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ARTICLES on period topics, history, art, puzzles, SCA life, bardic stories and the like are welcome additions to *The Pale*. A 500- to 1000-word article will usually fit in one issue; longer articles will be split into multiple parts to appear in successive issues. Submit the file in MS Word .doc format along with an SCA Creative Release form. Send the images used in the article as separate files using the format described below.

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.

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.

EVENT PREVIEWS: A free event preview of 50 words is available to all events. The listing **MUST include the name of the event, sponsoring group, site address, date, times and event steward contact information.**

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 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.

Ad templates for the quarter and half page ads are available at <http://midrealm.org/chronicler/thepale/>. All ads must be submitted to *The Pale* via e-mail attachment in DOC, PDF, JPG, or TIF format.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS NO LONGER NEED TO PAY FOR ANY EVENT ADS AS OF OCTOBER 2016.

MERCHANT ADS are due on the deadlines and in the formats noted below;

MERCHANT AND OUT-OF-KINGDOM RATES: There are three ad sizes:

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Half page: 7 1/2"W x 4 7/8"H	\$60
Full page: 7 1/2"W x 10"H	\$115.

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DEADLINES: All submissions for *The Pale* are **due by the 25th of the month two months prior to publication.** Send submissions for *The Pale* to thepale@midrealm.org. The Editor will send a receipt for all submissions no later than the day of the deadline. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, the Editor did not receive your submission. **Deadlines are absolute.**

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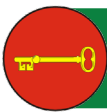
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Letters From the Kingdom Officers



Seneschal

Greetings, Great and Noble Middle Kingdom,

I hope everyone has made it home safe from Pennsic or wherever you may have traveled. Pennsic was a wonderful time as always. It was great catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. I love that we are such a varied Society, with so many different cultures, but with a shared love of the Middle Ages. I feel privileged in my role to help those in need and support our great Kingdom. The Seneschal's doors are always open and we are happy to help, we work hard at our jobs so others can enjoy their time in the SCA.

We are also getting close to a guide for the Kingdom event rotation. Dame Sara Hasenkamp and her team are working diligently on this she has shared her progress:

"Having heard the concerns of the Kingdom regarding how Kingdom Event bids are selected, a focus group was formed to examine existing policy and suggest updates to Curia. A new policy and procedure manual will be released which allows for submitted bids for Crown Tournament and RUM events to be assigned an order of preference for Curia acceptance/approval based on how often a region has held said event in the past five years. "The new policy also outlines plans for further transparency regarding accepted bids. We hope to submit Kingdom Law changes as well as the policy manual by the next Pale issue."

Please contact myself, the Dragon Herald or my First Deputy Dame Sara via email with any comments or feedback.

The Seneschals office has 3 open positions, please consider service to your Kingdom in one of the following roles:

- North Oaken Regional Seneschal
- Pentamere Regional Seneschal
- Kingdom Social Media Officer

If you are interested in learning more about any of these positions, please reach out to me or to the current officer.

The Order of the Silver Oak and the Order of the Willow will be renamed as the Award of the Silver Oak and the Award of the Willow. There will be no change in precedence. This will allow individuals to be recognized in multiple disciplines.

We are also working on new combat awards to better reflect the distinctions between skill and leadership in the combat disciplines. We are working on wording and will also get them out for populace comment in the next addition of the Pale.

I wish you all safe travels.

In service and friendship,

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom

Letters From the Kingdom Officers



Exchequer

Greetings, all,

We are still accepting applications for Pentamere Regional exchequer.

Midrealm Financial policy states that branch reports should include "Financial activity such as a journal or ledger" –this can be a copy of your checkbook register if you don't have a separate ledger/journal that you record transactions in. Remember that reports are cumulative, so be sure to include all of the year-to-date information from your register/ledger/journal.

Please also remember that after you hold an event, your non-member registration (NMR) report and the check for the NMR fees should be sent to me within 10 business days of the end of the event.

