
❖ The Carolingian Minuscule ❖



The Minuscule is the newsletter for the Barony of Carolingia. This issue is for the 11th Month of the 58th year of the SCA, known as March 2024.

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Greetings from Their Excellencies

Carissi Carolingiani! Benvenuti a la Primavera!

The hour has leapt forward and we find ourselves heading into Spring.

Behind us is the warmth created by our Bards at Winter Nights this past February where Baroness Anne of Framingham rose as our Baronial Court Performer, and the excitement of the Sovereign's Arts and Sciences Championship. Before us are Otter's Welcome our newcomers event, and our Baronial Rapier Championship.

We are heartened by the reemergence of a renewed Company of Bowman as we welcome our newest guild The Royal Foresters of Carolingia. We also greet a new guildhead as Lord Gavin Kent takes the baton from Sir Michael of York after his many years of dedicated service.

This is also the time we begin to think of coming forth from our homes into our encampments as we prepare for war.

Now might be a good time to look at your kits and see what can be mended and what needs replacing. To find ways to dust off skills that might have rested over the winter. To sharpen weapons to throw, and making sure our bows are well strung. As well as a myriad of other things important to each of you.

This is a favorite time of year for Her Excellency as the prospects of what will come ride in with the additional daylight.

So we bid ye to wake Carolingia from Winter's embrace and come forth into the arena rested and renewed.

Al Suo Servizio,
Fiore e Frithuric
Baronessa e Barone di Carolingia

East Kingdom Regional Events

Check the East Kingdom events page for updates or cancellations.

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| March 30 | <u>Black Rose Ball</u> | Barony of the Bridge - Berlin, MA |
| April 6 | <u>Coronation of Tindal II and G. Emerson True</u> | Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Schenectady, NY |
| April 12 - 14 | <u>East Kingdom Brewers' Collegium</u> | Barony of Stonemarche - Plymouth, NH |
| April 20 | <u>Balfar's Challenge</u> | Barony of Dragonship Haven - Guilford, CT |
| April 27 | <u>Tournament of the Daffodils</u> | Shire of Midland Vale - Huguenot, NY |
| May 11 | <u>Barony Beyond the Mountain Investiture</u> | Barony Beyond the Mountain - site TBD |
| May 18 | <u>At the Sign of the Dancing Fox</u> | Shire of Nordenhalle - Kingston, NY |
| May 18 | <u>Otter's Welcome</u> | Barony of Carolingia - Groveland, MA |
| May 24 - 27 | <u>War of the Roses</u> | Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Schaghticoke, NY |
| June 1 | <u>Carolingia Rapier Champs</u> | Barony of Carolingia - Framingham, MA |

Court Reports

Winter Nights East: February 3, 2024

| Order | SCA Name | Award | C&I |
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| 1 | Lorita de Siena | Winter Nights Winner | |
| 2 | Anne of Framlingham | Carolingian Champion of Performance | |

Event Chronicles

Event Chronicle - Fall Crown Tourney

Author: Mistress Eowyn Eilonwy of Alewife Brook

Being newly settled on Their Thrones, King Matthias and Queen Feilinn determined to handle the question of the succession in the traditional manner. Therefore, on 4 November of the year 58, being the Feast of SS. Vitalis & Agricola, the cream of the Eastern practicers of armored combat gathered in a large exercise hall in the Barony of Carolingia, there to take part in a Crown Tournament to choose heirs for the Tyger Thrones. This location had the great virtue of providing an indoor setting for the tournament, thus avoiding any danger of inclement weather; as it happened, the weather that day in that place was relatively pleasant -- clear and dry -- but it could easily have proved otherwise.

In the late morning, Their Majesties sat in state and greeted the 37 fighters and their consorts who had chosen to take up this challenge; this assemblage included 4 couples who had determined to fight in each other's honor. The marshalls then announced the sorting of the combattants into four roughly equal pools; each of these pools started with challenges made in reverse order of precedence, and continued until each participant had fought every other, with all required, by Their Majesties' decree, to use only two-handed weapons.

The best four fighters in each pool passed into a tree-format stage, with each now allowed to make his own choice of weapons, in a single bout with each opponent. At length, this tree narrowed down to four semi-finalists:

Sir Pandarus and Sir Vlad Iliescu with no losses in the tree bouts, and Duke Magnus Tindal and Sir Matthew D'Arden with one loss each. Sir Vlad was paired with Duke Tindal, and Sir Pandarus with Sir Matthew, and the rule now changed to each pair fighting not a single bout but to the best of three; however, this was biased by their previous state in the tree, with the winners needing to win merely one bout, while the others would need to win two.

These combattants and their consorts then gathered in the lists, and the King and Queen came to address them, reminding them of the burdens of the Heirship, and exhorting them to fight well. The Queen and her daughter also distributed roses to each of the consorts. Then the combat continued. Duke Tindal won twice against Sir Vlad, while Sir Pandarus defeated Sir Matthew once, so Duke Tindal and Sir Pandarus passed on into the final contest.

