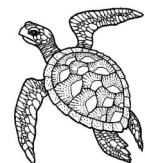
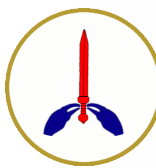
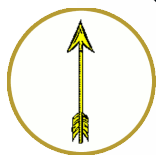




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# Their Excellencies...

To the mighty Populace of Lochmere!

Sarra and I are looking at a busy next couple of months with our progress and are excited to hopefully see you all! It brings us joy to see all of you out enjoying what you do. It's your passion that makes our Barony strong.

We are so happy that Lochmeri are continually being recognized for their efforts - we encourage all of you to look around to see if an award recommendation can be made for someone you deem worthy. Sarra and I are always on the lookout for recommendations too!

The daylight hours are getting longer. In a short while archery and thrown weapons practice will begin. It's an exciting time!

HAVE FUN!

Yours in service,  
Cormace and Sarra  
Baron & Baroness, Lochmere

## Lochmere Baronial Progress

### Winter University

**Feb. 1, 2020**

Barony of Dun Carraig,  
St Mary's College of Maryland

### Bright Hills 26th Baronial

### Anniversary

**Feb. 8, 2020**

Manchester, MD

### AEadult Swim (Baron only)

**Kingdom of Aethelmearc**

**Feb. 15-16, 2020**

Manchester, MD

If you are interested in retaining for Their Excellencies, please contact Duchess Simone at [stoich@gmail.com](mailto:stoich@gmail.com).

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

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

*Amaze your friends and see it in print!*

**Barony of Lochmere**

Chronicler: [chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org)



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

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

You can also contact the Barony Chatelain: [chatelain@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:chatelain@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org)

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*Next Populace Meeting will be held February 3, 2020, 7:15 pm  
at the Odenton Public Library, 1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton*

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## Lochmere Calendar of Events

Monday February 3—Populace Meeting  
Tuesday February 4—Fighter Practice  
Tuesday February 11—Fighter Practice  
Tuesday February 18—Fighter Practice  
Tuesday February 25—Fighter Practice

## Atlantia Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 1—[Winter University](#)—Barony of Dun Carriag  
Saturday, February 8—[Bright Hills 26th Baronial Anniversary](#)—Barony of Bright Hills  
Saturday, February 8—[Medieval Arts in the Park](#)—Canton of Ritterwald  
Fri.-Sun., Feb. 14-16—[Nottingham Coill's XL-ent 40th Birthday](#)—Barony of Nottingham Coill  
Saturday, February 15—[Day of Love](#)—Barony of Marinus  
Saturday-Sunday, February 15-16—[Aedult Swim V](#)—Kingdom of Aethelmearc  
Friday-Sunday, February 21-23—[Ymir 45](#)—Barony of Windmasters' Hill  
Saturday, March 7—[Kingdom Arts & Sciences Festival](#)—Kingdom of Atlantia  
March 14-22—[Gulf Wars XXIX](#)—Barony of Gleann Abhann  
Saturday, March 14—[St Patty's Day Blood Bath](#)—Barony of Ponte Alto  
Saturday, March 14—[Raven's Cove Baronial Birthday](#), Battle of Brunaburh  
Saturday, March 14—[A Day of DaVinci](#)—Canton of Cydlla Downs  
Saturday, March 14—[Irish Holiday](#)—Canton of Crois Brigte  
Saturday, March 14—[Caer Mear Baronial Birthday](#)—Barony of Caer Mear  
Friday-Sunday, March 27-29—[Hidden Mountain Birthday and Investiture](#)  
Saturday, March 28—[Defending the Gate 2020](#)—Canton of Sudentorre

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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](mailto:chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org) for The Dredgings and Lady Marta De Lyon at [webminister@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org](mailto: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](mailto:seneschal@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org) and the Chronicler, Lady Katla at [chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:chronicler@lochmere.atlantia.sca.org). Thank You!







