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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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To the Populace of The Middle Kingdom,

We, King Wigthegn and Queen Neassa, send greetings. This month was Our greatest Pilgrimage to Gulf Wars in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. We would like to thank those who made the journey with Us as well as those who stayed in Our Great Kingdom to keep the home fires alive. Traveling to other great Kingdoms in the Known World is truly an amazing benefit in being involved in the Society. It is a chance to make friends and enrich one's knowledge. Yet, We always enjoy coming home to Our beloved Midrealm.

There are many great events leading into the spring months. The winds will soon start to blow warmer air into all corners of the Kingdom. We will start participating in more outdoor activities such as melees and archery, as well as some camping events. We look forward to attending a few of these events.

Ever forward.

Wigthean & Neassa

Rex et Regina Mediae Regnum



An inspiring day camp at Val Day 2024. Photograph by: The Honorable Lady Leandra Corzi (Mandi Oliver).





Earl Marshal

Greetings,

Lots of announcements this month. The biggest announcement is that it is time for me to start looking for my successor. I will be accepting applications through April 14. Afterwards I will conduct interviews and present my selection to Curia for approval. I expect to have my successor selected in time for them to shadow me at Spring Crown and at this summer's Pennsic. Some of the duties of the office include overseeing all of the martial disciplines for the Kingdom, serving on Curia, running Crown Tournaments, and being on the Pennsic marshal staff (in 2025 it will be the Midrealm's turn to be Marshal in Charge of Pennsic). If you are interested send an email along with your resume to marshal@midrealm.org.

We are now allowing folks that are not authorized to start the Marshal-In-Training process and to become warranted marshals in armored combat (including siege and combat archery), rapier combat, and equestrian. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this opportunity needs to first talk with the Earl Marshal or the Deputy Earl Marshal for the activity. We'll have a conversation about the candidate's knowledge of armored combat and its culture. We have had several people go through the process and have been pleased with the results.

To apply to be an Marshal-In-Training (MIT) use this form: https://forms.gle/3EXJcvNxBZsALgTTA

We have released a minor revision to the Armored Combat Handbook for the Midrealm. The new Armored Combat Handbook can be found at: https://drive.google. com/file/d/1EbBnqPxbaPmQhhheEhuELzG1m-U13_1F/view?usp=sharing

Over the past several years we have had many changes to the Armored Combat handbook. As such, we are requiring all warranted armored combat marshals to attend a marshal refresher course and to take an abbreviated version of the Armored Combat Marshal Exam. The class should take about an hour and the test will be online. We are requiring this to be complete by July 21, 2024 (the Sunday before the start of Pennsic).

We have also released a minor revision to the Rapier Combat Handbook.

The latest edition of the Rapier Combat Handbook can be found at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_6lxrb1Zi Z6wIAx3kKG8gGMnPQ0tfvYd/view?usp=sharing

With last month's new edition of the handbook, along with this minor revision, we are requiring all warranted rapier marshals to read a short summary of the changes and to take a short quiz on the material (10 questions including the questions about your name and email address). All rapier marshals need to complete the short quiz to remain a warranted marshal. The due date is May 1.

Be safe out there.

Cellach

Earl Marshal of the Middle Kingdom



Hello!

It seems that spring is attempting to make its mark early this year! We have seen some wonderful warmth and sunshine that is driving away the memories of winter's cold, dark days.

Last month a grand Tournament of the Arts was held in Winged Hills. And the next ToA has been announced, to be held in September, in Swordcliff, at Baroness Wars!

Also, Kingdom A&S will be here soon! Have you started working on a project for it? Will you be volunteering to judge? I am looking forward to seeing all the wonderful entries and entrants!

Thank you!

Maîtresse Audette la Tricoteuse de Saint Denís

Minister of Arts & Sciences of the Middle Kingdom



Chronicler

Warmest spring greetings to the populace of the Middle Kingdom,

I wanted to use this opportunity to remind you all to take a look at your local newsletters. They are a wealth of information about the people in your group and activities going on in your area. Baronial newsletters are published quarterly. New issues should be available very soon. Baronial newsletters are produced by every group and are most often accessed through mailing lists or the local barony website. If you have trouble locating a copy of your local newsletter please reach out to your Chronicler. I'm sure they would be very happy to direct you to the most recent issue.

