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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. |

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



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For a full list of the officers serving the Kingdom, go to: https://midrealm.org/officers-directory/



Glorious Midrealm,

The time for war has come! Pennsic draws nigh, and We who sit upon the Dragon Thrones, Wigthegn II & Neassa II, look with pride and anticipation to standing side by side with the Champions of the Midrealm and Our honorable allies, the Tyger of the East Kingdom.

By bonds of prowess on the lists - be they of armored, rapier, or missile weaponry; By grace in the halls of dance, the fire of discourse, and the beauty of crafted art; By devotion in service freely given so that others may thrive -Your deeds will be woven into the living tapestry of Pennsic, enduring across time.

With Kingdom banners high, We will witness you. We will fight beside you. We will learn and teach as one. We will honor the Dream with you.

We hope to behold the stories you forge, the memories you shape, and the legacies you leave. Bring those stories home. Share them with Us, and with the Kingdom, that they may kindle the spirit of generations yet to come.

May your memories be painted in glory, and your name written among the stars. This is your time. This is the time of the Dragon.

With honor, pride, and the love of Our Kingdom, We remain, in service to the Dragon,

Wigthegn II and Neassa II

Rex et Regina Medii Regni





To the good people of the Midrealm,

We come before you with grateful hearts and ready hands. This Kingdom We serve was built by you - by your work, your care, and your joy. Every feast you cook, every field you fight upon, every song you share, and every small kindness you give adds to the strength and spirit of this land.

We do not rise above you—We rise with you. We carry the weight of this duty not as a burden, but as an honor. And We carry it with the heart of a servant and the will to celebrate all that makes the Midrealm great.

Let there be laughter in the halls, challenge on the field, and joy in every gathering. May Our time as your Prince and Princess be filled with purpose, with gratitude, and with fun.

In service to Crown and Kingdom,

Sascha St. Martin and Kemma of the Three Rivers

Prince and Princess





Greetings, Middle Kingdom,

Pennsic War is upon us. For those that are able to attend, please remember to stay hydrated and keep to the shade when possible. Heat stroke is a real thing, and Pennsic is a place where it can sneak up on you. Please remember to treat others as you want to be treated, and cooler heads often prevail. Also, watch out for those who are new to the SCA and Pennsic; it is a wonderful time for them, but can often be overwhelming. The goal is for everyone to have a good event and enjoy themselves.

In Seneschal news: I was fortunate to have three exceptional candidates apply for the job of Kingdom Seneschal, which made for a challenge when selecting my successor. After speaking to Their Majesties, Their Highnesses, and Curia, it was decided that Master Ronan of Keyth will succeed me at the end of this year. That also means that the position of Constellation Regional Seneschal will need to be filled. Please reach out if you are interested in taking on that office.

In service and friendship,

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom

The Middle Kingdom's premiere members of the Order of the Mark, following their elevation at NOWM. The Hunters are, left to right: Jaeger Muldonny McVriw, Countess Aibhilin ni Dhomhnaill, and Baron Robert Thorne. Photo from THL Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari (Richard Mandel).



## Exchequer

Hi, all,

We're 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" by August 31st. More information can be found on the Kingdom Job Openings page at www.Midrealm.org.

There will be an informal exchequer's gathering at Pennsic on Sunday the 3rd from noon to 2 p.m. at Midrealm Royal. It will be a chance to meet other exchequers, discuss issues, ask questions, and socialize. I would urge exchequers and anyone interested in being an exchequer or with questions about the office or procedures to attend.

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

In service,

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings, Midrealm, from your Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences!

Is it hot where you are too?

The Romans thought it was hot in Tunisia, so they dug a hole in the ground and put a bucket of water in the hole and a polished shield over that. Then at night, they would uncover the hole. The Romans didn't know they were exposing the hole to the 3K temperature of space, but they knew it got things COLD, and that keeping the daytime sun off of things would keep it that way. Unfortunately it's far too humid here for that trick to work. We'll have to settle for convenience store ice, which has the advantage of availability.

Throughout much of the Northern Hemisphere, ice harvesters would work through the winter, storing ice sheltered from the sun, insulted by wood shavings or some other material. In Rome that meant a cave, but above-ground ice houses of various designs may be found pretty much everywhere there are people where it freezes in winter. This meant careful stewardship to be sure your ice lasted up until the next harvest when you once again had fresh food. Did your persona store ice? How?

We know that Bedouin double-layered tents keep the occupants cool in the hot desert heat, and that their traditional clothing, also double-layered, performs the same function from ancient to modern day. Do your clothes help you keep cool? Do you wear layers? Roman? San? Or do you just sit and have your dependents fan you?

