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All rejoice as we welcome our Heirs: Prince Wigthegn and Princess Neassa, Tanists of the Middle Kingdom! A well-fought tournament and lovely day brought unto Us a most worthy set of Heirs and We look forward to all of the fun ahead.

The crispness of Fall has come to Our lands and we revel indoors as we head into the days filled with more night than day. There is joy to be found in the darkness, around halls and tables filled with the light of friends and merriment! Steel will clang with good natured combat and glasses clink as we dine and craft with one another. Look to your kit now and ask what can be done to make any small measure of improvement toward an upgrade or a repair. We implore you to seek Us out and share your efforts with Us when next we meet, no matter how small it may seem.

It is also the time for stories and song, and to that end do We make a request. Our Dragon needs a history: stories of valor, of might, of grace and protection! We seek these tales in the format of your choosing, be it song or tale, prose or even dance. We will share these with the populace in a variety of ways over the next several months.

One of our immense joys is the giving of awards. Please keep those recommendations coming in, but also know that some lead time is necessary. The backlog for scribes is getting longer each week. When submitting a request, please give at least 4 weeks lead time whenever possible. So, now is the time to be writing in for 12th Night and Val Day! We want the scribes to have the time they need to prepare the lovely scrolls which are given. They have been working tirelessly in this first month of Our reign and have produced some simply incredible works. If you have ever wanted to try your hand at a design, there is always an opportunity. Simply reach out to your Regional Signet for the information.

And one final note on scrolls - if you have been given a Promissory, please reach out to your Regional Signet for information on how to keep informed with the backlog process so you can receive your scroll when it is ready.

Draco Invictus!

King Kilian and Queen Jalida

Sovereigns of the Midrealm





To the Great Populace of The Middle Kingdom do your new Tanists, Wigthegn & Neassa, send warm greetings.

We wish to give thanks first to Their Majesties for the honor of competing in Their Crown Tournament. It was a day of trials for all as the event was beset by some misfortune. Yet the Middle Kingdom and its people rose to the task and the day ended up being perfect. Thank you to the Barony of Carraig Ban and the Crown event staff for rising to the challenge of the day and making it wonderful for all. It was an honor to be among the fellow combatants and inspirational consorts. We witnessed acts of valor, chivalry, prowess, and nobility throughout the day and hope to see it in Our own Crown Tournament.

We are looking forward to the jubilant reign of King Kilian and Queen Jalida guiding the Kingdom in these winter months to come. Our travels should take Us through the Midrealm and outside its borders during these times. We hope to, once again, represent the Kingdom and its people well.

Draco Invictus!

Wigthegn II & Neassa II

Princeps & Principessa



The moment of victory - at Fall Crown Tourney 2024. Photo by Ainsley MacAbrehan (Lauren Enda) at her very first event! Keep a watch for her photos; this editor senses you'll be seeing more from her.



Salutations - and well met, Midrealm!

There has been a change in your regularly scheduled broadcast - me! I'm usually a behindthe-scenes herald, but I will be standing in for our Dragon Herald while he is out. Please feel free to reach out to me as you might him (the usual channels are forwarded to me for the time being), and I will do my best to keep things tidy in the meantime.

I would like to make one small announcement, though it certainly saddens me to do so. Armiger Kallinikos Gavras, our Rouge Scarpe, has come upon the end of his term and will be searching for his replacement in short order. I will be posting the job officially in the next issue, but thought it might be good to both give interested parties time to consider and remind folks what the Rouge Scarpe does.

The Rouge Scarpe Herald is the External Submissions Deputy for the Middle Kingdom. They are responsible for reviewing commentary, leading monthly commentary meetings and issuing decisions on the internal letter, then moving approved submissions forward in the process to Society level commentary. They are often the point of contact for submitters following issues with returns, or questions on decisions. It is important for this position that the applicant is familiar not only with the submissions process, but also has a good understanding of SENA as well as the Administrative Handbook.

If that seems like something that might be of interest to you, you can direct questions about the office either to myself (herald.deputy@midrealm.org) or Kallinikos (rougescarpe@midrealm.org).

