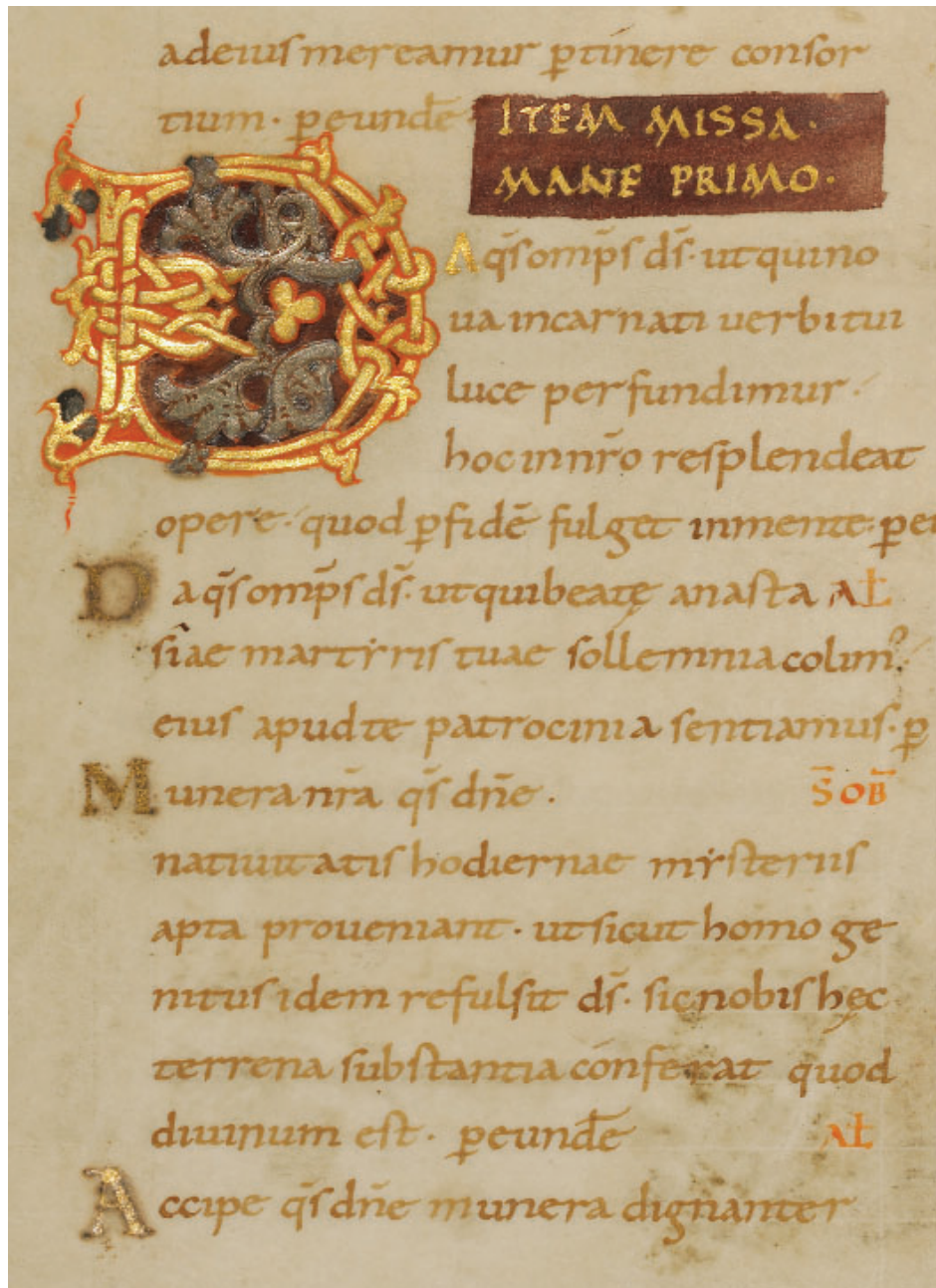


# IRON BARON



DECEMBER A.S. LVIII

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## Meetings

The Barony of Iron Mountain meets in Room 108 at Valley Christian Church, 2600 Cherokee Place, Mountain Brook, Alabama 35216. Room 108 is best accessed by driving around to the far right side of the building, parking in the back of the church, and entering on the ground floor covered entrance. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month from 6:30 to 8 pm central. The first Thursday is the Barony's business meeting. The third Thursday is class night.

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.