If groups purchase a new storage trailer, please remember that the SCA corporate office will need the VIN number for the trailer so that it is covered under the corporate auto liability policy. That policy won't cover the contents of the trailer, but will cover any damage a group's trailer causes to another vehicle or property. Please contact me for further details.

In service,

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



Earl Marshal

Greetings,

For those that were able to make it to Pennsic I hope you had a safe and enjoyable War. Thank you to all of the marshals that help make the battles, tourneys, shoots, and throws happen. I am always impressed with the amount of work our Kingdom does.

For armored combat, we are ending the two thrusting tips on single-handed weapons experiment.

The test has run over eight months without any serious incident. We are now going to allow single-handed weapons to have both a thrusting tip and a butt spike. As a reminder, there must be 1" of clearance from the basket or other hard surface, padding to be on rattan surface only, and padded like every other thrusting tip. The thrusting tip must be at least 1/2" of padding. If your basket hilt has a metal cap you cannot have a thrusting tip on it.

Stay safe out there!

Cellach

Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom



Dragon Herald

Greetings!

We have made it past another great Pennsic! We have a busy fall season ahead of us. There is the Coronation of Their Highnesses Kilian and Jalida, then Fall Crown, plus other events around the Kingdom!

If you are interested in assisting at Fall Crown, I will be posting on various social media sites about who to contact to volunteer before the event, and you can always volunteer on the day of the event!

I would like to welcome Armiger Ragna stórráða Úlfisdóttir who has accepted the offer to become my Drop Dead Deputy. I am confident in her ability to step in if needed.

As a note, Curia is working to create some new awards in the combat disciplines. Be on the lookout for a request for commentary on these upcoming new awards. The feedback will be via a Google document so that we can better track the commentary.

I would like to add in a "thank you" to Dame Helena Sibylla and all the scribes for the work they do behind the scenes to create the wonderful scrolls that the Crown gets to present to the award recipients! Beautiful works!

Keep your voices strong, and your nibs sharp and brushes clean.

Thank you!

Kindest regards,

Baron Gilebert le braceur de Dijon

Dragon Herald



Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

While you read this, I'm doing laundry and desperately re-checking my Change List for Things I'll Do Better Next Year.

As I'm writing this we're halfway through Peace Week. I haven't had to put on the MOAS hat very much, but I am definitely paying attention. I'm always willing to listen to your concerns.

Meanwhile I have to say that every year the Pennsic team does things just a little better. There's a TON of "backstage" stuff you'll never notice - and that's the point - that's made our lives so much easier here.

Meanwhile, rest, hydrate, hug a loved one, and come tell me about all the cool stuff you're doing!

In service,

Tommaso Franceschi, OL

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Kingdom Historian

This month I am announcing the opening of the Middle Kingdom History website at <https://history.midrealm.org/>

The idea for the website came from Baroness Gianna Vettori. She correctly identified that the problem with social media is that once a post is made it will quickly be lost. The website is a solution to this problem which will permanently chronicle the history of this Kingdom. She also volunteered to manage the back end of the website.

Thus far the website has every history-related post that originally only appeared on Facebook. This includes every peerage anniversary post, award anniversary post, and group anniversary post.

However, this is only the beginning. There is a new Publications section which will host previously published works (with permission, of course). We currently have permission to host Duke Laurelen Darkbane's 2016 work, "The Histories and Chronicles of the Middle Kingdom of the SCA". I have just received permission to distribute several older works by Orlando Ambrosius and I look forward to uploading those post-Pennsic - notably "The Collected Brief History of the Middle Kingdom".

