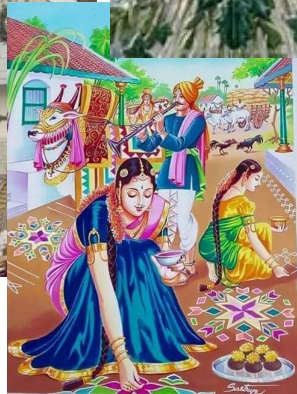


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## December; a month of celebrations and traditions across many cultures





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# From Their Excellencies

**Baroness Isabella  
Anabella Daughter**



**Baron Hrothgar  
Rauvsson**

## Greetings, noble knights and fair maidens of Hidden Mountain!

As the winter season approaches, so do the grand tournaments of valor and skill. Prepare thy armor and sharpen thy blades, for the time of glory is nigh! In this noble contest, it is customary to bestow worthy awards upon the champions who prove their mettle.

Award recommendations! Please let's us know of such wonderful things. Allow me to offer thee recommendations for such prestigious accolades. For the mightiest warrior, a gleaming sword of honor, forged by the finest blacksmiths. For the swiftest of foot, a pair of enchanted boots, granting unmatched speed on the battlefield. For the artisans and the bards, melodic magic in written notes and song May these suggestions inspire thee to honor the brave and celebrate their triumphs in the upcoming winter tournament season. We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months at events.

**Yours in service Hrothgar & Isabella**





# From the Chronicler



Greetings and may the blessings of this very busy month come your way!

Many times I see people posting about a great books they have read, and decided we need to share this information! So "Book Review" pages have been added to the newsletter. I hope you will share your finds with the rest of the Barony by submitting your reviews to the newsletter.

*As the saying goes, it takes a village to make a newsletter*

*This month's village consists: of*

*Baroness Isabella Arabella Daughter and Mistress Jorunn nic Lochlainn*

*Thank you for contributing to this issue of the Mountain Mayhem*



# Information on Submissions



**Submission deadline is the 25th of the month.**

These forms **MUST be signed**, an electronic signature is OK. Here is one (of many sites) where you can add electronic signatures <https://www.adobe.com/sign.html>

- The Grant of Use Form is used by an author or artist for articles, poems, stories, songs, etc. or for original artwork (not clip art). Note that no form is needed for correspondence from officers or autocrats, for event notices, or for captions: <http://chronicler.atlantia.sca.org/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>
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# Hidden Mountain Baronial Meeting

Report by

Lord Pippin the Red 11/26/23

Officer Reports:

**Seneschal:** Nothing new to report

**Herald:** Going over duties of Herald, 4 listed Heralds in Hidden Mountain with active expiration dates. If you think you are a Warranted Herald get with Alisoun to check.

**Knight Marshal:**

**MoAS:** Did not attend

**Exchequer:** As of this date, the checking accounts hold a total of \$9,884.81. The check to the Girl Scouts for reservation of Camp Sandy Ridge for May 3-5 2024 has been cashed. If we have received the check for the returned security deposit for the Silver Chalice site, it needs to be mailed to me as soon as possible; if we have an invoice for monies owed thru the end of next year for the storage facility, that also needs to be mailed to me as soon as possible. Robert Himmelsbach, 199 Cabrill Dr., Charleston SC 29414. Our migration of the Baronial Account to First Citizens Bank is almost complete. I am awaiting receipt of the new checkbook and deposit slips, and once received, will transfer the remains of the Wells Fargo account to First Citizens. I currently have on-line access to both the new Barony and the new College of Heralds accounts with one sign in, making processing reports, deposits and checks are much easier.

**Chronicler:** Not too much new, 2 things. Asking people for pictures of events, and stories. Function of the newsletter is to serve as a History of the Barony. Cross-words are being discontinued, and would like to include a Book Review section.

**Chatelaine:** Did not attend

**Webminister:** Website updated. Check out the Mayhem Archive. Will be doing an Alias email check.

**MoL:** Did not attend

**MoYS:** Going on swimmingly, new ideas being worked on, if autocratic an event please let her know.

**Baronage:** Successful demo at the Mythical fest. Thank you everyone who assisted. Prepping for Manannan, Please submit recommendations, go through the submission channels and not just verbal to make sure the recommendation is remembered.

# Hidden Mountain Baronial Meeting

## Continued

### Old Business:

- Manannan- getting ready to send in SCORES so can pay online
- Confusion of the December FCS meeting. Not having the Holiday Social.
- Crown Submission- Reserved the site, official vote to submit the bid passed, official vote to have Qulan as Autocrat passed.

