

December 2011 Vigil

From our Seneschal

Greetings, all!

May the Yule season find you well and enjoying the warmth of a fire shared by good friends.

Baron Lamorak and Baroness Isabeau announced Their intention to complete Their term as Baron and Baroness Middle Marches following Pennsic next year. The tentative date for the transition is October 6, 2012 at Red Dragon. Please join me in thanking Their Excellencies for Their dedicated service to the Barony, Kingdom and Society.

I've contacted the Middle Kingdom Baronial Transitions officer, Baron Gareth, and should have an announcement for candidates out to the Barony by January 1, 2012. There are a few details to work out with Baron Gareth prior to making a general announcement to the populace for candidates.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Twelfth Night in the Middle Marches on Saturday, January 28, 2012. This is a free event sponsored by the Marche of Tirnewydd in Columbus, Ohio. Plan for a fun day with classes, Baronial Court and a potluck feast. Check the event web site at http://midrealm.org/scacolumbus/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=84 for details. The location is St. John Chrysostom Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH 43231. This is the same site as Tirnewydd Spring Faire.

Finally, there will be some Baronial officer positions opening soon. Look for an announcement in mid to late December.

Please feel free to contact me at <gunnar242 AT yahoo DOT com> if you have any questions or concerns about the Barony of Middle Marches. I look forward to seeing you at Twelfth Night!

In service,

THL Gunnar Sigurdsson
Seneschal, Barony of Middle Marches

Baronial Artisan Populace Challenge (October 29, 2011 – April 21, 2012)

What Is It?

Members of the populace who want to participate in the challenge will be given signature cards with the five Kingdom A&S categories listed on them. To get credit for each category, participants must do one of the following things related to that category: (1) Take an hour-long

class on a topic; (2) Work one-on-one with a knowledgeable person for about an hour; or (3) Do independent research online or in a library for 2-3 hours on the topic. When an activity is complete, the participant can get a “sign-off” from a local or baronial MoAS or seneschal. In addition, participants must choose one of the five new topics he or she studied and apply this knowledge to a project he or she is working on. Again, the participant can simply show the project to a MoAS or seneschal to receive credit for his or her work. This does not mean that the participant will need to *finish* the whole project before the end-date of the challenge—they just need to take their research, knowledge, or experience to the next level and do something with that information; for example, learn a new embroidery stitch and use it in a motif on a handkerchief. When a participant has all six signatures on their signature card, they can exchange the completed signature card for a red A&S Reward Card.

What Is the Purpose of the Challenge?

Essentially, the purpose of this activity is to encourage members of the populace to expand their knowledge in each of the five Kingdom A&S categories. The participants will then take one of the new things they have learned and apply it to a project that they are working on. This project can be new or one in progress, and the application need not be completely finished by the time that the A&S challenge is over. It is enough that the participant can demonstrate the application of the skill for this to count.

How Long Does the Challenge Last? Are Previous Classes and Projects OK?

The Challenge spans from the morning of Red Dragon (Oct. 29, 2011) until court at Tirnewydd's Spring Faire (April 21, 2012). All knowledge-gathering exercises and application projects must have been worked on during this 6-month time span, but your application project may be done to a previously created object (e.g., you can use your new embroidery skills on an old handkerchief).

Baronial Populace A&S Challenge Signature Card

Division I: Performing Arts & Letters	Division II: Textile and Needle Arts	Division III: Technological Sciences
Bardic Recitation Dance: European; or Non-European Dramatic Performance Juggling & Tumbling Music Composition: Period; or SCA Culture Style Music Performance: Mixed Ensemble; Percussion	Applied Beadwork: Embroidery Applied Beadwork: Costume Costume: Accessories Costume: Children Costume: 600-1100 c.e.; 1101-1350 c.e.; 1351-1450 c.e.; or 1451-1600 c.e.	Armor: Mail; Non-Metal; or Plate Casting Clockwork & Clockwork Mechanisms Ironwork & Tool making Miscellaneous Technological Sciences Music Instrument Making: Metal Winds; Strings 600-

Instrument; String Instrument; Vocal; or Wind Instrument Original Choreography: European; or Non-European Poetry Prose and Playwriting Riding Performance: Equestrian Demonstrating Period Activities	Costume: Non-European Costume: Single Component Dyeing Knitting/Nålbinding Knotted Work Lacemaking Needlework: Counted Thread; Free-Form; or Misc. Spinning Weaving: Loom; Tablet; or Tapestry and Rugs	1450; Strings, Keyboard; or Woodwinds Research Scientific Instruments Siege Engines - Scale Skeletal Materials Weapon-Making Wood Construction - Joinery Wood Embellishment or Turning
Division IV: Studio A&S Bookbinding Calligraphy Ceramics & Pottery Decorative Metalwork Drawing Beadwork: Free Form Glasswork: Blown; Stained, or Other Illumination Lapidary Leatherwork Miscellaneous Studio Arts and Sciences Painting Papermaking Sculpture & Stone Carving	Division V: Domestic A&S Animal Accouterments Animal Husbandry Basket Weaving Brewing & Vinting Cooking: Subtleties, Sotelties, & Illusion Foods; Multiple Dish; or Single Dish Herbcraft Miscellaneous Domestic Arts and Sciences	Application of Knowledge Division and Category: Description of Application:

Instructions to MoAS or Seneschal: Please circle appropriate category and sign in the box. Please note that similar categories have been grouped for space reasons.

