

Regular Baronial Goings On

Please contact the people in charge to confirm these activities.
{Ed. note: See back page for monthly Canton practices}

Commons (Baronial business meeting): Second Wednesday of the month. 7:30PM, Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ (off Route 9). The Meeting is open to the public.
There will be a vote for the Castelain/Chatelain's office in March. Anyone interested in the position please contact the Seneschal ASAP.

Archery Practice is every Sunday at Turkey Swamp Park. Additional practices on Wed., call Rupert, the Archery Marshal, for details at archery@carillion.eastkingdom.org.

The Carillion Brewers Guild will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the home of Rupert the Unbalanced (see archery for contact info) in Hamilton Twp. To subscribe to the Carillion Brewers list go to:
CarillionBrewers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

There is a weekly **Tuesday Night A&S night** starting at 7:30PM at Mary's house. Contact her at (609)693-5176 or Clochette@erols.com for directions. **NOTE: Starting in March each month will have a theme project to complete.** March's theme is Chemises & Shirts

Jean & Philip (the Facetious) will hold archery practice at their home on Friday afternoons, beginning at 5pm 'til dark. Please contact them for directions. (Jeanne Berk, Ph.D.) jrberk@blast.net (This is in Settemore Swamp)

Bellringer's Thank-you's

Sorry for the delay, I've been a little under the weather. However, I would like to personally thank each and everyone who helped make Bellringers the awesome event that it was. The thing is, so many people helped that I would be thanking people till the next one. It is that general sense of helping that makes Our dream come true, so Thank You All.

Lord Ichabod the Tall

ex-autocrat, BellringersThe Investiture

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I would like to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen at Bellringers. Without you all dinner would not be served & I would still be sitting there babbling like a mad fool. I would specifically like to thank Critter, Robert the Doubtful, Cosmo, Anna, Mistress Brigit, Dawn, Natalie - who washed all the dishes all day, up until the end when others came in to relieve her. Hew, and the other gentleman who helped wash dishes, but I don't remember his name. Anyone else who I have forgotten to mention by name or description, thank-you.

Yours in service,

Lady Mehgan O'Donnell - Feastocrat, Bellringers XXI

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Greetings to our great populace of Carillion and the East.

We had a great turn out for our Arts & Science tables at Bellringers. I know our populace and Royalty

enjoyed it also. It was such a great pleasure to talk and meet each one of you. My Deputy Heather also enjoyed your works. We had Bobbin lace from Lady Sarah , Sonnets and cookies from Alexandre de Avighe from Canton Whyt Whay, A beaded Gott cover from Lady Illana from Carillion, Black work byKatriona Mac Dhomhnuill of Keep by the Endless Sea, Calligraphy and illuminations by Lpopic at Cofentpea from Setmore Swamp, Paintings & drawings by Llywellan up Rays from Ostgard, Illuminations by THL Kearan Roslin of Shire of Sterlynge Vayle and a rock doll & Clay doll by myself. I want to thank every one who participated.

In service,

Lady Lilly of the Valley - MOAS, Barony of Carillion



Greetings and good wishes from your new Baroness.

First off I would like to thank everyone who came out to Bellringers this year to celebrate the Baronial Birthday, as well as my investiture. Without you all there would be no event. I would also like to thank the Officers of the Barony for doing their jobs so that we all can play.

I would specifically like to thank, in no particular order, Lord Ichabod for all his hard work putting the event together; Lady Mehgan for cooking a delicious feast - {mmm, lamb}; Heather for getting me into both dresses & keeping me on time; Lord Gwalkmei for running a flawless court; Lady Zoe for her great day

board - {mmm, bread pudding}; Mike for more choco-milk than one person could drink in a year; Their Majesties for coming out to the event; Their Highnesses for also attending; Moe for his poem; and Kieran for the new anthem. (Now we just have to get people to learn it...)

I mustn't forget the Baronial Guard, who may have their hands full now that they have to keep both Ramos & me safe...

Thank you all,
Mary Theophania Hunn, Baroness of Carillion

Dolls

By Lady Lilly of the Valley
MoA&S Barony of Carillion

Dolls were period. Some were jointed clay dolls and some made from grains such as the bread dough doll. Others were made with blocks of carved wood called stump dolls, some were more elaborate and were painted and jointed they were called (Tocke) meaning little block of wood in German. There was a stick doll made with wire hands or cloth hands.