Additionally, I have begun to catalog every item in the Kingdom Archive. I have begun with The Pale. Once I have taken stock of everything we have, I will scan and upload every issue of The Pale in the Archive. There are large holes in what the Archive holds. To quote from Duke Laurelen's "Chronicles of the Middle Kingdom":

"1994 (A.S. XXIX) - September 23: Fire destroys Middle Kingdom Archives and 'Gatehouse.' All Regalia not in the hands of the Royalty or otherwise not present in the archive is lost and all records of the Kingdom not in other official hands or not having copies elsewhere are lost. Much was lost, such as the ancient Royal Scepter of the Kings of the Midrealm, presented by the Barony of the Cleftlands and used since A.S.VIII, and other things of ancient lineage both great and small.

Thus is it with history. Acts and occurrence beyond our control and devices can take from us artifact, document, and treasures, leaving them only to the memories of those who saw and held them; to merely record their existence and image for those who never did."

Having a full catalog of what we have will tell us what we do not have. At that time I will put out a call for willing noble persons to donate to the Kingdom a copy of what issues of The Pale they have.

This labor is a delight and I appreciate the enthusiasm with which my efforts have been met.

In Service,

Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood

Middle Kingdom Historian

Arts & Articles

Recreating Tudor-Era (15th Century) Sweet Bags

by *THL Jolicia atte Northclyfe*

If you're interested in beautiful textiles from the Tudor period, look into 16th-century sweet bags. They are small, highly decorated purses that were often filled with sweet-smelling things to mask the terrible smells of 16th century English life.

While small in size — often four inches square — sweet bags are very complex to make. The entire surface of the bag must be covered in stitches, and the two sides of the bag must be mirror images.

Their construction includes numerous elements, including a lining, plaited drawstring passing through eyelets, a longer handle resembling a modern shoulder strap, and tassels across the bottom.

Baron Edward Brackenburye of the Barony of the Cleftlands, who was elevated to Order of the Laurel for his gorgeous embroidery, has made a sweet bag totally covered with silk thread on both sides with images from the *Manassas Codex*.

"I made the cords and tassels to go with the bag. These were also made with silk thread," Edward said. "From my little delve into the sweet bag they were small bags that were highly decorated with silk thread, beads, bangles, precious stones, or whatever pleased the designer," Edward said. "They were used to carry sweet-scented perfumes or herbs during a time when the smells outside were less than pleasant.

I started my research by looking at extant examples in museums. I discovered that most sweet bags were highly decorated with embroidery in silk, gold and silver metal thread, and used motifs of trees, leaves, flowers, insects, birds and animals.



Bags were made from both linen and canvas. Linen sweet bags were decorated with free form embroidery designs, typically curling vines. Canvas sweet bags used counted cross or tent stitch for more stylized, blocky designs.

Materials included gold and silver thread (precious metal wound over a silk core), metal spangles (similar to modern sequins) and colored silk thread. Pearls were often used as decoration.

Sweet bags were important to gift-giving rituals, since they could hold small gifts exchanged between lovers, or the sweet bag could be the gift itself.

Linen bag with silk and silver thread embroidery. Depicting flowers, birds, and other shapes, with elaborate tassels. English, from the early 1600s, and part of the collection at the Cleveland Museum of Art.



Silk bag with gold thread and metal spangles. The embroidery depicts a lion, a lamb, snails, crowns, and roses. Made in England in the 17th century and part of the collection at the British Museum.

Sweet bags were a popular gift for noble families to give to Queen Elizabeth, as evidenced by the New Year's gift listings of who gave what, called the gift rolls.

These small purses were sometimes made by professional embroiderers who were employed by well-to-do households. But in some cases, noblewomen themselves spent time creating fancy needlework for their homes and personal use, such as sweet bags.

If you want to try your hand at making a sweet bag, you can start off with basic embroidery supplies - linen or canvas fabric, embroidery hoop, DMC thread - and basic stitches such as the split stitch, chain stitch and couching.

When you're ready to level up to making something close to 100% period, invest in the "go-to" for sweet bags, "Sweet Bags: An Investigation into 16th and 17th Century Needlework," by Jacqui Carey. This book is not cheap because it's British, but tells you everything you need to know to make a period sweet bag. Carey includes clear instructions and documentation, including long-forgotten period stitches.