Additionally, please consider sending content for your local newsletter. This content could be photography, drawings or illumination, an article, or even a recipe. Our Chroniclers are always looking for new content and very happy to have your submission. Don't forget to make their job even easier by sending a completed release form. I look forward to reading newsletters from across the kingdom every quarter and cannot wait to see what you create.

Yours in service,

Baroness Sadb ingen Neill

Chronicler of the Middle Kingdom



DEPUTY WANTED

Do you love working with words? Have an eye for errors? Or maybe you're just intrigued to investigate the inner workings of the Kingdom newsletter? Grab your red pen and read on!

The Pale is looking for a deputy editor to assist the editor on an as-needed (or as-wanted) basis. The deputy editor would learn how to produce The Pale in order to serve as a backup to the editor. In addition, they would review the publication each month, and could make other contributions as desired (such as submitting content for the issues). The position would not necessarily step up to become the editor full time when the current editor steps down - but it could happen!

Skills requested:

- Excellent written communications skills
- Some knowledge of Adobe InDesign
- Regular access to email
- Ability to set aside about 5 hours per month (more if taking over to produce that month's issue)

Send your questions or intentions to Lady Claricia de la Mere at thepale@midrealm.org by April 15.

Thank you!

Clarícía



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

Historical Happenings

- <u>8 April 563</u> Gautama Buddha, founder of Buddhism, is born.
- <u>11 April 1077</u> Anawrahta, legendary founder of the Pagan Empire (modern Burma), dies, although accounts on the manner of his death range from assassins to demons. His body was not found.
- <u>15 April 1395</u> Timur defeats the Golden Horde at the Battle of the Terek River, marking the khanate's permanent military decline.
- <u>21 April 753</u> Birth date of Mumtaz Mahal, the empress consort of the Mughal Empire the Taj Mahal was later built for her tomb.
- <u>26 April 1564</u> William Shakespeare, English playwright, is baptized. His date of birth is unknown.



Greetings Mighty Midrealm!

Spring is mostly upon us! Still some variances in the weather, but progressively getting warmer! And we know what warmer weather means... more OUTDOOR events! Opportunities for heralds to practice their voices by helping at tournament list fields calling combatants to arm, prepare, and enter the lists! Especially for the upcoming Spring Crown Tournament to be held in the Canton of the Marche of the Marshes (North Oaken).

Part of the job of a warranted herald is to file reports.

Local and At-Large Mar 31 (Q1), Jun 30 (Q2), Sep 30 (Q3), Dec 31 (Q4/Domesday)

Go to the Dragon Herald page on the Midrealm website and click the "Submit Your Report Here" link.

It has been a busy time for my office so far this year! I have had three officers changeover, with two more coming up soon!

I would like to express my thanks to the following deputies who have served their Kingdom and the populace.

- Master Alan FairFax has served as the Buckler Herald (heraldic education) deputy. He requested to step down last December. His successor is Noble Edward the Stranger. Nobel Edward brings a fresh look at heraldic education to the office.
- Master Dmitrii Zihrov has served well and loyally as Pale Herald (Court herald wrangler extraordinaire) for the last few years. His patience and council have been a great help to me in my office as Dragon. His successor is Master Milesent Vibert, OL. Master Milesent is well organized, has served as Regional Signet for North Oaken, and has been Chamberlain to at least one reign.

Please join me in welcoming these individuals into their offices!

I have received notification from Lady Markéta z Prahy that she would like to step down as Escutcheon Herald (Internal submissions). This office works with heralds and populace members who wish to submit their names and/ or heraldic devices. This office collects the submission forms, any fees as necessary, and assists in answering questions about submission status. If you are interested, please reach out to myself or Lady Markéta via the email addresses listed on the Dragon Herald web pages.

Also, I am seeking individuals who would be interested in the office of Meadows Herald (List herald deputy - arranging heralds to help at tournament lists -- Crown or local events).