Yours in interim service,

THL Ragna stórráða Úlfsdóttir

Flourte Hund Herault Deputy to the Dragon Herald



Greetings, all,

Domesday season is approaching. I recommend that you do not mail any transfers between groups to individuals after Dec. 18th to give the recipients time to get the check in the bank before year's end.

Remember that if you are hosting a free or donationsonly event, you must still send in a non-member report. You'll still need to fill out the # of adults attending and # of non-members, but indicate that the event was free or donation-only in the comment section.

Hopefully, Society will have sent me the Domesday Starting Numbers and those will be sent out to everyone by the time you read this letter. If not, be checking your exchequer email account (typically groupname.exchequer@midrealm.org) on a regular basis as we'll be trying to get those to you as soon as we can.

May your books always be in balance,

Aidan Blackstone

Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings, Middle Kingdom,

As we transition into the winter season where we all interact more in the ethereal realm, I would like to take this opportunity to remind or inform the populace of the easiest and most direct ways to request technical support. While Her Royal Majesty Jalida al-Hasannah is on the throne, I and al-Mu'allima JahanAra (Helpdesk Lead) are covering the Kingdom Webminister office.

The quickest way to receive assistance is to use the form on the Webminister page of the Kingdom website for questions that are NOT requests for technology service. The form on the Helpdesk page of midrealm. org can be used for technology questions or requests for service within our technology. If you are not sure which form to use, contact the Helpdesk and they can direct your question to the appropriate office.

Yours in service,

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill, OL

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



Unto the Populace of the Middle Kingdom,

As the holidays are upon us it is time to enjoy the season. I wish unto you a warm hearth and a full belly. Now is the season of welcoming, of friends both old and new.

A few housekeeping items:

There are current job postings for:

- First Deputy Chatelaine
- Midlands Regional Chatelaine

We are also going to be opening a new deputy position for recruitment, which will be a large undertaking - so please keep an eye on the job board.

Yours in service,

Gregory Bryant, OP Kingdom Chatelaine



Unto the Children of the Dragon do I send greetings and warmth!

While the cold winds of winter have started to sweep across the land, the martial community has been busy! We have some new and exciting things coming down the road: lots of new Kingdom Deputy Earl Marshals, new ideas and activities, and the most super exciting of all... a new reporting schedule! I know, I know, I'm pretty excited about it also.

In order to sync up with Society, after Jan 1 the new reporting dates for ALL martial activities will be At Large, Of the Field and MiT on Dec 1; Group Marshals on Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, and Nov. 1; Regionals on Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, and Nov. 15; Kingdom Deputies on March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1; Kingdom Earl Marshal on March 15, June 15, Sept. 15, and Dec. 15. By doing this we can simplify who needs to report when, and keep the line of communication consistent with the Society marshals and their reports to the Board of Directors.

Baron Robert Thorne, OP

Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom



That time of year thou mayst in me behold When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang Upon those boughs which shake against the cold, Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang. — Sonnet 73, Shakespeare.

In the northern latitudes, autumn is the season of harvest festivals celebrating the bounty of the Earth and the providence of the gods. Then, in the darkening days, we see in the dying of the green Earth echoes of our own mortality. Thus we see, after the harvests are gathered, celebrations of our ancestors and our departed. It is not entirely coincidental that Día de los Muertos is close in the calendar to the Feast of All Souls, both celebrations happening in their respective cultures as the land enters its winter dormancy.

Which causes your ever-curious MOAS to ask: Do the colder months inspire you to create different things? What foods to you prepare that you wouldn't want on a sultry Pennsic evening? When frost sparkles on the grass, does it inspire garb? Jewelry? A poem?

Many cultures have stories of the Trickster god bringing light or fire to humans. Have you heard how Raven brought us light (First Nations)? What about how Loki tricked Thor into striking the trees of Midgard to give fire to the humans? The Greeks, on the other hand, just accused Prometheus of stealing it. How do fire and light inspire your work? I look forward to seeing, hearing, eating, and drinking your inspired creations!