## 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  
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### Arts and Sciences

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## This Month in History

### February 1

772 Adrian I begins his reign as Catholic Pope  
1327 Teenaged Edward III is crowned King of England, but the country is ruled by his mother Queen Isabella and her lover Roger Mortimer  
1539 Emperor Karel & King Francois I sign anti-English treaty  
1587 Queen Elizabeth I of England signs death warrant for her cousin, Mary, Queen of Scots

### February 2

506 Alaric II, King of Visigoths, promulgates Lex Romania  
Visigothorum  
962 Pope John XII crowns German King Otto I the Great Emperor  
1032 Conrad II, Holy Roman Emperor becomes King of Burgundy succeeding Rudolf III  
1119 Guido di Borgogna elected Pope Callistus II  
1141 Battle of Lincoln  
1542 Portuguese under Christovão da Gama capture Muslim-occupied hillfort in northern Ethiopia

### February 3

1377 Mass execution of population of Cesena, Italy, by Breton troops of Giovanni Acuto  
1451 Sultan Mehmed II, the Conqueror inherits throne of the Ottoman Empire  
1488 Bartolomeu Dias discovers

# Populace Meeting Minutes

## Baron and Baroness:

- ◆ Excited about upcoming events: 12th Night, Midwinter's, University, Bright Hills Birthday
- ◆ Always looking for award recommendations Baronial or Kingdom level
- ◆ Has been discussion online about forming a northern principality: if you have the opportunity ask them hard questions, comes up every 15 years or so, please listen to the people who are having this conversation and see if the convince you that it is a good idea – only bringing it up for awareness

## Seneschal:

- ◆ Quarterly report turned in, need deputies if you're interested
- ◆ No meetings after May set up yet – calendar opens up in April

## Chronicler:

- ◆ Newsletter was out on December 26

## Exchequer: (emailed report)

- ◆ Nothing much to report but bank balance of \$11,217.93 plus donations from holiday party (haven't added yet \$217)
- ◆ Taking reservations tonight for Midwinter's feast

## Minister of Arts and Sciences: (emailed report)

- ◆ I would thank individuals who have made suggestions for classes in the future and it appears that scribal arts is the most popular request so far
  - ◇ On that note, I am going to plan a scribal day sometime at the end of February or beginning of March, time and location TBD
- ◆ We have potentially four classes planned for Midwinters Feast, I am awaiting confirmation on a brewing class - but there is still room if you would like to teach a class! This is a great opportunity to try out a new class or teaching for the first time
- ◆ There has not been an announcement on the Coronation website yet, however we do know that the Cultural competition for Coronation will be 13th century Spain
  - ◇ <https://sites.google.com/site/atlantianascompetitions/home/cultural-atlantia>
- ◆ Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight Andrew's A&S endeavor
  - ◇ He is currently working on a garderober, a type of hooded coat
  - ◇ Please offer him words or encouragement and ask him about his project
  - ◇ He is a beginner in both the SCA and at making garb, your encouragement is appreciated and I'm very excited to see the completed project
- ◆ Let me know what A&S you are working on- or tell on someone—I would love to know, we have a lot of talent in our Barony and I strongly believe we should recognize it more

## Chatelain:

- ◆ Nothing to report
- ◆ Hello to new people in the room and will talk to them after meeting
- ◆ Planning something for Midwinters

## Herald: (emailed report)

- ◆ Nothing to report for the herald other than the flu sucks, but the holidays were happy—Hope yours were too

## Minister of the Lists:

- ◆ Attended Unevent there is some youth fighters changes happening, need authorization cards or parents to sign waivers, teenagers can sign themselves in if they have a card
- ◆ Fighters should be able to renew online soon, getting ready to MOL for NOTT
- ◆ Cooking lunch for On Target

## Knight Marshal:

- ◆ Back at practice this week
- ◆ Visiting this week is His Majesty Timothy of Airndale—wishes to have fighters there so His Majesty can put on his helm and fight till the end of practice
- ◆ Rumor is that Duke Detrick will be attending

