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Events must **already** be listed on the Middle Kingdom Calendar prior to advertising in *The Pale*, but an event listing on the Middle Kingdom Calendar does **NOT** constitute "official publication". Incipient groups must submit a scan of the sponsorship form to the Editor. Event submissions to the Kingdom Calendar should be

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Greetings unto the noble populace of the Middle Kingdom,

As you read this message, Our Kingdom Arts & Sciences competition and Crown Tournament have concluded with the crowning of new Heirs. We saw a whole host of Our populace engage in the arts and sciences by entering their work to be evaluated, volunteering to assess the work created by others, sitting together to learn or craft, and developing and presenting thoughts of the prospective Heir-consorts through poems. Artists put themselves out there and showed what the Kingdom fosters and cherishes.

We watched as 21 combatants and consorts presented themselves to Us and honored Us with their wishes to serve the Kingdom as the next Heirs. We witnessed honorable contests of skill and determination made all the more challenging due to the added layer of chance introduced by the tournament format.

We were thrilled to end the day by having Their Royal Highnesses Kilian and Jalida join Us in court having secured Their places as the Heirs to the Dragon Thrones. And as the court continued, it was among Our greatest joys to offer elevation to deserving members of the populace.

We will shortly be making Our last visits to other Kingdoms to cement the bonds of friendship and allyship as We grow ever closer to the upcoming War. We hope you are preparing to join Us on the fields, lists, and arts and sciences halls of Pennsic.

Let us reiterate - the Kingdom is you. Thank you for you. Thank you for creating, doing, serving, fighting, shooting, throwing, and all you do. We have the awesome privilege to represent you and Our Kingdom. We thank you for the continued honor of doing so.

In service to the Kingdom and the Dream,

**Иван и Каталина**

*Ivan and Katalena*

Tsar and Tsaritsa

Their Majesties in Court at Spring  
Crown Tourney. Photo from THL  
Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari  
(Richard Mandel).



# Letters From the Kingdom Officers



## From Their Highnesses

From His Highness Sir Kilian Fendrich and Her Highness Jalida al Hasannah,

We wish to thank everyone for a wonderful Crown Tournament in the Barony of Red Spears! To the staff for providing last minute accommodations indoors for the tourney; to the Zamboni crew for keeping the floor from being too slippery; to the Marshals for their ever-present diligence and adherence to the lists; to the Heralds for keeping everyone informed; to Their Majesties for overseeing each and every bout; and most especially to the populace for your excitement and enthusiasm.

To the combatants and their consorts, We appreciate and celebrate the inspiration you all provide. We will look forward to seeing many of you again in October in these lists.

Crown Tournaments are one of the most pageantry-filled events we host across the Kingdom. Seeing the heraldry, the banners, and the attention to clothing from not only the combatants and consorts, but also throughout the populace, turns a dusty barn in a field into a magical place where history really comes alive. We are looking forward to more pageantry-filled days and nights ahead as We travel throughout our Kingdom!

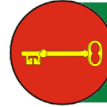
Draco Invictus!

*Kilian and Jalida*

Prince and Princess of the Middle Kingdom



Their Majesties stand with Their Highnesses fresh off Prince Kilian's victory at Spring Crown Tourney 2024. Photo by Master Philip the Pilgrim (Phillip C. Reed).



## Seneschal

Greetings, Middle Kingdom,

I hope everyone is enjoying their time in the summer sun and the many great outdoor events. I am sure many of you are well into your preparations for War. It is a wonderful and exhausting event we all look forward to. Please remember to treat others as you want to be treated, and cooler heads often prevail. Also watch out for those who are new to the SCA and Pennsic - it is a wonderful time for them, but can often be overwhelming. Our goal is to have everyone be able to enjoy their SCA time for years to come.

I also have an opening for a new Northern Oaken Seneschal - Baroness Isibel has served North Oaken well, but it is time for her to move on to new adventures. If you are interested, please let her and I know. A brief overview of the position is: disseminating information from the Kingdom Seneschal, quarterly reporting, assisting those in your region as needed, following up on questions, and assisting with investigations on bullying and harassment.

