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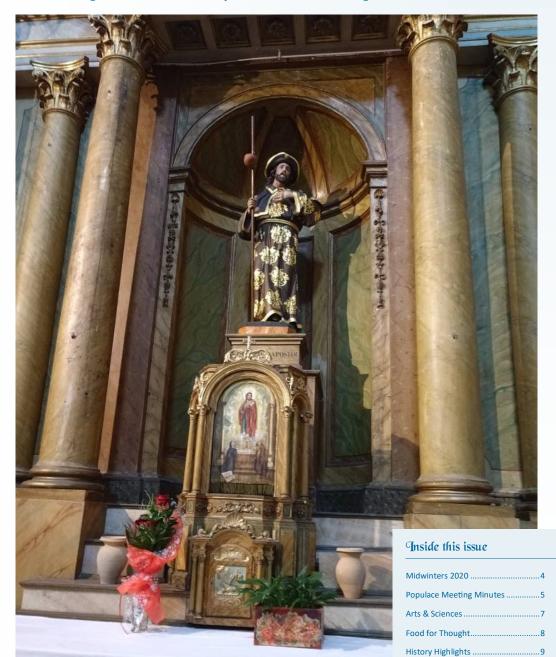




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Walking the Road to Santiago de Compostela , Photographs by: Mistress Arianna Morgan and Mästarinna Ragnveig Snorradottir.



o the Populace of Lochmere we send our warmest greetings,

Sarra and I have been very busy over the last couple of months traveling the length of the Ringdom representing our Barony. We love seeing Lochmeri out doing what they do! We would ask that if you don't mind, take a picture or two while you are participating, and we hope that you wouldn't mind sharing them with our Chronieler to capture the fun.

The weather turned rather abruptly in November and we are now working on more indoor projects. Sarra is working on 12th Night Garb and I'm brewing more mead. We encourage you all to share what you are working on so that others can gain inspiration from your efforts.

We are traveling to Unevent as the last real "event" of the year - but the following weekend is the Lochmere Holiday Party at Carroll Baldwin Hall in Savage Mills. We hope to see you there!

With the Holidays coming up we hope that all of you have an enjoyable time and we ask that you be safe in your revelry. We are truly thankful for our friends and chosen family.

Yours in Service, Cormace and Sarra Baron and Baroness, Lochmere

Lochmere Baronial Progress



Dec. 7, 2019

Kingdom of Atlantia,

Waldorf, MD

Lochmere Holiday Party

Dec. 14, 2019

Carroll Baldwin Hall,

Laurel, MD

Kingdom 12th Night

Jan. 18, 2020

Kingdom of Atlantia,

Roanoke, VA

Midwinter's

Jan. 25, 2020

Kingdom of Atlantia,

Severna Park, MD

If you are interested in retaining for Their Excellencies, please contact Duchess Simone at $\underline{sitoich@gmail.com}.$

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

Barony of Lochmere Facebook

Group: https://www.facebook.com/
groups/LochmereSCA/

Kingdom of Atlantia Homepage:

http://www.atlantia.sca.org

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

The Acorn, Atlantia's Official News-

letter: http://

www.acorn.atlantia.sca.org

Atlantia Event Calendar: http://www.acorn.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.htm

You can also contact the Barony

Chatelain: chate-

lain@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org

Next Populace Meeting will be held December 2, 2019, 7:15 pm at the Odenton Public Library, 1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton

Jochmere Calendar of Events

Monday December 2—Populace Meeting
Tuesday December 10—Fighter Practice
Saturday December 14—Lochmere Holiday Bardic
Tuesday December 17—Fighter Practice

Atlantia Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 7—<u>UnEvent</u> —Kingdom of Atlantia
Friday—Sunday, December 13-15—<u>Yule Toy Tourney XIV</u>—Barony of Nottinghill Coill
Saturday, December 14—<u>Celebration of Yule</u>—Barony of Ponte Alto
Saturday, December 15—<u>Caer Mear Yule</u>—Barony of Caer Mear

Lochmere Holiday Party

December 14th 5-10 pm Carroll Baldwin Hall, 9035 Baltimore St. Savage

Their Excellencies Cormacc and Sarra invite you to join them and celebrate the holidays

The Hall is a lovely medieval style building – we will have tables for a potluck buffet, dining and games. The hall has a catering kitchen with icemaker and microwave. This year the decision has been made to attend in garb but it is, of course, optional.

All Lochmeri and their guests are welcome

Artwork: December the Book of Hours of Adélaïde de Savoie (Musée Condé 78), c. 1460-1465

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!