# Populace Meeting Minutes Continued

## Archery and Thrown Weapons Marshal:

- ◆ Nothing going on right now, work on inventory so we can set up arrow making class

## Web Minister: (not in attendance)

- ◆ Nothing to report

## Minister of Youth:

- ◆ Nothing to report – all ready for Midwinter's

## Equestrian: (not in attendance)

- ◆ Nothing to report

## Battle on the Bay:

- ◆ Melicor co-autocrat
- ◆ Been chatting with autocrat to get site reserved, better sooner than later

## Winter Bardic:

- ◆ Holiday party well attended, had fun, lots of gaming, almost offset price of the site

## Mid-Winter:

- ◆ Jan. 25th, exiting classes set up, donation lunch happening, feast will be awesome
- ◆ Located at St. Martin's Church
- ◆ Walk through set up, set up around 7-8 am – all help is welcome
- ◆ Nice social event

## Night on the Town: Night Under the Faie Moon

- ◆ Met and discussed logistics
- ◆ 99% staffed
- ◆ Facebook staff page up
- ◆ PayPal request turned in
- ◆ Budget approved

## On Target:

- ◆ Nothing new to report, all in place and ready to go

## July Event

- ◆ Talked with a person who deals with school donations – call school and ask what they may need – haven't contacted school yet
- ◆ What school do we want to donate to
- ◆ Will work on information on site and have ready for Feb. meeting
- ◆ Leaning towards a public park so it can function as a demo as well
- ◆ Will post to e-list about who we want to donate to

## Old Business:

- ◆ Nothing to report

## New Business:

- ◆ Start polling next month
- ◆ Group is registered for Pennsic can start reserving spots

**Next Meeting:** February 3

## This Month in History, continued...

Mosselbaai

1509 The Battle of Diu

1576 Henry of Navarre escapes from Paris

1591 German monarchy forms

Protestant Union of Torgau

### February 4

211 Roman Emperor Septimius Severus dies, leaving the Roman Empire in the hands of his two quarrelsome sons, Caracalla and Geta

960 Coronation of Zhao Kuangyin as Emperor Taizu of Song, initiating 3 centuries of Song Dynasty

1194 Ransom is paid for King Richard I

1454 In Thirteen Years' War, Secret Council of

Prussian Confederation sends formal act of

disobedience to Grand Master

1508 Maximilian I assumes imperial title

1586 Robert Dudley, earl of Leicester,

becomes governor-general of the State's

General of the United Provinces

1600 Astronomers Tycho Brahe and Johannes

Kepler meet for the first time near Prague

### February 5

816 Frankish emperor Louis grants

archbishop Salzburg immunity

1428 King Alfonso V, orders Sicily's Jews

to attend conversion sermons

1488 Roman Catholic German emperor

Maximilian I caught in Belgium

1512 French troops under Gaston de

Foix rescues Bologna

1556 Kings Henri I & Philip II sign Treaty

of Vaucelles

1576 Henry of Navarre abjures

Catholicism at Tours

1597 A group of early Japanese Christians are

killed by new government of Japan for being

seen as threat to Japanese society

### February 6

337 St. Julius I begins reign as Catholic Pope

1189 Riots in Lynn, Norfolk spread to Norwich

1508 Maximilian I proclaimed Holy Roman

Emperor, 1st Emperor in centuries not to be

crowned by Pope

1577 King Henri de Bourbon of Navarra

becomes leader of the Huguenots

### February 7

457 Leo I becomes emperor of Byzantine

Empire

1074 Battle of Montesarchio

1238 Mongols burn Russian city Vladimir

1301 Edward of Caernarfon first Prince of Wales

1522 Treaty of Brussels: Habsburgers

split into Spanish and Austrian Branches

1550 Giovanni Maria del Monte elected

Pope Julius III

1569 King Philip II forms Inquisition in

South America

### February 8

421 Flavius Constantine becomes Co-

Emperor as Emperor Constantius III of

Western Roman Empire with Honorius

1575 University Leiden founded, and

given the motto "Praesidium Libertatis"