There is also one change to Kingdom Law: as per Society, Chatelain and DEIB are now Great Officers of State. What was changed in Kingdom Law: ARTICLE II - Duties and Requirements of the Great Officers of State 1-II-101 - The Great Officers of State are: Kingdom Seneschal; Dragon Herald; Kingdom Earl Marshal; Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences; Kingdom Chronicler; Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer; Kingdom Officer for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging; and Kingdom Chatelaine.

I wish you all safe travels.

In service and friendship,

*Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP*

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom





## Dragon Herald

Good Tidings, Midrealm!

Summer is upon us and that means that Pennsic is coming! Pennsic has a great many things to offer: arts, classes, combat, and heraldry!

To the heraldry part: If you have time, please offer your help to Heralds Point. They are seeking individuals to assist with name and armory registration questions. They are also seeking individuals to help as greeters at the Point. Working at Heralds Point at Pennsic is a great place to grow your skills.

Pennsic is a great place to have some fun, enjoy time with friends seldom seen, and an opportunity to volunteer and learn new skills.

I would like to welcome some new people to the Herald staff:

- **Þórý Veðardóttir (Thory Vedardottir)** will be stepping in as the new Shield Herald - in charge of arranging consultation tables at events. **Þórý** will be looking for some deputies to help cover all the regions of the Kingdom.
- **Akiyama Kazuhiko**, Baron of Carriag Ban, will be stepping in as Escutcheon Herald - responsible for accepting paperwork for registration, as well as accepting the submission fees and sending the submissions to Rouge Scarpe.
- **Dame Magrat Catte and Steve of Tirnewydd** as the new Meadows Herald and Deputy - responsible for helping to organize field heralds for tournaments.

Kindest regards,

*Baron Gilebert le braceur de Dijon*

Dragon Herald



## Chatelaine

Unto the Populace of the Middle Kingdom,

For this Reign Their Royal Majesties have requested stories, but where do these stories come from? Some come from antiquity, some the distant past, and some come from much more recent experiences. All stories start somewhere. Some are meant to entertain, pass on wisdom, and to inspire. But all started with someone, somewhere doing something. True, it may have been a small thing seemingly unworthy of remembering, but

through these stories we can share who we are and where we have been. I challenge everyone who reads these words to share their stories so that they might be remembered.

The Midrealm Royal Encampment will once again be hosting the Pennsic Newcomers Party middle Sunday. I would like to encourage all chatelaines to come, help us welcome those new to the SCA and Pennsic.

I would like to welcome Raziya al-Zarqa' who has stepped up to fill the role of South Oaken Regional Chatelaine. Please give her your help and support.

Lastly, I would like to remind all Chatelaines that reports are important! Please make sure you are sending them in on time. For Baronies, the Chatelaine position is required. Groups that do not have a Chatelaine: the Chatelaine is an important role and I strongly encourage you to fill the position, as the Chatelaine's job is to help the new people so that we can continue to grow.

Yours in service,

*Gregory Bryant, OP*

Kingdom Chatelaine



## Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings from the Kingdom MOAS!

We had an AMAZING A&S Faire with 25 entries (including four Divisional entries and one Divisional with FOUR pieces instead of five), 55 scorers (including six shadow scorers), 16 entrants, and 15 staff and volunteers.

I know many of you got to tour the entrants' displays. Fabulous! Congratulations to Grainne for her Roman-era mummy, which won overall, but also to every entrant who put themselves out there.

Special thanks to the entrant and team who worked on an experimental category. It was a challenge, and it wasn't perfect, but we'll learn from the experience. Thank you SO much.

By now, Master Tonis has released the Pennsic War Point List. Come see the displays! Midrealm is also hosting a bardic night, as well as the East-West Bardic Showcase. Pennsic is truly a highlight of Midrealm life.

Our arts and sciences people are the best anywhere!

In service,

*Tommaso Franceschi, OL*

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



## Exchequer

Greetings, all,

To start, I'd like to thank Mistress Angharad ferch Tangwystl for her service as North Oaken Exchequer. Next, let's welcome THL Muldonny McVriw as the new North Oaken Exchequer.

