

# *The Pale*



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## Submission Guidelines for *The Pale*

**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](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).

**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](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.

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;

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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](mailto: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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## *From Their Royal Majesties*

Midrealm! On the move!

Our travel adventures have Us returning from the lush green lands of Drachenwald in the Principality of Eplaheimr (modern day Ireland) and heading to the not-as-distant lands of Glenn Abhann for Gulf Wars here shortly.

We hope that many of you can make it to join Us for Gulf Wars this year. It will be a week of fun and great battles on all the list fields and ranges, including the equestrian arena! Our court will be on Thursday evening in Midrealm camp, so please come out celebrate with Us.

On the home front, We are looking forward to the return of spring and while outdoor activities are not quite happening yet, let's take this time to fix up our bows, arrows, weapons and tents for the upcoming season!

Your Kindgom needs and appreciates you - keep showing up and supporting one another. Every event We attend is filled with camaraderie and uplifting energy; We hope you feel it too!

In Service to Kingdom and Society,

*King Kilian and Queen Jalida*

King and Queen of the Midrealm



## *From Their Royal Highnesses*

With great excitement, We, Princeps Wigthehn & Principessa Neassa, share the news that for Pennsic 52, the mighty Midrealm will stand in alliance with the Kingdom of the East. While competition has always been at the heart of the traditions of Pennsic, so too are camaraderie and friendship. Though history has often placed the Midrealm and Our Eastern counterparts on opposing sides, We now embrace the truth that we are all part of the same great Society - capable not only of honorable rivalry but also of remarkable unity. We eagerly look forward to this time of alliance and shared purpose.

# Letters From the Kingdom Officers



## From Their Highnesses

As We continue the plans for Pennsic 52, We are overjoyed to travel with Our Sovereigns, Kilian and Jalida, around the Kingdom and to Gulf Wars. This grand gathering of kingdoms is not merely a place of battle but a meeting ground of friendship, skill, and the shared bonds of our great Society. We shall bring the strength and spirit of Our Kingdom to the lands of Gleann Abhann, forging friendships and deepening the ties that unite us with those beyond Our borders.

May the Kingdom banners fly high, honor shine bright, and the Kingdom be well-represented in all things: on the field, in the halls of learning, and in the joy of camaraderie. We look forward to marching at the side of Our Sovereigns and with all those who proudly join Us. The might of the Dragon is revered around the Known World, and We are happy to see all take part.

## Wigthegn II & Neassa II

Princes & Principessa  
Medii Regni



## Seneschal

Greetings, Great Middle Kingdom,

The temperature is starting to rise. Soon we will be able to enjoy the warmth of the sun and spend time with our friends outside.

I would like to welcome Sgt. Deirdre MakKyneth as the new Kingdom Social Media Officer. I would like to thank Shahazada al-Zahra for her tireless and long service as the outgoing Social Media Officer. We are looking for deputies to report to Deirdre to assist with the various platforms - Facebook, Discord, etc. If you have experience with any of these and are interested in participating in and improving the social media footprint of our great Kingdom, please reach out to me.

I ask that everyone take a look around and treat those around you with empathy and kindness. You never know what someone may be going through, and a kind word or gesture from you may help make that person's day, week, or month better.

In service and friendship,

*Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP*

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



## Earl Marshal

Greetings, Midrealm!

We are underway with the new year, and progress is looking good! We have some exciting stuff coming up, and I KNOW you're going to be as excited as I am about it.

Equestrian is looking for some events in Pentamere that could support having equestrian activities. We are planning on having continuing education on disease identification and management. We all get colds, and equines do too, so let's help them stay healthy as much as we try to keep ourselves healthy.

Fighting will be having refresher courses on authorization procedures. I know that seems silly, but there are enough reports of things getting skipped in order to fast track the process. This is not ok - the handbooks tell you exactly what you should be doing IN ITS ENTIRETY. With that, we will also be looking at making some instructional videos on the authorization process and how to run a list. If you have any ideas or wish to help, please contact [marshaltraing@midrealm.org](mailto:marshaltraing@midrealm.org).

Combat archery will be doing another push to increase numbers, so please consider reaching out if your site is big enough to host some melees there are people who would love to shoot with you!

Target archery marshals will have some continued education on new material so that our handbook falls in line with the Society handbook.

Youth rapier will have a new handbook coming out shortly. One big issue we are having with youth rapier is the lack of opportunities for youth to participate. If you are a youth marshal, PLEASE try to take some time out and let the youth have a chance to fight.

