mainly a report of Rose and Christmas Tourney and general announcements. There will be a pizza party kind of dinner, so bring some desserts to have after, and we will have our typical White elephant gift exchange (~\$15)</p> <p>Chris</p>
Exchequer	
Herald	
Knights Marshal	<p>Domesday report was completed prior to the 01 Dec Deadline. We have several new fighters showing up to practice each week. Benitez is still an evil lefty.</p>
Chronicler	<p>I will be needing a deputy and person to take over the position of the chronicler in April! It's a fun job, please contact our seneschal if you are interested in the position. Duties: You make an informative newsletter!</p>
Chate-laine	<p>Chatelaine's Corner with Nonna the Midwife:</p> <p>I'm very proud to say that we have operational gold key. We had a successful time garbing new comers at Border Raids, and opportunities existed at Rose Tourney and Christmas Tourney, though most of the new folks were already outfitted. Thank you to everyone who donated and continue to think of us as time, styles, or sizes change. We still welcome all children and adults garb donations.</p> <p>We still have oodles of fabric. To that end, I would like to offer to new folks, their first outfit, complete with how-to-make persona piece of their choice. Please contact Nonna if you are new and interested, we can make it a one day sew project. I'm no taylor, but it will be wearable!</p> <p>With the recent addition of Rachel to the group, she has expressed interest in becoming a deputy to the office. To be fair, it must be announced that I am looking for a deputy, should others care to apply. When I began this office I promised Their Excellencies 2 years of good recruitment. Amazingly, one of those years has already zipped passed. Please consider this position if you are interested in Baronial and Society level service.</p> <p>As always, if you have any questions or concerns, and you don't quite know where to begin, please contact me and I will do my best to answer and guide your quest into these current Middle Ages.</p> <p>Holiday Joy and Safe Journey to All! Nonna</p>
MOAS	<p>The Flames Eleanor Von Atzinger will be elevated to Laurel at the Winged Hill Symposium! We had 13 entries in our well attended populace count at Christmas Tourney and all of the entries were amazing. Looking forward to the A&amp;S Competition at 12th Nights and the A&amp;S Season starting!</p>
SMO and Web minister	<p>I've made some minor updates to the website to inform everyone of any changes that come up to fighter practice, A&amp;S night, and choir practice times and location.</p> <p>The New email rollout has been a success. Almost everyone has at least logged into the system. If you want to add the baronial email to your outlook, there will be a few steps you will need to take.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Log into your email via the Web at <a href="http://mail.baronyoftheflame.org/">http://mail.baronyoftheflame.org/</a></li> <li>2) click the Gear icon Capture.PNG in the top right corner and select settings</li> <li>3) Click "Forwarding and POP/IMAP"</li> <li>4) Under "IMAP access", select the "enable IMAP" radio button</li> <li>5) click the Save Changes button at the bottom of the page.</li> </ol> <p>Next, you will need to adjust your account settings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Click the big G Suite button above the gear Icon Capture1.PNG and select "Manage your Google Account"</li> <li>2) Click on Security on the left side of the page.</li> <li>3) scroll down until you see the section "Less secure app access"</li> <li>4) click "Turn on access (not recommended)"</li> <li>5) Click the slider button to make the status "Allow less secure apps: ON"</li> </ol> <p>Then you can set up the account in Outlook.</p> <p>YIS,</p>

# Baronial Tributes

The Barony of the Flame is made up of many giving and talented people! Below you will find shout outs of thanks, praise and admiration! If you have someone to thank, please send your blurb to [chronicler@baronyoftheflame.org](mailto:chronicler@baronyoftheflame.org).

Thanks to Mistress YsaDora and my fellow singers of Flamma Chorum for making the caroling happen at Christmas Tourney. That's a part of the holiday that means a lot to me and that doesn't often happen any more.

-UM

Big thank you to William Macgahin...Your willingness to take in new fighters and help us get on the field is wonderful and welcoming.