We are still accepting applications for Pentamere Regional Exchequer.

As a reminder, on April 1st the non-member registration (NMR) increased to \$10. There have been a couple of groups still listing that as \$5 either in the event announcement in *The Pale* or on the event website, so please check your event announcements and websites to make sure you've got the correct rate listed.

To go along with that, remember that NMR reports and the NMR check should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer within 10 business days after the event – address is on the Kingdom Exchequer webpage.

There will be a Midrealm Exchequer's meet-and-greet at Pennsic – note that this is open to everyone, not just exchequers. It's a chance to find out about the office, ask questions, and make new friends. More details will be forthcoming.

In service,

*Aidan Blackstone*

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



## Earl Marshal

Greetings,

I am pleased to announce that Master Robert Thorne, Baron of Illiton, has agreed to serve as the next Midrealm Earl Marshal.

We had a total of five applicants - each applicant was capable of performing the duties of the position, so it was a tough decision.

Master Robert has served at the Kingdom level in the past – as Deputy Earl Marshal for Thrown Weapons and for Archery. He has a safety mindset and strong communication skills. I expect he will excel in the post.

Congrats Master Robert!

Stay safe out there!

*Cellach*

Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom



## Deputy Earl Marshal - Youth Rapier

Konichiwa, Good Day,

The Youth Combat programs need YOU. The events you attend, the events you schedule, the events you volunteer at all are opportunities for the youth of the Kingdom. Youth activities are a cornerstone of the SCA: families feel welcome when their children are seen, heard, supported, and engaged. Children and youth of the Middle Kingdom want more opportunities to do the things we want to do - youth enjoy archery, thrown weapons, boffer, and rapier just like we adults do. We as a Society owe it to our children to make these activities available for our youth.

What can you do to help? Schedule youth combat at your next event, practice, or other opportunities. Volunteer - become a youth officer-at-large to help be the second background-checked adult at activities. Volunteer to become a marshal for a particular activity. Support events by offering to run activities and be the MIC. Want more information? Check out the youth officers section on the website, or the Earl Marshal website for youth combat opportunities.

There will be a first at Pennsic this year - Wednesday of War Week there will be a Middle Kingdom-sponsored TOD at the Youth Rapier list for the youth at Pennsic.

In Service to the Dream,

*Oda Umi - Dono*

Middle Kingdom Deputy Earl Marshal - Youth Rapier



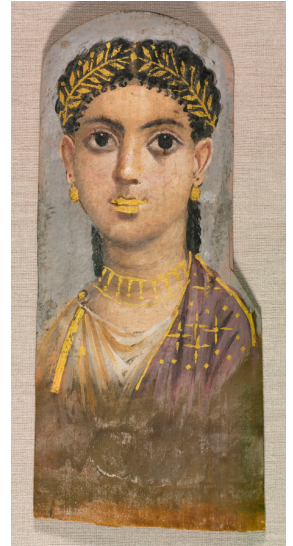
A tooled leather pouch done in the Birka style at Kingdom A&S 2024. Submitted by Noble Sigrun Ormsdottir. Photo by THL Tarmach (Richard Mandel).



# Visiting History: The Africa & Byzantium Exhibition at the Cleveland Museum of Art

by Dame Elizabeth Alles

The *Africa & Byzantium* exhibition examines the relationships between Byzantium and the civilizations of north and east Africa from the 4th century CE onward. The exhibit begins by displaying paintings, mosaics and jewelry that reflect Roman sensibilities and reinforce Byzantium's role as a cultural heir to the Roman Empire. [Pictured right is an example of such work, an Egyptian funerary portrait of a young girl (25-37 CE. Courtesy of the Cleveland Museum of Art, image in public domain.)]



In the same space, there are artworks from Africa that use a similar visual language to the Roman/Byzantine art but depict figures with African features and/or dark skin tones. [Example, below left: a Coptic woven tapestry from the 5th century depicting Artemis and Actaeon. Image courtesy of the British Museum, used under Creative Commons license.] The juxtaposition recontextualizes the Byzantine art as part of a larger vibrant culture, blending what is often considered African, European, and Middle Eastern.