I just returned from Midrealm Bardic Madness. To the best of my knowledge, I'm the first Kingdom MOAS to attend - and it did not disappoint. Performing artists from as far away as Meridies and North Dakota were there to meet the challenges of the day. Whether you perform or not, it's an event well worth attending. By the time you read this we'll have had RUM, Dancer's Revolt, and Midlands Artisan's Day. I'm extremely proud of the support we give to the arts here in the Midrealm.

Finally, I'm looking for a new Regional MOAS for Constellation so that my long-serving deputy can enjoy a well-earned retirement. If you or someone you know is interested, please check the Midrealm Job Openings page.

In service,

Tommaso Franceschi, OL

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings, Middle Kingdom,

I hope everyone is warm and cozy as the winter holidays will soon be upon us.

I am still looking for a new Kingdom Social Media Officer. Shahazada al-Zahra has done a great job, but it's time for her to move on to her next adventure. Please email me at seneschal@ midrealm.org if you are interested in learning more about this position.

We are still working on the Kingdom Event Coordination process; my apologies for the length of time this is taking. We will have something to publish for feedback in the next couple of months.

Award – Law updates: No feedback was received regarding changing the Award of the Willow and the Award of the Silver Oak to Orders. The following section shows the updates that will be made in Kingdom Law.

In service and Friendship,

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



Our Royal Family - at Grand Day of Tournaments. Photo by Baroness Geniveve Rose de Glendalough (Patresha Roehre).



2-XI-600 The Award of the Willow

2-XI-601 There shall exist in the Middle Kingdom an Award unto which the Crown may elect such persons as it sees fit. The award shall be referred to as the Award of the Willow, hereafter referred to as the Award.

2-XI-602 The Award shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Crown, have shown proficiency, but not yet mastery, in one or more of the peaceful arts.

2-XI-603 Holders of the Award shall be entitled to place after their names the initials AW and may be styled and announced in precedence as Recipients of the Award of the Willow.

2-XI-604 Recipients of Membership in the Award shall confer upon the holder an Award of Arms if that individual is not already armigerous.

2-XI-605 Recipient of the Membership in the Award shall assure an individual a position, according to seniority among those that have been granted the Award, in the Order of Precedence, equal with Recipients Companions of the Award of the Silver Oak, before Recipients of the Purple Fret, Recipients of the Queen's Favor/Doe's Grace, and King's Chalice, but after Grants of Arms. 2-XI-606 Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Middle Kingdom at large.

2-XI-607 Recipients of Membership in the Award may be terminated only by the resignation of a Recipient of Companion from the Award, submitted to the Consort Crown in writing.

2-XI-608 Recipients of the Award may display the badge blazoned: Purpure, a weeping willow tree eradicated Or.

2-XI-700 The Award of the Silver Oak

2-XI-701 There shall exist in the Middle Kingdom an Award unto which the Crown may elect such persons as it sees fit. The Award shall be referred to as the Award of the Silver Oak, hereafter referred to as the Award.

2-XI-702 The Award shall be given to individuals who, in the sight of the Crown, have shown proficiency, but not yet mastery, in one or more of the Sciences or in research.

2-XI-703 Holders of the Award shall be entitled to place after their names the initials A.S.O., and may be styled and announced in precedence as Recipients Companions of the Award of the Silver Oak.

2-XI-704 Recipients of Membership in the Award shall confer upon the holder an Award of Arms if that individual is not already armigerous.

2-XI-705 Recipients of Membership in the Award shall assure an individual a position according to seniority among those that have been granted the Award in the Order, in the Order of Precedence equal with Companions Recipients of the Award of the Willow, before Recipients of the Purple Fret, Recipients of the Queen's Favor/Doe's Grace and the King's Chalice, but after Grants of Arms.

2-XI-706 Elevation shall be proclaimed in court or in some other public place to the Middle Kingdom at large.

2-XI-707 Recipients of the Award may be terminated only by the resignation of the Award, submitted to the Crown in writing.

