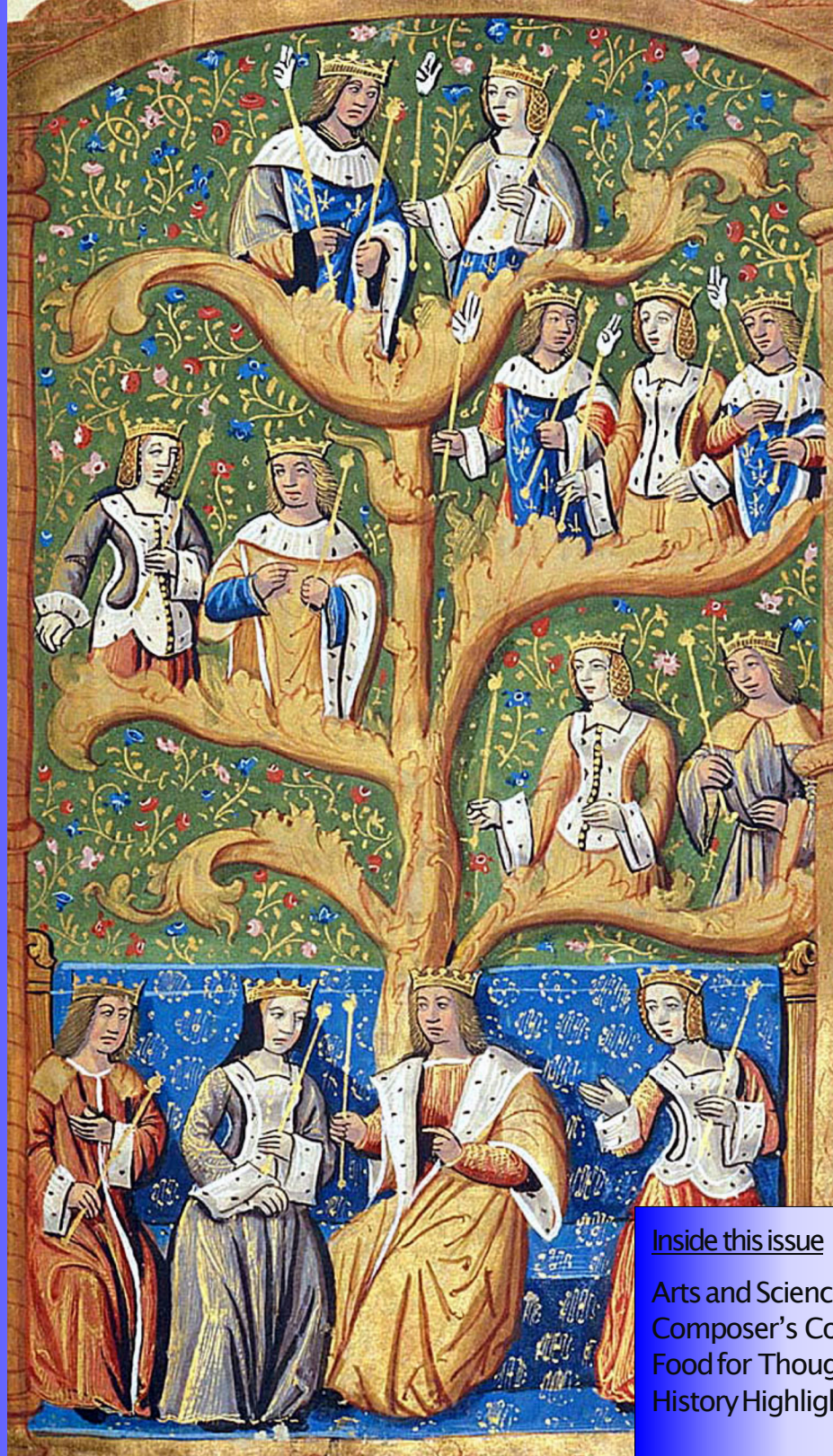


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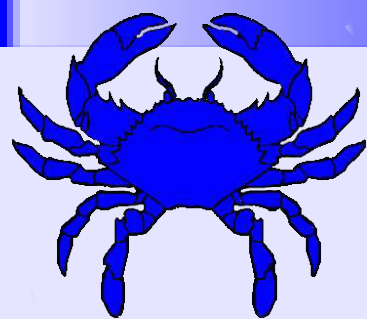


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Attention Lochmere Officers

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!