Dolls were around as far back as Egypt, often made of cloth and stuffed with cloth or straw. Some think that rag dolls were crudely made but there is a rag doll that belonged to a daughter of Charles the First that was made in 1590. It was made with silk thread wrapped

around a wire frame with a hand embroidered face and real hair. It is wearing a linen chemise under a skirt & bodice with 2 petticoats. One of velvet and the other of silk taffeta. Its sleeves have tiny sewed pearls and it is holding an embroidered muff. The doll is at the Royal Armory collection in Stockholm.

There is another doll that was made for the children of soldiers in camps that fought in the wars of Europe. It was called the River Rock Doll. It was made with a small flat rock found by the river or on the ground, and a lady's hankie or a piece of cloth tied to the rock for a head and the edges of the hankie made corners for the hands and feet that were tied with pieces of wool or string. They were found forgotten at some of the camp sites. There is another doll that was made of flower salt and water that was called a hard bread doll that was dressed and given as a present for a child to play with also there was one made with a hollow chest to put coins or ect as gifts. The doll was hand painted and dressed according.

Not all dolls were for children's toys. There was also the Ginger bread doll that was at fairs for children and adults to eat. They had special molds and were gilded. There were also fashion dolls that were sent by the French Queen Isabeau of Bavaria to the Queen of England in 1391 to show the latest fashions. They were exempted from embargos at the time of the wars in 1300 to 1800. Well this is about all I can tell you till I do more research On dolls.

Bellringers Court Report

The Court of Their Majesties, Thorvald & Svava,
held at Bellringers - The Investiture
in the Barony of Carillion,
January 15, 2005, A.S. XXXIX

Court Heralds Lord Rowen Cloteworthy, Lady Alethea
Eastriding, & Lord Gwalchmai ap Talan

Awards and Recognitions

Lady Mary Theophania Hunn - Baroness of Carillion

Raphaella Mascola - Queen's Honor of Distinction

(In absentia) - Troubadour

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Diana the Wanderer - AoA - no scroll present

Lord Harald Hokkenson - Backlog Burdened Tyger -
C&I Dante D'Arquata

Lady Siobhan inghean ui Dhonnabhain - Maunche - W:
Rowen Cloteworthy, C: Kayleigh McWhyte, I: Arden of
Icomb

Lord Cuthbad a' Bheithir - Silver Crescent - C&I: Eowyn
Eilonwy of
Alewife Brook

Lord Geoffert of the Lone Oak - Silver Crescent - W:
Rhodri Ewias, C&I: Cullynn mac Kinnon

Lady Berelinde Cynewulfdohor - Silver Crescent - C&I:
Palotzi Marti

Lady Sonja Ryzaja - Silver Crescent - C&I: Sarra the
Lymner

Lord Andre Kirlov of House Wilmot - Pelican - C&I:
Katherine Stanhope

Presentations and Announcements

The Baron and Baroness of Carillion, Ramos da Vida and
Mary Theophania Hunn, swore fealty to the Crown.

Lord Duncan mac na Ceardadh and the Carillion
Investment Association presented a gift of (chocolate) gold
coins to Their Majesties.

Saduk Silas presented a gift of Pennsic chocolate milk to
Their
Majesties and Their Highnesses.

Their Majesties gifted the children of the East with toys.

Lord Ingvar "Critter" Thorsteinsson sent on quest by Their
Majesties.

Lady Ansitruda Helgasdottir presented Their Majesties
with a gift of
cordial.

Lord Toki Redbeard, King's Bard, performed a poem in
honor of Mistress Brid nic Shéarlais

A Kissing Game

By Lady Diana The Wanderer

or - "What do I want with this cloven fruit?"

A Short History

To my knowledge, the rumor in the Barony of
Carillion (for the last 19 years) was that in the Middle Ages
all good gentles had breath causing a reluctance to kiss. By
biting on a clove, the breath was freshened and the kissing
game commenced.

