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.

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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. Any issues contact the Middle Kingdom Calendar Secretary at calendar@midrealm.org. 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), email address and phone number 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.

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Winter's Greetings to the Middle Kingdom,

The days are now shorter, nights longer, and temperatures colder. Winter has come to Our lands, and We are stoking fires in Our hearths instead of the fires of War. We are looking forward to the intimacy that comes with the indoor events within Our Kingdom.

The season of crafting and tournaments is upon us. From the classes, the crafter's greens, and the social community of the Kingdom, to the chivalric passes on the lists, armored and rapier, and maybe even finding archery or thrown weapons every now and again, there is so much to enjoy during this cold season. We keep finding Ourselves with the family, friends, and community of the Midrealm. In witnessing the merriment and joy; the boasts, laughter, and stories shared around, We truly see Our Great Kingdom and understand these as great gifts We all give to each other in this season.

So please, for the betterment of all, keep telling stories, singing songs, sharing and teaching the skills and gifts as artisans, and testing martial skills upon the list field. One never knows when inspiration hits or whom one might inspire.

Ever Forward,

Wigthegn & Neassa
Rex and Regina

More of Their Majesties' subjects displaying the joy of the season at Christmas Tourney. Pictured left to right: Sir Criomhthann CuRua, Baroness Sadb ingen Neill, and Dame Saehilder Barngodr. Photo by Ceadda of Fox Hall (Chad White).



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Letters From the Kingdom Officers



Greetings unto the Populace of the Middle Kingdom,

In our short time as Heirs to the Dragon Throne, Her Highness has had the honor and pleasure to attend events in three different regions of our Kingdom while His Highness went abroad to bear witness to the Atlantian Crown Tournament.

From the pageantry and prowess demonstrated at Rose Tourney to the depth and breadth of classes taught at the Royal University of the Midrealm, it is a delight to witness the wide array of interests and skills of the people living within the Kingdom. RUM offered over sixty classes with two extended workshop offerings. The amount and level of knowledge shared within the day is hard to comprehend; some of the learning truly does rival what is offered and taught on modern university campuses across the world.

Attending events around the Kingdom also gives us the opportunity to witness the acts of service that so many in our Kingdom undertake to help it grow and thrive. From the newest members to those who have stalwartly continued through the years, it is only through people's work, interest, and skill that we continue onward in our Society. For us, this does not only mean forward on the same path; sometimes, it means forging a new one or changing the one that we are on to make it easier or more welcoming to others.

We look forward to visiting more of the Kingdom and Knowne World as the winter continues both near and far and seeing what else we can behold. Seek us out and tell us stories of how others make your group, Kingdom, and Society a better place.

In service and with gratitude,

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Seneschal - Outgoing

So long and thanks for all the fish,

By the time you read this letter from me I will be gone. I am stepping down (stepped down) from the office of Seneschal at Yule Feast in Toledo. It actually has been a lot of fun serving as Kingdom Seneschal. I think I've done an OK job. I have left the office organized and have trained my replacement (as much as possible). I will be the emergency drop-dead deputy for a few more months but I am moving on to other projects. I found I like organizing things and telling people what to do (who knew?). It's been a blast; be good to my replacement.

Helewyse de Birkestad

(Former) Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings to the Great Kingdom of the Middle,

I am Duchess Arabella Silvermane, Mistress of the most noble Order of the Pelican. I am excited to be your next Kingdom Seneschal! I am looking forward to working with the Regional Seneschals and helping to support our Royalty and populace.

Thank you to Mistress Helewyse de Birkestad for her service as Kingdom Seneschal over the last few challenging years. This Kingdom is very lucky to have her knowledge and support, as am I.

Thank you in advance for your support. I hope everyone continues to have a wonderful holiday season.

In Service and Friendship,

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



Minister of Arts & Sciences

Hello!

With the new calendar year, we have a new start! Do you have any new projects on the go? Any new things you are researching, or making, or practicing? New projects can help distract from the cold dark months. Perhaps you are getting something ready for the next ToA in February? Or for the A&S Fair in May?

I hope you have time and energy to spend some time on A&S things you enjoy. Take care and know that warmer days will be coming soon.

Thank you!

Maîtresse Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Exchequer

Greetings, Midrealm!

