

The Minuscule



The Minuscule is the newsletter for the Barony of Carolingia. This issue is for the 2nd Month of the 58th year of the SCA, known as June 2023

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East Kingdom Regional Events

Check the East Kingdom Events page for cancellations or updates. The participant cap for most events has been lifted. Check the East Kingdom web page and the event listing for current information with regards to COVID regulations and restrictions. The requirements change as conditions warrant!

<i>July 13-16</i>	Great Northeastern War XXXV	Province of Malagentia - Hebron, ME
<i>July 28- August 13</i>	The Pennsic War, 50	Kingdom of Æthelmarc - Slippery Rock, PA
<i>September 9- 10</i>	Carolingia 50 Year Celebration	Barony of Carolingia - Westford, MA
<i>September 15-17</i>	Harper's Retreat	Barony of Stonemarche - Marlborough, NH

Court Reports

Otters Welcome, May 20, 2023

Order	SCA Name	Award	C&I
1	Zhigmun' Czypsser	Order of the Moon	
2	Sugawara no Naeme	Order of Daystar	
3	Zhigmun' Czypsser	Order of Perseus	
4	Albrecht Ostergaard	Order of Perseus	

Carolingia Rapier Championship, June 10, 2023

Order	SCA Name	Award	C&I
1	Bella di Sicilia	Order of the Moon	
2	Matthew of Carolingia	Carolingian Rapier Champion	

Event Report: Otters Welcome 2023

(Author: Mistress Eowyn Eilonwy of Alewife Brook)

In the year 58, Carolingia hosted its annual festival of Otter's Welcome on 20 May, that day being the feast of St. Bernardine of Siena, who is called the patron of advertisers. This event took place at an estate in the north of the barony.

As Mistress Rose Otter, the namesake of this festival, had been famed for her assistance to newcomers, the arrangers had as usual hoped to provide a taste of many aspects of these Current Middle Ages to whet the interests of such folk. Unfortunately, the fates worked against them this year with regard to the arts of combat. First, the Royal Archery Championship was taking place elsewhere in the kingdom on this same day, and no carter could be found to haul the butts & other needful gear to the site of the event, so the archery contest had to be cancelled. And then, after a mere few hours, the practices at armored combat, fencing, & weapons throwing all had to end prematurely when the rains came.

But inside the hall, folk made merry, and enjoyed the chat & informal lessons -- mostly in divers fiber & fabric arts -- held in kennari Tasha Medvedeva's salon. There were also crafts & games for the children present, and a lunch was served. Later there was dancing for those who wished, to music played by the Waytes.

As the afternoon drew on, a trumpet sounded, and the Golden Gryphon Pursuivant opened the court of Barone Frithuric Ulman & Baronessa Fiore Leonetta Bardi, during which these things were done:

Baronessa Fiore herself had acted as nominal chief organizer of this year's festival, so her deputy, Lady Ysabel da Costa, was called forward, & thanked the Baronessa for tutoring her in the ways of autocracy. Between them, she & the Baronessa listed & thanked all who had helped that day, & the Baronessa gave Lady Ysabel a token of her esteem.

Mistress Eleanor Catlyng, Principal of the Order of the Moon, came forward to inform Their Excellencies that her order was incomplete, & asked that Sir Zhigmun' Czypsser be added to it. The Barone & Baronessa were pleased to comply, presenting him with a suitable medallion; they noted that Sir Zhigmun' had made them a store of new medallions for the various Carolingian orders, & they were glad to be able to return one to him for himself. The Baronessa, however, complained that Sir Zhigmun' would soon be deserting her company (it was later explained that he was under obligation to remove to the West within a matter of weeks).

The Principal of the Order of the Daystar had been unable to attend this occasion, so Countess Mara Tudora Kolarova stood up in his place, to tell the Barone & Baronessa that her order was similarly incomplete, and to ask that Sugawara no Naeme-hime be included in it. Their Excellencies did this, presenting her with a suitable medallion, and Countess Mara welcomed Lady Sugawara into the order.

Then in his turn, Lord Pandaulf, the Principal of the Order of Perseus, spoke of the incompleteness of his order -- and requested that Sir Zhigmun' be added to it as well. And this was done, with another of the medallions he himself had made. However, Lord Pandaulf then noted that the order was still incomplete, and asked that Lord Albrecht Ostergaard also be included. When he entered the presence, Their Excellencies asked that Sir Zhigmun' return his (briefly-held) Perseus medallion so that it might be passed to Lord Albrecht, his squire; this Sir Zhigmun' was delighted to do.

