# The Pale



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

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

**IMAGES**, such as line art, calligraphy, illumination and photographs are also welcome. Scan any artwork at 300 dpi and save it at the highest quality JPG setting. Photos should also be 300 dpi, high quality JPGs. All images will appear in print as black and white, but the online version of *The Pale* is in color. Images can also be submitted as high quality TIF or PDF files. Any artwork or photography submitted to *The Pale* must have a signed SCA Creative Release or SCA Photographer Release form from the artist sent in with the work. Any person identifiable in an image must submit a signed SCA Model Release form with the art work. This is a requirement of SCA Inc. for print publication. All release forms are available at www.midrealm.org/chronicler.

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

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

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

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

Ad templates for the quarter and half page ads are available at <a href="http://midrealm.org/chronicler/thepale/">http://midrealm.org/chronicler/thepale/</a>. 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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 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
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Greetings to Our Landed Barons and Baronesses, Our Royal Nobles, peers of all sorts and, Our favorite, Our populace!

With Our Kingdom's Heirs well ahead of themselves preparing for next summer's Pennsic, We look to more immediate matters here at home. This is the season of celebrations of all types and kinds. Please remember to take care of each other and YOURSELF! Aside from these celebrations, gatherings can be a mental drain and sometimes a physical one. If you are feeling under the weather, consider your health (and your friends!) first before venturing out. As We wrote last, the crispness of fall is very quickly turning into the harshness of winter. Be prepared and forewarned when traveling.

Looking forward to December, We are anticipating a wonderful Christmas Tourney to be held in Our lands of South Oaken. We will be excited to see many friends, old and new, and wish to see everyone out and about and enjoying the day. As we hear the sounds of tournament combat, remember that Gulf Wars is not too far off and We look forward to seeing as many as possible attend this annual event. I, myself, have not been there in many years and am looking forward to it. Though We have not yet decided who We will be declaring for, I am expecting a fun time to be had by all attendees.

Enjoy your holiday and New Year gatherings as we move forward into another year where we will be able to spend time with our friends. Her Majesty and I will be traveling to Drachenwald to see Our cousins, King William and Queen Isabetta, and the Royal Coronation of Their heirs, Prince Æríkr and Princess Jacquelyna. I am sure a fun time will be had by all and We will bring back many stories.

Please, everyone, have a joyous holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing everyone We can at the events to come.

With warmest regards,

King Kilian and Queen Jalida
Sovereigns of the Midrealm



Queen Jalida embraces Mistress Hilla Stormbringer at her elevation at Artisan's Day. Photo by Ainsley MacAbrehan (Lauren Enda).

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# Letters From the Kingdom Of

# From Their Highnesses

Greetings to the Great Populace of The Kingdom of the Middle,

We would like to take this opportunity to express Our heartfelt thanks to all of you. In Our travels, We have witnessed your deeds and are reassured that the Middle Kingdom has the greatest populace in the Known World. This is experienced in the hospitality. largesse, service, talent, and so much more this Kingdom offers, as it is not just to its Royal Family, but to everyone. It is the people of this Kingdom that bring Us back as your Heirs.

In this season, We hope you find time for yourselves and your family. Time to relax, recharge, and celebrate the good, to reflect on the year, and to look forward to the future, as We are looking forward in doing so with you.

We are also thankful for Their Majesties, Kilian and Jalida, for Their leadership and guidance. We know the Kingdom is enjoying Their Reign as much as We are. Their wisdom, strength, and commitment to the Realm continue to inspire and guide all, and We are proud to walk alongside Them in service to the people.

May your holiday and winter season be filled with the warmth of family and the joy of cherished traditions.

### Wigthegn II & Neassa II Princeps & Principessa Medii Regni



HRH Neassa at the Cleftlands rapier tournament in November 2024. Photo from THL Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).



## Seneschal

Warmest winter greetings, my friends -

The new year dawns with new possibilities. I hope everyone enjoyed whatever holidays you celebrate with those dearest to you.

For anyone who holds an office of the seneschal or other office (local or regional), I would like to remind you that you are required to report. Middle Kingdom law Article IX provides the specifications of those required to report. If you do not report and do not provide any information to your superior, you may be removed from your position, and your group could lose its full status.