Duke Cellach mac Cormaic teaches a class on making small bags that includes helpful instructions on how to make elements of sweet bags, such as the tassels and cords.

You can also find photographs of period sweet bags in the collections of the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and others. Use the search term "embroidered purses" for best results.

After close to a year of work on my sweet bag (but with stretches of time when I didn't work on it at all), I am almost finished with one side and looking forward to starting the reverse side. I've learned a lot that will hopefully make the reverse side look better and work up faster.

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The image of the linen bag with embroidered birds and other shapes is courtesy of the Cleveland Museum of Art. As of January 23, 2019, the Cleveland Museum of Art is an Open Access institution, using the Creative Commons Zero (CC0) designation for high-resolution images and data related to its collection.



A woven silk sweet bag with metal thread. The five flowers pictured are borage, carnation, marigold, rose, and cornflower. Made in England in the 16th-17th century and part of the collection at the British Museum.



THL Jolicia's embroidery for her sweet bag. On the left, you can see how the pattern is laid out. On the right is a close up of the stitches. Photo by THL Jolicia atte Northclyfe (Julie Washington).

Middle Kingdom Job Openings

Office of the Kingdom Seneschal

Northern Oaken Seneschal
Pentamere Regional Seneschal
Kingdom Social Media Officer

Office of the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Deputy MoAS: Historical Combat Research
Midlands Regional MoAS
South Oaken Regional MoAS

Office of the Kingdom Exchequer

Pentamere Regional Exchequer

Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine

South Oaken Regional Chatelaine

Office of the Dragon Herald

Meadows Herald
Escutcheon Herald
Shield Herald

Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM)

RUM Social Media Officer
RUM Provost
RUM Scheduler
Dean of the College of SCA and Historic Topics
Dean of the College of Youth Education
Dean of the College of Textiles and Domestic Arts
Dean of the College of Martial Arts
RUM Librarian

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

Baronial Polling

The Barony of Roaring Wastes in the region of Pentamere is preparing to conduct a poll in order to provide counsel to the Crown regarding Their choice for the next Coronets. Polls will be available through the Barony's website for both residents and non-residents



The Pennsic War Horn. Photo by Baroness Gianna Vettori (Nicole Davaris).

Midrealm History - Peerage Milestones

by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian

Congratulations to these most noble peers of the Middle Kingdom celebrating milestone anniversaries in August:

45 Year Anniversary

- Duke Talymar gan y Llwynn, Order of the Chivalry - August 18, 1979

40 Year Anniversary

- Countess Kassandra NickKraken, Order of the Pelican - August 4, 1984
- Sir Alan Culross, Order of the Chivalry - August 18, 1984
- Master Alizaundre de Brebeuf, Order of the Laurel, August 18, 1984
- Sir Karl Ulfson, Order of the Pelican - August 18, 1984

35 Year Anniversary

- Mistress Elfleda Tarsella Bethoc, Order of the Pelican - August 1, 1989

30 Year Anniversary

- Count William of Fairhaven, Order of the Chivalry - August 18, 1994
- Sir Ixtlixochitl, Order of the Chivalry - August 18, 1994
- Sir David Dragonhawk, Order of the Chivalry - August 18, 1994
- Master Melchior Stoneteeth, Order of the Pelican - August 18, 1994
- Mistress Margherita Alessia, Order of the Pelican - August 18, 1994
- Sir Trelogin Tavistok, Order of the Pelican - August 18, 1994
- Countess Alys Katharine, Order of the Pelican - August 20, 1994
- Sir Ranthulfr Asparlundr, Order of the Chivalry - August 20, 1994
- Master Brusten de Bearsul, Order of the Laurel and Order of the Pelican - August 20, 1994

