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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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From Their Royal Majesties

Unto the Fierce and Noble Populace of the Midrealm, from Their Majesties Wigthehn & Neassa, greetings.

Let the drums of war be heard and the banners of the Dragon rise! With great joy, We proclaim that the lineage of the Dragon Throne is secured - through valor and grace, Prince Sasha and Princess Kemma have claimed their rightful place as Our Heirs. Their honor and inspiration shall be a beacon for Our Kingdom in the times to come.

But now, Our eyes turn to what comes before Us. Pennsic War draws near.

Soon, We shall gather with Our mightiest warriors, artisans, archers, and kin to take the field at the greatest of wars. Pennsic is not just an event - it is the proving ground of strength, patience, unity, and indomitable will. This is where stories and memories are forged in the clash of arms, in the aim of an archer, and in the songs and stories sung beside the fire.

To Our fighters, We say: ready your arms, for glory awaits.

To Our artisans, We say: your crafts are the pride of the realm.

To Our archers, We say: may your aim be true, as you make the reach of the Dragon long.

To Our scribes, Our cooks, and Our water bearers, We say: you are the heartbeat of the Dragon.

To all who labor and serve, who lift each other up in small ways and great, you are the strength that carries Us.

We call upon each of you - whether you wield sword, pen, needle, arrow, or voice - to prepare. Ready your war gear, your war cries, and your hearts. The Dragon shall not go quietly, or alone. We shall go gloriously and with our friends and allies of the East Kingdom!

Stand with Us, as We lead the Dragon once more into legend.

With iron and honor,

Wigthehn II and Neassa II

Rex et Regina Medii Regni

Letters From the Kingdom Officers



Exchequer

Hi, all,

Remember that if you're doing pre-registration for events, your group should have a refund policy in place that lists how long after the event you'll accept requests for refunds, who the request should be directed to, etc. Ideally that's a part of the group's financial policy, but at the least it should be part of event planning.

We're accepting applications for the Pentamere Regional Exchequer position. If you're interested, please send me a resume/CV listing any relevant experience, both SCA and "real world" by August 31st.

I am planning to hold an informal exchequer's gathering at Pennsic. It will be a chance to meet other exchequers, discuss issues, ask questions, and socialize. I would urge exchequers and anyone interested in being an exchequer or with questions about the office or procedures to attend. Further details will be coming in *The Pale* and posted on Facebook.

In service,

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



A gift of heads on a pike - cake pops! Photo from THL
Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).



Chronicler

Greetings to the Populace of the Middle Kingdom,

The Office of the Society Chronicler sponsors the annual Master William Blackfox Awards to recognize excellence in the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors. There are several nomination categories in which local and kingdom publications can be recognized. I am pleased to announce that for AS 58 that the award for Best Short Fiction went to "Le Roman de Gregoire de Lyon", written by Sir Gregoire de Lyon, OP; and published in the Citadel, Barony of Cynnabar (Chronicler: HL Godhit of Cynnabar). *The Pale* (Editor Noble Claricia de la Mere) was commended by the Society Chronicler for "Blackwork Embroidery", written by Baroness Lynne Fairchild OL. Congratulations to our writers and publishers!

As Kingdom Chronicler, I am able to nominate publications for awards. I would like to acknowledge the following for their good work:

- Nominated for Best Cover for a Kingdom Newsletter: *The Pale* "Dame Eleanor and Dame Honor at Christmas Tourney", Photographer: Noble Ceadda of Fox Hall.
- Nominated for Best Overall Newsletter: *Gryphon's Tale*, Barony of the Flaming Gryphon; Chronicler: Baroness Elena MacPherson OP.
- Nominated for Best Layout and Design: *The Andelcrag Thunderbolt*, Barony of Andelcrag; Chronicler: Noble Isobella Gray of Donnershafen.
- Nominated for Best Regular Feature: "Meet the Barony"; from *Flammeus Alles*, Barony of Fenix; author and Chronicler: Noble Roisin de Burgh.

