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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2015

02: Louisville Stuff & Nonsense hosted by Erick & Camilla

07: Better War Through Archery (Danville, IN)

08: Fighter Practice (Flightline Gym - UofL Belknap Campus)

21: Candlemas (Lexington, KY)

22: Baronial Meeting & Fighter Practice (Flightline Gym - UofL Belknap Campus)

MARCH 2015

02: Louisville Stuff & Nonsense hosted by Erick & Camilla

08: Fighter Practice (Flightline Gym - UofL Belknap Campus)

15-22: Gulf Wars XXIII

22: Baronial Meeting & Fighter Practice (Flightline Gym - UofL Belknap Campus)

APRIL 2015

06: Louisville Stuff & Nonsense hosted by Erick & Camilla

11: Martial RUM & South Oaken Regional A&S (Louisville, KY)

12: Fighter Practice (Flightline Gym - UofL Belknap Campus)

18: Grand Tournament of the Unicorn (Oxford, OH)

18: Society Board of Director's Meeting (Covington, KY)

23-26: Blackstone Raid XXIV (Ripley, WV)

26: Baronial Meeting & Fighter Practice (Flightline Gym - UofL Belknap Campus)

Sewing nights are being hosted by THL Ellowyn Kittel on Friday nights at 7:30pm.
Please contact her for info & directions.

WEEKLY FIGHTER PRACTICE

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm - Flightline Gym (Dougherty Hall), University of Louisville Belknap Campus

Every Thursday at 7:00pm - Sam Peden Community Park, New Albany, Indiana—resumes when weather warms up!

For more information, visit our website at http://www.midrealm.org/baronyflame/index.html

Officer Letters

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the Barony of the Flame do Baron Jaime and Baroness Eleanor send heartfelt greetings!

Reflecting on our first year as Baron and Baroness, we are beyond moved to be a part of this fine organization in one of the greatest and hardest working baronies in the Kingdom. The Martial RUM, Border Raids, Scribal Symposium and Christmas Tourney were some of the finest events of the year! We have heard, from many sources, that your efforts are consistently raising the bar. We are given such commendations on the hard work that is evident in every Flame function, and the noble and gracious bearing of the people in our Barony; we wish to extend those compliments and our thanks to everyone who participated in the events this year. From organizing behind the scenes, to sticking around till the last chair is stacked, we could not ask for a better assemblage!

We look forward to being able to spend more time with our wonderful populace sharing this fun, magical, exciting adventure!

Baron Jaime & Baroness Eleanor of Flame

Chronicler

Greetings to the Barony of the Flame,

Another year has ended and I am eagerly awaiting what this year has in store. 2014 was a great year for our Barony—and I believe that 2015 could be even more exciting! Our Barony will grow for certain, thanks to some soon-to-be born members that will join us this year.

Thank you to everyone who supplied photos, articles, and stories for last year's issues of the Flamberge. I will be moving onwards to assist the Kingdom with The Pale in the near future, therefore I am seeking an individual who would be interested in serving as a deputy before soon taking over the position as Baronial Chronicler. If you are interested, please contact me via email (marissavonatzinger@gmail.com) or via Facebook.

Yours In Service,

Lady Marissa von Atzinger

Seneschal

Seasons Greetings to the good Folc of the Flame,

It's that most wonderful time of the year when winter's embrace sends us seeking the comforting warmth of the hearth-fire, good friends, food, and cheer. Our annual Christmas Tourney has passed, a resounding success thanks to the work of many in our family and the leadership of our Stewards Marissa and Gustav. We surpassed our goals and threw a wonderful event. The Kingdom is still talking about it.

Now as the long nights slowly give way to growing days and our lands are encased in cold rains and snows, turn to the flames and stay warm. It's an excellent time of year to pick up that project you've laid aside. You should always be striving to improve your kit, be it armor or garb or some other task you want to improve upon. Or search out that tome with the proper research. Our pursuit of knowledge should be never ceasing. Help one another and never be too timid to ask another Baronial member about some bit of knowledge they might have that you desire. We are all scholars in the Medieval realm.

