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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 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.

PAYMENTS: Make checks payable to **SCA INC - MIDDLE KINGDOM**. Send to P.O. Box 198, Bellbrook, OH 45305.

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.**

Middle Kingdom Royalty & Great Officers of State

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The War is over.

The mighty Midrealm arrived at Pennsic War and We did what needed to be done.

We donned our armor and took to the field.

We raised our swords, shields, and spears.

We taught, we learned, we shared knowledge.

We took aim with bow and arrow, with thrown weapon and skill.

We gave our time in service, so all might experience their War.

And now, We return home to those who kept the hearth fires burning. For as some sought renown and glory upon foreign fields, others held strong within Our lands, ensuring there was a home to return to.

To all of you - those who fought, those who served, those who stayed - We, Wigthegn and Neassa, Dragon Sovereigns, offer Our deepest thanks.

It is an honor to lead the Midrealm in any capacity, and even more so during Pennsic War. We are humbled. Grateful. Proud beyond measure to call the Middle Kingdom Our home. To witness the Dragon represented, in every form, brings Us true joy.

Now We return to Our lands, safe and whole. We carry with Us memories and tales that shall shine as long as the stars endure. There are events across the Kingdom where We hope to hear your stories from Pennsic and beyond.

Thank you for making this War unforgettable. Thank you for being part of Our story.

In service to the Dream,

Wigthegn II and Neassa II
Rex et Regina Medii Regni

Letters From the Kingdom Officers If your group is asked for additional mate the audit please be presented.



We're still accepting applications for the Pentamere Regional Exchequer position. If you're interested, please send me a resume/CV listing any relevant experience, both SCA and "real world". More information can be found on the Kingdom Job Openings page at www.Midrealm.org

Mistress Elayne, Domesday Deputy extraordinaire, will be holding a class at the upcoming RUM in Ayreton, and I would urge exchequers to attend.

The Society's 2023 audit, which covers the 2023 tax year, was completed in June 2025 - significantly later than planned. Delays occurred for several reasons, including:

- Late reporting from some kingdoms.
- Reports submitted with validation errors that required correction.
- Additional issues discovered during the audit itself.

These delays caused the audit to take much longer than expected, which in turn increased the cost well beyond the budgeted amount. The Corporate Office will cover 50% of the cost overrun with the remainder to be split between those kingdoms who reported late.

Looking forward at the 2024 audit, Kingdoms will be responsible for 75% of any overage, increasing to 100% for the 2025 audit onwards. I would anticipate that the various Kingdoms may choose to push those costs down to any group(s) whose late reporting caused the Kingdom to miss the audit deadline.

I know that groups won't want any financial penalties, so, to avoid future audit budget overruns, it's essential we all meet reporting deadlines:

- Local group reports are due to the Kingdom by 31 January.
- Kingdom-consolidated workbooks are due to Society by 15 March.
- This timeline allows the Society to start the audit by the end of June and complete it before tax filings are due in November.

If your group is asked for additional material for the audit, please be prepared to respond promptly - generally we're given 2 weeks to request the specific information from groups, gather all the items requested, compile them, and submit everything to Society. Typically, this would be material such as copies of deposit slips, bank statements, check stubs, receipts, account reconciliations, or copies of your ledger/ check register.

In service.

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



From the DEIB Deputy

To the Populace of the Midrealm,

Thank you for the trust you have shown me over the past 2+ years as your Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging officer. It's been an incredible journey and the time has come to find a successor. If you are interested in the role, please apply by emailing me at diversity@midrealm.org.

The role entails working closely with the Kingdom Seneschal and Curia to add perspective and advise on DEIB-related topics. These topics range the broad scope of DEIB, and you'll need to maintain deputies to help advise you as well as relationships with the other Kingdom Officers across the Society.

As the new Society DEIB officer steps into their role, you'll work with them to roll out new initiatives and collaborate with the DEIB deputies to shape the strategy for the Kingdom. You will continue to foster an environment where everyone gets to bring their kind and wonderful selves to events, without fear.