Mika aka Thora - I want to thank you for being a great deputy and stepping up and helping out without being asked!

-IA

To one of our newest Baronial members (who moved here recently), Lady Frigga, we thank you for jumping right into helping at our many events over the past few months. You helped gate run smoothly and did great service with a smile! Thank you!

-MVA

Thanks Eleanor, you rock, and I can't thank you enough for all your support too.

-RVD

Reichart, I am not sure I would have survived the last 3 months without your total support in keeping the Barony functioning and events running! Thankyou so much for tag teaming RT and CT!

-EVA

William McGahin - Thank you for doing such a fantastic job as Royalty Liaison for Christmas Tourney! You handled everything in a timely and efficient manner and truly left me with nothing to do. You did such a fantastic job, thank you for all of your hard work!

- HVA



would like to say THANK YOU to all the people the made the kitchen a WONDERFUL place to be this year at Christmas Tourney. Emily, Cam, Kelsey, James, Emma, Rick, Rachel and Nonna's apprentice. What a Great group of people!!!! Mistress Ellowyn


A Super Shout Out to Lord Ceadda, who once again made the realms social media accounts light up with wonderful photos from booth Rose and Christmas Tournies! What a wonderful way to preserve memories!

-EVA and RVD

# January

Event Name	Event Start Date	Event End Date	Hosting Group Name	Event City	Event State Prov	Event Comment	Event activities	Region Name
Flaming Gryphon 12th Night and 40th Anniversary	04-JAN-2020	04-JAN-2020	Flaming Gryphon	Fairborn	Ohio	-		South Oaken
Pentamere 12th Night	04-JAN-2020	04-JAN-2020	Cynnarbar	Saline	MI	-		Pentamere
Twelfthnight	11-JAN-2020	11-JAN-2020	Ayreton	Schaumburg	IL	-		Midlands
Event bid for Fall Crown due	17-JAN-2020	17-JAN-2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Revel	18-JAN-2020	19-JAN-2020	Andelcrag	Ionia	MI	-		Pentamere
Winter Wassail	18-JAN-2020	18-JAN-2020	Rivenvale	Boardman	Ohio	-	-	North Oaken
Festival of Maidens 47: Tempting Fête	25-JAN-2020	25-JAN-2020	Caer Gwyn	Springfield	IL	-		Midlands

# February

Event Name	Event Start Date	Event End Date	Hosting Group Name	Event City	Event State Prov	Event Comment	Event activities	Region Name
Candlemas	01-FEB-2020	01-FEB-2020	Dragonsmark	Lexington	KY	-		South Oaken
The Return of Herald's Pointe and Scribal Collegium	01-FEB-2020	01-FEB-2020	Wealdlake	Howell	Michi	It's Back! Do you need help with your name and persona? Do you want to register your arms? Are you looking to start making scrolls or add to your scribal skills? Or would you like to announce those scrolls in court or Herald a Tournament? Armored and Rapier fighters come fight in our Herald's Tournament! (Val Day is coming!)		Pentamere
Masque of Courtly Love	08-FEB-2020	08-FEB-2020	Alderford	North Canton	Ohio	-		North Oaken
Aedult Swim V	15-FEB-2020	16-FEB-2020	Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais	Milton	PA	-	-	Out of Kingdom
Pentamere Academy of Defense	15-FEB-2020	15-FEB-2020	Ealdnorwuda	Howell	Michi	-	-	Pentamere
Estrella War	18-FEB-2020	24-FEB-2020	-	Queen Creek	AZ	please see website for more information		Out of Kingdom
St. Valentine's Day Massacre	22-FEB-2020	22-FEB-2020	Three Hills	Kalamazoo	MI	-		Pentamere
A Regular Event in the Cleftlands XXV	29-FEB-2020	29-FEB-2020	Cleftlands	Parma	OH	-	-	North Oaken
Courting on the River	29-FEB-2020	29-FEB-2020	Dark River	Moline	IL	-	-	Midlands
Winged Hills Collegium and South Oaken A&S Faire	29-FEB-2020	29-FEB-2020	Winged Hills	Fairborn	OH	-		South Oaken



## **\*\*PRACTICE LOCATION AND DAY CHANGE\*\***

Monday practices will begin at 7:30PM and end at 9:30PM during the month of January. Starting in February practice will start at 7:00PM and end at 9:00PM.