Thank you so much for all of your hard work and dedication to creating quality publications.

Sincerely,

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill, OL

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



Minister of Arts & Sciences

*"Night, welcome art thou to my minde distrest,
Darke, heauy, sad, yet not more sad then I:
Neuer could'st thou find fitter company
For thine owne humour, then I thus opprest.
If thou beest darke, my wrongs still unredrest."* —
Lady Mary Wroth, from Sonnett 37

Lady Mary Wroth (1587–1652) is the earliest woman from whom we have a surviving sonnet sequence. If you don't know her work, she's well worth seeking out.

Speaking of poetry, I just came from Crown Tournament/Kingdom A&S where our Midrealm Crown Praise Poetry Project produced 53 poems in honor of each combatant/consort pair. Watch YouTube for the poem performances, as well as videos by others who were there.

Crown is always a cavalcade of amazing pageantry, both from the combatants and their consorts and many of the populace. If you haven't been able to get out to a Crown Tournament, it's a spectacle not to be missed! Congratulations TRHs Sasha and Kemma.

But for your MOAS, Spring Crown is a day of rest and recovery from the massive effort that is our annual Kingdom A&S Faire. The amount of preparation that goes into Faire is astounding. Roana and her team did an amazing amount of work to get everything ready for our entrants and scorers, and then there's the work done by our entrants and scorers. My job? Well, officially I'm there to resolve disputes impartially, which means I'm not allowed to judge, but with a great team and amazing judges, I got to wander around the room asking my very favorite question, "Wow, that's amazing. Tell me about it?" Every entrant, from the simplest tunic to the most complex presentation of Elizabethan court ways, represents dozens, even hundreds of hours of work, and every one had merit on its own. To each of you I raise my Diet Coke.

Care to guess when planning starts for next year's Faire? We started yesterday. Hope to see even more of your amazing work next year.

This is also my first camping event since last fall. With camping comes campfires and songs and stories around the fire. I got to hear some of my favorite Midrealms and some people who are new to the campfire scene. You might guess what Laurels were singing, but can you guess which knights? What about the "Researcher" who's suddenly discovered they love Renaissance guitar?

Camping events bring to mind Pennsic. There are Crafter's Greens all of Peace Week and War Monday just outside of Midrealm Royal. There are hundreds of classes on everything from Bronze Age philosophy to doing Pennsic on a budget. There is a huge interkingdom display and the A&S War Point. There are performances of all kinds. Head on over to the Pennsic website, look at the Staff pages and see just HOW MANY Midrealms will be working through our "vacation." Does the name of the Exchequer seem familiar to you? What about That Guy Doing the Battlefield Schedule? What about that University staff? Midrealms everywhere! One Midrealm indeed!

Which naturally leads me to ask, how are you making your camping life better? I finally managed to budget for a canvas tent, and am getting some marker lights to make my setup safe for people wandering by in the dark, as well as aesthetically pleasing. I'm working on "bringing less useless stuff." Baby steps! What about you? Do you have a great camp setup? I'd love to see pictures!

Hope to see you at Pennsic and throughout the year!

In service,

Tommaso Franceschi, OL

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Dragon Herald

Greetings, Midrealm!

It has been a fantastic spring and will be an even better summer! Pennsic War is looming on the horizon! This will be a Pennsic War where the East and Middle are allies against the rest of the Known World.

As it has now been just over two years that I have been in office, as promised, I have a successor - Kallinikos Gavras has been chosen to be your new Dragon Herald. The transition will be at the Fall Crown Tournament in October. I have the utmost confidence in his ability to do the job and anticipate his interpretation of the office. Please welcome him and lend your support to him as you have to me.

Keep your voices hydrated and strong, your quills sharp and well-inked.

Kindest regards,

Baron Gilebert le braceur de Dijon, OL
Dragon Herald



Earl Marshal

Greetings, Midrealm!