Aaaannnd... because of the new schedule, reports are due. ALL group marshals are due to report on Feb 1, Regionals on Feb 15, Kingdom Deputy on March 1. I know it feels like you just did a report, but it will even out in time for the next cycle.

As always, aim true and fight with honor,

*Baron Robert Thorne, OP*

Kingdom Earl Marshal, Middle Kingdom



## *Minister of Youth - Incoming*

Greetings, Midrealm!

I am honored to once again step into the role of Midrealm Minister of Youth. My previous term ended just over ten years ago, and I'm excited to serve again.

My primary goal for my tenure is to rebuild our youth officer corps. Between normal attrition and the pandemic, our list of youth officers has gotten considerably shorter. We can't provide rewarding experiences for youth and their families without these valued volunteers.

There are two options to be a youth officer. You can serve as an officer for your canton, shire, or barony. Or, you can also serve as a youth-officer-at-large, providing support for youth activities without a connection to a specific group.

We are also seeking a regional officer for Pentamere and a Dean of Page School. Both of these positions require more organizational and administrative work outside of events than work at events.

Pennsic Youth and Family Activities are in the early planning stages, but I would like to see the Midrealm participate in making those happen this year. Teachers, teaching assistants, and background-checked supervisors will all be needed.

If you are interested in learning more about helping with youth in any capacity, please reach out to moy@midrealm.org. I am happy to teach or meet virtually or in person. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with many of you to improve the experiences of youth and their families in our organization.

Yours in service,

*Dame Elizabeth Alles, OP, OL*

Midrealm Minister of Youth



## *Exchequer*

Hi, all,

I expect by now that all groups have submitted their Domesdays. Thanks for all your work on that.

It seems there's a bit of confusion on how to update signatories, make changes to a bank account, or open a new bank account. How to change signatories or open bank accounts:

1. Fill out the Bank Account Request Form – available on the SCA.org website in the library of documents under Exchequer.
  - o All groups must list the kingdom or their regional exchequer as a signatory on bank accounts.
  - o All fields must be completed.
  - o All signers must be current members and have no fewer than 60 days left on their memberships.
  - o If entering a fax number, make sure the fax number is valid and working.
  - o You must use your legal name and the legal names of all signatories.
2. Send all requests for bank accounts to the Kingdom Exchequer.
3. Kingdom Exchequer will verify all information and forward your request to the Society Exchequer for processing.
4. The Society Exchequer will verify the completeness and accuracy of your information and forward it to the SCA Corporate Office.
5. Once the Corporate Office has processed the request, they will email the bank representative to provide permission to make the change/open a new account and the local exchequer will be copied on the email.
6. The local exchequer can then start working with the bank to update signatories or open the new account.

In short, please wait for the email from Corporate before making changes to a bank account.

In service,

*Aidan Blackstone*

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



## Dragon Herald

Greetings, Midrealm!

Your Dragon Herald is back in the office. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to my deputy, Ragna stórráða Úlfadóttir, for all the work she has done and will be doing. She has been a fantastic person with which to work.

I also wish to thank Kyrios Kallinikos Gavras for his work as Rouge Scarpe (external submission deputy). He has done excellent work in the office. His successor will be published next month.

We are coming out of the chill of winter and heading into the warmth of spring. This means that Crown Tournament will soon be upon us. However, before Crown, we will have Coronation where Their Highnesses have some fun things planned (I don't have details at this time). They will be in need of heralds for the day.

Please consider bringing your personal heraldry for display at Coronation and Crown. These small additions make for a more pleasant atmosphere and add to the pageantry of the day.

Now, for other job posting information. It is time for me to begin the process of finding a successor. I have found this job to be very fulfilling. The job has helped me grow and expand my knowledge of the Kingdom, the Great Officers who serve, and meet more members of the populace. We are a diverse and vibrant Kingdom. Later in this issue will be the requirements and responsibilities of the Kingdom Officer. Please address your letters of application to my office ([herald@midrealm.org](mailto:herald@midrealm.org)) and the office of the Seneschal ([seneschal@midrealm.org](mailto:seneschal@midrealm.org)).

Letters must be submitted by April 30, 2025, so that a decision may be made by the Curia officers before Crown Tournament where the announcement of the successor will be made. Transition of the office will happen after Pennsic War so that I may work with the incumbent on the process and needs of being one of the Principal Heralds at War.

