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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](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html). Citing sources is very important to avoid accusations of plagiarism and legal action for copyright violation.

**IMAGES**, such as line art, calligraphy, illumination and photographs are also welcome. Scan any artwork at 300 dpi and save it at the highest quality JPG setting. Photos should also be 300 dpi, high quality JPGs. All images will appear in print as black and white, but the online version of *The Pale* is in color. Images can also be submitted as high quality TIF or PDF files. Any artwork or photography submitted to *The Pale* must have a signed SCA Creative Release or SCA Photographer Release form from the artist sent in with the work. Any person identifiable in an image must submit a signed SCA Model Release form with the art work. This is a requirement of SCA Inc. for print publication. All release forms are available at [www.midrealm.org/chronicler](http://www.midrealm.org/chronicler).

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**EVENT NOTICES** (ads) must be published in *The Pale* for events at which any of the following occur: Crown and Coronet tournaments, coronations and investitures, appointment of Kingdom or Principality officers, presentation of awards and titles, proclamation of law, establishment or advancement of branches. **These activities cannot take place unless a complete event notice appears in *The Pale*, the Middle Kingdom newsletter, at least once before the date of the event.** The publication requirement may only be waived in extraordinary circumstances, such as a natural disaster.

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](mailto: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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**WITHOUT EXCEPTION, EVENT NOTICES MUST INCLUDE event name, sponsoring group, dates, times, site address, site registration, website URL, name (SCA & modern) of the event steward, and a contact email address of the event steward.** Simple driving directions to the event site are useful but not required. All clip art images in event notices must have a source listed and be used in accordance with the terms of use. **All artwork MUST include an SCA Creative Release form from the author(s) or artist(s). SCA Model Releases are required for identifiable persons in any image.** Submissions are edited for grammar, spelling, space constraints, inflammatory or explicit language and compliance with Middle Kingdom Law. Editorial decisions are final. "Letters to the Editor" are not permitted per SCA Inc. regulations.

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Greetings unto the Populace of the Middle Kingdom,

As you receive this missive, We have just recently taken Our seats upon the Dragon thrones and felt the weight of the crowns upon Our brows. With this weight comes the knowledge of impending war with the Tygers of the East as well as Our responsibilities to the Kingdom.

The rules of war have been set; the battles determined and detailed. We will need Our populace to support Us in combat as well as in other ways – serve, do, teach, create, learn, and find joy. There are many opportunities around the Kingdom in the months leading up to and after the War for all of us to participate in whatever way suits us best.

If you fight, find your local and regional commanders. If you shoot archery or throw weapons, find a marshal or a practice. If you create, show us your work and teach us what you know. If you serve, continue to make it possibly for others to enjoy themselves with Our thanks.

While much energy has gone into the planning for Pennsic War, please know that We understand that the Kingdom and the SCA runs on the everyday little things that happen. So, attend your local group meetings or practices. Attend your local and regional events. Create Our base of support at the local and regional level so that we continue to grow as a Kingdom and Society.

We look forward to seeing you in the next few months as We travel near and far throughout the Kingdom and to foreign lands to secure and deepen Our relationships.

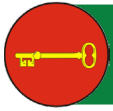
In service to the Kingdom,

**Іван      Каталена**

*Ivan and Katalena*

Tsar and Tsaritsa

# Letters From the Kingdom Officers



## Seneschal

Greetings, Middle Kingdom,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful spring's nearly summer weather.

Our Kingdom is fortunate to welcome the new Heirs to the Royal family.

I wanted to let you know that our team is making good progress on the Middle Kingdom event rotation. My First Deputy, Dame Sara Hasenkamp, is leading this group and making very good progress. I am so happy to have her as my First Deputy; she has been of great help to me as I learn the ropes of being your Kingdom Seneschal.

I am hoping to see some of you at events coming up, but if you need anything, please feel free to reach out to your Regional Seneschal and/or myself. Our main goal is to ensure that everyone is having a good time, and treating others with the same respect and courtesy each of us would like to be treated with.