And remember: "If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."

Seneschal in Service to the Flame

Lord Ceadda of Fox Hall

Arts & Sciences

In November the Barony was well represented at RUM. Their Excellencies Jaime and Eleanor along with Aeiric Orvender taught classes. Honor von Atzinger, Emer von Atzinger and Mistress Keely enjoyed taking classes.

We were very lucky to have excellent teachers volunteer to hold classes at Christmas Tourney. The classes titles included: The Medieval Woman's Hatbox with THL Edyth Miller; Embroidery 202 by Lady Lote; Covered Buttons by Lady Maiosara Sauromatis; Beginning Nalbinding by Lady Mary Thomas; Period Knitting by Baroness Camilla de la Reynarde; Introduction to Rhythmic Notation (with drum circle application) and Basic Recorder by Lady Dulon; Dressing like a 14th Century Venetian by THL Sarai Tindall; Christmas Carol Bardic Sing by Lady Halla of Mugmort/mka Halle Snyder and Introduction to Harp by Breddelwyn ap Taliesin.

Various A&S related awards were given out at Court at Christmas Tourney to deserving recipients. A Baronial Award of the Ember of the Flame was given to Mistress Bianca. Kingdom level awards of Willows were given to Lady Lote, Lady Muirgen and Lady Dulon.

Lady Emer von Atzinger

Herald

Greetings from your Baronial Herald!

With January already at our doorstep we welcome 2015 with open arms, and new projects!! One of those projects I am starting will need the participation of all the Baronial members! We want to create a database where anyone can look up past awards that members have received in order to get to know each other and their achievements, and to help people know which awards to recommend for our very deserving members. This Kingdom Awards Archive for Baronial Members will be updated as new awards are given and will be accessible by everyone.

Another project that is related to this will be to create a Baronial contact sheet. This Baronial Domesday will include contact information that only will be shared with the Barony. Privacy is very important to all of us and we would like this to be accessible, but not to everyone in the world. This will include mundane names, SCA names, and at least one form of contact information. You may include more information if you would like, but this is so that we have a better and stronger Baronial network. There has not been a deadline set, yet. I will see how quickly the responses come before I set a completion date. So, if you all would be so wonderful and send me your information and encourage other members to do the same, we can get 2015 started off with a bang!

One other project I am starting is the Herald Helpers. As most of you know, Adam and I are expecting our first kiddo come the beginning of January. This will definitely limit the number of events I attend and the level of assistance I can provide for the Barony for local projects and events. The Herald Helpers will consist of any individuals who will be able to assist with heraldic duties at events, cover awards given to baronial members at other events, or any heraldic project that I may not be able to complete on my own. Of course, before any event I might need assistance with, I would contact the helpers and see if anyone would be available to help. It would not mean that because you are a helper, you would have to work at every event for me. This is a group for volunteers who can help out when their schedules allow and who even might have a little interest for learning more about heraldry! Any assistance given will be so greatly appreciated!

Below is the information from everyone I will be collecting. If you could send me this information either via Facebook, or e-mail: onorathepotter@yahoo.com, I would greatly appreciate it!

Mundane Name

SCA Name (Include well known nicknames, i.e. Adam Richardson, Alexander von Stettin, aka "Ogre")

E-mail Address

Phone Number

Year you started in the SCA

Awards you have received from the Kingdom (and the year if you know it.)

And would you like to be included in the Herald Helpers?

Thank you in advance for all of your participation and assistance!

In your service,

Lady Onora inghean Roibeaird

Rapier & Chirurgeon

Please check the new armor standards before purchasing any new equipment. The standards are available at the Marshallate page of the Middle Kingdom website. You don't want any surprises at armor inspection.