The days are getting longer, and the events are getting more exciting with the looming "friendship party" on the horizon. Which also means it's full-on MELEE SEASON!! While that is a truly joyous occasion, I am also setting the tone for combat. BE AWARE OF YOUR RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND CALIBRATION. Your opponent MUST know you're there and you must have received acknowledgement that they know you are engaging them. We do not use 360 engagement (except combat archers and siege). Even in a mixed line you still need full acknowledgement of engagement. It is expected that everyone on the field fights with equal honor and fairness, and the marshals WILL be calling people out on this.

Calibration: if the same shot would have been good enough in a small event tournament, it's equally good enough everywhere else. We don't amp up our calibration based on what format we're fighting in. If you feel it wasn't good/valid, discuss it. We don't want to hurt our friends and saying good shots are light not only means they might throw shots above their comfort level, but puts you in danger of serious injury. Let's not be those people.

Especially now - aim true and fight with honor,

Baron Robert Thorne, OP, OM

Kingdom Earl Marshal, Middle Kingdom



Youth Rapier Marshal

Announcement from the Office of the Deputy Earl Marshal for Youth Rapier:

I have two items to address:

1. To all of those running a table/sign-in (MOL): make sure you have the proper paperwork. It can be found on the Midrealm.org website; on the youth rapier page you get to from the Earl Marshal page. Check the authorization cards for all adult marshals for the youth rapier marshal authorization plus that the background check date is current.
2. In regard to youth rapier fighters who go on to authorize as adults, the following is the rule straight from the Society youth combat manual. I owe several people an apology as I did not have a good understanding on this rule and have since learned that once authorized as an adult there are no more of the youth rapier rules that guide the 16 or 17 year olds.

"D. Society rules allow a minor, aged at least 14, to authorize in Adult Rapier Combat. Minors may continue to fully participate in Youth Rapier while training for adult combat. When minors become authorized in adult rapier combat, they will be deemed to have graduated from Youth Rapier and may not participate in Youth Rapier tournaments, except as bye fighters (i.e., not eligible for prizes). They may still participate in Youth Rapier training activities and are encouraged to become Youth Rapier Marshals if allowed by their Kingdom.

Found on page 18:

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Youth-Combat-Handbook-July-2024.pdf>

Respectfully,

Oda Shonagon "called Umi"

Deputy Earl Marshal for Youth Rapier

Middle Kingdom Chronicles - 10th Anniversary of the Barony of Shadowed Stars

by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian

The end of May marked the tenth anniversary of the Barony of Shadowed Stars, having been formally recognized as a barony on May 30, 2015. Though the group charts its origins to its original incarnation as a shire back in the mid 1980s, they are the youngest barony in the Kingdom. Shadowed Stars covers the Northeast Indiana area, which includes Fort Wayne, Auburn, Angola, and Columbia City.

As with many groups, the beginnings of Shadowed Stars occurred over several years, as the founding members slowly found each other through means best described as serendipitous. In the late 1970s, the woman who would become Halldora Egilsdottir heard rumors of a medieval group in the west that tried to recreate the ideal of the Middle Ages. Unable to locate much information, she kept it in the back of her head to investigate at a later date. At a chance meeting at a screening of *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* in the early 1980s, she ran into a couple of people who were card-carrying SCA members. Some brief time later in a comic book store, someone overheard her and mentioned that a gentleman he knew received a lot of mail with "medieval stuff" on it. This turned out to be Geoffrey de la Mer.



Geoffrey de la Mer reportedly found the SCA while at school in Bloomington, Indiana, which is the Shire of Mynydd Seren. When he came to Fort Wayne, Indiana after graduating, he had hopes of establishing a new group. Meetings began sometime in 1984 and the shire would officially be recognized sometime in 1985.

There were many stories along the way. At one meeting on a Sunday at the downtown library, the members of the proto-incipient group met a new person.. Halldora recounts: "Our guest was very animated and started telling us about buying land out west and that he was looking forward to being away from city life. He talked about firearms. That is when I asked him [if he understood what the SCA was].