There is great news from the Society Seneschal and other SCA leaders: the DEI and Chatelaine are now considered Great Officers. These two offices make our Society better and more welcoming. It is wonderful to see them recognized. They are looking for a Society DEI officer for that office to report to, but in the meantime, it remains a deputy of the Seneschal's office.

We also have one open position in the Seneschallate, the Background Check Deputy. The following is a brief description of the requirements of this office:

All officer terms at the Kingdom level are 2 years with a possibility of 3 if necessary. All positions are unpaid volunteer positions and require internet connectivity and technological know-how (Google forms, sheets, docs, email). It is expected that you will check your official email account at least weekly and report quarterly. All positions require membership in the SCA and residency or citizenship of the Midrealm. Positions will remain open until filled.

Job Description:

- Maintain a master list of approved backgrounds in the Middle Kingdom.
- Register new requests for background checks and seek approval from the Kingdom Seneschal.

- Add Kingdom-approved background requests to the Society Background Checklist.
- Monitor newly-approved background checks and notify the members when they have been approved.
- Notify members when they have two months until expiration to start the renewal process.
- Monitor membership expirations and notify members when those are close to expiring (no membership means no valid background check)
- Coordinate with other Kingdom officers to confirm active background checks for activities.

In service and friendship,

*Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP*

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



## Chronicler

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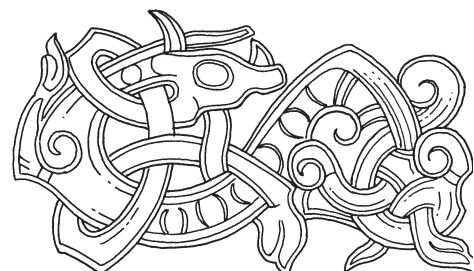
The warm weather has returned to our lands and event season is in full swing. You will witness many wonderful things. It would be a kindness to your local and Kingdom Chroniclers if you would share some of the experiences you have through pictures, photos, and articles as they are always searching for more content.

The Pale Editor and I thank you so much for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope that you find it informative and entertaining. Also, thank you so much to those that have sent content. You help us to add variety every month.

Best wishes,

*Baroness Sadb ingen Neill*

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom





## Exchequer

Greetings, all,

I'm here! I'm back!! Let the pigeons loose, let the banners fly!!

I'd like to thank my esteemed predecessor, Mistress Appolonia, for her service and thanks also to Crown and Curia for allowing me to once again serve as Exchequer.

Thanks go out to THL Cydeaux of Brittany for her service as Midlands Regional Exchequer; and all please welcome THL Louis Xavier de Navarre who is stepping up to serve as the new Midlands Regional Exchequer.

Please check out the job postings on the Midrealm website. Currently, North Oaken and Pentamere positions are available. Please send me your SCA and CV along with a letter of intent by 31 May 2024 if you would like the opportunity to serve. Those can be emailed to [exchequer@midrealm.org](mailto:exchequer@midrealm.org).

In service,

*Aidan*

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



## Minister of Arts & Sciences - Outgoing

Hello!

It has been my honor to serve as the Midrealm Minister of Arts and Sciences, but my time in the office is over. I will hand the office on to the next KMoAS at Kingdom A&S Fair. I have every confidence in my successor, Signore Tommaso.

I will miss the awesome view that comes with this office of the amazing work that folks in this Kingdom make and do. But I am looking forward to having a bit more time for my looms and my knitting. Keep on arts-ing and science-ing!

Thank you!

*Maîtresse Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis*

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom

(Outgoing)



## Minister of Arts & Sciences - Incoming

Hello, Midrealm,

I'm Tommaso, your incoming Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.

First, I'd like to thank my predecessor Maîtresse Audette for her service, especially navigating the post-plague activities restart. She hired me for my second-ever officer role as Pentamere Regional, which I apparently did well enough to wind up here.