If you have any questions about the reporting requirements, please review the right side of your Kingdom Officers' page at midrealm.org. If you still have questions please contact your Baronial or Regional Officer as applicable.

We have also had several Seneschal Office Changes:

I would like to thank Meabh ingen Carthaig for her valued service as Pentamere Regional Seneschal, and to welcome Mistress Artemesia Laycebrayder as the next Pentamere Regional Seneschal.

I would also like to thank Baroness Isibel of Dunbegane for her valued service as North Oaken Regional Seneschal and to welcome Baron Cadwgan Faber as the next North Oaken Regional Seneschal. Additionally, I would like to welcome Thorvald Magnusson as the deputy to the N.O. Regional Seneschal Baron Cadwgan.

I would like to thank Sir Hengist Hawardessune for his valued service as Middle Kingdom Calendar Secretary and to welcome Baron Rue Bryne as the next Middle Kingdom Calendar Secretary. I would also like to welcome Forester Elbrig ingen Eoain as the deputy to Baron Rue, as we work to make the Middle Kingdom Calendar more user friendly. This officer is also moving under the Kingdom Chronicler as the majority of the work is directly with that Office.

I hope everyone stays warm during these winter months.

Yours in service.

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



## Exchequer

Greetings, all,

Domesday season is upon us. Here are some tips based on what was found during last year's Domesday.

You should be submitting a copy of your ledger or check register. Having this helps the Regionals figure out any discrepancies that might arise.

What is reported as event income on the Domesday should match what was reported on the actual event report:

- Events that are donation-only go on page 11c.
- Money made at an event as fundraising goes on page 11a.
- Money donated to group at an event goes on page 11c.
- SCARS/Paypal payments and expenses are shown on page 11b in the Paypal/SCARS section.
- Money sent to Kingdom is a transfer out page 10 top section.
- Money sent to SCA Inc for insurance is a transfer out on page 10 section A, Corporate.
- If you're in Michigan or Illinois, then transfers to SCA Inc, Middle Kingdom, go on page 12b section 29. It is NOT a transfer in Kingdom.
- If you're in Michigan or Illinois, then event insurance payments to SCA Inc go on page 12a as fees and honoraria.

When you have your report finished, you should send both the Excel report and PDFs of the pages that need to be signed (in BLACK ink) to your Regional. You should also be sending your ledger/check register as mentioned above, all your bank statements for the year, and all your event reports for the year.

May your books always be in balance,

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom





### Chronicler

Happy New Year, Midrealm!

I send you and yours good tidings and warm wishes.

I am excited to announce that on December 16th, the Web Team will/has completed a migration of midrealm. org to a new server. This process includes a lengthy down time of all web pages hosted by the kingdom while the data is moved. At this time, we only request that everyone refrain from updating the affected pages and please be patient if you cannot access online content while the migration takes place. Based on the prior test, the process should be seamless and not require any additional work from individuals not directly working on the migration. This migration process, in addition to being less expensive and allowing for more storage, will give the Web Team some well-deserved down time through automating some of the tasks that have previously required their intervention. On behalf of the Chronicler's Office and the Web Team, I thank you very much for your support.

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill, OL

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



## Earl Marshal

Greetings, Midrealm,

The holiday season is winding down, and the winter tournament season is in full swing. Make your repairs, shine your steel, and embrace the camaraderie of the lists! All our reports are in, and marshal activities continue to thrive. The Kingdom marshals are busy going through the handbooks and updating them as needed. Most changes will be minor, but there will be some that are bigger.

One of the things the Deputy Earl Marshal for Marshal Training is going to be working on is a refresher on how to do proper authorizations. The method is written out in the handbooks. We don't get to skip parts. It's that simple. There is nothing so important that you should cut corners on a process that is designed to see how safe a person is. Everyone goes through the same steps so everyone can believe that the person on the other side of the list is just as safe engaging you as you are engaging them.

Aim true and fight with honor,

HE Robert Thorne, OP

Kingdom Earl Marshal, Middle Kingdom

## Minister of Arts & Sciences

All hail to the days that merit more praise
Than all the rest of the year,
And welcome the nights that double delights,
As well for the poor as the peer!
Good fortune attend each merry man's friend,
That doth but the best that he may;
Forgetting old wrongs, with carols and songs,
To drive the cold winter away.

