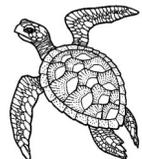
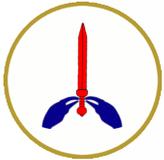




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Mistress Arianna Morgan and Lady Cynthia Anne of Silver Lakes at KASF 2020. Photo by: Lady Jeane Kilmeny.

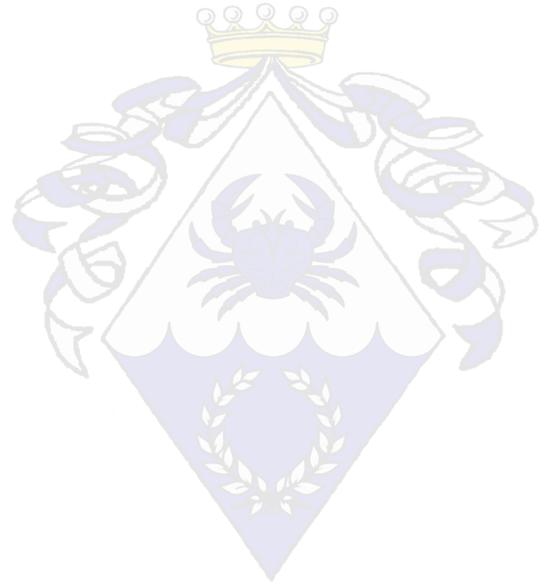
Their Excellencies...

Greetings Lochmere!

So - we have (hopefully) survived a month in our hunkered down state. The creative members of our Society have learned how to work around, to the best of our ability, the challenges that this new reality has foisted upon us. There are multiple online ways we can scratch the itch of learning and doing the things we like to do - but don't discount the little things too. Make a point to reach out to others and check up on them. Sometimes that one on one conversation is nice.

We have started the process of selecting a new Baron and Baroness for Lochmere! Please check The Dredgings and Lochmere email lists/Facebook Groups to see the latest status. Even though the real world has showed up to make a significant change in the way we can have our fun, Sarra and I are excited to seeing who will be next up for the honor of being your B&B!

Stay safe and stay in touch,
Cormacc and Sarra
Baron and Baroness, Lochmere



Lochmere Baronial Progress

No Progress until further notice

~~**Atlantian Spring Crown Tournament***~~

~~**May 2, 2020**~~

~~Kingdom of Atlantia~~

On-Target

May 9, 2020

Barony of Lochmere

Ruby Joust*

May 25, 2020

Barony of Caer Mear

*Hospitality needed. If you are interested in retaining for Their Excellencies, please contact Duchess Simone at sitoich@gmail.com.

New Member Information

If you are new to the Barony of Lochmere, these websites should be of interest to you:

Barony of Lochmere Homepage: <http://www.lochmere.atlantia.sca.org>

Official SCA Homepage: <http://www.sca.org>

Barony of Lochmere Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LochmereSCA/>

The Acorn, Atlantia's Official Newsletter: <http://www.acorn.atlantia.sca.org>

Kingdom of Atlantia Homepage: <http://www.atlantia.sca.org>

Atlantia Event Calendar: <http://atlantia.sca.org/events/atlantia-calendar-events>

You can also contact the Barony Chatelain: chatelain@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org

The May 6th Populace Meeting will be virtual. The time will be at 7:00 PM. The URL is: <http://meet.google.com/bmp-puqd-wcf> I will be sending out instructions for signing in via the e-list and Facebook page.

Most events and gathering are being canceled because of CDC guidance to practice social distancing until the COVID-19 pandemic can be maintained

Lochmere Calendar of Events

Monday May 4—Populace Meeting—Virtual
Tuesday May 5—Fighter Practice
Thursday May 7—Archery Practice
Tuesday May 12—Fighter Practice
Thursday May 14—Archery Practice
Tuesday May 19—Fighter Practice
Thursday May 21—Archery Practice
Tuesday May 26—Fighter Practice
Thursday May 28—Archery Practice

Atlantia Calendar of Events

Atlantian Spring Crown Tournament (Postponed to Post COVID-19 Restrictions)—Kingdom of Atlantia
On Target CANCELLED—Barony of Lochmere
Market Day CANCELLED—Barony of Hawkwood
POSTPONED—CANCELLED Ruby Joust IX—Barony of Caer Mear
Highland River Melees—CANCELLED—Barony of Highland Forde
NC Museum of Art DEMO—CANCELLED—Canton of Elvegast

Information on the Dredgings

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Attention Lochmere Officers

Make sure your information in this newsletter and website is correct. Contact Lady Katla Flokadottir at chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org for The Dredgings and Lady Marta De Lyon at webminister@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org for the website.

Please submit your Baronial Report in advance of the business meeting via email to Sir Aelfred of Cres at seneschal@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org and the Chronicler, Lady Katla at chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org. Thank You!