Second, to my successor at Pentamere, Lady Isobella - thank you for stepping up to the role. Also thanks to Lord Ulrich, for taking on Andelcrag MOAS so I could move to Regional.

Right now I'm looking forward to Kingdom A&S where I'll be sworn in and, I'm certain, see a tiny piece of the amazing work we do here in the Midrealm. Sometime soon, Master Tonis will announce our team for the A&S War Point. I know that's an impossible choice. The Dragon will be well represented at Pennsic.

Pennsic? By now I hope you're pre-reged and have your classes entered into Thing 2. This year I plan on adding a new class on the Presocratics. So what are you teaching at Pennsic? You don't need to be a "Perfessor" or even an Arminger. All you need is knowledge and passion. I'm looking forward to learning what you know.

After that will be Their Majesties' Ivan and Katalena's Tournament of the Arts (ToA). Watch for announcements about the ToA coming up. Meanwhile, we've got Known World Music and Dance in Sternfeld, Craftsperson's Greens, local displays and events, and, in Fall, RUM. You all do an amazing job keeping up A&S activities.

FINALLY - I need your help. First, by telling us about the amazing work you do. Is your local MOAS looking over your shoulder and asking you about that Cool Thing You're Doing? Yep, it's what we do, and why we're here. Second, I have job openings. I always have job openings. And every single Gentle on my team has a term of office which will eventually run out. Check *The Pale* for the latest Kingdom openings. Also, talk to your Local, Regional, or even me if you're interested in learning what being an MOAS entails.

Moving forward, I plan to work on my brevity.

In Service to Art, Science, and the Kingdom,

*Tommaso*

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom

# *From the SCA Board of Directors*

## **Commentary Request - Rules of the List Update**

The Board of Directors is requesting commentary on the changes to the Rules of the List proposed by the Society Marshal.

These proposed changes aim to update the Rules of the List to include all SCA martial disciplines, while preserving their intent. Explanatory information is outlined for each rule with the functional change and the reason for the change provided where appropriate.

The Rules of the List are a critical core of SCA culture, values, and behavior. However, as written, they are mostly limited to Armored Combat and Rapier, and create contradictions for the approved martial activities of Equestrian, Combat Archery, Siege, Thrown Weapons, and Target Archery. The proposed changes also include a reordering of the list, to start with general underlying principles and then proceed to specific applications.

The complete details of the proposed changes to the Rules of the List can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/news/commentary-request-rules-of-the-list-corpora-update/>

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>.

Please email all commentary to: [SCA-Comments@sca.org](mailto:SCA-Comments@sca.org) and use the title "Rules of the List" in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.  
RE: Rules of the List  
P.O. Box 611928  
San Jose, CA 95161

Feedback should be received by 10 June 2024.

# *Middle Kingdom Job Openings*

## **Office of the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences**

Midlands Regional MoAS  
South Oaken Regional MoAS

## **Office of the Kingdom Exchequer**

North Oaken Regional Exchequer  
Pentamere Regional Exchequer

## **Office of the Kingdom Seneschal**

Charter Compliance Deputy

## **Office of the Dragon Herald**

Meadows Herald  
Escutcheon Herald  
Shield Herald

## **Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine**

South Oaken Regional Chatelaine

Find additional information about job postings on the Middle Kingdom website:

<https://midrealm.org/jobs/>

# *From the SCA Board of Directors*

## Commentary Request - Governing Documents - Marshallate Content

The Board of Directors is requesting commentary on proposed changes to Governing Documents proposed by the Society Marshal. These proposed changes aim to update the Governing Documents related to the Marshallate. The authorities, roles, responsibilities, and functions of the Marshallate occur in several sections of the Governing documents, and have been added to or updated over the years. However, they do not fully reflect the breadth of current SCA martial activities and the evolution of our administrative and safety practices. These changes will (a) include all SCA martial disciplines, (b) incorporate the current and modern practices that have evolved over the years in our rules and the application thereof, and (c) ensure consistency throughout the several sections, while preserving the kingdom flexibility that enables the uniqueness of our kingdom cultures.

