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

You must cite all references, quotations and sources in your article using the Chicago Manual of Style format. Sample citations are located here: www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Citing sources is very important to avoid accusations of plagiarism and legal action for copyright violation.

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

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

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

submitted through the **online form** available on the calendar page. Contact the Middle Kingdom Calendar Secretary at calendar@midrealm.org with any issues. Middle Kingdom events receive free event ads that run in the next issue unless otherwise specified. Out-of-Kingdom events and merchants pay the listed rates.

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

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

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

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

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

Quarter page: 3 5/8"W x 4 7/8"H	\$35
Half page: 7 1/2"W x 4 7/8"H	\$60
Full page: 7 1/2"W x 10"H	\$115.

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

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From Their Royal Majesties

A Royal Greeting from your Sovereigns, King Kilian and Queen Jalida: Exciting Adventures Ahead!

Greetings, noble subjects of the Middle Kingdom,

As we usher in the new year, Her Majesty and I are filled with excitement and anticipation in what lies ahead for Our kingdom. It is a privilege to sit upon the thrones of this mighty realm, and We look forward to sharing many adventures and moments of joy with you all in the coming months.

One of the highlights of Our journey this winter is Our upcoming trip to the Kingdom of Drachenwald, where We will be attending their 12th Night and Coronation celebration from January 10–12, along with some of Our Champions and staff that have decided to make the trek as well! The opportunity to travel across the seas and witness the crowning of Drachenwald's new rulers is one that fills Our hearts with excitement - not to mention spending some time in the famed "Emerald Isle". We cannot wait to join Our brothers and sisters in revelry. We hope to bring back tales and inspiration that will enrich Our own kingdom's culture and traditions. While we are gone, the Kingdom will be in the very capable hands of Our Heirs, Prince Wigthehn and Princess Neassa. I am sure They will be excited to see all who attend A Regular Event in Cleftlands (Jan 18th). Alternatively, any who plan to attend either Winter Revel in the Barony or Andelcrag (Jan 18th) or Winter Wassail in the Shire of Rivendale (Jan 25th), please know that We wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you are filled with happiness, friendship, and good luck in the year to come.

Once back in the Middle Kingdom, We have much to look forward to in the coming weeks and months! We are particularly eager for the Festival of Maidens in Caer Gwyn, (Feb 1). This beloved event celebrates its 50th anniversary! We encourage all to come and showcase their talents, be they in martial, A&S or in service to our kingdom. We are certain it will be an event full of inspiration, creativity, and camaraderie!

But wait...there's more!

The following week, We hope to see a wonderful turnout for St. Valentine's day in Our Canton of Three Hills/Barony of Andelcrag (Feb 8th).

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Letters From the Kingdom Officers

Val Day will host two special events, among others: The Tournament of Chivalry and Her Majesty's Queen's Prize Tournament. Both of these endeavors highlight the true celebration of honor, skill, and valor - qualities that Our kingdom holds in the highest regard. We are looking forward to seeing a great turnout, with many knights and combatants from across the kingdom coming together to showcase their prowess in the lists. This will be a day of mutual respect showcasing the high ideals that make the Middle Kingdom such a noble place. Weather permitting, Val Day is usually well-attended and We would love to see the many A&S projects that are keeping people busy these winter months!

It is a privilege to serve as your monarchs, and We are excited to see all of you at these wonderful events. Let us continue to build bonds of friendship and fellowship, to honor the chivalric virtues, and to celebrate the timeless traditions that make our kingdom so special.

In service to the Kingdom and Society,

King Kilian and Queen Jalida

King and Queen of the Midrealm



Seneschal

Greetings, Great Middle Kingdom,

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm from the bitter cold of winter.

I have some very good candidates for the Kingdom Social Media Officer position and would like to add some additional deputies for 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.

Soon warmer weather will be upon us and we can return to enjoying more time outdoors.

In service and friendship,

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



From Their Highnesses

Joyous Greetings From the Dragon Heirs,

As the Kingdom bids farewell to the festive season, it is Our hope that the holidays were filled with merriment, joy, warmth, and cherished moments. We hope to carry this into the new year as We travel within the Midrealm and to distant lands.

The turning of the year is always a moment of reflection, and as We look back on the past months, We are humbled by the resilience, strength, and unity displayed across this great Kingdom. We have seen the great works of this populace and We know that, as great as they are, these works will improve and become even greater in the new year. Let this be a time of renewal, growth, and boundless possibility. We are certainly looking forward to seeing these new opportunities and shenanigans with you. We are truly excited for what this year will bring and what stories will be made.