"Society for Creative Anarchy' was the reply.

"Ah no. It's about medieval art and life."

Flustered, he blushed, apologized, and left. Never to be seen again.

Patricia Hall is the one who came up with the name Shadowed Stars, due to the perpetual overcast weather in the region.

After attaining shire status, several influential households emerged in the area. House of the Mountain Bridge is the household headed by Thorhalla Carlsdottir af Broberg, one of the founding members of Shadowed Stars. Darkmoon, a large fighting household, had members across a large area of the state of Indiana. It is notable for many reasons, but the Kingdom spotlight shone on them with the coronation of the 45th king and queen, Ronin of Darkmoon and Katya of Shadowed Stars in 1992.

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History of Shadowed Stars - continued

Conversations regarding raising the shire to baronial status came up around 2000. At that time there was concern that the population of the shire would not be enough to maintain a group at that level. Members in favor of pushing to become a barony and those satisfied with remaining a shire debated each other and eventually the idea was shelved for nearly a decade. Another push would come in 2008, but many of the same arguments for and against were rehashed. The difference is that underneath the decade-old pros and cons a group began to plan for an eventual ascension to baronial status.

Inter-faction conflict reportedly became so difficult that the Kingdom eventually had to step in and appoint a seneschal. That appointed seneschal was Djulke, though I do not believe my spelling is accurate. For her service, the future barony's highest service award was named in her honor: the Award of Djulke's Star.

A group of friends, many associated with the Knotty Dragon Tavern, began taking officer positions to prove the shire could do baronial-level work. Raven Company, the household of Sir Ulrich Halfdan Ulffson, began turning up in force because they enjoyed the new direction the group was taking. Praise must be given to Kveld Ulfgrimsson who was chatelaine of the shire. During his tenure he attracted many new people by running demos and portraying an attitude of fun people doing fun things.

The Shadowed Stars rapier unit was created which drew many new rapier participants. When Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae received the Cavendish Knot from King EikBrandr Solgyafi I and Queen Runa Eikbrandrskona I it was for "captaining the **baronial** rapier unit." Mael said that because of this, for the duration of the reign he must be referred to as Captain, and Shadowed Stars must be considered a barony. Such is the power of the words of kings and queens.

While the shire had persisted as an entity for almost 25 years, an influx of new people and a healthy slice of existing members did the long work to infuse energy and new life into the group. They changed Shadowed Stars from its prolonged comfortable existence and gave it the drive and desire to be more than what it was. Change is hard and many people did not want that change. However, seven years later, in 2015, Shadowed Stars became a barony.

When baronial status seemed imminent, there was debate over whether this hypothetical group would have included the Shires of Dragon's Vale and Narrental. It was not to be. Narrental declined the invitation. Dragon's Vale was unraveling and would dissolve in 2014. Its lands would eventually become part of the new Barony of Shadowed Stars.

Now that the Kingdom was proceeding with elevating Shadowed Stars, the Crown needed to appoint the first baron and baroness. Of the several couples who stepped forward, signaling their willingness to do the job, Fergus MacPherson and Maggie MacKeith were chosen to lead.

Dame Maggie recounts of the first investiture on May 30, 2015: "There was such a sense of community at our baronial investiture. We processed in with as many of our baronial members as wanted to. There were many, many other baronies there and our dear friend, Ragnvaldr, was the one who invested us. That day, with all its activity and confusion, will live in our memories forever."

When asked about the most serious event that occurred during their time as baron and baroness, Dame Maggie replied, "We unfortunately lost a member of the group, due to a tragic car accident. The entire group felt the impact of her life and death, deeply. Many in the group still wear a dragonfly favor, in her memory."

Sir Ulrich Halfdan Ulffson was chosen as the baron to succeed Fergus and Maggie. His investiture was on April 21, 2018. In his words: "My time as Baron was dominated by COVID, unfortunately. I was there for the first virtual courts and virtual events. My tenure was very uneventful. We hosted Their Highnesses at Mounted War Games 2018, and after events started back up in 2021 we had Their Majesties at Mounted War Games for the investiture of Ronan and Hadley. There wasn't a lot in between."

