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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), 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MIDDLE KINGDOM EVENTS NO LONGER NEED TO PAY FOR ANY EVENT ADS AS OF OCTOBER 2016.

**MERCHANT ADS** are due on the deadlines and in the formats noted below;.

**MERCHANT AND OUT-OF-KINGDOM RATES:** There are three ad sizes:

Quarter page: 3 5/8"W x 4 7/8"H	\$35
Half page: 7 1/2"W x 4 7/8"H	\$60
Full page: 7 1/2"W x 10"H	\$115.

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

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



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Unto The Gentles of The Middle Kingdom,

As the season of cold has settled in Middle Kingdom, We have seen great and ongoing works from the populace. The Arts & Sciences community is as inspiring as the works it holds. The beginning of February was Our Tournament of Arts. We were delighted to see so many entrants attend and so many in the Order of the Laurel contribute to those entrants. This was followed by Our Tournament of Chivalry, an event in which prowess and courtesy never fail to impress and inspire.

We have witnessed great acts of Service in Our travels across the Midrealm and beyond. The effort of many behind the curtain to ensure things run smoothly and efficiently does not go unnoticed. Events,

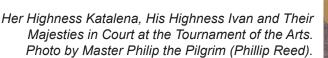
classes, martial activities, and even shenanigans are all possible because of those who made them happen. For those good gentles, We are always grateful and always thankful.

With all of this, We are thrilled to bring these acts of service, these arts and sciences, and the prowess of the Dragon to Gleann Abhann for Gulf Wars. This is the second of Our Pilgrimages. We are excited to have you, the Dragon Army, and the well wishes of Our Kingdom on the journey with Us. We have allied with the Kingdom of Trimaris this year. This will be, by far, Our largest Pilgrimage for Our Reign.

Ever forward,

Wigthegn & Neassa

Rex and Regina









Greetings unto the most noble populace of the Great Middle Kingdom!

We hope this missive finds you in great comfort, basking in the joy of revelry and friendship from this season's Yule and Candlemas celebrations. As you warm your hearts and feet by your glowing hearths and sup cups of mulled wine to ebb away the chill of the winter's grasp, know that peace is fragile, and as the sun warms and chases the cruel fingers of winter, so does it fan the flames that do incite the blood to boil and set the Dragon's face with grimvisaged war. Already do We shine our helmets and mail, sharpen Our spears, axes, and swords in preparation to follow the King and Queen of the Dragon, Wigthegn and Neassa, as they march South to lend aid and arms to Our allies. To the men at arms, Knights, support staff, and all members of the populace who travel with Their Majesties, We send Our heartfelt gratitude. Know that We too shall stand the field providing Our broken bodies as ransom should Their Majesties have need.

Upon Our return, We fear that peace will not come easy. We have heard dark tidings that the baleful yellow eye of the Eastern Tiger stretches its covetous glare to Our fertile lands with rapturous ambition. Our messengers, merchants, and diplomats returning from the many Kingdoms of the realm have brought to Us information about the building and hoarding of weapons and machines of war and the mustering of armies far to the East.

Know that it is Our intent to meet this army of brigands and pillagers before they dare enter Our lands. We shall march with force to the fields of Pennsic deep under the emerald canopies of Our great ally Sylvan Æthelmearcand there make Our intent of violence and justice known against the Eastern incursion.

We hope that all of the realms can hear Our formal challenge and declaration of intent in person at the Coronation of Ivan and Katalena in the Barony of Brendoken. It shall be there that We will make known Our Champions who will march in the vanguard with Us to ensure the destruction and rout of the Eastern Tiger. It is the intent of Ivan and Katalena to hold a competitive shoot to choose by skill Our archery and thrown weapons champions. Their Highnesses Ivan and Katalena request letters of intent to compete in the Champion shoot and thrown weapon tournament at Coronation on May 4 in the Barony of Brendoken.

All letters of intent to be champion are due by April 15

and none shall be accepted after that date; email or physical letters will be accepted. We eagerly await word from the powerful claws of the Dragon populace.

#### Іван

## Каталена

*Ivan and Katalena* Tsarevitch and Tsarevna DRACO INVICTUS!