Exploration

Age of Oidwinters 2020

Elizabethan Feast Menu

First Remove

- Sallet with Vinaigrette
- Cheese Tart
- Orenge Preserves
- Manchet
- Butter & Hearbes
- Apples of Love

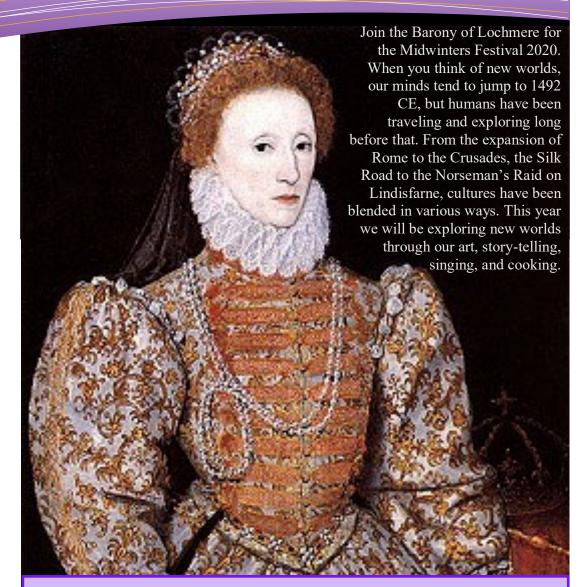
Second Remove

- Pan Fried Beans
- Boneless Turkey in a Coffin with sauce
- Roasted Sweet Potatoes
- Farts of Portingale
- Baked Artichokes
- Boiled Peas

Third Remove

- Custard
- Cherries Confection
- Fritters of Spinnedge
- Marchpane





Arts & Sciences Competitions

Age of Exploration: We ask you to create a piece in any medium either incorporating materials from a new land or depictions of some aspect of the new land. Documentation is preferred and encouraged, with EZ docs being acceptable.

Tools of Exploration: Recreate a tool used in exploration, such as an item used for navigation, packs to carry gear, or even a boat! (Maybe just a small boat...) Don't let my examples limit you, however, it's a big world. Documentation is required and must include how and where the item would have been used, who would have used it, and how you created it.

Open Display: Space will be provided for you to display your most recent projects, completed or in progress.

All musicians and storytellers are invited to entertain during lunch or feast. Be sure to reach out to our MoAS to coordinate performance time.

Please contact Lady Anne d'Evreux at <u>anne.devreux@yahoo.com</u> if you have any questions concerning A&S competitions, classes, or display!

Populace Meeting Minutes

Baron and Baroness:

- Crown on sat, Duke Anton and Luned next queen and queen, Raynard fixed pavilion thank you
- ♦ Dun Carrig Baroness is going and Baron is going to Mead Hall
- ♦ Both going to Holiday Faire maybe dayshade depends on weather
- ♦ Always looking for awards of all sorts
- For 12th night we are looking for as much participation as we can get please come if you can swing it (Jan)

Seneschal: (run by deputy Mistress Christiana Irina Chaykinaia)

Library room is reserved for Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb. 3

Chronicler:

- Newsletter was out on October 25
- ♦ Please have any submissions in by the 20th of each month for the following issue
- If you want to submit something and can't get it in on time, let me know and I will hold a space for you

Exchequer: (emailed report)

- ♦ Ledger Balance is \$11,547.35
- ♦ The 3rd Quarter Exchequer Report was completed and submitted on 10/23/19
- ♦ The Battle on the Bay event report was completed
 - ♦ There were 419 adults and 42 youth in attendance
 - We had an incredible number of people ask for feast. Initially there were 101 sold for feast but with cancelations we ended up feeding 96 people
 - The total profit was \$2,973.82 which we split with Storvik for \$1,486.91 each
 - I gave Storvik their check at Coronation on 10/3/19
- ♦ I have the 2020 draft budget complete and I've passed copies out for review
- The Mid-Winter's Feast Budget and On-Target Budget have already been approved, so their projected profit cannot be changed
- I would like to propose that we no longer use St. Michaels in the Field for our Mid-Winter's event
 - The site is getting too expensive for a small event

Minister of Arts and Sciences:

- ♦ Last month did calligraphy and illumination did some Barony scrolls
- Rest of the year maybe quarterly have a big A&S day, maybe start over the winter
 - \lozenge If you have ideas or classes you want to teach please let her know
 - \Diamond $\;\;$ Quarterly could work out better instead of having at fighter practice
 - Have arrowing making coming this winter
- ♦ Pennsic preregistration is coming up soon
- People can still come out to fighter practice to work on projects if you want Anne there
 please let her know you'll be there
- Want to extend congrats to Baron for getting his Coral Branch, so did lady Natalia

Chatelain:

Nothing to report

Herald: (emailed report)

