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You must cite all references, quotations and sources in your article using the Chicago Manual of Style format. Sample citations are located here: www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Citing sources is very important to avoid accusations of plagiarism and legal action for copyright violation.

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Events must **already** be listed on the Middle Kingdom Calendar prior to advertising in *The Pale*, but an event listing on the Middle Kingdom Calendar does **NOT** constitute "official publication". Incipient groups must submit a scan of the sponsorship form to the Editor. Event submissions to the Kingdom Calendar should be submitted through the **online form** available on the calendar page. Contact the Middle Kingdom Calendar Secretary at calendar@midrealm.org with any issues. **Middle Kingdom events receive free event ads** that run in the next issue unless otherwise specified. Out-of-Kingdom events and merchants pay the listed rates.

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The Pale

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The new Heirs of the Middle Kingdom:
Prince Louis and Princess Sadb. Photo
by Sir Bran Cuileann (Jack Blunt).

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From Their Royal Majesties

Unto THE NOBLE AND WORTHY POPULACE OF THE MIDDLE KINGDOM: This past month has been one of great joy and purpose, as We have journeyed throughout Our Realm and beheld the many wonders of Our beloved Kingdom. We have witnessed contests of skill and valor that stirred the heart, and shared in a most enlightening day of learning at the Royal University of the Midrealm.

From Our Crown Tournament have arisen the new Heirs to the Dragon Throne. With Their victory, the succession of Our Kingdom is assured, and the strength of the Dragon endures.

In humble service to the Dragon Throne,

Sascha & Kemma

Rex et Regina Medii Regni

King Sascha does Blue Steel at Fall Crown Tourney. Photo by Sir Bran Cuileann (Jack Blunt).



From Their Royal Highnesses

TO THE NOBLE POPULACE OF THE MIDREALM, We write to you with joy in Our hearts and deep gratitude. We'd like to extend Our sincerest thanks to Their Majesties for a truly splendid day at Crown Tournament. The day was filled with joyous pageantry, competition, and camaraderie. We were especially moved by the heartfelt story shared by His Majesty during evening court - a tale that reminded us of the wonder We felt when We were first introduced to the SCA and rekindled that excitement within Us. I most enjoyed Our new college recruits who, out of the blue, had their first taste of the SCA by watching Crown, having a wonderful time, and even staying for court.

We look forward with great anticipation to Their Majesties' reign, which We know will be filled with wisdom, grace, and inspiration.

To the populace: thank you. Your passion, your artistry, your chivalry, and your unwavering dedication to the Dream continue to inspire Us. You are the lifeblood of this Kingdom, and We are humbled to stand among you. To those who make the events happen - thank you. You give us all a place to enjoy time away from the mundane, among friends.

It is My great honor and privilege to once again place the crown upon Sadb's brow. Her strength, wisdom, and joy are a beacon to us all, and together We are eager to serve you with open hearts and steadfast purpose.

As We look ahead, We are already dreaming of Pennsic - a time of revelry, friendship, and fierce joy. We are committed to making it a celebration for all, and We welcome your ideas and enthusiasm as We begin to plan.

With honor and love,

Louis and Sadb

Prince and Princess

Middle Kingdom Royalty et Great Officers of State



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Letters from the Kingdom's Officers



Exchequer

Greetings, all,

We're still accepting applications for both the Pentamere Regional Exchequer and the Kingdom Exchequer positions. If you're interested, please send me a resume/CV listing any relevant experience, both SCA and "real world". More information can be found on the Kingdom Job Openings page at www.Midrealm.org.

Remember that if you are hosting a free or donations-only event, you must still send in a non-member report. You'll still need to fill out the # of adults attending and # of non-members, but indicate that the event was free or donation-only in the comment section. For all Midrealm events, the NMR report (and check if applicable) is due within 10 business days of the event.

Domesday season is approaching. I recommend that you do not mail any transfers between groups or to individuals after Dec. 10th to give the recipients time to get the check in the bank before year's end.

In service,

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



Minister of Arts et Sciences

Hello!

As we enter the cooler months of the year, my thoughts turn to indoor A&S projects. How about you? I am anticipating more time at my loom(s) this winter, if all goes to plan. What sorts of A&S projects come to mind for you in the cooler months?