Updates include:

- clarification of roles and responsibilities of the Society Marshal, Kingdom Earl Marshals and Deputies;
- establishes the Society handbooks to define the minimum requirements and standards for marshals, authorizations, weapons, armor, and equipment;
- clarifies authorizations and warranting of marshals

The complete details of the proposed changes can be found at these links:

- <https://www.sca.org/news/commentary-request-governing-documents-marshallate-content/>
- [https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Gov-Dox\\_Marshal-Proposal\\_all-marshal-elements\\_2023Q4.pdf](https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Gov-Dox_Marshal-Proposal_all-marshal-elements_2023Q4.pdf)

Notes on Edits:

- **Functional Change** – Refers to how the new wording functionally changes the passage. This may be a simple clarification, or may affect policy or intent.
  - **Reason for Change** – Provides background and context which prompted the proposed change.
- There are also changes are minor grammatical corrections and wording change for consistency in the document. Examples:
- Where “martial” should be used instead of “combat” or “marshal”
  - Update wording to be “Society Marshal” vs “Marshal of the Society”, and “Kingdom Earl Marshal” vs “Earl Marshal of the Kingdom” for consistency.

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# *The Story of Oathbinder: Blade of the Midrealm*

*by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian*

*Edited by Duke Laurelen Darksbane*

On 5 May, 45 years ago, the sword Oathbinder was first presented to the Middle Kingdom. Most citizens of the Middle Kingdom have seen, or at least heard of, Oathbinder. The Middle Kingdom's Sword of State has a long and storied history. I knew tales of the Sword, but I wanted to know where it really came from. For the answers, I spoke at some length with Duke Laurelen Darksbane, for it is because of His Grace that Oathbinder exists.

On October 28, 1978, two men competed in the finals of the Crown Tournament of King Nathan and Queen Kirsten von dem Walde II. The two men striving for the Crown were Lord Laurelen Darksbane, Baron Cleftlands, and Lord Alen Elegil, Squire to Duke Dagan du Darregonne. After the first round of the finals a halt was called and Laurelen and Alen were knighted in the only simultaneous knighting in Middle Kingdom history.

Laurelen was knighted with his own sword, Elderil, that had been forged and made by his own hands and those of Mark Rengarth two years prior in 1976. At the time, there was no Sword of State, no single artifact through which to swear and bind oaths. Each new knight was dubbed by whatever sword could be brought to hand, sometimes of the knight who performed the ceremony. Being knighted with his own sword was a profound experience that influenced what came next. The tournament resumed after the knightings and concluded with Laurelen and Ithrilie as the Prince and Princess of the Middle Kingdom.

Prince Laurelen retired briefly to a secluded place for a few minutes of quiet contemplation and reflection to think and process all that had happened in just a few minutes that day. Mere moments before he was Baron Laurelen. Then, Sir Laurelen. Now, Prince Laurelen. Two thoughts were foremost in his mind. The first was that though he had been knighted, he had not stood a vigil and so resolved to institute this most self-reflective of ceremonies so that future knights of the Kingdom would have the opportunity to think on their deeds and their hearts and consider carefully the advice of the Peers of the Realm. This he did, putting the first knight-candidate on vigil with the litany used to this day at the 8th Pennsic war the following summer.

The second, was that Sir Laurelen's knightly lineage passed to Laurelen from Duke Andrew of Seldomrest who held Laurelen's own sword, Elderil, since the King, Nathan von Dairitz, was not a knight. Here Laurelen resolved that every knight after himself would be knighted by the same sword. The Crown's sword. The Prince forged and fitted that Sword during the next few months.

At the coronation of King Laurelen and Queen Ithrilie the four dukes of the Kingdom were called into Court: Duke Andrew of Seldomrest, Duke Dagan du Darregonne, Duke Finnvarr de Taahe, and Duke Merowald de Sylveastan. Duke Cariadoc had left for the East Kingdom by this time. No one had been told what was happening ahead of time. The four dukes stood together with the King, and then Oathbinder was brought forward.