- The month of October was free of Baronial courts, so your herald was mostly decoration behind the thrones and a loudmouth for processions at Coronation and Crown Tournament
- Alas I neglected to follow up and send a tabard down to War of Wings, but our brave representatives soldiered on without
- I managed to get one of the requested devices submitted, in addition to my non-herald duties as University Registrar swamped under data entry, but still have three others on my list of things to do
- ♦ I'm very grateful for the patience of those gentles
- The third quarter report for the office has been submitted

Baronial Reoccurring Activities

Populace Meeting

First Monday of every month 7:15 pm

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 ttoich@verizon.net

Arts and Sciences

Lady Anne d'Evreux

moas@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org

This Month in History

December 1

772 Pope Adrian I [Hadrian I] elected 800 Charlemagne judges the accusations against Pope Leo III in the Vatican.

1167 Northern Italian towns form Lombardi League

1420 Henry V of England enters Paris 1566 Spanish king Philip II names Fernando Alvarez, duke of Alva

December 2

1409 The University of Leipzig opens **December 3**

741 St Zachary begins his reign as Catholic Pope succeeding Gregory III 1347 Pope Clemens VI declares Roman tribunal Cola di Rienzo as heretics 1586 Sir Thomas Herriot introduces potatoes to England from Colombia

December 4

1110 Syrian harbor city Saida (Sidon) surrenders to Crusaders

1154 Adrian IV elected Pope. The only Englishman to become pontiff, Nicholas Breakspear was a member of the family which until recent years brewed beer in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. 1197 Crusaders wound Rabbi Elezar ben Judah

1259 Treaty of Paris: English King Henry III and French King Louis IX



This Month in History, continued...

1489 Battle of Baza - Spanish army captures Baza from Moors 1534 Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent occupies Baghdad 1563 Council of Trent holds its last session, after 18 years. Last ecumenical council for more than 300 years.

December 5

663 Fourth Council of Toledo takes place 771 Charlemagne becomes sole King of the Franks after death of brother 1082 Ramon Berenguer II, Count of Barcelona is assassinated 1301 Pope Boniface VIII's degree Ausculta fili (only nominee) 1349 500 Jews of Nuremberg massacred during Black Death riots 1360 The French Franc is created 1408 Emir Edigu of Golden Horde reaches Moscow 1448 Bishop Jona of Moscow chosen as metropolitan of Kiev/Intoxication 1456 Earthquake strikes Naples; about 35.000 die 1492 Christopher Columbus discovers Hispaniola (El Espanola/Haiti)

Gregory XIV

order of King Manuel I

December 6

963 Leo VIII elected Pope 1060 Béla I of Hungary is crowned King 1160 Jean Bodels "Jeu de St Nicholas" premieres in Arras 1196 Northern Dutch coast flooded, "Saint-Nicolas Flood" 1240 Mongols under Batu Khan occupy

1496 Jews are expelled from Portugal by

1590 Niccolo Sfondrati chosen as Pope

and destroy Kiev; out of 50,000 people in the city only 2,000 survive 1273 Thomas Aquinas is thought to have a mystical experience in Naples, refuses to continue his work. 1424 Don Alfonso V of Aragon grants

Barcelona the right to exclude Jews 1527 Pope Clemens VII flees to Orvieto 1534 Quito, Ecuador, founded by Spanish

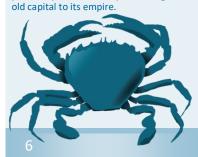
December 7

185 Emperor Lo-Yang, China sees supernova (MSH15-52) 1354 Margaretha van Bavarian's son earl Willem V signs peace treaty

December 8

1326 Daitokuji temple, Rinzai line, established in Kyoto by Daito Kokushi December 9

536 Byzantine General Belisarius enters Rome while the Ostrogothic garrison peacefully leaves the city, returning the



Populace Meeting Minutes Continued

- My membership and herald's warrant expire on 11/30/2019 and I have plans to renew Minister of the Lists: (emailed report)
- Uprise fighter system online authorizations about to expire look for your notice that should be coming out soon
- Take a screen shot of your fighter card just in case.

- Nothing to report other than thinking about updating some of the loaner gear tunics that pass punch test
- Will keep an eye out for the cost when it is available

Archery and Thrown Weapons Marshal:

- Last week was final for practice until time change
- Once Kryss is done with loaner gear we will go through and inventory and see what needs to be fixed and or replaced
- Donations usually cover cost of the equipment used
- Planning a thrown weapons track at university

Web Minister: (not in attendance)

Minister of Youth:

Nothing to report—haven't had a lot going on with our Barony

Equestrian: (not in attendance)

Battle on the Bay:

- Not on the hook next year
- Autocrat Kunigunde
- Will be an investiture B&B are stepping down
 - Spoke to their Highnesses about it already

Winter Bardic:

Dec. 14 at Hall in Savage Mills, will have volunteer sign-up sheet at next meeting Mid-Winter: (not in attendance)

Money for deposit is made out, needs to get theme of event out there – needs to be advertised

Night on the Town: Mid Summer Nights Dream

- Incorporate magic fairies, puck, etc.
- We have a Puck!
- Looking at folks to volunteer for various jobs
- May have to increase day trip to \$20.