### New Business:

- Silver Chalice- Date needs to be worked around the University. Sept 7th appears to be the best date. Mistress Adendra will check with the site if available. Looking for an Autocrat by January Meeting. If you want to do this please put your name forward. Motion passed to go ahead and reserve the site for that date if available.
- As a form of Demo, look at getting into a Parade. Has a parade float. Need to contact Baronial Chatelaine to try and set this up.
- Quick meeting on December 17th at 5pm before the Tears Sea Shore meeting at 6pm.
- If interested in becoming the new Baronial Seneschal please submit your name. There will be a Flyer in the Mayhem and on the Webpage. Please submit by the January meeting which is Jan 7th.




# Upcoming Events

## December 2023

12-02 - 12-03	<a href="#">UNEVENT 2023</a>	Virtual VA (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P )
12-5	Canton of Moorhaven Business Meeting at 7 PM	Cicis Pizza 3553 Northgate Drive, Myrtle Beach
12-08 - 12-10	<a href="#">Dun Carraig Baronial Birthday &amp; Investiture</a>	:Nanjemoy MD (Dun Carraig) (Q Pr P )
12-08 - 12-10	<a href="#">Yule Toy Tournament</a>	Pickens SC (Nottinghamhill Coill) (K )
12-07	<a href="#">Scribal at 7 PM—email for address</a>	Umm Samin's home
12-17	Baronial Business Meeting 5 pm Zoom – <a href="#">Link on HM FB Page</a>	Hidden Mountain
12-21	<a href="#">Scribal at 7 PM—email for address</a>	Umm Samin's home

## January 2024

01-04	<a href="#">Scribal at 7 PM—email for address</a>	Umm Samin's home
01-07	Baronial Business Meeting 6 pm Zoom – <a href="#">Link on HM FB Page</a>	Hidden Mountain
01-13 - 01-13	<a href="#">Atlantian 12th Night</a>	Yadkinville NC (Atlantia) (Q K Pr P ) 
01-18	<a href="#">Scribal at 7 PM—email for address</a>	Umm Samin's home
01-19 - 01-21	<a href="#">Nottinghamhill Coill Baronial Birthday &amp; Investiture</a>	Bennettsville SC (Nottinghamhill Coill) (Q K Pr P )
01-26 - 01-27	<a href="#">Ravens Cove Baronial Birthday and Investiture</a>	Richlands NC (Raven's Cove) (K )
01-27 - 01-27	<a href="#">Holiday Court of Volodymyr the Great</a>	Lothian MD (Lochmere)
01-27 - 01-27	<a href="#">Tourney of Manannan Mac Lir</a>	Harleyville SC (Tear-Sea's Shore) (Pr P )

\*\*\*\*\* Check Facebook for updates on these meetings

**Check with the [Baronial calendar](#) and the [Kingdom calendar](#) to see what has been added since the newsletter was published.**

# Mythical and Medieval Fest

We attended this fundraising event on Nov. 18th and 19th. There were lots of activities from jousting to ax throwing, forging, metalsmithing and comedia. Someone even had a giant D&D game. Moorhaven has had several new contacts from people we met there.



Photos by Baroness Isabella Arabella Daughter



# Regular Meetings



**Barony of Hidden Mountain** – In person meetings will be added soon, for the date and venue, contact the seneschal [seneschal@hiddenmountain.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@hiddenmountain.atlantia.sca.org)



**Misty Marsh by the Sea** - for the date and venue contact the seneschal [seneschal@tearsseashore.atlantia.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@tearsseashore.atlantia.sca.org). Meetings will resume in August.



**Moorhaven**—for the date and venue, contact the seneschal [cae-letnox@yahoo.com](mailto:cae-letnox@yahoo.com). Or check the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156075667772025>