Kindest regards,

*Baron Gilebert le braceur de Dijon, OL*  
Dragon Herald



## Minister of Arts & Sciences

*"You'd be so lean, that blast of January Would blow you through and through. Now, my fair'st friend, I would I had some flowers o' the spring that might Become your time of day." — William Shakespeare, A Winter's Tale IV-4*

Would you believe spring is almost here? Even as of this writing I'm looking forward to yet another possibly icy trip down to Val Day, I observe that sunset is now after 6 pm at my latitude, and by the time this publishes we'll be rushing headlong into spring.

In much of the Europe, spring has long been reckoned by the "Spring Equinox" which our friends in Locac call the "Autumn Equinox." As mentioned last month, Stonehenge is, among other things, an astronomical calendar for the equinoxes. When I was living in China, "spring" was reckoned as the first day after Spring Festival, aka "Lunar New Year" (this year in January) on which the average temperature was above 50-ish Fahrenheit (slightly imprecise, as they use Celsius).

Which brings me, fairly quickly this month, to my question to ponder: How would the seasons be reckoned for your persona? Is it purely solar? Do you reckon by a lunar month? Perhaps you consider the season when lambs are born, or perhaps you're from one of those "little latitudes" where the seasons are of no consequence beyond "We get bad storms sometimes." Do the Plum Rains come just before summer? Do March winds bring April showers? Are the two seasons "wet" and "dry?" Is there a time, after the ground-dwelling fledglings learn to fly, where you set the grasslands afire to encourage new growth?

By the time you read this, the Queen's Prize will have happened. Quite unexpectedly, I wound up as a sponsor, so I'm scrambling to provide the best support I can. If you entered, I was the fellow in baggy garb wearing a MOAS badge asking "That looks amazing. Tell me all about it."

Finally, deputies in motion. Fujiwara no Murasaki has taken on the role of Constellation Regional MOAS. She'll be the one poking you about missing reports and popping up asking you about the Cool Stuff you're working on. I expect to see Audette at Pennsic in a comfortable chair enjoying a frosty beverage, but I know how hard it is for Pelicans to sit down. There's no way I could do this job without a dedicated team. Thank you!

Whew! Well, I've got reports to worry about, upcoming deputy transitions, A&S Faire. Thank you all for your inspiring creations and your diligent research.

In service,

*Tommaso Franceschi, OL*

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom

# Announcing



*In an effort to highlight and encourage fencing tournament prowess in the Midrealm, A-Game tournaments (5) will be featured throughout the year. The top three fencers from each will receive a token which will grant them entry to the Scales of the Dragon tournament to be held at the end of the year. The winner will hold the prowess favor until the following year's tournament where a new bearer will be determined.*

The following events will have featured A-game tournaments:

- Festival of Maidens, Midlands
- St Valentine's Day Massacre, Pentamere
- Tournament of the Dragon, South Oaken
- Simple Day, Constellation
- Pferdestadt Rapier Classic, North Oaken

The **Scales of the Dragon** tournament will be held at Grand Day of Tournaments. Please contact Warder Kat die Herrliche for further information - [bearingsword@gmail.com](mailto:bearingsword@gmail.com)

## *Middle Kingdom Court Reports*

**Court report for Court of Their Majesties Kilian and Jalida at Kingdom 12th Night on 7 January 2025 (AS 59), in the Barony of the Middle Marches Seneschals:** Astemari Zahra Tesfaye, Paulus Dyrrhochiou; Heralds: AEdborough Kellie, Anna of the Western Hill, Mistress Magrat  
**Award of the Dragon's Flight:** Brendoken Archer's Guild   **Award of Arms:** Lysander Dival, Marina Atherton, Mila Usslepp, Constance Fassnacht, Luigi Boccaccio di Milano, Ulfreykr of Rivenvale, Auric Jaegerwulf, Alaster MacRae   **Award of the Purple Fret:** Rachel of Goat Clan, Nyssa Loisselle, Chrysanthème des Prés, Brice Calquhoun   **Order of the Dragon's Barb:** Aethelflaed of Deadman's Well, Ulfr Hrolfsson   **Order of the Silver Oak:** Morgan of Cardiff   **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Mikjall Sauthamathr, Cadwgan Faber, Katrina Klein called "Wolverine"  
**Order of the Greenwood Company:** Slany bean Uillic   **Court Barony:** Michael Colquhoun

**Court report for Silent Regency Court of Their Majesties Kilian and Jalida, held by Their Regents Prince Wigtheagn and Princess Neassa at Regular Event in the Cleftlands on 18 January 2025 (AS 59), in the Barony of the Cleftlands:** Heralds: Christianna Adeammair, Fiachara an Chleitign, Peregrine Ferrex de Tours, Magrat Catte; Court Signet: Chrysantheme des Pres  
**Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Dulcia Wylde