There is no news on the Chirurgeonate. Baronies are required to have a Chirurgeon. If you are a CIT, continue to send in your reports. If you attend an event and want to serve as a Chirurgeon, please let the MIC or the Event Steward know.

Baroness Camilla de la Reynarde

Webminister

Paperwork is being sent in for me to formally begin serving the Barony as Webminister. I have been working to update our website to reflect officer changes in the past year, and still need newer officers to submit a photo and a short biography to be added to the website in order to introduce yourself to newcomers seeking information.

The Monthly Calendar now features a new calendar that will be updated with local and some Kingdom events. In addition, you can now scroll through each upcoming month!

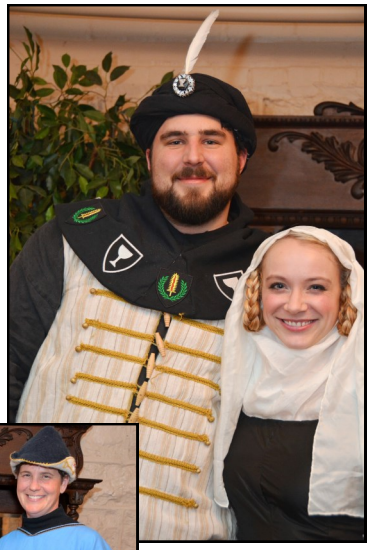
The next project is to create a baronyoftheflame.org email address for our officers, which will provide a consistent way to contact our officers and help during officer transitions. Any emails sent to an officer address will automatically forward to that individual’s personal email address.

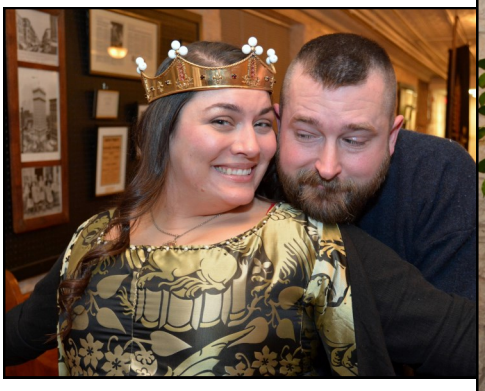
Lord Gustav von Atzinger

12th Night Photos

Photos by Lady Marissa von Atzinger

On Saturday, January 10th the Baronial 12th Night event was held in Louisville, KY. The evening included delicious food (thank you to everyone who brought something), a Baronial Meeting, a Baronial Court, and the annual gift exchange!





Christmas Tourney Thanks

To the Barony of the Flame,

We would like to express our extreme thanks to the members of the Flame and all those gentles who made Christmas Tourney possible. With Christmas Tourney being our first autocrating experience, it could have easily become overwhelming. However, you all have been doing this for years and you know what needs to be done to make it a success.

Being on the “other side” of an event is stressful, sure, but also very rewarding. It takes a lot of time and effort to stay organized and check in to make sure everyone is coping with their tasks and that we are providing answers to all inquiries. Arriving at site the morning of the event, we were able to trust our various Stewards and Liaisons to prepare their spaces for the event. I cannot tell you how amazing you all are! Throughout the day we tried to check in on the different activities to make sure things were running smoothly, and they were. There are things that people sometimes take for granted, but to whoever did anything to help that day, we appreciate you even if we didn't know you did it. People had to troll in, someone had to keep the water coolers filled, someone had to set up each of the fighting areas, the A&S classes and competition had to be organized, food had to be prepared (and eaten), merchants had to be taken care of, the Royalty needed retainers, the photo booth had to be manned, feast hall had to be decorated, chairs had to be arranged and put back for court, we could go on and on. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

When we say that it was rewarding, we really mean it. Sadly, one of us (you know who) is used to running around and taking photos at events, but the photography didn’t get to happen this time. However, standing in the corner throughout the day, checking in on things, we saw Baronial members and guests having a fantastic time. Everything was running the way it needed to run, and it took dozens of people to make that happen. We also want to again thank everyone who stayed late to clean the site after the event.