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Middle Kingdom Court Reports

Court report for Court of His Majesty Wigthehn at Constellation Academy of Defense on 10 May 2025 (AS 60) in the Shire of Mynnyd Seren.

Award of the Silver Oak: Apollonia von Berlichingen, Anton du Marais **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Kelmis of Shadowed Stars, Pellinor of Shadowed Stars **Order of the Bronze Ring:** Maks Pellison

Court report for Court of Her Majesty Neassa at Mugmort Melees on 10 May 2025 (AS 60) in the Shire of Mugmort.

Award of the Purple Fret: Mel of St. Brutus, Andreas Renardi **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Aasa Sorensdottir, Melisande de Marmande

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa at Aethelmearc War Practice on 17 May 2025 (AS 60) in the Kingdom of Aethelmearc. Herald: Dmitrii Zhirov

Award of Dragon's Tooth: Tarquin of Vito's Minions, Victorious Suspectus

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa at Kingdom A&S on 24 May 2025 (AS 60) in the Canton of the Marche of the Marshes in the Barony of Red Spears.

Award of Arms: Gerda Ingelsdottir **Award of the Willow:** Vincent O'Cosnachain, Ellbrig ingen Eoain
Award of the Silver Oak: Aveline de Ceresbroch

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa at Crown Tournament on 24 May 2025 (AS 60) in the Canton of the Marche of the Marshes in the Barony of Red Spears.

Award of the Dragon's Barb: Ronan Haukrson **Award of Arms:** Germaine Tousignant of Poitiers, Dryfinna of Cleftlands, Kalyani of Blackberry Brook, Fiachra an Chleitigh **Award of the Purple Fret:** Sigrid Erikson, Danica of Gwyntarian **Award of the Purple Fretty:** Crown Tourney Guide Team **Award of the Willow:** Astrid Feilan **Order of the Gold Mace:** Ehrenfried Schertenleib
Prince: Sir Sascha St Martin **Princess:** Kemma of the Three Rivers

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa at Grand Tournament of the Dragon on 31 May 2025 (AS 60) in the Marche of Hawkes Keye.

Award of Arms: Arnulf Grunwald, Sibylla of Flaming Gryphon **Award of the Purple Fret:** Galan Caledonius Pictii, Mughain nic Cairt Ciannact **Order of the Red Company:** Silvias of Flaming Gryphon
Order of the Gold Mace: Dorian Drumheller **Order of the Bronze Ring:** Gabriel de Burgh **Order of the Evergreen:** Choi Min, Dorinda Scorpione

History of Shadowed Stars – continued

"The most serious thing," Sir Ulrich continued, "was the initiation of online events to keep the Society together. Without these solutions, who knows where the Society would've been after such a long absence. The populace weathered this storm and we followed all of the rules but were able to maintain the dream until we could return to a semblance of normal after."

Ronan Haukrson and Hadley of Beckenham were invested as the third baron and second baroness on September 4, 2021. Speaking with Dame Hadley she noted that she and Baron Ronan created the Award of the Nova, the barony's children's award.

The current Baronesses of Shadowed Stars are Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars and Kolfinna von Voorburg. They are both members of the Company of the White Lance, the Kingdom's grant-level order for equestrian activities. Shadowed Stars is home to the largest equestrian event in the Known World, second only to Gulf Wars.

Many thanks to the following individuals who took the time to speak with me: Mistress Thorhalla Carlsdottir af Broberg; Master Jean Paul Pierrepont; Sir Ulrich Halfdan Ulfsson; Dame Maggie MacKeith; Dame Hadley of Beckenham; Master Fergus MacPherson; Baroness Halldora Egilsdottir; Baron Ronan Haukrson; The Honorable Lady Leandra Corzi; Warder Mael Duin mac Gilla Ennae; Warder Prudence of Colleah; and Lady Marcharit Gisela du Chat.

Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

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

Event	Date	Location
July 2025		
Simple Days at the Faire	3-6	Barony of Sternfeld; 1900 E Main St, Danville IN 46122
Push for Pennsic @ Norborough Faire	11-13	Marche of Norborough; 2252 Troy Urbana Rd, Troy OH 45373
Tyger Hunt 39	12	Riding of Hawkland Moor; 3633 W Big Beaver, Troy MI 48084
Pennsic	July 25-August 10	Cooper's Lake Campground; 205 Currie Rd., Slippery Rock PA 16057
Pale Deadline for September 2025 (Ads)	25	
August 2025		
Pennsic	July 25-August 10	Cooper's Lake Campground; 205 Currie Rd., Slippery Rock PA 16057
Melee of the Knave VII: A Wonderland Faire	23	Marche of Alderford; 6900 Market Ave N, Canton OH 44721
Pale Deadline for October 2025 (Ads)	25	
Mounted Wargames XIV	Aug 28-Sep 1	Barony of Shadowed Stars; 1240 4-H Park Rd., Bluffton IN 46714
September 2025		
Harvest Days XLI	5-6	Marche of Winged Hills; Greene County Expo Center & Fairgrounds, 120 Fairground Road, Xenia OH 45385
Midlands Academy of Defense	6	Shire of Caer Gwyn; Heritage Lake Park, 1 Heritage Dr., Rantoul IL 61866
Baroness Wars	12-14	Host group unknown; 1716 W. Spessor, Taylorville IL 62568
Vikings Come Home	12-14	Barony of Donnershafen; 11037 Thumb Lake Rd, Boyne Falls MI 49713
Pferdestadt Rapier Classic	13	Canton of Pferdestadt; Marion County Fairgrounds, 220 East Fairgrounds Street, Marion OH 43302
Saxon Summer XXII	19-21	Shire of Rivenvale; 5800 Park Rd., Leavittsburg OH 44430
Pale Deadline for November 2025 (Ads)	25	
Fall Coronation	27	TBD

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Job Postings

Pentamere Regional Exchequer

- Collect and Review Monthly Reports for local groups within your region by the established deadlines. Advise groups of corrections needed.
- Provide reviews of books prior to officer transitions or at a minimum every two years.
- Act as primary contact for questions for the groups within your region.
- Receive, review, and compile Domesday reports from local groups within your region.
- Keep organized and accurate records.
- Report quarterly or upon request on group status to the Kingdom Exchequer.
- Access to and willingness to be available by email communication/phone consistently.

Send letters of intent, including SCA and work resume, via email to exchequer@midrealm.org by 31 August, 2025.

Midrealm History – Peerage Milestones

Congratulations to these most noble Peers of the Middle Kingdom celebrating these milestone anniversaries this month:

35 Year Anniversary

Duke Eliahu ben Itzhak, Order of the Pelican – June 16, 1990
Duke Talymar gan y Lluwynn, Order of the Pelican – June 23, 1990

30 Year Anniversary

Count Tarquin the Red, Order of the Chivalry – June 3, 1995
Sir Trelogin Tavistok, Order of the Chivalry – June 3, 1995
Count William of Fairhaven, Order of the Pelican – June 10, 1995

15 Year Anniversary

Master Milesent Vibert, Order of the Laurel – June 12, 2010

10 Year Anniversary

Sir Krisztian Von Atzinger, Order of the Chivalry – June 27, 2015
Dame Helena Sibylla, Order of the Pelican – June 27, 2015

For more information on the History of the Middle Kingdom (a work in progress) please visit <https://history.midrealm.org/> where you will find more articles like this.

- Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood
Middle Kingdom Historian





Entry at Kingdom A&S Faire: "Cutwork Award Scroll" by Master Wilhelm Michalik. County scroll for outgoing Royalty (Jalida). Based on Quaran page with script in Arabic style. Photo by Mistress Aveline de Ceresbroch (Tonia Brown-Kinzel).

Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

August 2025 Events - June 25th
 September 2025 Events - July 25th
 October 2025 Events - August 25th
 November 2025 Events - September 25th

The Barony of Sternfeld Invites You To SIMPLE DAYS AT THE FAIRE Thursday, July 3 – Sunday, July 6, 2025

Gate opens 5 pm Thursday, site closes noon Sunday
 Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds and Conference
 Complex
 1900 East Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

	Pre-Reg	At Gate
Adult Member Weekend	\$20	\$25
Adult Non-Member Weekend	\$30	\$35
Adult Member Saturday Only	\$15	\$20
Adult Non-Member Saturday Only	\$25	\$30
Youth 6-12	\$5	\$5
Child 5 & Under	Free	Free
Tent \$10 per tent per night, RV \$20 per RV per night		

<https://sternfeld.midrealm.org/simple-day-2025>

Event Steward: Dai Gerdwr (Bill Sutton)
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PUSH FOR PENNSIC AT NORBOROUGH FAIRE

Hosted by the Marche of Norborough with the generous support of the
 Barony of Flaming Gryphon, at Eagles 971 Recreation Park
 2252 Troy Urbana Rd. Troy, OH 45373

JULY 11-13, 2025

Site opens noon, July 11; closes at noon Sunday, July 13.

**Combat • Shopping • Arts and Sciences Day-Long
 Solars/Display • LAST CHANCE: Authorize before
 Pennsic! • Midrealm Army War Practice**



Site Fees: Pre-reg OR on site; includes free primitive camping space from noon Friday until noon Sunday. **Adults: \$30. Adult Members: \$20. Children 6 to 12: \$10; 5 and under 5, free. RV hookup:\$35**

Need an RV electric/water hookup? Reserve in advance; RV spaces are very limited. **Pre-reg. beat the line at gate! Link for online reg on website. First 80 pre-regs receive hand-embellished canvas tote as site token!**

<https://marchofnorborough.wordpress.com/norborough-faire/>

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The Riding of Hawkland Moor Presents
TYGER HUNT 39

July 12, 2025
 Armored / Rapier / Missiles / A&S / Feast

New Site
Northminster Presbyterian Church

3633 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 48084

Adults Site Fee: Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$25

Children up to 18: Free
 Feast for 40 / \$10 per person

No vendor fees

Site hours 9 am to 10 pm

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

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Mail pre-reg to above address payable to:

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Directions: I'd give directions but knowing that construction happens every summer in Metro Detroit, they won't be reliable.
 Trust your GPS.



Mounted War Games XIV:
Elephants and Other Unusual Mounts



Gate opens 5:00pm August 28th
 Site Closes 12:00 PM September 1st, 2025

Barony of Shadowed Stars
 Wells County Fairgrounds located at
 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, Indiana.

Site Fee before membership discount:

Weekend: Pre Reg \$50, Gate \$60

Day: Pre-Reg \$35, Gate \$30

Camping and Food Options: Check out our website!

Equestrians, Fighters, Fencers, and many more are
 welcome to join us for a weekend filled with
 activities!

Event Steward: Leandra Zorzi (Mandi Oliver) Email:
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<https://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/mounted-war-games-xii/>



Hosted by the Barony of Ayreton

Saturday October 11, 2025

9-6pm

Union Church of Hinsdale

137 S Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521

<https://ayreton.midrealm.org/royal-university-of-the-midrealm-fall-2025/>

Adult \$30, Adult Member \$20,

Ages 6-17 \$9, 0- 6 Free

Pre-registration:

Adults \$28, Adult Member \$18, Youth \$8

Box lunches available

Event Steward: Countess Jalida al-Hasanah
 (Wendy Pastrick)

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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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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.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- July 12 and 13, 2025
Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual
- October 18 and 19, 2025
Quarterly Board Meeting – Hybrid

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