We have a wonderful opportunity to showcase some A&S this winter, with Her Majesty Kemma Queen's Prize Tourney, happening on January 17! Entrants are those newer to the A&S community in the SCA, sponsored by folks that have been participating for a while. This lets us build up mentorship and fosters the sharing of knowledge, which is awesome! I hope you will join me in visiting with the entrants and seeing all the wonderful A&S they are doing!

Thank you!

*Maître Audette la Éricoteuse
de Saint Denis*

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Dragon Herald

OYEZ!

As the weather changes and our new Heirs settle into Their roles, now is the time for us to look around and take stock. The Middle Kingdom boasts some of the most talented heralds in the whole Society, and it's important we train up the next generation of heralds to continue their good work.

In pursuit of this goal, I am creating a new deputy, who will bear the title of Targe Herald. The Targe Herald will act as a "New Herald Liaison" for the Middle Kingdom. This is based on similar offices in Northshield and Atlantia, and will be considered part of the heraldic education team. They will be responsible for working with new group pursuivants and generally acting as a first point of contact for anyone who is interested in being a herald. The role will be a good opportunity for anyone with a broad knowledge of heraldic topics who wants to act as a sort of chatelaine for the College of Herald.

In addition, Noble Edward the Stranger will be transitioning from education deputy to regional herald for Pentamere. We thank him for his continuing service, and will also be looking for a new education deputy. The education deputy, known as the Buckler Herald, is responsible for recruiting people to teach on heraldic topics, for creating training materials, and for spreading information and enthusiasm for heraldry in all its forms.

These jobs will be open until December 31st, or longer if appropriate candidates haven't been found. Please send any applications or questions to herald@midrealm.org.

By sea and by land,

Humbly yours,

Kallinikos Gavras

Dragon Herald

Arts et Articles

The Pentathlon Returns

by Dame Roana Aldinoch (Roana Williams)

It's been announced, people are excited, and the staff is preparing for the Middle Kingdom Arts & Sciences Faire Pentathlon to come back. The Pentathlon, the marathon of the Faire, is a grueling, all-day endeavor that requires stamina, fortitude, and not any small amount of absurdity.

For five hours straight, an entrant is expected to defend their decisions and choices on five entries meant to showcase items that were created to be the closest to period authentic as they can achieve. This follows months of work to research, create, gather materials, and build a display that will draw folks in. Documentation – oh, that dreaded word! – is expected times five, speaking to at least three of the Kingdom's four rubrics, justifying decisions and choices made to develop each entry.

The Pentathlon isn't for the faint of heart. Opting to enter five items into the Faire instead of the traditional single entry – or three for a divisional – takes a certain kind of lunacy. So why do it? Why run a marathon when a 5k is an option?

Making oneself complete several items to a deadline – including full documentation with research to back up choices and decisions – is a high unlike any other. Talk about a dopamine hit! The anxiety, the pressure, the joy in learning, the expectations of what you'll be sharing with the Kingdom – all of it feeds the drive in a way that's indescribable to those who don't feel the same way. For many, artistry shouldn't be a competition. But for those who want nothing more than to achieve the best they can against the rubric, the Pentathlon is the ultimate challenge.

And then there's the Brass Astrolabe.

Astrolabes are an exquisite example of ancient ingenuity. Used by mariners, surveyors, and astronomers to chart the celestial bodies, stars, longitude, and latitude of the planet, they were extraordinary tools for finding one's place in the world and beyond. Mistress Genoveva von Lubeck, the Pentathlon winner of the May Crown 2014, felt that anyone who put in the exceptional time, energy, and effort to compete – and win – the Pentathlon deserved something beyond just being called up in court. Yes, being named Pentathlon winner was wonderful, but being the caretaker of the traveling trophy of such a beautifully created object was just that little bit more. Thereafter, the brass astrolabe of the Midrealm was created by Mistress Genoveva and her husband, THL Gregor Reinhardt von Holstein.

The winners of the Brass Astrolabe to date are as follows:

- Genoveva von Lubeck - 2014
- Oliver Stillman – 2015
- Unknown – 2016
- Jahan Ara bint al-Yehya aman al-Hafeeza – 2017
- Sarai Tindall Sogliano – 2018
- Zuriel Nightshade – 2019

2019 was the last year of the Pentathlon. The criteria changed, the pandemic decimated things, and there simply wasn't a good infrastructure in place to support it. Regional Faires could no longer be supported by the Kingdom Faire staff and were left to the Regional MOAS. The Faire was upended with all new criteria – now called rubrics – with no divisions.