— 1625 Broadside Ballad

Wintry greetings from your Kingdom MOAS! I hope you're well, surrounded by those you call family, warm and fed. Those of us who live in the temperate zones are rushing headlong into all the various festivals that surround the Winter Solstice. I hope however you celebrate, it leaves your heart filled with joy and hope for the days to come. For the turning of the season marks the beginning of the lengthening of days, for as sure as the darkest night of winter comes, is not the spring close at hand?

How would your persona have celebrated the season? Would they be plying the stormy Mediterranean, huddled below decks, sails furled against the storm winds? Are they nestled snug in a longhouse, surrounded by their extended family, burning massive logs as if to encourage the fast-darkening sun to warmth? Perhaps they're with their herds on the northern steppes of Asia, or perhaps they come from a land that knows little of this "winter" most of we Midrealmers enjoy. In Period, they would have had to deal with the changing seasons just as you do today. How would that influence their lives?

Local to me I see that Val Day is fast approaching and I'm considering creating a new class to debut there. What about you? Are there events you try to target for new classes? New garb for Val Day or 12th Night? Or maybe you can't wait for warm weather and camping season.

I encourage you to watch the Kingdom schedule for the Queen's Prize, Kingdom A&S, Crafter's Greens, and other opportunities to show off your work. Not displaying? Check out the work other people are displaying. It's amazing! See a crafter sitting by their display? Feel free to use Old Tom's Super Secret Question, "Wow that looks AMAZING! Tell me about it!" You'll be there awhile.

Finally, I'm still taking letters of intent for Constellation Regional MOAS. See the Kingdom Jobs page for more information. Midrealm, you guys are the best artisans around. Make something cool. Learn something new. Teach someone, anyone, something they didn't know.

In service,

Tommaso Franceschi, OL Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Salutations -

The solemnity of this winter season is upon us and as we warm ourselves at the hearth, I bring tidings of changes in the College of Heralds. As I mentioned in my last missive, it is time to post the position of Rouge Scarpe. We will be accepting applications until the end of February with the intention of selecting Kallinikos' replacement by March. The College has benefited greatly from his service these past two years, so we must look forward to all the free time he might have now to do more interesting names research! 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. We thank both Heralds for their excellent service to the Realm! 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.

Speaking of staffing, we heralds have been busy as the seasons changed, and even in the chill of winter are our voices needed! If you have ever considered joining us upon the dais to call your friends into court, your next court is as good a time as any to try. Reach out to our Pale Herald, Master Milesent Vibert at paleherald@midrealm. org if you're interested in lending your voice!

Yours in interim service,

THL Ragna stórráða Úlfsdóttir

Deputy to the Dragon Herald

# Holiday Monsters in Period

by Lady Claricia de la Mere; reprinted from the December 27 2020 issue of Internebbles, the newsletter of the Barony of the Cleftlands.

Krampus has been getting more notice in recent times, but there are other equally monstrous creatures from ancient folklore who also come out around the same time of year. Learn more about the horror in the holidays from three different period traditions - which may inspire you to learn about more we didn't have space for here!

**Krampus** - Krampus is a horned, bestial figure who joins St. Nicholas on the night of December 5th to reward or punish children. St. Nicholas gives small gifts to good children, but Krampus is responsible for the bad ones. He may do no more than provide coal and a scare, but in legend he used his birch rod to beat the naughty children. Sometimes, he is pictured with a sack or basket to take away evil children to eat them or bring them to Hell. St. Nicholas became popular in the 11th century, but Krampus is believed to have been around since pre-Christian times in the Alpine area of Europe. Krampus may have originally been Percht, who is also goat-like in appearance. The emphasis on birch carries heavy pagan significance, and may have had a ritualistic purpose.

Like people do today for Krampusnacht (Krampus Night), people historically may have dressed as Percht and marched in Perchtenlaufs (processions). The Catholic Church banned Perchtenlaufs, but the ban was ineffective, and it wasn't until St. Nicholas was added to the Perchtenlauf that the two traditions combined and Krampus emerged. Today, there are Krampus parades all around the world where people wear elaborate costumes and take to the streets.