I am also seeking a person to fill the office of Thuban Herald (Services the Deaf and Hard of Hearing). This deputy will work under the Dragon Herald, but will be supporting the DEI office as well. As such, individuals interested need to contact **BOTH** Dragon and DEI offices.

I also see that South Oaken Atheon Herald (Acanthus Pursuivant) is in need of a person to take that office. If you are in the South Oaken Region and are interested in this office, please let my office know with a letter of interest. This is primarily an administrative office, but the person who fills it will need to be a warranted herald, submit reports, and may be needed to step up in an emergency to fill in as Herald-in-Charge at an event; if no one else can be found to do so.

Heralds - Keep your voices hydrated, practice name pronunciation, and practice reading and creating blazons! Scribes - Keep up the awesome work! May your nibs flow clearly, your colors be brilliant, and your source material be voluminous.

Kindest regards,

Baron Gilebert le braceeur de Dijon

Dragon Herald



Don't Forget to Advertise Your Group Event!

by Baroness Sadb ingen Neill

You have decided to host an event for your local group. There are many things to do to get ready for the big day. Have you considered the advertising? Providing information in ways that are easy for potential guests to find is one way to help ensure that you have a successful and well-attended event. Additionally, if your group is hosting Royalty there are some basic requirements necessary to hold court.

Social media has become an important way that SCA information is transmitted to the populace. Often groups will designate someone to make a Facebook event. It is a good way to reach potential event guests. However, this approach limits the pool of people with information about your event to individuals on social media. There are plenty of people of all ages who have decided not to participate in Facebook or other platforms. A social medica presence probably should not be required for active in person SCA participation. Additionally, the algorithm does not provide information in a way that is easily found. Often people will not see your posts or invites until well after the event page is created. Additionally, the search function for finding information on social media can be cumbersome, making details difficult to find or locate when referencing for travel or activity times. Social media is a wonderful supplemental way of advertising events, but probably should not be the main hub for attendees seeking event information.

It is written in SCA Society law (Corpora; Section II: Events) that any Kingdom-level court that includes official business must have a full announcement (ad) published in advance in the appropriate corporate publication. For the Middle Kingdom, this is our newsletter, The Pale. Official business includes Crown Tournaments, Coronations and Baronial Investitures, appointment of Kingdom officers, presentation of Kingdom or Society awards and titles, proclamation of laws, and the establishment or advancement of branches. In the Middle Kingdom, events are expected to be posted on the Kingdom Calendar and in The Pale to be fully and officially announced.

This process is initiated by first having the event listed on the Kingdom calendar and then submitting an event notice to The Pale. In order to have your event listed on the Kingdom calendar, have a member of the event staff or the group Seneschal fill out the form found at https://midrealm.org/event-submission/. The group Seneschal should then contact the Calendar Secretary, Sir Hengist Hawardessune, at calendar@midrealm.org. The Kingdom Calendar Secretary will review the event and publish after the confirmation is complete. Having events posted to the Kingdom calendar should be started as soon as possible. Some events are posted to the Kingdom calendar six months or more in advance of the event.

The next step is sending your event notice to The Pale Editor for publication. The best way to do this is by email. Lady Claricia de la Mere's official email is thepale@midrealm.org. Because of Corporate publishing deadlines, Pale ads have to be sent in by the 25th of the month, two months before they will be printed. For instance, if you would like your event ad to be in the October issue of The Pale, you would send your advertisement by August 25th. Don't forget, you can always send the ad in early. The Pale Editor will run your ad multiple times if there is space in the issues. More free exposure!

When sending your event notice into the editor, there is some required information. All event notices must have the event name, sponsoring group name, the date of the event, hours which the event will occur, a site address, the cost for site registration, the event website URL, and contact information for the event steward which includes their name (SCA & modern), email address, and phone number.

Some groups try to hold out until their website is complete. It is much better to send the Event Notice well before the deadline than it is to wait until the last minute to add all the details to the website, miss the deadline, and potentially have the populace miss out on receiving their awards. I'm happy to report that Pale event notices are FREE for all groups hosting events in the Middle Kingdom. More information on formatting and templates can be found at https://library.midrealm.org/chronicler/the-pale/.