Front Cover

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Their Excellencies

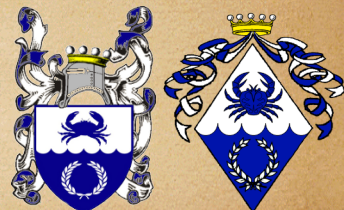
Greeting unto the populous of Lochmere,

We are honored by your support and trust in us to serve as your incoming baronage. We envisioned our SCA world to look very different when we first decided to apply for this role, but we still hope to bring some of the same ideas and energy, just in a different way. While we are sad we have not seen our friends and SCA family in person during these dark and plague ridden times, we have enjoyed our weekly happy hours to see the faces of Lochmere. We have been impressed with the digital courts and the ingenuity of Scadians as a whole, to come together with creative ways to enjoy the SCA while we are apart.

We want to shout out to the archery folks and their hilarious cardboard thrown weapons and archery inventions. And we are impressed how our new MoAS is hitting the ground running and bringing us an art competition already! We hope we can be as worthy of this job as Sarra and Cormac, they have truly done a stellar job. And I (Letia) personally felt more welcomed moving into this barony a few years ago because of their presence.

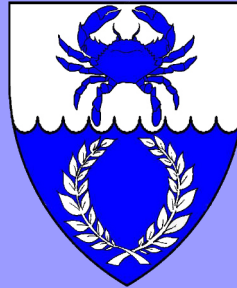
We look forward to our upcoming investiture, and serving as your baronage, but even more and most importantly we look forward to hearing that everyone has been keeping themselves safe and well, so we can see you when we can gather in person again.

Yours in Service
Magistra Letia Thistelthueyt and
THL Linhart Von Marburg





Help Wanted



Wanted: Youth Minister – Do you like children? Do you like playing games and sharing the fun that the SCA offers to little tikes? Then this is the job for you! If you are interested in learning more about the position please contact the current Minister of Youth, Baroness Tatiana Ivanovna of Birchwood Keep at CRBosworth@aol.com. If you want to put your name in the hat for the position please contact our Seneschal, Sir Aelfred of

Cres
seneschal@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org
Wanted: Seneschal – Are you organized? Do you like running meetings? Most of all are you good with people? Then the position of Seneschal, or the Deputy, is what is missing from your life. If you are interested in either position please contact the current Seneschal, Sir Aelfred of Cres at seneschal@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org.



Today 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
1557 1st Covenant of Scottish protestants form
1586 Sir Thomas Herriot introduces potatoes to England from Colombia
December 4
1110 Syrian harbor city Said (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 Eleazar ben Judah
1259 Treaty of Paris: English King Henry III and French King Louis IX end 100 years of conflict between the Capetian and Plantagenet dynasties
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 the sole King of the Franks after the death of his brother Carloman
1082 Ramon Berenguer II, Count of Barcelona is assassinated
1301 Pope Boniface VIII's degree Auscultate 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)



Lady Marta's Arts and Sciences

The Barony of Lochmere calls to the Artisans of Atlantia!
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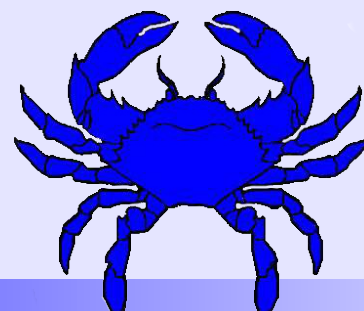
Historia Plantarum, Giovannino and Salomone de' Grassi, c. 1395-1400

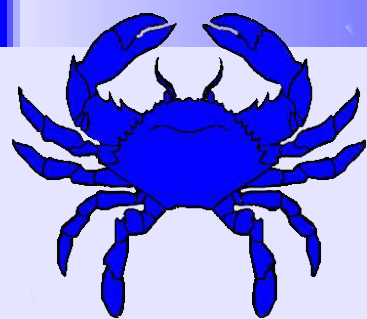
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Please see page six for more details...