The Christmas Witch, Yule Cat, and Yule Lads - Iceland brings us a legend in three parts. It starts with Grýla (the Christmas Witch), a female ogre who lives in the frigid north of Iceland. Earliest written records of Grýla can be found in sagas and poems of the 13th century. She was not originally associated with Christmas, but would come down from the mountains to ask parents to give her their disobedient children to eat.

The Yule Lads and Yule Cat were separate traditions not tied to the Christmas Witch originally. Each Yule Lad represented a different form of mischief, and would visit Icelandic homes on their specific day in December to cause trouble. For example, Pottaskefill would eat all your leftovers. The Yule Cat was a giant feline who would come and eat anyone who didn't receive a gift of new clothes by Christmas Eve (as a way to encourage workers to finish the wool processing). It wasn't until the early 1800s that the legends were combined, making the Yule Lads Grýla's sons, and the Yule Cat their pet. More recently, depictions of all three of these creatures have been softened. Grýla has been removed from many stories, while the Yule Lads look more and more like Santa Claus (stories even have them leaving gifts instead of taking them).

**Kallikantzaroi** - Here is a monster who made its way from ancient Greece to Bulgaria, Turkey, and Serbia, which all have forms of a similar creature. Between Christmas and Epiphany (January 6) these demons emerge from their underground lairs, where they spend most of the year sawing at the World Tree which holds up the earth. While they are above ground, they wreak havoc and try to steal any child born during this time to turn into a fellow demon. They can slip in through cracks and chimneys, but could be kept at bay by a fire and a colander on the doorstep. They are compelled to count the holes in the colander, but can never finish before the sun comes up because the number 3 in Greek is holy, so cannot be spoken by demons.

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# Middle Kingdom Court Reports

Court report for Royal Court of Her Majesty Queen Jalida at Bardic Madness on 2 November 2024 (AS 59) in the Ravenslake. Heralds: Tommaso, Aethelstan White Oak, Tali Essen of the Isles, Anne a Burc, Bethoc McDonald of Cnoc; Court Signet: Ulfrin Barefoot <cool guitar riff>

Award of Arms: Little Goat, Taran of Mynydd Seren Order of the Willow: Piero Patroclus, Sadb ingen Donnchadha Award of the Purple Fret: Bitsol Order of the Silver Oak: Ligessac d'Isigny Order of the Evergreen: Melanie de la Tour, Taliesin Wordweaver, Siobhán an Einigh of Connacht Order of the Dragon's Heart: Sadb ingen Neill, Nessa von Metten

Court report for Royal Court of Her Majesty Queen Jalida at Fall RUM on 5 November 2024 (AS 59) in the Barony of Fenix. Heralds: Marquesa Violante do Porto, Alzbeta Michalik, Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, Katherine Coscombe, Inga Johansdottir; Court Signet: Brianne of Greenlea

Award of the Baton: Willow Audinardottir Award of Arms: Alyna of Pinehyll, Elpis, Kataba Elpisdottir, Basilis of Flaming Gryphon Order of the Dragon's Barb: Sun Rui Award of the Purple Fret: Wilhelm von Glier, Reinhold von Glier, Dorian Drumheller, Iofurr Ormarsson, Thyra Fenixdottir, Chandara Gamal, Sara Hasenkamp, Niccolò Bartolazzi, Rowan Hen Enaid Order of the Willow: Parzival Angist Order of the Evergreen: Anastasiia Kyrilovna Ivanova, Yngerame Erskyne, Katherine Coscombe Order of the Silver Oak: William David Drake Order of the Greenwood Company: Altan of the Flaming Gryphon Order of the Cavendish Knot: Cygnus Grimm Order of the Dragon's Heart: Avelyn Grene, Johann Bohrer von Elsass, Ragnar of Birka Order of the Laurel: Lynne Fairchild

Court report for Royal Court of Her Majesty Queen Jalida at Artisan's Day on 16 November 2024 (AS 59) in Ravenslake. Heralds: Alexander de Seton, Damien Nitehauk, Tali Essen of the Isles; Court Signet: Not reported