1587 Mary, Queen of Scots, is beheaded

at Fotheringhay Castle aged 44 after





### This Month in History, continued...

being convicted of plotting to assassinate Elizabeth I in Babington Plot  
1600 Vatican convicts Giordano Bruno to death

#### **February 9**

474 Zeno crowned as co-emperor of the Byzantine Empire together with his son Leo II  
1267 Synod of Breslau orders Jews of Silesia to wear special caps  
1499 France & Venice sign treaty against Milan  
1537 Pope Paul III routes Cardinal Pole to England  
1554 Battle at London: Sir Thomas Wyatt defeated & his rebellion against Queen Mary crushed

1555 Bishop of Gloucester John Hooper is burned at the stake for heresy  
1574 Louis of Nassau ends siege of Maastricht

#### **February 10**

60 St Paul thought to have been shipwrecked at Malta  
1098 Crusaders defeat Prince Redwan of Aleppo at Antioch  
1355 The St. Scholastica's Day riot breaks out  
1525 Albert of Prussia pledges personal oath to Sigismund I  
1535 12 nude Anabaptists run through Amsterdam streets  
1549 Tomé de Sousa appointed governor general of Brazil

#### **February 11**

55 Emperor Tiberius Claudius Caesar Britannicus, dies and clears way for Nero  
385 Siricius, bishop of Tarragona, elected as Bishop of Rome; first to style himself Pope  
824 St Paschal I ends his reign as Pope  
1543 Battle at Wayna Daga  
1543 Holy Roman Emperor Charles V & English King Henry VIII sign anti-French covenant  
1575 King Frederick of Denmark offers island of Hveen to Tycho Brahe

#### **February 12**

1049 Bruno count of Egesheim & Dagsburg crowned Pope Leo IX  
1111 King Henry V, King of Germany and Italy, arrives in Rome for his coronation as Holy Roman Emperor  
1130 Pope Innocent II elected  
1502 Muslims in Granada forced to convert  
1502 Vasco da Gama sets sail from Lisbon, Portugal on his second voyage to India  
1528 Treaty of Dordrecht between emperor & ecclesiastical power  
1541 Santiago, Chile founded (or Feb 24)  
1554 Queen of England for nine days, Lady Jane Grey is executed for treason  
1577 Spanish land guardian Don Juan of Habsburg signs "Eternal Edict"

#### **February 13**

1130 Gregorio de' Papareschi elected as Pope Innocent II  
1258 Baghdad falls to the Mongols as



## LADY ANNE D'EVREUX'S Arts & Sciences

At the time of this submission, Midwinters Feast is a few days away and we have a varied list of classes available. I hope everyone takes advantage of the University credits available and enjoys themselves. In addition, a new Baronial Arts and Science Champion will be selected. Vivat to whoever fills this position.

I am still looking for suggestions for our February A&S gathering, so please either send me an email, FB note, or a "hey you" in person with your ideas.

I have had a request for a scribal workshop, but am interested in other suggestions and requests.

I would also like to take a moment to highlight Lady Katla Flokadottir in her efforts coordinating and presenting a feast for all to enjoy. Her feast takes months of planning, preparation, and research. At the time of submission, she is preparing for her first feast for the Barony - I very much look forward to her menu. Please take a moment to ask her about her process and offers words of encouragement to present more feasts in the future.

I am genuinely interested in what projects everyone is working on, please share with me or tell on someone else.

All the very best for the new year,

Lady Anne d'Evreux

MoAS, Barony of Lochmere



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## Workshop: Bake like a Roman

Hosted by The Walters Art Museum and Tavola Mediterranea  
Schola, 916 N. Charles St., Baltimore, November 10, 2019



Back in November 2019 I had the awesome opportunity to participate in a wonderful workshop in Baltimore where we learned how to bake like a Roman. The photographs do not give the food justice.