Greetings, Middle Kingdom,

I hope you have all successfully weathered these winter months. Soon, we will see the spring sun and the rebirth of nature. As we increase our travel across our great and vast Kingdom and Society, I wish safe travels and good fortunes to all.

I encourage everyone to join me in thanking those who serve our Kingdom by taking a few minutes to send in award recommendations.

We continue improving the Kingdom event planning and rotation. I will share more information as it is available.

In service and friendship,

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, OP

Seneschal of the Middle Kingdom



#### Hello!

It certainly seems like we have had some gray days here lately. The days might be getting longer, but the sun still hides behind the clouds.

But, soon! The days are getting longer, and warmer. Several regions are looking at holding Regional A&S Fairs later this spring, and the Kingdom A&S Fair will be here before we know it! It's time to consider what you might want to present for scoring at those events.

With the coming of the Kingdom A&S Fair, also approaches the end of my time in this office. Mæstro Tommaso Franceschi will step into this office at that event, and I hope to have things well prepared and ready for him. I am confident he will fulfill the needs of this office capably, and I hope you all can help me welcome him.

Thank you!

# *Maîtresse Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denis*

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings, Midrealm,

I am excited to tell you that we have a full roster of volunteers serving as Regional Chroniclers. These individuals are available to help all of the local chroniclers with any questions or concerns they might have as part of their newsletter publishing duties. The current Regional Chroniclers for the Middle Kingdom are Constellation Regional Chronicler THL Leandra Corzi; Midlands Regional Chronicler THL Norelle Thespiana; North Oaken Regional Chronicler Mistress Elwynor ferch Alwyn; Pentamere Regional Chronicler Lady Alys of Alnwick, and South Oaken Regional Chronicler Dame Ursula Mortimer. They can be reached through the links on the Kingdom Chronicler email, or by searching the office in your official Midrealm email.

Additionally, I am making updates to the Kingdom Chronicler handbook. When this is complete there will be training available for all of the chroniclers of the Kingdom. I expect the rewriting process to conclude this month and the training to commence shortly after. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your Regional Chronicler.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



Unto the populace of the Middle Kingdom,

Now that the spring season is almost upon us and we look forward to events under the sun, please remember to welcome those who are new. Some will have never attended a large outdoor event and will not know many things we take for granted. When I think back to when I first started, I was taken under the wing by a friend, who invited me to camp with his household. If not for that one gesture, I would probably not be here now. One act can be the difference of trying something for a few events, or a being involved for nearly thirty years. And though most of them have passed on, it is something I remember to this day. Be the change you want to see. Help those who ask. Remember we all started small and have grown. Help others grow.

Yours in service,

THL Gregory Bryant, OP Vigilant

**Kingdom Chatelaine** 



Greetings,

I am pleased to announce that Forester Diccon de Reinport has agreed to become the next Target Archery Marshal for the Middle Kingdom. Diccon has long served well as an archery marshal and has my full faith in his ability to do a great job.

Forester Dietrich von Hamburg has done an excellent job and has earned his break.

We are working out the transition plans for the office, but expect to have it complete by Better War Through Archery.

Stay safe out there!

Cellach

Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom



Greetings, Midrealm!

Thank you to all of the regional and group exchequers' efforts to complete the Domesdays in a timely manner!

Per Society, effective April 1, 2024, the NMR is \$10. All PayPal preregistration invoices for events occurring after April 1st will reflect that rate. The rate is not dependent on when paid, but rather when the event occurs.

Please check out the job postings on the Midrealm website. Many regionals/deputies stayed on beyond their 2 years due to the pandemic. As of the writing of this letter Deputies for Education, Midlands, North Oaken, and Pentamere are available. Send your SCA and mundane resumes along with a letter of intent to me by March 31, 2024.

A project to update the Exchequer information on the Midrealm website is underway and most should be completed by the time you are reading this.

Yours in service,

Meisterin Appolonia von Wurttemberg, OP

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Exchequer of the Middle Kingdom





Greetings, Midrealm!

Spring and summer event season is rapidly approaching! We are already very busy currently in late winter!

