



A Cleftlands (Middle Kingdom) Newsletter - 12/5/2021

Cleftlands Baronial Transition Process Begins

This Wednesday, December 1, Their Excellencies announced Their intention to step down from the position of Baron and Baroness. This means that Cleftlands is beginning the process to help select new person/s to fill the role of Baron and/or Baroness. Many thanks to Baron Crispin and Baroness Gianna for their service these past 4.5 years.

Kingdom law requires a poll for the Coronet every five years. Their current Excellencies began their reign on June 10 of 2017, and because the process takes several months, it begins now. The most important part of the process is the input of the members of the Barony - whether through applying for the position or by providing feedback so the next choice can be made.

Currently, the schedule is as follows:

December 1 - Their Excellencies announce their intention to step down and the process begins! For the month of December, interested parties can meet up with Baron Crispin and Baroness Gianna to learn more about what it means to be Baron/ess, what is expected, and any other questions you may have. Their Excellencies will be announcing ways to do this soon.

January 1-31 - The announcement of the impending poll is made Kingdom-wide via the Pale. Anyone who is interested in being included as a candidate for Baron/ess has the month of January to send the required information to the Baronial Seneschal (seneschal@cleftlands.org).

The required information is:

- SCA name(s) and any titles (how each person would like to be listed in the poll).
- Legal name with contact information: mailing address, phone number, email address.
- Copy of a membership card for each person that is valid through May.
- A copy of a photo ID for each person.
- A photo of each candidate.
- A photo release form, if not already on file, as their imagery will be used for the poll and other communications.
- The letter of intent - any information the candidate(s) wishes to communicate to the populace and the Crown. This might include an "SCA resume", aka accomplishments done in the SCA, mundane qualifications, the reasons they are applying, and their vision for the Barony. This part is up to the applicant.
- Please submit documents in PDF or Word format, and images as a jpeg or png.

Qualifications to apply:

- Current SCA member
- Allowed to participate at Cleftlands, Middle Kingdom, and all SCA events.
- Provides required documentation listed above
- Is age 18 or over

The applications are reviewed by the Baronial seneschal just make sure all the required documentation is included and to help with any forms needed.

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Baronial Transition - continued

February 2-23 - The applicants are announced and an online poll will be available to vote for your choice and include feedback. The poll will be on the Baronial website, with two options: option 1 for “resident” (those who live within Cuyahoga County) and option 2 for “non-resident” (those who live outside Cuyahoga County). If you live outside Cuyahoga but consider Cleftlands your home, you can note that in your comments on the “non-resident” ballot. All comments are read and considered, so what you choose to say does matter. It is possible to fill out a paper poll, but paper polls are only available by request - they will not be sent out. If you prefer paper, please make sure to request and send it in plenty of time to be considered. They will not be available until the poll begins.

February 24-? The results of the poll are collated by the Kingdom Deputy for Transitions and sent to Their Majesties to review and make Their final choice. Notes and feedback on the responses are included for Them to read.

After the announcement of the choice, an investiture date and event will be chosen at a time and place that is convenient for the outgoing Baron and Baroness, the incoming Baron/ess, and Their Majesties.

More details will be coming out at each step. If you have questions, you can send them to the seneschal (seneschal@cleftlands.org), Baron Crispin (baron@cleftlands.org), or Baroness Gianna (baroness@cleftlands.org).

Baronial Transition - FAQ

Q: Can anyone really put their application to be Baron/Baroness?

A: Yes - anyone who is 18 or older and who has the required documentation listed on page 1, is an active SCA member, and is able to participate at the Society and local levels of the SCA can apply. In addition, emancipated minors can seek dispensation from the Crown to apply, should such a situation arise.

Q: Do I have to have any awards or experience in the SCA to apply?

A: No, the position does not require that candidates have any specific awards, experience, or minimum time of participation in order to apply.

Q: Can an application be rejected?

A: An application would be rejected if the applicant did not meet the eligibility requirements. If it was just a matter of not including all the documentation, the seneschal will work with the candidate to help them get all their materials together before January 31. The Crown may reject an applicant during their review.

Q: Do applicants need to apply as a pair (ie, Baron and Baroness)?

A: No. Candidates can be on their own, or any combination of a pair (Baron/Baroness, and so on).

Q: If I apply, will my application be made public?

A: At the end of the application process, your name, photo, and application letter will all be included in the poll and therefore public - as well as visible to the Crown. The photo IDs and contact information would remain private.

Q: If I live outside the Barony, can I vote in the poll?