In closing, thank you again to all of the individuals who assisted on any level at Christmas Tourney.

Sincerely,

Lord Gustav and Lady Marissa von Atzinger

New Additions to the Bridwell Art Library

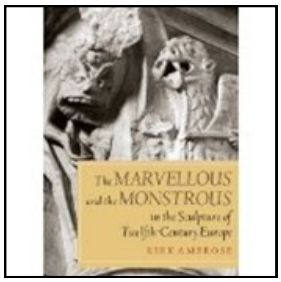
- Submitted by Mistress Cordelia

The Bridwell Art Library is located in Schneider Hall (across the parking lot from the Flightline Gym on UofL's Belknap Campus). The library is open to the public for viewing, and is equipped with two color scanners and a black-and-white copier. You can scan images to your email for free, or pay $0.15 per page for black-and-white printing.

Spring Hours (Jan 7th—April 29th, 2015)

Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm; Fri 8am-5pm; Sat Noon-5pm; Sun 2pm-9pm

Call 852-6741 or check website for exceptions. Website: http://louisville.edu/library/art/

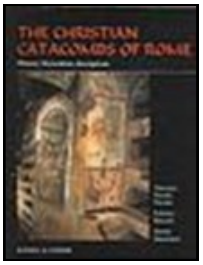


THE MARVELLOUS AND THE MONSTROUS IN THE SCULPTURE OF 12TH-CENTURY EUROPE / Kirk Ambrose

Representations of monsters and the monstrous are common in medieval art and architecture, from the grotesques in the borders of illuminated manuscripts to the symbol of the "green man", widespread in churches and cathedrals. These mysterious depictions are frequently interpreted as embodying or mitigating the fears symptomatic of a "dark age". This book, however, considers an alternative scenario: in what ways did monsters in twelfth-century sculpture help audiences envision, perhaps even achieve, various ambitions? Using examples of Romanesque sculpture from across Europe, with a focus on France and northern Portugal, the author suggests that medieval representations of monsters could service ideals, whether intellectual, political, religious, and social, even as they could simultaneously articulate fears; he argues that their material presence energizes works of art in paradoxical, even contradictory ways.

THE CHRISTIAN CATACOMBS OF ROME: HISTORY, DECORATION, INSCRIPTIONS / Vincenzo Nicolai, Fabrizio Bisconti, & Danilo Mazzoleni

This book presents the most recent scientific research on the Christian catacombs of Rome. In particular, it focuses on their origins and development, their artistic decoration and the inscriptions found there. Three chapters deal with the topography, iconography, and epigraphy of the catacombs, and abundant illustrations document the current state of the catacombs after the extensive restorations of recent years and incorporate the results of the latest excavations.



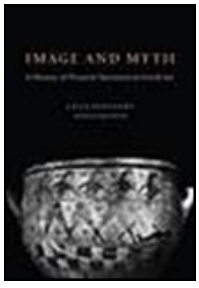


IMAGE & MYTH: A HISTORY OF PICTORAL NARRATION IN GREEK ART / Luca Giuliani

On museum visits, we pass by beautiful, well-preserved vases from ancient Greece—but how often do we understand what the images on them depict? In Image and Myth, Luca Giuliani tells the stories behind the pictures, exploring how artists of antiquity had to determine which motifs or historical and mythic events to use to tell an underlying story while also keeping in mind the tastes and expectations of paying clients.

THE SPRINGTIME OF THE RENAISSANCE: SCULPTURE & THE ARTS IN FLORENCE 1400-60/ Beatrice Strozzi & Marc Bormand

A beautiful selection of sculpture and painting from fifteenth century Florence ·Accompanies the major exhibition The Springtime of the Renaissance. Sculpture and the Arts in Florence 1400-1460 held at Palazzo Strozzi, from March - August 2013, moving on to the Musée du Louvre, from September 2013 to January 2014

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