
❖ The Carolingian Minuscule ❖



The Minuscule is the newsletter for the Barony of Carolingia. This issue is for the 11th Month of the 59th year of the SCA, known as March 2025.

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Greetings from Their Excellencies

Cari Carolingiani!

March is upon us and an hour has been taken. This means a coronation, a very exciting crown tournament, and that the beginning of outdoor eventing season is nigh.

Things are certainly uncertain in the world beyond our game. So We will be clear. Your Baronage is fiercely humanist. We believe in the strength and wonder to be found in treating all humans humanely. We will tolerate no mistreatment of the humans of this populace whether these be transgressions in the micro or macro sense. In this game, We are recreating historical times as they should have been. For us that means a complete rainbow of identities, a world of lineage, and the diverse complexities of neurophysical space. This means that if you see or feel something that is not right, we want to know. It may not be our purview, but we can get you to the right place and stand by you if you need it. We will shelter no oppression.

We are becoming more active as the light returns. You can find one or both of us at:

- ❖ The Gryphon and Rose Tourney - Second Wednesdays in Framingham (Heavy and Fencing practice)
- ❖ Embroiderers' Guild - Co-located with the G&R Tourney in Framingham
- ❖ Barony of the Bridge Investiture/Black Rose Ball March 15, 2025 - His Excellency
- ❖ Barony of Stonemarche Investiture March 22, 2025 - Her Excellency
- ❖ Mudthaw March 29, 2025 - Her Excellency
- ❖ Coronation April 5, 2025 - Their Excellencies
- ❖ Crown Tournament May 2-4 - Their Excellencies
- ❖ GNEW - Their Excellencies
- ❖ Pennsic War Week - Their Excellencies

We will announce more as our schedules shake out. If you would like us at your practice or a particular event please let us know and we will try to work it out. As always we are just a missive away via baronage@carolingia.eastkingdom.org

Also, a reminder. This is a great time to analyze your kit. Do you need help mending, building, or creating what you need? There is a treasure trove of knowledge around you. We'd love to see (and be invited to) sessions dedicated to creative work. In particular Her Excellency is happy to help people improve their sewist skill and is very good at patterning, particularly for late period.

Al suo servizio sempre,

Fiore e Frithuric

Baronessa e Barone di Carolingia

East Kingdom Regional Events

Check the East Kingdom events page for updates or cancellations.

April 5	<u>Coronation of Ryouko'jin Of-The Iron-Skies II and Indrakshi Aani Aravinda II</u>	Crown Province of Østgarðr - Staten Island, NY
April 12	<u>29th Balfar's Challenge</u>	Barony of Dragonship Haven - Guilford, CT
April 26	<u>Tournament of the Daffodils VIII</u>	Shire of Midland Vale - Port Jervis, NY
April 27	<u>Fencing regional practice, Central Region</u>	Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Scotia, NY
May 2 - 4	<u>Crown Tournament of Ryouko'jin and Indrakshi</u>	Kingdom of the East - Schaghticoke, NY
May 9 - 11	<u>And Now For Something Completely Different</u>	Shire of Anglespur - Nassau, NY
May 23 - 26	<u>Wars of the Roses XLV</u>	Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Schaghticoke, NY

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.

<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 Gunđormr 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 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 7:30 to 9:30, at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston, 145 Brattle Street, Cambridge. (Parking lot is across the street from 62 Sparks Street, and dancing is in the hall next to the parking lot.) Contact dance-guildhead@carolingia.eastkingdom.org for more details.
<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/

<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 - 9 PM 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 every second Wednesday evening at Framingham fighter practice (see below). 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).

<i>Quire</i>	The Quire is the choral ensemble of the Jongleurs Guild. The Quire and the Waytes meeting jointly on the third Monday of each month. For further information, 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 dance band, and the instrumental ensemble of the Jongleurs Guild. Practices are held on non-council Mondays at the home of 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>

<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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BOLD denotes a new officer for this issue.

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