The exhibit continues chronologically with an exploration of Christian artwork from this region, again showing the shared iconography and symbols across the kingdoms. Without reading the descriptions, it is often difficult to guess where in the region a particular artwork was created. The next objects are a mix of later Christian art alongside Islamic and Jewish art, reflecting the mixture of religions that emerged in the region.

The exhibition objects are pulled from museums, religious institutions, and private collections from all over the world and include diverse media: mosaics, frescos, jewelry, metalwork, manuscripts, ceramics, textiles, and more. Due to the dry climate in north Africa and Byzantium, there are a number of well-preserved textiles. The exhibit is well worth a visit before all of these items return to their respective institutions.

The *Africa & Byzantium* exhibition is in Cleveland 4/14/24-7/21/24, following its debut at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The exhibit was organized by The Met and the CMA.



Pictured, left: A 14th-century cap with striped inscribed silk from the Mamluk Sultanate (Egypt or Syria).

Pictured, right: A fragment of a woodblock print on linen, also from the Mamluk Sultanate. 13th or 14th century.



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# Spring Crown Tournament 2024 List

The following were the combatants for the Spring Crown Tournament of Their Majesties Ivan and Katalena.

- Count William of Fairhaven fighting for Countess Isolde de la Ramee
- Countess Neassa O Cathasaigh fighting for Earl Wigthegn the Younger
- Viscount Kith the Silent von Atzinger fighting for Duchess Arianwen Ferch Morgan
- Sir Ixtlixochitl fighting for THL Norelle Thespiana
- Sor Ustad The Dreaded Hasanal Hajjii fighting for Lady Rowen En Hein
- **Sir Kilian Fendrich fighting for THL Jalida Al Hasannah - Winner!**
- Sir Gregoire de Lyon fighting for Mistress Giovanna Adimari
- Sir Crispin de la Rochefoucauld fighting for Excellency Gianna Vettori
- Mistress Constanza de Mendoza fighting for Sir Calum MacDhaibhidh
- Syr Drust Mac Arilith fighting for Baroness Rhiannon of Blaiddwen
- Master Edward Foxley fighting for Magnifica Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli
- Master Fergus MacPherson fighting for Dame Maggie MacKeith
- Sir Sivrid Brumbach fighting for Lady Dorothea de Beckham
- Baron Gilchryst MacPhearson fighting for Banamhaighstir Elena MacPhearson
- Captain Brice Calquhoun fighting for Mistress Brangwayn Snowden
- Captain Dyderich Wolfhart fighting for Maîtresse Odette d'Amboise
- THL Krzysztof cul Bun fighting for Duchess Brigh of Writers Keep
- Sergeant Andreas Renardi fighting for Lady Chrysantheme des Pres
- Sergeant Quenild of Mercia fighting for Sergeant Ehrenfried Schertenleib
- Sergeant Ehrenfried Schertenleib fighting for Sergeant Quenild of Mercia
- Sergeant Gallum Tallagach fighting for Lady Morgana ferch Rhys of Glastonbury

## Middle Kingdom Job Openings

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

Deputy MoAS: Historical Combat Research  
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South Oaken Regional MoAS

### Office of the Kingdom Exchequer

Pentamere Regional Exchequer

### Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine

South Oaken Regional Chatelaine

### Office of the Kingdom Seneschal

Northern Oaken Seneschal

### Office of the Kingdom Seneschal

Charter Compliance Deputy

### Office of the Dragon Herald

Meadows Herald  
Escutcheon Herald  
Shield Herald

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

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



# Middle Kingdom Court Reports

**Court report for Morning Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa at the Coronation of Ivan and Katalena in the Barony of Brendoken on 4 May 2024 (AS 59).** Heralds: Gilebert le braceur de Dijon; Court signet: Chrysanthème des Prés, Helena Sibylla