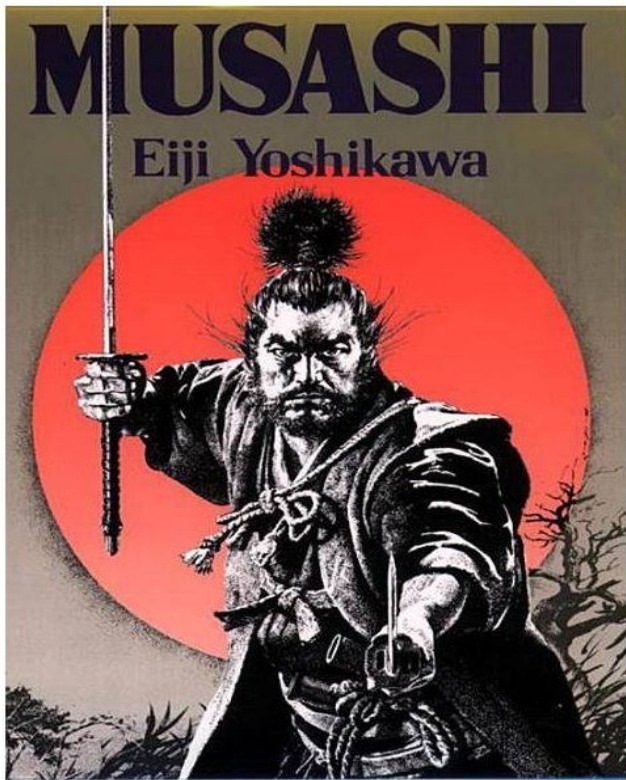
We are now having in-person meetings



**Tear-Sea's Shore** - Typically at 6 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Contact the seneschal



# Book Reviews



When I got a job teaching in Japan in the early 90's, I decided I needed to learn about the culture and people as much as possible, so I started reading books about Japan.

After reading several books, it dawned on me that I was reading books about Japan as seen through the eyes of westerners. I decided I should, instead, read the writings of Japanese authors.

The first Japanese book I found in English was "Musashi". Boy, was I in for a treat! It is a well written biographical novel that I could not put down. While not its intent, it taught me a lot about the culture and values of Japan in the Edo period. It is evident that these same values are reflected in today's culture

Let me tell you a bit about this book.

It is a wonderfully written (and wonderfully translated) historical novel that had me hooked within the first few chapters. One of those books you stay up all night reading.

It reminded me a bit of Clavell's "Shogun," because they both are placed in the Edo period, however "Shogun" looks at Japan through a foreigner's eyes and focuses on court intrigue, while "Musashi" tells of everyday life in Japan – the peasantry, samurai, Geishas, priests, monks, and families.

The book is based on the life of Musashi, who was on the losing side at the Battle of Sekigahara, after which he undertakes a lifelong journey across Japan, perfecting his sword skills and eventually becoming the most prestigious swordsman ever. During this journey he deals with love, betray and intrigue.

This is a very short summary of a very long (1000 + pages) and intriguing book. I think it is time for a reread. This time with a highlighter in hand, so I can mark some of wonderful passages that I cannot find easily now.

Submitted by Umm Samin bint Asad al Isfahaniyya



# Dear Beda Venerabilis



**Dear Beda,** Besides Christmas, what other holidays were celebrated in December during the medieval period?

While modern December holidays often center around Christmas, the medieval world had a collection of festivities based on religious, cultural, and seasonal significance. One big celebration was Advent, the period of preparation leading up to Christmas. It included fasting, prayer, and anticipation of the birth of Christ.

But it wasn't all religious festivals. In Scandinavia, Yule—a pagan festival that predates medieval times—was widely celebrated. It

was the celebration of the winter solstice where communities gathered for the "Yule Feast" with revelry, music, and dancing to commemorate the turning point of the darkest days and the promise of brighter times ahead. Later it was integrated into Christmas traditions. Yule involved the burning of the Yule log, feasting, and activities aimed at invoking the return of longer days and the sun's warmth.

The Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th was celebrated in many European regions. It included gift-giving and acts of charity. Some believe it led to the creation of "Santa Claus".

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, often fell within or near December, bringing its own set of traditions, including the lighting of the menorah and the exchange of gifts.

In parts of medieval Europe, the Feast of St. Lucia, celebrated on December 13th, honoring the Christian martyr. There were processions, candlelight, and the selection of a girl to portray St. Lucia, symbolizing light in the darkness.

These diverse celebrations highlight the richness of December festivities in the medieval period, reflecting a blend of pagan traditions, religious observances, and cultural practices. The medieval December was a time of communal bonding, reflection, and anticipation, offering a fascinating glimpse into the historical roots of our contemporary holiday season.

# Dear Beda Venerabilis



Besides European celebrations, the medieval period saw a variety of festivals in Africa and the Eastern regions during December. In many African societies, December was a time for traditional ceremonies that coincided with the agricultural calendar. These celebrations included dance, music, and rituals expressing gratitude for the harvest and seeking blessings for the upcoming planting season. In parts of the Middle East and Central Asia, winter solstice was celebrated, just as in Europe. Communities engaged in festivities, including bonfires and communal gatherings, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness.