Baronial Reoccurring Activities

Populace Meeting

First Monday of every month
7:15 pm
Odenton Public Library
1325 Annapolis Road
Odenton, MD 21113

Fighter Practice (Heavy & Rapier)

Every Tuesday
7:00 pm
Severn Christian Church
8132 New Cut Road ,
Severn, MD 21144

Archery Practice

Every Thursday (til time change)
Lord Ivan's Home
511 Chad Avenue, Severn, MD 21144

Equestrian Practice

10:00 am till?
Meeting and potluck follows
2361 Rutland Rd ,
Davidsonville, MD 21035

Lochmere Vocal and Music Group

Please contact Sir Aelfred of Cres
toich@verizon.net

Arts and Sciences

Lady Anne d'Evreux
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This Month in History

May 1:

305 Diocletian and Maximian retire from the office of Roman Emperor
1006 Supernova observed by Chinese and Egyptians in constellation Lupus
1048 Bishop Bernold flees St Pieterskerk for Utrecht, Netherlands
1328 Wars of Scottish Independence end

1394 Ekiho exorcised the Zen temple and its surroundings of an old badger
1489 Christopher Columbus proposes his plan to search for western route to India in audience with Spanish monarch, Isabella I

1523 Danish king Christian III arrives in Veere

1544 Turkish troops occupy Hungary
1551 Council of Trent resumes
1598 Jacob van Neck's merchant fleet departs for Java, modern day Indonesia

May 2:

1194 King Richard I of England gives Portsmouth its first Royal Charter
1230 William de Braose, 10th Baron Abergavenny is hanged by Prince Llywelyn the Great
1335 Otto the Merry, Duke of Austria,

Populace Meeting Minutes

Baron and Baroness:

- ◆ Don't have much – new King and Queen – virtual coronation (if you missed you can watch later)
- ◆ Please keep in touch if you need anything— please ask, if we can't help you we will do our best to find someone who can
- ◆ Plan on another virtual meet-up next Tuesday
- ◆ Lots going on Virtual Atlantia right now – check out the calendar and keep involved
- ◆ Think about things we can do to engage within the society virtually
 - ◇ <https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php>

Seneschal:

- ◆ Lots going on in the Seneschal office, put out notification for Baronial succession
 - ◇ Please send in letters of intent
 - ◇ Closing date 27 April, please get them in as soon as you can
 - ◇ Please if you haven't signed up for online polling please do – it saves us money
- ◆ Library is close through the 3 May – doubtful if we can meet there
 - ◇ Will have to look into other options – will put out as soon as we know what we're doing
 - ◇ New date is May 11th to reserve rooms at Library.

Chronicler:

- ◆ Newsletter was out on March 25, 2020
- ◆ Always looking for items for the newsletter—PLEASE!

Exchequer: (emailed report)

- ◆ I have not issued the PayPal refunds for Night Under the Faie Moon because the PayPal check has not been deposited into our bank account
 - ◇ Had a quick financial committee meeting and decided to give back PayPal refunds (full not minus service fee)
 - ◇ Once I get deposit back we will get those out
 - ◇ Not sure what is the hold up with the deposit
 - ◇ Will check with Kingdom PayPal person
 - ◇ Had 8 reservation, have Herald's check she wrote (will void and destroy)

Minister of Arts and Sciences:

- ◆ This has been a trying time for all of us
- ◆ If you have time to do stuff I encourage you to do it
- ◆ Reach out to people – do a little bit for yourself – create A&S wise – share it!
- ◆ I have been doing make-along albums of projects
- ◆ I encourage others to be creative
- ◆ I posted the form to get University Credit
- ◆ Post and share – at the least it is a bit of community – reach out to me if there is anything you need
- ◆ If there is anything I can do please let me know

Chatelain: (not in attendance)

Herald: (emailed report)

- ◆ I received confirmation that the names, devices, and badges sent in after the March meeting were received and are in process
- ◆ I have been working with the Society Wreath herald directly on one more Marshal badge for the Society Marshal for the Combat Archers, as we somehow left them out in the initial batch last year and things came to light to make a combat archery marshal badge a good idea
- ◆ I've done some consulting online, and need to follow up on that now
- ◆ If anyone else is interested, let me know
- ◆ Emailed report
- ◆ My SCA membership expires on 11/30/2022 and my herald's warrant expires on 11/2021

Populace Meeting Minutes Continued

Minister of the Lists:

- ◆ Nothing to report

Knight Marshal:

- ◆ We still have the practice site closed till the end of April
 - ◇ if you are stuck at home and looking for resources on swords – please contact me – I have been collecting resources
 - ◇ Will help as much as I can
 - ◇ There are some online classes around the Kingdom

Archery and Thrown Weapons Marshal:

- ◆ One practice before shelter in place
- ◆ New target that was donated from someone that dropped out of the SCA

Web Minister:

- ◆ Not much to update over the last month – if you need anything updated please let me know

Minister of Youth:

- ◆ Nothing to report

Battle on the Bay:

- ◆ Attended Storvik meeting last month – our date is reserved for us in September 2021
- ◆ Nothing to report for this year's event
- ◆ Is Storvik paying and we are paying them back?
- ◆ Melchoir will make 2021 payment and get receipt to Bryn

Night on the Town: Night Under the Faie Moon

- ◆ We look forward to making this an awesome event, just a tad later than we intended; 16-18 April 2021
- ◆ More to follow in the near future
- ◆ Hopefully everyone is well—Stay safe

On Target:

- ◆ Since it is scheduled for May 9th – might not be a good idea to postponed till August
- ◆ Arianna will look into pig notice and availability of the site
- ◆ B&B and Seneschal agree on changing On Target date
- ◆ Kyriss was thinking about a virtual range or maybe have the range open all weekend and they can go through range and report back
- ◆ B&B says the point of staying home is stay at home
- ◆ Anne – look into virtual ideas for event
- ◆ Herald suggestion maybe what we can do from home – classes online (fletching, illumination, etc.) – should cancel pig
- ◆ CC – show people how to target, proper gripping, form, etc. virtually
- ◆ Seneschal – so what I am hearing is virtual classes
- ◆ Anne – maybe some ideas for competitions still (fun play time) rubber band trebuchets on the kitchen table, etc. that won't make neighbors mad
- ◆ Seneschal – put out a call for class ideas and things people can do at home for competition
- ◆ Bryn will need help with a virtual event
- ◆ Herald – if we plan on doing this – each instructor can decide how they will present class and getting on the Atlantia Virtual calendar
- ◆ Bryn will figure out how to compile and Anne will help mom