**Award of Arms:** Focalors, JJ, Ermingard Wigthehnsdottir      **Award of the Purple Fret:** Avanger of Brendoken      **Order of the Red Company:** Deirdre MakKyneth, Almaric of Rouen      **Court Barony:** Seonaid inghean Ghriogair, Nasira bint Ivaz, Alays de la Salle      **Order of the Laurel:** Valya Kadaseva Zhenka Kadakova

**Order of the Royal Vanguard:** Gwyneth Cole, Eadaoin Ghormshuileach, Julianna, Charles Vaux, Gaetting Ullrson

**Royal Augmentation of Arms:** Alaric Sartiano (Gules, a llama statant contourny or), Caveron Odell (Draco incarnate rapier champion)

**Crown:** Ivan Shishov, Katalena Ivaniaia zhenka Shishova

**Court report for Silent Court of Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa at the Coronation of Ivan and Katalena in the Barony of Brendoken on 4 May 2024 (AS 59).** Heralds: Gilebert le braceur de Dijon; Court signet: Chrysanthème des Prés, Helena Sibylla

**Award of the Doe's Grace:** Gianna Vettori

**Court report for Morning Court of Their Majesties Ivan and Katalena at Their Coronation in the Barony of Brendoken on 4 May 2024 (AS 59).** Herald: Gilebert le braceur de Dijon; Court signet: Chrysanthème des Prés, Helena Sibylla

**Countess:** Neassa O'Cathasaigh      **Count:** Wigthehn the Younger      **Order of the Rose:** Neassa O'Cathasaigh

**Court report for Evening Court of Their Majesties Ivan and Katalena at Their Coronation in the Barony of Brendoken on 4 May 2024 (AS 59).** Herald: Friedrich Wolferam von Danzig; Court signet: Chrysanthème des Prés

**Award of Arms:** Anubis, Kenton of Clefthlands      **Award of the Purple Fret:** Adam Der Strom, Emmeline von Kaltwasser      **Court Barony:** Emmeline von Kaltwasser

**Court report for Royal Court of His Majesty Ivan at Aethelmearc War Practice located in the Kingdom of Aethelmearc on 18 May 2024 (AS 59).** Herald: DonalBane of Blakmers

**Order of the Dragon's Tooth:** William of Red Spears, Magnus of Vito's Minions

**Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Ivan and Katalena at Their Crown Tournament in the Canton of the Marche of the Marshes on 26 May 2024 (AS 59).** Herald: Friedrich Wolferam von Danzig, Anna of the Western Hill; Court signet: Chrysanthème des Prés

**Award of Arms:** Leandra Corzi      **Order of the Willow:** Paxino Voltera      **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Tonis van Driele      **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Angus Gordon, Crispin dela Rochefoucauld  
**Royal Augmentation of Arms (a goutte sanguine):** Raffaele da Cernia, Margherita di Raffaele  
**Tanists:** Kilian Fendrich, Jalida al-Hasanah

**Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Ivan and Katalena at Kingdom A&S in the Canton of the Marche of the Marshes on 25 May 2024 (AS 59).** Herald: Friedrich Wolferam von Danzig; Court signet: Chrysanthème des Prés

**Award of Arms:** Aster of Shadowed Stars, Peter of Clefthlands, Adrian Harper, Cygnus Grimm      **Award of the Purple Fret:** Maeva Svendsdottir      **Order of the Willow:** Alys of Alnwick, Charles Vaux, Lucretia Natta, Ulfgard Rohofsson      **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Meadhbh Ramsay

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# Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

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

Event	Date	Location
<b>July 2024</b>		
Known World Dance and Music Symposium	4-7	Barony of Sternfeld; Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main Street, Danville, IN46122
Push for Pennsic	12-14	Barony of the Flaming Gryphon; Miami County Fairgrounds; 650 N County Rd 25A, Troy OH 45373
Tyger Hunt 38	13	House Applegarth; 5555 Edgar Rd, Clarkston, MI 48346
Pale Deadline for September (Ads)	25	
Pennsic 51	26 Jul - Aug 11	Cooper's Lake; 205 Currie Road, Slipery Rock, PA 16057
<b>August 2024</b>		
Pennsic 51	26 Jul - Aug 11	Cooper's Lake; 205 Currie Road, Slipery Rock, PA 16057
Pale Deadline for October (Ads)	25	
Mounted War Games XIII: Baker's Dozen of Fun	29 Aug - 2 Sep	Barony of Shadowed Stars; 1240 4-H Park Rd, Bluffton IN 46714
<b>September 2024</b>		
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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	Host Group TBD; Location TBD
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
Pale Deadline for November (Ads)	25	
Fall Coronation	28	Barony of the Cleftlands; 127 N Elm Street, Jefferson OH 44047