A: Yes. While Kingdom law requires that anyone who lives outside the Cleftlands official zip codes fill out a non-resident poll, the non-resident polls are also read by the Crown and counted. If you note that Cleftlands is your home group, that is noted and considered in the review process.

Q: What happens if I want to apply but miss the window?

A: The timeline for the process is set with Kingdom, and does not have leeway to allow for late applicants. All candidates must have their materials in before the end of January.

Q: Is the decision made by the populace or the Crown?

A: The final decision rests with the Crown of the Middle Kingdom, as the Baron/ess is/are a representative of the Throne. However, in nearly all cases the Crown has followed the will of the populace. The Crown will notify the candidates They have chosen.

Q: How long does a Baron/ess serve in the position?

A: Typically five years. If something comes up that prevents them from continuing in the position, they can step down early, but applicants should consider it a five-year commitment.

News of the Realm - All the SCA News, All in One Place

SCA News -

- The October 2021 President's Report is now available: <https://www.sca.org/news/october-2021-presidents-report-now-available/>
- SCA memberships can be gifted (if you're looking for a holiday present idea). <https://www.sca.org/news/gift-an-sca-membership-these-holidays-a-1000-hobbies-in-one/>
- Call for applicants for a Society Corporate Treasurer: <https://www.sca.org/news/call-for-applicants-corporate-treasurer/>
- Call for applicants for a Society Vice President for Information Technology: <https://www.sca.org/news/call-for-applicants-vice-president-for-information-technology/>

Kingdom News

- Their Majesties, with the help of Countess Serena, are encouraging a Craftpersons' Green be held at events. This will be a place where artisans can work on their crafts and others can come and watch and ask questions or participate, as appropriate.
- The Royal University of the Midrealm is looking for bids for their spring keynote and summer martial sessions. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/rumbids>
- Kingdom put together an article on navigating the online registration system for weekend events (SCA-RS) - read all about it: <https://midrealm.org/blog/2021/11/14/help-scars/>
- The Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences is seeking a replacement, please see the job posting here: <https://midrealm.org/jobs/>
- An audit of the martial database is happening - all martial combatants are requested to assist with making sure their information is up to date. Read more: <https://midrealm.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Midrealm-Marshall-Audit-2021-Instructions.pdf>

Baronial News

- The Yule Revel is December 15, under current safety protocols.
- There will be a meeting on December 29 for the Noblesse Largeesse participants to exchange their gifts.
- Meeting schedule for 2022 will be announced later in the month, but as the pandemic continues it is likely to continue to be every other week.
- Congratulations to Lord Ezra of Cleftlands who received his Award of Arms at Christmas Tourney!
- And another big congrats to Lady Shahzada al-Zara who will be stepping up to serve as the Kingdom Social Media Officer on February 1.

Save the Date: Cleftlands Yule on December 15

THL Jolicia is organizing activities for young and old, so we invite you to join us at the meeting site on December 15 for our annual Yule Revel. (St. John of the Cross School, 140 Richmond Road, Cleveland, OH 4143 from 6:30-10pm.)

While we can't have our usual open potluck spread, there will be plenty of other things to do. So get your garb out of mothballs and come to enjoy:

- **"Maybe a Cookie" exchange** - bring a dozen or more of an item (cupcakes, bar of soap, hot cocoa bomb, etc.) and take home a variety! Everyone will put out their assortment, and exchange for one of their own, so that they end up with an equal number of items - all different. Items do not need to be handmade, and it could be cookies :) Please pre-package any food or drink for safety.
- **Dancing is back!** Hosted by Baroness Angharad, in a safe way.
- **Deck the Cleftlands Tree** - Bring a handmade (or LOOKS handmade) ornament to decorate the tree and add to the festive atmosphere. Just like stone soup, if everyone puts something in the effect can be magic
- **Tabletop Decorating Contest** - Bring a table, or share with friends, and show off your skill (or the depths of your closet) by creating a festive centerpiece. The theme is "Winter Night Lights". There will be a prize!
- **Craft Corner** - The young and young at heart can create something to take home, thanks to Lord Rojhon.

Please note that all SCA COVIDSafe protocols will be in place.

From Their Excellencies on Being a Territorial Baron or Baroness

By Baron Crispin de la Rouchefoucauld and Baroness Gianna Vettori, Fifth Baron and Baroness of the Cleftlands

To be a territorial Baron or Baroness is to be a servant of the people of the Barony and vassal of the Crown. It is a ceremonial office with tremendous duty and responsibility, but also great opportunity. The wearer of the Coronet is empowered to give back to and lift up the Barony in the form of kind words, encouragement, leadership by word or deed, and our favorite - the ability to give recognition in the form of awards to members of the populace.

