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Upcoming Activities and Gatherings

Archery Practices

Indoor:

Archery practice at Flying Arrows Sports in Carmel, NY. Ranges are available to 30 yards. Targets available will be FITA 5 color, center circle (a bit more period design) and possibly something heraldic. The range is a shared range, so no garb. Loaner equipment is available through Northpass, the local Westchester/Putnam SCA chapter, so please [R.S.V.P.](#) if you need loaner equipment.

Royal Round can be done; please note that there is not a 40 yrd shoot available, so that will not be scored.

Details: Wednesday, October 3rd and 24th
6:30-7:45 PM

Flying Arrows Sports
92 Old Route 6, Carmel, New York 10512

Flying Arrow policies include: There is a fee for the range directly to Flying arrow: Bows: \$12 for 2 hours; Crossbows: \$12 for 1/2 hour

Children under 10 are not permitted on the range; children 10 and older must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

For specific questions or to arrange loaner gear please email [Friderich](#).

Rapier

This is an ongoing activity, please watch for updates soon

Commons Meeting-

The monthly meeting of the Canton to discuss upcoming activities, events, policies, etc. Meetings are now being held on the second Thursday of the month unless there is conflict*.

Details: Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018*
7:00-10 PM
MAPSpace: miranda arts project space
6 North Pearl Street, 4th floor
Port Chester, NY 10573
Street parking, meters until 9 PM. Some residential parking a few blocks away, and the train station is close too. You may bring food and drink to this studio. There are a limited number of chairs, please bring a folding/camping chair with you if you are able.
Questions can be directed to [Esnade](#).

Upcoming Events

Goat's Tavern III-- October 19-21, 2018

Winter is Coming and it's prudent to be prepared! Teachers being sought for classes on suitable preparations.

Contact Oliver de Bainbrig with class intentions.

See the information box below for more...

Goat's Tavern III-- October 19-21

Blue Mountain Lodge
Welcher Ave, Peekskill, NY 10567

From the Event Steward:

Greetings Lords and Ladies,

The Canton of Northpass will host GOAT'S TAVERN III on October 19th through 21st at the Blue Mountain Reservation in lovely Peekskill, New York. This family-friendly schola event will have a variety of classes and discussion on how to prepare for the frigid winter that silently approaches (don't let this stupid heat fool you!).

Among the classes being offered will be lessons on food preservation and garment making. There will also be games and activities for children, including youth fighter practice.

All are welcome to attend. And for those interested, there are still a few openings left for teaching.

For more information, visit the [SCA calendar](#) or the [Goat's Tavern event page](#) on Facebook.

Don't be caught this winter unprepared. We don't want to be finding your bodies next spring when the snow melts.

Preregistration information:

Checks payable to **SCA NY - Canton of Northpass**

Send to: Phil Clarke Jr.
3176 Decatur Avenue #2F
Bronx, NY 10467

Include the following with reservation: Email or phone number, names of all attendees (mundane and SCA if applicable), proof of membership (if applicable), if you are staying overnight (include extra fee as applicable).

SCA Adult Members receive a \$5.00 Discount

Daytrip Plus Feast (Daytripping without feast will cost the same. Stick around and enjoy a nice dinner!)

Adult (ages 18+) \$28
Youth (ages 6-17) \$16
Babes in arms (ages 0-5) \$6

Overnight stay for youth and adult add \$5 (babes are free); (There are cots available for use, bring bedding.)
Late fee-- \$5 for reservations postmarked after 10/10/18 or those at gate.

For questions please contact the Event Steward, email: [Oliver de Bainbrig](#) phone: (917) 754-7535

Clothing (Gold Key) will be available to borrow for the day for those in need-- Please contact the event steward with specific requests.

Current Class Offerings:

Hood Making (\$5 material fee)
Garb Making
Intro to Food Preservation
Pickling
Astronomy Walk
Intro to Brewing
EKBG Paneling
Youth Combat Practice
Other unspecified children's activities

Tentative Menu:

Saturday

Breakfast: Eggs, Bacon, Oatmeal with Cinnamon, Raisins, Coffee, Tea, etc.
Lunch: Sausages with Mustard, Chicken Pieces, Chard or Spinach Tarte, Bread with Butter, Pea Soup, Seasonal Fruit, Cheese

Dinner: Roast Pork Loin, Apple Moysse, Chicken with Sauce, Bread with Butter and Cheese, Roasted Carrots and Parsnips, Collards or Cabbage, Turnips (Buttered and Fried), Spice Apple Pie with Raisins.

Sunday

Breakfast: Eggs, left over meat, Paine Perdu with honey, Seasonal Fruit

Please contact [Friderich](#) with dietary concerns or menu questions

Ask Master Richard

History Through the Movies by Master Richard the Poor of Ely

We all love a good "medieval" movie. It's a lot of fun cheering along the hero and making fun of it for historical inaccuracies. But Hollywood gets more things right than we give it credit for and does a heck of a decent job capturing the "feel" of an era than any book could. You can read all the scholarly papers and books, study the artifacts, and work with replicas, but to really get a sense of what it was like in a Norse village in the ninth century, you can't really do better than watch Kirk Douglas in *The Vikings* (1958).