Thinking of keeping cool and camping season makes me wonder what you do to keep your food cold. Our first king, His Grace Cariadoc, prides himself on having a cooler-free camp, using only food preservation methods known in period by his persona. I've seen camps with battery or even LPpowered coolers, or just bags and bags of ice. Do you disguise your cooler, or just hide it someplace out of the way? What would your persona have done? Left fresh food in a stream? Buried in the ground? What things did your culture do that no one else did to cope with hot weather?

As of this writing I'm looking forward to Simple Days at the Fair over in Sternfeld. It's supposed to be HOT, but I'll get a chance to try out most of my Pennsic gear under something like War conditions, albeit more level than where I camp. That's right. Pennsic. This year, in addition to teaching, I'll be meeting the new S-MOAS and many of my colleagues from across the Known World, as well as judging the A&S War Point. I hope to see you there. Look for a shabby, low-budget Roman desperately seeking shade, asking people about their stuff.

In service,

Tommaso Franceschi, OL

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings to the Mighty Midrealm Populace!

PENNSIC IS COMING! PENNSIC IS COMING!

Oh, wait...we knew that. Of course we did!

This year will be a "Purple War" - Middle and East against all! It looks to be a great time for all who attend! Speaking of attending, I would like to have some volunteers on hand to assist Their Majesties with Their field courts, where They recognize many members of the populace. To that end, I would like to have a few individuals who would be willing to be the Voice of the Crown on the field. You will need to record the full name of any individuals given awards during field courts and return this list to me in a timely fashion.

I am also looking for volunteers to help with Midrealm Great Court on Thursday evening of War week.

Herald's Point will be taking name and armorial submissions for the Middle Kingdom again this year. This is a chance to sit with some of the most talented heralds in the Knowne World and those wishing to learn from those same Most Talented. The Point is often very busy, so please check in and sign up for a time to work on your personal heraldry or name.

Also, this year there will be a War Heralds Challenge on the field, sponsored by the War Herald - Magnifica Beatrice Domenici della Campana:

"Introducing the First (hopefully annual) War Herald's Challenge! Scheduled for Friday, August 1, and starting at 3:30 p.m., I invite the Heralds of the Knowne World to the fort to test their vocal skills against the weather, the geography, and the other Heralds present.

I am offering prizes to the heralds who prevail in the challenges - the primary challenge and prize will go to the herald who proves themselves both loud and clear upon the field at the longest distance, with other prizes for those who prevail in the other challenges (to be announced on the day-of).

Come, join me and your fellow heralds upon the field, and let us see who comes out on top!"

Practice your voices, stay hydrated.

And never to be left out or forgotten, the scribes! There are usually many classes available in the scribal arts. Be sure to check the class schedules and check in at University Point for additions or changes. Keep your pen nibs sharp and flowing, your brushes clean and soft, and your colors ever bright. The artwork that you freely give to the populace is always greatly appreciated; not just by the recipient, but by those who get to see it before and after being given by the Crown.

Kindest regards,

**Baron Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon, OL** Dragon Herald



Dearest Populace of the Middle Kingdom,

The end of my tenure in this office is quickly approaching. It has been an honor to serve as your Chronicler. Thank you to all of the Kingdom's Chroniclers and Webministers, the Pale Editor, the Calendar Secretaries and the Kingdom Historian for your hours of service. Your dedication is noticed and appreciated.

My successor has been chosen. I am happy to announce that Mistress Elwynor fetch Alwyn, OL, will be your next Kingdom Chronicler. We will soon set an office transition date. I wish her success in her new position and know that the office will be in capable hands. She is a long time deputy in the office of the Chronicler serving as Regional Chronicler of Constellation and then North Oaken. Welcome, Mistress Elwynor!

Finally, on July 15th, the webteam will be permanently closing the Services Portal. All reporting, the Order of Precedence, and the Order of the March can already be accessed on the Middle Kingdom website. Reports are accessed through the officers pages; the OP and OM can be found under the "Members Resources" tab. If you have any questions or difficulties accessing services, please contact the issues team, or your regional/ kingdom officer.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve,

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill, OL Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom

## SCA 60 Year Hall of History Request

As the Society's 60th year dawns, we are reminded of those who have walked before us and live on in our memories. To that end, we wish to represent them within the hall of history at the SCA's 60th Year Anniversary.

Please send in information about those we've known and loved, those whose spirits honored the SCA and whom we will now honor in return. The submission process is simple; you will simply need to fill out the following Google form: https://forms.gle/YNfPe5PbuDkGbzzq7

Include some basic information about the person: their name, heraldry, a little about them, etc. Do not worry overmuch about submitting someone who may have also been submitted by someone else, as we will be thoroughly reviewing submissions to make sure we don't end up with duplicates in the end display.

Thank you!