Award of Arms: Sahara of Tree Girt Sea, Inga Skipbrot, Richenza an der Brucke Award of the Purple Fret: lucius isenwulf leviticus [stet] Award of the Doe's Grace: Aethelwulf of Dover Order of the Willow: Anna Jokinen, Astra Korinthia, Sorsha Cunningham, Magnus Eriksson Whitehair Order of the Laurel: Hilla Stormbringer

### **Holiday Monsters - continued**

In Turkey, the Karakoncolos stands on street corners and gives riddles, to which the answer would include "black". If you solved the riddle, you were free to go - if not, you were killed. In Serbia the 12 days of Christmas were known as "unbaptized days" when demonic forces were more active. The demons would ride on the backs of their victims and only release them at dawn. They particularly punished adulterers.

The origin of the myth has its roots in the festivals of Dionysus and later Bacchus in Roman Saturnalia. As with many things, it all goes back to those Romans. This time in now-December was when restrictions were relaxed and revelry abounded. While these traditions continued, at odds with the Catholic Church, the mischief of the time began to be painted in a demonic light.

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# Job Postings

#### **Rouge Scarpe Herald**

This position is a Deputy to the Dragon Herald. The Rouge Scarpe Herald is the External Submissions Deputy for the Middle Kingdom. They are responsible for reviewing commentary, leading monthly commentary meetings and issuing decisions on the internal letter, then moving approved submissions forward in the process to Society level commentary.

They are often the point of contact for submitters following issues with returns, or questions on decisions. It is important for this position that the applicant is familiar not only with the submissions process, but also has a good understanding of SENA as well as the Administrative Handbook.

This position requires regular internet access, as well as the ability to monitor an official email account and report quarterly.

#### **Constellation and Midlands Heralds**

These positions are Deputies to the Dragon Herald. They are the Regional Deputy for their regions - either the Constellation or Midlands Region of the Middle Kingdom.

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.

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If you're interested in any of these positions please submit your SCA Resume and CV to herald@midrealm.org

# Middle Kingdom Job Openings

#### Office of the Kingdom Seneschal

Northern Oaken Seneschal Pentamere Regional Seneschal Kingdom Social Media Officer Calendar Secretary

## Office of the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Constellation Regional MoAS

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

#### Office of the Dragon Herald

Rouge Scarpe Herald Constellation Herald Midlands Herald

#### Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine

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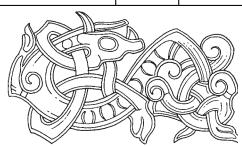
Find additional information about job postings on the Middle Kingdom website: https://midrealm.org/jobs/

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# Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

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

Event	Date	Location
January 2025		
Kingdom 12th Night in the Middle Marches	4	Barony of the Middle Marches; 10299 Maple Dell Rd, Marysville OH 43040
Pentamere 12th Night	4	Barony of Northwoods; 201 W. Miller Rd, Lansing MI 48911
Winter Revel	17-19	Barony of Andelcrag; 2311 W Bluewater Hwy, Ionia MI 48846
A Regular Event in the Cleftlands	18	Barony of the Cleftlands; 351 E 260th Street, Euclid OH 44132
Winter Wassail	25	Shire of Rivenvale; 10786 Mahoning Ave, North Jackson, OH 44451
Pale Deadline for March 2025 (Ads)	25	
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	Host group unknown; 10016 E Newburg Rd., Durand MI
St. Valentines' Day Massacre	8	Canton of Three Hills; 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI 49048
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
Terpsichore in the Tower XXVIII	22	Barony of Cynnabar; 1500 Scio Church Rd, Ann Arbor MI
Better War Through Archery	29	Barony of Sternfeld; 1900 E Main St, Danville IN 46122
Pale Deadline for May 2025 (Ads)	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.

#### Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

February 2025 Events - December 25th 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

#### Barony of the Middle Marches

## Kingdom Twelfth Night

Saturday, January 4, 2025 9:00am to 9:00pm

Preregistration Member Adult \$12 Preregistration Non-Member Adult \$22 O to 17 years are free lunch is included in pre-reg site fee 10299 Maple Dell Rd Marysville, OH 43040 Camp Christian

> Event Day Member Adult \$15 Event Day Non-Member Adult \$25 O to 17 years are free

Preregistration Feast \$15 Event Day Feast \$16

Our 12th Night celebration is brimming with regal pageantry, courtly dances, resplendent costumes, Marco Polo snowball fight, S'mores on a Stick, A&S classes, martial classes, and Ethiopian feasting.