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Even if you are not hosting Royalty at your event. It can be a great idea to take advantage of the free advertising offered on the kingdom calendar and The Pale. While the process for submitting to the Kingdom calendar will be exactly the same for events with and without a Royal presence, the process of local events being published can be accomplished with an Event Notice or an Event Preview. Event previews are free in The Pale and available to all events in the Middle Kingdom. This listing is a less formal notice than the event notice and can be up to 50 words describing an event. The event preview listing must include the event name, the name of the sponsoring group, the event date, the site address, event times and the steward's contact information.

Similarly, it may be worthwhile to contact the Chroniclers in your area to ask them if they would publish your event notice in their area newsletter. Local newsletters are published anywhere from monthly to quarterly, so it may take some planning to have your event notice published in time. Most Chroniclers would be happy to have your event preview included in their publication as they are often looking for new content. Local Chroniclers can be found by checking the Barony, Canton or Shire's website, or through asking the Regional Chroniclers for contact information. Your Regional Chronicler's email can be found at https://midrealm.org/chronicler/.

The final, and very traditional way of advertising your event is to pass out flyers or make announcements of your upcoming event at another event in your region. This technique has been used since the Middle became a Kingdom. It can be a very impactful way to reach people who are not aware of the local and Kingdom publications or may have missed the announcements online. A member of your group can print out the event information and pass it out at the next event. Similarly, the Seneschal or event steward (or another designated person) could ask for permission to address the populace just preceding court or during the proceedings. It is important to note that this is best done with pre-planning and may not be available due to timing or other constraints.

Now that you have some ideas on how to advertise your event, utilize those that work best for your circumstances, scope of the event, and audience. It is better to have as much information available for attendees as you can as far in advance of the event as your local group can manage. More information about the event allows the populace to plan ahead and be ready to participate in all the activities that your local event has to offer. These are welcome and informative communications. Best wishes for a successful event.

Sanction Notice

On 24 February 2024, Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa, The Crown of the Middle Kingdom, issued a sanction of temporary removal of participation in the SCA against Catrina Kolesar known in the Society as Lady Aurora Catrina de Vie. This sanction was effective immediately.

Middle Kingdom Job Openings

Office of the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences Pentamere Regional MoAS Midlands Regional MoAS

Office of the Kingdom Exchequer Deputy for Education Midlands Regional Exchequer North Oaken Regional Exchequer Pentamere Regional Exchequer Office of the Kingdom Seneschal Charter Compliance Deputy

Office of the Dragon Herald North Oaken Regional Signet Meadows Herald

Escutcheon Herald Thuban Herald South Oaken Atheon Herald (Acanthus Pursuivant)

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



Late Court Reports

Court report for Virtual Royal Court of Their Majesties Felix and Madeleina on 7 September 2020 (AS 54). Seneschal: Nezkha Kiriana Petrova. Heralds: Æsa raudkinn Sigridarsdottir Order of the Greenwood Company: Yaacov Ben haRav Eliezer Order of the Dragon's Barb: Caryn of Cynnabar

Court report for Royal Court of His Majesty Wigthegn at Vikings Come Home in the Barony of Donnershafen on 30 September 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Baron Eamon McGowan; Court signet: Ulfrin Barefooted Award of Arms: Lucrezia Sabatina, Elijah Azad, Ravarg, Roy Taylor Order of the Willow: Drogo Greydere, Gyda Hrafnsdottir Order of the Dragon's Barb: Logan MacArtuir Order of the Silver Oak: Sadb ingen Neill

Addendum

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Rose Tourney in the Barony of the Flame on 4 November 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli; Court signet: Merwyn Order of the King's Chalice: Kjartan Eikbrandsson

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Louis and Sadb at Pfederstadt Rapier Classic in the Canton of Pferdestadt on 16 September 2023 (AS 58). Herald list: Magrat Catte; Court signet: Merwyn of the Ruin Order of the Bronze Ring: Adam Der Strom