This Month in History, continued...

battles between fullers & weavers
1497 John Cabot's expedition departs Bristol searching for new lands across the Atlantic
1526 German evangelical monarchy joins Schmalkaldic League
1536 Anne Boleyn is arrested and taken to the Tower of London
1595 King Philip II names Albrecht of Austria land guardian of Netherlands
1598 France & Spain sign Peace of Vervins

May 3:
1294 John II becomes Duke of Brabant and Limburg
1342 Count Hartmann II becomes ruler of Vaduz (Liechtenstein)
1382 Battle of Beverhoutsveld
1491 Kongo monarch Nkuwu Nzinga is baptized by Portuguese missionaries, adopting the name of João I
1512 Pope Julius II opens 5th Council of Lateran at St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome
1558 Ferdinand I officially appointed Holy Roman Emperor after his brother Charles abdicated in 1556

May 4:
1256 Augustinian monastic order constituted at the Lecceto Monastery when Pope Alexander IV issues papal bull Licet ecclesiae catholicae
1303 Flemings conquers Middelburg
1415 Religious reformers John Wycliffe and Jan Hus are condemned as heretics at the Council of Constance
1471 Battle of Tewkesbury
1493 Spanish Pope Alexander VI divides America between Spain and Portugal
1535 Five Carthusian monks from London Charterhouse monastery hung, drawn and quartered at Tyburn, London, for refusing to acknowledge Henry VIII as head of the Church of England
1540 Venice and Turkey sign Treaty of Constantinople
1572 Veere sides with Geuzen

May 5:
553 2nd Council of Constantinople (5th ecumenical council) opens
1260 Kublai Khan, grandson of Genghis Khan, becomes ruler of Mongol Empire
1430 Jews are expelled from Speyer, Germany
1494 On 2nd voyage to New World Christopher Columbus sights Jamaica, landing at Discovery Bay

May 6:
878 Battle of Edington
1312 Pope Clement V closes Council of Vienna
1527 Spanish & German Imperial troops sack Rome; ending Renaissance



Do you have a special skill and or talent you would like to share with the Barony?

Please submit your ideas, art, photographs, etc. to Lady Katla Flokadottir

Amaze your friends and see it in print!

Barony of Lochmere

Chronicler: chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org





This Month in History, continued...

English in every church in England
1542 Francis Xavier reaches Old Goa, then capital of Portuguese India
1598 Archduke Albrecht & Isabella become rulers of Southern Netherlands

May 7:

558 In Constantinople, the dome of the Hagia Sophia collapses
1274 2nd Council of Lyons (14th ecumenical council) opens, convened by Pope Gregory X
1355 1,200 Jews of Toledo, Spain killed by Count Henry of Trastamara
1416 Monk Nicolaas Serrurier arrested because of heresy at Tournay
1429 English siege of Orleans broken by Joan of Arc and the French army
1579 Congress of Cologne forms in Netherlands

May 8:

535 John II's reign as Catholic Pope ends
589 Reccared summons the Third Council of Toledo
615 St Boniface IV's reign as Catholic Pope ends
685 St Benedict II's as Catholic Pope ends after 11 months with his death
1360 Treaty of Brétigny signed by English & French, ending the first phase of the Hundred Years' War
1450 Jack Cade's Rebellion: Kentishmen revolt against King Henry VI
1521 Parliament of Worms installs edict against Martin Luther
1541 Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto & his expedition discover Mississippi River

May 9:

328 Athanasius is elected Patriarch bishop of Alexandria
1092 Lincoln Cathedral is consecrated in Lincoln, England
1386 Treaty of Windsor between Portugal and England
1450 'Abd al-Latif (Timurid monarch) is assassinated
1460 Courtyard of the episcopal palace in Atrrecht (akak Arras) has witch burnings
1502 Christopher Columbus leaves Spain on his 4th and final trip to the New World
1519 Austrian adel and burgerij in uprising against central government
1573 Polish Parliament selects Duke of Anjou as king
1588 Duke Henri de Guise's troops occupy Paris

May 10:

1267 Vienna's church orders all Jews to wear a distinctive garb
1278 Jews of England imprisoned on charges of coining
1291 Scottish nobles recognize authority of English King Edward I
1294 Temür Khan declared Emperor of

Populace Meeting Minutes Continued

Mid-Winter:

- ◆ Nothing new to report

July Event

- ◆ We are going to cancel for now – couldn't find a place to hold it.

New Business:

- ◆ Nothing to report

Next Meeting: Stand by for info on May meeting – stay in touch and stay healthy!