Exchequers - Domesday process will be the same as for 2022. Reports are due to your Regional by January 31st.

Send the 2023 Cumulative Dec. Excel Workbook File to your Regional as soon as you are able. Don't stress the Regionals by waiting till the last day. After the Regional has reviewed and approved your report, then you are to send a signed PDF version to the Regional.

Along with the Excel report, you should also include the following items:

- 2022 Dec. Bank Statement
- · 2023 Dec. Bank Statement
- Ledger (Electronic or Scanned Copy)
- All Event Reports for 2023

If you are having any issues, please let your Regional or me know immediately.

I appreciate all your efforts.

Yours in service,

Meisterin Appolonia von Wurttemberg, OP Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings, Midrealm!

Heralds and Scribes of the Kingdom: you are awesome!

We are coming to the close of a busy year! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting upcoming year! I could not have done as much as has been done without YOUR help. I look forward to working with the heralds and scribes. There are many events coming up after the first of the year. These events will need to have a Herald-in-Charge, and additional assisting heralds. This is an opportunity to learn the workings of being a warranted court herald.

Job Opening

There is a new Herald deputy job opening: **Buckler Herald**. Master Alan Fairfax has asked to step down. My office is seeking a person to step in and take on the mantle. The office of Buckler Herald is responsible for overseeing the heraldic education of those interested in the heraldic arts: voice, onomastic, and armorial. This office needs someone that is comfortable speaking to individuals or groups about heraldry; helping organize classes at events (if asked); or being a point of contact for referrals to individuals or sources of information. Good communications (phone, email, video chat) are essential. **Applications will be accepted through January with a decision made in late February or early March**.

I am still accepting applications for the office of Opinicus Herald. This position is responsible for communicating with the submitters after a decision has been made with their submission after a decision letter has been issued. **Decision on this office will be made in early February**.

For questions or to apply, email herald@midrealm. org.

Kindest regards,

Baron Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon Dragon Herald Page 6 The Pale - January 2024



Earl Marshal

Greetings,

After reviewing the excellent feedback from the populace on the next edition of the Armored Combat Handbook we have completed the revision.

We received the most feedback about single-handed weapons being allowed to have thrusting tips on both ends of the weapon. In response to this feedback, we are going to run the change first as an experiment to ensure that it works in a Midrealm context. Information on enrolling in the experiment will come out shortly.

Here are the major Midrealm Changes:

- Note: The rules of engagement for melee are currently being revised by the Kingdoms of the Middle, East, and Æthelmearc to get us all on one standard. When that is accomplished, the handbook will be updated.
- Added: Heat and air quality rules.
- Continued: Requirements for hand and elbow protection.
- Added: The use of Mandrake-style rubber thrusting tips is prohibited on all fiberglass spears.
- Added: Spears over 7.5 feet in length shall not have thrusting tips on both ends.
- Changed: Foam heads and clackers are now allowed on weapons over 6 feet.
- Changed: 6' fiberglass spears are now permitted; they must follow all construction rules for fiberglass spears.
- Changed: Authorization requirements to become an MIT and Warranted marshal.
- Changed: Dead combatant rules.
- Revised: Authorization and Inspection guidelines.

Society-level changes that are applicable for the Midrealm:

- Groin protection change: Added clarification wording "Testicles must be protected to a standard equivalent to
 that provided by an athletic cup...". Removes unclear, undefined requirement of "pubic protector" that was often
 interpreted as rigid groin protection for women, and that varied wildly in size and level of protection. Research by
 medical personnel has not found data to support the need for rigid groin protection for women, even for high contact
 sports or similar activities. Wording reflects input from the DEIA community to accommodate variations.
- Removed "separate breast cups" rule: Not needed for safety issues. Originally intended to dissuade "fantasy" armor styles. Removes ambiguity raised for other acceptable armor styles such as lamellar, scale, small plate armor.
- Single-hand weapons change: Thrusting tip resilient material changed from .75 inch to .5 inch. The .5 inch thickness has been successfully used in Trimaris for 10 years with no issues.
- Maximum spear length change: Maximum length changed from 12 ft to 9 ft. This will improve game play and simplify rules. (Most Kingdoms already limit to 9 ft. The six Kingdoms that still allow 12 ft have all reported that there would be no issue returning to 9 ft.)