On Target:

- Is spiked, budget submitted and approved
- Have a Marshal will encourage to use more than one weapon type

Old Business:

- \$500 for cook's guild was error, should be \$400
- Forgot to add dehumidifier for trailer to budget
- Cost for polling supplies needs to be added to budget
- Budget will be posted in newsletter
- Cook stuff: expendable items paper towels, etc. should not be included in food costs, should be in budget as a line item for event
- Did inventory of Cookware some things were missing, broken, etc. We need frying pans!!! Two large pots, some small and medium ones? Found some serving spoons to donate to cookware. We need knives! Maybe sharpen the ones we have? Will try and stay under \$400 for cook items—\$100 for tubs.

- Need a new deputy of youth (getting knee surgery) soon—Tatiana said she should be covered
- Celtic Feast at St. James see Kryss if you want to help out not SCA event but all proceeds go to local food banks

Populace Meeting Minutes Continued

- Propose a new event to be held in July (Brynn) a regional type fighter event/practice
 - No cost for event but they'd have to bring school supplies to be donated to local schools
 - Day event only, held at church where we have fighter practice (they have grills)
 - ♦ No other events in July
 - ♦ Brynn will autocrat cost is \$50 for church use
 - ♦ Could also get inside (\$400 more)
 - ♦ Gabe is talking to the guy at the church to discuss
 - ♦ Good chance to be authorized before Pennsic
 - ♦ Will find out about doing authorizations
 - ♦ Baron is in complete support of doing the event
 - ♦ Needs to be added to budget
 - ♦ Will be put out for commentary to the list
- ♦ For those intending to run for B&B please feel free to talk to current
- Tatiana Need youth marshals for this neck of the woods—about three hours of training and background check needed

Next Meeting: December 2



Arts & Sciences

Winter is upon us and it is now the perfect time to gather together to finish our projects and begin the ones for we want to have for the summer.

Pennsic pre-registration in less than 8 weeks away

I would like to plan a day to get together in February but I'd like to know what your interests are. Scribal, Sewing, Weaving, Brewing, Blockprinting, or something else? Let me know so that I can tailor the day toward our interests!

Also, I love to hear and see what you are working on!

Please feel free to share you projects with me.

Congratulations to Lady Scholastica Joycors for winning the A&S competition at Dun Carriag's birthday for her Spanish Turron!



This Month in History, continued...

656 Battle of Kameel: Kalief Al ibn Abu Talib beats rebellion

1212 Frederick II (later also Holy Roman Emperor) crowned King of Germany in

1315 Swiss Woudsteden renews Eternal Covenant (Oath Society)

1425 Pope Martinus V forms University of Leuven

1570 The Geuzen (a confederacy of Calvinist Dutch nobles) under Herman de

Ruyter occupies Loevestein

December 10

741 Pope Zachary elected

1041 Michael IV, Paphlagonicus,
Byzantium Emperor dies of results of
dropsy. His wife Empress Zoe elevates
her adoptive son to the throne of the
Eastern Roman Empire as Michael V.
1294 Pope Coelestinus V becomes Pope
(until Dec 13th)

1508 League of the kingdom signed (covenant against Venice) 1510 Muslim ruler of Goa, Yusuf Adil Shah and his Ottoman allies surrender to Portuguese forces led by Afonso de Albuquerque who puts the Muslim

population to the sword 1520 Martin Luther publicly burns papal edict demanding he recant

1582 France begins use of Gregorian calendar

December 11

359 Honoratus, first known Prefect of the City of Constantinople, takes office. 384 St Damasus I dies and ends his reign as Catholic Pope. Began reign 366 1282 Llywelyn ab Gruffydd/Llywelyn the Last, last native Prince of Wales is killed at Cilmeri, near Builth Wells, south Wales. Reigned from 1259. 1395 John "Eleanor" Rykener, a male cross-dressing prostitute, is brought to court in London for "committing that detestable unmentionable and ignominious vice" in late medieval England's only recorded case on samesex intercourse (verdict unknown) 1419 Heretic Nicolaas Serrurier exiled

from Florence 1477 Duchess Maria of Burgundy ends the 'Great Privilege' in states of The Netherlands

1572 Spanish troops begin siege of Haarlem

December 12

627 Battle at Nineveh: Byzantine Emperor Heraclius beats Sassanid forces during Byzantine-Sassanid War 1098 1st Crusaders capture & plunder



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Farts of Portingale

For the upcoming Midwinter's event I will be preparing a wonderful Elizabethan feast for your feasting pleasure.

