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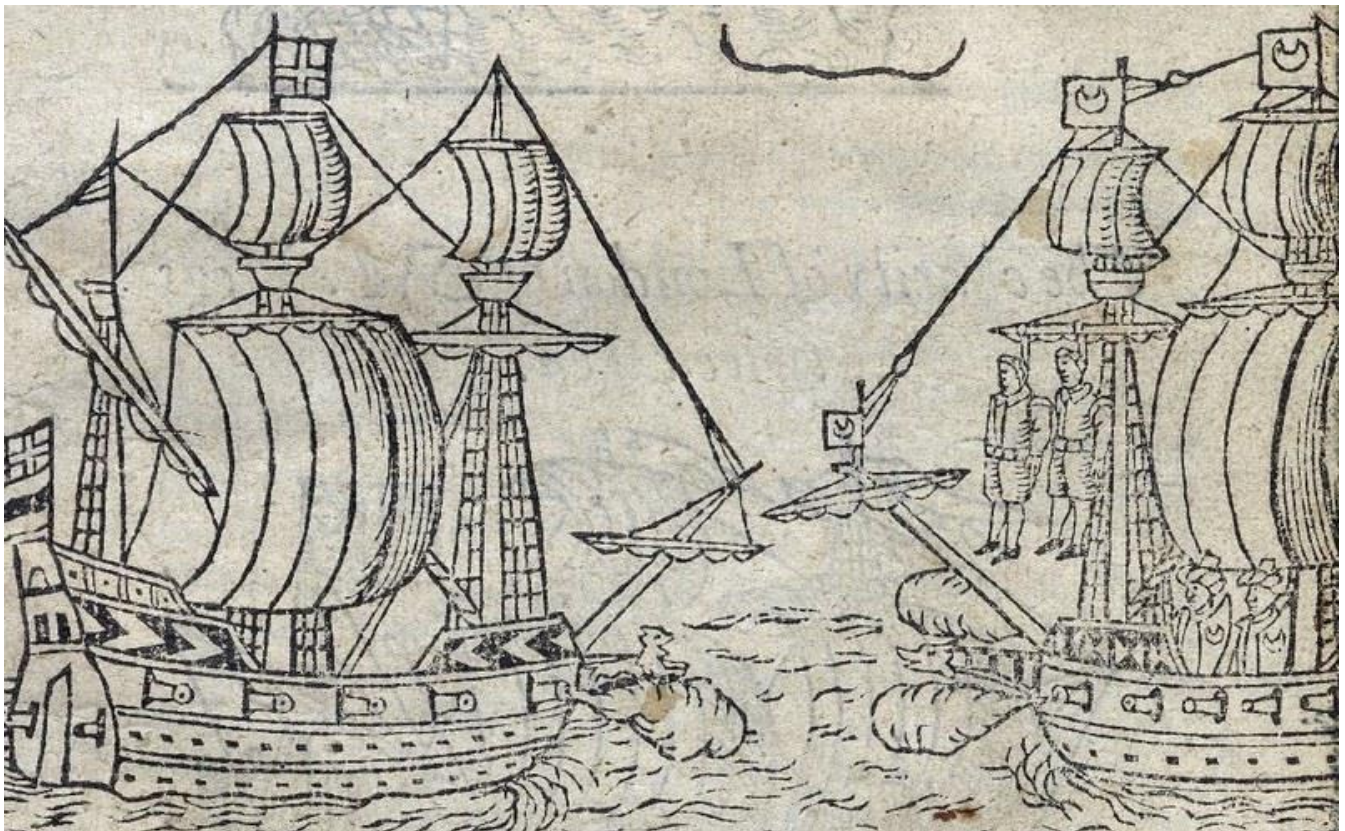


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Minutes of the May and June, 2019 Meetings

Monthly Business Meeting Minutes, May, 2019

Officer Reports:

Exchequer – Baron Master Jon Tristram

Current balance is \$3,437.13. (Correction from last month, not an actual change of \$10).

Minister of Arts and Sciences – Lady Margery of Penrith

Gathered input for next report; June will be Lilies round-up.

Kingdom A&S is in July, 20-21 in Oakheart, entry deadline TBA. May class will be Mistress Rose teaching Beginning Embroidery, Lilies Round-up in June, Paul in July.

Cut and Thrust – HL Alan Berylson

Nothing to report.

