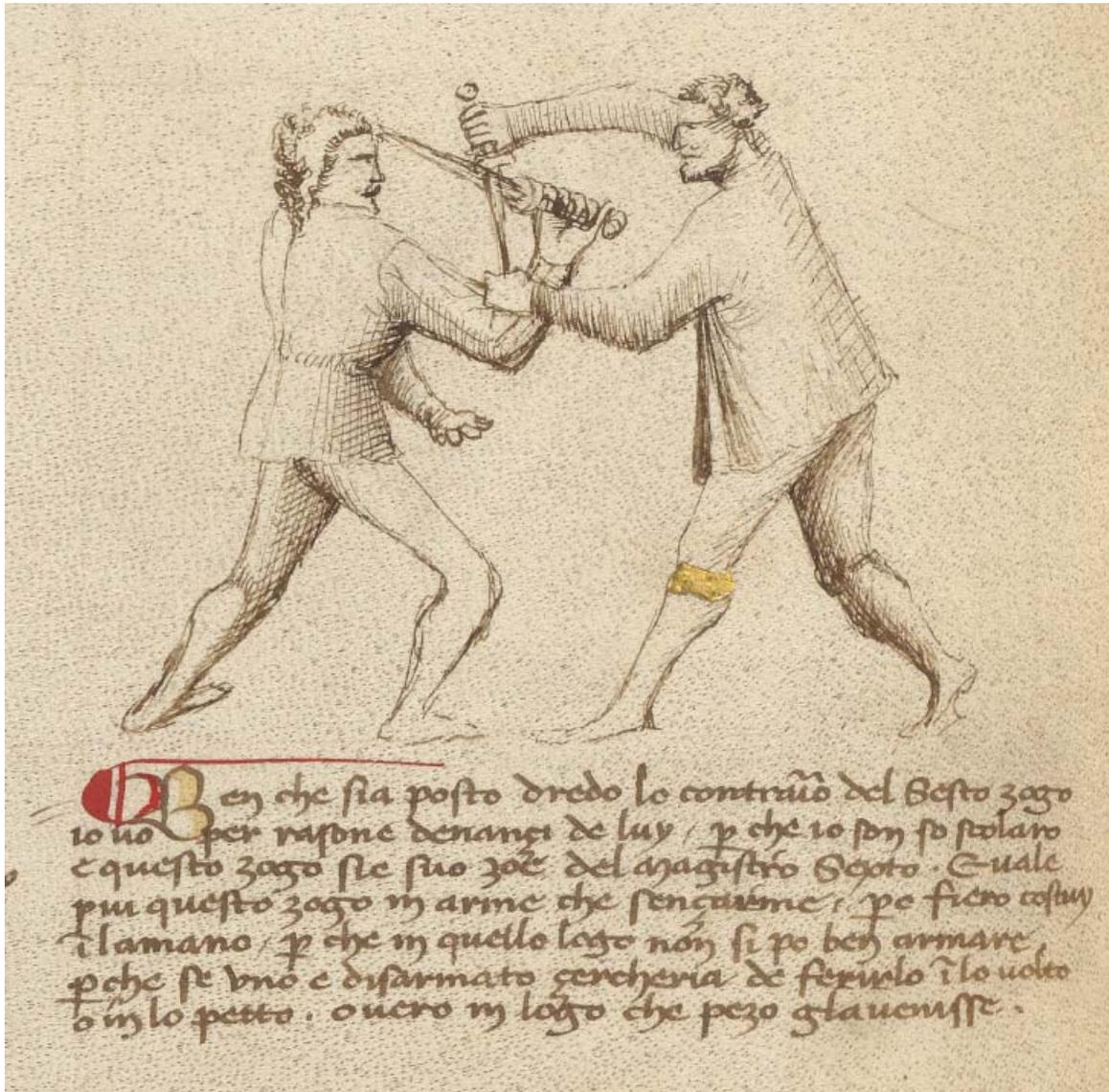


# Iron Baron



**October A.S. LVII**

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Business meetings are normally held the first Monday of the month at 6:30 via Zoom. The meeting link and any changes to the schedule can be found at the Barony of Iron Mountain Facebook page.