While I was researching recipes I came across Farts of Portingale. I did not care what was in them, or if



Photo by Katla Flókadóttir

they were difficult to reproduce.... They would be a part of my gastronomical offerings.

I have found two types of farts, one sweet and the other savory. I will be recreating the savory version to be served during the second remove.

How to make Farts of Portingale.

TAKE a peece of a leg of Mutton, mince it smal and season it with cloues, mace, and dates minced with currans: then roll it into round rolles, and so into little balles, and so boyle them in a little beefe broth and so serue them foorth.¹



In my research I have read that "fart" may have been a transcription error, but "fart" has been found in several sources, including "A Book of Cookrye: Very Necessary for all such as delight therin, gathered by A. W."²

Customs records show that in the autumn of 1480 Martin Rodkyns imported 4,000 farts from Portugal, and that 'Fertes with other subtilties' were served with hippocras at Archbishop

Warham's enthronement feast in 1504.3

The term "of Portingale" means "in the style of Portugal." The etymology of the term "farts" variously spelled as "fertes" or "fartes" is defined in the Oxford English Dictionary as, "A tiny spherical titbit. A Whet, or Subtelty."⁴

History Highlights

December 5, 771 Charlemagne becomes the sole King of the Franks after the death of his brother Carloman

For more information on Charlemagne:

- ♦ Charlemagne
- ♦ The Life of Charlemagne

December 12, 1408, The Order of the Dragon created Emperor SigismundFor more information on Emperor
Sigismund:



Emperor Sigismund, aged approximately 65 (attributed to Pisanello)

González de Clavijo to the court of Timour, at Samarcand, A.D. 1403–6

December 24, 563 The Hagia Sophia in Constantinople is dedicated for the second time after being destroyed by earthquakes.

For more information on the Hagia Sophia:



Construction of church depicted in codex Manasses Chronicle (14th century)



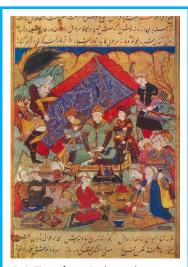
Pope Leo III, crowning Charlemagne from Chroniques de France ou de Saint Denis, vol. 1; France, second quarter of 14th century.

- ◆ The Emperor Sigismund: The Stanhope Essay, 1903
- ♦ Sigismund

December 17, 1398 Tamerlane captures and sacks Delhi

For more information on Tamerlane:

- ◆ <u>Tamerlane or Timur the Great</u> <u>Amir - Ahmed Ibn Arabshah by</u> Ahmed Ibn Arabshah
- ♦ Narrative of the Embassy of Ruy.



Emir Timur feasts in the gardens of Samarkand.

- Hagia Sofia Museum
- ♦ <u>Hagia Sophia: Facts, History &</u> Architecture

This Month in History, continued...

Mara Svria

1408 The Order of the Dragon was first created by Emperor Sigismund, then King of Hungary, and his wife Queen Barbara of Celje following battle for possession of Bosnia.

1474 Isabella crowns herself queen of Castile & Aragon

1479 Jews are expelled from Schlettstadt Alsace by Emperor Frederick III

1524 Pope Clement VII approves Organization of Jewish Community of Rome

December 13

1294 Saint Celestine V abdicates the papacy after only five months; Celestine hoped to return to his previous life as an ascetic hermit.

1545 Council of Trent (19th ecumenical council) opened by Pope Paul III 1570 Sweden & Denmark signs Peace of Stettin

1572 Spanish army beats Geuzen fleet (confederacy of Calvinist Dutch nobles) under admiral Lumey

1577 Sir Francis Drake sets sail from England on a circumnavigation of the world

December 14

557 Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire, is significantly damaged by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake

644 Uthman ibn Affan, companion of Muhammad, appointed 3rd Caliph of Islam

835 Chinese Emperor Wenzong conspires with chancellor Li Xun and General Zheng Zhu to kill all the eunuchs, but the plot is foiled. Also known as the Sweet Dew Incident 867 Adrian II begins his reign as Catholic Pope

872 John VIII elected as Catholic Pope 1124 Theobald Buccapecus elected Pope Coelestinus II (he refuses) 1287 During St. Lucia's Flood in Northwest Netherlands the Zuiderzee seawall collapses with loss of over 50.000 lives.