1496 Jews are expelled from Portugal by order of King Manuel I
1590 Niccolo Sfondrati chosen as Pope Gregory XIV

December 6
963 Leo VIII elected Pope
1060 Béla I of Hungary is crowned king of Hungary
1160 Jean Bodels "Jeu de St Nicholas" premieres in Arras
1196 Northern Dutch coast flooded, "Saint-Nicolas Flood"
1240 Mongols under Batu Khan occupy 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 "I cannot, because all that I have written seems like straw to me"
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, Rinzaï 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 old capital to its empire
656 Battle of Kameel: Kalief Al ibn Abu Talib beats rebellion
1212 Frederick II (later also Holy Roman Emperor) crowned King of Germany in Mainz
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 Celestinus 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

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

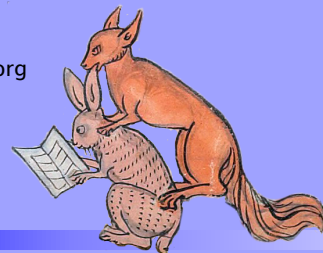
10:00 am till?
Meeting and potluck follows
2361 Rutland Rd,
Davidsonville, MD 21035

Lochmere Vocal and Music Group

Please contact Sir Aelfred of Cres
ttoich@verizon.net

Arts and Sciences

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New Member Information

If you are new to the Barony of Lochmere, there websites may be of help:

Barony of Lochmere Homepage:

<http://www.lochmere.atlantia.sca.org>

Barony of Lochmere Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/LochmereSCA>

Kingdom of Atlantia Homepage:

<http://www.atlantia.sca.org>

Kingdom of Atlantia Event Page:

<http://www.atlantia.sca.org/events/atlantia-calender-events>

Kingdom of Atlantia Online Event Page:

<https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/calender.php>

The Acorn, Atlantia's Official Newsletter:

<http://www.acorn.atlantia.sca.org>

Official SCA Homepage:

<http://www.sca.org>

You can also contact the Barony of Lochmere's Chatelain at:

chatelain@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org

Lochmere Calendar of Events

Canceled until further notice

Atlantian Virtual Calendar

Even though we are not having in person events you can find many classes and get together at the Virtual Calendar of Events:

<https://virtual.atlantia.sca.org/calendar.php>

Populace Meeting Minutes

Baron and Baroness

- ◆ Nothing to Report

Seneschal

- ◆ Brought up two offices to vote on...
- ◆ We have two volunteers for the deputy seneschal position, Lord Edgar Reffskegg and Master Giacomo Vincenti but we still need someone to replace Seneschal position

Exchequer

- ◆ Reporting period 1-31 October 2020
- ◆ Ledger Balance is \$11,910.94
- ◆ Deposits include \$300 return of security deposit from Elk's Camp Barrett and \$23.32 for an uncashed check for a refund from Battle on the Bay in 2019

Arts and Sciences

- ◆ Voted on new A&S Minister, Lady Marta De Lyon, unanimously passed

Herald

- ◆ 3rd quarter report submitted

Knight Marshal

- ◆ Voted on new Knights Marshal, Baron Alric, unanimously passed

Archery and Thrown Weapons Marshal

- ◆ Over for the season
- ◆ All loaner gear has been returned
- ◆ Will be getting equipment ready for next season

Web Minister

- ◆ Nothing to report

Youth Minister

- ◆ Nothing to report
- ◆ Still need a replacement

Night on the Town: Night Under the Faie Moon

- ◆ Nothing to report

On Target

- ◆ Nothing to report

Battle on the Bay

- ◆ Nothing to report

New Business

Virtual Royal Court: Navarre Court at the Royal Palace of Olite

- ◆ Hall has been paid for and COVID plan submitted

Next meeting December 7th, it will be virtual, details to follow

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 same-sex 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 Mara Syria
1408 Order of the Dragon: The Order of the Dragon was first created on December 12, 1408 by Emperor Sigismund, then King of Hungary, and his wife Queen Barbara of Celje following the 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 and Denmark signs Peace of Stettin

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

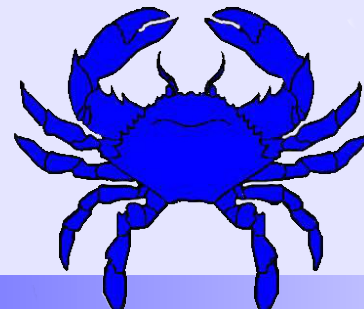
1577 Sir Francis Drake sets sail from England on a circumnavigation of the world