From Duke Laurelen's account in 2009:

"... [T]he King called his squire, Grod Gondiris, before him. The young squire came forth bearing a Knightly Sword of War, glittering in the sunlight, watery-silver steel and gleaming polished brass shining like Welsh red-gold. The King took the Sword from the squire and said: 'This is Our gift to the Crown and to all who follow Us. This shall be the King's Sword to pass from King to King from now on. She has a name which is her legacy for she will bind oaths and lead in war and be borne in state. This is Oathbinder. It is only fitting that she come to the Crown from the hands of those most noble men who have served the Realm by wearing that Crown twice and thus We ask that she pass from each of these Noble Dukes', hand to hand, and then to the Crown through Us."

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*King Louis holds Oathbinder at Spring Coronation 2023. Photo by: Master Philip the Pilgrim (Phillip C. Reed).*



# Middle Kingdom Court Reports

**Court report for Regency Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa presided over by Their Excellencies Robert and Nessa at Inkin' and Drinkin' in Lincoln in the Barony of Illiton on 6 April 2024 (AS 58).** Heralds: Alzbeta Mihalik; Court signet: Fuyutsukime Hattori  
**Award of Arms:** Collette Donnadieu la Petite

**Court report for Regency Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa presided over by Their Heirs Ivan and Katalena at Cleftlands Standard Bearer's in the Barony of the Cleftlands on 13 April 2024 (AS 58).** Seneschal: Angharad ferch Tangwystl; Herald: Milesent Vibert, Jolicia atte Northcliffe, Friedrich Wolferam; Court signet: Chrysantheme de Pres

**Award of Arms:** Thomas MacAfraid **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Macrina Archangela Paladini, Arisius Laterensis **Order of the Willow:** Jocelin D'Eyncourt **Order of the Red Company:** TryggR Gillason **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari, Cellach mac Cormaic

**Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa at Their Tournament of Defense on 13 April 2024 (AS 58).** Herald: Andreas Blacwode; Court signet: Waltrudis von Metten

**Award of Arms:** Theophania **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Anika Reyes, Arisius Laterensis, Macrina Archangela Paladini **Order of the Silver Oak:** Cole O'Doran, João Afonso Terciopelo de Galicia, Edmund of Hertford, Giovanni aus Innsbruck, Alessandro Vitturi Da Canal **Order of the Bronze Ring:** Maedhbh ny Manainn **Order of Defense:** Edmund of Hertford, Michelangelo di Padua

**Court report for Royal Court of Queen Neassa at Crystal Chamfron located in the Barony of Shattered Crystal on 20 April 2024 (AS 58).** Seneschal: Ástriðr Árnarðóttír; Herald: Kallinikos Gavras, Markéta z Prahy, Ylva Tyrvadottir, Tali Essen of the Isles, Brock Nash; Court signet: Corasande of Starrhill

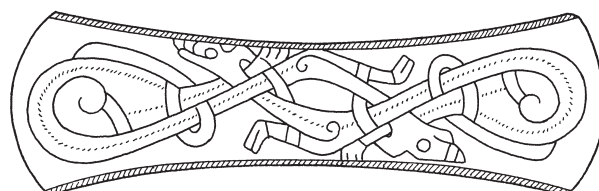
**Award of Arms:** Kurosawa Akire, Rachel of Lochmorrow, Sigrid Erickson, Skauri Erickson **Award of the Doe's Grace:** Mwynwen Ysginidd Called Strawberry **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Celestria De Surmulot, Magnus Degandr **Order of the Willow:** Tali Essen of the Isles, Melisende de Westemere **Order of the Bronze Ring:** Kurosawa Hayao C.C.K **Award of the Purple Fret:** Beatrix van der Bosch **Order of the Red Company:** Alexicratus