The Silk Road encouraged the exchange of cultural practices. Communities celebrated various festivals during December, influenced by a blend of indigenous traditions and interactions with neighboring cultures. These festivities often involved feasting, storytelling, and music.

In South Asia, the medieval period witnessed celebrations like Pongal in Tamil Nadu, India, a harvest festival celebrated in December or January. The festival involved elaborate feasts, traditional music, and the preparation of special dishes using the newly harvested crops.

In medieval Persia the festival of Yalda Night, marked the longest night of the year during the winter solstice. Families gathered for storytelling, feasting, and the consumption of symbolic foods to ward off darkness and welcome the return of longer days.

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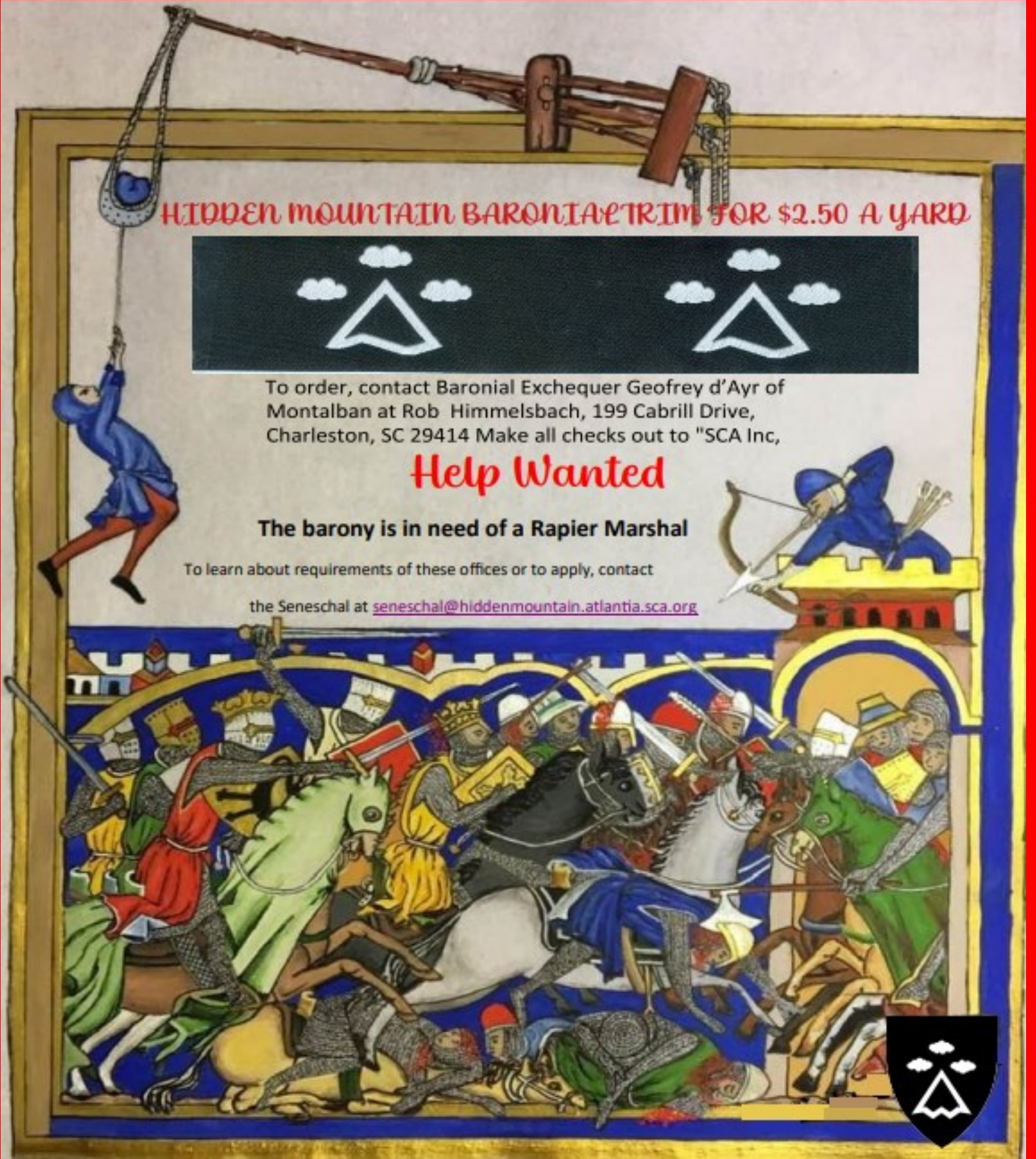
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**The barony is in need of a Rapier Marshal**