Next, Their Excellencies invited all newcomers to their lands to attend them. A dozen or so came forward, to have the Barone & Baronessa thank them for coming, and to receive tokens of appreciation from the Baronessa.

Then the herald called for Lady Lorita deSiena. She had been acting as silent herald for the court, so she doffed her tabard of office to kneel before Their Excellencies. They explained that, having planned to come from her home in Anglespur to attend this festival, she had volunteered to organize the archery -- which, due to the troubles with gear transport, had not been able to occur. But she thanked Baronessa Fiore for allowing her to help with the event, and presented her with the mugs she had brought to serve as prizes, asking that she in turn pass them on to worthy recipients.

Finally, Barone Frithuric noted that the Carolingian Rapier Championship would take place in three weeks, and called on all fencers to ready themselves.

This being the last matter to be considered, the court was then closed, to another trumpet call. Thereafter those who still remained collected their goods and went their ways homeward.

Guilds, Science and Artistic Activities, Martial Activities in Carolingia

A summary of activities within the Barony

Below is a brief description of each Baronial activity and practice with current contact information if available. Archery and Rapier practices are meeting in person. By East Kingdom policy, contact tracing info will be collected and proof of vaccine or negative Covid test given by a medical professional is also required. Reach out to the contact for up-to-date information.

<p><i>Accademia Della Danza</i></p>	<p>Works on the interpretation and reconstruction of original dances based on primary sources. Meetings are held roughly monthly, but float to best accommodate the availability of participants; please contact Magister Gundormr Dengir (accademia@carolingia.eastkingdom.org) for next date.</p>
<p><i>Brewers and Vintners</i></p>	<p>Is currently inactive. Interested individuals should contact the chronicler for further information</p>
<p><i>Calivers</i></p>	<p>Meets as needed for projects</p>
<p><i>Canton of the Towers project days.</i></p>	<p>Look for information about upcoming Canton of the Towers project days on the Canton of the Towers and Barony of Carolingia Facebook pages. The project days are virtual meetings, held on occasional Sunday afternoons. For information about upcoming projects or to ask any questions, please contact Towers MoAS Baroness Johanna Dudley, moas@towers.eastkingdom.org</p>
<p><i>Cooks' Guild</i></p>	<p>Meets occasionally. Meetings are posted on the Carolingia facebook page.</p>
<p><i>European Dance practice</i></p>	<p>Practice continues until June at the Presentation School Foundation in Brighton, Thursdays from 7:30-9:30. Contact dance-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org</p>
<p><i>Fiber Arts</i></p>	<p>Will be on hiatus. Meetings are hosted by the Canton of the Towers on the second or third Thursday of the month, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. This is a place to share your current projects, meet other crafters, learn new fiber arts, and discuss all things fiber. Everyone is welcome,</p>

	any level and from any location. Requests for lesson topics for future meetings may be sent to Mistress Elena Hylton.
Great Council	Is the business meeting of the Barony and is usually the first Monday of each month at 7:30. Check the Carolingia facebook page for information on the meeting link. Great Council meeting minutes are published on the barony's website at https://carolingia.eastkingdom.org/the-barony/great-council/council-minutes/ .
Herald's office	Is meeting virtually on the Tuesday night after Great Council. Check the Carolingia Facebook page for information.
The Low Company of Gamesters and Gamblers	Carolingia's gaming "not-a-Guild", typically meets on a regular irregular six week schedule on a Friday evening around 7:00pm, at Lady Deirdre's and Lord Symon's house in Framingham. Meetings are announced on the baronial calendar, the mailing list, and the Carolingia facebook page. We teach and play a variety of period games – if there's something you'd like to learn, please speak up and Master Justin du Coeur will try to arrange it! No prior knowledge or experience is required, just a willingness to play. If you plan on coming, it's helpful to let Justin (low-company-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org) know so he has some idea how many to expect, but feel free to just drop in if you find the evening free.
Middle Eastern Dance	Is on hiatus. It would meet at the same time and place as the baronial rapier practice, Thursday nights in Cambridge.
Needle-worker's Guild	The meeting is open to all embroiderers, both new and experienced. Lots of resources are available if you need help or inspiration! We usually meet each month on a Thursday evening, 6:30pm. This month will be a hybrid meeting, in person and zoomed, so please check the Carolingia Facebook page! Contact the guildhead for info: Etain ingen Ut Neill
Newcomers' Nights	On-line meetings are posted on the Carolingia Facebook page. These nights are geared towards helping newer SCAdians gain an intro to many different skills and areas of the SCA with a different topic being covered each month. Not only newcomers are welcome, but also more seasoned members of the Society who can help contribute to discussions, offer suggestions, and who just want a chance to hang out and have fun with us. To offer