With love, Draco Invictus.

Her Grace Runa Kirri

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

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Greetings, Midrealm!

Coming to you from Pennsic War 52.

This will be my last letter to you, the populace of the Middle Kingdom, as Dragon Herald.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Kingdom in this role. I have enjoyed working with all the heralds and scribes, Royal and event staff, and members of the populace.

My successor, Kallinikos Gavras, will do an excellent job as Dragon Herald.

The transition of office will happen at Fall Crown Tournament.

Kindest regards,

Baron Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon, OL Dragon Herald - Outgoing

Did You Know?

- Who can resist the smell of fresh cinnamon rolls?
 Prince Sascha he doesn't like cinnamon at all.
- Princess Kemma does not like fish.
- Both Heirs like meats, cheeses, nuts, fruits, and vegetables.
- Prince Sascha prefers his coffee black, his Gatorade Zero, his celery with a bloody Mary, and a good glass of whisky. Don't give him a Belgian or dry red wine.
- Princess Kemma loves unsweetened iced tea and Nitro Cold Brew, or might be found sipping hard seltzers, sours, or dry hard cider.



Greetings, Midrealm!

At the next Crown Tourney, I will have the privilege of stepping up as your new Dragon Principal Herald. I would like to thank Master Gilebert for his years of tireless service to the kingdom, and I hope to continue his good work. For the last two years I served the kingdom as Submissions Herald, and before that I was pursuivant for the Barony of Shattered Crystal. I specialize in Greek and Aztec heraldry. I also dabble in cooking, fencing, and divination.

As Dragon Herald, I plan to focus on education and recruitment. Our kingdom is privileged to have some amazing heralds and scribes, and I hope to work with them to help train more of the populace in the heraldic and scribal arts, and to foster collaboration between the two communities. I will also be working within the kingdom's College of Heralds to increase documentation and continuity during office changeovers.

Once again I thank the kingdom for this opportunity and I hope to serve you well.

Yours in service.

Kallinikos Gavras
Dragon Herald - Incoming



Sanction Notice

On August 3, 2025, during court at Pennsic War, Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa, The Crown of the Middle Kingdom, issued a sanction of exile from the Kingdom of the Middle for the remainder of Their reign against Edward Roehre known in the Society as Edward Aelredson. This sanction was effective immediately.

French Cheesemaking in the Middle Ages

by Baroness Sadb ingen Neill, OL

Manor houses and monasteries became central to cheesemaking during the Middle Ages (Kindstedt, 2012). The monks of Saint-Germain-des-Prés in Paris collected 12,000 kilograms of cheese from their tenant farmers annually (Pearson, 1997). It is theorized that the average cow in Europe in the Middle Ages gave approximately one gallon (3.8 liters) of milk per day (Kindstedt, 2012). A single milking would only be capable of yielding a half pound (227 g) of aged cheese, therefore the milk from multiple milkings would be needed to make a substantial amount of cheese.

The cooler climate of the French Alpine region lends itself well to overnight storage of milk, allowing souring and acid coagulation to happen more gradually (Kindstedt, 2012). This allowed cheese producers to combine the dairy of the cows from multiple tenants over two to three days to make cheese.

In the early Middle Ages, cheesemaking was accomplished by separating curds and whey without formalized techniques. Later in period, French cow milk cheeses started to take on the characteristics of the types that endure today (Kindstedt, 2012).

Much of the cheese in the manors of the Middle Ages were made by women (Kindstedt, 2012). They developed the knowledge to preserve milk and make cheese that was handed down through families. Like many agricultural and cooking skills of the time, there are few written accounts that include step-by-step instructions for cheese making, or even recipes, as these skills are just "something people know how to do" as they are taught to take over a job (Kindstedt, 2012).

Modern historians often wonder about the contemporary characteristics of an acceptable period French cheese. Like many cooking and agricultural skills from these periods, some experimental archaeology is needed to recreate the cheese. Using pictures of cheese-making processes and descriptions of the characteristics of cheese, we can make a reasonable and educated approximation of period-appropriate cheese. Historians can look to sources of the time to get a better understanding of the cheese characteristics that were favored in the 14th century.