I would like to take a moment to thank Lord Edborough Kellie for his service as Opinicus Herald (submission notification) and welcome Armiger Ragna stórráða Úlfsdóttir as the incoming deputy!

I would also like to recognize Baron Rory mac Feidhlimidh, OP, for his service as Protocol Herald. He has been a resource for many years and his service to the Kingdom is greatly appreciated.

In the not-so-distant future we have Coronation and Crown Tournament. These are events that have the opportunity to express the pageantry of what we do in the SCA. Assisting heralds are always welcome and needed to help the Crown make these events special. If you are interested in helping at Courts or in the combat lists, please contact the Herald-in-Charge at the event or let the Pale Herald (paleherald@midrealm.org) know and you will be added to a list of heralds to be notified of upcoming events that need assistants.

In the near future, the Crown and Heirs will need help at several events and the rapidly approaching Gulf Wars. Again, please contact the Pale Herald and let that office know you are available.

My office will be seeking a person to step into the office of Meadows Herald. This office helps recruit and organize voice heralds for combat lists. This is not limited to Crown Tournament. The person who assumes this office may be asked to help get the word out to the heraldic community to assist local events who wish to display pageantry and have combatant introductions for tournaments. This does not mean you need to travel to every event, but help spread the word that event stewards or marshals are seeking help. You should be present at Crown Tournament to oversee the management of heralds between the List table and the combat lists.

I am working on the list of heralds who have reported to create my list to submit for warranting. As soon as this list is done and approved for warrant, I will be posting the list.

Keep your voices strong and practice your projection, keep your nibs clean and flowing, and keep helping people develop persona names! You all ROCK!

Kindest regards,

Baron Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon

**Dragon Herald** 



Office of the Kingdom Seneschal Charter Compliance Deputy

# Office of the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

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**Office of the Dragon Herald** North Oaken Regional Signet Meadows Herald

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

# Arts & Articles

## **Crafting Medieval Portraits at SCA Events with a Simple Set-Up**

by Ceadda of Fox Hall (Chad White), Barony of the Flame

In our Society, we often seek to immerse ourselves in the rich tapestry of medieval and Renaissance history. Many of us spent hours upon hours painstakingly researching our clothing, armor, and accessories, not to mention the money, love, and labor in recreating that perfect look. But when you go to capture those moments, the rewards of all that hard work, what you DON'T want to see is the 1970s Civic Center your event is being held at as the backdrop for the perfect portrait. And I don't even want to mention the fluorescent lighting. I know that is what first drove me to create a simple portrait studio for our main Baronial event, Christmas Tourney. I had no training in photography or lighting and just an idea of



An early portrait of Duke Cameron and Duchess Amalie.

what I'd like to see. I think I've gotten the hang of it now, so I thought I'd share my thoughts with you.

This article aims to guide individuals interested in photography at SCA events on how to set up a simple yet effective portrait studio. By combining a few essential elements and incorporating historical props, we can create compelling visual narratives of our fellow participants.

Equipment: To create a portable portrait studio at an SCA event, you will need the following equipment:

- Backdrop: A simple colored backdrop, preferably in earthy or muted tones, to eliminate distractions and evoke a historical ambiance. (I'd avoid a black backdrop as many people wear black and their garb will disappear, making them a floating head.)
- Lighting: Employ one large key light to illuminate the subject effectively. Ensure that the light is
  positioned strategically to achieve the desired effect. Affordably bought, this simple lighting setup,
  with the key light set forward and the side of your subject, can create that essential Rembrandt
  lighting we all love. Additionally, a small hair light mounted high and behind your subject will help
  separate them from the backdrop. I use a very cheap clip-on reading lamp with a white shade.
- Reflector: A simple reflector can be used to bounce light onto the subject's face, softening shadows and enhancing the overall quality of the image.
- Camera: Use a high-quality camera with adjustable settings to capture sharp, well-exposed images. Although, with the advances in mobile phone cameras, they can be a great starting point before you invest hundreds in a "real" camera.
- Props: Incorporate historical props such as medieval chairs, swords, food, and other props to add authenticity and context to your portraits. Look at medieval art for inspiration.

