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LOCHMERE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Populace Meeting

First Monday of every month
7:15 pm Via Google Meet

Archery Practice

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

Fighter Practice (Heavy & Rapier)

Every Tuesday
7:00 pm
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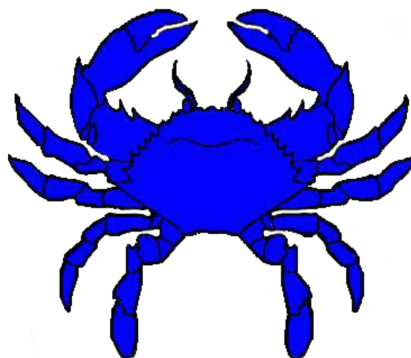
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Thank You!

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Words from Their Excellencies

Greeting Lochmere,

We have had a delightful month as summer has gotten into full swing. We are preparing for Pennsic War and camping with the Barony. We had a successful northern fighter practice at a site found by Baroness Kel and Baron Alric. Originally we were going to be part of a demo, but Ma Nature had other plans for that weekend. It's a much more open to the public location and lots of passersby stopped to say hi. It's a great alternative to our normal practice site when practice can be outdoors and there is something preventing us from being at the church.

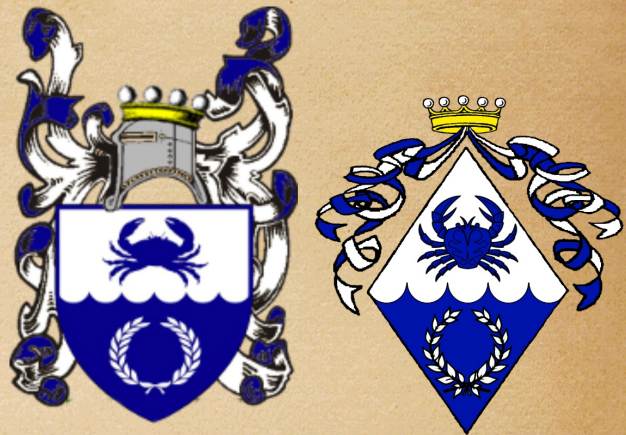
Battle on the Bay planning has been moving along at an impressive pace. I can't thank all the people who are stepping up to make sure we will have a great event. Especially considering we have pivoted a few times to get to this place. Well done all.

Covid policies are now being decided on a more local level which lets us choose things like indoor masking when level get high. Last announcement was to mask in indoor spaces as transmission was high. Look for any changes on both the fb page and the email list. Please contact us if you need any information on getting on either of those lists.

We have had a lot of officer shifts over the past couple months as well and I want to thank each and every person who has stepped up to any job in our Barony. (Both those who retain their jobs and those taking on new roles)

Thank you to everyone again,

Baroness Letia and Baron Linhart



POPULACE MEETING NOTES (June 13th, 2022 - Virtual)

This month's originally scheduled meeting was postponed a week due to a scheduling conflict.

Officer Reports

Exchequer: ledger \$11,799.75 - \$152.86 made at On Target - non-member check sent to kingdom for \$35 - waiting on the deposit from Fae Moon. - deposited \$15 for leftover lochmart items

There were votes on the following:

- 750 for fighter practice fees - passes
- budget proposal (for the year) sent from Bryn - passes
- last meeting requested a new dept (Lady Anne volunteered) will be stepping down in April and then step in as dept.
- need volunteers for troll at botb. schedule to be determined.
- working on the 2023 budget which is due by September Meeting. Please get estimates and requests to Bryn ASAP (officers, equipment, site rental)

Chatelaine: There were a few new comers at On Target. Feast gear bags for newcomers (almost a full 7 sets) are available and will be available at botb. Will look at disposables for newcomers to use as well. Got some youth garb that has been prepared and is ready. No need for new clothing donations at this time. Newcomer meet and greet at BotB.

Chronicler: Nothing much to report. Newsletters are going out on time. PLEASE send content.

K Marshal: Practices continue to have fairly good attendance. Waivers for 2nd quarter being submitted at the end of the month. Looking for a dept to step up soon. Please submit your interest to Alric. Local fighter practice in Ferndale this weekend on 3rd ave south. This is a site that we may even be able to use for events. Looking for a new dept to step up.