Stay safe out there!

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Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom

Middle Kingdom Job Openings

Office of the Kingdom Seneschal

Charter Compliance Deputy

Office of the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

Middle Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

Office of the Kingdom Exchequer

Kingdom Exchequer
North Oaken Regional Exchequer
Deputy Exchequer for Education and Training

Office of the Kingdom Chronicler

South Oaken Regional Chronicler Kingdom Historian

Office of the Dragon Herald

Buckler Herald Opinicus Herald North Oaken Regional Signet

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

Job Postings

Charter Compliance Deputy (Deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal)

The person in this job serves to ensure that the Kingdom has all copies of all group charters within the Kingdom. Charters are required for Baronies but not Cantons or Shires.

Job requirements - computer access and some familiarity with Google Drive. We do not have a current up-to-date repository of group charters and it is necessary to have someone in this office essentially as a special project. The goal will be to collect charters from all groups that have them, with the aid of regional seneschals and the law deputy and to check the charters for compliance with mundane, Society and Kingdom law and then file them in a Google Drive. Information about claimed zip codes will be shared with the cartography deputy. All collected charters will be in a drive to be accessible from the website.

This project should be complete in three months. After which time charter updates may be sent to the seneschallate for inclusion in the drive.

The Young Adult Mentorship Program - Pennsic 51 (2024)

Deadline for applications: January 2, 2024. We are asking that young adults be in the age range of 18-24 years of age. Available mentorships:

- <u>Mayor's Office</u>: Mentees should expect to attend staff meetings, sit-in on office hours, participate in ride-alongs and meetings with various departments, and participate in case-by-case experiential shadowing. Mentees will be expected to arrive on-site early if possible.
- <u>Cultural Affairs</u>: The mentee should expect to sit-in on morning staff meetings, sit-in on meetings/overviews of various CA departments as well as work shifts at Family and University Points, and Games Tents. Mentees will be expected to attend Pennsic for at least one week.
- <u>Land</u>: Mentees should expect to sit-in on planning meetings, sit-in on morning staff meetings, and participate in ridealongs to experience various situations that can occur during the length of Pennsic. Mentees will be expected to arrive to site early in order help set-up and shadow during Land Grab.
- <u>Event Resources</u>: Mentees should expect to sit-in on morning staff meetings, sit-in on meetings and experiential shadowing as situations grow. Mentees would be expected to arrive on site one day early to experience the opening day if possible.
- <u>Transportation</u>: Mentees should expect to work with and handle vehicle equipment (golf-carts), sit-in on meetings, and shadow/learn about what involves running transportation for Pennsic. Mentees should be prepared to deal with dirt and grease, should be comfortable with basic computer skills, and preferably be able-bodied to work with vehicles. Transportation does follow OSHA regulations and mentees should be able to arrive on site by the Thursday before site opening.
- Technical Services: Mentees should expect to attend morning staff meetings, participate in ride-alongs and shadow during various situations, and assist with setting-up. Mentees with artistic/creative skills, technical skills, and that are able-bodied would be preferred for this role as it does require various levels of labor. Mentees would be expected to arrive to site early or stay after site closes if possible.

The program coordinator and advisors are also asking the peers of the realm to take some time and reach out to any young adults who they feel may be interested in taking an mentorship position at Pennsic War 51 and encourage them to apply.

To apply, submit the following to mentorship@pennsicwar.org: a resume with information about any service or work done in the SCA, references, a letter of intent specifying the position they are requesting, personal information (such as mundane name, SCA name if applicable, age, Kingdom, and contact information such as email address and phone number).

The mentorship coordinator is available at the email listed above to answer any questions or requests for information you may have via email or virtual meetings.

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Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

Find further details of events on the Middle Kingdom website calendar of events at midrealm.org, or directly at midrealm.org/events-calendar/. Please contact the MK Helpdesk (https://midrealm.org/helpdesk/) if you have any questions or concerns.