<u>Building Rapport</u>: It is essential to establish a connection with your subjects, many of whom may not be comfortable in front of the camera. Remember, not everyone is a professional model, and some may be as camera-shy as a troll under a bridge. Engage in friendly conversation, ask them to share what it is about the SCA or medieval history they love or would like to showcase, and try to make them feel at ease. Assure them that you'd never post images you take that they wouldn't approve of or that you wouldn't want to be posted of yourself.

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## **Crafting Medieval Portraits- continued**

<u>Photographic Style</u>: Let's talk style. Many people are uncomfortable in front of the camera and will look to you for direction on how to pose themselves. You can go classic with simple portrait poses, like the ones you see in prom photos or Glamor Shots. Or you can channel your inner artist and draw inspiration from medieval, Renaissance, or historical fiction and fantasy art. Emulate the styles and compositions that resonate with the era you wish to evoke. Pinterest is a great source for curating inspiration. Don't be afraid to have fun with it and take as many photos in as many poses as you'd like to get the right ones. The best images tell a story.

<u>Post-Production</u>: After capturing your portraits, the final step is postproduction. Utilize editing software like Adobe Lightroom to enhance and refine your images. Adjust exposure, contrast, color balance, and sharpness to achieve the desired visual effect. Eventually, you can create your own unique style.

If all of that seems too much, try starting out by setting up a "Selfie-Spot" at your event. Just the backdrop alone set up with a sign and



A recent portrait of Her Highness Neassa after 10 years of learning.

you'll see your fellow SCAdians flocking over with their cellphones to take pics of each other.

Creating a portable portrait studio at SCA events is a rewarding endeavor for those passionate about both history and photography. By employing basic essential equipment, building rapport with your subjects, and drawing inspiration from historical sources, you can capture captivating images that tell the stories of individuals in the SCA community.



Pentamere Regional MoAS and Midlands Regional MoAS

The position of Pentamere Regional MoAS will be open as of summer 2024 and the position of Midlands Regional MoAS office will be open as of late spring 2024. Those interested in the positions should send their SCA resume to kmoas@midrealm.org and to the email of the appropriate regional officer by March 15, 2024 (pentamere.moas@midrealm.org or midlands.moas@midrealm.org).

The Pentamere and Midlands Regional Ministers of Arts and Sciences shall have the responsibility for the encouragement and organization of the study and practice of all Arts and Sciences within the their respective Region of the Middle Kingdom. They will review reports from the local and baronial Ministers of Arts and Sciences in their region. They will provide training and be resources of information to the populace, local and baronial MoASs in their region. They will need to be able to travel and attend events in their region. They are encouraged to attend Kingdom A&S events as well and act as volunteers. They will need to attend video conference meetings with KMoAS and other regional officers up to once a month.

Ideal candidates should have the following:

- A strong knowledge base of the Kingdom and Society rules pertaining to the Arts and Sciences.
- Be active participants in Arts and Sciences.
- Be a paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism.
- Be able to work well with others.
- Have strong written and spoken communication skills.
- Have reliable access to the internet and a computer.
- Have basic knowledge of using Google's suite of tools (Gmail, Docs, Sheets, etc)
- Be able to keep organized and accurate records.



Currently approximately 8000 people around the Knowne World actively participate in target archery, combat archery, siege weapons, thrown weapons and equestrian martial activities. While no ultimate decision has yet been made the Board believes that a proposal of a path to peerage for these individuals is worthy of deep consideration.

Having received advice from the Peerage Committee, Directors have discussed the matter and following some minor amendments to language which align the proposed draft of Corpora wording to the existing patent orders, the Board feels that the proposal has matured to the point where commentary on the proposed Corpora wording from members is requested. This commentary will assist the Board in forming further decisions relevant to its consideration of this matter.

The draft Corpora language approved for commentary is:

#### VIII.A.4:

#### e. The Order of <Name>

(i) Members of the Order of <Name> may choose to swear fealty but are not required to do so. The candidate must have attained the standard of excellence in skill and/or knowledge equal to that of their prospective peers in a pre-17th century martial pursuit as practiced in the SCA, including, and limited to, target archery, combat archery, thrown weapons, equestrian activities, and siege engineers. The candidate must have applied this skill and/or knowledge for the instruction of members and service to the kingdom to an extent above and beyond that normally expected of members of the Society.