**Court report for Regency Court of Their Majesties Kilian and Jalida, held by Their Regents Prince Wigtheagn and Princess Neassa at Regular Event in the Cleftlands on 18 January 2025 (AS 59), in the Barony of the Cleftlands:** Heralds: Christianna Adeammair, Fiachara an Chleitign, Peregrine Ferrex de Tours; Court Signet: Chrysantheme des Pres  
**Award of the Baton:** Aramis of Vito's Minions   **Award of Arms:** Aurora of Vito's Minions, Chayia Leah bat Dovid, Gareth Heager, Auric Jaegerwulf   **Award of the Purple Fret:** Nina of the Lost Caverns, Mihajlo De Nekche, Astrid of Vito's Minions, Thory Vedardottir, Cato of Vito's Minions, Léonne de Fresne  
**Award of the Dragon's Flight:** Barony of the Cleftlands Target Archers   **Order of the Evergreen:** Rosie Dubroc   **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Abacus Sifu

## *Middle Kingdom Job Openings*

**Office of the Kingdom Seneschal**  
 Northern Oaken Seneschal  
 Pentamere Regional Seneschal

**Office of the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences**  
 Constellation Regional MoAS  
 KMOAS Emergency Deputy

**Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM)**  
 Dean of the College of Youth Education  
 Exchequer

**Office of the Kingdom Exchequer**  
 Pentamere Regional Exchequer

**Office of the Dragon Herald**  
 Midlands Herald  
 Kingdom Clerk of Precedence

**Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine**  
 First Deputy Chatelaine  
 Midlands Regional Chatelaine

**Minister of Youth**  
 Pentamere Regional Youth Officer  
 Dean of Page School

**Office of the Kingdom Chronicler**  
 Deputy Kingdom Chronicler  
 Deputy Webminister

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

# 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>March 2025</b>		
Courting on the River	1	Shire of Dark River; 1201 13th St; Moline IL 61265
Winter War Maneuvers	1	Canton of Pferdestadt; 220 E Fairground St., Marion OH 43302
South Oaken Regional A&S Faire	15	Barony of Fenix; 7200 Nature Park Dr., Florence KY 41042
Masque of Courtly Love	22	Barony of Brendoken; 1720 Schneider St. NW, North Canton OH 44720
Terpsichore in the Tower XXVIII	22	Barony of Cynnabar; 1500 Scio Church Rd, Ann Arbor MI
Pale Deadline for May 2025 (Ads)	25	
Better War Through Archery	29	Barony of Sternfeld; 1900 E Main St, Danville IN 46122
<b>April 2025</b>		
Day of Playe 7	5	Canton of Rokkehealden; 1q37 S Garfield St, Hinsdale IL 60521
April Fool	12	Shire of Dernehealde; 30682 Chieftain Drive; Logan OH 43138
Crystal Chamfron	11-13	Barony of Shattered Crystal; N. Main St., Wood River IL 62095
Rose Tournament	19	Host group unknown; 735 Lafayette Rd, Medina OH 44256
Pale Deadline for June 2025 (Ads)	25	
Quest for the Golden Seamstress	25-26	Barony of Roaring Wastes; 800 Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236
Awakenings 36	26	Shire of Baile na Scolairi; 107 N. West St., McLean IL 61754
<b>May 2025</b>		
Spring Coronation	3	Barony of the Cleftlands; Medina County Fairgrounds
Mugmort Melees XVIII	9-11	Shire of Mugmort; 4351 Lancaster Road, Granville OH 43023
Constellation Academy of Defense	9-11	Shire of Mynydd Seren; 250 McCormick's Creek Park Road, Spencer IN 47460
May Day	16-18	Barony of Fenix; 3486 Hathaway Rd, Union KY 41091
It Takes My Child to Raze a Village 13	17	Barony of North Woods; 10016 E Nurburg Rd, Durand MI
Spring Crown Tournament and Kingdom A&S	24-25	Barony of Red Spears; location unknown
Pale Deadline for July 2025 (Ads)	25	
Grand Tournament of the Dragon	31	Canton of Hawkes Keye; Site address unknown



# Job Postings

## Dragon Herald

### Job Responsibilities

- Responsible for Middle Kingdom ceremonial aspects of Coronation, Crown Tournament, and Pennsic.
- Establish each Crown's expectations for Their Courts and communicate to court heralds.
- Facilitate planning of Royal and Regency Courts.
- Ensure Court reports are submitted by Herald in Charge of each Court.
- Attend monthly Kingdom heraldic decision meetings.
- Review Kingdom Law changes, Kingdom Handbooks, and other Kingdom policies as needed as a member of Curia.
- Attend Curia meetings (minimum 4 per year).
- Attend Principal Herald meetings during KWHSS (minimum 2 per year).
- Submit quarterly reports to Society Sovereign of Arms.
- Supervise quarterly reporting of local and regional heralds.
- Provide support as needed for Deputies.