Chronicler/Webminister – HL Dulcibella de Chateaurien

Dancing Moon needs material. Missed deadline on the newsletter but it will be out soon!

Archery – HL Thomas Fleischhacker

Held a well-attended practice ten days ago (April 28th), not practice next weekend.

Very good shoot at St. George, put together by Michael.

Future practices TBD.

Knights' Marshal – HL James Inn Danski

Best prospect moved to Springfield. Putting on a demo/practice in Lebanon first Sunday back from Lilies in the park at noon.

Old Business:

Past Autumn Arrows/Spring Spears -Nothing to report

Other Old Business –

Nothing to report

New Business

Next Autumn Arrows/Spring Spears -

Seneschal signed the appointment/delegation letter for Baron Jon as Steward, and Jon is handling the insurance letter.

Feast – Paul

Inn – Paul and Rose

Thrown Weapons Marshal in Charge - James

Privy – Margery

A&S – Dulcibella

Merchants – Dulcibella

Gate – Caitin

Parties/Picnics/Gathering/Events -

No meeting the 10th and 17th of June due to Lilies and use of the Church by Vacation Bible School. Cannot use the room on June 24th for the same reason, tentative plan is to meet at Fairgrounds Park in Rolla in garb, weather permitting. A similar conflict with VBS in July is also possible.

Assistance to/from other groups, demos, etc. -

James has made arrangements to support to the Lebanon group at Boswell Park there on the Sunday a week after Lilies.

Largesse and tithes to the Crown, other Calontir business -

CalonCon is the last weekend in June in Belton, MO.

Other New Business -

Battlemoor is the weekend after the 4th of July. Also the Knowne Worlde Herald and Scribal Symposium.

Concluding Matters:

NO BUSINESS MEETING IN JUNE DUE TO LILIES.

The next business meeting will be Monday, July 8th, 2019, normal time and location. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Official

THL Paul Adler (Vince Zahnle)

Seneschal

Monthly Business Meeting Minutes, June, 2019

No business meeting in June because most of the shire was attending Lilies War.

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Medieval Piracy From the Vikings to the Renaissance

By HL Dulcibella de Chateaurien



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After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, Western Europe enjoyed a small interlude of relative peace as far as sea raiding was concerned. Then, in the eighth century C. E., the first Norse pirates arrived to plunder the coastal and island villages scattered around the North Sea.

With crews of thirty to one hundred freemen, Viking longships, powered by oars or light sail, traveled in small fleets. Raiding only in the spring and summer months, Norsemen were able to strike, loot their victims, destroy everything in their path, and return to sea with remarkable speed.

By the latter half of the ninth century, Norse pirates had become campaigners rather than raiders, launching full-scale military expeditions with an eye to taking land and founding new settlements. Norse piracy faded as the Vikings assimilated into the cultures they had sought to dominate.

By the eleventh century, Europe had begun to build sophisticated trading relationships, establishing trading fleets, ports, and posts. Sovereign states as well as brotherhoods of merchants from trading cities drew up agreements granting privileges to each other and guaranteeing safe passage at sea.

With all this wealth suddenly floating about on the High Seas, the old Norse custom of piracy resurfaced. In the thirteenth century, the coastal communities of Cornwall, Scotland, and Ireland adopted seaborne raiding as a supplement to their traditional livelihood as fishermen. At first, the pirates only attacked Genoese,

Castilian, or Hansa ships, but soon many of the raiders became less discriminating, attacking any ship that happened across their path.

The early fourteenth century brought a response to this threat. Seven cities in the south of England, Sandwich, Romney, Winchelsea, Hythe, Rye, Dover and Hastings, formed a coalition, the League of Cinque Ports (although there were seven cities, the title only referred to five ports). The league put together a squadron to fight the pirates and protect goods on their way to market, but the fleet soon degenerated into a band of thieves, imposing their own arbitrary rule as they plundered the Channel traffic they were supposed to protect.

Other English cities banded together to create their own fleets to combat Cinque Ports' fleet. Soon 'attack and reprisal' fleets from all the coastal countries of Europe cruised the seas to protect their own countries' ships and prey on those of their rivals.