Event	Date	Location
January 2024		
Ayreton Twelfth Night	6	Cantons of Tree Girt See and Rokkehealden; 137 S Garfield St, Hinsdale, IL 60521
12th Night in Pentamere	6	Barony of Cynnabar; 1200 N Ann Arbor St, Saline MI 48176
Twelfth Night in the Middle Marches	13	Barony of the Middle Marches; 4422 Columbus Pike, Delaware OH 43015
Winter Revel	20	Barony of Andelcrag; 2311 Bluewater Hwy, Ionia MI 48846
Pale Deadline for March (Ads)	25	
Festival of Maidens 49	27	Shire of Caer Gwyn; 1401 W. Green St., Urbana IL 61801
Winter Wassail	27	Shire of Rivenvale; 10786 Mahoning Ave, North Jackson OH 44451
February 2024		
Tournament of the Arts at Winged Hills	3	Marche of Winged Hills; 326 Dayton Yellow Springs Rd, Fairborn OH 45324
St. Valentine's Day Massacre	10	Canton of Three Hills; 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo MI 49048
Candlemas XXXIV	17	Shire of Dragonsmark; 1513 Midland Trail, Shelbyville KY 40065
Better Hearths and Baileys	17	Constellation (host group TBD); 616 IN 25, Logansport IN 46947
Herald's Pointe and Scribal Collegium	17	Canton of Wealdlake; 4070 Brookstone Ct, Howell MI 48843
Masque of Courtly Love	24	Marche of Alderford; 6282 Nave St SW; Canton OH 44706
Pale Deadline for April (Ads)	25	
March 2023		
Winter War Maneuvers	2	North Oaken (host group TBD); 220 E. Fairground St, Marion OH 43302
Better War Through Archery	23	Constellation (host group TBD); 1900 E Main St., Danville IN 46122
Pale Deadline for May (Ads)	25	

Baronial Polling

The Barony of Fenix in the region of South Oaken is preparing to conduct a poll in order to provide counsel to the Crown regarding Their choice for the next Coronets. Polls will be available through the Barony's website for both residents and non-residents.

Historical Happenings

- <u>December 8 757</u> The Chinese poet Du Fu returns to court after having escaped the city during a rebellion. He, along and his friend Li Bai (Li Po) are often called the greatest of the Chinese poets.
- <u>December 17 497 BCE</u> The first known Saturnalia festival was celebrated in Rome.
- <u>December 25 336</u> The first documented celebration of Christmas occurs in Rome.
- <u>December 27 537</u> Construction of the Hagia Sophia is finished, making it the world's largest known interior space at the time.

The Poet's Corner

Saga of the Briton Bride

by Syr Gunnar Redboar

Hwaet! Sit, harp cups open and hear.
Of brave the daughter of Gethin the Briton.
Maid in Saxon court, far travelled was she,
when in marriage gifted to Gunnar in Trondr.

Fin-Popla named and called most treasured, By mighty Jarl - silver armed slayer. Gifted bride price of silver and ships, and service when called by Earldormen of Saxons.

Gladly paid all, mighty Gunnar gave, to have and to hold the maid of the Aeglish. Silver paid, ships paid and service given, Home to Trondr treasure taken.

Skilled in many arts she showed fair husband, Brewed him mead like the Gods, Sewn for him shirts blessed with runes, Cooled his fire on cold winter nights.

Around her built Gunnar a mighty Hall, Silver bands adorned tree poles, Carved with rune and beast. The benches shook with bold laughter.

Rig sat among them and blessed the Hall, Each man made in proper place. Karls and Maids, Servants and Thralls, Sword-shakers, Shield-biters and Spear-Danes.

She the cup-wife, glorious and renowned, brought Gunnar all honor and fame. From her hand no guest need want or desire, Her giving rivaled Idunn.

Sea-Sons Gunnar had born from ship-wife in Eire, Open arms and hearty love the Briton bride gave. As sons of her own raised them and made them strong, With feasts of meat and mead.

Wise was she and led the folk in honoring the ways, Holy days held and sacrifices made. The Briton bride first to lift high holy horn, honoring Aesir and Vanir.

Though skin of the doe, she bore no weakness, Strong back and handy grasp set to all tasks. Out cut she the lumberer. Out plowed she the farmer. Out rode she the horseman. Out hammered she the smith.

Leif Viigaskjald the Hersir of Eastfold, called for by Gunnar to teach Briton bride. Sword-shaker and shield-dancer she became, Fengrdottir she became, maid of the Draugr King.