LADY ANNE D'EVREUX'S Arts & Sciences

Greetings and Good Tidings to All, I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and cheer. I know that everyone has experienced drastic changes in

your daily lives and I would love to hear what you have been up to. If you have been taking classes, what have you taken? Not everyone has the opportunity to take the classes they'd like, so I encourage you to share the things you've found particularly interesting. Also, a quick reminder, don't forget to self-report classes taught or taken to receive credit via Google docs <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCeOFINv5L1hjfibaF0oGo6eF-OlzKOa8RgZg-fUmPNydg/viewform?fbclid=IwARiPTw23l5XoeEoTlBkRXzEU-OnxLlu5eMy6RW-E8Oj8RoLwM6fl-zEhc>

His Majesty has made suggestions for projects with themes for each month. May's theme is Tune-Up, Spruce-Up, Repair and Revitalize (camping and list field equipment) please take pictures of what you have done and share it to the Baronial FB page and Virtual Atlantia!

To that end, I would like to give recognition to HL Scholastica Joycors for her challenging and entertaining daily tongue twisters! If you haven't watched her videos, I highly encourage you to do so. I have enjoyed the moment of levity between my work schedule and daily life schedule!

Yours in Service,

Anne d'Evreux



Detail from The Field of the Cloth of Gold, oil painting of circa 1545 in the Royal Collection at Hampton Court.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To make a Tart of Cheese

A the Mid-Winter's event I planned the feast and my Cheese Tart was a huge hit so I am sharing the recipe with all to make and enjoy at home



Original Recipes:

To make short paste for a Tart.

Take fine Flower, a litle faire water, & a dish of sweete butter, & a little saffron, and the yolkes of two egges, & make it thin and as tender as ye may.

To make a Tart of Cheese.

Take harde Chese and cut it in slices, and pare it, then lay it in fayre water, or in sweete mylke, the space of three houres, then take it up, and break it in ma mortar till it be small, then draw it up through a strayner, with the yolkes of six egges, and season it up with Suger and sweete butter, and so bake it.

My Interpretation of Recipes:

Tart Pastry

1 cup of Flour
Pinch of Salt
¼ tsp. Sugar

6 tbsl. Cold Butter
Several Threads of Saffron
2 Egg Yolks
2 1/2 tbsl. of Ice Water, or as needed

Combine the flour, sugar, and salt in large mixing bowl. Cut the butter into the mixture until it resembles coarse meal. Slowly add 2 1/2 tablespoons of water, mixing until the pastry comes together; add more water if necessary. On a lightly floured surface, shape the pastry into a disk, wrap in plastic and refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes. Roll out to fit your pie plate. Pre-bake your shell at 350-degrees until lightly golden in color.

Cheese Tart

12 oz. Hard Cheese (I used Cabot Extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese)
1 cup Heavy Cream
6 Egg Yolks
2 tbsp. Butter, melted
1 tsp. Sugar

Thinly slice all the cheese and place in a large bowl. Pour cream over cheese and let soak for three hours. Place in a food processor or blender, along with egg yolks, butter, and sugar and blend until smooth. Place the mixture into your prepared tart pastry and bake in 350-degree oven for 35-40 minutes until set.

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This Month in History, continued...

leaves for his first voyage to the New World (disputed)
1503 Christopher Columbus discovers Cayman Islands
1525 Church reformer John Pistorius caught in the Hague
1534 French navigator Jacques Cartier reaches Newfoundland
1559 Scottish Protestants under John Knox uprising against queen mother Mary
1570 Tsar Ivan IV becomes Protestant
May 11:
330 Constantinople (Byzantium) becomes the capital of the Roman Empire
868 The Diamond Sutra, the world's oldest surviving, dated, printed, book printed in Chinese and made into a scroll
1189 Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I Barbarossa and 100,000 crusaders depart Regensburg for the Third Crusade
1310 Fifty-four members of the Knights Templar are burned at the stake in France for being heretics
1421 Jews are expelled from Styria Austria
1502 Christopher Columbus begins 4th & last trip to the "Indies"
254 Stephan I succeeds Lucius I as Catholic Pope
919 Duke Henry of Saxony becomes King Henry I of Oostfrankischreich
1082 Battle at Mailberg
1215 English barons serve ultimatum on King John which eventually leads to creation and signing of the Magna Carta
1328 Holy Roman Emperor Louis IV and assembly of priests select Pietro





This Month in History, continued...

Rainalducc as Anti-Pope Nicolaas V
1328 Antipope Nicholas V, a claimant to the papacy, is consecrated in Rome by the Bishop of Venice
1459 Jodhpur, Sun City, founded by Rao Jodhpur in India
1525 Battle at Biblingen
1534 German Duchy of Wurttemberg becomes Lutheran under Ulrich, Duke of Württemberg
1551 San Marcos University in Lima, Peru, opens
1588 Catholic League under Duke Henri de Guise occupies Paris

May 12:
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May 13:
535 St Agapitus I begins his reign as Catholic Pope
609 Pope Boniface I turns Pantheon in Rome into a Catholic church
641 Eligius (Saint Eloy) becomes bishop of Doornik-Noyon
1106 Henry I of Limburg loses the duchy of Lower Lorraine to Godfrey of Louvain
1110 Crusaders march into Beirut causing a bloodbath
1364 Peter Couterel banished from Leuven
1497 Pope Alexander VI excommunicates Girolamo Savonarola
1559 Exhumed corpse of heretic David Jorisz burned in Basel
1568 Mary Queen of Scots is defeated at Battle of Langside
1588 King Henri III flees Paris

May 14:
649 Theodore I ends his reign as Catholic Pope
1027 Robert II of France names his son

Baronial Succession Timeline

Timeline for Lochmere's Baronial Succession. It contains information that the populace and candidates will need to ensure that every Lochmerie gets to take part in this process. There are two things to keep in mind only paid SCA members who live within the borders of Lochmere may take part in the polling. Please review your membership information and make sure it will be current through the end of the polling. ([https://members.sca.org/apps to sign in and verify your info](https://members.sca.org/apps%20to%20sign%20in%20and%20verify%20your%20info)) If you have any questions please send them to me at seneschal@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org.