Practice will be in the large community center located at:

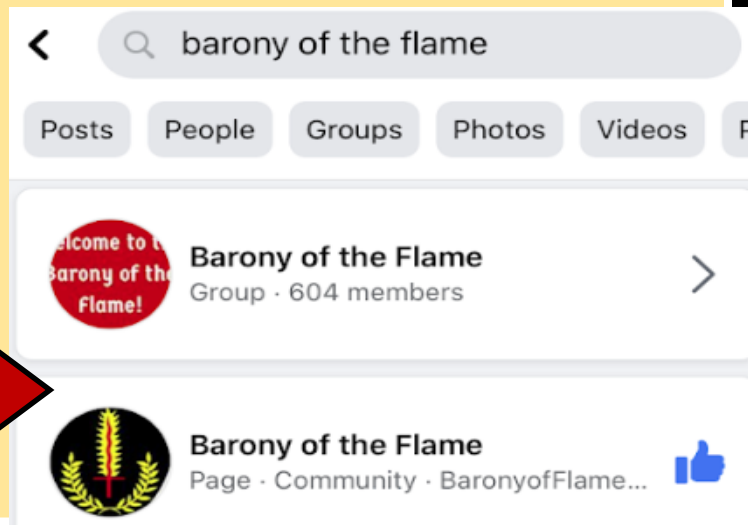
Saint John Paul II Parish



**Martial Practice: Armored and Rapier  
Choir Practice  
Socializing  
All are welcome!**

Sunday Practices are held on the first and third Sunday's of the month at 3 PM until we decide to leave. Jefferson County Government Center  
7201 Outer Loop  
Louisville, KY 40228

If you search "Barony of the Flame" on Facebook you will find 2 groups, for up-to-date information and announcements make sure to like and join the Community Group. Join both for ALL the info!



# Welcome to the Barony of the Flame!

SAT, JAN 11, 2020 AT 2 PM - 9 PM  
**Baronial 12th night**  
Louisville, KY

# What is 12th Night?

Check out this article, *Twelfth Night and Epiphany*,  
by the Tudor Societies, Claire Ridgway,

I've noticed lots of comments from people on social media saying how they've taken down their Christmas trees and decorations and got back to normal. For many people around the world today, the Christmas period was over with New Year, but Christmas in the Tudor period ran for twelve days, Christmas Day to Epiphany on 6th January, the feast day which was a commemoration and celebration of the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. Twelfth Night and Epiphany were marked with feasting and entertainment. But when exactly is "Twelfth Night"? Is it 5th or 6th January? There isn't really any agreement over this and an article in The Guardian newspaper examined this question:

"So when is Twelfth Night? The Epiphany – the Christian feast to mark the visit of the three kings (or Magi) to the baby Jesus – is 6 January. If you count from Christmas Day, the 12th night is 5 January – the eve of the Epiphany. But some say you should count the 12 days after Christmas, which takes you to the 6th. People treat either the 5th or 6th as the day to celebrate, and there are equal claims that each is Twelfth Night..."

And the Oxford Dictionary gives two definitions for "Twelfth Night": "1. 6 January, the feast of the Epiphany. 1.1 Strictly, the evening of 5 January, the eve of the Epiphany and formerly the twelfth and last day of Christmas festivities."