Middle Kingdom Law Update

2-VI-104 The Oath of Fealty of the Order of the Mark shall be as follows: "I here swear fealty and do homage. To the Crown of the Middle Kingdom. To ever be a worthy Hunter of the Mark, Patient in pursuit, Measured in judgment, Obedient to my Liege Lord, A steadfast missileer, Ever ready with bow, blade, or engine, Watchful of the realm's far borders, Thus swear I, (Name)." And the Crown shall answer: "This do We hear and will never forget, nor fail to reward that which is given: fealty with love, service with honor, and oath-breaking with vengeance."



Display at the Ohio Scottish Games demo hosted by Barony of the Cleftlands. Photo by Baroness Gianna Vettori (Nicole Davaris), OP.

# Join the Rangers Guild



The Rangers Guild within the SCA Midrealm is a group for promoting and enjoying the woodland skills of pre-1600 foresters of all cultures. For SCA purposes, we are organized under Arts and Sciences with studies in outdoor living, survival, and camping.

Watch social media for ranger activities with the hashtag #rangersguildinthemiddleregion

Join us on Facebook: https://www. facebook.com/groups/finnagatarang ersinthemiddleregion/?ref=share&m ibextid=NSMWBT

In service to the land,

-Lord lofurr Ormarsson Warden of the Rangers Guild in the Middle Region

Midrealm History - Peerage Milestones

Congratulations to these most noble Peers of the Middle Kingdom celebrating milestone anniversaries this month:

#### 30 Year Anniversary

Sir Lothair von Drachenstein, Order of the Laurel - July 15, 1995

#### 20 Year Anniversary

Baron Tonis van Driele, Order of the Laurel - July 24, 2005

#### 10 Year Anniversary

Master Adam MacAoidh, Order of Defense - July 4, 2015 Master Terrance of Tynedale, Order of Defense - July 4, 2015

For more information on the History of the Middle Kingdom (a work in progress) please visit https://history.midrealm.org/ where you will find more articles like this.

- Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood Middle Kingdom Historian





Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Northern Oaken War Maneuvers on 7 June 2025 (AS 60) in the Shire of Falcon's Quarry.

#### <u>Field Court</u>:

Award of the Purple Fret: Calum MacDhaibhidhOrder of the Red Company: Mihajlo De Nekche,Octavia CallidaCourt Baron: Victorius Suspectus called ViciOrder of the Pelican: RunaEiksbrandrskona

#### Evening Court:

Award of the Dragon's Tooth: Atli IrisonAward of the Dragon's Barb: Uðr RatsbaneAward ofArms: David of CleftlandsAward of the Purple Fret: Bronwen Elvina ni Odhrain, Dorothea Wever,Maximilian Fassnacht, Nagasani PalanikarOrder of the Mark: Aibhilin ni Dhomhnail, Robert Thorne,Muldonny McVriwKingdom Augmentation of Arms: Tarquin the Red

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Baronial Border War on 21 June 2025 (AS 60) in the Barony of Andelcrag.

#### Field Court:

**Order of the Bronze Ring:** Joan Seymoure, Lambert de Penrith, Thomas Throckmorton **Order of the Red Company:** Melike bint Nikola

Evening Court:

Award of Arms: Eva/Evie of Fearann na Criche, Sero Prandius Award of the Willow: Osric Eisenwulf Award of the Purple Fret: A'indle O'Diarmada, Pharamond de Flanders Order of the Greenwood Company: Celina Dawen, Endlin von Baden, Geneveifve Jacqueline de Gris Order of the Dragon's Heart: Grainne Ruadh

Court report for Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Black Swamp War Games on 28 June 2025 (AS 60) in the Barony of Red Spears.

Award of Arms: Aodhán de faie, Tove of Red Hammer, Vithar Gunnarsson, Ludovica Dellavigna Award of the Purple Fret: Arturo de Cervantes Santigo, Dafydd Myddleton, Bestia of Vito's Minions Award of the Willow: Bianca di Michaleto Order of the Dragon's Heart: Tannas Inmhe



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**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/