Hoary frost gives way to running streams, Gunnar ships makes ready for whale road. Each year far traveller seeking silver and thrall, his journeys distant, every joyful to her he comes home. Norns fingers dance on life-web and weave fates unseen, Like cold winds on summer days, knots in the wyrd. So to came the turning in the summer of Guthruns raid, To sea set Gunnar and his mighty host.

Parting gladly cup-wives at coast sang, Chief among them glad tidings given by Fin-Popla. Cast they wild-flowers on white capped waves, Niord to please for safe husbondi's return.

Rich grow the fields of Gunnar's Stead, Oft desired by distant Thegn and Hersir. Raven's caw rumor abound in vik, Of ill-fated raid and of dead heroes slain.

Comes then Grimnir called Short-Leg , Much hated son of Svidjod Jarl of long tooth and grey hair. Comes he riding with nameless men, Oathbreakers and outlaws.

Flame-brand wielder and blood-letter, Farms run red with hate sword songs. Weeping and sorrow the harvest of Gunnar's fields, Briton bride hears of sorrows horn poured out.

Cup-wife hurls silver chains to Halls straw floor, Red faced raging, calls to Frigga and Freyja. Raises Nidhstang over strong walls, Curse head staring.

Grimnir stands before raised dirt wall, Song sung of Gunnar's end. Bellowing of Jarls distant death, Calls for gates to be opened and thews to follow.

Fin-popla, flower of Jarls Hall, Curses the Swede Son with Hel tongue. Saxon priests beg of Christ-God forgiveness, For vile words from sweetened lips.

Grimnir Loki-tongue words spits on gate, demands all of dead Jarls gain. Briton bride from standing karl grasps strong spear, Over Grimnir's head flies the challenge fang.

Gungnir tooth's hurl pleases Odin-Lord,
Valkyrja fly unseen with eager hands.
Odin's doors will open to admit the worthy,
Hel's water awaits the wasting coward.
Grimnir brings brands of fire,
Surtr's threat made on Halls wide wood walls.
Briton bride looks on all her Lords folk,
Fear from the smith, fear from the weaver.

Turning now to swede-born swine, Fin-Popla speaks war-words and hurls them. Like Thor's hammer they strike at bold brigands pride, Challenge given in single combat from Gunnar's bride.

She the flower of Friggs spring, Clad in over-made maile begs wide door opened. Briton Bride strides as Sleipner, Surefoot and mind set, Long-Fang in hand. Grimnir gives sword to Firstaman, Swede curses no woman is worth sword-edge. Svaer-Theif draws seax and walks forward, Murder to make and hall to take.

Gullinbursti's charge the Swede, Jormungandr's slithering the maid. Like a boar rooting he stomps, She the serpent, ever sliding and coiling.

Long-last Grimnir's fate is sealed, No account had he given a war-like Jarls wife. For war-like Jarls or oft wed by Norns sweet thread, To war-like wives both in battle and bed.

Long-Fang bites deep and soft flesh falls, Grimnir the Short-leg is now short his third leg. Salt red sea spreads on dusty ground, Briton bride screams as Hel-wrath to cowards.

Grimnir's troop drop sword and axe and spear to ground,
And flee that bloody maid.
The battle-witch steps over fallen foe,
And taunts and bekons lesser men to Ragr-Dance.

Long summer, Freyr's gift to Gunnar's lands, Ripe fields and bursting hives, Friggs gift as well. Peace and happiness in the Hall as tales are sung, Of the battle-wife and her bloody day. Comes then the fall, when the green goes brown,
And the Hall is cast in ribbon and rune.
To welcome hope of returning ships,
And magick is worthy for summoned home Sea-Stallions ride.

On salty shore, stands there the mighty Jarl, Clad in shining maile, his war troop smiling around. Wives run to husbondi's and in loving grasp, Whisper of missed touch and gentle kiss.

There then comes the Briton Bride, Broaches of silver and a Hall key hanging, She bears the Cup-horn and welcomes all, Husbondi Jarl first among them.

At feast, amid the meat and meade, Gunnar bellows and roars of warbands days. And in peace turns to wif-man Fin-Popla, And asks of how sweet summer was.