In the course of your duties, there will be public speaking which can be challenging, but grows easier over time as the Barony is quite forgiving. While our traditions are important and often define who we are, remember that we are also in a state of becoming and the things you do today can be the traditions of tomorrow.

Be courteous. You will have influence and can inspire with a word or action. Be welcoming. As you move through your time in office, you will be the first Baron or Baroness that a person meets, and that can resonate for a long time, so make it memorable for the right reasons. Be aware. Keep your eyes and ears open to see and hear of the deeds, works, or courtesy of others. A simple word from you can reinforce behavior in others. Be present. You are a representative of the Crown when at home and a representative of the Barony when abroad, so act accordingly. Lastly, be humble, for we are but servants and temporary ones at that; it is the Cleftlands that continues.

Each previous Baron or Baroness brought different personalities, faced issues unique to their time in office, and ultimately did their best to carry the Barony forward. We encourage you to be the best version of yourself for this role. In the interest of brevity, we want to say that there is so much more to this office and we encourage you to seek out those who have worn these coronets in the past and have a conversation with them.

In Service,

Cripsin and Gianna



The Baronial procession at Pennsic.

Additional Thoughts from Previous Barons and Baronesses...

From Baron Syr Calum MacDhaibhidh, Fourth Baron of the Cleftlands: As Baron or Baroness your job is to make this game as fun as possible for the largest number of people possible. Everything else follows from that one truth. You are the first servant of your populace. Do not let yourself become unworthy of them. It is not their job to bow and scrape and fawn over you. It is your job to call praise on the works they are doing, to inspire them to try for more, to make them feel that they belong to the group and are appreciated, that the group (and everyone in it) is worthy of their efforts. Let them know you saw and appreciate those efforts. A sincere "thank you" from the Baron or Baroness can make someones whole week!

You need to raise up not just individuals, but also the Barony as a whole. You will be welcomed into most social circles, use that to help others build connections as fellow Cleftlanders. Find out who is interested in what. Connect the people who did not know they shared a common interest, and show off the breadth of interests in the group. Promote the feeling that we are all Cleftlanders, and we are mighty. Let folks take pride in the history of Cleftlands, then challenge them to do even better.

If you are serious about the job and want more info let me know, we'll talk.

It is a huge job. It's the best job in the SCA.

Additional Thoughts - continued

From Baroness Milesent Vibert, Third Baroness of the Cleftlands: I learned a lot about leadership as the third Baroness of the Cleftlands. This is a leadership role. It is not a figurehead, it's not just 'ceremonial', it's a real job and it involves real commitment and sacrifice. There is a lot of work that will never be appreciated or seen. Do it if you love this Barony deeply enough to not mind the sacrifice. Do it if you want to do your part to make the Barony and through it the Kingdom and the SCA as a whole a better place. Yes, you will succeed in some things and fail in a lot of ways, but if you're doing it out of love and service...you can't go too wrong.



Representatives from all five Cleftlands Baronial Reigns

From Baron Edward Brackenburye, Third Baron of the Cleftlands: Being Baron/ess is a job that takes a lot of commitment. It may be ceremonial but it also a real responsibility. You have direct contact with the Crown. The Crown comes to you to move things forward. There may not be a legal responsibility but the rest of the responsibility falls on you. You can't show favoritism because others will feel resentment. You have to listen to everyone; the important and the not so important. You have to do your best to move the Barony forward for the good of all. Will you make everyone happy? Probably never. There will always be someone who disagrees with your decision, but you have to be willing to take that bullet for everyone. Yes, there is some cool glamour things you get to do and everyone know you, but that should not be the reason you step forward. The good part is you can always call on past Baronage for advice. I know they will always be willing to help.