Losses due to the activities of these fleets eventually became overwhelming to the countries involved, particularly England. In November of 1349, infuriated over losing a wine trade agreement with the English, the *Hermandad de las Marismas de Castilla* of Spain, a merchant brotherhood with their own 'protector' fleet, captured several wine-laden merchant ships belonging to their more successful rivals and put their crews to death. In 1350, in a desperate bid for supremacy over the seas, Edward III of England launched a formal naval attack against the *Hermandad*. During the battle, the English took between fourteen and twenty-six (numbers vary from source to source) of the *Hermandad's* ships while losing only two of their own vessels. Because of his great victory, Edward's jubilant subjects dubbed him 'King of the Seas'.

A year later, the English and the *Hermandad* signed a twenty year treaty granting the Spanish the right to trade safely in any English port and both sides compensated each other for battle damages. Considering that the *Hermandad* got the trading rights they wanted and were repaid for all their lost ships, they appear to have triumphed by piracy in the long run.

That was not, however, the end of piracy in the fourteenth century. English pirates attacked Bretons who, to protect their shipping, mustered their own fleet, going so far as to hold the English fleet in check during the Hundred Years War. Other pirates, mostly English, also plundered the coast of France and, most especially, of Normandy. Perhaps some of the most famous of these pirates was St. Ives, William Kyd, and a band of villains known as the Brave Boys of Fowery.

Although this piracy was declared illegal in England, the king was incapable of ending the pirates' activities because he could not control his nobles. The nobles were responsible for maintaining order and bringing pirates to justice in their respective districts. Instead, the nobles formed their own pirate fleets, reaping the profits of thievery on the High Seas. Although not sanctioned by the Spanish maritime coalitions, piracy still thrived in Spanish seas as well.

In 1495, all this piratical chaos was brought somewhat under control when Henry VII signed an agreement with France which established a set of regulations to govern the activities of state-sanctioned pirates, known as corsairs or privateers. These pirates were only allowed to engage in piracy during wartime and, even then, could only prey on enemy ships and those of the enemy's allies. This agreement granted warring countries the 'right of reprisal,' the right to strike back at their enemies through piracy.

Echoing the *Ordensas* of Pedro IV of Aragon in 1356 and the *Regulacion de las Presas Maritimas* issued by the Catholic Monarchs in 1480, these regulations laid the groundwork for the explosion of piracy that occurred in conjunction with the conquest of the New World in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. For the next two hundred years, the cry 'Right of Reprisal!' would justify, on an international level, robbery, murder, and general carnage on the High Seas.

Source:

ApesteGUI, Cruz, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Buccaneers, Privateers, Freebooters and Filibusters 1493-1720" Chartwell Books, Edison, New Jersey. 2002

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SHIRE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Weekly venue for our shire meetings:
St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church:
367 Old Highway 66, St. Robert, MO, 65584**

Please submit next issue's announcements to the Chronicler by September 15, 2019.

Officer contact information can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

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The Maid of the Briny Deep

A Ballad by HL Dulcibella de Chateaurien

'Tis of Sir Lachlan, brave and bold,
His gallant deeds I sing.
For love of a maiden from the sea,
He fought the Old Sea King.

Just as the day was dawning bright,
He strolled beside the sea.
He saw a tower, tall and dark
And heard an anguished plea.

At a window high in the turret wall,
Imprisoned in the keep,
A maiden wept, her yearning great
For her home in the briny deep.

"Oh, wilt thou free me, brave Sir Knight,
And return me to my home
Ere I fade away in Sorrow's arms
So close to its salty foam?"

"For, in this tower forever locked,
Far from the ocean's womb,
Death shall surely flood o'er me
And drag me to my doom. "

I miss my lovely sisters three
Dead beneath the waves,
And my father and my mother dear,
Asleep in their wat'ry graves.

The Old Sea King my family killed
And banished me to land
Because my heart I'd not bestow
Nor give to him my hand.

The king, he is too strong for me.
I need a knight so brave
To take from him the golden key,
And free me from my cave.

"Your freedom I would gladly win."
Bold Sir Lachlan said,
"But an I leap beneath the waves,
I would soon be dead."

"I'll give to you an amulet
Infused with mermaid's tears
Taken from my weeping eyes
To wash away your fears.

"Resting on your breast, it will
Let you breathe below.
Wear it as you fight the king.
Never let it go."

She's lifted off the token rare
From 'round her iv'ry throat
And slid it o'er his low'red head
And a kiss on him bestow'd.

So Lachlan dove beneath the foam
And found the Sea King's lair
And challenged him to combat
fierce
For love of the Maid so fair.