**Royal Augmentation of Arms: a llama Or:** Tali Essen of the Isles, Angelique Michele d'Herisson

**Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa in the Barony of Flaming Gryphon on 27 April 2024 (AS 58).** Seneschal: Mako Hammar-Hjarta; Herald: Reinhold von Glier, Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, Alzbeta Michalik; Court signet: Chrysantheme des Prés

**Award of Arms:** Alexander Babb, Skalljolf Harðgrimsson, Ylva Skallajolfskona, William of Red Spears **Award of the Purple Fret:** Sirius **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Luisa de Marcuz **Order of the Gold Mace:** Marellus Kilianus **Order of the Red Company:** Leofric Of The Osprey, Baldwin von Dresden **Order of the Evergreen:** Inga Johansdottir **Order of the Sapphire:** Fionna Goodburne MacNicol **Court Baron:** Arthur Bear **Order of the Laurel:** Edward Brackenburye **Order of the Chivalry:** Sadb ingen Donnchadha

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# Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

Find further details of events on the Middle Kingdom website calendar of events at [midrealm.org](http://midrealm.org)

Event	Date	Location
<b>June 2024</b>		
May Day in Fenix	1	Barony of Fenix; Camp Michaels, 3486 Hathaway Rd, Union KY 41091
Black Swamp War Games	4	Canton of the Marche of the Marshes; 1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay OH 45840
Northern Oaken War Maneuvers	8	Barony of the Cleftlands; 47890 Bursley Rd, Wellington OH 44090
Ragnarok Rampage: A Nod to the Norns	14-16	Barony of Carraig Ban; 7883 S Lowell Park Rd, Dixon IL 61021
Baronial Border War	14-16	Barony of Andelcrag; 1350 M-37, Hastings MI 49058
Pentamere Academy of the Equestrian	21-23	Canton of Wealdlake; Black Dragon Farms, 401 W Grand River Ave, Howell MI 48843
Pale Deadline for August (Ads)	25	
<b>July 2024</b>		
Known World Dance and Music Symposium	4-7	Barony of Sternfeld; Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main Street, Danville, IN46122
Push for Pennsic	12-14	Host Group TBD; Miami County Fairgrounds 650 N County Rd 25A, Troy OH 45373
Tyger Hunt 38	13	House Applegarth; 5555 Edgar Rd, Clarkston, MI 48346
Pale Deadline for September (Ads)	25	
Pennsic 51	26 Jul - Aug 11	Cooper's Lake; 205 Currie Road, Slipery Rock, PA 16057
<b>August 2024</b>		
Pennsic 51	26 Jul - Aug 11	Cooper's Lake; 205 Currie Road, Slipery Rock, PA 16057
Pale Deadline for October (Ads)	25	
Mounted War Games XIII: Baker's Dozen of Fun	29 Aug - 2 Sep	Barony of Shadowed Stars; 1240 4-H Park Rd, Bluffton IN 46714

## Job Postings

### Escutcheon Herald

The Escutcheon Herald is responsible for accepting paperwork for registration, as well as accepting the submission fees. They post regular letters containing your submissions for commentary on OSCAR, the Online System for Commentary and Response. Contact [herald@midrealm.org](mailto:herald@midrealm.org) with questions or to apply.

### Meadows Herald

The Meadows Herald is responsible for coordinating heralds to call the lists at Crown Tournament and works with the members of the Crown List Table. There may also be call to assist at other events in coordinating heralds as needed. Attendance at Crown Tournament is highly encouraged. Contact [herald@midrealm.org](mailto:herald@midrealm.org) with questions or to apply.

## *Oathbinder - continued*

Laurelen explained that the experience of being knighted by his own sword was deeply moving, but now here was a symbol for oaths to be sworn through and bound by.

It is important to note that oaths are sworn through Oathbinder, not on Oathbinder. The King had proclaimed, "This is Oathbinder. Upon this sword our oaths be made and bound." Not one month later Oathbinder would be used to knight Count Nathan, its first knighting.