Thrown & Archery: well attended and a number of new people. Quarterly report for archery was submitted. At On Target there was a discussion that this is a free site that we've been using the site for 20 years so maybe we could have some project/clean-up days. Would be a good gesture to the site for how well they have treated us. Still looking for a baronial archery marshal replacement. On the schedule to do the thrown weapons baronial champions thrown weapons at Pennsic. Help is appreciated.

Rapier: Lots of good representation and a great crop of new fighters. Kudos to everyone for the good works there.

Herald: Working with two folks to get names and arms passed and new

MoAS: Ellaniara is now officially now the new deputy. Not much else to report. Looking to step down soon. Ellaniara is stepping up and in to restart A&S at fighter practices.

Web Minister: New dept ffarthane. No major updates. Looking to step down

Youth: Battle on the bay is a work in progress but we know we will need help for that day.

Seneschal: Marta is now full deputy and received reports from exchequer. BotB budget reviewed to be submitted.

Baronage:

Please please support the children activities.

Many pennsic support requests (big populace tent - looking for donations, donations to travel fund, donations the Oktoberfest, children's fete, water bottle fund raisers) also want to continue to support the archery as we have in the past. Discussion about putting together a survey to determine if we want to do something as a group for these efforts.

Next events for Baronage will be practice, Novice, then Pennsic

Occasional issues with email. Please use private emails or FB if you don't get response and need one.

Old Business

Officer shuffle: exchequer, seneschal, archery, web minister*, moas*

On Target:

It was a lovely, if hot, day!

46 paid adults, usually have 55-60. 5 kids, usually have 5-6. several newcomers. profit \$158.86. \$35 sent to kingdom for non member registration. cleanup went well. Spent about \$12 for needed site direction signs. Available to be used.

University: several folks were teaching. go lochmere!

What is the status of IRL populace meetings? decisions pending. Possibly be hybrid meeting option.

New Business

Seneschal receiving comments through June on Marta stepping up as new Seneschal. Giacomo was emergency and will be stepping down.

Marta looking to step up as seneschal and accepting commentary on web and moas positions, which they need to step down from, through june as well.

Alric would like to step down as Knight Marshal, please send letters of interest.

Brynn is looking to step down will be open for discussion.

Donations:

Kingdom 'big populace tent' - looking for donations: trying to raise \$3,000 for the tent. \$180 is our 'fair share' and was passed by voice vote.

children fete is looking for support in both donations and in day of volunteer support. Letia will find contact and we will work with the youth officer

donations to travel fund

donations the Oktoberfest party

water bottle fund raisers

- the baronage points out that these are things that we can just be aware of that does not have to be a baronial effort.

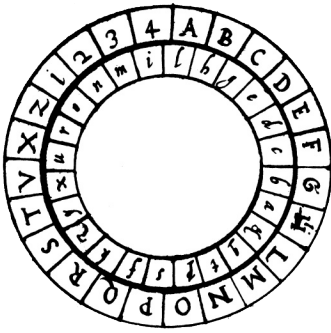
Battle on the Bay

Planning is coming along nicely. Many of the key positions have been filled but we're still looking for a few people and, of course, for people to help with set-up and take down.

Troll will need extra waivers for the horses with a separate table will be needed (Ellanoria will help at the table)

The event budget was reviewed, voted on, and passed.





Welcome to the Crypto Corner

When I start prattling on about period codes and ciphers, especially to someone that hasn't figured out that I'm just a huge dork for this stuff, I will almost always get the question "what is the earliest cipher?". Unfortunately, for some reason, a lot of people don't like the real answer and I think that is because what they are

really trying to ask is actually a two-part question. I think that the question they are trying to ask more along the lines of "what is the earliest known cipher, in period, that I would recognize as a cipher", or something like that. This is a perfectly reasonable question.

First we should answer the question as asked. The earliest known examples of encoded messages that we currently know of date to around 1900 BCE from Egypt, from the tomb of Khumhotep II (Kahn, 1996). In these examples, extent examples being found in tombs, we see various glyphs replaced with ones from other dialects or embellished in discrete ways, for those knowledgeable enough to pick out the subtle shift in language, dialect, or presentation. This served two purposes. First, it could highlight aspects of the epitaph to draw attention to desired sections. Second, the use of multiple languages or dialects displays the skill of the author. Think of it as self-advertising for scribes (D'Agapeyeff, 2006). As interesting as this may be, this answer never seems to slake the thirst so let's take a look at the question that I think they are asking.