25 Year Anniversary

- Master Llewellyn ap Teirnon, Order of the Laurel - August 19, 1999
- Sir Calum MacDhaibhidh, Order of the Pelican - August 19, 1999

20 Year Anniversary

- Sir Adler Von Metzger, Order of the Chivalry - August 17, 2004
- Sir Tykir of Olvik / Dirk Jomsvikingr, Order of the Chivalry - August 17, 2004
- Sir Redwald of Fremont, Order of the Chivalry - August 17, 2004
- Sir Rodrigo Vargas de Leon, Order of the Chivalry - August 17, 2004
- Dame Nicholaa Halden, Order of the Pelican - August 19, 2004

15 Year Anniversary

- Count Cadogan Blaydes, Order of the Chivalry - August 6, 2009
- Master Jean Paul Pierrepont, Order of the Pelican - August 6, 2009
- Viscountess Isgerdr Gulkarr, Order of the Pelican - August 6, 2009

10 Year Anniversary

- Sir Ulfr Forkbeard, Order of the Chivalry - August 5, 2014
- Sir Seamus MacBain, Order of the Chivalry - August 7, 2014
- Sir Alexandru Vladescu, Order of the Chivalry - August 7, 2014
- Master Henry Best, Order of the Laurel - August 7, 2014
- Master Nyilas Kazmer, Order of the Pelican - August 7, 2014
- Master Dirk Edward of Frisia, Order of the Pelican - August 7, 2014
- Sir Hjorleif Ottarsson, Order of the Chivalry - August 8, 2014
- Mistress Maire Ingen Dauith, Order of the Pelican - August 23, 2014



Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

Find further details of events on the Middle Kingdom website calendar of events at midrealm.org

Event	Date	Location
September 2024		
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
Harvest Days XL	6-7	Marche of the Winged Hills; Greene County Expo Center & Fairgrounds; Xenio OH 45385
Midlands Academy of Defense	7	Host Group TBD; Heritage Lake Park; 1 Titan Dr., Rantoul IL 61866
Baroness Wars XI and Tournament of the Arts	13-15	Shire of Swordcliff; 1716 W. Spessor, Taylorville IL 62568
Vikings Come Home	13-15	Barony of Donnershafen; 11037 Thumb Lake Rd, Boyne Falls MI 49713
Saxon Summer XXI	13-15	Shire of Rivenvale; 5800 Park Rd, Leavittsburg OH 44430
Pferdestadt Rapier Classic	14	Canton of Pferdestadt; 5327 Harding Hwy E, Caledonia OH 43314
Road to El Dorado & March of Gwyntarian 50 Year	21	Marche of Gwyntarian; 13275 Cleveland Ave NW, Uniontown OH
St. Cecilia at the Tower X	21	Barony of Cynnabar; 210 Smith Ave., Milan MI
Pale Deadline for November 2024 (Ads)	25	
Fall Coronation	28	Shire of GreyHope; 2530 McKinley Ave. #1/2, Rensselaer IN 47978
October 2024		
Courtiers & Clown	4-6	Shire of Narrental; 1029 W 200 N, Peru IN 46970
Feast of the Chase 2	5	Barony of Shattered Crystal; 3463 Trout Camp Rd., Waterloo IL 62298
Red Dragon	5	Marche of Tirnewydd; 208 Elm Street, London OH 43140
Artisan's Day	5	Shire of Ravenslake; 37850 N. IL. Route 59, Lake Villa IL 60046
Hunt for the White Stag	5	Barony of the Roaring Wastes; 7930 Meisner Rd., Casco MI 48064
Smiths, Bakers, Weavers and Wrights	11-13	Host Group TBD; Kensington Living History Village
Fall Crown Tourney	19	Barony of Carraig Ban; 1765 S 4th St., DeKalb IL 60115
Pale Deadline for December 2024 (Ads)	25	
A Grand Day of Tournaments	26	Barony of Cynnabar; 3775 S Custer Rd., Monroe MI 48161
Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXIV	25-27	Shire Riviere Constelle; Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, IN
November 2024		
Mldrealm Bardic Madness	2	Barony of the Roaring Wastes; 1000 Cranbook Rd., Bloomfield Hills MI 48304
All Souls...Here We Go Again	2	Canton of Vanished Wood; 206 Rush Street, Roselle IL
Longsword Symposium	9	Barony of Shattered Crystal; 213 North Market Street, Mascoutah IL 62258
Fall Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM)	9	Barony of Fenix; 2551 Dixie Hwy, Lakeside Park KY 41017
Dancers Revolt	5	Barony of the Roaring Wastes; 1000 Cranbook Rd., Bloomfield Hills MI 48304
Pale Deadline for January 2025 (Ads)	25	