Wigthegn II & Neassa II

Princeps & Principessa

Medii Regni





Exchequer

Hi, all,

I'd hoped by now to have the confirmed Domesday starting numbers for all groups sent out. Since that's not done, assume that your ending numbers from last year are your starting numbers for this year.

Of course, with luck, you've already finished your Domesday report using those numbers. On the off chance you've not yet sent your report in, here's what we're looking for:

- Complete and balanced Domesday – in Excel.
- Signed (in BLACK ink) copies of the Primary Account, Balance, and Income pages from the Domesday – preferably scanned to a PDF.
- Bank statements for the year.
- Copy of your checkbook register, or ledger, or however you keep track of money in and checks written.
- Copies of the event reports for any events you held in 2024.

In service,

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



Chronicler

Greetings!

I am happy to report that the migration of the Kingdom server was successful. I would like to thank Brighid of Red Spears for all of her hard work. We hope that this update will keep our online presence running smoothly and make maintenance much easier for our hard-working web team. Also, thank you to the entire helpdesk staff for the work you do making sure the website is up to date and all of the Middle Kingdom's technology needs are well taken care of. Your service is also greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill, OL

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



Earl Marshal

Greetings, Midrealm!

February is upon us, which means for many it is time to go over gear and get it prepped for Gulf Wars and the upcoming season. Check your straps, straighten your arrows, and sharpen your axes for fun and merriment is just around the corner!

There was a finalization on the forearm armor requirement, and the Midrealm will NOT be making it a required piece of armor. As always, more protection is recommended, but it will remain your choice if you want to wear it or not.

Finally, here is your first reminder of the new reporting dates: Group Marshals, your report is due Feb 1. We had a fair number of marshals miss reporting last quarter and I don't want that to become an ongoing issue. The more marshals we have, the safer we can be.

Aim small and fight with honor,

Baron Robert Thorne, OP

Kingdom Earl Marshal, Middle Kingdom

Queen Jalida ducks from snowballs while her champion Syr Drust Mac Arilith tries to block for her as part of the traditional snowball fight at Kingdom 12th Night. Photo by Baroness Gianna Vettori, OP (Nicole Davaris).



Minister of Arts & Sciences

Gregorian Solar New Year Greetings!

The new year brings to mind...calendars!

A calendar, in the technical sense, is a formalized means of tracking dates and seasons. In cultures with writing, that meant a written table of dates, attested evidence going back to the Bronze Age. Without a writing system, the calendar might be a monumental stonework, aligned such that the sun rising over a particular boulder might mean time to begin planting. The oldest known such arrangement of stones discovered to date is the Wurdi Yourang stones in Victoria, Australia, believed to be 13,000 years old.

Many cultures used the cycles of the moon to mark months. Because the lunar cycle gives months that are a bit short, these cultures periodically add a "leap month" to ensure the seasons stay aligned. This is why feasts such as Ramadan, Easter, Yom Kippur, and the East Asian Lunar New Year celebrations are on different modern dates, year to year - they're still reckoned by a Lunar calendar.

Perhaps you've wondered why our months are named for an arbitrary collection of Roman gods - Janus, Mars, Juno - and numbers 7, 8, 9, 10. What's going on? Besides "English is weird?" Sometime around the year 45 BCE, Julius Caesar decided to switch to a solar-based calendar of 365 days with an occasional leap year. Subsequently, two summer months were named in honor of Julius and his heir Augustus, July and August.

This calendar remained in effect until 1582, where we slightly rearranged things to better match the sun - basically skipping leap years 3 out of 4 round hundreds, where it's been ever since.

Except it hasn't. America stubbornly remained Julian until the 19th century, with Russia not converting until the Soviet era. The Eastern Orthodox rite retains the old calendar dates (mostly) for their feasts, which is why it's appropriate to wish at least three Laurels a Happy Christmas when you see them at 12th Night.

Which brings us back around to the SCA. My persona mostly lives in a Julian world, but trades with folks using other systems. It's just part of doing business. What about your persona?

How do they reckon times and seasons? What sources have you found that tell you what they'd be doing this time of year?

I was able to get to Yule Feast this past month and I continue to be amazed at the skill and research that go into the arts and sciences we practice. I'm looking forward to upcoming events, most especially Andelcrag's own Val Day, which always has stunning A&S displays - and this reign Her Majesty's Queen's Prize. Here's hoping the weather holds up!

In service,

Tommaso Franceschi, OL

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Drop-Dead Deputy to the Dragon Herald

Greetings from the depths of winter –

The quiet winter months seem to be buzzing along, with many a project to tide us over until the spring returns. We are still accepting applications for Rouge Scarpe. Please submit your SCA resume and CV to herald@midrealm.org prior to February 28th for consideration.