There are two other uses for cloven fruit. A more
romantic theory follows - In the Middle Ages Indian spices
were sold by placing the spice on one side of the scale and
gold on the other. When the weight balanced out, you paid
for spice "it's weight in gold". It is believed that the
selected fruit was adorned with cloves, other spices, gold
pins, lace, and gemstones. Gentlemen created the cloven
fruit, then offered it to a Lady to show he had wealth to
give away. It demonstrated a commitment to the Lady as
well showed her family they would not need to support
him. In short, it was a marriage proposal.

The most practical reason stems out of the black
plague. Those with wealth carried the cloven fruit under
his/her nose, thus preventing the inhalation of contagion.
In addition to the cloves, the fruit was rolled in ground
spices. Those good gentles such as ourselves would carry
flowers or aromatic herbs.

Modern interpretation

It is SCA tradition that when offered cloven fruit, a
clove is removed from the fruit with one's teeth and offers
the bearer of the fruit a kiss in return.

Simple Rules For Passing around Cloven Fruit

Participation is optional - no means no.

The game is sexual in nature, if you don't approve don't play.

Allow one gender to start with the cloven fruit.

There are several options available to those who are offered cloven fruit

1. Decline - no exchange of the fruit and no kisses
2. Take the clove out by hand - receive a kiss on the cheek or hand - you keep the fruit
3. Take the clove out by teeth and spit it out - kiss on the closed mouth - you keep the fruit
4. Take the clove out by teeth and keep it - the giver has the right to search your mouth for that clove - you keep the fruit
5. Bite the fruit - an invitation to bed

Fruit with only 1 clove left is an invitation to bed - if you remove the clove with your teeth you have accepted the offer.

Now that you have the cloven fruit, pass it on to someone else



Our Barony and You

Unto the Barony does Baroness Mary the Hunn, keeper of Baronial Stuff, and rememberer of things long past (though for some reason, not things very recent) send heartfelt greetings.

Recently quite a few people have asked me about the

Baronial Charter. What does it contain, what does it do, what does this mean to *me*?

What it contains is an easy question to answer. As a matter of fact I have put a copy of the charter, along with the amendment that was made, right after this little note.

What it does and what it means to you are a little more difficult to answer. You must remember that this charter was written in the reign of Victor & Sedalia I. (That would be October 1983- April 1984 for those people who haven't studied your history texts.) Specifically for the first Baronial Investiture which took place on January 21, 1984.

In those glorious days there were not QUITE as many hard and fast rules as there are now. So, in order to make sure there were no dragged out cat fights, a charter was created. This charter let everyone know the basic rules of succession for the Barons & Baronesses of Carillion. It also contained information on who would be responsible for the daily running of the Barony. Basically, who we would go to if a Baronial Law or Policy needed to be changed. Remember, this was in the way, way, long ago - before many of the offices that we think of as essential had even been created.

In 1999 we added an amendment to the Charter. This was added because the original Article IV of the Charter was in direct conflict with Kingdom Law.

I hope this answers any questions you have about the Charter and what it does. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any other questions.

Yis,
Mary

Baronial Charter

We the residents of Carillion, in order to form a more perfect union, do hereby form this Charter and set forth the following laws by which we wish to be governed

I. That the Barony of Carillion shall occupy that territory mundanely known as central New Jersey.

II. That we shall be lead by a Baron and/or Baroness who shall provide guidance and perform ceremonial functions as required.

III. That if either the Baron or Baroness should be unable to continuously perform their duties, the other shall perform duties for both until such time as a replacement is found. The replacement must be acceptable to the remaining Baron/Baroness and to the Barony. The remaining Baron(ess) may, however, rule singly at their option.

IV. That in the event that neither the Baron nor the Baroness should be able to continuously perform their duties, the seneschal shall call a meeting of the Barony for the purpose of selecting a new Baron and/or Baroness. Reasonable notice must be given to every member of the Barony.

V. That the day to day operation of the Barony shall be the responsibility of a council consisting of the Baron, the Baroness, the seneschal, the herald, the knight marshal, and the exchequer. That the council shall be chaired by the seneschal, who shall abide by the majority decision of the council.

AMENDMENTS

IV. That in the event that neither the Baron nor the Baroness should be able to continuously perform their duties, the seneschal shall call a meeting of the Barony to start the process to elect a new Baron and/or Baroness according to Kingdom Law. (7/14/99 – Approved by populace)



The Baronial Guard keeps peace in the Barony