Save the date!
**Mounted War Games XIII:
 Baker's Dozen of Activities
 and Tournament of Chivalry!**

Hosted by the Barony of Shadowed Stars
 August 29th 5pm - September 2nd 12pm
 Wells County 4H Fairgrounds
 1240 4-H Park Rd, Bluffton, IN. 46714

Gate: Adult Weekend: \$45 Adult Day Trip:
 \$25

Children 6-17 Weekend: \$25 Children 6-17
 Day Trip: \$15

Members get a \$10 Discount!

More info to come at:
shadowedstars.midrealm.org/mounted-war-games-xii

Event Steward: THL Prudence of Colleah
 (Rachel Coffman)
prudencesbetter@outlook.com

**Harvest Days XL &
 Tournament of Defense**

Hosted by the Marche of Winged Hills
 Friday, September 6 @ 6:00 pm –
 Saturday, September 7, 2024 @ 8:00 pm
 120 Fairground Road | Xenia, Ohio 45385
wingedhills.wixsite.com/harvestdays

Registration Information:

Adult (18+) Pre-Registration (Non-Member): \$26
 Site Fee at Gate: \$30

Adult (18+) Pre-Registration (Member): \$16
 Site Fee at Gate: \$20

Minor (0-17): Free | Merchants (2 per booth): Free

Pre-registration through Midrealm ePay System

is required by August 26, 2024 to be guaranteed a site token. Walk-ins still welcome!

Other questions? Please contact Event Steward
 Laureate Aveline de Ceresbroch (Tonia Brown) at
harpyandhag@gmail.com

Vikings Come Home

Barony of Donnershafen
 Sept 13 -15 2024

Lake Louise Christian Camp
 11037 Thumb Lake Rd
 Boyne Falls, MI 49713

2 o'clock of Friday the 13 till 12 o'clock on
 Sunday the 15th

Registration \$30,Adult member \$20 child
 10-17 \$10.

Event Stewards

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www.donnershafen.com

The Shire of Rivenvale cordially invites you!

Saxon Summer XXI

September 13th 6pm – September 15th 12pm
 5800 Park Rd
 Leavittsburg, Ohio 44430

Admission:

\$10 Day-Trip

\$15 Camping One Night

\$20 Camping Two Nights

Children Free, Family Maximum of \$40

\$10 Non-Member Surcharge

Feast, maximum of 50 persons:

\$20, Children 12 and under \$10

Event Website:

rivenvale.org/activities/saxon-summer/

Event Steward:

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Pferdestadt Rapier Classic VII
September 14, 2024 8am-8pm

Marion County Fairgrounds
220 E. Fairground St.
Marion, OH, 43302

Come join us for our FREE rapier event!

There will be classes galore and
tournaments with FANTASTIC PRIZES!

Did I mention it's a FREE EVENT?
Mark your calendar now and join us
for FREE!