Ongoing: Sign up for on-line polling through 5/18/2020. On-line polling saves us about \$2 per person! Go to <https://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/instructions-for-e-polling-opt-in-03292019/> for instructions. Populace verifies mailing addresses with Kingdom list of Lochmere's Zip Codes. (List shows Lochmere's Zip Codes for Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.) Go to <https://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/lochmere-zip-codes-from-kingdom/> to check your Zip Code. Please report discrepancies to me (seneschal@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org).

5/18/2020: Baronial Seneschal, Chronicler, and Web Minister publish approved LOIs, along with contact information to e-list, newsletter, web site, and social media. The populace submits questions for the baronial Q&A. Last chance to verify mailing address with the Baronial Seneschal.

6/1/2020: Baronial Q&A at the June Populace Meeting. On-line sign up for electronic polling closes.

6/8/2020: Polling letters mailed out. On-line site opens for electronic polling.

6/29/2020: Polling letters due to Their Royal Majesties. On-line polling closing.

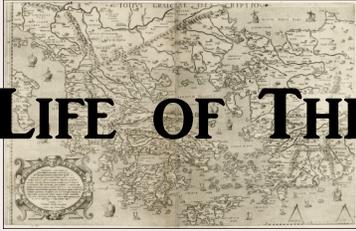
7/20/2020: Their Majesties notify the candidates of their decision.

9/5/2020: Investiture



The meeting between Federico III and Eleanor of Aragon, fresco is almost by Pintoricchio, http://www.thais.it/speciali/Piccolomini/md_res/scheda_05.htm

THE LIFE OF THESEUS



Just as geographers, O Sossius Senecio, crowd on to the outer edges of their maps the parts of the earth which elude their knowledge, with explanatory notes that "What lies beyond is sandy desert without water and full of wild beasts," or "blind marsh," or "Scythian cold," or "frozen sea," so in the writing of my Parallel Lives, now that I have traversed those periods of time which are accessible to probable reasoning and which afford basis for a history dealing with facts, I might well say of the earlier periods: "What lies beyond is full of marvels and unreality, a land of poets and fabulists, of doubt and obscurity." But after publishing my account of Lycurgus the lawgiver and Numa the king, I thought I might not unreasonably go back still farther to Romulus, now that my history had brought me near his times. And as I asked myself,

"With such a warrior" (as Aeschylus says) "who will dare to fight?"

"Whom shall I set against him? Who is competent?"

it seemed to me that I must make the founder of lovely and famous Athens the counterpart and parallel to the father of invincible and glorious Rome. May I therefore succeed in purifying Fable, making her submit to reason and take on the semblance of History. But where she obstinately disdains to make herself credible, and refuses to admit any element of probability, I shall pray for kindly readers, and such as receive with indulgence the tales of antiquity.

Since it was still a custom at that time for youth who were coming of age to go to Delphi and sacrifice some of their hair to the god, Theseus went to Delphi for this purpose, and they say there is a place there which still to this day is called the Theseia from him. But he sheared only the fore part of his head, just as Homer said the Abantes did, and this kind of tonsure was called Theseis after him.

Now the Abantes were the first to cut their hair in this manner, not under instruction from the Arabians, as some suppose, nor yet in emulation of the Mysians, but because they were war-like men and close fighters, who had learned beyond all other men to force their way into close quarters with their enemies. Archilochus is witness to this in the following words:

*"Not many bows indeed will be stretched tight, nor frequent slings
Be whirled, when Ares joins men in the moil of war
Upon the plain, but swords will do their mournful work;
For this is the warfare wherein those men are expert
Who lord it over Euboea and are famous with the spear."*

Therefore, in order that they might not give their enemies a hold by their hair, they cut it off. And Alexander of Macedon doubtless understood this when, as they say, he ordered his generals to have the beards of their Macedonians shaved, since these afforded the readiest hold in battle.

In Eleusis, moreover, he out-wrestled Cercyon the Arcadian and killed him; and going on a little farther, at Erineüs, he killed Damastes, surnamed Procrustes, by compelling him to make his own body fit his bed, as he had been wont to do with those of strangers. And he did this in imitation of Heracles. For that hero punished those who offered him violence in the manner in which they had plotted to serve him, and therefore sacrificed Busiris, wrestled Antaeus to death, slew Cynus in single combat, and killed Termerus by dashing in his skull. It is from him, indeed, as they say, that the name "Termerian mischief" comes, for Termerus, as it would seem, used to kill those who encountered him by dashing his head against theirs. Thus Theseus also went on his way chastising the wicked, who were visited with the same violence from him which they were visiting upon others, and suffered justice after the manner of their own injustice.

Bards of Olde Presented by Duchess Simone de Barjavel

This month my Poetry corner is actually not poetry. Instead I will share some of the work of Plutarch from "The Rise and Fall of Athens"

Plutarch was a first century Greek writer and philosopher from Thebes. He came from Chaeronea, in the Boeotian plain. He studied philosophy in Athens, traveled in Greece and Egypt and as a diplomat in Rome. He also served as a magistrate in his hometown and in the priesthood in Delphi. His value to our study of the medieval period is that he was widely read by educated people in the period. There are many translations from the period, in Latin, German, Italian and more. And so, for your enjoyment a brief excerpt from Plutarch, which I hope will interest you and lead to exploring his work more widely. The classics that survived continue to influence the modern world, for we still tell tales of the men and women whose stories start with ancient writers.