## *Job Opening:*

### *Deputy Minister of Arts & Sciences: Historical Combat Research*

Job entails: Support and encourage research into historical combat. Liaison to the Marshallate for Historical Research. Candidate should be an experienced marshal of the field. Send your letter of intent to [kmoas@midrealm.org](mailto:kmoas@midrealm.org).



# Midrealm History - Barony of Sternfeld

by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian

On May 27, 2024, the Barony of Sternfeld celebrated its 40th anniversary! Located in the Constellation Region, Sternfeld has been a center of celebration of everything the SCA values and loves since ancient days. In fact, Sternfeld was recognized as a Barony just a few short months after Calontir became a Kingdom. Prior to achieving baronial status, Sternfeld was a shire. The Shire of Sternfeld held very small events throughout the year, but once it was elevated to a barony the attendance blossomed and drew members of the SCA from across the Known World. Here are some tales from Sternfeld:

At the Crown Tournament of King Jafar I and Queen Catherine on October 23, 1993, Lord Jamie Blackrose and Lady Audrey Adelia of Canterbury created 900 site tokens. Ordinarily, this would have been an excessive number, but 1,000 people came.

The dangers of holding events in winter occasionally make themselves known in spectacular fashion in Sternfeld. At one Better War Through Archery event in the late 1980's the temperature reportedly plummeted to -35°F.

Spring was the only time of year events were not held. Due to the influence of the Indy 500, the area was inundated with people from all over the country which made finding lodging impossible. Traffic from this annual event has lessened in more recent years, allowing Sternfeld to host truly massive events. The most widely famous of these were the celebrations of the SCA 50 Year Anniversary and the Middle Kingdom 50 Year Anniversary.

Sternfeld is currently bardic-central of the Middle Kingdom. This is not coincidence, but the culmination of years of hard work. It began with Duke Moonwulf and Master John ap Wynne, but evolved over the subsequent decades. Mistress Lucia Elena Braganza began the "Bardic Habitat Restoration Project" aimed at bringing more people into the bardic arts. With the arrival of Baron Tonis and Baroness Anne around 2013, and the addition of Lady Liadan Liathán and Lord Dai Gerdwr, the Barony saw a culmination of all the work of the bardic community and a new bardic golden age dawned and shows no sign of slowing down.

The chronology of the Baronage of Sternfeld is below:

- 5/27/1984 - 8/16/1995 - Caveron O'Dell and Susan O'Dell
- 8/16/1995 - 7/26/2003 - Eirik Dweorgeax and Kendra of Darkmoon\*
- 7/26/2003 - 7/19/2008 - Jamie Blackrose and Audrey Adelia of Canterbury
- 7/19/2008 - 7/6/2013 - Torquil MacGillavrey and Moira MacGillavrey
- 7/6/2013 - 7/7/2018 - Ulfr Imason and Odile de Brienne
- 7/7/2018 - 7/1/2023 - Odo von Atzinger and Lisabetta von Atzinger\*\*
- 7/1/2023 - Present - Tonis van Driele and Anne Mulligan

\*Kendra of Darkmoon passed away in January of 1997. Eirik continued as Baron until 2003.

\*\*Lisabetta stepped down to be the Her Majesty Runa's rapier champion and Odo continued as Baron until 2023.