### Requirements

- Paid SCA member.
- Internet access.
- Good knowledge of Middle Kingdom Protocol.
- Basic understanding of the registration process.
- Willingness to advise the Crown.
- Good communication skills and availability.
- Use and management of Google Drive is necessary.
- Basic knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet programs is a plus.

## Kingdom Clerk of Precedence

The Kingdom Clerk of Precedence is a Deputy of the Dragon Herald. Responsibilities include validation and processing of court reports into the Order of Precedence and Order of March; research and merge duplicate records; assist populace with making updates/corrections to the Order of Precedence; and the addition of out-of-kingdom awards for new and returning residents of the Midrealm.

This position requires a computer, regular internet access, as well as the ability to monitor and respond to official email in a timely manner. Familiarity with computer and data-entry interfaces preferred.

If you are interested in this position, please submit your SCA resume and letter of intent to [herald@midrealm.org](mailto:herald@midrealm.org) and [clerkop@midrealm.org](mailto:clerkop@midrealm.org) no later than February 28, 2025.



Royal Court at Festival of Maidens, with King Kilian and Baroness Gwendolyn of Shadowed Stars. Photo by THL Leandra Corzi (Mandi Oliver).

### Helpful Links

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

### Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

**April 2025 Events - February 25th**  
**May 2025 Events - April 25th**  
**June 2025 Events - May 25th**  
**July 2025 Events - June 25th**  
**August 2025 Events - July 25th**  
**September 2025 Events - August 25th**

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

March 1, 2025

Held at:  
Bethel Wesley UMC  
1201 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Moline, IL 61265

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

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

Feast: \$15

Event Steward: THL Finn O'Connor (Marion Lloyd) can be reached at [marion.lloyd1973@gmail.com](mailto:marion.lloyd1973@gmail.com)  
<https://darkriver.midrealm.org/courting-main-page/>

## Winter War Maneuvers

Hosted by the Canton of Pferdestadt

Saturday March 1, 2024 9am-7pm

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

**GATE FEE:**

Adult fee \$20

Adult member fee \$10  
under 18 free

Feast of Italian Pies: \$5

Event Steward: Duke Edmund of Hertford  
(mka Don  
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<https://pferdestadt.midrealm.org/winter-war-maneuvers-23/>

The Barony of Fenix invites you to attend:

## South Oaken Regional A&S Fair

**Date & Time:** March 15, 2025, 9 am – 6 pm

**Florence Nature Park Event Center**  
7200 Nature Park Dr, Florence, KY 41042

A rubric-based competition for Artisans to demonstrate application of their research.

This promises to be a day filled with creativity, inspiration, and fellowship. Whether you're an artisan, a supporter, or a curious visitor, we can't wait to see you there!

***Lunch will be organized by  
Her Excellency Artemisia!***

**Event Steward:** Dame CuMhara of Holyhead  
(Elizabeth Kopras) [sgtkope@yahoo.com](mailto:sgtkope@yahoo.com)

**Details:** <https://fenix.midrealm.org/baronial-calendar/south-oaken-regional-as-fair/>

Adult Day Registration (18+): \$20  
 Member Discount Registration (18+): \$10  
 Children: (6-17): \$5 (0-5): Free. Family Cap \$25

## Barony of Cynnabar Terpsichore In the Tower XXVIII

March 22, 2025  
9 am - 9 pm

Dance Classes  
Evening Ball and Revel

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1500 Scio Church Rd, Ann Arbor, MI

Adult fee \$25  
Adult members \$15  
Youth (0-17) Free

[www.cynnabar.org/terpsichore](http://www.cynnabar.org/terpsichore)

Event Steward:  
Claire FitzWilliam, OP  
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### Better War Thru Archery

Hosted by the Barony of Sternfeld  
March 29, 2025 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Hendricks County Fairgrounds  
1900 East Main Street  
Danville, IN 46122

#### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Adult (13+) Member \$15  
Non-member \$25  
Child 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free