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This Month in History, continued...

Henry I as junior King of the Franks
1264 Battle of Lewes, 2nd Barons' War
1483 Coronation of Charles VIII of France
1509 Battle of Agnadello
1576 Dutch Council of State replaced by Council of Beroerten
May 15:
756 Abd-al-Rahman I becomes emir of Cordova, Spain
884 Marinus I ends reign as Catholic Pope
1004 Henry II the Saint crowned King of Italy





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This Month in History, continued...

1213 King John of England names Stephen Langton as Archbishop of Canterbury
 1248 Archbishop Konrad von Hochstaden lays cornerstone for Cologne Cathedral
 1252 Pope Innocent IV issues the papal bull ad extirpanda, which authorizes, but also limits torture of heretics in Medieval Inquisition
 1492 Cheese & Bread rebellion
 1514 Jodocus Badius Ascensius publishes Christienn Pedersen's Latin version of Saxo's Gesta Danorum, the oldest known version
 1525 The battle of Frankenhausen
 1536 Anne Boleyn and brother George Lord Rochford accused of adultery & incest
 1572 Louis van Nassau & Huguenots occupy Valenciennes
May 16:
 955 Octavian, son of Duke Alberic II of Spoleto, elected Pope John XII
 1165 Ramjbam & his family reach Acre Palestine
 1204 Baldwin IX, Count of Flanders crowned as the first Emperor of the Latin Empire of Constantinople
 1527 Florence becomes a republic
 1532 Sir Thomas More resigns as Lord Chancellor of England

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

THE DOME OF THE HAGIA SOPHIA COLLAPSES

Justinian I immediately orders the dome rebuilt, 558

Disaster struck the Hagia Sophia when she was destroyed in 532 during the Nika Riots. In the evening and early morning of 14-15 January a fire swept throughout the Augousteion. The inferno reached the church and engulfed the entire building bringing it crashing down.

The destruction of Constantinople caused by the riots of 532 gave Justinian I an opportunity to impose the new iconography onto the city and its people using a new and more magnificent Hagia Sophia. He chose a new revolutionary design suggested by Anthemius of Tralles and Isidore of Miletus. It took five years and ten months to complete and it was dedicated on 26 December 537.

Anthemius and Isidore were not architects by trade. They were referred to as *mechanikoi*, which translates closer to engineer, though that term is inaccurate as well. "The ancients describe [mechanikoi] as 'wonder-workers.'" Both were employed as mathematicians, teaching geometry in Antioch when summoned by Justinian I. Both were accomplished men in their field, each having been published on their mathematical theories.

One of the goals of erecting the new church was to expand the space of the earlier Theodosian version while keeping the same sight lines to maximize the number of congregants so they could see the emperor at prayer. The best geometric shape that places the most area at the shortest distance from one single point is the circle. The only problem with using a circle was its association to the pagan traditions. In order to accomplish this they choose to square off the nave at the end opposite the entrance and add two semicircular areas to each side. This is called a hemicycle.



The vast interior of the dome in the Hagia Sofia has a complex structure

The rebuilding of the church had many challenges, one being how to accomplish construction of the second floor. Building materials had to be lifted some forty feet using primitive cranes in conjunction with vertical guy ropes holding their masts. These were also used to lift heavy objects.

In 535 construction had come to a point that would test the strength of the piers and columns by constructing the arches and vaults that housed the nave. The problem was that it was being constructed so rapidly that the slow-setting mortar had not had time to fully dry before construction began of the arches and vaults. In order to correct this, Isidore and Anthemius came up with a geometric solution that changed the shape of the buttressing arches from a semicircle to a parabola. This change "altered the force of the arch to a more vertical direction (reducing the angular stress on the piers). Just to be safe, they also added stone

projections at the gallery level and above, which strengthened the piers in the same way adding rungs stiffens a ladder." As 536 began problems continued, this time with the marble columns that were supporting the north and south arches. The marble columns had begun to chip showing that they were under stress. It is thought that the bronze decorative collars were placed on the tops and bottoms of the columns along the ground level to solve this particular problem.

Anthemius and Isidore wanted to accomplish more than just placing a roof over the rock and marble. They had to find a way to illuminate the interior and the way they accomplished this was to construct a dome that was placed over the church while allowing large



Miniature 38 from the Constantinian Manasses Chronicle, 14th century: Construction of Hagia Sophia during the reign of emperor Justinian.

amounts of natural light. They used the pendentive to support this enormous dome.

The massive dome was about 105 feet across and over 180 feet tall and would have stood taller than the columns of Theodosius, Arcadius, and Constantine. The inside of the church was even more impressive by its colossal size and space. The roof was so high that the mosaic of Christ within the dome looked to the person on the ground as a normal sized human being yet it was so large that the length between the eyes was actually three human palms. The space below the dome was so vast that the dome almost appeared to be floating above in thin air. The dome was framed by beautiful mosaics and columns carved from red, purple, and green marble that in turn supported the galleries. The area was illuminated by the forty small windows around the base of the dome. The sunlight would come in through the windows from different angles depending on the time of day and shine on the gold mosaics and marble columns filling the room with amazing light.