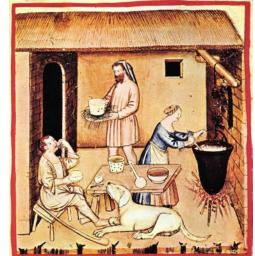
The author of Le Ménagier de Paris (1393) has provided some hints, as translated by Dalby (2009). POUR CONGNOISTRE BON FROMMAGE. Bon frommage respondens pontifici. {v. 2, p.147}

Non mie blanc comme Hélaine, Non mie plourant com Magdalaine, Non Argus, mais du tout avugle, Et aussi pesant comme un bugle: Contre le poulce soit rebelle, Et qu'il ait tigneuse cotelle. Sans yeulx, sans plourer, non pas blanc, Tigneulx, rebelle, bien pesant.

To know good cheese. Good cheese has six conditions. Not white like Helen,
Not weeping like Magdalene,
Choosemaking illu

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Cheesemaking illustration - from the Tacuina sanitatis (XIV century).
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From Their Highnesses

To all Gentles of the Midrealm, be it known and made manifest unto thee:

With hearts full of favour, Their Royal Highnesses, Sascha and Kemma, Sovereigns by right of arms and Heirs apparent to the Dragon Throne, do extend warmest greetings. With hearts uplifted and in joyous anticipation, we do hereby proclaim the coming of **Our Crown Tournament**, wherein shall be determined those most worthy to ascend as Heirs to the Dragon Throne.

This solemn and glorious passage of arms shall serve to reveal such noble souls as possess the valor, skill, wisdom, and steadfast heart to guide this Our beloved Kingdom. Let it be known that all who would take up this burden must fulfill the requirements as laid forth in the ancient laws and traditions of the Realm.

Those who meet such criteria may submit unto us their **Letter of Intent**, that they might be considered among the contenders. These missives must reach us no later than the day of Our Coronation [27 September], or be set aside.

May this Tournament be held in honor, in truth, and with fairness before all, according to the rules we do herein proclaim:

Concerning arms and armor upon the field:

All weapons permitted under Society law shall be allowed, save with these restrictions:

- Any shield of no more than 18 inches in breadth shall be deemed a buckler.
- No shield shall be longer than the span from a man's armpit unto the tip of his outstretched fingers.
- No weapon wielded in two hands shall exceed 72 inches in length from pommel unto tip.
- Polearms must bear a head shaped like those from ages past.
- No token of modern sport or manufacture shall be visible to the casual eye
- All plastics must be hidden or painted to resemble materials of the period. Shield bosses and sword baskets of plastic are permitted without alteration.
- Garments and gear shall be in good repair; those who stand upon the field must present themselves
 with dignity befitting one who would ascend the Throne. Let not duct tape mar the field at the outset.

The manner of the Tournament shall proceed thusly:

- It shall be a double elimination tourney, with the first bracket drawn at random, in accordance with Kingdom Law.
- Byes shall be granted without cost.
- All bouts shall be determined by best two out of three passes.
- Until the final, each fighter may choose their weapon style freely.
- The final shall be best three out of five passes.

Of the Final's form:

The first four passes shall be fought in matched style, with no style repeated, the choice of style made according to the combatants' precedence:

- Passes I and III chosen by the lesser in precedence.
- Passes II and IV chosen by the greater.
- Pass V: Each shall bring forth their best. The styles need not match nor be unique.

The permitted styles are these:

- Weapon and shield
- Two-Handed sword
- Weapon and buckler
- Polearm
- Two weapons
- Spear

Weapons within a given style - be it shield, buckler, or two weapons - need not be alike between combatants.

We await with eagerness the noble deeds to be done upon the field, and the glory this Tournament shall bring unto the Midrealm.

By Our hand and seal,

Sascha and Kemma

Princeps et Principessa Medii Regni

Middle Kingdom Court Reports

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Ragnarok Rampage on 14 June 2025 (AS 60) in the Barony of Carraig Ban.