1542 Princess Mary Stuart succeeds her father James V and becomes Queen Mary I of Scotland at 6 days old 1575 Polish Parliament selects Istvan Bathory as king of Poland 1582 Zealand, Brabant Netherlands adopt Gregorian calendar, tomorrow is 12/25

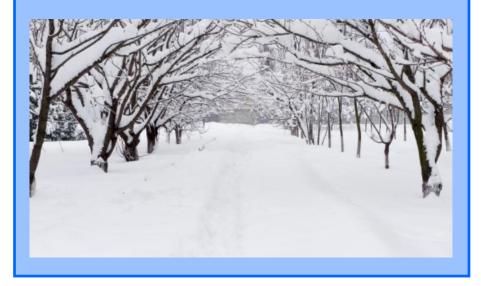


Blow, blow, thou winter wind

By William Shakespeare

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude;
Thy tooth is not so keen,
Because thou art not seen,
Although thy breath be rude.
Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly:
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly:
Then, heigh-ho, the holly!
This life is most jolly.

Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,
That dost not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot:
Though thou the waters warp,
Thy sting is not so sharp
As friend remembered not.
Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly:
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly:
Then, heigh-ho, the holly!
This life is most jolly.





Bards of Olde Presented by Duchess Simone de Barjavel



*William Shakespeare*bapt. 26 April 1564—23 April 1616

Enjoy this video: Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind music by John Rutter, words by William Shakespeare sung by CLOSER (Beverley Worboys, Sara Parry, Michael Robinson, Trevor Conner):

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=3is-UbB-QYo&feature=emb rel err

For further reading:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/
William Shakespeare

https://www.poetryfoundation.org/ poems/50652/song-blow-blow-thouwinter-wind

Images from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ William Shakespeare#/media/ File:Shakespeare.jpg

This Month in History, continued...

December 15

533 Byzantine general Belisarius defeats the Vandals, under King Gelimer, at Battle of Ticameron

687 St Sergius I begins his reign as Catholic Pope succeeding Conon

1124 Chancellor Haimeric selects pope (Lamberto becomes Honorius II)

1167 Sicilian chancellor Stephen duPerche moves royal court to Messina to prevent rebellion.

1256 Hulagu Khan captures & destroys Hashshashin stronghold at Alamut, in presentday Iran, part of Mongol offensive on Islamic southwest Asia

1467 Stephen III of Moldavia defeats Matthias Corvinus of Hungary, with the latter being injured thrice, at the Battle of Baia

1488 Bartolomeu Dias returns to Portugal after becoming 1st known European to sail round the Cape of Good Hope

1569 Westmoreland flees to Scotland 1582 Leidse University names Rembert Dodoens

professor of botany and medicine

1582 Spanish Netherlands, Denmark and Norway adopt Gregorian calendar

1586 Laevinus Torrentius, becomes bishop of Antwerp

1593 State of Holland grants patent on windmill with a crankshaft

December 16

755 An Lushan revolts against Chancellor Yang Guozhong at Fanyang, initiating the An Shi Rebellion during Chinese Tang Dynasty

882 Marinus I begins his reign as Catholic Pope succeeding John VIII

1392 Nanboku-chō - Emperor Go-Kameyama abdicates in favor of rival claimant Go-Komatsu. 1431 King Henry VI of England crowned king of France

1497 Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama is 1st European to sail along Africa's East Coast, names it Natal

1538 King Francois I orders renewed pursuit of Protestants

1575 The 1575 Valdivia earthquake takes place. 1577 Danzig surrenders to troops of Polish king Istvan Bathory

1598 Seven Year War: Battle of Noryang Point - in the final battle of the war Korean navy decisively defeats the Japanese

December 17

283 St Gaius begins his reign as Catholic Pope 546 Gothic War (535-554): The Ostrogoths of King Totila conquer Rome by bribing the Byzantine garrison.

920 Romanos I is crowned as co-emperor of the underage Emperor Constantine VII.

942 Assassination of William I Longsword, 2nd Duke of Normandy.

1398 Timur (Tamerlane) captures & sacks Delhi, defeating Sultan Nasir-u Din Mehmud's armies by setting camels loaded with hay alight & charging them at Sultans armored elephants 1526 Ferdinand of Austria chosen as King of Bohemia

1526 Pope Clemens VII publishes degree Cum ad zero - forms Inquisition

1531 Pope Clement VII establishes a parallel

body to the Inquisition in Lisbon, Portugal 1538 Pope Paul II excommunicates King Henry VIII of England

1572 Spanish army begins fires in Haarlem Netherlands

1586 Go-Yōzei becomes 107th Emperor of Japan 1587 The Earl of Leicester's army leaves Netherlands

December 18

1118 Alfonso van Aragon occupies Saragossa on Almoraviden

1271 Kublai Khan renames his empire "Yuan" marking the start of the Yuan Dynasty of China 1352 Etienne Aubert elected as Pope Innocentius VI