	<p>suggestions for future topics or volunteer for future months to teach an intro class area of interest to newcomers, such as dance, illumination, heraldry, events, or SCA culture, please email Patience Faircloth(chatelaine@carolingia.eastkingdom.org) for more info!</p>
Quire	<p>Will be on hiatus. Quire is the singing side of the Jongular's Guild. rehearsal location/schedule is somewhat complicated, but when they are meeting, it is carefully described at http://www.aeolian.org/jongleurs/members.html#rehearsals To confirm specific dates, please contact Quire Master at quire@carolingia.eastkingdom.org.</p>
Scriptorium	<p>Will be meeting quarterly. If you're not subscribed to the Guild email list and would like to be, please contact Lady Aaradyn Ghyoot off list at calligraphers-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org - thank you!</p>
Soothsayer's Guild	<p>Is currently inactive. The East Kingdom Soothsayers Guild is quite active with classes and on-line chat. Search for East Kingdom Soothsayers in Facebook groups.</p>
Storytellers' Guild	<p>Is meeting virtually, For information about the next meeting, please subscribe to the Carolingian email list (described on https://carolingia.eastkingdom.org/getting-involved/), contact me directly (storytellers-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org), or watch for announcement on the Carolingian FB page. Sir Michael requests anyone who wishes to attend to send an email in order to receive specific meeting information.</p>
Trumpet and Kettle Drum Corp	<p>Is currently meeting as needed. Check the Carolingia facebook page for announcements.</p>
Waytes	<p>Are the musical instrument performers. The Waytes meeting and practice will occur on non-council Mondays. Meetings are located at Lady Ysabel's. Please contact her at waytes@carolingia.eastkingdom.org to join the mailing list. Non blowing instruments are permitted (a decision about recorders will be forthcoming, for safety bell covers and slotted masks would be required).</p>

<p>Archery</p>	<p>At the range of Master Peter the Red in Carlisle MA. The barony's regular practice time is each Sunday from 10 – 1, times are usually available during the week between 10 and 3. Call to reserve a spot. Contact tracing information will be recorded, limited loaner gear is available with prior notice. For times other than Sunday, everyone must sign up at least 1 day ahead by calling (978) 827-0808 or sending a Facebook messenger post to Peter and you will receive confirmation from Peter to finalize your time slot. Do not leave a phone text message. Please call when you arrive. Proof of covid vaccine is requested by the homeowners</p> <p>At the range of Master Li Kung Lo and Mistress Ygraine of Kellswood, in Natick MA, by appointment. Please contact Ygraine@kellswood.com to arrange a time.</p>
<p>Rattan Fight Practice</p>	<p>A joint Baronial and Towers Practice at Ipswich River Park in N. Reading on some Sunday afternoons (weather permitting). Check the Canton of the Towers Barony of Carolingia Facebook pages for more information and schedule. This practice coordinates with other regional groups so the location will change.</p> <p>Baronial Practice on Sunday afternoons (weather permitting) hosted at Baron Valerian's home in Braintree MA. For more information: knight-marshal@carolingia.eastkingdom.org .</p> <p>Fighter practice in Framingham. This practice has restarted meeting Wednesday evenings in Ellison Hall at the Plymouth Church in Framingham. 87 Edgell Road, Framingham MA 01701. For more information or to confirm a practice date, contact Master Karl Meerstappa.</p>
<p>Rapier Practice</p>	<p>The Baronial Rapier practice is restarting in Cambridge on Thursday nights. Currently there is a 15 person limit of attendees, Contact tracing information will be recorded, masks are required Contact the Marshal of Fence in-advance for information. Practice occurs on Thursday from 7-9pm at the Cambridge War Memorial.</p> <p>Rapier practice in Framingham occurs along with the rattan practice Wednesday evenings. Directions above with the rattan practice. Contact tracing information will be recorded, masks are required.</p>

**Thrown
Weapons**

Practice will be held every Saturday from 10a to 1p in Framingham.

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SCA Forms

Single Adult Participation Waiver Form:

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/adltwaiv.pdf>

Multi-Adult Participation Waiver Form:

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/rosterwaiver.pdf>

Minor Participation Waiver Form:

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Model's Release

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Picture on page 1:

Psaultier de David torné en prose mesuree, ou vers libres by Blaise Vigenere Bourbonnois, printed in Paris by Chez Abel l'Anglier in 1588. It is now held in Paris at the Société de l'histoire du protestantisme français with shelfmark ANDRE 164, and is in the public domain. This image is from f.33r, and depicts the Zodiac sign and the labors of June. <https://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/bd6t51045677f>

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