2-XI-708 Recipients of the Award may display the badge blazoned: Purpure, an oak tree blasted and eradicated argent, fructed Or.



Court report for Royal Court of Her Majesty Queen Jalida at Feast of the Chase 2 on 5 October 2024 (AS 59). Heralds: Kallinikos Gavras, Brock Nash, Beatrix van der Bosh, Ylva Tyrvadottir; Court Signet: Corasande of Starhill

Award of Arms: Radamyr Vovk, Ceres Vovk, Jane of Bellwood, Sara of Swordcliff Award of the Purple Fretty: One Paw Tiger Inn, Shattered Crystal Breakfast Minion Award of the Purple Fret: Lora Greymare, Reinmar of Shattered Crystal, Alistair Cearbach, Asa the Nine Fingered, Cellach ni Thighearnaigh Order of the Willow: Hattori Fuyutsukime, Arabella Devon, Bethoc MacDonald of Cnoc Order of the Evergreen: Alzbeta Michalik, Elizabeth of Roxbury Mill Order of the Silver Oak: Aldrin inn Gladi Order of the Dragon's Heart: Arianna Husher, Alured Husher, Katrina of Swordcliff, Bartlemeu le Wis

Court report for Royal Court of His Majesty King Kilian Fendrich at Red Dragon on 5 October 2024 in the Marche of Tirnewydd (AS 59). Seneschal: Paulos Dyrrachiou Heralds: Edborough Kellie, Anna of the Western Hill, Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli

Award of Arms: Randulfr of Woods End, Albrecht of Dearnehealde, Creiddylad McGlenn, Eofor of Cleftlands, Gerlacus of St. Brutus, Jack of St. Brutus, Johann Sumner, Luca Serraglio, Serilda Van Kijkin'tdal Order of the Willow: Katherine Vivians Award of the Purple Fret: Sarah of Goat Clan, Alli of Dernehealde, Baldwin von Dresden, Diccon de Reinport, Jalal Bahadur Order of the Cavendish Knot: Ferus of Vito's Minions Order of the Red Company: Xavier of Rams'ey Order of the Dragon's Tooth: Xavier of Rams'ey Order of the Dragon's Heart: Paulos Dyrrachiou Order of the Pelican: Cellach mac Cormaic

Court report for Evening Royal Court of Their Majesties King Kilian and Queen Jalida at Their Crown Tournament in the Barony of Carraig Ban on 19 October 2024 (AS 59). Heralds: Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon; Court Signet: Corasande of Starrhill

Award of Arms: Vivian of Carraig Ban, Sara of Swordcliff (Claire de Pizan), Bunny of Dark River,<br/>Jadwiga WlodsizlawskaAward of the Purple Fret:<br/>Thana SpituiAward of the Purple Fretty:<br/>Award of the Purple Fretty:<br/>Order of the Silver Oak:<br/>Akiyama<br/>HiroakiOrder of the Evergreen:<br/>Rue BrynneOrder of the Dragon's Heart:<br/>Berngard SolgaiAward of the Sapphire:Evzenie Apolena VitkovicOrder of the Silver Oak:<br/>Order of the Sapphire:Solgai

Tanists: Wigthegn the Younger and Neassa O'Cathasaigh

Court report for Morning Royal Court of Their Majesties King Kilian and Queen Jalida at The Grand Day of Tournaments in the Barony of Cynnabar on 26 October 2024 (AS 59). Heralds: Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon; Court Signet: Ulfrun Barefooted

Award of Arms: Anna de Canal, Edward MiklosOrder of the Bronze Ring: Moira Campbell ofArgyleAward of the Purple Fret: Joyce Taylor, Brannos O'longardailOrder of the Gold Mace:Ian FarrarOrder of the Red Company: Kimberly of the Three RiversOrder of the Dragon'sHeart: Diamante de ColombrinoOrder of the Pelican: Gianna Vettori

Court report for Evening Royal Court of Their Majesties King Kilian and Queen Jalida at The Grand Day of Tournaments in the Barony of Cynnabar on 26 October 2024 (AS 59). Heralds: Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon, Meabh Ingen Carthaig, Morwen Spinner, Edward Aelredson; Court Signet: Ulfrun Barefooted

