

# Thunder's Quill

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# Barony of Donnershafen Officers



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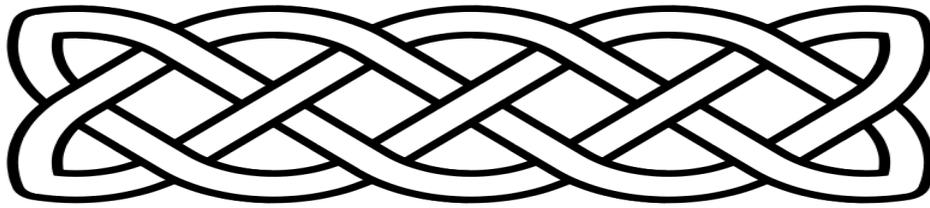
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*Baron Cedach Muir and  
Baroness Meabh ígen Carthaig*



*A blessed Yuletide to everyone!*

*First we would like to thank everyone for their hard work at Vikings Come Home. What a wonderful event! Next we would like to thank the new officers for stepping up into their new positions.*

*A new year is upon us and so we challenge everyone to take on a new project. Try stepping up as a deputy to one of our officers, becoming an autocrat for one of our events, learn a new craft to share with others, or find a way to defend our Barony by fencing, archery or heavy weapons.*

*We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming event, 12<sup>th</sup> Night.*

*Happy Yule!*

*Baron Cedach and Baroness Meabh*

# *Donnershafen's 12<sup>th</sup> Night*

*Rapid River Twp Hall  
1010 Phelps Rd NE  
Kalkaska, MI 49646*

*Autocrat: [Lady Madeline](#)*

*The doors will open at noon for setup and the rest of the day's  
schedule is as follows:*

- 2:00 Light lunch, games and mingling*
- 3:00 Discussion on a new event for Donnershafen*
- 4:00 Dancing*
- 5:00 Monthly Business Meeting and small court*
- 6:00 Potluck dinner*
- (A-I will bring a main dish; J-R will bring veggies or fruit; S-Z will bring breads or dessert)*
- 7:00 Gift Exchange Game*
- 8:30 Clean up*

*Food information cards will be available for notations regarding your contribution. (Origins, vegan, special ingredients for those with allergies, etc). We will again do a contest for the best period dish by bean count.*

*You are encouraged to participate in our annual gift exchange. Please bring a purchased or homemade gift (SCA appropriate theme) valued around \$10-\$15. Reminder, gifts should be appropriately tagged if they are age discriminative (i.e. - alcohol related).*

*Due to space restrictions, we will not be able to accommodate merchants.*

*Directions:*

*From the North:*

*Take your best route to South US131. Phelps Road is approximately 15 miles south of Mancelona. There is a double green street sign stating Phelps Road and Township Hall on the west side (right). The hall is the first building on the left.*

*From the South:*

*Take your best route to North US131. Phelps Road is approximately 5 miles north of Kalkaska. Look for the double green street sign on the west side (left).*

## **This quarter's Barony Officer Missive is from:**

**Radovan, Minister of Arts and Sciences**

### **GOOD PRINCE/BAD KING?**

Who doesn't love a good villain especially one that is born a hunchback with hair and teeth that grows up to kill half his family on the way to the throne of England. At least that is the story according to Shakespeare and various Tudor historians but the story of Richard III is far more complicated and interesting than a one-dimensional, evil usurper who gets his just desserts at the battle of Bosworth.

Richard III's legacy seen through the murky lens of history is rife with contradictions that must be reconciled to get at the truth. Sources describe him as both a "de facto usurper" and a "duly elected king" through an act of parliament. Richard was "a man of fine powers" who "distinguished himself with courage and skill" but also with "a craving for power" that "stopped at no crime however heinous". He was a "skillful soldier of great ability and energy, brave, bold and capable of noble impulses" who lost his throne through "his crimes and tyrannous acts".

It is a wonder how a man of "ruthless ferocity" and "total lack of moral consciousness" "acquired much popularity" by his "wise legislative measures, energetic administration, great charm of manner and lively sense of divine justice".

The truth probably lies somewhere in the middle and perhaps Richard III was a better prince and duke than a king, ruling in his own way through the much lauded Council of the North.

But wait there's more! The mystery of Richard III has a new modern chapter with the fascinating discovery of his remains under a car park at what was once the Grey Friars site. In 2009 Ricardian (Ricardian being the name admirers of Richard the III call themselves) Philippa Langley made the decision to begin the search for the kingly remains. By August 2012 on the first day of the dig and coincidentally the anniversary of Richard's burial skeletal remains were found. DNA testing with the aid of an all-female line descended from Richard's sister Anne of York proved the remains to be those of Richard III who had been buried by the Grey Friars under the choir of the Church of the Annunciation of Mary the Virgin.

For a detailed description of the search for Richards remains go to [www.richardiii.net](http://www.richardiii.net). It is the official site of the Richard III Society and is worth a perusal.

I would also like to recommend three books. The first, the book that turned me into a Ricardian is, 'The Murders of Richard III' by Elizabeth Peters, 1974. You may recognize the author from her bestselling Amelia Peabody mystery series.

The second book is 'Daughter of Time' by Josephine Tey, 1951, which is an ingenious introduction to the case of Richard III as seen through the eyes of a detective. It was voted greatest mystery novel of all time by the Crime Writers' Association in 1990.

Lastly the acclaimed biography of Richard III by Paul Murray Kendall, 1955, is a must for anyone interested in the complexities of England's last Plantagenet king. All three books are still in print and should be widely available in many public libraries. For those die hard Ricardians with time and money Richard will be reinterred in Leicester Cathedral on Thursday, March 26. There will be a procession and lying in state from the 22nd through the 25th. Make your arrangements now.