## *Congratulations*

Genevieve Alaiz d'Avignon and Magdalena da Parma  
Scarlet Star

## *Upcoming Events*

December 1-3 - Magna Faire  
Barony of the Iron Mountain

December 9 - Winter Market  
Barony of Glaedenfeld

January 6 - The Sovereigns of Misrule  
Barony of Bryn Madoc

January 12-14 - Panhandle Skirmishes  
Shires of Phoenix Glade and Arenal

## Da'ud Bob's Movie Reviews for December 2023

It's a wonderful thing, serendipity. The finding of something different or new while you were busy looking at or for something else. In this specific instance, the "something else" was a book I was reading entitled *Shakespeare in America: An Anthology from the Revolution to Now*. The title alone pretty much tells you everything you need to know; it's full of articles and essays of greater or lesser length, a little bit of poetry, and similar gleanings about William Shakespeare from an American point of view. And one of the articles in it introduced me to a movie based on one of Shakespeare's plays that I hadn't seen or even remember hearing of before. So, feeling the need to watch this film, and to review it for you, I went out to my favorite video store, Amazon, and bought it. It's basically the story of *King Lear* but, like the earlier *King of Texas* which I have reviewed in this column before, the setting and the dialogue has been changed. *King of Texas* was set in a newly-independent Texas; this film is set in modern rural Iowa. And it stars a truly amazing cast, most of whom you should already be familiar with. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you the story of an Iowan who wants to divide his farm between his three daughters, with the twist that the primary point of view is that of the two eldest sisters, in 1997's **A Thousand Acres**.

Starring Jason Robards as King Lear, oops, I mean, Larry Cook, Jessica Lange as Ginny Cook Smith (Goneril in the original play), Michelle Pfeiffer as Rose Cook Lewis (Regan), Jennifer Jason Leigh as Caroline Cook (Cordelia), Colin Firth as Jess Clark (Edmund), Keith Carradine as Ty Smith (the Duke of Albany), Kevin Anderson as Peter Lewis (the Duke of Cornwall), and Pat Hingle as Harold Clark (the Earl of Gloucester). It's not a perfect one-to-one transfer from the play to the movie: Harold Clark is not strictly the Earl of Gloucester, and certainly doesn't end up like the Earl in the play, but he is also partly the Earl of Kent; there is no Edgar/Tom o'Bedlam role; there is no French army; the movie

has a significantly smaller number of deaths than the play does. Still, it does follow the overall outline of the play, and very interestingly so.

Good points: The thunderstorm. The movie looks like it was filmed on a real farm. The cornfield is almost another character in itself. It does substitute some modern issues for medieval ones, but that's just a part of the updating of the play, and increases the relevance to a modern audience. Not everyone dies in the end (as they so often do in a Shakespearean tragedy). But, rather like in the play, pretty much everyone loses. There is a direct reference to another of Shakespeare's plays, *The Merchant of Venice*, when Rose speaks about "a pound of flesh".

Bad points: Well, we don't have Shakespeare's words, so there's that. And, frankly, I rather missed both the Fool and "poor Tom". (And yet, neither one was truly necessary in this film version of the play.)

One breast. No blood. No (on-screen) dead bodies. (Two were mentioned.) Fist fu. Lawyer fu. There was a lot more emotional abuse than physical. Truck rolls. Harvester reaps. Gratuitous discussion about organic farming. Gratuitous clothes folding. Gratuitous vegetarianism. It was basically an All-Star cast, so every main actor gets an Academy Award nomination: Jason Robards for being so over-bearing and irascible; Jessica Lange for the subtle changes that Ginny goes through; Michelle Pfeiffer for being willing to look so thoroughly ill at the end; Jennifer Jason Leigh for being so naive about her father and her sisters; Colin Firth for being so un-Mr. Darcy-like; and Keith Carradine for having another role where he gets to play Keith Carradine. A mere 37 on the Vomit Meter. 3½ Stars. Da'ud Bob says, "It's not often that you get this many major, and upcoming, stars in what is effectively another Shakespearean movie. Check it out!"

