



## May Newsletter

Greetings,

My Latest book **Hornung Art The Heraldic Knights and Miniatures of Bob Hornung**, was launched at the Miniature Figure Collectors of America (MFCA) show in Valley Forge , PA.

It is now available on <http://www.lordtankervillesknights.com/> and through Blurb.com.

### **The book features:**

- \* 8 1/2 x 11 hardcover format
- \* 124 pages with 250+ photos
- \* Ten chapters including a history of Bob Hornung & Hornung Art, and chapters on the various ranges of Bob's Knights and accessories.
- \*A reprint of the last Hornung Art Catalog
- \* a glossary

**Priced @ \$75.00 which includes insured shipping in the US.**

**Starting this month I will feature a brief history of a famous medieval battle on their anniversary!**

**Battle of Lewes, 14th May 1264  
(reprinted from The Battlefield Trust.com)  
(749th anniversary)**

**(see photo of Simon de Montfort, Britain's conversion)**

*The reign of Henry III was beset by conflict with the Barons. Henry's autocratic rule, his favoritism at Court towards unpopular French nobles, particularly his despised half brothers, his foreign policies, and his refusal to discuss or negotiate policy with his Barons led ultimately to the Barons War of 1263 – 1267. Finally, in 1258, a scheme of constitutional reform known as the Provisions of Oxford was imposed upon Henry. This provided for a council under Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, to meet three times a year to discuss government administration, particularly taxation and inheritance laws. But Henry sought ways to escape the Provisions and, in a climate of increasing hostility, King Louis IX of France was applied to as arbitrator. In January 1264, in the Mise of Amiens, Louis announced the annulment of the Provisions of Oxford.*

*The barons, having expected a form of compromise, were furious at the dismissal of their grievances. Simon de Montfort now led the disaffected barons against the king. A campaign followed in which both sides ranged the countryside taking castles loyal to their enemy and gathering support, but not coming to open combat. In May the king's forces had reached Lewes where they hoped to rest and await reinforcements. De Montfort was determined not to let them and if unable to negotiate a truce, to draw the king to battle. Proposals for peace were offered to the King who forcefully rejected them. On the 14th May de Montfort's army marched from their camp at Fletching and took up position on Offam Hill just over a mile to the north-west of Lewes.*

*Following the Barons victory at Lewes, King Henry and Prince Edward were held by de Montfort who governed in their name. But ultimately the victory did not prove decisive, for de Montfort was to lose the support of many of the disaffected Barons. Edward eventually escaped and raised forces against de Montfort culminating in the battle of Evesham.*

***New Diorama : In the last several weeks I was lucky to be able to acquire a beautiful War of The Roses diorama crafted and painted by Freddy Ping.***

*The piece is in a Plexiglas case and contains 2 mounted and 6 foot knights. It depicts Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond, receiving the crown from Earl Stanley at Bosworth. See more on the website!*

***New Knights by Peter Greenhill & Jacques Cuypers will be added to the website later this week see photos above!***

***Keep Collecting!***

***Phil Bennett***