Award of Arms: Aethelwulf of Ayreton Order of the Bronze Ring: Anika Reyes Order of the Cavendish Knot: Astra Korinthia, Iskander Bin Abdullah Order of the Dragon's Barb: Jalida al-Hasanah

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Simple Day on 5 July 2025 (AS 60) in the Barony of Sternfeld.

Heralds: Colette the Seamstress, Friedrich Wolfram von Danzig. Signets: Corasande of Starrhill, Cydeaux of Brittany

Award of the Dragon's Dart: Liam von Metton, Edane O' hOisin Award of Arms: Alu-teiya (formerly Jocosa of the Worlds Edge), Guinevere of Rivière Constelle Award of the Willow: Thora Brandsdottir Award of the Purple Fret: Genevra da Segna Order of the Bronze Ring: Jacob MacAndrew Order of the Evergreen: Quenild of Mercia, Margaret of Hollingford, Katarina Helene von Schoenborn

Court report for Court of Her Majesty Neassa at Push for Pennsic on 12 July 2025 (AS 60) in the Canton of Norborough.

Heralds: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, Friedrich Wolferam von Danzig. Signet: Brianne of Greenlea Award of Arms: Hildegard Hrolfswif, Kielo Makoskona, Myne of Rivenvale, Olvir Gunnarson, Una Brandrswif Award of the Purple Fret: Sarah Ketillswif Order of the Red Company: Caius Aurelianus Order of the Silver Oak: Gunnar Redboar Order of the Evergreen: Thalia Baroncelli

Court report for Court of His Majesty Wigthegn at Tyger Hunt on 12 July 2025 (AS 60) in the Riding of Hawkland Moor.

Heralds: Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon Signet: Helena Sibylla

Award of Arms: Vidar, Fiacre, Sigfried Smith Order of the Cavendish Knot: Louis LeCoffrier

Order of the Bronze Ring: Alice the Bard

Middle Kingdom Job Openings

Office of the Kingdom Seneschal

Kingdom Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer

Office of the Kingdom Minister of A&S

Chancellor, Royal University of the Midrealm Vice Chancellor, Royal University of the Midrealm