(ii) The duties of the members of the order are as follows:

- (a) To set an example of courtesy and chivalrous conduct on and off the field of honor.
- (b) To respect the Crown of the kingdom; to support and uphold the laws of the kingdom and Corpora.
- (c) If in fealty, to support and uphold the Crown of their kingdom.
- (d) To enrich the kingdom by sharing their knowledge and skills.
- (e) To enhance the renown and defend the honor of the peer's Lady or Lord.
- (f) To advise the Crown on the advancement of candidates for the Order of <Name>.

#### (other sections re-numbered as needed)

Knowing exactly what the people who work, study, and play in the Society want a potential new peerage to achieve and do will be key to moving forward in this discussion. The Board welcomes any additional context that people feel may be of use to the discussion.

We are looking for your feedback – as you begin to type up your comments please feel free to include your thoughts on the following questions:

- Does this language fill the gap I personally feel exists in the paths to peerage, why or why not?
- What is my ideal vision of a new peerage and its members? What virtue will they embody?

EDIT: If you are a financial member of the SCA, please include the relevant information.

The expertise of our community is invaluable, and these responses will contribute significantly to an outcome that positions our Society to meet its goals and future opportunities.

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety here: https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/ govdocs/.

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title "Omnibus Peerage Proposal" in the subject line. NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. RE: Omnibus Peerage Proposal P.O. Box 611928 San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, must be received by the Board no later than April 2, 2024.

From the SCA Board of Directors

https://www.sca.org/news/membership-fee-increase-effective-february-15-2024/

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.) is announcing an increase in membership fees and non-member registration fees for events.

This decision comes after careful consideration and extensive discussion among the Board of Directors, office staff, and Corporate officers. The effects of inflation across all sectors of operation, as well as other factors impacting the organization's operational costs, including insurance premiums, legal expenses, and general business expenses, necessitated a comprehensive review of membership rates.

Annual membership fees have not been adjusted in over a dozen years, and non-member registration fees have not increased in over 15 years.

In response to the evolving financial environment, the organization streamlined operations during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and significantly reduced corporate expenditures. The relocation of the office to San Jose, CA resulted in an annual savings of over \$35,000, and upgrades to software and CRM systems have netted a further savings of over \$100,000 annually. While membership numbers have rebounded post-pandemic, operational costs continue to rise.

SCA, Inc. Corporate is solely funded by membership fees, including the Non-Member Registration fee, and does not currently seek operational funds from its Kingdoms or subsidiary organizations, including those overseeing Pennsic and Gulf Wars.

At the January 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved the following changes, effective Feb. 15, 2024:

Raise the Sustaining membership price from \$45 a year to \$55 a year (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Associate membership price from \$30 to \$40 a year. (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Family membership price from \$10 a year to \$15 a year, per person. (This represents an \$0.42 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

No changes to Canadian or International memberships have been announced at this time.

Note: this change will take effect for all renewal transactions processed on or after February 15, 2024. Renewal transactions prior to that date will be processed at the previous rate, regardless of membership expiration date.

The Board also approved the following changes to Non-Member Registration fees, effective April 1, 2024:

• Raise the Non-Member Registration Fee from \$5 to \$10 per event. As always, this only applies whenever there is an actual event fee charged.

Both Sustaining and International Membership allow subscriptions to printed publications, as well as the ability to add Family memberships.

It should be noted that these increases remain less than the cumulative U.S. inflation increase of 36.5% which has occurred since 2011. (Data calculated using the US Inflation Calculator).

SCA, Inc. emphasizes its commitment to transparency and sustaining a vibrant community. These fee adjustments aim to ensure the organization's fiscal health, support ambitious initiatives in 2024 and beyond, and keep the Knowne World thriving and dreaming for years to come.

For more information, please contact John Fulton at president@sca.org.

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to: SCA Inc. P.O. Box 611928 San Jose, CA. 95161

You may also email: SCA-comments@sca.org.