Sofia was a master piece that brought math and beauty together into one finished product. During the day light poured through the lunettes and windows that drew the sun in transversely into the nave. At night light was reflected from thousands of lamp candelabras off of the chains suspended from the dome that formed a metal circle hung from silver disks. Now the architects could report to the emperor that the church was indeed finished.

Some twenty years later disaster struck the cathedral again, this time an earthquake. During the earthquake one of the four arches that had held up the awesome dome had been damaged. Not six months later the entire dome fell. Anthemius had long since been dead so Isidore the younger, a nephew of Isidore of Miletus, had been summoned to repair the damage. He added strength to the dome by making it narrower and a bit higher than before. He also added buttressing to the outside of the church to enhance the support of the dome.

This Month in History, continued...

1547 Protestant German monarch surrenders to Karel in Wittenberg

1568 Mary Queen of Scots flees to England

1571 German astronomer Johannes Kepler, by his own calculations, is conceived at 4:37 AM

1584 7 Westfries towns divide monasteries of Egmond, Blokker and St Pietersdal

May 17:

218 7th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet

352 Liberius begins his reign as Catholic Pope replacing Julius I

884 St Adrian III begins his reign as Catholic Pope
1521 Edward Stafford, 3rd Duke of Buckingham, is executed for treason

1525 Battle at Zabern

1527 Pánfilo de Narváez departs Spain to explore Florida with 600 men - by 1536 only 4 survive

1536 Anne Boleyn's 4 "lovers" executed shortly before her own beheading

1544 Scot Earl Matthew Lennox signs secret treaty with Henry VIII

1579 Artois, Henegouwen and French-Flanders sign Treaty, the Peace of Parma recognizing Spanish Duke van Parma as land guardian

1590 Anne of Denmark is crowned Queen of Scotland.

May 18:

1096 Crusaders massacre Jews of Worms

1268 Principality of Antioch, a crusader state, falls to Mamluk Sultan Baibars in Battle of Antioch

1291 After 100 years of Crusader control, Acre is last Crusader stronghold reconquered and destroyed by Mamluks under Sultan al-Ashraf Khalil

1302 Bruges Matins; the nocturnal massacre of the French garrison in Bruges by local Flemish militia

1593 Playwright Thomas Kyd's accusations of heresy lead to arrest warrant for Christopher Marlowe

May 19:

715 St Gregory II begins his reign as Catholic Pope

1182 High altar of Paris cathedral Notre Dame is consecrated by Cardinal Henri de Château-Marçay and Maurice de Sully

1506 Christopher Columbus selects his son Diego Columbus as sole heir

1515 George van Saksen-Meissen sells Friesland for 100,000 gold guilders to arch duke Charles

1517 Philip van Bourgondie installed as bishop of Utrecht

1536 Anne Boleyn, second wife of English King Henry VIII beheaded at Tower of London

1571 Miguel Lopez de Lagazpi founds Manila in the Philippines

1585 Spain confiscates English ships

May 20:

325 1st Christian ecumenical council opens at Nicaea, Asia Minor

1217 Second Battle of Lincoln fought near Lincoln, England, resulting in the defeat of Prince Louis of France by William Marshal, 2nd Earl of Pembroke

1293 Earthquake strikes Kamakura Japan, 30,000 killed

1293 King Sancho IV of Castile creates the Study of General Schools of Alcalá

1303 Treaty of Paris restores Gascony to the English and arranges marriage of English Prince Edward to French Princess Isabella

1310 Shoes were made for both right & left feet

1347 Rienzo calls Rome for people's tribunal

1495 French King Charles VIII leaves Naples

1498 Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama arrives at Calicut, India becoming first European to reach India by sea

1501 Joao da Nova Castell discovers Ascension Islands

1521 Ignatius Loyola seriously wounded by a cannon ball

1524 Duke of Albany leaves Scotland

1571 Venice, Spain & Pope Pius form anti-Turkish Saint League

May 21:

143 Earliest known date in America-pre Mayan king Harvest-Bergvorst installed

685 Battle of Nechtansmere/Dun Nechtain

878 Syracuse is captured by Muslim sultan of Sicily

879 Pope John VIII gives blessings to duke Branimir and to Croatian people, considered to be international recognition of Croatian state

996 Pope Gregory V crowns his cousin Otto III as Holy Roman Emperor

1040 King Henry III gives Utrecht the Groninger currency

1216 French crown prince Louis enters England, having been invited by barons at war with King John

1281 Kublai Khan's second invasion of Japan begins with attack on Tsushima Island but meets fierce resistance; his troops are forced to withdraw

1420 Treaty of Troyes

1471 King Edward IV enters London

1499 Francisco De Bobadilla appointed Governor of the Indies, succeeding Christopher Columbus

1502 Portuguese admiral Da Nova discovers St Helena

1526 Sermon of Bathe, Aargau: TC evangelical theology

May 22:

760 14th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet

1176 Murder attempt by "Assassins" on Saladin near Aleppo

1200 Treaty of Le Goulet signed between France and England

1370 Jews expelled & massacred in Brussels

1377 Pope Gregory XI issues five papal bulls to denounce doctrines of English theologian John Wycliffe

1455 Opening battle in England's 30-year Wars of the Roses. Richard of York takes St Albans, capturing King Henry VI

1526 Pope Clemens VII, France, Genoa, Venice, Florence & Milan form Anti-French League of Cognac

1570 1st atlas 'Theatrum Orbis Terrarum', published by Abraham Ortelius in Antwerp with 70 maps