Now, however, after several years of plotting and planning – and building a staff to support it – the Pentathlon is back for 2026!



The winner of the Midrealm Pentathlon is awarded the astrolabe. Photo by Mistress Zuriel Nightshade (Cindy Bank), current holder of the astrolabe.



Chatelaine

Unto the populace of the Middle Kingdom,

Good gentles, as we enjoy the fall and begin preparations for the holidays to come, I would like to take this time to discuss ways to become more involved. We are blessed to have such a pool of knowledge here in the Midrealm and I will encourage all of you to learn and share with others. For those that have been involved in making things happen over the years, I thank you. Pass on what you have learned. For those that have not yet had the opportunity to yet show what you are capable of, I ask you to step up and make your presence known. Learn and improve your talents and skills so that we may recognize your service and sing your praises and become a better Kingdom for it.

A note on reporting: please keep in mind that all officers must report. We as chatelaines are no exception. Local and baronial reports are due no later than November 1. Any chatelaine who does not report on time will be removed from the warrant list. Also remember that the Office of Chatelaine is required for baronies, so please make sure you get your reports in.

Yours in service,

Gregory Bryant, OP
Kingdom Chatelaine



Did You Know?

If you want to know what upcoming events will have Royal Courts so you can submit award recommendations for your friends, just go to **trm.midrealm.org**. There is a link to the Midrealm award recommendations form right above the Royal progress.



Find additional information about job postings on the Middle Kingdom website:
<https://midrealm.org/jobs/>

Middle Kingdom Job Openings

Office of the Kingdom Seneschal

- Kingdom Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer
- Constellation Regional Seneschal

Office of the Kingdom Earl Marshal

- Kingdom Earl Marshal
- DKEM for Combat Archery
- DKEM for Siege
- North Oaken Regional Target Archery Marshal

Office of the Exchequer

- Kingdom Exchequer
- Pentamere Regional Exchequer

Office of the Dragon Herald

- Targe Herald
- Buckler Herald

Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine

- Kingdom Chatelaine
- First Deputy Chatelaine
- Midlands Regional Chatelaine

Minister of Youth

- Pentamere Regional Youth Officer
- Dean of Page School

Office of the Kingdom Chronicler

- Deputy Webminister
- South Oaken Regional Chronicler
- North Oaken Regional Chronicler



CORRECTIONS: *It was reported that Aethelwulf of Dover was elevated into the Order of the Pelican - he was elevated into the Order of the Mark.*

Wilhelm Michalik was also welcomed into the Order of the Royal Vanguard at Fall Coronation, which was not reported in the last issue.

Court report for morning Royal Court of Their Majesties Sascha and Kemma at **Fall Coronation, in the Barony of Red Spears, 27 September 2025 (AS 60).**

HERALDS: Gilebert le brasseur de Dijon, Andreas Blakwode
SIGNET: Chrysanthème des Prés
ORDER OF THE PELICAN: Eirik the Elder ▪ **DUKE:** Wigthehn the Younger ▪ **DUCHESS:** Neassa O'Cathasaigh ▪ **PRINCESS ROYAL:** Eloise, Hazel, Maggie

Court report for evening Royal Court of Their Majesties Sascha and Kemma at **Fall Coronation, in the Barony of Red Spears, 27 September 2025 (AS 60).**

HERALDS: Gilebert le brasseur de Dijon, Andreas Blakwode
SIGNET: Chrysanthème des Prés
ORDER OF THE RED COMPANY: Magnus of Vito's Minions, Vithar Gunnarson ▪ **AWARD OF THE SILVER OAK:** Nikolai Grigorevich Petrov ▪ **ORDER OF THE GOLD MACE:** Kjell Smidr ▪ **ORDER OF THE DRAGON'S HEART:** Annora of Trinity House ▪ **ORDER OF THE CHIVALRY:** Kadas Kadakov

Court report for the Royal Court of Her Majesty Kemma at **Feast of the Chase, 4 October 2025 (AS 60).**