From Duchess Ithriel of Silverlake, Baroness Cleftlands [the Founding Baroness]: What should someone know before "applying" for the position:

- It takes a lot of work. A lot. You have to be first in and last out at local events. You do the work. You can ask for help but not for anything that you can do yourself because this is a position of "public service". You serve. You are not served.
- It's expensive. Time and money. You provide the largess you feel you have to give out. You should try to make sure the artists don't carry the burden of the cost of award scrolls, etc.
- You need to be at least familiar with Corpora. Also local and Kingdom history. And Kingdom Law.
- Your baronial "stuff" chairs, banners, coronets should never attempt to rival that of the Crown.
- You can't go into with the mindset of "shaking things up" or "making things better". Changes, as needed, can be made over a period of time but to come in and toss out what came before is rude and unchivalrous. The old baron/ess, after all are not dead and quite often a wonderful resource.
- You have to work with all sorts of people and their drama and you have to do it politely and calmly. You can't gossip.
- Especially in these times you need to familiarize yourself with mundane laws and restrictions.
- Social media. How horrifying to run into someone's blog and find they hate everything about what they are doing. People will find these things so be smart.
- There is some public speaking but fear of that should not put you off. People are supportive as you ease in and become more comfortable.
- You should go to local meetings. You should be aware of what the guilds are up to. You should not look for reasons to hold more officer meetings. Show up for work sessions, making tokens etc.
- There will be paperwork to do and keep track of and it must be on time.
- This is not something you should undertake if there is already a strain in your support group. My child handled things very well but not all children can.
- You don't have to be a good fighter or a good battle leader. We have those elsewhere.
- Be kind and courteous. Shield of the weak, you know, that stuff. You will be the responsible adult.

Some Notes on the Barony of the Cleftlands & Being a Baron/Baroness

By Duke Laurelen Darksbane, Baron Cleftlands [the Founding Baron]

The March of the Cleftlands was founded in April 1971. It was a very unusual place populated by very unusual people (even for the SCA!). The Barony of the Cleftlands was founded on May 5, 1978. I am the founding baron. TRM's Merowald and Kirstin created me baron on that date. Though Ithriliel and I were married some months later and did the job together from then on, it was TRM's Alen and Emelyne who officially created Ithriliel founding Baroness on May 3, 1980.

Cleftlands is one of the smallest MidRealm baronies but has one of the largest baronial populations of all the Kingdom's baronies. It is one mundane county (Cuyahoga County - metropolitan Cleveland) in Ohio.

Cleftlands remains and thrives as a group of very unusual people. We have weekly meetings of everyone (leaving aside the tribulations of Covid-years for all that is being described). This is very unusual in general for baronies. We have everyone, of every interest, together in general meetings and that, too, is unusual for baronies. We have had 12 Kings and Queens from the Barony, 22 Knights, many members of the Order of the Laurel and Pelican, all of whom are part of this uncountable group of hundreds of extraordinarily giving people.

Ours is a history of great internal cooperation and hard work that everyone contributes to so that everyone can have the greatest fun. There is amazing expertise, experience in the SCA, and wonderful generosity in the people of this barony. It is the greatest strength and greatest resource that a Baron/Baroness can be gifted with.

In our tenure as Baron and Baroness (May, 1978 - April, 2002, 24 years) Cleftlands had only one Baronial Award, created on July 2, 1979. The Order of the Winged Trine. It was given infrequently as the Baron or Baroness deemed proper to recognize individuals who had "given flight to the impossible", denoting some exceptional contribution by the recipient. That order was closed when we retired. Subsequently, Cleftlands' Barons and Baronesses have added other meaningful recognitions as Baronial awards since that time for recognition of the generous and remarkable contributions all people make to each other here.

There were a number of different types of Baronial Champion over the years. This has included Champions chosen by combat to represent the ladies of the Cleftlands, and only accepted in that capacity after review by the ladies being represented. Champions were also chosen in arts and sciences competition (where they had to represent one of 7 classical chivalric virtues). For many years there has been a yearly tournament held, the victor of which becomes the Baronial Standard Bearer. This carries great responsibility during training for, and at the battles of the Pennsic War.

Baronial Courts have, by all the 5 sets of Barons/Baronesses, been held infrequently and only when real business requires them. This is generally for something like recognition of individuals who have been given Kingdom awards but were not able to attend the Royal Court where they were given. This is an example of the Baron/ess speaking for the Royalty. Also at Baronial events, tournaments, and the like, as the Baron/Baroness may choose.

Our guilds and other private activities that people of the Barony generously offer are the envy of other places. Cooks, armorers, needleworkers, all manner of other arts, archery, and so much more, are offered by those to everyone for the love of it and giving of it.

So - What about actually BEING Baron or Baroness?