To learn about requirements of these offices or to apply, contact

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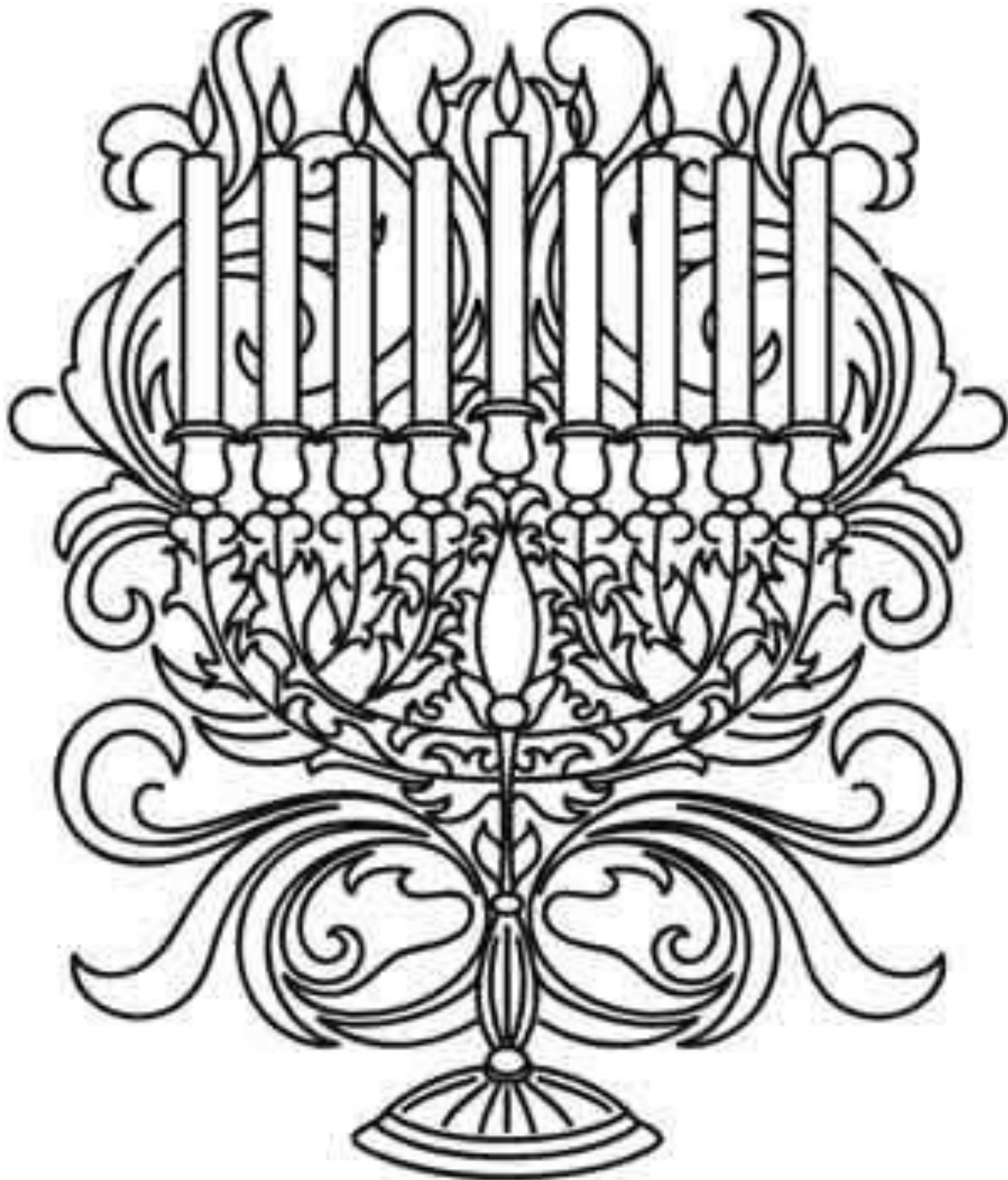




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# Tear-Sea's Shore Regum



Crusader's Ships circa 1100

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