In *The English Year*, Steve Roud writes of how "in earlier times, 'Twelfth Night' meant 5 January, i.e. the *Eve* of Twelfth Day, in the same way as Christmas Eve precedes Christmas Day. But nowadays, most people regard 'Twelfth Night' as meaning the evening of Twelfth Day (6 January)."

Here in Spain, the night of 5th January, is very special. The tradition of Father Christmas, or Papa Noel as he is called here, has crept in over recent years, but it is 5th/6th January when children here get most of their presents. During the night of the 5th the "Reyes", the Kings, visit homes and leave present for good children. Those who've been naughty might be left coal instead. Tonight, in our village, the Kings will arrive on the back of a truck and we will process behind them through the cobbled streets collecting the sweets that they throw out to the crowd. We then go to our local theatre where the children are called up to the stage one-by-one to be given a present from the King. It is a lovely tradition. Spanish children will enjoy their gifts and there will be feasting. Families will also enjoy the Roscón de Reyes (Kings' Cake). In the one we buy from the supermarket or baker there are two objects hidden in the cream filling: a bean and a king. The instructions included with the cake explain that the person who finds the bean has to pay for the cake and the person who finds the king is crowned King of Epiphany and must wear the paper crown that is included with the cake. The person crowned king will enjoy good luck for the rest of the year. This Epiphany cake is a tradition that Tudor people would recognise because they also shared a Twelfth Night Cake. Inside this cake was hidden a dried pea, or bean, and the person who found the bean/pea in their slice of cake became the Lord of Misrule, or King, at the feast. Games were played, carols were sung and people also went wassailing to spread goodwill throughout their community.

A.H. Bullen, in "A Christmas garland; carols and poems from the fifteenth century to the present time" (1885), writes "A bean and pea were enclosed in the Twelfth-cake. When the cake was divided, he who got the slice containing the bean was king of the feast, and the girl to whose lot the pea fell was queen", so there were obviously variations of the tradition.

As I said, in Tudor times Epiphany was a time for celebration, a last blast before getting back to normal, and it was celebrated in style at the royal court with masques, pageants and plays. In 1494, in the reign of Henry VII, there was a great banquet followed by "a playe, with a pageant of St George with a castle" and then a disguising and dance. At Epiphany in 1512, in Henry VIII's reign, something very exciting happened at court, an entertainment that chronicler Edward Hall described as "a thyng not seen afore in Englande". It was a "masque":

"On the daie of the Epiphanie at night, the kyng with a. xi. other were disguised, after the maner of Italie, called a maske, a thyng not seen afore in Englande, thei were appareled in garmentes long and brode, wrought all with gold, with visers and cappes of gold & after the banket doen, these Maskers came in, with sixe gentlemen disguised in silke bearyng staffe torches, and desired the ladies to daunce, some were content, and some that knewe the fashion of it refused, because it was not a thyng commonly seen. And after thei daunced and commoned together, as the fashion of the Maske is, thei tooke their leaue and departed, and so did the Quene, and all the ladies."

Robert Herrick, the 17th century poet, wrote of the celebrations in his poem "Twelfe Night":

Now, now the mirth comes,  
With the cake full of plums,  
Where Bean's the king of the sport  
here;  
Besides we must know,  
The pea also  
Must revel, as queen, in the court  
here.

Begin then to choose,  
This night as ye use,  
Who shall for the present delight here,  
Be a king by the lot,  
And who shall not  
Be Twelfth-day queen for the night  
here.

Which known, let us make  
Joy-sops with the cake;  
and let not a man then be seen here,  
Who, unurg'd, will not drink,  
To the base from the brink,  
A health to the king and queen here.

Next crown the bowl full  
With the gentle lamb's-wool  
Add sugar, nutmeg, and ginger,  
With store of ale too;  
And thus ye must do  
To make the wassail a swinger.

Give then to the king  
And queen wassailing;  
And, though with ale ye be wet here,  
Yet part ye from hence  
As free from offense,  
As when ye innocent met here.