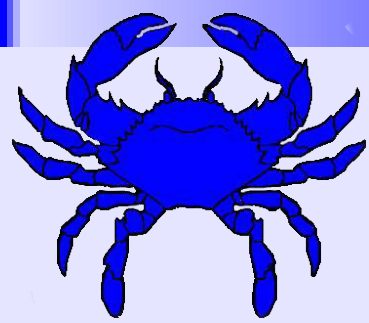
December 14

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 Buccapetus 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. Fifth largest recorded flood in history
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
1600 Olivier van Noort sinks Spanish galleon San Diego at Bay of Manila, 350 die
December 15
533 Byzantine General Belisarius defeats the Vandals, under King Gelimer, at the 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 du Perche moves the royal court to Messina to prevent a rebellion.
1256 Hulagu Khan captures and destroys Hashshashin stronghold at Alamut, in present-day Iran, part of the 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 the 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



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The Competition!

You may enter one project: new, past, or in progress. Any Art and/or Science is welcome and encouraged. It may or may not include crabs (see Magistra Letia's Challenge in the scoring section).

Scoring: Judges will be following the [A&S Judging Rubric](#), with up to an additional possible 10 points for Magistra Letia's Lochmere Pride Challenge.

Magistra Letia offers a special Lochmeri Pride Challenge! The Crabby Scavenger Hunt

As we all travel through the journey of your A&S and the documentation you offer with it, Magistra Letia wishes to see Lochmere Pride! Bring forth the CRABS!!

Sneak one crab into either your project, or your documentation (5 points)

Make Magistra Letia giggle (5 points)

Virtual Competition Timeline

November 12, 2020 – Competition start!

December 05, 2020 @ 11PM – Competition submissions close

December 06 – 10, 2020 – Judging Period

December 12, 2020 @ 2PM – Announcements and Celebrations, at Navarre Court at the Royal Palace of Olite

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjj2hWB_860&feature=youtu.be

Rules & Documentation: You may enter one project: new, past, or in progress. Any Art and/or Science is welcome and encouraged. Documentation is optional, but encouraged. Minimally please use the "Easy Documentation" template, but more will be celebrated.

(Pssst – Documentation is a great way to sneak in some Lochmeri Pride)

Virtual Submissions: Submit your entries via this form when you are ready, but no later than December 05, 2020. Please include a link to a digital album of your art, videos are also welcome. You must make sure your submissions are publicly accessible (all public virtual submissions are welcome).

Please see the web announcement on the Barony's website for more details

<http://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/>

http://lochmere.atlantia.sca.org/annual_events/lochmere-investiture-as-competition-plague-edition/

For any questions or concerns, please contact Marta de Lyon (martadelyon@gmail.com)

Composer's CORNER

By Mistress
Arianna Morgan, OP



Pérotin



A bell player, illustrating Cantiga 400 of the Cantigas de Santa Maria

During the construction of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in 12th Century Paris, a school of composers associated with the cathedral were in the process of developing a new form of music intended to elevate the performance of the liturgy. One such composer was Pérotin. Very little is known about Pérotin's life. In fact, all that is known is his name, the titles of some of his works, and his achievements as described in two treatises: one by an eminent philosopher and music theorist, John of Garland, an Englishman who taught at the University of Paris in the second quarter of the 13th century; and also an anonymous English student who took copious notes in the 1270's in Paris.

Pérotin's achievements along with his predecessor's (Leonin), were extremely important in that they contributed significantly to the development of medieval polyphony. One of his greatest achievements was to edit Leonin's *Magnus liber organi* (The Great Book of Organa). *Organum* was the earliest type of polyphony which developed between the 9th and mid-thirteenth century. It contained a pre-existing liturgical plainsong (chant) tenor line with more contrapuntal parts added. The anonymous student says that "Pérotin added many sections or *clausulae*, in discant style, where both voices were regulated by rhythmic patterns in strict meter. " Discant was a note-against-note style in early composition as opposed to the "melismatic" style of writing where the added voice sang several notes to a single note of the plainsong tenor part. The student goes on to tell us that Pérotin was the

greatest master of discant style writing. There are over 500 extant discant clausulae, some short ones probably written by others, but the bulk of them were probably Pérotin's own work.