HERALDS: Alzbeta Michalik, Ylva Tyrvadottir, Tali Essen of the Isles
SIGNET: Cydeaux of Brittany
AWARD OF ARMS: Merada of Shattered Crystal, Tatiana Thorne ▪ **AWARD OF THE PURPLE FRET:** Beatriz de Vargas, Ceres Vovk ▪ **AWARD OF THE WILLOW:** Alasdair Cearrbhach ▪ **ORDER OF THE WHITE LANCE:** Reinmar of Shattered Crystal ▪ **ORDER OF THE CAVENDISH KNOT:** Maeve NiClaugh

Court report for the Royal Court of Their Majesties Sascha and Kemma at **Royal University of the Midrealm, 11 October 2025 (AS 60).**

HERALDS: Markéta z Prahy Andreas Blakwode, Kallinikos Gavras, Canay of Ayreton, Aethelred of Ayreton
SIGNET: Cydeaux of Brittany
AWARD OF THE PURPLE FRET: Cristen Fynlo, Eiliswinta von Buchwald, Kyneburga Rimcraeftiga ▪ **COURT BARONY:** Hlllary of Langeforde, Gareth Ostwestly

Court report for the Royal Court of Their Majesties Sascha and Kemma at **Fall Crown Tournament, 18 October 2025 (AS 60).**

HERALDS: Kallinikos Gavras, Andreas Blakwode, Meadhbh Ballach ingen Eochada
SIGNET: Helena Sibylla
AWARD OF ARMS: Fujitani no Kintaro Yorikazu ▪ **AWARD OF THE PURPLE FRET:** Fiachra an Chleitigh, Hjalmar Angusson ▪ **ORDER OF THE DRAGON'S HEART:** Ingolf called

Fox ▪ **COURT BARONY:** Catlin Siobhan McNulty of Mountain Bridge ▪ **PRINCE:** Louis LeCoffrier ▪ **PRINCESS:** Sadb ingen Donnchadha

Court reports for the Royal Courts of His Majesty Sascha at **A Grand Day of Tournaments, 25 October 2025 (AS 60).**

HERALDS: Konrad Mailander, Milesent Vibert
SIGNETS: Ulfun Barefooted, Milesent Vibert
AWARD OF THE DRAGON'S BARB: Osric Eisenwulf ▪ **AWARD OF THE PURPLE FRET:** Paxino Voltera, Nancy of Cynnabar, Renaulde de Lunay, Ulf Olfus ▪ **ORDER OF THE BRONZE RING:** Galen O'Conaill ▪ **ORDER OF THE RED COMPANY:** Tristan von Rottweil ▪ **ORDER OF THE SILVER OAK:** Uthan Loach

Court report for the Royal Court of Her Majesty Kemma at **Rendezvous at the Bridge, 25 October 2025 (AS 60).**

HERALDS: Domingo de Velasco, Caterina Luciano, Adrian Harper
SIGNET: Meadhbh Ramsay
AWARD OF PAWS: Fritz von Stinkenderhund ▪ **AWARD OF ARMS:** Koray Aybekoglu ▪ **AWARD OF THE PURPLE FRET:** Aso Tatsumi ▪ **ORDER OF THE CAVENDISH KNOT:** Faustus Einhorn, Domingo de Velasco ▪ **ORDER OF THE EVERGREEN:** Raziya al-Zarqa'

Job Openings

Middle Kingdom Earl Marshal

Qualified applicants may apply between **November 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026**. If you are interested in applying, please carefully read the material below before submitting a resume and cover letter to marshal@midrealm.org.

Office Description:

The Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM) is the highest-ranking warranted marshal in the kingdom. The equivalent job title outside of the SCA would be a regional vice president, in charge of overseeing a division of the organization's non-profit activities. The KEM is a demanding role that requires significant travel, frequent communication, and face-to-face interaction with participants and other officers, a strong grasp of our organization's various rules and policies, as well as training and experience in administration and management.

The KEM is a chief safety officer, advocate, advisor, team leader, manager, judge, and bookkeeper, all at the same time. You will be expected to handle injuries, misconduct, and investigations. You will be expected to oversee a team of over a dozen deputies, each of whom have a pyramid of their own subordinates reporting up to them. You will be expected to advocate for the kingdom's best interests when communicating with Society-level officers, and to facilitate communications down from both Society and the Crown. You will be expected to manage the records of the office, including overseeing the quarterly reporting, the authorization and warrant database, and review new requests for warrants. And when called upon, you will be expected to be able to give wise counsel to the Crown as a Great Officer of State along with the rest of the Curia Regis.