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Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Ayreton 12th Night in the Barony of Ayreton, on 6 January 2024 (AS 58). Heralds: Alzbeta Michalik, Markéta z Prahy Court signet: Wilhelm Michalik

**Award of Arms:** Kirk of Ayreton, Elrick Wildy, Magnus White-Hair, Susannah of Tree-Girt-Sea, Herakleia, Candy, Astra Korinthia **Order of the Cavendish Knot:** Apollonia von Berlichingen **Award of the Purple Fret:** Elizabeth of Roxbury Mill **Order of the Willow:** Clara van den Broucke **Order of the Dragon's Heart:** Jalida al-Hasanah, Markéta z Prahy

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Festival of Maidens 49 in Caer Gwynn, on 27 January 2024 (AS 58). Heralds: Andreas Blacwode, Siobhán an Einigh, Choi Min. Court signet: Corasande of Starhill

Order of the Dragon's Barb: John Inchingham Order of the Cavendish Knot: Wren of Caer Gywnn Award of the Purple Fret: Wilhelm Michalik, Suzanah Merrybegot, Immanuel von Brandenburg Order of the Willow: Maedhbh NÍ Manainn, Order of the Greenwood Company: Chey Wolf The Amazon Order of the Bronze Ring: Andries Von Voorburg, Sigmund Grimborgh Order of the Dragon's Heart: Keaton Caitdroven KSCA: Victor loc Sant de Dormit

# Middle Kingdom Event Calendar

Event	Date	Location	
March 2024			
Courting on the River	2	Shire of Dark River; 1201 13th Street, Moline IL 61265	
Winter War Maneuvers	2	Canton of Pferdestadt; 220 E. Fairground St, Marion OH 43302	
Terpsichore 27	16	Barony of Cynnabar; 1500 Scio-Church Rd., Ann Arbor, MI	
Better War Through Archery	23	Barony of Sternfeld; 1900 E Main St., Danville IN 46122	
Pale Deadline for May (Ads)	25		
April 2024			
Inkin' & Drinkin' in Lincoln	6	Barony of Illiton and Canton of Lochmorrow; 710 E Main St, La Harpe, IL 61450	
Cleftlands Standard Bearers Tourney	13	Barony of the Cleftlands; 351 260th Street, Euclid OH 44132	
Crystal Chamfron	19-21	Barony of Shattered Crystal; Wood River Camp DuBois; N. Main St, Wood River IL 62095	
Pale Deadline for June (Ads)	25		
Grand Tournament of the Dragon	27	Canton of Hawkes Keye and the Barony of Flaming Gryphon; Butler County Fairgrounds (address TBD)	
Awakenings 35	27	Midlands (host group TBD); 107 N. West St., McLean IL 61754	
May 2024			
Spring Coronation	4	Barony of Brendoken; 305 Wertz Ave NW, Canton OH 44708	
Mugmort Melees XVII	10-12	Shire of Mugmort; 4351 Lancaster Rd, Granville OH 43023	
Three Saints and the Baronies Strike Back	11	Barony of Rivenstar; 1406 Teal Rd, Lafayette IN	
Norborough Faire	17-19	Marche of Norborough; 2252 Troy Urbana Rd, Troy OH 45373	
Constellation Academy of Defense & Dance Sympositum	17-19	Shire of Mynydd Seren; McCormick's Creek State Park	
Fletchings of Spring VII	18	Barony of the Cleftlands; 11755 Kinsman Rd, Newbury OH 44065	
Spring Crown Tournament	25-26	Canton of the Marche of the Marshes; 1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay OH 45840	
Pale Deadline for July (Ads)	25		

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

## Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

April 2024 Events - February 25th May 2024 Events - March 25th June 2024 Events - April 25th July 2024 Events - May 25th August 2024 Events - June 25th September 2024 Events - July 25th

### Event Preview:

## Grand Tournament of the Dragon

Hosted by the Canton of Hawkes Keye in the Barony of Flaming Gryphon April 27th from 9 a.m. till 10 p,m. Held at the Butler County Fairgrounds 1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton, OH 45011 Event Steward: Master Edward Foxley jasonbutsch3@gmail.com

## Winter War Maneuvers

Hosted by the Canton of Pferdestadt

Saturday March 2, 2024 9am-7pm

Marion County Fairgrounds 220 E Fairground St, Marion, OH 43302

> GATE FEE: Adult fee \$15 Adult member fee \$10 under 18 free Feast of Italian Pies: \$5

Event Steward: Duke Edmund of Hertford (mka Don Strubler) donstrubler@yahoo.com

https://pferdestadt.midrealm.org/winterwar-maneuvers-23/ The Shire of Dark River invites you to: Courting on the River!