Do people need the red A&S Reward Card to participate in A&S?

No, no, no! ;-) Like the green “Dance Authorization Card” that was circulating in our barony about three years ago, this is just for fun. The card is really just a wallet novelty to show people. You can think of the A&S Reward Card as a way to be part of a really big baronial “in-joke”—and the cost of “admittance” to the joke is participating in about six hours of A&S work over the course of several months.

In service,

Felice


Events (in and near our Barony of Middle Marches)

December 2011

10 On the Road with St. Nicholas
 {Marche of Gwyntarian} [Akron, OH] Brendoken (N. Oaken) 🍀

January 2012

21 Midrealm Chivalry Retreat

- 28 {Flaming Gryphon} [Wapakoneta, OH] (S. Oaken) 
Twelfth Night in the Middle Marches
{Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH] Middle Marches (N. Oaken)

February 2012

- 18 Masque of Courtly Love
{Marche of Alderford} [North Canton, OH] Brendoken (N. Oaken)





March 2012

- 3 Northern Oaken Regional Academy of Defense
{Marche of the Thistle} [Dalton, OH] Brendoken (N. Oaken)
10 Ceilidh
{Flaming Gryphon} [Wapakoneta, OH] (S. Oaken)
24-25 Winged Hills Collegium
{Shire of Winged Hills} [Dayton, OH] Flaming Gryphon (S. Oaken)

April 2012

- 14 Tower by the Lake
{Shire of Dernehealde} [Albany, OH] Middle Marches (N. Oaken)
21 Tirnewydd Spring Fair
{Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH] Middle Marches (N. Oaken)







May 2012

- 5 Coronation  
11-13 Encampment
{Marche of Three Towers} [Seville, OH] Brendoken (N. Oaken)
18-20 Mugmort Melees
{Shire of Mugmort} [Lancaster, OH] Middle Marches (N. Oaken)
26-27 Spring Crown Tournament & Kingdom Arts and Sciences  

June 2012

- 8-10 North Oaken War Maneuvers
{Barony of the Cleftlands} [Wellington, OH] (N. Oaken)
21-24 Known World Dance and Music Symposium
{Barony of the Middle Marches} [Columbus, OH] (N. Oaken)
29-1 Baron Wars
{Marche of the Marshes} [Perrysburg, OH] Red Spears (N. Oaken)

July 2012

- 27-12 Pennsic War
{Kingdom of Aethelmarc} [Slippery Rock, PA]      
? -> Harvest Days (Flaming Gryphon)
? -> Coronation

October 2012

- 5-7 Red Dragon
{Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH] Middle Marches (N. Oaken)

Baronial Awards Recently Awarded

Red Dragon (October 29, 2011)

none: We had a kingdom court! Look below to see who from our barony received kingdom awards.

The Middle Marches Baronial Championships took place at Red Dragon. Due to the lateness of last year's baronial championships, the new champions (Luca, Thomas, Cellach, McKenna, and Michael) will not step up until 12th Night in January. Please look to the March Vigil to meet your new baronial champions. (Hint to the new champions to please send me an introduction to place in the March Vigil)

Middle Marches people who received Kingdom Awards at Red Dragon

We are so excited for the following members of our barony who received awards from the King and Queen of the Midrealm at Red Dragon!

Sofie von Kolln was given an Award of Arms.

Gebhard of Lozenia was given an Award of Arms.

Sarai Tindall was named the event A&S champion.

Sascha Turcitul was made a Companion of the Order of the Willow.

Diccon de Reinport was made a Companion of the Order of the Dragon's Barb. This award is given to those who show proficiency on the archery field or exemplary service in furthering archery.

Red Anya (Aine ingen Neill mac Lugdech) was made a Captain and was made a Companion of the Order of the Gold Mace. This award is given to Companions of the Order of the Red Company who have shown both excellence and leadership in melee and/or tournament combat and who have trained others in these skills.

Middle Marches Baronial Awards

Hope of the Marche

Awarded to children of the Barony who show great dedication and participation to the society. It is generally awarded to children ages 16 or under. It may only be received once.

Dilan's Challenge

This award will be given out to every individual that completes a challenge as outlined by the Baron. It can be received once for each successful completion of the Baron's challenge. Only to be awarded by the Baron.

Watchful Tower

Awarded for outstanding Service for and within the Barony. It may be received more than once.

Golden Affodil

Awarded for demonstrating great Chivalry on or off the field. It may only be received once. Only to be awarded by the Baroness.

Gilded Reed

Awarded for outstanding skill in the Arts and Sciences. Individuals are eligible for this award once for each discipline (once for scribal arts, once for textiles, once for metal work, etc.).

Warden of the Marche

Awarded for outstanding skill in one or more of the Martial Arts (rattan, fencing, archery, equestrian, and thrown weapons). Individuals are eligible for this award once for each discipline (once for fencing, once for archery, etc.).

Shepherd of the Marche

A special recognition for individuals that have shown long and exemplary Service, participation and dedication to the Barony. It may only be received once.

Titan of the Marche

This Order is awarded for Long-term and Exemplary Service to the Barony in the Martial Arts through either teaching or personal combat. It may only be received once.

Pillar of the Marche

This Order is awarded for Long-term and Exemplary Service to the Barony in areas including but not limited to Arts and Sciences, teaching, Offices Held, and general helpfulness. It may only be received once.

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