Steward: John of Sternfeld [John Elmore]  
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The Canton of Rokkehealdan presents

## Day of Playe 7: The Scottish Playe

April 5, 2025, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Union Church of Hinsdale  
137 S Garfield St, Hinsdale, IL 60521

Come join us for a day of fun and games with  
a Scottish theme!  
Rattan and rapier combat outdoors  
(weather permitting)

Adult Registration (17+): \$25  
Adult Member Discount Registration (17+): \$15  
Youth Registration (7-16): \$5.00  
Child Registration (0-6): Free

Event Steward: THL Mikhail of Lubelska (Bill Michalski)  
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For more information, visit  
<https://rokkehealdan.midrealm.org/day-of-playe/>

Their excellencies of Shattered Crystal invites you

## Crystal Chamfron

April 11-12

Location: Camp Dubois  
N. Main St. Wood River IL, 62095

#### Gate Registration

Adults: Member \$20, Non-Member \$30, Dinner \$10  
Kids 11-17 : \$15, Dinner \$5  
kids 10 and Under : Free, Dinner \$5  
\$5 discount for Pre-Reg

A weekend of Fighting, Horses, camaraderie and fun!

Site opens at 4 PM on Friday and closes at noon on Sunday.

For more information:

<https://shatteredcrystal.midrealm.org/crystal-chamfron-25/>

Site Stewards:

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**THE SHIRE OF DERNEHEALDE  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR  
AN  
APRIL FOOL**

Please bring a smile and join us for jests.

April 12, 2025  
Site opens 8am closes 9pm

Hocking Hills Retreat Center  
30682 Chieftain Drive  
Logan, Ohio 43138

Site: \$10 Member/ \$20 Non-Member  
Under 18 free  
Feast: \$10

<https://dernehealde.midrealm.org/april-fool-event/>  
Steward: Mikjall Southamathr (Celeste Taylor)  
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The Shire of Baile na Scolairi presents:  
**The Awakening XXXVI  
Easter Parade**

Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Mt. Hope Funks Grove Park District, 107 N. West St.,  
McLean IL, 61754

Join us for a day of egg hunts for armored & rapier combatants, contest for "Best Easter Bonnet," A&S artisan's row, thrown weapons, classes, may pole dance, and other activities.

**Site Fee:** \$25 per person/\$15 for members/\$5 for children (ages 6-17). There will be NO FEAST. In place of the evening feast, a FREE dayboard from noon until 2:00 pm will be provided (additional items for the dayboard are welcome and encouraged).

<https://sites.google.com/view/theawakening2025>

Mistress Angelique d'Herisson (Renee LeVeque),  
autocrat@scolairi.org. For pre-registration send checks to 9322 Polaris Dr., Bloomington, IL. 61705. Phone: 309-829-2474, no calls after 10 p.m. please.

The Shire of Mynydd Seren presents:  
Constellation Academy of Defense

Please join us for fencing and fun on May 9-11th 2025 at McCormick's Creek State Park:  
240 McCormicks Creek Park Road, Spencer, Indiana 47460

Gate opens 6pm Friday, site closes 11am Sunday

Adult Member Registration: \$15  
Non-Member Registration: \$25  
Children 0-17 are free  
Lunch: \$5, Feast: \$10

Cabin space is included with registration and camping is available, but no stakes can be used.

Find more information at:  
<https://mynyddseren.midrealm.org/constellation-academy-of-defense-2025/>

Or contact Event Steward Yngerame Erskyne (Caitlyn Smallwood) at  
mynyddseren.senschal@midrealm.org

**The Battle for GreyHope**

Hosted by the Shire of GreyHope on  
May 31, 2025

At Jasper County Fairgrounds  
2671 W Clark St, Rensselaer, IN 47978

<https://sites.google.com/view/battleforgreyhope>

Site Opens Saturday, May 31 at 9AM Central Time and will close at 10 AM Sunday, June 1, 2025

<u>Preregistration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
Adult (18+)Member \$15	\$20
Adult (18+) Non Members \$25	\$30
Youth (5-17)Members \$10	\$15
Youth Non Members \$20	\$25
Family Cap Members \$50	\$70

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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:

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

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TENTATIVE

- a. Monday, February 24, 2025
- b. Monday, March 24, 2025

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*Decorated furniture and rapier bucklers, presented by Baron Damian Nihthauk at the Queen's Prize Tournament at Val Day 2025. Photo by Dame Roana Aldinoch (Roana Isenholt).*