

Thereby Hangs A Tale

The News for the Canton of Lions End within the Crown Province of Ostgardr



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Medieval Happenings in the Mundane World

Animal Footprints on Florence's Cathedral

On January 18, 2021, the website Bindext reported animal footprints were discovered on the roof of the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral in Florence, Italy.

The tiles were made in the 1400s. It is believed that the animals walked across them as they laid drying on the ground. Some of the animal footprints found were: dogs, cats, foxes and martens.

Remains of Medieval Soldier found in Lake in Lithuania

On January 13, 2021, the website Vintage News reported that the remains of a medieval soldier were found in Lake Asveja in Lithuania. The lake is near Dubingiai Bridge and the near the ruins of Dubingiai Castle. The castle was once important to the defense of medieval Lithuania.

Near the body was found two knives and a sword and he was still wearing the leather boots he died in. Sediment in the lake had kept the body and artifacts well preserved. Although the cause of death has not been determined, it is believed that the soldier was employed at the castle.

Events

Virtual Fencing

Thanks to Alexander MacLachlan (Brett Kessler) every Thursday night at 8pm fencers can do stretching exercises, some footwork and practice fencing positions. Please contact Brett at captgoldman01@aol.com or via Facebook if interested. Sometimes practice may be cancelled due to work obligations.

March 20: *Spring Schola: Persephone's Return*. 10 am-6pm. Virtual Event.

Classes include: Heraldry for Beginners, Planning and Executing an SCA Feast, Pennsic 101, and Warrior Women. Bardic and A&S championships. Event Steward: Lady Lily Morgaine of The East 243107@members.eastkingdom.org. Lily Morgaine: Face Book Messenger (631) 804-7438, text only please.

There are many events that are taking place virtually. If you know of any please send them to me and I will publish them in the newsletter.

The Cat's Corner

Dangur Bán is a poem that was composed in the 9th century by an Irish monk. In the poem the monk compared his writing skills to the mouse hunting skills of his cat. Do you think a modern day bard would compose a poem comparing his/her writing skills to that of cat hunting toys in a box?



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