1594 Earl Mauritius and Willem Louis begins siege of Groningen

May 23:

1059 Henri I crowns his son King Philip I of France

1275 King Edward I of England orders cessation of persecution of French Jews

1420 Jews of Syria and Austria expelled

1421 Jews of Austria imprisoned & expelled

1430 Joan of Arc is captured at Compiègne and sold to English

1493 King Charles VIII & Maximilian I of Austria signs Peace of Senlis

1536 Pope Paul III installs Portuguese inquisition

1544 Holy Roman Emperor Charles V recognizes King Christian III of Denmark

1555 Giampietro Caraffa elected Pope Paul IV

1568 Battle of Heiligerlee, Groningen

1568 The Netherlands declares independence from Spain

1576 Tycho Brahe given Hveen Island to build Uraniborg Observatory

May 24:

1086 Abbott Daferio/Desiderius becomes Pope Victor III

1153 Malcolm IV becomes King of Scots

1218 The Fifth Crusade leaves Acre for Egypt

1276 Magnus Ladulås is crowned King of Sweden in Uppsala Cathedral

1300 King Philip IV occupies Flanders, Earl Gwijde captured

1370 Hanzesteden signs peace treaty with Danish king Waldemar IV

1487 Imposter Lambert Simnel ceremony crowned as King Edward VI of Dublin

1595 Nomenclator of Leiden University Library appears first printed catalog of institutional library

May 25:

1085 Alfonso VI of León and Castile captures Toledo

1241 1st attack on Jewish community of Frankfurt am Main, Germany

1420 Henry the Navigator is appointed governor of the Order of Christ

1521 Edict of Worms outlaws Martin Luther his followers

1522 Holy Roman Emperor Charles V returns to Spain

May 26:

451 The Battle of Avarayr

961 German King Otto II crowned

1328 William of Ockham forced to flee from Avignon by Pope John XXII

1538 Geneva expels John Calvin and his followers from the city

1596 England, France & Netherlands sign Drievoudig Covenant against Spain

May 27:

927 Battle of the Bosnian Highlands

1120 Richard III of Capua is anointed as prince two weeks before his untimely death

1281 Flemish Earl Gwijde Dampierre takes financial responsibility of Brugge

1529 30 Jews of Posing, Hungary, charged with blood ritual, burned at stake

May 28:

640 Severinus begins his reign as Catholic Pope

1037 Holy Roman Emperor Conrad II removes "Constitutio the Feudis"

1156 Battle at Brindisi

1349 60 Jews murdered in Breslau, Silesia

1358 Daint-Leu at Oise begins French boer uprising

1431 Joan of Arc is accused of relapsing into heresy by donning male clothing again, providing justification for her execution

1521 Pope Leo X signs treaty with Holy Roman Emperor Charles V

1588 Spanish Armada under the Duke of Medina-Sidonia departs Lisbon to invade England

May 29:

363 Roman Emperor Julian defeats the Sassanid army in the Battle of Ctesiphon

757 St Paul I begins reign as Catholic Pope

1138 Anti-Pope Victor IV (Gregorio) submits himself to Pope Innocentius II

1176 Battle at Legnan

1328 French King Philip VI Valois crowned at Cathedral in Reims, France

1414 Council of Constance deposes Pope John XXIII

1453 Constantinople falls to the Turks under Muhammad II

1453 French banker Jacques Coeur's possessions confiscated

1576

Spanish army

under



This Month in History, continued...

Mondragon conquers Zierik Sea
1592 Battle of Sacheon: Korean navy led by Admiral Yi Sun Shin repels a Japanese fleet - first use of Korean Turtle ship
May 30:
1035 Boudouin V van Rijsel becomes earl of Flanders
1087 German emperor Henry IV crowns his son Conrad
1100 Burchard becomes bishop of Utrecht
1381 English peasant uprising begins in Essex
1416 Jerome of Prague burned at the stake for heresy by church Council of Constance
1431 Hundred Years' War: 19 year old Joan of Arc is burned at the stake
1434 The Battle of Lipany ending Taborites influence
1445 Coronation as Margaret of Anjou as Queen Consort of England at Westminster Abbey
1498 Christopher Columbus departs with 6 ships for 3rd trip to America
1510 Portuguese forces under Afonso de Albuquerque abandon Goa after its former ruler Yusuf Adil Shah, the Muslim King of Bijapur reconquers the city
1522 French troops driven out of Genoa
1527 University of Marburg founded
1539 Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto's expedition of 10 ships and 700 men lands in Florida
1564 The first battle of Öland
1574 Henry III follows brother Charles IX as king of France
1574 Sea battle at Lillo Belgium (Adolf Van Haemstede vs Louis de Boisot)
1584 Earl Adolf of Nieuwenaar and Meurs becomes viceroy of Gelderland
1591 Spanish troops in Zutphen surrender to Dutch and English forces under Maurice of Nassau
May 31:
70 Rome captures 1st wall of Jerusalem
1223 Mongol invasion of the Cumans
1417 Jacoba of Bavaria becomes countess of Holland/Zeland/Henegouwen
1495 Emperor Maximilian, Pope Alexander VI, Milan, King Ferdinand, Isabella & Venice sign anti-French Saint League
1531 "Women's Revolt" in Amsterdam: wool house in churchyard aborted
1578 Martin Frobisher sails from Harwich, England, to Frobisher Bay, Canada. Eventually mines fool's gold, famously used to pave the streets of London.



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