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

| Event                                      | Date                  | Location   |
|--|-----------------------|--|
|  | August 2025           |  |
| Pennsic                                    | July 25-<br>August 10 | Cooper's Lake Campground; 205 Currie Rd., Slippery<br>Rock PA 16057                                  |
| Melee of the Knave VII: A Wonderland Faire | 23                    | Marche of Alderford; 6900 Market Ave N, Canton OH 44721  |
| Reign of Arrows IX - The Revival           | 23                    | Riding of Hawkland Moor; 8486 Calkins Rd., Flint MI 48532  |
| Pale Deadline for October 2025 (Ads)       | 25                    |  |
| Mounted Wargames XIV                       | Aug 28-<br>Sep 1      | Barony of Shadowed Stars; 1240 4-H Park Rd., Blufton IN 46714  |
|  | September 202         | 25   |
| 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<br>Dr., Rantoul IL 61866                          |
| Medieval Threads                           | 6                     | Canton of Wealdlake; 401 W Grand River Ave, Howell,<br>MI 48843                                      |
| Baroness Wars                              | 12-14                 | Shire of Swordcliff; 1716 W. Spressor, Taylorville IL<br>62568                                       |
| Vikings Come Home                          | 12-14                 | Barony of Donnershafen; 11037 Thumb Lake Rd,<br>Boyne Falls MI 49713                                 |
| Pferdestadt Rapier Classic                 | 13                    | Cantonof Pferdestadt; Marion County Fairgrounds, 220<br>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                            | 27                    | TBD  |
|  | October 2025          | 5  |
| Chase 3 - Feast of the Silk Road           | 3-5                   | Barony of Shattered Crystal; 3463 Trout Camp Rd,<br>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,<br>Casco MI 48064                                     |
| Smiths, Bakers, Weavers, and Wrights       | 10-12                 | Host group unknown; Kensington Metropark Farm<br>Center, 1962 W Buno Rd, Milford MI 48380            |
| A Genteel Affair                           | 11                    | Shire of Mynydd Seren; 5700 W Airport Rd,<br>Bloomington IN 47403                                    |
| Royal University of the Midrealm           | 11                    | Barony of Ayreton; 137 S Garfield Ave, Hinsdale IL 60521   |
| Fall Crown Tournament                      | 18                    | Host group unknown; 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd, Fort<br>Wayne IN 46805                                    |
| Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXV              | 25                    | Shire of Riviere Constelle; 3029 N Green River Rd,<br>Evansville IN 47715                            |
| A Grand Day of Tournaments                 | 25                    | Barony of Cynnabar; 3775 S. Custer Road (M-50)<br>Monroe, MI 48161                                   |
| Pale Deadline for December 2025 (Ads)      | 25                    |  |



#### **Editor, The Pale**

The Kingdom Chronicler, in concert with the current Editor of *The Pale*, seek a keen-minded, communications-savvy gentle to don the mantle of Editor of *The Pale* - the official newsletter of the illustrious Middle Kingdom.

As the official notice to the populace from Crown and Curia, *The Pale* delivers royal missives, law changes, event announcements, and more. It is issued once each month in both digital form and, yes, printed for those who so desire. An optional supplement, *Beyond the Pale*, offers a stage to showcase the arts, deeds, and dreams of our people and is distributed digitally.

The ideal candidate is:

- Skilled in the arts of grammar, layout, and design
- Adept at herding both deadlines and contributors (required and optional alike)
- Possessed of a sharp eye and a sharper red pen
- Reliable, detail-oriented, and comfortable working to a regular monthly rhythm
- Enthusiastic about keeping the populace informed and inspired

The post is a two-year term, preceded by six months of training from the current Editor and followed by six months for training your successor.

If you've ever dreamed of ruling over columns and kerning, now is your moment. Take up the pen! It is mightier than the sword, and far less messy...

#### Job Responsibilities

- Producing an issue of *The Pale* each month by the 10th to meet the deadline required by Society
- Working with Kingdom Officers, Royalty, and contributors for content
- Soliciting event ads from Event Stewards and ensuring they meet the requirements to be published
- Reporting to the Kingdom Chronicler for additional assistance as needed

The Pale Editor will need to be, or have the ability to become, familiar with:

- Adobe InDesign and Acrobat (InDesign account provided), MS Office, and Google Sheets & Drive
- Knowledge of publishing best practices
- Society and Middle Kingdom Chronicler policies
- U.S. copyright law and fair use rules

Much of this learning is provided in the Editor's Guide to *The Pale* and in the training period, so don't be afraid to reach out even if you don't think you're a perfect match!

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.





The Riding of Hawkland Moor presents **Reign of Arrows IX The Revival** Saturday Aug 23, 2025

8 am – 9 pm

The event created and previously run by the *Shire of Stormvale* is back, and at its original site: **8486 Calkins Rd, Flint MI 48532** 

Archery, Atl'atl & Thrown Weapons A&S Craft Persons Green

Registration: Adult Members \$10, Non-Member Adult \$20 – All Children under 18 Free Site: Pet Friendly, Wet Site, Primitive Camping See website for more details: http://ReignOfArrows.cvberknight.net

*Event Stewart:* Forester Ívarr of Altenberg (Ed Zielinski) Ivarr.SCA@gmail.com +1-586-718-7006 *Co-Stewart:* Forester Gerard von Löwenstein (Lee Hillier) lrh7200@gmail.com



Gate opens 5:00pm August 28<sup>th</sup> 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-wargames-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

#### 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/pferdestadtrapier-classic/

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





### 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:

## http://enewsletter.sca.org/

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A picture tells a story - perhaps someone will share the tale of this green goat in court at Ragnarok Rampage? You never know what fun things are in store at a Midrealm event! Photo by THL Leandra Corzi (Mandi Oliver).