Pérotin's clausulae were sung at services, within the organa, but also enjoyed as instrumental and vocal chamber music as poets soon discovered that this metric music dovetailed very nicely with poetic texts. They invented poems to go with the upper part, while leaving the cantus firmus (pre-existing plainchant melody) to be played by an instrument. The text (mot in French) gave the name motet to the new songlike species that was based on Pérotin's discant clausulae, but soon became independent of them. In fact, the motet became the principle type of 13th century music. At first, the texts were Latin, and connected to the "Saint's feast day" to which the clausulae belonged. But in the early part of the 13th century, French text was added, sometimes over the Latin cantus firmus.

While his name is not associated with the Motet, Pérotin's compositions added new elements of style and scoring. He used all the rhythmic modes to add rhythmic interest to both voices in 2-part writing and added more voices to compose 3 and 4-part pieces. Pérotin's 3 and 4-part pieces were "ground-breaking" in that up until this point, religious music of the 12th century was almost entirely in the form of 2-part organum. In his notes, the anonymous English student says that "Pérotin was the first to compose organa in three voice parts, some 30 of which have been preserved. He also wrote two long four-part organa (ca. 1198 – 1200) that became famous throughout Europe: *Viderunt omnes* (for Christmas) and *Sederunt* for the Mass of St. Stephen's Day (the day after Christmas). The links for video/recordings of these two pieces are included below. These major works include many technical innovations including imitation, use of melodic and rhythmic motives and their variations for unifying larger work, phrase repetitions for structure, and rhythmic patterning of a Gregorian chant to serve as the basis of his clausulae. He also advanced to 3 and 4-part writing in his conductus (Conductus was a style of writing which were strophic, Latin songs, whose texts were sung simultaneously in all voices, but could also be sung by a single person, with instruments playing the lower part.) Unlike the Organa, the conductus lacked a cantus firmus.

Pérotin may well have been the greatest composer of his time. His music was carried from Notre Dame to all western countries,

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 Tamerlane captures and sacks Delhi, defeating Sultan Nasir-ud Din Mehmud's armies by setting camels loaded with hay alight and charging them at the Sultans armored elephants

1526 Ferdinand of Austria chosen as King of Bohemia

1526 Pope Clemens VII publishes decree 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" (元 yuán), 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

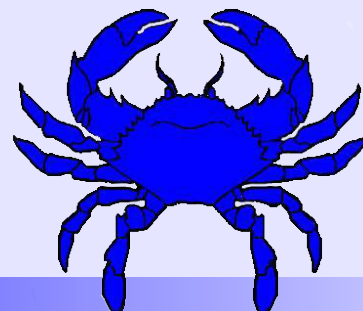
324 Licinius abdicates his position as Roman Emperor.

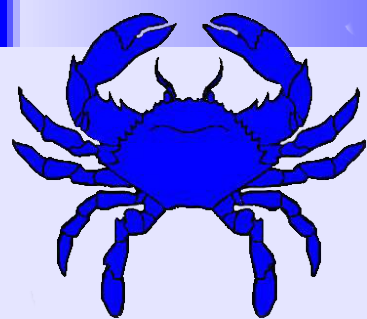
401 St Anastasius I ends his reign as Catholic Pope

1055 Seldjuken under Toghril Beg occupy Baghdad

1154 King Henry II of England crowned King of England

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
 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 storm the 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

Food For Thought

I terribly miss feasting! I miss the planning, the testing of recipes, and most of all the preparing of a feast for our great populace. Nothing can fill that void, however from November 2-6, 2020 I took a cooking class called A Taste of the Past. The class was a collaboration with Eat Medieval and Blackfriars Restaurant in Newcastle and Durham University's Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies (IMEMS), both in Northern England. I got to try out some awesome recipes that they offered along with the history behind those recipes and other related subjects.

Each day had its own theme:

Day One: Lamb, conserved ginger, and hypocras

Day Two: Sausages, pork, and beef

Day Three: Sauces for fish and duck

Day Four: Chicken

Day Five: Lastly going over how to put the recipes into the context of feasting and medieval etiquette

It was a fun class of collecting unusual herbs and spices, adding to my already enormous selection. I also added some more herbs to growing in the garden this spring.