The office of KEM is also incredibly fulfilling and is an opportunity to give back to the Society. You will lead dozens of people in our kingdom who make sure we can all play our game safely and as often as we want. The KEM is not alone – a whole team of deputies and former KEMs will be ready and willing to help you succeed.

Office Responsibilities:

- Maintain familiarity with Society corpora and by-laws, Society handbooks and policies, as well as kingdom law and policies.
- Promote martial activities in the kingdom.
- Manage multiple deputy earls marshal, as well as their subordinate officers.
- Oversee the system to approve the authorization of new participants in all activities that require authorizations (armored, rapier, equestrian).
- Oversee the training and warranting of new marshals in the Kingdom.
- Oversee the ongoing training and education of current warranted marshals to ensure up-to-date understanding of rules, policies and procedures.
- Oversee quarterly reporting for all disciplines.
- Ensure kingdom handbooks are maintained for each discipline and compliant with Kingdom and Society law and Corpora.
- Oversee injury and disciplinary investigations.
- Oversee and approve experimental weapons and armor projects.
- Act as a liaison between the populace and the Crown, and between the Kingdom and Society.
- Serve on the Curia Regis and provide wise counsel to the Crown and as needed on any subcommittees.
- Assist in the preparation and running of Crown Tournaments.
- Act as one of the three principal marshals at the Pennsic War, including assisting in the review of the marshal rules and negotiation of activity and scenario rules each year.
- Act as a liaison with mundane authority as needed.
- Maintain the records of the office, including both email and digital records of investigations and sanctions.
- Respond in a timely manner to information requests from officers and populace members.
- Communicate regularly with the marshalate, through the deputies, as well as with the populace directly through *Pale* letters, the Kingdom website, and social media platforms.
- Regularly attend events and meetings to interface with the populace and be available to conduct the business of the office.

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Job Openings

Middle Kingdom Earl Marshal - Continued

Required Qualifications:

- Must be a paid member of the SCA throughout term of office.
- Must be willing to submit a background check through the Kingdom Senechal.
- Must have strong working knowledge of Society and Kingdom law and policies.
- Must have experience as a participant in the various martial activities; peerage in one or more of the martial disciplines is a plus.
- Must have experience as a warranted marshal of at least one discipline; at least one term as a reporting group or regional marshal is a plus.
- Experience in handling incident and injury investigations is a plus.
- Must have strong communication skills, both verbal and written.
- Must have strong organizational skills, including the ability to handle electronic records and systems, especially the Google Business Suite.
- Experience as a project manager, team lead, or other type of management training/experience is a plus.
- Must have long-term experience and understanding of the martial cultures of the Midrealm.
- Must have no current administrative or marshal sanctions, and must not be the subject of a current royal banishment.
- Must have the ability to travel to events periodically, attend in-person meetings of the CuriaRegis, and the ability to attend Crown Tournaments.

Targe Herald (New Heralds Liaison)

The Targe Herald is the new herald liaison for the Middle Kingdom. This is a new office, based on similar offices in Northshield and Atlantia, and will be considered to be part of the heraldic education team. This will be a good opportunity for any herald with a broad knowledge of heraldic topics who wants to act as a sort of chatelaine for the College of Heralds.

Applicants should send a letter explaining why they wish to be Targe Herald, along with a list of qualifications (SCA and/or mundane) to herald@midrealm.org by **December 31, 2025**.

Job Responsibilities:

- Reach out to new baronial pursuivants and work with them to make sure they are trained for their role
- Serve as a general contact for people with questions about heraldry
- Work with the Buckler Herald (Education Deputy) to produce training materials and other resources
- Help heralds who are working on becoming warranted
- Respond to email communications in a timely manner
- Other duties as required

Requirements:

- Paid SCA member
- Internet access
- Comfort with using social media, including Facebook and Discord
- Working knowledge of name and device heraldry, and the submissions process
- Working knowledge around voice heraldry and court protocol



Job Openings

Buckler Herald (Education Deputy)

The Buckler Herald is in charge of heraldic education for the Middle Kingdom. They are tasked with keeping the heralds of the kingdom updated on the most recent rules and best practices, for producing training resources, and for coordinating classes.