I thought it might be a pleasant diversion to put together a list of "Period" movies, in chronological order of the history they cover.

The criteria for inclusion:

- Movies about actual historical incidents.
- Movies about real people, even if they aren't about a specific incident.

This means NO fantasy -- nothing with magic or dragons -- and no movies about period legends. No *Excalibur* or (sigh) *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, even if they can be placed in a historic context.

But there's still plenty of good -- even great stuff out there. Especially if you search across the whole world. Feel free to add your own favorites!

Circa 600: Life in and around Mecca during the youth of Mohammed.

Muhammad: The Messenger of God (2015) -- An Iranian production, would you believe.

Circa 860: Ragnar Lodbrok dies, and two of his sons invade Northumbria.

The Vikings (1958) -- A very loose adaptation of a true incident; this is exactly what we picture Viking life to be. I couldn't NOT include this.

922: Ahmad ibn Fadlan visits the Volga Bulgars.

The 13th Warrior (1999) -- An actual travel tale by an ambassador from the Abbasid Caliphate to the Volga Bulgars -- merged with a little Beowulf (which we can forgive).

1094: The city of Valencia falls to Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar in the ongoing struggle between Moorish and Christian Spain.

El Cid (1961) -- An epic treatment of the life of Spain's national hero.

1170: Archbishop Thomas Becket is murdered.

Becket (1964) -- Star-studded film version of the play.

1183: Family drama in the court of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine.

The Lion in Winter (1968)

1187: The Battle of Hattin leads to the Third Crusade.

Kingdom of Heaven (2005) -- The 2007 "Director's Cut" is better.

1215: The Siege of Rochester during the civil war following the signing of the Magna Carta.

Ironclad (2011) -- Lots of violence, I'm told.

1242: Grand Prince Alexander defeats the invading Wehrmacht....er, Teutonic Knights....on the ice of Lake Peipus.

Alexander Nevsky (1938) -- Great music too!

1415: The Battle of Agincourt, complete with mud.

Henry V (1989) -- Kenneth Brannagh's version of Shakespeare.

1431: Joan of Arc is executed.

The Passion of Joan of Arc (1928) -- Maria Falconetti gets recruited from the comedy stage to play the title role. She leaves acting after this, because there's no way that she (or anyone else, for that matter) can top her performance.

1452: In a French Court, Bartholomew Chassenee defends a pig accused of murder.

The Advocate (1989) -- Defending animals was Chassenee's job....

1483: Richard III is killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field.

Richard III (1955) -- Lawrence Olivier's adaptation of Shakespeare.

Circa 1500: Intrigue with the Borgias in Renaissance Italy.

Prince of Foxes (1949) -- Orson Welles as Cesare Borgia.

1535: Thomas More is executed for failing to get Henry VIII a divorce.

A Man for All Seasons (1966) -- Hard to pick just one film about Henry VIII.

"Near-by" Activities of Interest

Please note that depending on where you live in the Canton some of these events/activities might be closer to you than others...

St Andrews Travels North - First Stop Sienna- November 10th

Baronial Rattan and Rapier championships hosted by Barony of An Dubhaigeainn. The event site in Middle Island, NY is open from 9 AM-- 10 PM.

For more information please visit the EK event [announcement](#).

St. Eligius Arts and Sciences Competition- November 10th, 2018

An Arts and Science Competition modeled on armored combat/talwar tournaments.

Hosted by Barony of Dragonship Haven, the site in Meriden, CT opens at 10 AM and closes at 7 PM.

For specifics on the competition, please visit [here](#).

For the EK event announcement please visit [here](#).

Musicians' Day- November 16th - 18th, 2018

A weekend of music-making fun hosted by Crown Province of Østgarðr.

The event site is located in Northpass. The Blue Mountain Lodge in Peekskill opens Friday at 8 PM and closes Sunday at noon.

For more information please visit the EK event [announcement](#).

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Meeting Highlights

Due to a schedule change, going forward, the meeting highlights will be from the previous month's Commons Meeting.

September's Highlights were included in the September edition.

For a more thorough account of the meeting please find the meeting notes [here](#).

Your Work Here

Well, maybe not exactly in this wee box at the end of the Stronghold, but somewhere in the publication!

Are you an artisan, researcher, photographer, martial aficionado, or some other vaguely SCA related enthusiast? If you would like to share your work, and see your work in "print" contact the Chronicler.

Accepting submissions of articles, opinion pieces, photos, art work, and anything else that can be manipulated for print.

Fine Print-- All submissions will require appropriate release forms to be completed. The chronicler will provide all necessary "paperwork"

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