Award of Arms: Richard of Three Hills, Tim the Just of Three Hills, Takeda Kenshi, Thannan from Fearann Na Criche Award of the Purple Fret: Mürüvvet mutfağın bint Mehmed Bey, Sigurdr Sighvatrsson, Einarr inn Kyrri Olfuss Order of the Willow: Ceara inghean Mhuirgheasa, Meabh ingen Carthaig, Louis LeCoffrier Order of the Greenwood Company: Roderick McKraken, Dorothea de Beckham Order of the Evergreen: Nezkha Kiriena Petrova

Court report for Royal Court of King Kilian at All Soul's Day in the Canton of the Vanished Wood on 2 November 2024 (AS 59). Heralds: Markéta z Prahy, Ehrenfreid Schertenleib; Court Signet: Corasande of Starrhill

Award of Arms: Maximilian Burns Award of the Purple Fret: Aliet van Hulle Order of the Red Company: SkallagrimR Skallagrimson Order of the Dragon's Heart: Anne Lovell, Dougale MacAlestyr of Newcastle



## Get to Know the Known World Dance and Music Symposium

by The Honorable Lady Meadhbh Ramsay Photo by The Honorable Lady Colette the Seamstress

Over the Fourth of July weekend, the Barony of Sternfeld hosted the Known World Dance and Music Symposium 14, a joyful and exhilarating event bringing dancers and musicians from all over the world, including some for whom it was their first SCA event. The 175 attendees from eight kingdoms had nearly 100 classes to choose from as well as two Evening Balls, a hafla, and lots of pickup dancing and musical interludes.

The diversity of knowledge in the classes was astounding: everything from English Country Dance to Hula to Bassa Toscana to Korean Ganggangsullae to West African Bomba and Tinikling Filipino Folk Dance; from Hurdy-Gurdy to Darbuka to Harps and Iberian Frame Drums



to Cymbals; the halls were humming with excitement and wonderful music. In addition, there were classes about Non-Gendered Dance Calling, about how to bridge the communication gap between musicians and dancers, about dancing with disabilities, a class dedicated to unwinding after a long day of playing or dancing.

The dance band included 30 people, the largest that participants had ever seen!

The event was run by two stewards, Colette the Seamstress and myself, Meadhbh Ramsay. We found that working together granted each of us time to decompress and played to our very differing strengths. Where Colette has a great knowledge of and passion for dance and has studied period music, my strengths lie in the Excel spreadsheet and administrative needs. We are very grateful to Sternfeld for trusting us with a Known World event, especially as it supplanted our long-standing summer event 'A Simple Day in the Country'. We are also incredibly thankful for the many hours that the Barony's members and associated groups put in to help make the event a success.

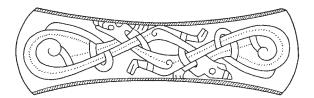
With so many classes and dances, and with food options being an inconvenient distance away, we designed the event to include a full meal plan with the cost of entry. Our respective husbands, Antonio Bellini and Ronan of Keyth, planned, shopped for, and oversaw or prepared eight meals as well as maintained drink and snack stations where attendees could take a break throughout the day. They had many wonderful individuals helping them, foremost of whom was Jok Turnour, who helped with not only shopping and food preparation, but served in many other capacities. Also, we would like to thank the Wednesday Company Rapier Corps and the Brotherhood fighting company, each of whom took on the task of working with one of the meal stewards to prepare dinner one evening. These fighters arrived on site solely to help host an arts event by volunteering and it was greatly appreciated.

As the event drew to a close, we were reminded of summer camps: new friends exchanging contact information and promising to keep in touch, old friends planning out event schedules for the next dancing event, and lots of very tired but very wide smiles as everyone waved goodbye. Thank you to all of our attendees, instructors, volunteers, merchants, and staff for helping to make this event a grand time!

## Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

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

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Event	Date	Location	
December 2024			
Christmas Tourney LII	7	Barony of the Flame; 404 S. Mulberry St., Elizabethtown KY 42701	
Carraig Ban Golden Anniversary and Midlands Regional A&S Fair and by the Booke Tournament	7	Barony of Carraig Ban; 158 N 4th St, Dekalb IL 60115	
Wassail	7	The Riding of Hawkland Moor; 1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304	
Yule Feast	14	Canton of Hrothgeirsfjordr; 1456 Harvard Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614	
Pale Deadline for February 2025 (Ads)	25		
January 2025			
Kingdom 12th Night in the Middle Marches	4	Barony of the Middle Marches; 10299 Maple Dell Rd, Marysville OH 43040	
A Regular Event in the Cleftlands	18	Barony of the Cleftlands; 351 E 260th Street, Euclid OH 44132	
Festival of Maidens 50: A Golden Gift	25	Shire of Caer Gwyn; 1401 W Green St, Urbana IL 61801	
Pale Deadline for March 2025 (Ads)	25		
February 2025			
St. Valentines' Day Massacre	8	Canton of Three Hills; 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo MI 49048	
Better Hearths and Baileys Winter Solar	22	Host group unknown; 616 IN 25, Logansport IN 46947	
Pale Deadline for April 2025 (Ads)	25		



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

**Office of the Kingdom Earl Marshal** Target Archery Training Deputy Kingdom Equestrian Deputy

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## Did You Know?

- Her Majesty Jalida does not like raw onions or mushrooms.
- In fact, stay away from organ meat, olives, anise, or black licorice when offering food to Their Majesties!
- They both like meats and cheeses and fruit pies.
- For beverages, serve them water, iced tea (or hot for Her Majesty) and Gatorade when needed.
- Because They are also persons of refinement, Their Highnesses will dig into a good charcuterie (including the olives).
- Beverages for Their Highnesses might include water for both, Diet Dr. Pepper and Zero Sugar Monster in the white can (specifically) for Prince Wigthegn, and coffee or tea for Princess Neassa.
- Learn more about the Royal Family, including where they'll be next, at trm.midrealm.org and trh.midrealm.org

#### <u>Helpful Links</u>

- Recommend someone for a Kingdom award: https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/
- See what awards someone has: go to midrealm.org, choose "Member Resources" from the top navigation, then choose "Order of Precedence." You can search for a person by name.

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

January 2025 Events - November 25th February 2025 Events - December 25th March 2025 Events - January 25th April 2025 Events - February 25th May 2025 Events - April 25th June 2025 Events - May 25th

#### Carraig Ban Golden Anniversary: Midlands Regional Arts & Sciences Fair and By the Booke Tournament

The Barony of Carraig Ban invites you to its Golden (50 year) Baronial Birthday, featuring the first Midlands A&S Faire since the Plague Times and a By the Booke Rapier Tournament!

December 7, 2024, 9AM-8PM CT at the United Unitarian Congregation. 158 N 4<sup>th</sup> st., DeKalb, Illinois, 60115 Non-Member: \$23 SCA Member: \$13 Feast: \$12

Event Stewards: Asa Nine-Finger (Kristi Pate, kristi.cagle@gmail.com) and Akiyama Kazuhiko (Sata Prescott, carraigban.baron @midrealm.org)

Featuring an "Italian" feast and special displays. Currently seeking artisans, vendors, volunteers, rapier marshals, and more! Find our Event on Facebook: "Carraig Ban 50 Year and Regional A&S Fair"

Please visit our website at Carraigban.midrealm.org

## Christmas Tournament LII

Hosted by the Barony of the Flame December 7, 2024 9AM-9PM

Join us for a day of Armored Fighting, Rapier Fighting, Crafter's Green and Merchants and end your day with a cozy Feast.