## Middle Kingdom Court Reports

**Court report for Royal Court of Her Majesty Katalena in the Barony of Fenix on 1 June 2024 (AS 59).** Herald: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, Thalia Baroncelli, Tali Essen of the Isles; Court signet: Brianne of Greenlea

**Award of Arms:** Ceadda of Fox Hall, Lexington Lupinus Albus, Marthe Averey, Tannith Leifskona, Thorvaldr Olgasson      **Award of the Purple Fret:** Doceir of Unicorn, Gabriel de Burgh, Magnus Refsson, Michel Schmidt      **Award of the Sapphire:** Einarr Ginnfastsson      **Order of the Willow:** Raziya al-Zarqa', Roisin de Burgh      **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Meadhbh Ramsay

**Court report for Morning Court of Her Majesty Katalena in the Barony of Fenix on 1 June 2024 (AS 59).** Herald: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, Edward Foxley; Court signet: Brianne of Greenlea  
**Court Baroncy:** Angus von Atzinger  
**Baronage:** Reinhold von Glier, Lynne Fairchild

## Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

**August 2024 Events - June 25th**  
**September 2024 Events - July 25th**  
**October 2024 Events - August 25**  
**November 2024 Events - September 25**  
**December 2024 Events - October 25**  
**January 2025 Events - November 25**

### Helpful Links

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

The Marche of Havenholde presents:

## Push for Pennsic

**Friday, July 12 to Sunday, July 14**

Gate opens Friday at 5 pm, Saturday at 8 am,  
Sunday - Check out by 11 am

### Location

Miami County  
Fairgrounds  
650 N County Rd 25A,  
Troy, OH 45373

### Site Fees

Pre-registration  
\$8 members  
\$18 non-members  
At gate  
\$10 members  
\$20 non-members  
17&under are free!  
Camping is free  
Dogs allowed leashed  
Site discreetly wet

### Activities

- ♥ Heavy Weapons
- ♥ Rapier
- ♥ Thrown Weapons
- ♥ Archery
- ♥ A&S Classes
- ♥ Youth Point

Event Steward: Inga Johansdottir (Angela Acker)  
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**Last chance to authorize before Pennsic!**

<https://flaminggryphon.midrealm.org/page/push-pennsic>

## THE KNOWN WORLD DANCE AND MUSIC SYMPOSIUM

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

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

### Pre-Registration

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

### At The Gate

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

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

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

### Event Steward:

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### Event Steward:

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**Balls & Dance Parties • Music Performance & Jams • Global Dance • Euro Dance  
Classes, Classes, Classes • Food Plan Available • Nearby Lodging See [kwds.org](http://kwds.org) for the latest!**



**The Riding of Hawkland Moor Presents**  
**TYGER HUNT 38**

July 13, 2024

Armored / Rapier / Missiles / A&S / Feast / Camping

**This year at Haus Applegarth**

5555 Edgar Rd, Clarkston MI, 48346

Site Fee: Members: \$10/adult, \$1/child up to 18

Non-Members: \$20/adult, \$1/child up to 18

Member family cap: \$21

Non-Members family cap: \$41

Feast for 40. \$10 per person.

Tent camping: Free

This event will be held in the large yard of Hawkland Moor's distinguished founders. Bring your own food. Porta-potties will be available. Access to their home is by invitation only.

Site opens 1 pm July 12th & closes 1 pm July 14th.

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

Steward: Master Maximilian der Zauberer  
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4262 Dickson Dr, Sterling Hts, MI 48310  
 scheltem@yahoo.com / 586-925-2404

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.

**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](http://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/mounted-war-games-xii)

Event Steward: THL Prudence of Colleah  
 (Rachel Coffman)

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**Known World | Newcomers Symposium** Saturday, Nov 30, 2024  
 Sunday, Dec 1, 2024

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

**[KWNS.calontir.org](http://KWNS.calontir.org)**

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

**Sponsoring Group:** Kingdom of Calontir

**Location:** Held Virtually on Zoom

**Event Registration Fees:** FREE

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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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VIRTUAL, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS.

LIVE, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE NECESSARY TRAVEL.

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

ALL MEETING DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE.

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

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

**MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE**

CALL SCHEDULE:  
Monday, June 24, 2024  
Monday, August 19, 2024

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*A Roman Mummy - Winner of the Kingdom A&S Faire 2024,  
submitted by Lady Grainne Ruadh. Photo by THL Tarmach ben  
Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).*