I have provided links to on the right to the Tavola Mediterranea website that includes many recipes along with her magnificent research into Culinary Archeology.



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### This Month in History, continued...

the Abbasid Caliphate is destroyed  
1349 Jews are expelled from Burgdorf, Switzerland  
1502 Nicolás de Ovando y Cáceres, new Governor of the Indies sets sail for Indies  
1503 Disfida di Barletta  
1510 Charles of Gelre conquers Oldenzaal  
1545 Willem of Nassau becomes Prince of Orange  
1575 Henry III of France is crowned at Rheims  
1578 Tycho Brahe first sketches "Tycho's system" of solar system

#### February 14

842 Charles II & Louis the German sign treaty  
1014 Pope Benedict VIII crowns Henry II Holy Roman Emperor  
1076 Pope Gregory VII excommunicates Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV  
1130 Jewish Cardinal Pietro Pierleone elected as anti-pope Anacletus II  
1540 Emperor Charles V enters Ghent without resistance, executes rebels  
1556 English Archbishop Thomas Cranmer declared a heretic

#### February 15

590 Khosrau II, the last great Sasanian king is crowned King of Persia  
732 Zen teacher Ho-tse Shen-hui disputes founder of Northern Ch'an line  
1145 Bernardo elected Pope Eugene III  
1313 Peace of Angleur, Liège signed  
1386 Duke Philip the Stout forms Council of Flanders  
1539 Emperor Charles receives Cardinal Pole in Toledo

1552 Dutch coast hit by heavy storm  
1563 Russian troops occupy Polotsk Lithuania

#### February 16

374 9th recorded passage of Halley's Comet  
600 Pope Gregory the Great decrees saying "God bless you" is correct



### This Month in History, continued...

response to sneeze  
 1249 Andrew of Longjumeau is dispatched by Louis IX of France as his ambassador to meet with the Khan of the Mongols  
 1486 Maximilian I is elected King of the Romans at Frankfurt  
 1512 Battle at Valeggio  
 1559 Pope Paul IV calls for deposition of sovereigns supporting heresy  
**February 17**  
 1370 Battle at Rudau: Germany beats Lithuania  
 1461 Wars of the Roses: 2nd Battle of St Albans  
 1500 Battle of Hemmingstedt  
 1510 Portuguese admiral Afonso de Albuquerque first conquers the city of Goa, entering it with little conflict  
 1568 Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II agrees to pay tribute to Ottoman Empire for peace  
 1598 Boris Godunov chosen as Tsar of Russia  
 1600 Philosopher Giordano Bruno is burned alive at Campo de' Fiori in Rome  
**February 18**  
 1219 Jerusalem retaken by Christian Crusader kingdom in peace treaty between Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II & Egyptian ruler Al-Kamil  
 1268 The Livonian Brothers of the Sword are defeated by Dovmont of Pskov in the Battle of Rakovor  
 1332 Amda Seyon I, Emperor of Ethiopia begins his campaigns in southern Muslim provinces  
 1478 George, Duke of Clarence, convicted of treason against older brother Edward IV, is privately executed in Tower of London  
 1503 Henry Tudor created Prince of Wales  
 1519 Hernán Cortés leaves Cuba for Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico with 11 ships & 500 men  
 1536 France & Turkey sign military/trade agreement against King Karel  
 1563 Huguenot Jean Poltrot de Mere shoots gen Francois De Guise  
 1574 Zeeland falls to Dutch rebels  
**February 19**  
 197 Lucius Septimius Severus' army beats Clodius Albinus at Lyon  
 356 Emperor Constantius II shuts all heathen temples  
 607 Boniface III begins his reign as Catholic Pope  
 842 Medieval Iconoclastic Controversy ends as a council in Constantinople formally reinstates the veneration of icons in churches  
 1512 French troops under Gaston de Foix occupy Brescia  
 1539 Jews of Tyrnau Hungary expelled  
 1574 Spanish troops plunder Krommenie, Wormerveer & Jisp, Netherlands  
 1582 Francis of Valois becomes Duke of Brabant  
 1594 Sigismund III of the House of

# HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



[The monument to Bruno in the place he was executed, Campo de' Fiori in Rome.](#)

February 8, 2020 marks the 420th anniversary of the Vatican's conviction of Giordano Bruno to death followed by his execution by burning on the nine days later at Campo de' Fior.

He was born Filippo Bruno at Nola in Campania, at the foot of Mount Cicada in the kingdom of Naples in 1548. He would spend his evenings of early childhood looking up at the stars and considering life and the endless span of the heavens above. At age eleven he left his home for Naples to study humanity, logic, and dialectic. Four years later he had entered the monastery of San Domenico Maggiore. It was at this time that he had given up the name Filippo and took the name of Giordano. During this period he had grown intellectually but never became quite satisfied with the educational experience he had been receiving at the convent. He had felt that there was more to learn in life than just what was available at the moment.

He would be inspired by the writings of such men as Erasmus and the seeds of reform would be forever planted. In 1572 he became an ordained priest and had become outspoken and known to have had unorthodox methods. In 1576 he had been brought up on charges of heresy due to his criticism of the accepted theological doctrines and fled to Rome. Only after a few short months he would flee once more due to the charges having been forwarded to Rome. This would be the beginning of his constant wandering of Europe and his literary career that would lead him full circle back to Italy and his untimely death at the hands of the Ro-

man Inquisition in 1600.

From Italy he went to Geneva where he did not agree with the Reformation they had in mind. Then he ventured to Toulouse, France where he studied the New Astronomy and taught at the university. During his two year stay he lectured on the Sphere of Sacrobosco. He moved on to Paris for the first time in late 1581 and his lectures would gain the attention of King Henri III. He published two books in 1582, the *De umbris idearum* and the *Cantus Circaeus*, both on the art of memory. Both of these books would show his deeply magical and religious Hermeticism. In 1583 He moved to England, with papers of introduction from King Henri III, where he stayed the entire time with the French ambassador Mauvissière.

During his time in England he continued to write more books on the art of memory, one of which he dedicated to Mauvissière. Bruno published his *Cena de la ceneri*, or Ash Wednesday Supper in 1584 which was a satire on the English pedants. This work reflected the quarrel he had held with the doctors of Oxford University during his stay in England. He mentioned Copernicus in this book, who he referred to frequently in his writings, though his understanding of the Copernican system seemed to have been a bit flawed. He continued to develop his Hermetic philosophy as he moved away from Christian teachings and believed that the only truth was the Egyptian truth as told by Hermes Trismegistus. Both his philosophy and his religion were one in the same, both Hermetic.

In October 1585 he went back to Paris when Mauvissière had been recalled by the king. This was not a stable time in France. The French had been fighting with the Spanish and the Catholic League that would end in the Treaty of Nemours in July of that same year. Pope Sixtus, being pro-Spanish, claimed that neither Henry of Navarre nor the Prince of Condé could succeed the throne of France and proclaimed them both heretics. With all the commotion going on in France, Bruno could no longer depend upon the support of Henri III and had to find other means of support.

Bruno was better at making enemies rather than friends. He wrote four dialogues in Latin about a compass invented by an acquaintance of his, Fabrizio Mordente. In these writings he ridiculed the



# HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

inventor for not seeing the full potential of his invention and its full divine meaning. With nothing but the best intentions, according to his own beliefs, Bruno had insulted Mordente. He also managed to insult the doctors of Paris at a public debate in the Collège de Cambrai in 1586 with his one hundred and twenty articles on nature and the world against the Peripatetics.