The positions of Constellation and Midlands Regional Heralds are also seeking replacements. Our Regional Heralds work as a touch point and reference for the groups in their region, assisting them with questions, addressing issues of staffing, encouraging heraldic development, and managing court reports.

I've very much enjoyed pretending to be the Dragon Herald for the last couple of months while Gilebert was out, but look forward to his return with the next issue of *The Pale*. I very much appreciate everyone's assistance in making this interim service as smooth as possible for me!

May the winter soon thaw,

IHL Ragna stórráða Úlfsdóttir

Flourte Hund Herault; Deputy to the Dragon Herald

Announcement from the Pale Herald

Greetings, gentle populace!

I'm your current Pale Herald, and as much as I love our newsletter, sadly my office has little to do with *The Pale* other than sharing a heraldic device. I am the heraldic officer in charge of assigning court heralds in charge for Royal courts. As you may or may not know, every Royal court needs a warranted herald to present the court report: the paperwork that turns the business that happens in court into an official record of awards and honors bestowed in the Order of Precedence. The Herald in Charge is also responsible for assigning which Heralds will be reading which bits of business and making sure that the court is organized according to Their Majesties' (or Their Regents') wishes.

In the past, the process for becoming a warranted court herald has been a bit organic and somewhat mysterious. (Mostly, you became a warranted herald; however, not every herald is interested in doing courts, and not everyone interested in heralding courts is interested in being an arms and names herald.) In an effort to make it easier and more transparent for someone to become a warranted court herald I am proposing a new process and a new warrant form. This will be in addition to current workflows, not a replacement. Currently warranted heralds will remain warranted without having to go through the form. (Not sure if you're warranted? Ask me! The Dragon Herald maintains a roster of warranted heralds that they have shared with me for my office's use.)

The proposed process is to fill out the warrant form by getting signatures from currently warranted heralds for each of the essential court herald tasks listed on the form. The final test will be running a court as Herald in Charge. After successful completion, your warrant will be complete and you will just need to file a yearly report at Domesday to maintain the warrant and be able to be a Herald in Charge for Royal courts.

Currently this is a proposed draft and I am soliciting your feedback on this form and process before we implement it. I am hopeful that this will make it easier for people who want to be involved and help out to do just that!

Questions? Comments? Concerns? I await your advice.

At your service,

Master Milesent Vibert, OL (she/her)

Pale Herald

Paleherald@midrealm.org

See Draft - Court Herald Warrant Form on next page.



Master Milesent at Dressed to Kill III. Photo by THL Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).

Draft – Court Herald Warrant Form – draft 2, January 2025

Thank you for your interest in becoming a warranted court herald. This form is designed to guide you through the process of obtaining your warrant. Obtain signatures from currently warranted heralds for each activity. Not sure if you are warranted? The Dragon herald maintains a list of active warrants, see any of the senior heraldic staff to check!

Activity	Signature and print name	Date
Have copies of the Book of Ceremonies and Book of Protocol		
Familiar with Reign Preferences Document and how to obtain it		
Submit at-large Herald Quarterly Report 1		
Submit at-large Herald Quarterly Report 2		
Submit at-large Herald Quarterly Report 3		
Beginner Assist a court – reading at least one award		
Intermediate Assist a court – reading at least 1/3 of the business		
Advanced Assist a court – Open or close the court		
Attend pre-court meeting		
Run court with a warranted herald mentor		
Submit the court report (with warranted herald mentor)		

Note: Court Heralds only have to report once a year at Domesday, however you must submit quarterly reports while going through the warrant process. Use these to tell us how you are doing and if you have any questions or concerns about being a court herald. When the above categories are completed, you will be issued a temporary warrant to perform as Herald in Charge for a court (for your final exam!) After successfully serving as Herald in Charge and submitting your court report, the temporary warrant will become permanent.

Activity	Signature and print name	Date
Be Herald in Charge		
Submit Court Report		
Approval of Monarchs whose court you ran		

Congratulations on completing this form! Form must be submitted to the Dragon Herald who will confirm your final warrant status. To maintain your warrant, continue to submit your annual report. Make sure you join the Court Herald's mailing list and Facebook Group. (Email the Pale Herald, paleherald@midrealm.org, to be added to the mailing list.)

Middle Kingdom Court Reports

CORRECTION: At Baroness Wars on 14 September 2024 (AS 59), CuMhara of Holyhead, called Kope, was awarded a White Lance. The court report listed it as a White Chamfron.