What is the earliest known recognizable period cipher? There is a little bit going on in there so let's unpack it bit. We are defining the 'period' in accordance with the SCA, so roughly 600 to 1600/1650 CE. The next question we need to address is 'what is a cipher'. For the purpose of this discussion we're defining a cipher as any reproducible system that can be used to conceal and then reveal a message through an encoding process. Now for the doozy of a question. What is 'recognizable' as a cipher? This question gets into the difference between cryptography and steganography. Cryptography is, by nature, overt. A cipher doesn't hide the fact that it is a cipher, it is just out there (as in the example presented here). Steganography, on the other hand, is covert. That is, it aims to conceal the message rather than to make it unreadable. Based on these definitions we are looking solely at those boldly proclaim "I'm a cipher and you can't read me! Neener. Neeener."

The answer to the above question is that there was lots of stuff! All kinds of stuff! ATBASH, for example, is a Hebrew cipher that dates to at least 500 BCE and was in use by the Knight's Templar throughout our defined period (Singh, 1999). Another somewhat common cryptographic scheme that is seen early in period is to replace each vowel with the consonant that is next to it. A is represented as B. E is represented as F. Then the pattern continues. For an example, we have this folio from the 9th century (Figure 1). Let's focus on the colored letters between the first two dots. The script reads DFPGRBTKBS. This may appear to be garbled nonsense but it is, as you may have guessed,

an enciphered message. Following the system outlined above we will pay special attention to the characters that come after each vowel. D[F][P]GR[B]T[K][B]S. Replacing these characters with their vowel values we derive the following, DEOGRATIAS. With word spacing we get the obvious “Deo Gratias” which translates from the Latin to “thanks be to God”. Clearly a scribe that was pleased to be done with their labors.

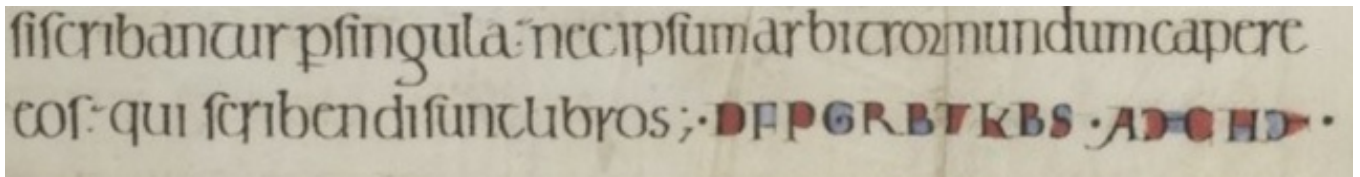


Figure 1.

1. Manuscrits de la Bibliothèque Carnegie de Reims. Quatuor evangelia, cum prologis; 0801-0900, folio 154r, URL: <https://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b8449025s/f311.item?lang=EN>

2. Remember that in this period the I/J were combined so the next consonant would be the letter K

Merry Mathing Everyone!
Melchior zum grauen Wolf



Upcoming Events

July - 2022

07-08 - 07-10 : Storvik Novice and Unbelt Tournament :Upper Marlboro MD (Storvik) (K)
07-16 - 07-16 : Warrior's Games :Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore)
07-29 - 08-14 : Pennsic War XLIX : (Aethelmarc) (Q K Pr P)

August - 2022

08-20 - 08-20 : Nottingham Coill Baronial Picnic and A&S Day :Prosperity SC (Nottingham Coill)
08-26 - 08-28 : Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday 40 Year :Ellerbe NC (Sacred Stone)
08-27 - 08-27 : Skewered! 3 :Gaithersburg MD (Roxbury Mill)
08-27 - 08-27 : CANCELLED: Non-European Persona Workshop :Spartanburg, SC (Nottingham Coill)

September - 2022

09-02 - 09-04 : Emerald Hastilude :Lanexa VA (Tir-y-Don)
09-09 - 09-11 : Trial by Fire and Royal Archery :Glen Arm MD (Bright Hills) (Q K)
09-16 - 09-18 : Midnight at the Oasis :Apex NC (Nimenefeld) (Q K)
09-17 - 09-17 : Fall University :Mineral VA (Caer Mear) (Pr P)
09-23 - 09-25 : Battle on the Bay :Upper Marlboro MD (Lochmere)
09-24 - 09-24 : Tourney of Silver Chalice :Harleyville SC (Hidden Mountain) (Q K)
09-30 - 10-02 : Fall Coronation :Ashland VA (Caer Mear) (Q K Pr P)



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