Event Stewards

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middlemarches.midrealm.org/events/twelftb-night

#### **Pentemere Twelfth Night**

The Barony of Northwoods invites you to come in from the cold and share our delightful celebration in Our Canton of Ealdnordwuda

Saturday, 4 January 2025, 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Christo Rey Church, 201 W. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI 48911

Make merry with classes, music and dance, competitions on the theme of "My Barony...", along with Medieval games of chance and skill

Gate fee is \$15 for SCA Members \$25 for nonmembers Youths 5-17 are \$10, Youths under 5 are free.

There will be a Lunch Tavern in the midday. A delectable Four-Course Feast will later be served. (contact Feast t with allergies or other questions)

For specific information, please contact the following: Event Steward: Pharamond de Flandres (Chris Maes) 517-420-8122 Christopher.maes0@gmail.com

The Event is: DRY (may change) and NOT Pet Friendly ... sorry!

For more information, please visit our website: https://ealdnordwuda.midrealm.org/events/

#### Winter Revel 2025

sponsored by

Barony of Andelcrag

When: January 17, 2025 5PM thru

January 19, 2025 10AM

Where: Palmer Lodge

Ionia County Bertha Brock Park 2311 W Bluewater Hwy

Ionia, MI 48846

Website: andelcrag.midrealm.org/winter-revel-2025

**Registration**: Adult fee \$30

Adult Member fee \$20 Children ages 5-17yrs \$10 Children ages 5 and under free

**Feast**: Adults and children 5-17yrs \$15

Children under 5 free with an accompanying

adult

**Event Stewards**: Lord Thomas Treighburn

(Thomas Burns)

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The Barony of the Cleftlands **Cordially Invites You to** 

### A REGULAR EVENT IN THE CLEFTLANDS

Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Arts & Sciences, and Lots of Food!

When: Saturday, January 18; 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Where: Sts Robert and William Catholic School 351 E 260th Street; Euclid OH 44132

**Registration:** 

Adult Non-Member Registration: \$30 Adult Member Registration: \$20 Youth (17 and Under): Free

Site fee includes all-day sideboard.

Event Stewards: Sir Crispin de la Rochefaucauld (Ken Cockrell) crispindlr@gmail.com

https://events.cleftlands.org/regular-event/

#### **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-ofmaidens-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@qmail.com

Come one, come all, to

### <u>WINTER WASSAIL</u>

Join The Shire of Rivenvale for a day of friendship, fun, and so much food! Doors open at 2:00 for a leisurely afternoon of dance, games & socializing.

At 5:30, bring a dish to share in our Potluck Artisan Auction Winners will be Feast! announced at 7. Site closes at 9.

**Date & Time**: January 25, 2025. 2-9 PM

**Location:** First Federated Church 10786 Mahoning Ave, North Jackson, OH 44451

**Event entry:** By Donation – a great chance to

bring someone new!

**Contact**: THL Katherine Coscombe

(Katherine Garlick) Email: catnik@gmail.com

**Website:** rivenvale.org/events/winter-wassail

Site is dry. Kitchen on site with outlets for Crocks & Fridge/Oven/Microwave for Potluck dishes.

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/

### St Valentine's Day Massacre & Tournament of Chivalry

Hosted by: Canton of Three Hills

### February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

<u>Check our Website for the most up to date information:</u> https://threehills.midrealm.org/home/valday2025/

Event Steward: Countess Catarina deBruyn (Christine Wittenbach) Email: threehills.exchequer@midrealm.org

### 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: Claire FitzWilliam, OP (Linda Duvall) 734-429-9301 clairefw@aol.com 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 O-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

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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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PLEASE NOTE:

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.

January 28, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

April 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

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

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Baroness Nessa Von Metten of Illiton (left) and Lady Heregyth Kettilsdottir enter in classic coconutty style at Mistress Hilla's elevation - Artisan's Day 2024.

Photo by Ainsley MacAbrehan (Lauren Enda).