THE BARONY OF IRON MOUNTAIN PRESENTS

# Magna Faïse

DALWHINNIE FIELDS • DECEMBER 1-3, 2023

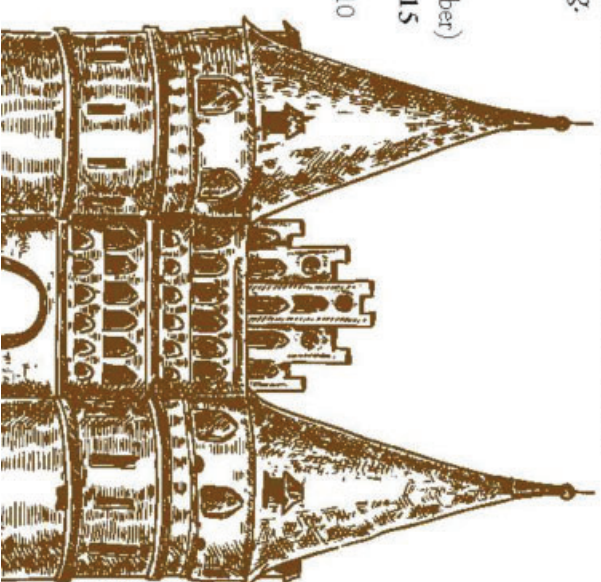
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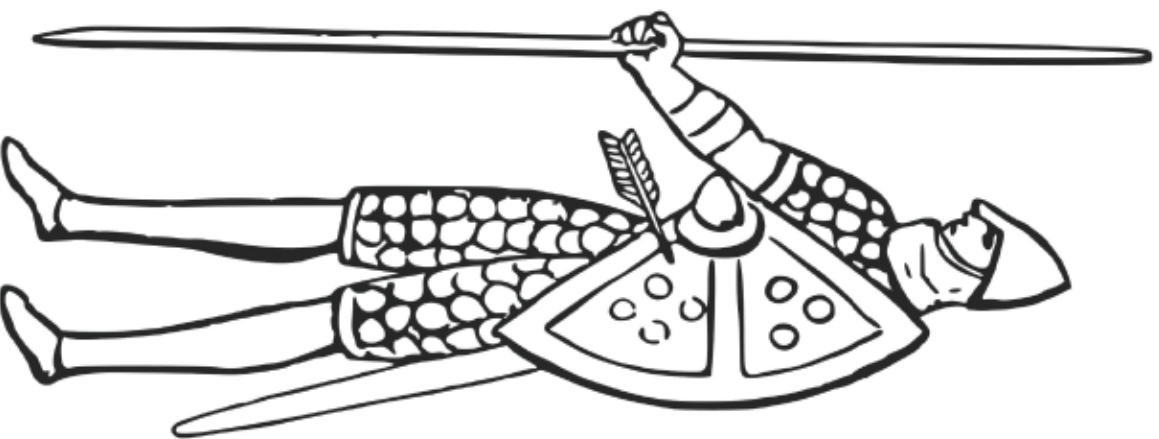
Join us for a Medieval holiday weekend where you can enter a project in the Magna Faïre or the A&S Regional. A special brewing track is planned along with other special interest classes. Rapier and heavy fighters can take part in the Toys for Tots charity tournament, the Sword and Mistletoe Tournament and the popular Iron Mountain Baronage Rapier Tournament. Site opens Friday at 5 pm central and closes Sunday at 10 am central. *Look for more information on the Facebook Event page and at [ironmountain.meridies.org](http://ironmountain.meridies.org).*

<b>Weekend Fee</b>	<b>Day Trip Fee</b>	<b>Breakfast additional \$3</b>
<b>Non-member \$28.00</b>	<b>Non-member \$22.00</b>	<b>Feast additional \$12</b>
<b>Member \$23.00</b>	<b>Member \$17.00</b>	<b>Bunk Space additional (limited number)</b>
<b>Children Admitted FREE</b> but food and bunk space is additional	<b>Upper bunks \$13</b>	<b>Lower bunks \$15</b>

**Event Steward** – Maestra Magdalena da Parma (Louise Webb) at [Sen.IronMtn@meridies.org](mailto:Sen.IronMtn@meridies.org) or 205 529 1010  
**Magna Faïre Open and Class Steward** – Mistress Marsali of Crosgate • **K&S Regional** – Duchess Thorkata Herjolsdottir at [artscl@meridies.org](mailto:artscl@meridies.org) • **Feast Steward** – Mistress Aislinge MacCuirthein (Carla Neal) at [carlaneal@comcast.net](mailto:carlaneal@comcast.net) • **Knights Marshal** – THLord Iain MacArthur at [KM.IronMtn@meridies.org](mailto:KM.IronMtn@meridies.org)

**Directions:** Dalwhinnie Fields, 251 Co. Rd. 58, Marion, AL 36701. From the North: Take your best route to AL-14, Turn left onto Co Rd. 58. From the South: Take your best route to AL-14, Turn right onto Co. Rd. 58. **Use Google Maps for Navigation. Make checks payable to:** SCA, Inc/Barony of Iron Mountain. **Mail to:** Lady Emma Wyatt (Jen King), 1579 Vestridge Circle, Veehavia AL 35216





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## War College

January 27, 2024

Giles County Agri Park

2030 Elkton Pike, Pulaski, TN 38478

Fighting, fighting, and more fighting!

Oh, and a fundraiser lunch, too!

Site opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m.

Directions from I-65: Take Exit 14 and head west on Highway 64 toward Pulaski. Continue to US-31 S/Elkton Pike. Turn left on US-31 S/Elkton Pike and continue to the park.

Site fee: \$15 per person, \$10 with member discount.

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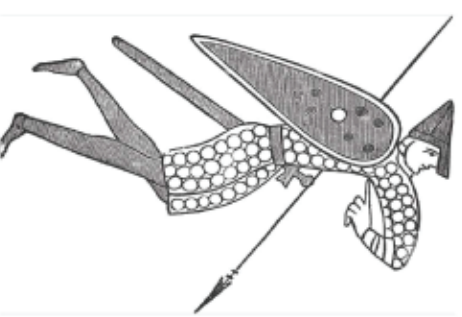
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