These two would fight to the best of seven bouts, with matched weapons; the King would choose for the first bout, the Queen for the second, then the combattants themselves would alternate choosing. The first two bouts, fought with sword & buckler, then single sword, were both won by Duke Tindal. Then Sir Pandarus, with his first choice of weapons, opted for spear; he won that bout and also the next two, which were fought with sword & shield, then polearm.

For the sixth bout, Duke Tindal's choice was greatsword; he won this bout, thus bringing the finalists again to a tie. So the seventh bout was fought, using Sir Pandarus's choice of single sword; Duke Tindal again won, thus triumphing in the contest. Their Majesties promptly recognized Duke Tindal and his consort, Baron G. Emerson True, as Their Heirs, with Queen Feilinn crowning Prince Emerson and King Matthias crowning Prince Tindal.

After a brief interval, a more formal court was held, during which the following occurred:

Their Majesties entered the area with Their supporters, sat upon Their Thrones, and invited Their Heirs to join them. The Princes came before Them, and were duly invested with the rings and cloaks marking them as Princes of Tir Mara. Queen Feilinn also presented them with a basket of useful gifts; then they took their places beside the King and Queen.

The Barone and Baronessa of Carolingia were called before Their Majesties, who thanked them for making such clever and effective arrangements for this tourney, presented them with tokens of Their esteem, and invited them to sit with Them.

As is traditional, Sir Pandarus, having lost in the final bouts of the tourney, was named the Admiral of the Armies of the East, and invested with the canonical hat & whistle.

Next, Queen Feilinn, Prince Emerson, and the Companions of the Rose in attendance gathered, so that each might present a token to that person who had inspired him or her by their courtesy during the tourney. This was followed by their joint presentation of the Shield of Chivalry to Sir Ketilfastr Thorkilson, that combattant whom they had jointly deemed the most worthy.

Iris and Howard, both of House Strangeways, were inducted into the Order of the Tyger's Cub. The damsel's award certificate was writ in verse, but the lad's surpassed that, being composed as a song, which was sung by the Skunk Herald Extraordinary, Baron Ryan Mac Whyte. While the other order members greeted these new companions, Their Majesties also called forward the rest of the children present -- as well as their Admiral of the Armies. As the adult Tyger's Cubs quietly withdrew from the Presence, Sir Pandarus was handed the Royal Toy Chest, and then given a brief start -- before the youthful horde was loosed to chase him down and claim their bounty of toys.

Magistra Audrye Beneyt, the Seneschal-Royal, presented to each of the new Princes a certificate she called a "shenanigans card", explaining that these provided them with permission to "shenanigate" -- so long as their actions required no paperwork or other bureaucracy on the part of her or her staff.

Their Majesties thanked Their Chancellor of the Exchequer, Baron Mikjall bogmadr, for his many long years of service, with King Matthias bestowing on him the Sovereign's Award of Esteem. Then Baron Mikjall retired from that office, and Baroness Arlyana van Wyck was called to replace him, swearing her service upon the Sword of State.

The King next called for "the other Matthias", who proved to be Master Matthias von Wurzburg, the Kingdom Webminister. He as well was thanked for his long years of service; in recognition of those efforts he was given the Sovereign's Award of Esteem and entered into the Consort's Order of Courtesy. Then Master Matthias returned his collar of office and retired. To replace him, Magister Symon of Barnesdale was summoned and invested with that collar; he then also swore his service upon the Sword of State.

Charlotte Larcheyr de Charly and Nicasia Leontodes were both awarded arms.

Newcomers to the East -- specifically, those gentles who that day were attending their first or second Royal Progress event -- were summoned into the Presence. King Matthias and Queen Feilinn addressed them briefly, welcoming them, and then gave each a cup, in which they could accept any offered libations.

Sir Vlad Iliescu was inducted into the Company of Morpheus for making pictures of Society life, and was also given the Award of Durga for his demonstration of prowess during the tourney.

Then Master Olafr inn orvi Haraldsson was summoned. Since he was not present, the King and Queen had a document read which inducted him into the Order of the Maunche. There was some comment that this award had been meant to occur during the reign of Their Predecessors, and Their Majesties vowed to present that text and the accompanying tokens to Master Olafr at their earliest mutual convenience.

Lady Ameria Brown inducted into the Order of the Silver Mantle, receiving a legacy medallion that had previously been presented to both her daughter and her husband.

The Honorable Armiger Bella di Sicilia and Lady Erzsebet Csesztvei were both inducted into the Order of the Silver Wheel, with Lady Erzsebet receiving no less than 3 different medallions -- two legacy medallions from other companions, and one medallion from her godmother.

At the invitation of Their Majesties, Mistress Fiore Leonetta Bardi, Baronessa of Carolingia, addressed the populace, thanking all who had attended this event and all who had assisted with it.

Their Majesties also invited Their newly-determined Heirs to address the populace. Both Princes spoke, thanking all present -- but then Prince Emerson had a further word. Noting the strenuous labor that many had engaged in this day, he begged a boon of the King and Queen: that all might be allowed an extra hour of sleep that night. King Matthias responded, "We'll work on it."