Office of the Dragon Herald

Office of the Exchequer

Pentamere Regional Exchequer

Office of the Kingdom Chatelaine

Kingdom Chatelaine First Deputy Chatelaine Midlands Regional Chatelaine

Minister of Youth

Pentamere Regional Youth Officer Dean of Page School

Office of the Kingdom Chronicler

Editor, The Pale Deputy Webminister

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

Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

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

Event	Date	Location
September 2025		
Mounted Wargames XIV	Aug 28- Sep 1	Barony of Shadowed Stars; 1240 4-H Park Rd., Blufton IN 46714
Harvest Days XLI	5-6	Marche of Winged Hills; Greene County Expo Center & Fairgrounds, 120 Fairground Road, Xenia OH 45385
Midlands Academy of Defense	6	Shire of Caer Gwyn; Heritage Lake Park, 1 Heritage Dr., Rantoul IL 61866
Medieval Threads	6	Canton of Wealdlake; 401 W Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843
Baroness Wars	12-14	Shire of Swordcliff; 1716 W. Spressor, Taylorville IL 62568
Vikings Come Home	12-14	Barony of Donnershafen; 11037 Thumb Lake Rd, Boyne Falls MI 49713
Pferdestadt Rapier Classic	13	Canton of Pferdestadt; Marion County Fairgrounds, 220 East Fairgrounds Street, Marion OH 43302
Saxon Summer XXII	19-21	Shire of Rivenvale; 5800 Park Rd., Leavittsburg OH 44430
Pale Deadline for November 2025 (Ads)	25	
Fall Coronation	26-28	Canton of Hrothgeirsfjordr; 1017 E Sandusky St., Findlay OH 45839
October 2025		
Chase 3 - Feast of the Silk Road	3-5	Barony of Shattered Crystal; 3463 Trout Camp Rd, Waterloo IL 62298
Red Dragon	4	Marche of Tirnewydd; Location TBD
Hunt for the White Stag	4	Barony of the Roaring Wastes; 7930 Meisner Rd, Casco MI 48064
Smiths, Bakers, Weavers, and Wrights	10-12	Host group unknown; Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 1962 W Buno Rd, Milford MI 48380
A Genteel Affair	11	Shire of Mynydd Seren; 5700 W Airport Rd, Bloomington IN 47403
Royal University of the Midrealm	11	Barony of Ayreton; 137 S Garfield Ave, Hinsdale IL 60521
Fall Crown Tournament	18	Barony of Shadowed Stars; 1600 E. Washington Blvd., Ft Wayne IN 46803
Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXV	25	Shire of Riviere Constelle; 3029 N Green River Rd, Evansville IN 47715
A Grand Day of Tournaments	25	Barony of Cynnabar; 3775 S. Custer Road (M-50) Monroe, MI 48161
Pale Deadline for December 2025 (Ads)	25	
November 2025		
All Saints and Rivenstar 50 Year	1	Barony of Rivenstar; 1406 Teal Rd., Lafayette IN 47905
Midrealm Bardic Magic	1	Barony of the Flame; 6500 W Orell Rd, Valley Station, KY 40272
Dancers Revolt	8	Riding of Hawlkand Moor; 1000 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills MI 48304
All Souls: The Wurst One Yet	8	Canton of Vanished Wood; 202 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194
MIdlands Academy of Chivalry	15	Host group unknown. 1400 Primm Rd., Lincoln IL 62656
Artisans' Day at Ravenslake	15	Shire of Ravenslake; 37850 N. IL. Route 59; Lake Villa IL 60046
Pale Deadline for December 2025 (Ads)	25	

French Cheesemaking in the Middle Ages - continued

To know good cheese. Good cheese has six conditions. Not white like Helen,
Not weeping like Magdalene,
Not Argus, but completely blind,
And as heavy as an ox:
It is firm against the thumb,
And its coat is fine.
Without eyes, without weeping, not white,
Handsome, firm, well-weighted.

From this description we have learned that good cheese is firm and heavy. It is not pale and has a good rind. A good cheese shouldn't be leaking fat or whey, or have holes from uneven pressing. One could argue that these characteristics remain hallmarks of good cheese to present day.

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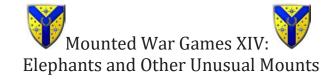
Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

October 2025 Events - August 25th November 2025 Events - September 25th December 2025 Events - October 25th January 2026 Events - November 25th

Still reading? You might be the interested party we need! We are still looking for applicants to be the next *Pale* Editor!

Do you have decent grammar? Have you ever used Canva (or better yet, InDesign)? Or do you see opportunities for featuring more Midrealm people, deeds, and arts? We need a new editor for the Kingdom newsletter.

If you are interested in learning more or submitting an application for this position, please contact the current *Pale* editor, Lady Claricia, (thepale@midrealm.org) and the Kingdom Chronicler (chronicler@midrealm.org). Applications will be accepted until 31 August 2025.



Gate opens 5:00pm August 28th
Site Closes 12:00 PM September 1st, 2025
Barony of Shadowed Stars
Wells County Fairgrounds located at
1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, Indiana.

Site Fee before membership discount:
Weekend: Pre Reg \$50, Gate \$60
Day: Pre-Reg \$35, Gate \$30
Camping and Food Options: Check out our website!

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

Event Steward: Leandra Zorzi (Mandi Oliver)Email: gwerithkay@gmail.com
Https://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/mounted-war-games-xii/

Harvest Days XLI & Tournament Of The Arts

Hosted by the Marche of Winged Hills Friday, September 5 @ 6:00 pm – Saturday, September 6, 2025 @ 8:00 pm 120 Fairground Road | Xenia, Ohio 45385 wingedhills.wixsite.com/harvestdays

Registration Information:

Adult Member (18+) Pre-Registration: \$18 Adult Member (18+) Site Fee at Gate: \$20 Adult Non-Member (18+) Pre-Registration: \$28 Adult Non-Member (18+) Site Fee at Gate: \$30