Applicants should send a letter explaining why they wish to be Targe Herald, along with a list of qualifications (SCA and/or mundane) to herald@midrealm.org by **December 31, 2025**.

Job Responsibilities:

- Spreading information and enthusiasm about heraldry in all its forms
- Coordinating teachers for heraldic topics at RUM and other relevant events
- Creating and maintaining educational resources
- Answering questions from heralds and the populace via email, Discord, and Facebook
- Communicating updated submissions rules from the society
- Work with the heraldic education team on larger projects
- Other duties as required

Requirements:

- Paid SCA member
- Internet access
- Comfort with using social media, including Facebook and Discord
- Working knowledge of name and device heraldry
- Working knowledge around voice heraldry and court protocol

M I D R E A L M E V E N T Calendar

DEC.

Sat. Dec 06

Wassail

Riding of Hawkland Moor
495 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350

Christmas Tourney III

Barony of the Flame
404 S Mulberry St, Elizabethtown KY
42701

Thurs. Dec 25

Pale Deadline for Feb.

JAN.

Sat. Jan 03

Pentamere Twelfth Night

The Barony of Roaring Wastes
800 Vernier Rd, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
48236

Kingdom Twelfth Night

Barony of the Middle Marches
10299 Maple Dell Rd, Marysville, OH
43040

Sat. Jan 17

Festival of Maidens 51 - All in One

Shire of Caer Gwyn
Gordyville USA Arena
2205 County Rd 3000 N
Gifford, IL 61847

Winter Wassail

Shire of Rivenvale
10786 Mahoning Ave
North Jackson OH 44451

Sun. Jan 25

Pale Deadline for March

Christmas Tournament 1999

Hosted by the Barony of the Flame

December 6, 2025

9AM-9PM

Join us for a day of Armored Fighting, Rapier Fighting, Crafter's Green and Merchants and end your day with a cozy Feast.

Location:

Pritchard Community Center
404 S Mulberry St, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Registration:

Adult Member: \$15

Adult Non-Member: \$25

17 and Under: Free!

Feast: \$15



Event Steward:

Capt. Reichart von Drachenstein (Christopher Benitez)
Neorune805@gmail.com

Website:

<https://baronyoftheflame.org/christmas-tourney-2025/>

The Riding of Hawkland Moor Presents

WASSAIL

Saturday, 06 December 2025

4:00 – 10:00 PM

Hart Community Center
495 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350

Join us for a festive evening of fun and fellowship!
Pot-luck dinner, dancing & caroling!

Seated Pot-Luck Feast at 6:00 PM.

Enjoy a meal of guest-contributed dishes.

Wassail & apple cider provided. (Site is discretely damp.)

FREE TO ALL – NO SITE FEE

Steward: Master Gwenllyen the Minstrel

MKA: Janet Scheltema

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<https://northwoods.midrealm.org/activities/canton-and-baronial-events/hmwassail/>

Kingdom Twelfth Night Barony of the Middle Marches

Saturday, January 3, 2026

9:00am to 9:00pm

10299 Maple Dell Rd Marysville, OH 43040

Camp Christian

Member \$12 prereg / \$15 day of

Non-Member \$22 prereg / \$25 day of

0 to 17 years are free

Feast \$15

From West and East alike, come taste most rare English
and Serbian delights.

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middlemarches.midrealm.org/events/twelfth-night

Pentamere Twelfth Night

January 3, 2026, Site opens 10:00 am, closes
10:00 pm.

First English Lutheran Church

800 Vernier Road

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Sponsored by The Barony of Roaring Wastes

<https://roaringwastes.org/2025/10/21/barony-of-roaring-waste-pent12thnight2026/>

Come join us for a festive celebration of the
season. Feasting, revelry, music and mirth.
More details will be available on the event
web site.

Non members, \$25.00. Members, \$15.00

Event steward: Forester Celina Dawen mka
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Festival of Maidens 51: All in One

The Shire of Caer Gwyn cordially invites you to teach, learn, shoot, fight, or just be here with friends who love and have missed you this last year.

We're in a huge new venue with acres of indoor space. In addition to all the things you've come to love and expect from Maidens, we're also hosting a Queens Prize Tourney and will have all day target archery!