Location:

Pritchard Community Center 404 S Mulberry St, Elizabethtown, KY 42701



Registration: Adult Member: \$15 Adult Non-Member: \$25 17 and Under: Free! Feast: \$15



Event Steward: Lady Thora Brandsdottir (Mika Thomasson) thorabrandsdottir@gmail.com

Website: https://baronyoftheflame.org/christmas-tourney-2024/

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## Barony of the Middle Marches Kingdom Twelfth Night

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

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

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

Preregistration Feast \$15 Event Day Feast \$16

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

Baroness Slany bean Uillic (Sberyl Barringer) middlemarches.baroness@midrealm.org Event Stewards Baron Uilleag Balbbán (Dan Barringer) middlemarcbes.baron@midrealm.org (614)300-0642

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

A REGULAR EVENT IN THE CLEFTLANDS

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

When: Saturday, January 18; 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM Where: Sts Robert and William Catholic School 351 E 260<sup>th</sup> Street; Euclid OH 44132

**Registration**:

Adult Non-Member Registration: \$30 Adult Member Registration: \$20 Youth (17 and Under): Free Site fee includes all-day sideboard.

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

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

## The Riding of Hawkland Moor Presents

## WASSAIL

Saturday, 07 December 2024 4:00 – 10:00 PM Hart Community Center 495 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350

Join us for a festive evening of fun and fellowship! Pot-luck dinner, dancing & caroling!

Seated Pot-Luck Feast at 6:00 PM. Enjoy a meal of guest-contributed dishes. Wassail & apple cider provided. (Site is discretely damp.)

#### FREE TO ALL – NO SITE FEE

Steward: Baroness Morgaine NicFhrannsaidh MKA: Theresa Catalano-Reinhardt 46582 East Briarwood, Chesterfield MI 48310 Mzkaoz@yahoo.com / 586-604-0873

https://northwoods.midrealm.org/activities/canton-andbaronial-events/hmwassail/

## Winter Revel 2025

sponsored by Barony of Andelcrag When: January 17, 2025 5PM thru January 19, 2025 10AM Where: Palmer Lodge Ionia County Bertha Brock Park 2311 W Bluewater Hwv Ionia, MI 48846 Website: and elcrag.midrealm.org/winter-revel-2025 **Registration**: Adult fee \$30 Adult Member fee \$20 Children ages 5-17yrs \$10 Children ages 5 and under free Feast: Adults and children 5-17yrs \$15 Children under 5 free with an accompanying adult

Event Stewards: Lord Thomas Treighburn (Thomas Burns) Lord Bréandan Treighburn (Joshua Jordan) Lady Iyla Kalyani Sunayna (Angel Burns) email: angelmichelleburns@gmail.com

## Festival of Maidens 50: A Golden Gift

The Shire of Caer Gwyn cordially invites you to teach, learn, fight, or just be here with friends who love and have missed you this last year.

When: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 8:00AM-8:00PM Where: 1401 W Green St, Urbana, IL 61801 Cost: Free Web: https://caergwyn.midrealm.org/festival-ofmaidens-50-a-golden-gift/ Event Stewards: Lucius Antonius Ursus (Andrew Marks) and Lena of Wurm Wald (Shelly Marks) Phone: 217.974.5731 Email: r.andrew.marks@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

https://caergwyn.midrealm.org/festival-ofmaidens-50-a-golden-year/

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

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

Contact: ruebryne@gmail.com

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

March 1, 2025

Held at: Bethel Wesley UMC 1201 13<sup>th</sup> Street Moline, IL 61265

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

Adult Registration (18+): \$20 Adult Member Discount Registration (18+): \$10 Child Registration (6-17): \$5

Feast: \$15

Event Steward: THL Finn O'Connor (Marion Lloyd) can be reached at marion.lloyd1973@gmail.com https://darkriver.midrealm.org/courting-main-page/

The Pale is Available Online:

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

# Need to find your local group? Try the Group Finder on the Kingdom website: https://midrealm.org/midrealm-group-map/

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Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca. org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

a. January 25 and 26, 2025, Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual b. April 12 and 13, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Live c. July 12 and 13, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual d. October 18 and 19, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Live

#### MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

a. Monday, November 18, 2024 b. Monday, December 16, 2024

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Thinking of the fight - at Rendezvous at the Bridge 2024. Photo by Raziya Al-Zarqa' (Kim Garnett).