The history given above is the first essential, most necessary thing to understand. The who-Cleftlands-is. The what-makes-us, well, US. It's important to know the details of everything that came before from all the Barons and Baronesses who have served. It's essential to know the MidRealm's histories. How we have become. Which brings me to the most important things —

The Baron or Baroness of any Barony are first among servants. Period. They are responsible to everyone else for everything. They are not there to be served, but to serve. To give. To nurture. To build, both people and things. To guide as leaders by listening, and hearing, and finding what is the best for the most. It is hard sometimes, and wonderfully easy other times. It is most emphatically NOT about trappings, adulation, privilege, or rights, and, absolutely NEVER about "having power and authority".

Some Notes on Being a Baron/Baroness - continued

One who is interested in applying to serve the Barony is applying to serve the people. One must know exactly why one wants to do so. There are many reasons one could have to desire to offer themselves, their time, their effort, their care, and much more, in that generous service. It is a wonder of our SCA that we, all of us in the SCA, do such things for one another, with or without title, rank, or standing, because we care for the world we all create for each other, and in doing so, for each other directly.

There are also many reasons one should not apply for the position of first among servants of the Barony. All of those reasons are founded on personal desires that are not about being the best and first among servants.

One must be calm, intelligent, caring, insightful, generous, understanding, polite, and much more. It requires a lot of work. A very great deal of work, and time, and effort. There is dealing with drama and issues, always personal, people, and it must be with calm, collected, rationality. Even when saying, "no", to someone, for whatever reason. One must clearly understand the difference between private and public communication. Everything on any social media is public. Words have power and once spoken, or written, can never be recovered. There is expected paperwork, and responsibility to do it correctly before deadlines.

What I have always believed —

The position of Baron/Baroness is the public acceptance of responsibility by the individual holding the title, for betterment of the people (both individually and collectively) in the SCA in Cleftlands, and by extension, everywhere. It is the medieval context for responsibility of the Crown to the people of the Barony and of the people's direct line to the Crown. The Baron/Baroness is the intermediary who accepts the task of insuring the well being and enjoyment of the people in the Barony. There are many facets to this.

The title of Baron/Baroness is the hierarchic medieval identification of that individual as representing the Crown. I have always believed that it carries a powerful medieval allowance: The privilege to exercise certain rights. It is important to differentiate this from the right to exercise privileges. The first treats authority as an implicit gift of trust to exercise it, given freely to those who offer it with their belief. The latter implies power as an explicit absolute to be wielded as authority over others. A Baron/Baroness must NEVER be the latter.

We teach kindness by being kind, and generosity by being generous. This is the heart of Chivalry. It must be the guiding star of anyone who desires to be Baron/Baroness because that's what it means to be in charge.

Well, I think so.

Random Period Object - Cleveland Museum of Art



Leaf from a Cocharelli Treatise on the Vices: Acedia and Her Court; Genoa, Italy; c. 1330

Ink, tempura, and gold on vellum; ~6.5" x 4" in size - <https://www.cleveland-art.org/art/1953.152>

This leaf is from a treatise written by a member of the Cocharelli family on moral lessons for future generations. The family valued education, as seen by the use of Latin script. It also warned against vices.

This depiction shows Queen Accidia as Sloth, lying in bed. While there are many distractions around her, she sends them away, bored.

This piece is noted for its detailed depiction of jeweled headdresses and fabrics. This shows an intimate knowledge of textiles from the Islamic world, thanks to Genoa's trade contacts.

5 Questions for Cleftlanders - The Honorable Lady Nadyezhda the Simple (mka Nancy McKay) (she/her)

1.) How did you first get involved in the SCA?

I first got involved with the SCA when my daughter, Esther, had major knee surgery and was stuck at home for weeks. When my kids were little, we used to walk over to Shore Cultural Center (where the meetings were once held) and watch the fighters. She was fascinated by the idea of historical reenactment even in her teens. Fast forward to surgery time - I told her I would take her to meetings so she could get out of the house and do something fun, promising I wouldn't hang out with her. I started making my own friends and enjoyed myself, but this was during the summer and I had to get back to work in the fall so that was that. The next summer came around and again wasn't working, so again promising Esther that I would stay out of her way, I went back. My new friends were thrilled to see me. I had found my people!

Fun "fact" about my name. The word "prosta" in Russian means simple, and has almost all the same connotation in English. Plain, unadorned, easy, uncomplicated, what you see is what you get, unassuming - almost all the English meanings except "not too bright". I let those who meet me decide which meaning they want to go with.



2.) What are your two main activities in the SCA?