When: January 17th, 2026, 7:00AM – 8:00PM

Where: 2205 County Rd 3000 N, Gifford, IL 61847

Cost: \$30 (\$20 member), 17 and under free.

Web: <https://caergwyn.midrealm.org/festival-of-maidens-51-all-in-one/>

Event Stewards: Lucius Antonius Ursus (Andrew Marks) and Lena of Wurm Wald (Shelly Marks)

Phone: 217.974.5731

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Winter Revel

January 17th 2026, 9am - January 18th,

Palmer Lodge
Bertha Brock Park
2311 Bluewater Hwy, Ionia, MI 48846

Hosted by
Andelcrag, Midrealms

Registration
Adult site, Full Price: \$20
Child site: \$10
Feast: \$15
Children 5 and under: Free

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<https://andelcrag.github.io/>
Under 'Events'

The Shire of Dark River invites you to: Courting on the River!

February 28, 2026

Held at: Bethel Wesley UMC
1201 13th Street
Moline, IL 61265

Doors open at 8:30am. Close at 9pm.

Adult Registration (18+): \$20
Adult Member Discount Registration (18+): \$10
Child Registration (6-17): \$5

Feast: \$15

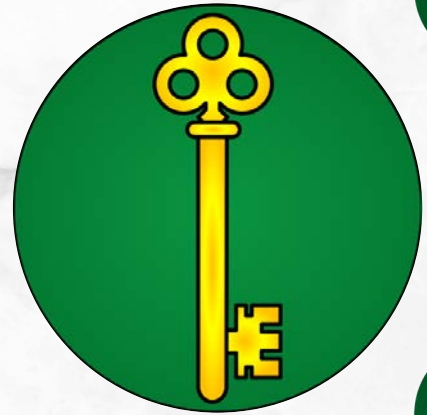
Event Steward: Baroness Adelia Marie d'Argent
(Sarah Beldin) can be reached at
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<https://darkriver.midrealm.org/courting-main-page/>

Virtual Chatelaines Summit

**Saturday, January 31, 2026
from 12 noon (CST)**

- Register now for this full-day Zoom event, where we will share the truths of the office and work on ending some of the myths about it.
- Attendees will have a chance to go into 'breakout rooms' to provide feedback on topics such as recruitment, retention, and marketing.



Register online at: <https://www.sca.org/virtual-chatelaines-summit-jan-31-2026/>

Email questions to chatelaine@sca.org

The Barony of the Flame & The Shire of Dragonsmark bring you: **South Oaken Day of Classes**

Offering a variety of beginner friendly classes including: Printmaking, Wire Weaving, Poetry, Movement for Combat, Fabric Dying and more!

February 7, 2026. 9am-3pm
www.dragonsmark.midrealm.org/sodoc/

St. John Paul Parish Life Center
3539 Goldsmith Ln.
Louisville, KY 40220

Adult Member Discount: \$5

Adult: \$15

Youth: (6-17) \$5, (Under 5) Free

Lunch \$5

Event Stewards: Dame Lote (Abby Stranathan)
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Sir Roberto (Roberto Fernandez Morales)
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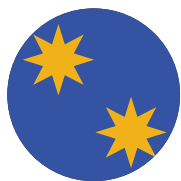
Queen's Prize Tournament at Festival of Maidens 2026

Artisans who have yet to be recognized with an A&S award higher than an AOA-level can enter with the sponsorship of someone with a grant-level or higher arts award (Laurel, Evergreen, etc.). Each sponsor provides a prize, so every artisan who displays their art walks away a winner! Plus, the Queen will award her favor as well. Get the rules and sign up: <https://caergwyn.midrealm.org/festival-of-maidens-51-all-in-one/queens-prize/>



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Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

a. January 25, 2026
b. April 25, 2026 – Hybrid – Location TBA
c. July 19, 2026
d. October 17, 2026 – Hybrid – Location TBA

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TENTATIVE
a. Tuesday November 18, 2025 (Tentative)
b. Tuesday December 16, 2025 (Tentative)

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That cloak tho. His Majesty Sascha strikes a pose to show off his drip at Fall Crown Tourney. Photo by THL Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).

The Tail End

A final look at the Midrealm from a different perspective.