Oathbinder had almost the same dimensions as Elderil, Laurelen's sword of war with which he had been knighted, though Oathbinder had a longer, fully two-handed haft. It was made to bind Oaths of Fealty. At the time, only knights and Great Officers were permitted the privilege of swearing an oath of fealty. The swearing of that Oath binds Midrealm knights together. The soul of every knight since that time resides in the sword and so the soul of the sword resides in every knight. Later, the opportunity to swear fealty was opened to everyone, but only knights are required to swear fealty.

As beloved a symbol and artifact as the Sword is, she was not always treated well throughout the years. In 1988 King Corwin approached Duke Laurelen about the state of the Sword. As Duke Laurelen recounted in 2009, "I refinished and polished her blade to like new, and refit her handle and leather wrapping, and fitted and made a new scabbard and box for the sword. On her original blade, below the hilt in very small engraved letters were seen: 'Laurelen me fecit A.S. XIII' and 'Laurelen me refecit A.S. XXIII.'"

In 2006, King Felix noted Oathbinder's blade had lost temper and begun to bend with the pressure of knightings over the decades. The sword was reforged by Master Gwillim the Smith. Duke Laurelen's imperative was that the sword **MUST** be reforged with her own steel. This was done and some of Oathbinder's metal was used to create a new sword for the Prince of the Middle Kingdom, called Humilitas.

Today Oathbinder may be seen wherever the Crown of the Middle is. Many have sworn oaths through it and will continue to do so far into the future. I think it is important that we reflect on what it means to all of us, and that we reflect on what those oaths we swear mean to us. For the oaths we all swear and our upholding of our vows are a cornerstone upon which all of our Society is built.

### Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

July 2024 Events - May 25th  
 August 2024 Events - June 25th  
 September 2024 Events - July 25th  
 October 2024 Events - August 25  
 November 2024 Events - September 25  
 December 2024 Events - October 25

### Helpful Links

- **Recommend someone for a Kingdom award:** <https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/>
- **See what awards someone has:** go to Midrealm.org, choose "Member Resources" from the top navigation, then choose "Order of Precedence." You can search for a person by name.

## Barony of Red Spears

# Black Swamp War Games

May 31<sup>st</sup> (6pm) - June 2<sup>nd</sup> (12pm)

	Fee
Non-Member	\$20
Member	\$15
Children (17 and under)	Free

### Hancock County Fair Grounds

1017 E. Sandusky St. Findlay, Ohio 45840

◆ Questions? Contact ◆

▶ Otto Kukelbrecht (Justin Collier) ◀

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or visit

[marcheofthemarshes.midrealm.org/black-swamp-war-games/](http://marcheofthemarshes.midrealm.org/black-swamp-war-games/)

## May Day in Fenix

Hosted by Barony of Fenix

Saturday, June 1, 2024  
9am – 8pm

Camp Michaels  
3486 Hathaway Rd,  
Union, KY 41091

Adult registration (18+) - \$25  
Adults w/ Member Discount - \$15  
Child (7-17) - \$5  
Family Cap - \$40

### Activities include:

Armored and Rapier Combat, Archery, & More!

<https://fenix.midrealm.org/baronial-calendar/may-day/>

### Event Stewards:

THL Reinhold von Glier (David Glier)

david@goetta.com

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The site is bone dry.



JUNE 8, 2024

Ukrainian American Youth Association Resort  
47890 Bursley Rd. | Wellington, OH 44090  
Event Hours: 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM

Adult Registration: \$20 | Youth: Free  
\$5 Membership Discount | \$2 Advanced Registration  
Discount | Camping Options Available (Website Only)

Register in advance for accelerated check in!