My lamb dish:
 4 Lamb Chops (or other cuts as preferred) at room temperature, fat scored
 1 small handful each of: creeping thyme, coriander, parsley, costmary, sage and savory (as available or as many of them as you can get) plus a

few sprigs of southernwood and hyssop if you can get them, all picked, de-stemmed and chopped - I used dried southernwood and hyssop, 1 tsp. each

2 bay leaves, pounded in a pestle and mortar

1 tbsp Dijon mustard

1/3 cup capers, drained and chopped

1/2 cup olive oil

1/4 cup of balsamic vinegar

2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped

Freshly-ground black pepper and

Maldon/sea salt as required

Method: Add herbs to a blending jug along with the garlic and a pinch of Maldon sea salt then blend.

Stir in the mustard and capers, and blend.

Mix in the olive oil then add balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper to taste and blend. Add in whole bay leaves, removing when sauce is served.

For my beef dish I roasted a chuck roast to medium rare, seasoned with salt and pepper and basted with thyme butter and the following two meat sauces:

Sauce one for beef:

1 clove garlic

1/2 tsp grains of paradise

1/2 tsp cubebs

2 handfuls of savory (I used dried, 1 tsp. total)



1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
 1 tsp honey

Method: Put the garlic, grains of paradise, cubebs, half the savory, and salt into a pestle and mortar and pound to a paste. Reduce the balsamic vinegar into a pan, flavor with the rest of

the savory then pour into your mortar, pound some more then add honey (to taste) followed by any resting juices from the meat.

I found this sauce tasty but a bit too peppery and will reduce the two peppers in half next time.

Sauce two for beef:

1/2 cup raisins steeped in boiling water for 10-15 minutes

2 cloves garlic, smashed and peeled

Sea salt

4 cones of long pepper, pound in pestle and mortar



Method: Either sieve the raisins (retain the steeping juice) or remove with a slotted spoon. Place into a bowl or jug along with salt, garlic and, long pepper and liquidise with a hand blender add steeping liquid until it reaches

the consistency you like.

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where it was sung and imitated well into the 14th century.



Conductus "Beata Viscera", Circa 1200, Wolfenbüttel Digital Library (Predates Copyright Law), listening example below.



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Listening Examples:

<https://youtu.be/50sqG0DumRY> Beata Viscera

<https://youtu.be/f9360B1AoPE> Viderunt Omnes (Four Part Organa for Christmas)

<https://youtu.be/EMyWnCF2Anc> Sederunt (For the Mass of St. Stephen's Day)

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I really enjoyed this sauce! The next day I sliced the roast beef really think and made a wrap using the raisin sauce - IT WAS DELICIOUS!



My fish dish:
The dish called for "tiny" fish, having none on hand I used what I did have, cod.
6 cloves garlic, peeled
Olive oil
¼ cup verjus
1 tsp long pepper,

ground to a powder
1 handful fresh cilantro, roughly chopped plus more to garnish
Optional breadcrumbs
Maldon sea salt

Gently fry 4 cloves of garlic in olive oil until caramelized and remove the garlic leaving the garlic oil. Put about ¼ cup of water in a blender along with the remaining two cloves of garlic. Add verjus and pepper, and blend to a smooth consistency. Add cilantro, honey, and Maldon sea salt and blend once again. Add breadcrumbs at this stage if you want a thicker consistency. Season your fish with more salt and fry in the garlic oil until cooked through.

This was very tasty! I bit on the garlicky side with the raw garlic, so don't kiss anyone any time soon!

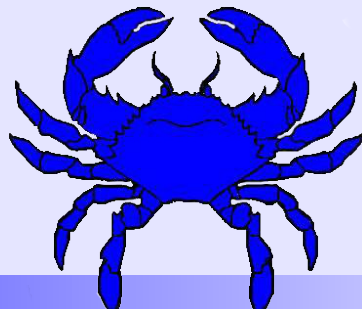


My chicken:
1 whole chicken
2 carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
1 onion, peeled and roughly chopped
1 small bunch of sage, destemmed
2 cloves garlic, smashed, peeled and roughly chopped

2 tsp cubebs (I used 1 tsp.)
4 long pepper cones (I used 2)
Maldon sea salt
Small handful of flat leafed parsley, chopped
1 tsp long pepper, ground
50g fresh breadcrumbs
I added celery and a turnip to the chicken as well because I had it