Fin-Popla, that goodly wife, Smiles with Loki's grin. And tells mighty Jarl, Twas a slow and peaceful year good Husbondi.

That Red Hall hammered as Mjolnir on giants bones,
With laughter and merriment.
War-like men make merry at benches,
While war-like wives are best to marry.

Middle Kingdom Court Reports

Court report for Evening Royal Court of Their Majesties Louis and Sadb at Pferdestadt Rapier Classic in the Canton of Pferdestadt on 16 September 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Magrat Catte; Court Signet: Merwyn

Award of the Sapphire: Michelangelo di Padua Award of Arms: Alli of Dernehealde Order of the Dragon's Barb: Erich Jager Order of the Cavendish Knot: Maks Pellison, Vasili Gregorovich Purple Fret: Miles Longfellow Order of the Bronze Ring: Torquil MacAlpine Order of the Dragon's Heart: Mirabai Sitt al-Sirr Order of Defense: Kateryn Bronwyn of Gloucester

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Rendezvous at the Bridge, in the Shire of Riviere Constelle on 14 October 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Caterina Luciana, M. Accolon Shadowhawk; Court signet: Meadhbh Ramsay

Award of Arms: Thorfridhr Hrolfsdottir Award of the Purple Fret: Deirdre inghean Mhaoil Mhuire, Bastian Farwalker, Caterina Luciano Order of the Silver Oak: Cristen Fynlo Order of the Gold Mace: Dietrich Bauer

Court report for Evening Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa, with Her Highness Katalena in attendance, at Rose Tourney in the Barony of the Flame on 4 November 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli; Court signet: Brianne of Greenlea

Award of Arms: Rachel of Flame, Sun Rui, Anna of the Flame, Jacob Pellyson, Gareth de Burgh
Order of the Pelican: AnneLyse van Gavere

Court report for Royal Court of His Majesty Wigthegn at Dressed to Kill III, in the Barony of the Cleftlands on 11 November 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Angharad ferch Tangwystl, Calum MacDhaibhidh; Court signet: Merwyn of the Ruin Award of Paws: Molly Louise Broberg-Swangin Award of the Sapphire: Madelaine Bouvier Award of the Purple Fretty: Cleftlands Needleworkers' Guild and Friends Award of Arms: Maggie McMasters Award of the Purple Fret: Eleanore van Tyne Order of the White Lance: Rhiannon filia Catell Order of the Laurel: Marc Uther Corwyn David Rengarth

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Christmas Tourney, in the Barony of the Flame on 2 December 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Alzbeta Michalik, Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, A'indle O'Diarmada, AnneLyse van Gavere; Court signet: Brianne of Greenlea

Award of the Dragon's Teeth: Midrealm Expeditionary Force who traveled to 100 Minutes War in 2023 Award of Arms: Faolan O'Tiernan Order of the Cavendish Knot: Parzival Angist Award of the Purple Fret: Friedrich Wolfram von Danzig, Raziya al-Zarqa' Order of the Willow: Onund Ullrson Order of the Silver Oak: Philippi Order of the Chivalry: Norman Fraunceys



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Adult Registration \$25;
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Feast \$18

Pre-registration will be available.

Visit our website for updates as available cynnabar.org/twelfthnight/

Event Steward: Dame Hannah Schreiber (MKA Dawn Sinclair) dawnLsinclair@gmail.com

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Middle Marches Twelfth Night

Marco Polo East Meets West

Saturday, January 13, 2024 9:00am to 9:00pm

Camp Lazarus 4422 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015

Adult Registration (18+): \$15

Adult Member Discount Registration (18+): \$10

Child Registration (6-17): \$10

Child Member Discount Registration (6-17): \$5

Under 6: No Charge

Feast: \$12

Dancing, Gaming, Marco Polo Snowball Fight, Classes, Feast, Lunch, Baronial Court

Event Steward: Lord Edborough Kellie (Ed Kelley) edborough@gmail.com (614)653-2307

middlemarches.midrealm.org/events/twelfth-night/

Winter Revel

Hosted by the Barony of Andelcrag

January 20, 2024 from 10 am to 9 pm Palmer Lodge at Bertha Brock Park, 2311 Bluewater Hwy, Ionia, MI 48846

Join us for games, hot chocolate competition, cordial/brewing competition, bread making competition, potluck lunch, and feast!