<https://events.cleftlands.org/nowm>

Stewards: Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood (Eli Hawkins) | Lord Hrafnkell Inn Rauði Eykelsson | Baroness Gianna Vettori | Mistress Brangwayn Snowden  
nowm@cleftlands.org  
Event Host: Barony of the Cleftlands

## Ragnarok rampage: a nod to the norns barony of carraig ban

FRIDAY, June 14, 2024 at 2pm until  
SUNDAY, June 16, 2024 at Noon

Elks Page Park  
7883 S Lowell Park Road, Dixon, IL 61021

### Website:

<https://carraigban.midrealm.org/ragnarok-2024/>

### Registration:

Adult Registration (18+): \$30  
Adult Member Registration (18+): \$20  
Youth Registration (0-17): Free

Lunch: \$10

Feast: \$15

### Event Stewards:

Baron Ælfred of Chester/ Allen Reed

baronaoc@aol.com

815-973-1615

Lady Clara van den Broucke/ April Reed

april.reed3055@gmail.com

770-207-0042

## Barony of Andelcrag Baronial Border War



June 14-16, 2024

5pm Friday to 12pm Sunday

Barry County Fairground

1350 M-37, Hastings, MI 49058

Armored Combat, Rapier, Archery, Thrown  
Weapons, Atlatl, Hound Coursing, Combat  
archery, A&S, Camping!

### Registration Fee:

Adult Site Fee (18+): \$15

Youth Site Fee (7-17): \$5

Youth 6 and under free

<https://tinyurl.com/7yke3uw9>

### Event Stewart:

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# THE KNOWN WORLD DANCE AND MUSIC SYMPOSIUM

Proudly hosted by the Barony of Sternfeld  
July 4 at 12 noon to July 7 at 12 noon, 2024

Hendricks County Fairgrounds 1900 East Main Street Danville, Indiana 46122 USA

## Pre-Registration

- Adult (13+) Non-Member Full Weekend - \$110
- Adult (13+) Member Full Weekend - \$100
- Adult (13+) Teacher of 2 or more classes (Member) - Full Weekend - \$85
- Adult (13+) Teacher of 2 or more classes (Non-Member) - Full Weekend - \$95
- Adult (13+) Non-Member One Day - \$58
- Adult (13+) Member One Day - \$48
- Youth (8-12) Full Weekend - \$45
- Youth - One Day - \$20

## At The Gate

- Adult (13+) Non-Member Full Weekend - \$145
- Adult (13+) Member - \$135
- Adult (13+) Non-Member, One Day - \$72
- Adult (13+) Member, One day - \$62
- Youth (8-12), Full Weekend - \$55
- Youth, One Day - \$27

**Notice to all attendees:** Children 7 and under free. **No childcare is provided. Children must stay with responsible party at all times.**

**\$10/day for tent camping \$20/day for RV camping Camping Fees are per night per tent or RV, NOT per person**

## Event Steward:

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**Balls & Dance Parties • Music Performance & Jams • Global Dance • Euro Dance  
Classes, Classes, Classes • Food Plan Available • Nearby Lodging See kwds.org for the latest!**



Known  
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Newcomers  
Symposium

Saturday, Nov 30, 2024

Sunday, Dec 1, 2024

An online gathering for newcomers to the Society, there will be classes and networking opportunities for all members of the SCA, new and old alike. We are looking for teachers, so if you are interested please fill out the class proposal form on the web site. Deadline for classes is September 1, 2024.

**KWNS.calontir.org**

**Time:** 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM CST

**Sponsoring Group:** Kingdom of Calontir

**Location:** Held Virtually on Zoom

**Event Registration Fees:** FREE

## Event Steward:

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## Co-Steward:

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**The Pale is Available Online:**  
<http://enewsletter.sca.org/>

**Need to find your local group? Try the Group Finder on the Kingdom website: <https://midrealm.org/midrealm-group-map/>**

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SATURDAY MEETINGS WILL STILL BE BOTH STREAMED LIVE AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING AT A LATER DATE.

ALL MEETING DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE.

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.

July 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)  
October 20, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE:  
Monday, May 30, 2024  
Monday, June 24, 2024  
Monday, August 19, 2024

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*Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa enter for court at Spring Coronation on May the Fourth (be with you). Photo by Master Philip the Pilgrim (Phillip C. Reed).*