Method: Preheat the oven to 350F. Place the chicken in a heavy bottomed casserole pan. Place the sage stems into the cavity of the chicken then scatter around the carrots, onion, sage, and garlic. Pour over 2 cups of water – enough to come halfway up the chicken. Pound the cubebs and long pepper in a pestle and mortar then scatter over the chicken. Season chicken skin with salt, cover with foil then place in oven and cook till tender. I used my thermometer in the oven that tells me when it is cooked fully. Remove chicken from the pan and sieve your cooking liquid into a frying pan, discarding the vegetables and herbs. Bring to a simmer and stir in breadcrumbs to make a thick bread sauce and finish with flat leafed parsley and pepper.

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
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 Neustriens
800 Pope Leo III crowns Charles the Great (Charlemagne), Roman Emperor
875 Charles the Bald crowned emperor of Rome
967 John XIII crowned Otto II the Red German compassionate emperor
969 Johannes I Tzimiskes crowned emperor of Byzantium
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 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
1194 Holy Roman Emperor Henry VI crowned King of Sicily in Palermo Cathedral



History Highlights



Left:
[Ratification of the Treaty of Paris by Henry III, 13 October 1259. Archives Nationales \(France\).](#)

Empire to its ancient boundaries in the Middle East. The Sasanian civil war significantly weakened the Sasanian Empire, contributing to the Islamic conquest of Persia.



Above: [Part of a Naval Battle Scroll from the Imjin War.](#)

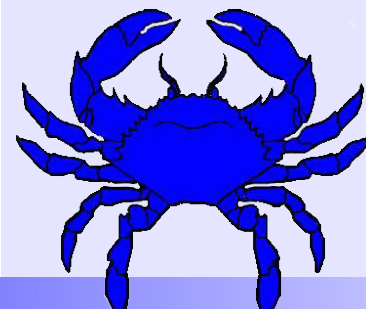
December 15, 1598 the Battle of Noryang, the last major battle of the Japanese invasions of Korea (1592–1598), was fought between the Japanese navy and the combined fleets of the Joseon Kingdom and the Ming dynasty.



To the left:
[Baptism of Clovis, ivory book cover from c. 870](#)

December 25, 508 Clovis was baptized. The adoption by Clovis of Catholicism led to widespread conversion among the Frankish peoples.

- 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 Maria 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 Rhodes
- 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 Zottenfest
- 1481 Battle at Westbroek: Dutch army beats Utrecht
- 1492 1st Spanish settlement La Navidad in the New World is founded by Christopher Columbus (modern Môle-Saint-Nicolas in Haiti)
- 1568 Uprising of Morisco's against suppression in Granada
- December 27**
- 418 [Etlaius] begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 537 Hagia Sophia inaugurated by the Emperor Justinian I as an Eastern Orthodox cathedral
- 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 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**
- 1170 English Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket assassinated before the high altar of Canterbury Cathedral by four knights



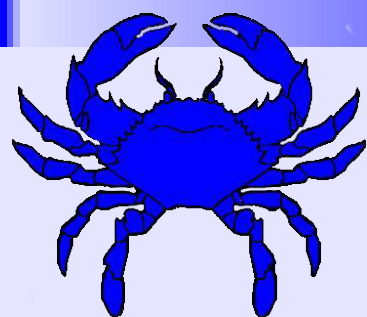
December 4, 1249 the Treaty of Paris (also known as the Treaty of Albeville) was signed. It was a treaty between Louis IX of France and Henry III of England, ending 100 years of conflicts between the Capetian and Plantagenet dynasties.



To the left:
[Medieval French painting depicting the Battle of Nineveh, by Robinet Testard, 1480s](#)

December 12, 627 the Battle of Nineveh occurred. It was the climactic battle of the Byzantine-Sassanid War of 602–628.

The Byzantine victory later resulted in civil war in Persia, and for a period of time restored the (Eastern) Roman



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1503 Battle of Garigiano: Spanish army under General Cordoba defeats French forces
1539 St Jacob's Church burns after being hit by lightning
1541 Isabella of Poland and 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 decree "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 the 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 (Palma) consummating Christian conquest of the island of Majorca
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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