The Sea King drew his trident
sharp.
Sir Lachlan drew his blade.
The warriors clashed in combat
fierce
For love of the Briny Maid

The sea, it leapt and roiled with
rage
As they fought beneath the tide.
Scarlet danced upon the waves,
And flowed on ev'ry side.

At last the Sea King's deadly fork
Went spinning from his hand.
Lachlan's blade at the fish man's
throat,
He did the key demand.

Hanging from the Sea King's neck
The golden key did shine
He ripped it off and let it float
To Lachlan 'cross the brine.

But ere the knight could catch the
prize,
He leapt on him full sore.
Lachlan smote a fearsome blow.
And heard a mighty roar!

Oh, then brave Lachlan's sword so
swift
Pierc'd the fish man's heart.
The sea did twist and heave in
grief
As the Sea King's soul did part.

Lachlan broke the sea's wild surf,
The gold key in his hand,
To free his fair, his Briny Maid,
Who waited on the land.

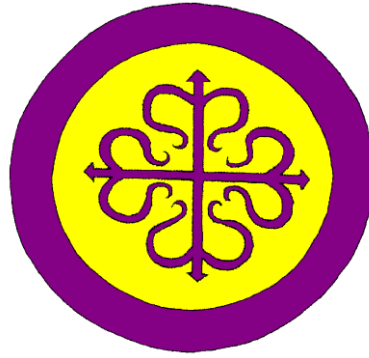
He slid the glowing golden key
Into the tower's lock.
The tower vanish'd in the air
The Maid bask'd on a rock.

Her smile was like an angel's
smile
And Lachlan bade her say
She'd be his bride forever more.
Said she, "I cannot stay."

"Above the waves I dare not bide
Nor linger overlong.
Without the salty sea's embrace,
My death would come ere long."

With tears astreaming down her
face,
They kiss'd at last and parted,
She dove into the briny deep.
As he stood broken-hearted.

Fair ladies in their bowers fine
For love of Lachlan weep,
But his heart is lost forever
To the Maid of the Briny Deep.



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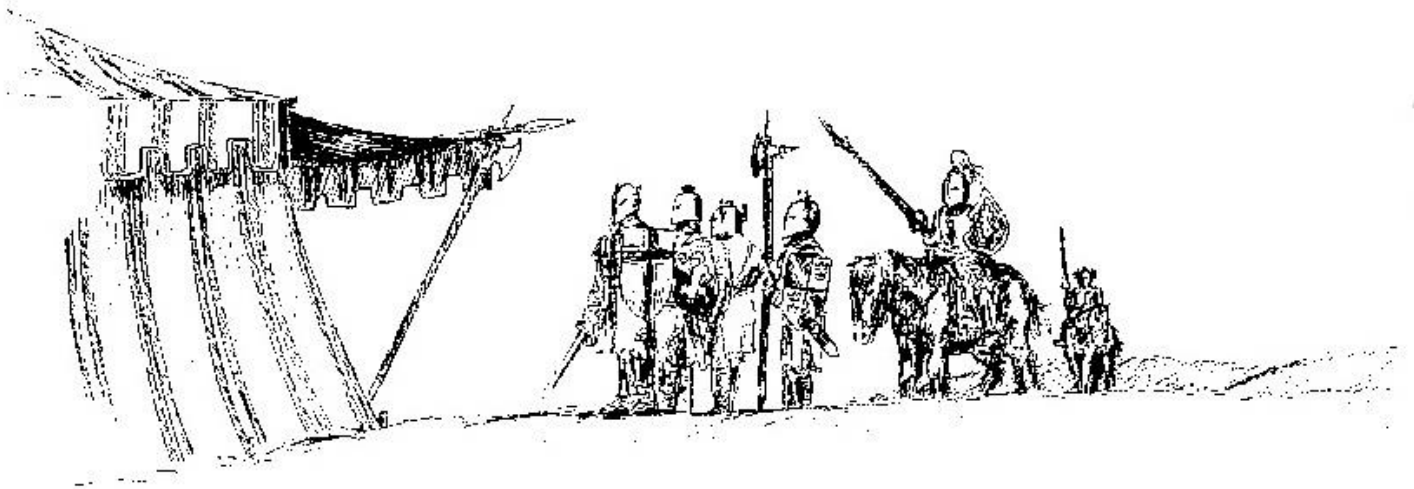
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Open