Fighter Practice is held Sundays at Patriot Park. (710 Oak Grove Rd, Homewood, AL 35209) Park at Corky Bell Dance Studio. Start time is dependent on weather and proximity of events. Please check the Facebook page for announcement.



## *Upcoming Events*

October 14-16 - Daggers and Hemlock XIII  
Shire of Phoenix Glade

October 21-23 - Crossroads  
Shire of Owl's Nest

October 28-30 - Gatalop  
Barony of the Osprey

October 28-30 - Silver Hammer  
Barony of Thor's Mountain

November 4-6 - Danelaw  
Barony of Bryn Madoc

## **Da'ud Bob's Movie Reviews for October 2022**

This month, Da'ud Bob is going to review for you another oldie but goodie. This one is another entry in the Time-Life issue on DVD of a BBC set of productions of Shakespeare's plays done in the late 1970s and early 1980s. These are not high-budget productions; they are basically filmed presentations of the plays done on a sound stage, often with fairly minimal sets and painted backdrops. They are not, however, cheap productions. For example, they all star actors whose names you may recognize from some of their other works, both before and since. And each director tends to bring something new or different to what would otherwise be a fairly standard presentation of these Shakespeare works. Because these are Shakespeare's works. They use his words, and include in many cases, the entire text of the play, which in many productions gets edited down or shortened, sometimes cutting out subtext and at times important explication. No such issues here, though, and this month Da'ud Bob reviews for you the BBC 1979 production of Julius Caesar.

Starring Richard Pasco as Brutus, Charles Gray (whom you might remember, as I do, from two of the Sean Connery James Bond films; he was Henderson in *You Only Live Twice* and the supervillain Blofeld in *Diamonds Are Forever*, or as the Criminologist in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*) as Julius Caesar, Keith Michell as Marc Antony, David Collings as Cassius, Virginia McKenna as Portia, Elizabeth Spriggs as Calpurnia, Sam Dastor as Casca. Jon Laurimore as Flavius, John Sterland as Marullus, Garrick Hagon as Octavius Caesar, and Ronald Forfar as the Soothsayer, this is the story of the events immediately leading up to the assassination in the last days of the Roman Republic of Julius

Caesar and its consequences for both the conspirators and Caesar's close friends Marc Antony and Octavius.

Good points: It's Shakespeare's words. In a new contrivance, all of the soliloquies, rather than being spoken aloud, are done as voiceovers, which (at least in this production) turns out to be an effective method presentation, giving the viewer the information without having the actor appearing to awkwardly talk to himself. As always in this play, Antony's speech over Caesar's body, where he refers over and over to Brutus as "an honest man," to the point that you know he is speaking ironically. Some of the helmets. The oil lamps. The nicely varied sets.

Bad points: The lightning and thunder felt overdone; it seemed more than necessary to create the feeling and mood of "a dark and stormy night". The costuming is so-so at best. The pacing of the play was a little slow. Much of the armor, and most especially Cassius' ill-fitting white leather lorica (here, a leather breast- and back-plate).

Zero breasts. Two gallons of blood. Eight dead bodies. Dagger fu. Gladius fu. Sword fu. Dueling dream interpretations. Thunder rolls. Gratuitous trumpeters. Gratuitous portents. Gratuitous dreams. Gratuitous self-harm by Portia. Gratuitous harp. Gratuitous fog. Gratuitous Great Caesar's ghost. Academy Award nominations to John Sterland as Marullus for "You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things!", and to Ronald Forfar as the Soothsayer for the most-remembered line in the play (well, maybe next to "Et tu, Brute?"), "Beware the Ides of March!" A mere 27 on the Vomit Meter. Two stars. Da'ud Bob says, "For a comparatively low-budget production, this one performs yeoman's work in bringing this particular play to the public. I enjoyed it, and hope that you will, too. Check it out!"



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