New Court Reports

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at the Tournament of the Arts in the Barony of Flaming Gryphon on 3 February 2024 (AS 58). Allegra Ginevra Soave da Napoli, Alli of Dernehealde, Choi Min; Court signet: Brianne of Greenlea

Award of Arms: Myla GebhardtAward of the Purple Fret: Anna Rosina Kromphardt Von Bad Tennstedt, RaimundJuan Diaz, Victoria of High HarrogateOrder of the Willow: Sabine Belasaria, Rosamund Beauvisage; Order of theSilver Oak: Gotfried of House BohaterskyOrder of the Laurel: Marjorie de ffeyrefeldOrder of the Pelican: SerenaKimbalwyke

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Three Hills on 10 February 2024 (AS 58). Seneschal list: Sietz Kirbirch; Herald list: Jean Yves de Chierebourg,

Edward the Stranger; Court signet: Ulfrun the bareFooted

Order of the Dragon's Tooth: Maks PellisonAward of the Dragon's Treasure: Solstice Sigrunsdottir, Cailey LarsonAward of the Baton: Roksana VolkovaAward of Arms: Davina Arngeir, Edvard Godulfr, Alef von Talmberk, SophieDerrickOrder of the Willow: Vigfuss mjoksiglandiOrder of the Evergreen: Ingolf called FoxOrder of the BronzeRing: Patrick Von GruuthuseOrder of the Greenwood Company: Ívarr of AltenbergOrder of the Gold Mace: TitusCornelius Oceanus

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Masque of Courtly Love in the March of Alderford on 24 February 2024 (AS 58). Seneschal list: Warder Vladimir Grigorovich D'Ragoun; Herald list: Dirk Edward of Frisia, Dmitrii Zhirov, Katherine Coscombe and Milesent Vibert; Court signet: Valyia Abnikova Doch

Award of Arms: Robert the old, Larentz Krieger, Aallotar, Gryphon Smidr, Lauretta Dibardi, Slaine Bacaeir Order of the Silver Oak: Genovefa da Terranova Order of the Cavendish Knot: Eikbrandr Solgyafi, Farthegn Rinkson Order of the Red Company: Galum Talagach mucoi Drusten Order of the Willow: Avelina Faber Award of the Purple Fret: Edward of Thorn Award of the Doe's Grace: Chai'usun Order of the Greenwood Company: Dungan MacRogan

Court report for Royal Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Winter War Maneuvers in the Canton of Pferdestadt on 2 March 2024 (AS 58). Seneschal list: Albrecht Von Strassbourg; Herald list: Magrat Catte, Anna of the Western Hill, Gwyneth Banfhidhleir; Court signet: Chrysantheme des Pres

Award of Arms: Li of St. Brutus, Lucious Maximus, Nikolaus Geld, Magnus of Vito's MinionsAward of the Purple Fret:Xavier of Rams'eyAward of the Doe's Grace: Mirabai Sitt al-SirrOrder of the Red Company: Michael ColquhounOrder of the Gold Mace: Kollin RhosOrder of the Dragon's Heart: Malcolm of Blackheath, Babet Vitre de Dinan, RoseMarian of Edgewater

Court report for Field Court of Their Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa at Winter War Maneuvers in the Canton of Pferdestadt on 2 March 2024 (AS 58). Seneschal list: Albrecht Von Strassbourg; Herald list: Magrat Catte; Court signet: Chrysantheme des Pres Order of the Chivalry: Gaetting Ullrson