March 2, 2024

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+): \$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/

## Barony of Cynnabar Terpsichore XXVII

March 16, 2024 9am - 9pm

Dance Classes All Day Evening Ball and Revel

Westminster Presbyterian Church 1500 Scio-Church Rd., Ann Arbor, MI

> Adult Fee - \$20 Adult member-discount - \$15 Children under 18 - *Free* Family Cap - \$30

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

www.cynnabar.org/terpsichore





 WHEN: Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Gate opens at 8am
 WHERE: Barony of Sternfeld Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds 1900 East Main St., Danville, IN 46122

COST: \$20 Adults (\$15 for Members) & \$5 for those 17 and younger

Archery \* Thrown Weapons (weather permitting) \* Feast

Event Steward: Ellbríg ingen Eoaín (Patricia Boelte) pboelte1@gmail.com \* (317) 403-4209

Visit <u>https://sternfeld.midrealm.org/bwta/</u> for more information!

The Barony of the Cleftlands proudly announces that their next annual **Standard Bearers Tourney** will take place on April 13, 2024, at Sa Pohert and William Parish School

Ss Robert and William Parish School 351 260th Street, in Euclid, Ohio

Gate will officially open at 9:30 a.m. Gate fee will be \$8 for adults. Children 17 and under are free.

There shall be fencing, armored fighting and, concurrently, a **Regional A&S Faire**. A free Lunch will be available. There will be Court and Feast in the evening.

For further information, please contact Lord Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari rsmandel@breezelineohio.net Or visit our webpage at https://events.cleftlands.org/standardbearers/



The Tournament of Defense of

Wigethgn and Naessa

Hosted By: Barony of Shadowed Stars

April 13th, 2024 Site Opens: 8:00 AM

Etna Troy Community Center 4905 N 550 W, Columbia City, IN 46725

Event Registration – \$25.00 / Adult SCA Member -Registration – \$15.00

Event Steward: Warder Andries von Voorburg / Andrew Malloy 810-610-6812 ajpmalloy@gmail.com

https://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/



The Barony of Shattered Crystal invites you to

# **Crystal Chamfron**

April 19-20-21 Location: Camp Dubois N. Main St. Wood River IL, 62095

#### Gate Registration

Adult Member - \$20, Adult, Feast - \$20 Kids 11-17 \$10, 11 and Under – Free, Feast - \$5 no camping fees, Bunk Rental \$10 Discounts for Pre-Reg

Their excellencies of Shattered Crystal invite you for a weekend of Fighting, Arts, and fun!

Site opens at 4 PM on Friday and closes at noon on Sunday.

For more information: https://shatteredcrystal.midrealm.org/crystal-chamfron Steward- Brock Nash (Adam LeTang) 406-748-6515 Shatteredcrystal.springsteward@midrealm.org

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.

January 28, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual April 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative) July 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative) October 20, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE: TBA

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Middle Kingdom Anniversaries

by Forester Cadfan of the Autumn Wood, Middle Kingdom Historian

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

<u>30 Year Anniversary</u> Sir Osmundus Thorkelsson, Order of the Chivalry - February 26, 1994

#### 15 Year Anniversary

Duchess Arabella Silvermane, Order of the Pelican - February 14, 2009 Sir Donas McNair, Order of the Chivalry - February 14, 2009 Baroness Melisande de Canonwald, Order of the Pelican - February 21, 2009

#### <u>10 Year Anniversary</u>

Master Maximilian der Zauberer, Order of the Pelican - February 15, 2014 Mistress Radegund of Lutra, Order of the Pelican - February 15, 2014