Queen Feilinn then addressed the populace as well, giving Her thanks for the day's activities and all who had aided them.

That being the last order of business, the court was then closed.

And there being no further activities planned for the day, all present then packed up their chattels and made their ways homeward.

Guilds, Science and Artistic Activities, and Martial Activities in Carolingia

A summary of activities within the Barony

Below is a brief description of Baronial activities and practices, with current contact information if available.

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| <i>Accademia Della Danza</i> | The Accademia works on the interpretation and reconstruction of original dances based on primary sources. Currently on hiatus, please contact Magister Gunðormr Dengir (accademia@carolingia.eastkingdom.org) if you have interest in a new project. |
| <i>Brewers and Vintners</i> | Currently inactive. Interested individuals should contact the Chronicler for further information. |
| <i>Calivers</i> | Meets as needed for projects. |
| <i>Canton of the Towers Project Days</i> | 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. For information about upcoming projects or to ask any questions, please contact Towers MoAS Baroness Johanna Dudley, moas@towers.eastkingdom.org . |
| <i>Cooks Guild</i> | Meets occasionally. Meetings are posted on the Carolingia Facebook page. |
| <i>European Dance</i> | Dance practice is held in sessions of 6 to 8 weeks each Spring and Fall at the Presentation School Foundation in Brighton, Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Contact dance-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org . |
| <i>Fiber Arts</i> | Currently inactive. Interested individuals should contact the Chronicler for further information. |
| <i>Great Council</i> | 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 or the meeting link. Great Council meeting minutes are published on the Barony's web site at https://carolingia.eastkingdom.org/the-barony/great-council/council-minutes/ |

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| <i>Herald's Office</i> | Holds occasional online consultation sessions. Check the Carolingia Facebook page for information. |
| <i>The Low Company of Gamesters and Gamblers</i> | Carolingia's gaming "not-a-Guild", typically meets on a regular irregular six week schedule on a Friday evening around 7:00pm, at Deirdre and 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 we'll 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 Symon or Justin (low-company-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org) know so we have some idea how many to expect, but feel free to just drop in if you find the evening free. |
| <i>Middle Eastern Dance</i> | Meets in Multipurpose Dance room on Thursday nights in Cambridge, 7-9PM every week. Please email for details: serenebrilliant@gmail.com or erzuliedancer@gmail.com . |
| <i>Needleworkers Guild</i> | 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: Donato Favro, needleworkers-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org |
| <i>Newcomers' Nights</i> | These monthly online meetings (usually the fourth Monday of the month) are posted on the Carolingian email list and Facebook page. All new folks are welcome, for any definition of "new", both new to the SCA and new to the area, and you're welcome to come back as often as you'd like. We will sometimes choose a topic to focus on (anything from upcoming events to specific arts or activities), but the highest priority is always your questions! For more information, email Justin du Coeur (chatelaine@carolingia.eastkingdom.org). |

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| <i>Quire</i> | On hiatus. The Quire is the choral ensemble of the Jongleurs Guild. If you would consider reactivating the Quire, please contact the Quire Master at quire@carolingia.eastkingdom.org |
| <i>Soothsayers Guild</i> | Currently inactive. The East Kingdom Soothsayers Guild is quite active with classes and on-line chat. Search for East Kingdom Soothsayers in Facebook groups. |
| <i>Storytellers Guild</i> | Fellowship of bards, storytellers, and performers gathers monthly in person (virtual attendance can be arranged) to share performances, workshop ideas, and create community. Please subscribe to the Carolingia email list for announcements, and contact First Speaker Gavin Kent (GavinKent@gmail.com or 126514@members.eastkingdom.org) for more details. |
| <i>Trumpet and Kettledrum Corps</i> | Currently meeting as needed. Check the Carolingia FB page for announcements. |
| <i>Waytes</i> | The Waytes are the Barony's musical instrument consort and dance band, and the instrumental ensemble of the Jongleurs Guild. Practices are held on non-council Mondays at the home of the Mistress Ysabel da Costa. Contact waytes@carolingia.eastkingdom.org for more information, or to be added to the email list. |
| <i>Archery</i> | <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. 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 FB messenger post to Peter; 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> |

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| <p><i>Rattan Fight Practices</i></p> | <p>Fighter practice in Framingham meets 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>A joint Baronial and Towers Fighter Practice at Ipswich River Park is held 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 Fighter Practice on Sunday afternoons (weather permitting) hosted at Baron Valerian's home in Braintree MA. For more information: knight-marshall@carolingia.eastkingdom.org.</p> |
| <p><i>Rapier Practices</i></p> | <p>Baronial Rapier practice is held in Cambridge on Thursday nights. Contact the Marshal of Fence in advance for information: fence-marshall@carolingia.eastkingdom.org 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.</p> |
| <p><i>Thrown Weapons</i></p> | <p>Practice will be held every Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM in Framingham, when range conditions permit. Contact thrown-weapons@carolingia.eastkingdom.org</p> |

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