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

Event	Date	Location
A	pril 2024	
Inkin' & Drinkin' in Lincoln	6	Barony of Illiton and Canton of Lochmorrow; 710 E Main St, La Harpe, IL 61450
Tournament of Defense	13	Barony of Shadowed Stars; 4905 County Rd 550 W, Columbia City IN 46725
Pentamere Missile Weapons College	13-14	Barony of North Woods; 3500 10 Mile Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49341
Cleftlands Standard Bearers Tourney	13	Barony of the Cleftlands; 10303 Aurora-Hudson Road, Streetsboro, OH 44241
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	Shire of Baile na Scolairi; 107 N. West St., McLean IL 61754
N	lay 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 and Kingdom A&S	25-26	Canton of the Marche of the Marshes; 1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay OH 45840
Pale Deadline for July (Ads)	25	
Ju	une 2024	
May Day in Fenix	1	Barony of Fenix; Camp Michaels, 3486 Hathaway Rd, Union KY 41091
Black Swamp War Games	4	Canton of the Marche of the Marshes; 1017 E. Sandusky St, Findlay OH 45840
North Oaken War Maneuvers	8	Barony of the Cleftlands; 47890 Bursley Rd, Wellington OH 44090
Ragnarok Rampage: A Nod to the Norns	14-16	Host group tbd; 7883 S Lowell Park Rd, Dixon IL 61021
Baronial Border War	14-16	Host group tbd; Location tbd
Pentamere Academy of the Equestrian	21-23	Canton of Wealdlake; Black Dragon Farms, 401 W Grand River Ave, Howell MI 48843
Pale Deadline for August (Ads)	25	

Publication Deadlines for Event Ads in The Pale

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 October 2024 Events - August 25

Event Preview:

Known World Music and Dance Symposium

Hosted by the Barony of Sternfeld 4-7 July 2024 Held at the Hendrick County 4H Fairgrounds 1900 E. Main Street Danville, Indiana 46122 Event Steward: THL Colette the Seamstress & THL Meadhbh Ramsay https://www.kwds.org/index.php?kwds=14



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



Inkin' and Drinkin' in Lincoln

Hosted by the Barony of Illiton.

Dates: Site will be open April 5 at 6pm and will close April 7 at 12:00pm. Scheduled activities will occur April 6, 2024.

Site: The Annex, 710 E Main St, La Harpe, IL 61450.

Event Steward: Wilhelm Michalik (MKA Michael Mihallik) 309-531-8374 uberpessimist@gmail.com

Adult Registration (18+): \$25 Adult **Member Discount** Registration (18+): \$15 Youth Registration (13-17): \$5 Children Registration (0-12): Free

You may find information on classes, sign-ups for teachers, etc. on the event page located at https://illiton.midrealm.org/2024-inkin-in-lincoln/

The Barony of the Cleftlands proudly announces that their next annual

Standard Bearers Tourney will take place on April 13, 2024, at 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, \$18 for nonmembers. 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 a Regency 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 Barony of North Woods Presents **Pentamere Missile Weapons College** 2 Days! April 13-14, 2024 Target Archery, Combat Archery, Thrown Weapons & Siege Weapons Activities and classes for all ability levels! West Michigan Archery Center 3500 10 Mile Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49340 Dry Site. Sorry, no pets permitted. Event Registration - Adult Members \$15 for one day, \$25 for two days Adult Non-Members: \$25 for one day, \$35 for two days Youth (ages 5-17): \$7 per day Family Cap: \$45 for one day, \$65 for two days Day Camps and Free Overnight Camping Saturday night! Free night shoot and bardic entertainment Saturday Event Steward: Endlin von Baden MKA Elaine Mever Northwoods.Archery@midrealm.org/ 248-535-8094 Website - http://tinyurl.com/PMWC2024 Site opens 8am Sat and closes 5:30pm Sun

From the east or west, take I-96 to US-131 north (exit 31) towards Big Rapids/Cadillac. Take exit 97 for 10 Mile Rd toward Rockford. Turn right onto 10 Mile Rd, Turn right on Wolven Ave NE. Entrance is on the left.

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



Grand Tournament of the Dragon April 27, 2024 9am-11pm

Sponsored by the Canton of Hawkes Keye and the Barony of Flaming Gryphon

> Location: Butler County Fairgrounds 1715 Fairgrove Ave. Hamilton, OH 45011

https://dubhcailleach.wixsite.com/grandtournament

Site fees: Adults: \$25. Adult members: \$15. Children 6-12: \$10. Under 5: Free.