1385 Peace of Tournai (Dutch - Doornik) signed between the Burgundian Duke Philip II and the rebellious city of Ghent

1406 Anton of Burgundy becomes Duke of Brabant

December 19

324 Licinius abdicates his position as Roman Emperor.

401 St Anastasius I ends reign as Catholic Pope 1055 Seldjuken under Toghril Beg occupy Baghdad

1154 King Henry II of England crowned 1551 Dutch west coast hit by hurricane

1562 Battle at Dreux: Anne de Montmorency & Huguenots under Condé captured

December 20

69 General Vespasian's troops occupy Rome after defeating the Emperor Vitellius

1046 Pope Gregory VI abdicates at the Council of Sutri, ending a conflict between himself, Benedict IX and Sylvester III; Clement II becomes the new Pope

1192 Richard the Lionhearted captured in Vienna

1448 Pope Nicholas V appoints Rudolf of Diepholt, Bishop of Utrecht, as cardinal 1522 Suleiman the Magnificent accepts surrender of the surviving Knights of Rhodes, who are allowed to evacuate. They eventually settle in Malta and become known as the Knights of Malta.

1585 English fleet & Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, reach Vlissingen

December 21

1163 Hurricane hits villages in Holland/Friesland, causing floods

1561 Antoine Perrenot de Granvelle, Archbishop of Mechelen, made Cardinal

1582 Flanders adopts Gregorian calendar, tomorrow is Jan 1 1583

1598 Battle of Curalaba: the Mapuche people led by Pelentaru revolt and inflict a major defeat on Spanish troops in southern Chile

December 22

401 St. Innocent I begins his reign as Catholic Pope

1135 Norman nobles recognize Stefanus van Blois as English king

1216 Pope Honorius III delegates degree "Religiosam vitam eligentibus"

1465 Peace of St Truiden: Louis van Bourbon becomes bishop of Liège

1536 English scholar Reginald Pole appointed cardinal

1596 Ferryboat Meuniers crashes in Paris, 150 die

December 23

619 Boniface V begins his reign as Catholic Pope 962 Byzantine-Arab Wars: Under the future Emperor Nicephorus Phocas, Byzantine troops stormed city of Aleppo, recovering the tattered tunic of John the Baptist

1482 The Peace of Atrecht (now Arras) concluded between Louis XI of France and Maximilian of Austria, ending the War of the Burgundian Succession

1493 Georg Alt's German translation of Hartmann Schedel's Nuremberg Chronicle is published.

1588 "The Day of the Dagger" Henry, Duke of Guise, leader of the Catholic League is assassinated by the bodyguards of King Henry III at the Château de Blois

December 24

563 The Byzantine church Hagia Sophia in Constantinople is dedicated for the second time after being destroyed by earthquakes. 640 John IV begins his reign as Catholic Pope 1046 Pope Clement II, [Suitger] elected 1294 Cardinal Benedetto Gaetani chosen as Pope Boniface VIII

1476 400 Burgundian soldiers freeze to death during siege of Nancy

1515 Thomas Wolsey appointed Lord Chancellor of England

1565 Compromise of the Nobles in Habsburg Netherlands closes against inquisition 1568 Uprising of Moriscos in Granada 1593 Storm hits Texel: 40 ships hit, 500 killed

December 25

1 1st Christmas, according to calendar-maker Dionysus Exiguus

274 Roman Emperor Aurelian dedicates a temple to Sol Invictus on the supposed day of the winter solstice and day of rebirth of the Sun. 337 Earliest possible date that Christmas was celebrated on Dec 25th

352 1st definite date Christmas was celebrated on Dec 25th

390 Roman emperor Theodosius admits debt on mass murder in Thessalonica

496 King Clovis I is baptized a Roman Catholic in - first Germanic king to do so, according to Henry of Tours (year disputed)

597 England adopts Julian calendar

604 Battle at Etampes (Stampae): Burgundy beat Neustriers

800 Pope Leo III crowns Charles the Great (Charlemagne), Roman Emperor

967 John XIII crowned Otto II the Red German compassionate emperor

969 Johannes I Tzimisces crowned emperor of Byzantium

979 Rotardus appointed as bishop of the kingdom

999 Heribertus becomes bishop of Cologne 1000 Monarch Istvan crowned king of Hungary 1046 Pope Clemens VI crowns Henry III as Holy Roman Emperor

1048 Parliament of Worms: Emperor Henry III names his cousin Count Bruno van Egisheim-Dagsburg as Pope Leo IX

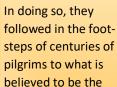
1066 William the Conqueror is crowned King of

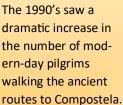
Walking the Road to Santiago de Compostela



This past October, Mistress Arianna Morgan (Chris Stuermer) and Mästarinna Ragnveig Snorradottir (Amanda Weimer) walked 129 kilometers in 5 days along the Camino Inglés to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

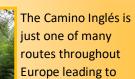
other such calamities in the mid to late 14th century the number of pilgrims significantly declined. However, pilgrims still continued coming to Santiago in subsequent centuries to the present day.







final resting place of St. James the Greater (one of the original 12 Apostles).