Court report for Morning Court of Their Majesties Kilian and Jalida at Christmas Tourney on 7 December 2024 (AS 59), in the Barony of the Flame Heralds: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli; Court Signet: Brianne of Greenlea

Award of the Kings Chalice: Onund Ullrson **Award of the Doe's Grace:** Tali Essen of the Isles
Order of the Red Company: Bjorn of Flaming Gryphon, Ulfr of Flaming Gryphon **Order of the Gold Mace:** TryggR Gillason

Court report for Evening Court of Their Majesties Kilian and Jalida at Christmas Tourney on 7 December 2024 (AS 59), in the Barony of the Flame Heralds: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, Dai Gergwr, Tali Essen, Angharad ferch Tangwystl; Court Signet: Brianne of Greenlea

Order of the Dragon's Barb: Casimir von Dansk **Award of Arms:** Lily of Flame, Andrew of Flame, Barbosa, Demiana da Costa, Domingo de Volasco, Vance of Flame, Evan of Flame, Faustus Einhorn, Kassidon, Castles MacFaolán, Lucrezia de Calabria, Sanchia of Fenix, Guin of Mynydd Seren, Alardin de Caux **Award of the Purple Fret:** Hengist Hawardessune, Rashid al-Sanna **Order of the Willow:** Dawood al-tayyib al-samari, Daniel Macyver **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Bastian Farwalker, Gareth de Burgh **Order of the Evergreen:** Gemma evangelista borgia, Elayne Gwenhlian de Belleme
Order of the Red Company: Toki Onundson (Lawson of Fenix) **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Jok Turnour, Thora Roarsdottir **Order of the King's Chalice:** Gaetting Ullrson **Order of the Pelican:** Ronan of Keyth; **Order of Chivalry:** Vukasin Ullrić

Court report for Silent Court of Her Majesty Queen Jalida at Yule Feast on 14 December 2024 (AS 59), in the Barony of Red Spears. Heralds: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli; Court Signet: Brianne of Greenlea

Award of Arms: Silvanus Aurelius **Award of the Purple Fret:** Arina Aldea de la lacului, Mihajlo De Nekche, Morgana ferch Rhys of Glastonbury, Nina of the Lost Caverns, Nyssa of Brendoken, Rachel of Goat Clan, Sabine of Vito's Minions **Order of the Evergreen:** Aldred æt Aclum **Order of the Bronze Ring:** Fatima bint Malik **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Uthan Laoch

Midrealm History - Peerage Milestones

by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian

Congratulations to these most noble Peers of the Middle Kingdom celebrating milestone anniversaries this January.

20 Year Anniversary

- Mistress Melisant Saint-Clair, Order of the Laurel – January 22, 2005

10 Year Anniversary

- Mistress Constanza de Mendoza, Order of the Laurel – January 10, 2015
- Syr Stevyn Silverthorne of Drachenmoor, Order of the Pelican – January 10, 2015
- Mistress Jadwiga Krzyzanowska, Order of the Laurel – January 17, 2015

Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

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

Event	Date	Location
February 2025		
Festival of Maidens 50: A Golden Year	1	Shire of Caer Gwyn; 111 St Marys Rd, Champaign IL
Snowshoe Hare Culture Faire	1	Canton of Woods End; 399 Chestnut St., Greenfield OH 45123
The Grand Tour - A Taste of 15th Century Ottoman Empire	1	The Canton of Wealdlake; 10016 E Newburg Rd., Durand MI
St. Valentines' Day Massacre & Tournament of Chivalry	8	Canton of Three Hills; 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI 49048
Midlands Village Green IV	15	Shire of Swordcliff; 1400 Primm Rd., Lincoln IL 62656
Better Hearths and Baileys Winter Solar	22	Host group unknown; 616 IN 25, Logansport IN 46947
Pale Deadline for April 2025 (Ads)	25	
March 2025		
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
April 2025		
Day of Playe 7	5	Canton of Rokkehealden; Location unknown
Crystal Chamfron	11-13	Host group unknown; N. Main St., Wood River IL 62095
Pale Deadline for June 2025 (Ads)	25	

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
Rouge Scarpe Herald
Constellation Herald
Midlands Herald

Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine
First Deputy Chatelaine
Midlands Regional Chatelaine

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/>

Job Postings

Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences Emergency Deputy

The Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences Emergency Deputy is the backup to the KMOAS for urgent matters should they become incapacitated or unavailable. This is a high-trust, high-responsibility position at the Kingdom level.