Minor (0-17): Free | Merchants (2 per booth): Free

Pre-registration through Midrealm ePay System

Other questions? Please contact Event Steward Altan of Flaming Gryphon (Alan Lirtzman at altan.of.flaminggryphon@gmail.com

Medieval ThreadsIV
by the Canton of Wealdlake
September 6, 2025
Howell Masonic Lodge
401 W Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843
9:00 am until 5 pm

This event is about all things medieval fiber arts. Featuring hands-on classes, demos, and displays along with a craft materials and tools swap. A lunch tavern is available, and the event concludes with a selection of sweet and savory bites, tea, coffee, and cool drinks.

Adult Admission \$20 SCA Member Admission \$10 Youth (ages 12-17) Admission \$7

Event Steward: Áine inguen Ui Connaill (Anna O'Connell) Email AMOC@comcast.net Please see our website for more details: https://www.wealdlake.org/_Medieval_Thre ads/medievalThreads.html

The Shire of Swordcliff presents

Baroness Wars XII

Friday, 9/12/2025 4:00 pm to Sunday 9/14/2025 Noon

Christian County Fairgrounds, 1716 West Spresser St. Taylorville, IL 62568

https://swordcliff.midrealm.org/events/baroness-wars-xii/

Registration:

Pre-Registration is preferred via E-pay. Checks and cash accepted at door.

Adult Registration (18+): \$20 (weekend) Adult Registration (non-member) \$30 Child Registration (6-17) \$10.00 Youth Registration (0-5): Free

Event Steward: Brigh of Writers Keep (Sabrina Holmes), sholm1@uis.edu

Vikings Come Home

Barony of Donnershafen Sept 12-14, 2025

Lake Louise Christian Camp 11037 Thumb Lake Rd Boyne Falls, MI 49713

Site opens 2pm on Friday, September 12th and closes Sunday at 11am

> Registration Fees: \$30 Adult Member Registration: \$20 Children 6-17: \$5 Camping Fees: \$20 per tent Feast: \$15; Lunch Tavern: \$5

Activities Include: Armored Combat Village Raid, Rapier, Archery (with a clout), Thrown Weapons, A&S Classes and Bean Count

The Event Site is on a lake in beautiful Northern Michigan with a swimming area. There is no lifeguard. Swim at your own risk. Children must be supervised at the lake area.

Event Stewards:

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https://www.donnershafen.com/vikings-come-home

Pferdestadt Rapier Classic VIII TOD September 13, 2025 8am-8pm

Steve Young Memorial Lodge
245327 Harding Hwy E Caledonia, OH 43314
Come join us for our FREE rapier event
including a free lunch!
As always there will be several tournaments,
rapier and C&T with great prizes.
Lots of training/classes in period fighting
techniques.

As if that wasn't enough the event is now Their Majesties Tournament of Defense! Check our website for more details https://pferdestadt.midrealm.org/pferdestadt-rapier-classic/

Event Steward: Baron Miles Longfellow "John Wheeler" wheelerjohn79@gmail.com Hosted by the Canton of Pferdestadt

The Shire of Rivenvale cordially invites you on an Odyssey! Saxon Summer XXII

September 19th 6pm – September 21st 12pm 5800 Park Rd Leavittsburg, Ohio 44430

Admission: \$20 Day-Trip \$25 Camping One Night \$30 Camping Two Nights Children Free, Family Maximum of \$40 \$10 discount for members

Feast, Maximum of 50 persons: \$10, Children 12 and under free

Event Website: rivenvale.org/activities/saxon-summer/

Event Steward:
Sergeant Galum Talagach mucoi Drustan
(Robert St. John)
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The Barony of Shattered Crystal invites you to:

The Feast of the Chase 3 - Feast Of The Silk Road

October 3rd-4th-5th

Site opens 4pm Oct 3rd, closes 12pm Oct 5th
Location: Camp Vandeventer
3463 Trout Camp Road, Waterloo, IL, 62298
Registration - prices are for pre-registration
Adult Member - \$15, Adult Non-Member - \$25
Minors 0-17 – Free, Feast - \$20, minors feast \$5 no
camping fees
Event activities:

Regional A&S Faire, Thrown weapons featuring
Butts and Bales, Siege with auths, Combat archery
with auths, Rapier, Youth rapier, Heavy,
Equestrian, Archery

Feast will be a culinary journey across the Silk
Road

https://shatteredcrystal.midrealm.org/feast-of-the-chase/ Steward- Celestria De Sumulot (Randy Williams) (618) 698-2230 Shatteredcrystal.fallsteward@midrealm.org

Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXV



October 25, 2025 Hosted by the Shire of Riviere Constelle



Bethel United Church of Christ 3029 N Green River Rd, Evansville, IN 47715 8:00 AM-10:00 PM (Central Time)

See sites below for more details and updates: https://shireriviereconstelle.org/rendezvous-at-the-bridge-2/

https://www.facebook.com/groups/153010841419 600/events

<u>Featuring</u>: Fighting, rapier, archery & combat archery, lots of classes, A & S contest, dancing, lunch & feast!

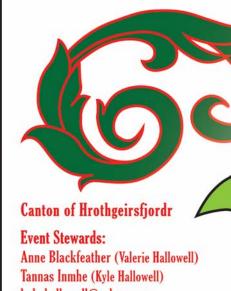
Site Registration

Adult: \$20; Adult Member: \$10 Ages 6-17: \$5, 5 & under: free

<u>Feast</u>: \$15 for adults, \$5 age 6-12, \$1 under 5 in chair <u>Event Stewards</u>: Todd and Christa Bennett - Lord Oscar (270) 318-4448 and Lady Caterina (270) 315-0348, RendezvousBridge@gmail.com

<u>Gate Keeper</u>: Lady Erennach (Lisa Crumbley), ladyeren126@gmail.com, 270-993-1776 (email/text preferred).

he Coronation of Sascha and Lemma 2025



kyle.hallowell@yahoo.com September 26-28, 2025 Site opens 7pm on the 26th. Site closes 10am on the 28th.

redspears.midrealm.org/coronation/



1017 E Sandusky St. Findlay, OH 45839

Adult Registration: \$30

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$20

Youth Registration (12-17): \$10

Child Registration (0-12): Free

Family Cap Registration: \$50

Camping Registration: \$10

Equestrian Horse Registration: \$20





Hosted by the Barony of Ayreton Saturday October 11, 2025

9-6pm Union Church of Hinsdale 137 S Garfield Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521

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

Adult \$30, Adult Member \$20, Ages 6-17 \$9, 0-6 Free Pre-registration: Adults \$28. Adult Member \$18. Youth \$8 Box lunches available

Event Steward: Countess Jalida al-Hasanah (Wendy Pastrick) jalida.dance@gmail.com

The Pale is Available Online:

Need to find your local group? Try the Group Finder or " Kingdom website: https://www.

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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: a. October 17 and 18, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting (HYBRID) Barony of Three Rivers, Kingdom of Calontir Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis – St. Charles Two Convention Center Plaza Saint Charles, MO 63303

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TENTATIVE a. Monday, August 18, 2025 b. Monday, September 15, 2025 (Tentative)

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The Barony of Shadowed Stars invites you to join us

in cheering on our honored combatants as they fight for the honor of leading the Midrealm at the

Fall Crown Tournament

on October 18, 2025 from 8:00am - 7:00pm
At Indiana Tech - Snyder Academic Center
1600 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46803



Adult Registration (18+): \$25

Adult Member Discount Registration (18+): \$15

Youth Registration (4-17): \$5

Youth Registration (0-3): Free

For the pre-registration link and for additional information, please go to shadowedstars.midrealm.org/fall-crown-tournament-of-their-royal-majesties-king-sasha-and-queen-kemma/

For additional questions, contact the Event Steward, THL Diana de Daimiel (Amy Orebaugh) at dianadedaimiel@gmail.com

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