My main activity in the SCA is anything fiber related. I have samples of about 75 different sheep breed fibers, although not all of them are period. I probably have over 20 different drop spindle designs from around the world. Each one is based on taming the laws of physics, and it fascinates me to see how this is done in various cultures and many for hundreds of years. I also have an A&S project in the works using home grown cotton to produce embroidery thread. Recently I was given some stinging nettle and I've been playing with that fiber as well. I also enjoy making jewelry as well. I've taken all sorts of classes about different styles and techniques. Now I just need to sit down and put the pieces together.

3.) What's something in the SCA that you'd like to try, but haven't yet?

I've dabbled with music in the SCA a bit, mostly with singing, but I really want to learn to play the recorder. I have a long background in music but have done almost nothing with it for years. I need to sit down with my recorder and start getting serious about it. Unfortunately, there's this thing known as practice that gets in the way.

4.) What is/was your favorite SCA event and why?

My favorite event was probably my first NOWM. When I first came back to meetings, NOWM time was approaching and everyone was telling me I had to go. Just to shut everyone up, I agreed and decided I wasn't going to like it. After all, I hadn't been camping in 40 years since my Girl Scout days. I took my son's earth pimple and showed up Saturday morning looking for an open piece of land to claim. I passed Jehenne De Lur on my trek, who asked if I had a place to stay. She had already set up her pavilion tent complete with rugs, hanging lamps, and tables. She invited me to share what looked like the camping equivalent of the Taj Mahal. I took a couple of classes during the day, later attending court and sitting in the back working on a new project and happy to hide in the back. Towards the end of court, the king invited all the newbies to approach him to be recognized.

There was no way I was going up, except that about ten of my new friends refused to let me hide out. One of the men came back and practically dragged me to the front to receive thanks and a token from the king. Then, on my way back, a man I didn't know welcomed me to the event and invited me to the bardic circle after dinner. I was totally hooked.

5.) What are your least favorite foods?

Least favorite foods. Number one is cheese, unless it's very mild and melted. As in pizza. I HATE the texture and the smell of "raw" cheese. Clams are also right up there. There are no redeeming factors when it comes to clams. Beer also comes to mind, although in my misspent youth I drank a lot of warm Guinness stout. Beer is just not worth the calories.

Upcoming Events

January 8 - 12th Night; Ray, MI. Outdoors. Learn more:

<http://scanorthwoods.org/>

January 15 - Festival of Maidens 48: Fiera di Sant'Orso; Urbana, IL. Learn more:

<https://union.illinois.edu/>

January 29 - Winter Revel; Ionia, MI. Outdoors.

February 26 - Courting on the River; Moline, IL. Learn more:

<https://darkriver.midrealm.org/courting-main-page/>

This Week in History

December 5 1408 - Emir Edigu of the Golden Horde (formerly part of the Mongol Empire) reaches Moscow

December 6 1240 - Mongols invade Rus and Kyiv falls to [Batu Khan](#), later known as Tsar Batu

December 7 521 - Colmcille, Irish abbot and missionary (and later saint) is born

December 8 757 - Du Fu, sometimes called the greatest Chinese poet, returns to court after escaping from rebels

December 9 536 - Byzantines enter Rome, unopposed by the Gothic garrison who flee the city

December 10 1317 - King Birger of Sweden seizes his 2 brothers & places them in a dungeon where they starve

December 11 1282 - The last native prince of Wales, Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, is killed at the Battle of Orewin Bridge

Upcoming Cleftlands Events

- Thursday, Dec 9, 7:00-10:00pm - Armorers' Guild Meeting (in person) - The Lash Home in Berea (OH). Contact Baron Syr Calum on the Facebook post or at meeting on Wednesday.
- Tuesday, Dec 14; 7:30pm - Needleworkers' Guild Virtual Meeting - <https://www.facebook.com/events/255624929847123>
- Wednesday, Dec 15 - In-Person Cleftlands Meeting & Yule Revel: St John of the Cross School, 140 Richmond Rd, Cleveland OH 44143. 6:30pm - 10pm.
- Thursday, Dec 16, 7:00-10:00pm - Armorers' Guild Meeting (in person) - The Lash Home in Berea (OH). Contact Baron Syr Calum on the Facebook post or at meeting on Wednesday.
- Wednesday, Dec 29 - In-Person Noblesse Largesse Exchange; St John of the Cross School, 140 Richmond Rd, Cleveland OH 44143. 6:30pm - 10pm.

Call for Content

We want to make sure there's a central place to get information and see posts that might get buried, or resources that might not be shared.

If you have info to share - an upcoming virtual gathering, activity ideas, or a great website, please contact me: clariciadlm@gmail.com.

Thank you and stay well!

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