Shire Calendar -July, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Project Night St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	2	3	4	5	6
7 Archery Practice 4 PM Beaver Creek Conservation Area Rolla, MO. (Tentative)	8 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Business meeting/Potluck St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	9	10	11	12	13 Summer Coronation Shire of Lost Moor St. Joseph, MO
14 Archery Practice 4 PM Beaver Creek Conservation Area Rolla, MO. (Tentative)	15 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Project Night St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	16	17	18	19	20 Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition Shire of Oakheart Springfield, MO
21 Archery Practice 4 PM Beaver Creek Conservation Area Rolla, MO. (Tentative)	22 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Class Night St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	23	24	25	26	27
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Shire Calendar – August, 2019

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4 Archery Practice 4 PM Beaver Creek Conservation Area Rolla, MO. (Tentative)	5 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Project Night St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	6	7	8	9	10 Pennsic War Kingdom of Aethelmarc Slippery Rock, PA Aug. 4-11, 2019
11 Archery Practice 4 PM Beaver Creek Conservation Area Rolla, MO. (Tentative)	12 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Business Meeting/Potluck St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	13	14	15	16	17
18 Shire Picnic 1 PM Alan and Margery's House	19 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Project Night St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	20	21	22	23	24 Cattle Raids Barony of Magmor Weeping Water, Nebraska
25 Archery Practice 4 PM Beaver Creek Conservation Area Rolla, MO. (Tentative)	26 6:45 PM Weekly Meeting Class Night St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, St. Robert, MO	27	28	29	30	31 Valor Barony of Vatavia Valley Center, Kansas (Aug. 30- Sept. 2)

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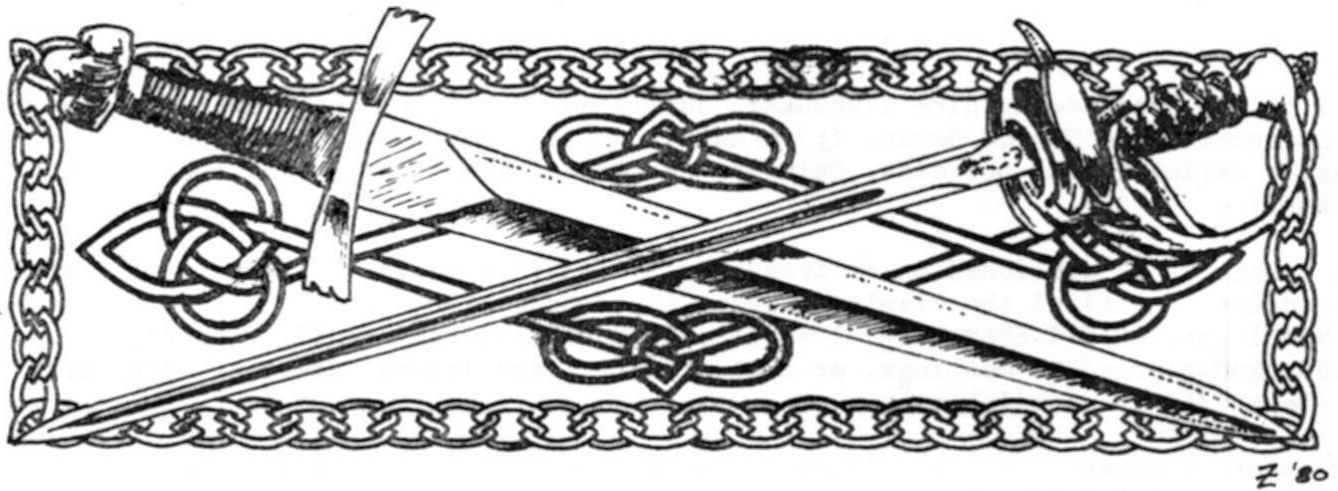
Archery Practice - Beaver Creek Conservation Area: No Crossbows. No Archery in freezing temperatures (32° F). From Rolla, take Highway 63 south. The range gate will be on your left, immediately across the highway from the VFW post. Drive through the gate to the top of the hill, park and take the line! Please check calendar for changes or cancellations.

Shire Meetings - St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church:

367 Old Highway 66,
St. Robert, MO, 65584

Please check calendar for changes or cancellations.

Fighter Practice: Currently Suspended. Usually held in conjunction with archery practice unless otherwise announced via Facebook or shire Yahoo email list.



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