Registration Fees:

Adult Registration \$25 Adult Member \$20 Children 5-17 \$10 Feast:

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Website: https://sites.google.com/view/barony-of-andelcrag/winter-revel

The Shire of Caer Gwyn Presents

Festival of Maidens 49

January 27, 2024; 9am-7pm University of Illinois, Illini Union 1401 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801

Join us for a winter festival celebrating friendship, artisans, and prowess with A&S classes and displays and tournaments.

Come warm your spirits by our fire during the cold of winter!

Event Registration: Free! Donations are welcomed

More details online: https://caergwyn.midrealm.org/festival-ofmaidens-49/

Event Steward: Warder Roland de Sullane (Daniel R. Smith) <u>roland.sullen.sca@gmail.com</u> 217-372-9480

The Shire of Rivenvale

Winter Wassail



Come join Rivenvale for a day of dancing, games, feasting, and fun!

First Federated Church, 10786 Mahoning Ave, North Jackson, OH 44451

Saturday, January 27, 2024 (1:00-8:00)



This is a free event, but donations are welcome.

Event Steward:

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The Canton of Three Hills Presents
St. Valentine's Day Massacre
& Tournament of Chivalry
February 10, 2024
9am - 9pm

Kalamazoo County Expo Center 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Join us for a day of Arts & Sciences, Dancing, Fighting, Youth Activities and More!

- ♦ Adult Day Registration (18+): \$20
- ❖ Adult Day Member Discount Registration (18+): \$15
- Child Day Registration (6-17): \$5
- ❖ Youth Day Registration (0-5): Free
- ❖ Family Cap Registration: \$55

Event Steward: THLady Kateline Crowe -Kathleen Stuart katelinecrowe@gmail.com (904) 525-0870

https://threehills.midrealm.org/home/valday2024/

Candlemas XXXIV

Hosted by The Shire of Dragonsmark

February 17, 2024
Shelby County Fairgrounds
1513 Midland Trail, Shelbyville, KY 40065
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Adult Registration (Non-Member): \$15.00 Adult Registration (Member): \$10.00 Youth Registration (Under 18): FREE

https://dragonsmark.midrealm.org/candlemas -xxxiv

Event Steward: Cpt. Gaetting Ullrson MKA Ian Gunkler 859-270-9008 dragonsmark.seneschal@midrealm.org

Masque Of Courtly Love – Mystery at the Masque

Marche of Alderford https://alderfordsocialmed.wixsite.com/masque February 24, 2024 9am-8pm Grace Fellowship 6282 Nave St SW, Canton, OH 44706

Pre-Registration Discount

Adult Day Member Discount Registration: \$10.00
Adult Day Registration: \$15.00
Child Day Registration 12-17: \$5.00
Youth Day Registration 0-11: Free
Family Cap Member Discount Registration: \$30.00 member discount, \$40
non-member

Feast Youth 15-Adult \$15.00 Feast Children 7-14 \$10.00 Feast Children 6 and under \$0

Day of Event Fees

Adult Day Member Discount Registration: \$12.00
Adult Day Registration: \$17.00
Youth & Child Day Registration Same as Pre-registration
Family Cap Member Discount Registration: \$34.00 member discount, \$44
non-members
Feast Youth 15-Adult \$17.00
Feast Children 7-14 \$10.00

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Feast Children 6 and under \$0

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

March 2, 2024

Held at: Bethel Wesley UMC 1201 13th Street Moline. IL 61265

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

Adult Registration (18+): \$15 Adult Member Discount Registration (18+): \$10 Child Registration (6-17): \$5

Feast: \$15

Event Steward: Lady Elisabeta Fischer (Elisabeth DeCrane) can be reached at Musidora4@gmail.com or 309-236-6091 https://darkriver.midrealm.org/courtingmain-page/

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A portrait of past and present Kings of the Midrealm present at Dressed to Kill III in the Barony of the Cleftlands. Standing, left to right: Duke Cellach, Duke Laurelen, Count Nikolai, Duke Eikbrandr, Duke Alen. Kneeling, left: Earl Emrys of Gwyntarian. Center: King Wigthegn. Photo courtesy of Lord Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).