When Henri III died, Henry of Navarre stepped up as victor and became Henri IV, known as the most Christian King of France. Because of these circumstances Bruno left France and headed for Wittenberg, Germany where he would spend two years. He became a professor at the university and seems to have liked the Lutherans and their welcoming of him into their society. While in Germany he published *De lampade combinatoria lulliana* and *De progressu et lampade venatoria logicorum*. Published in 1612 after his death, but probably written during this time, were two more books, *Artificium perorandi* and *Liber physicorum Aristotelis*.

He had been drawn to Prague by the prospects of being employed by the Emperor Rudolph in early 1588. It was said that the emperor held his court with gathered astrologers and alchemists from all over Europe to help in his endless search for the philosopher's stone. Bruno tried to interest him in his Hermetic teachings, even dedicated the book *Articuli adversus mathematicos* to the emperor, but ended up leaving with no success for Helmstedt after six short months.

In Helmstedt he found some work with the newly appointed Duke Henry Julius and was hired to deliver an oration at the university for the Duke's recently deceased father. With the money he had earned for the oration he went on to Frankfurt in mid-1590 to print two books. He would go to Switzerland in 1591 only to return to Frankfurt soon after. Bruno's last published work was *De imaginum, signorum et idearum compositione* published in 1591 in Frankfurt about the magic memory system.

Now we come to the end of his wandering and his return to Italy. In August 1591 he had been invited to Venice by an admirer by the name of Zuan Mocenigo. Bruno felt the Catholic religion needed to be reformed and that it was his mission to lead the reformation and what better place to accomplish that goal than Rome. Mocenigo had hired Bruno to teach him the ways of the Hermetic tradition, but soon Bruno ended up being a prisoner as opposed to being a teacher. Mocenigo would end up turning Bruno over to the Holy Office on charges of heresy. There is much speculation as to why Mocenigo turned Bruno over to the Inquisition but the end result was Bruno being taken into custody on May 26, 1592 for the next eight years which would amount to the rest of his life.

There is a full account of his trial in Venice that details the charges, witnesses, and testimony of Bruno himself. By the end of his Venetian trial Bruno had fully recanted all the heresies he had been accused of and then threw himself at the mercy of the judges. After going back and forth between the Venetian court and the one in Rome, it was finally decided that Bruno would be sent to Rome to face the Roman Inquisition.

His trial in Rome would last from 1593 to 1600. Sadly the transcripts from his trial have been lost and only a summary remains that was only recently discovered in the 1940s. He arrived at the Prison of the Roman Inquisition on February 27, 1593. His case continued to drag on until December 21, 1599 which was unusual. Most people being brought up on charges with the Inquisition were only incarcerated for months, not years. Perhaps he was held so long in Rome because they had hoped he would recant and admit to the heresy charges that were placed upon him. One of the last times he had been interrogated he still maintained that he never wrote or said anything heretical and that he had nothing to renounce. It was at this point that he was handed over to the secular arm for punishment on February 8, 1600 for the sentence to be carried out. He was burned alive on the Campo de' Fiori in Rome on February 17, 1600.

And so ended the short yet colorful life of Giordano Bruno, the Dominican Friar, who felt that the simple life of a monk was not what he was looking for. He would travel throughout Europe making acquaintances and writing numerous books along the way. His ideas didn't have much influence after his execution and his philosophy never really caught on. Even so, he is forever remembered for his philosophy and eulogized with the statue standing in the spot where he was executed four hundred and twenty years ago, with the look of contemplation and yet sad at the same time at those who visit.

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## This Month in History, continued...