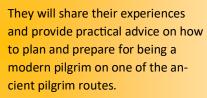
Santiago. During the 9th through early 14th century, Santiago de Compostela was one of the most popular pilgrim destinations in Europe.

Due to plague, famine, wars, and

Mistress Arianna and Mästarinna Ragnveig will be

teaching a class "Be a Pilgrim, Not a Marytr" at Winter University hosted by the Barony of Dun

Carraig.





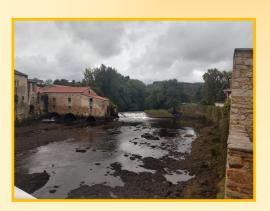












Around the Kingdom



Stierbach Baronial Birthday, Photo by Ian of Stierbach



War of the Wings, Photo by Ursus



Fall Crown Tourney, Photo by Ursus



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Dun Carraig Baronial Birthday, Photo by Baroness Cassair Warwick



This Month in History, continued...

England at Westminster Abbey, completing the Norman conquest of England

1100 Boudouin I of Boulogne crowned King of Jerusalem

1101 Henry I of Limburg becomes Duke of Lower Lorraine

1121 Norbertus van Xanten finds order

of the Norbertijnen
1130 Anti-pope Anacletus II crowns

Roger II the Norman king of Sicily 1223 St Francis of Assisi assembles 1st Nativity scene (Greccio, Italy)

1261 John IV Lascaris of the restored Eastern Roman Empire is deposed and blinded by orders of his co-ruler Michael VIII Palaeologus.

1492 Christopher Columbus' flagship the Santa María runs aground and sinks on the north coast of Hispaniola. The crew are left to found a colony as Columbus returns to Spain 1522 Turkish troops occupy Rhodos 1553 Battle of Tucapel: Mapuche rebels

under Lautaro defeats the Spanish conquistadors and executes the governor of Chile Pedro de Valdivia. 1582 Zealand and Brabant adopts Gregorian calendar, yesterday was Dec 14th

1599 The city of Natal, Brazil, is founded.

December 26

268 Saint Dionysius, Roman Pope (259-260), dies

795 Leo III is elected to serve as Pope on the day his predecessor was buried and is consecrated the following day 1198 French bishop Odo van Sully condemns Zottenfeest

1481 Battle at Westbroek: Dutch army beats Utrecht

1492 1st Spanish settlement La Navidad (modern Môle-Saint-Nicolas) in the New World is founded by Christopher Columbus

1568 Uprising of Morisco's against suppression in Granada

December 27

418 [Etalius] begins his reign as Catholic

537 The Hagia Sophia is inaugurated by the Emperor Justinian

795 Leo III begins his reign as Pope after his election the previous day

1437 Albrecht II von Habsburg becomes king of Bohemia

1512 Spanish Crown issues the Laws of Burgos, governing the conduct of settlers with regards to native Indians in

This Month in History, continued...

the New World 1521 The "Zwickau Prophets" appear in Wittenberg

December 28

418 St Boniface I begins his reign as Catholic Pope

801 Louis the Vrome occupies Barcelona

1065 Westminster Abbey in London consecrated

1308 The reign of Emperor Hanazono, Emperor of Japan, begins

December 29

1503 Battle of Garigliano 1539 St Jacob's Church burns after being hit by lightning

1541 Isabella of Poland & King Ferdinand of Austria sign Treaty of Gyalu

1558 Charles V, King of Spain and Holy Roman Emperor, buried in El Escorial, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain

December 30

987 French King Hugo Capet crowns his son Robert the compassionate king 1317 Pontifical degree "Sancta Romania" against spiritualists 1460 Wars of the Roses: Battle of Wakefield (Northern England), Duke of York killed and his forces soundly defeated by forces for King Henry VI December 31

192 Roman Emperor Commodus survives poisoning attempt by his mistress only to be strangled in the bath in assassination plot 406 80,000 Vandals, Alans and Suebians cross the Rhine at Mainz, beginning invasion of Gallia

535 Byzantine General Belisarius completes conquest of Sicily, defeating Ostrogothic garrison of Syracuse, and ending his consulship for the year 765 Coffin of Ho-tse Shen-hui interred in a stupa built in China

870 Skirmish at Englefield: Ethelred of Wessex beats Danish invasion army 1229 James I of Aragon the Conqueror enters Medina Mayurqa consummating Christian conquest of the island of

1492 100,000 Jews expelled from Sicily 1502 Cesare Borgia (son of Pope Alexander VI) occupies Urbino 1564 Willem van Orange demands freedom of conscience/religion 1600 British East India Company chartered



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