Responsibilities include:

1. Backup to the Kingdom MOAS. Should the MOAS become incapacitated or unavailable, the Emergency Deputy will:
 - a) Attend Curia meetings as acting MOAS
 - b) Advise the Crown on all matters pertaining to Arts and Sciences
 - c) Work with the A&S Faire, Tournament of Arts, Queen's Prize Tourney, and other artisan display teams
 - d) Keep the Curia informed as to the state of Arts and Sciences in the Midrealm
 - e) File Society-level reports on behalf of the MOAS..
2. Provide ongoing support to the MOAS office as the needs of the office dictate.
3. Maintain confidentiality of Curia and Crown communications in accordance with Kingdom and Society policies.
4. Maintain current membership through the end of their term of office.
5. Support the Kingdom A&S Faire, Crafter's Greens, and dedicated A&S events as travel budget and real life allows.

The successful candidate will have served as a Local or Baronial MOAS.

If you're interested in this position please submit your SCA resume to kmoas@midrealm.org

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.

Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

March 2025 Events - January 25th
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

NEW DATE AND LOCATION! Festival of Maidens: A Golden Year

Join the Shire of Caer Gwyn to celebrate our *50th anniversary of Maidens!* Teach, learn, fight, and spend time with friends who love and have missed you this last year.

Saturday, February 1, 2025
8:00 am - 9:00 pm

iHotel & Illinois Conference Center
 111 St. Marys Rd. Champaign, IL

<https://caergwyn.midrealm.org/festival-of-maidens-50-a-golden-year/>

18+ Member Site: \$ 20 | 18+ Non-Member Site: \$ 30
 | 6-17 Site: \$ 5 | Under 6 Site: \$ 0
 Family Site Cap: \$ 45

Event Stewards: Baron Rue Brynne (Rue Bryne) and
 Armiger Saebjorn Unferthsson (Sorin Pollock)

Contact: ruebryne@gmail.com

The Canton of Wealdlake
in the Barony of Northwoods invites you to...

The Grand Tour:

*a day filled with classes and food from the
15th century Ottoman empire*

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Site opens at 10 a.m. | Closes at 9 p.m.
Durand Global Methodist Church
10016 E. Newburg Road, Durand, Michigan

Site Fees:

Adult Member: \$ 10 | Adult Non-Member: \$ 20
| Youth 6-17: \$ 5 | Under 6: \$ 0

Feast: \$20 per person, served at 5 p.m.

Feast has limited seating

Hafla following feast with music, desserts, & beverages

Event Steward: Lady Guda Fuchs (Karla Macelli) kjmacelli@gmail.com
Deputy Steward: Baroness Aliyah (Marilyn Meyer)
AliyahbatAsriel@yahoo.com

More information can be found at the event website:
https://www.wealdlake.org/_grandTour/GrandTour.html

Midlands Village Green IV

A Day of Arts & Sciences in the Shire of Swordcliff on
February 15, 2026.

Website: <https://swordcliff.midrealm.org/events/midlands-village-green/>

This day will be a relaxed project day based on the craftperson's green concept: no judging, just work on your passions, show them off, talk to others, learn new things, and socialize! *NEW SITE*: large rooms, plenty of tables, and space for martial classes. Contact the event steward if you need a specific size space, dedicated table, access to electricity, or other accommodation.

Artisan craft groups that will have dedicated space:

~Fiber	~Metalwork
~Cooking	~Book Binding
~Woodworking	~Bardic
~Calligraphy/Illumination	~Brewing

Location: Lincoln Park District
1400 Primm Rd, Lincoln, IL 62656

Time: 9:00am-9:00pm; Feast 5:30-8:30pm

Site fee: \$18.00 non-member; \$8 member; \$4 child

Lunch: Potluck

Feast: \$12

Event Steward:

Cydeaux of Brittany (Lucinda Caughey on Facebook,
cydcaughey@aol.com, (217)-801-2841)

St Valentine's Day Massacre & Tournament of Chivalry

Hosted by: Canton of Three Hills

February 8th, 2025 from 9:00am to 9:00pm

Site: Kalamazoo County Expo Center - 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Site Fee: Adult Registration \$25.00, **ADULT MEMBER \$15.00**,

Minors 6 to 17 are \$5.00, Children 5 & Under are Free

Family Cap \$45 Member (2 Adults, 3 children 6-17) – additional \$10 per Non-Member Adult

Check our Website for the most up to date information:

<https://threehills.midrealm.org/home/valday2025/>

Event Steward: Countess Catarina deBruyn (Christine Wittenbach)

Email: threehills.exchequer@midrealm.org

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

March 1, 2025

Held at:
Bethel Wesley UMC
1201 13th 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
<https://darkriver.midrealm.org/courting-main-page/>

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

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

Event Steward:
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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 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

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