Event Steward: Master Edward Foxley (Jason Butsch) jasonbutsch3@gmail.com 513-892-4285 (No calls after 9pm Eastern, please)

The Shire of Baile na Scolairi presents: The Awakening XXXV

To the egg-streme

Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Mt. Hope Funks Grove Park District, 107 N. West St., McLean IL, 61754

Join us for a day of egg hunts for armored & rapier combatants, contest for "Best Egg in any Medium," A&S artisan's row, thrown weapons, classes, may pole dance, and other activities (rumors of a large pink bunny wreaking havoc can neither be confirmed nor denied).

Site Fee: \$25 per person/\$15 for members/\$5 for children (ages 6-17). There will be NO FEAST. In place of the evening feast, a FREE dayboard from noon until 2:00 pm will be provided (additional items for the dayboard are welcome and encouraged).

https://sites.google.com/view/theawakening2024

Mistress Angelique d'Herisson (Renee LeVeque), 9322 Polaris Dr., Bloomington, IL. 61705, 309-829-2474, autocrat@scolairi.org, no calls after 10 p.m. please.

SPRING CORONATION MAY 3-5, 2<mark>024 5pm, Friday – 11</mark>am Sunday

Held in the Barony of Brendoken Stark County Fairgrounds 305 Wertz Avenue, Canton, OH 44708 Springcoronation2024.weebly.com

Adult Day Member Discount Registration: \$15 Adult Day Registration: \$25 Youth (6-17) Day Registration: \$8 Child (5 and under) Day Registration: Free Family Cap Discount Registration: \$40 - member discount, \$60 non-member families Feast Adults, and 12 and older: \$15 Feast 11 and under \$8 Day board: \$8 Merchants: No Additional Fee Camping: RV \$50/space, Tent camping \$15/space *No Open Flames (Bonfires)*No RV Dumping on site* Send Pre-Reg to Baron Hugh the Silent (Hugh Storms) 1334 College St SE, North Canton, OH 44720

Autocrat: Lady Genovefa da Terranova (Holly Taylor), Hollolly@yahoo.com 330-575-5917 Co-Autocrat: Baintighearn Deirdre MakKyneth (Erin Raper), deirdremakkyneth@gmail.com 330-949-9193

The Barony of Rivenstar invites you to

Three Saints & The Baronies Strike Back

May 11th, 2024

Located at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds: 1406 Teal Rd, Lafayette, IN 47905

Site open 8 am to 9 pm. Lunch Tavern (\$7) No Feast. Site is Dry, newly renovated indoor facilities, handicap accessible, close proximity to restaurants

Preregistration: Adults: \$27; At the gate: \$30; Adult Member Discount: \$10; Child (17 and under): Free

Activities: Heavy Armor & Fencing Tournaments, A&S, Children's Activities, War Point Competition

Autocrat: Enkara of Rivenstar (Ann Delchambre) (765) 543-1881, email: enkara.ronee@gmail.com

Reservations: Françoise Katze (Ann Nordmeyer-Longcor) Make checks payable to "SCA Inc. - Barony of Rivenstar" Address: 4955 State Road 26 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906, email: ldyfrancoise@netzero.net

Merchants: No fee, indoor space available

See our website: rivenstar.midrealm.org

May Day in Fenix

Hosted by Barony of Fenix

Saturday, June 1, 2024 9am – 8pm

Camp Michaels 3486 Hathaway Rd, Union, KY 41091

Adult registration (18+) - \$20 Adults w/ Member Discount - \$15 Child (7-17) - \$5 Family Cap - \$40

Activities include: Armored and Rapier Combat, Archery, & More!

https://fenix.midrealm.org/baronial-calendar/may-day/

Event Stewards: THL Reinhold von Glier (David Glier) david@goetta.com THL Lynne Fairchild (Amy Glier) lynnaea_fairchild@yahoo.com The site is bone dry.

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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LIVE, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE NECESSARY TRAVEL. ALL MEETING DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE.

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: Monday 25 March, 2024

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Islamic bookbinding display by THL Melike bint Nikola at Val Day. Photo by The Honorable Lady Leandra Corzi (Mandi Oliver).