Event Steward: Sgt. Andreas
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Hosted by the Canton of Pfedestadt

<https://pferdestadt.midrealm.org/pferdestadt-rapier-classic/>

**The Marche of Gwyntarian presents:
Road to El Dorado
The Marche of Gwyntarian 50 Year**

September 21st, 2024 9:00am to 9:00pm

Event Steward: Sgt Patraic O Dochartaigh
MKA: John Dougherty
Email: patraic61@gmail.com
330-208-3528 (6pm to 9pm)

Event Site:

Grace United Church of Christ
13275 Cleveland Ave NW, Uniontown, OH 44685

Website: <https://gwyntarianroadto.weebly.com/>

Adult Day Registration (18+): \$10.00
Non-Member Adult Day Registration (18+): \$20.00
Child Day Registration (6-17): \$5.00
Youth Day Registration (0-5): Free

There is a Family Cap of \$30.00 for Members and
\$40.00 for Non-Members.

The Shire of Swordcliff presents

**Baroness Wars 11 &
Tournament of Arts**

Friday, Sept 13, 2024 4pm to Sunday Sept. 15, 2024 12noon
Christian County Fairgrounds, 1716 West Spresser St. Taylorville, IL 62568

Registration:

Adult Registration: \$30

Adult Registration: \$20 (Member Discount)

Child Registration (6-17) \$7.00

Youth Registration (0-5): Free

Discounts for Pre-registration

Checks and cash accepted at door.

Registration includes tent camping and meal options.

Please see website for details: <https://swordcliff.midrealm.org/events/baroness-wars-xi>

Event Steward: THL Norelle Thespiana (Donna Weeks) trysterosgirl@gmail.com

The Barony of Cynnabar Presents

St. Cecilia at the Tower X

Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith St. Milan, MI
September 21, 2024 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM

**Come forth and be inspired by the
patroness of music!**

Classes, Classes, Classes!

Classes for musicians of all levels

Opportunities to play together

Big Sing – open for all, we will practice a song
during the day and sing it at the concert

Salon – solo and duet performances mid-day

Concert – ensemble performances after dinner

Questions: cecila@cynnabar.org,

Want to teach or perform? same contact

Website: <https://cynnabar.org/cecilia>

Event Steward: Mieczko the Swift of Jaroslaw
(Duane Roberts, drober23@sbcgloabl.net)

Registration:

Adult Day Registration (18+): \$10 (Difference in cost for
non-members to be donated by friends of the barony)

Youth Day Registration (0-17): Free

There will be a feast and lunch tavern, prices: TBD

The Barony of Shattered Crystal
invites you to:

The Feast of the Chase 2

and

Midlands Regional Equestrian Practice

October 4-5-6

4PM Friday - Noon Sunday

Location: Camp Vandeventer

3463 Trout Camp Road, Waterloo, IL, 62298

Registration

Adult Member - \$15, Adult Non-Member - \$25,

Minors 0-17 – Free, no camping fees

Feast by One Paw - \$15

**Arts & Sciences, fighting, feasting, Brewer's
Competition, and gaming.**

<https://shatteredcrystal.midrealm.org/feast-of-the-chase/>

Stewards- Cristen Fynlo (David Williams)

Tali Essen of the Isles (Rae Lyn Bardon)

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Fall Coronation 2024

Hosted by the Shire of GreyHope on
September 28, 2024

At the Jasper County Fairgrounds
2671 W Clark St, Rensslear, IN 47978

<https://sites.google.com/view/midrealm-fall-coronation-2024/home>

Site opens at 8 AM Central Time and will close at 9 PM

Registration: Adult (18+) Preregistration \$20, Non Member \$30,
At Gate \$25, Non Members \$35

Children (5-17 yrs old) Preregistration 10, At Gate \$15

Children (0-4) Free

Autocrat Keiley Duchem (Jenna Gamble) Keileyduchem@gmail.com

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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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.

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

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE

CALL SCHEDULE:
Monday, August 26, 2024
Monday, September 23, 2024

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*Her Majesty Katalena and Her Highness Jalida at the Crafter's Green at Pennsic 51. Her Majesty is hand sewing.
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