Vasa is crowned King of Sweden  
1600 Peruvian stratovolcano Huaynaputina explodes in most violent eruption in South American recorded history

### February 20

1280 Japanese Imperial Court orders all temples and shrines to pray for victory in impending second Mongol invasion  
1472 Orkney & Shetland are left by Norway to Scotland, due to a dowry payment  
1525 Swiss & German mercenaries desert Francois I's army  
1547 King Edward VI of England crowned following the death of father Henry VIII

### February 21

362 Athanasius returns to Alexandria  
1173 Pope Alexander III canonizes Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury  
1245 Thomas, first known Bishop of Finland, granted resignation after confessing to torture and forgery  
1431 Joan of Arc's first day of interrogation during her trial  
1440 The Prussian Confederation formed  
1564 Philip II routes Cardinal Granvelle to Franche-Comte  
1574 Spanish garrison of Middelburg, Netherlands, surrenders  
1583 Groningen, Netherlands, begins using Gregorian calendar  
1598 Boris Godunov crowned Tsar of Russia

### February 22

896 Pope Formosus crowned Arnulf King of Carinthia and Holy Roman Emperor  
1071 Battle of Cassel  
1281 Simon de Brion elected Pope Martinus IV  
1288 Girolamo Masci elected Pope Nicolas IV  
1349 Jews are expelled from Zurich, Switzerland  
1495 French King Charles VIII enters Naples  
1561 William of Orange appointed viceroy of Burgundy and Charolais

### February 23

303 Roman Emperor Diocletian begins policy of persecuting Christians, razing church at Nicomedia  
1455 Johannes Gutenberg prints his first Bible  
1540 Francisco Vázquez de Coronado's expedition sets off from Mexico in search of the 7 cities of Cibola  
1574 France begins 5th "holy war" against Huguenots

### February 24

303 1st official Roman edict for persecution of Christians issued by Emperor Diocletian  
1208 St Francis of Assisi, 26, received his vocation in Portiuncula Italy  
1296 Pope Boniface VIII degree Clerics laicos  
1387 King Charles III of Naples and Hungary is assassinated at Buda  
1389 Battle at Falköping  
1496 England's Henry VII ends



### This Month in History, continued...

commercial dispute with Flanders  
1510 Pope Julius II excommunicates republic of Venice  
1525 Battle of Pavia  
1527 Ferdinand of Austria crowned as king of Bohemia  
1528 János Szapolyai, disputed king of Hungary, and Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent sign treaty  
1530 1st imperial coronation by Pope, Charles V crowned by Clement V  
1538 Treaty of Nagyvarad/Peace of Grosswardein signed between Ferdinand I of Austria and John Zápolya of Hungary  
1541 Santiago, Chile founded by Pedro de Valdivia  
1552 Privileges of Hanseatic League in England are abrogated  
1582 Pope Gregory XIII announces Gregorian calendar  
1597 Flemish painter Frederick of Valckenborch becomes porter of Frankfurt-on-Main

#### **February 25**

138 The Emperor Hadrian adopts Antoninus Pius, effectively making him his successor  
1095 Council of Rockingham: bishop Anselmus vs King William II Rufus  
1358 Dalmatie flees Venice  
1502 Austrian emperor Maximilian I reformats government machine  
1570 Pius V excommunicates Queen Elizabeth I of England and absolves her subjects from allegiance to the crown

#### **February 26**

364 Valentinian is proclaimed Roman Emperor  
1266 Battle of Benevento fought in Southern Italy between Manfred of Sicily and army of Charles of Anjou  
1534 Pope Paul II affirms George van Egmond as bishop of Utrecht  
1590 Mauritius of Nassau sails to Breda

#### **February 27**

837 15th recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet  
1526 Saxony & Hesse form League of Gotha  
1531 Evangelical German towns form Schmalkaldische Union

1557 1st Russian Embassy arrives in London  
1594 Henry IV crowned King of France

#### **February 28**

364 Valentinian I becomes Roman Emperor  
870 8th Ecumenical council ends in Constantinople  
1570 Anti-Portuguese uprising on Ternate, Moluccas

#### **February 29**

1504 Christopher Columbus uses a lunar eclipse to frighten hostile Jamaican Indians



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