

# THE STERNFELD STAR

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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2010  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!

## ☞ CALENDAR ☞

--Local and selected events only--

Consult **The Pale** or [www.midrealm.org](http://www.midrealm.org) for complete event listings.

### June 2010

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
- 4-6 Iron Weasel Triathlon {Shire of Eastwatch} [Burton, OH]  
Tyger Hunt {Riding of Hawkland Moor} [Lake Orion, MI]
- 5 An Elizabethan Faire {Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH]  
South Oaken Regional War Practice {Barony of Fenix} [Crittenden, KY]
- 11-13 Border Skirmish VII {Shire of Ravenslake / Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr}  
Northern Oaken War Maneuvers {Barony of the Cleftlands} [Wellington, OH]
- 11-20 Lilies War XXIV {Kingdom of Calontir} [Smithville, Out of Kingdom]
- 12 Butts and Bales {Shire of Dragon's Vale} [Ligonier, IN]
- 17 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
- 18-20 Baronial Border War XXVII {Canton of Rimsholt} [Ionia, MI]  
Ragnarok Rampage {Barony of Carraig Ban} [Big Rock, IL]  
The Third Bardic Roundhouse {Barony of Cleftlands} [Chardon, OH]
- 19 **Baronial Birthday, Krannert Family Center**  
Midrealm Army Rapier Command Symposium {Midrealm Army} [Muncie, IN]
- 25-27 Border Raids {Barony of the Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY]  
Crystal Chamfron {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Wood River, IL]  
Melee at Roswell 11 {Marche of Alderford} [Roswell, OH]
- 26 Hafla for Me, Halfla for You {The Barony of White Waters} [Elkhart, IN]

### July 2010

- 6, 13, 20, 27** **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
- 2-4 Middle Kingdom Equestrian {Barony of Rivenstar} [Lafayette, IN]
- 9-11 Siege of Talonval XI {Shire of Talonval} [Leslie, MI]
- 10 Feast of St. Ethyl {Shire of Swordcliff} [Taylorville, IL]  
Brawl at Crooked Dragon XIII {Shire of Falcon's Quarry} [Wellington, OH]
- 15 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
- 16-18 Push for Pennsic {The Marche of Havenholde} [Oregonia, OH]
- 18 Smurf Shoot {Riding of Hawkland Moore} [Clarkston, MI]
- 23-25 A Simple Day in the Country {Barony of Sternfeld} [Edinburgh, IN]
- 30-15 Pennsic War 39 {Barony of the Debatable Lands} [Slippery Rock, PA]

### August 2010

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
- 1-15 Pennsic War 39 (continues)
- 19 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
- 27-29 Call of the Waterhorse {Shire of Fearann Na Criche} [Oscoda, MI]
- 28 The Festival of Joseph of Arimathea {Shire of Wurm Wald} [Urbana, IL]
- 29 Learn to Fence for the Cure {Barony of Roaring Wastes} [Warren, MI]

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- ❖ DANCE PRACTICE - First and third Mondays, 6:30-9 pm. **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2601 E. Thompson Road.** Contact Lady Brigide Rose von Metten, [wulfarose@yahoo.com](mailto:wulfarose@yahoo.com).
- ❖ COOKS' GROUP - First and third Sundays, 4-6 pm. Abot Johann's house, 3901 Marrison Place. Contact Abot Johann (Marcus Loidolt), [mjloidolt@yahoo.com](mailto:mjloidolt@yahoo.com).
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- ❖ MONTHLY BARDIC CIRCLES AND RANDOM POST-REVELS - scheduled sporadically but enthusiastically. Contact Lady Floriana (Daisy Roberts Blair), 317-280-1930, or Lady Lucia (Kathi Coutinho), 317-293-0983.
- ❖ GILDED COSTUMERS - First Thursdays (& occasional weekends), 7-9 pm. Various locations. Contact THL Odette (Paula Ryan), 317-996-4630, [odettedamboise@gmail.com](mailto:odettedamboise@gmail.com).

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## FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS



Greetings Fair Citizens of Our Great Barony,

June brings with it the busy summer season of many camping events and war practices. We would like to suggest that you take this opportunity to spend an evening at an event, if you haven't done so before, and wander through the bardic circles and parties, enjoying the friendship and good will that you will find there.

This is also the time, leading up to Baronial Birthday and Simple Day to get your award recommendations into Us, for Baronial Awards, and into the Kingdom Awards database. For people to get kingdom awards at Simple Day, award recommendations will need to be in by mid-June. Please think about the people who have been running the activities you are in, or who have helped teach you new things, or do wonderful displays of arts and sciences and write them in for awards so that they know that people have noticed. There are both awards for adults and children. If you're not sure which awards fit which people, Her Excellency has some handouts from an award class that you can have.

Please also check with the department heads for Simple Day to see where you may be able to volunteer. We especially need people in the following areas: set up, tear down, troll, and retaining. By everyone helping, it makes the event easier and more fun.

If you are going to be attending Pennsic and camping with a group, you will need to have your reservations in by June 15<sup>th</sup>. For the Baronial main camp, talk to Baroness Moira. For the archery camp, talk to Forrester Bran.

Finally, please try to help look for anyone new that you see at practices and meetings. If you don't know them, please go up and say hello. It may be their first time to visit us and you may be the person that makes that visit special. New or old, you are each a shining example of the dream that is the SCA and we want to welcome newcomers into our midst so that they can discover the magic that we have found.

Semper Fertale,

### BARON TORQUIL AND BARONESS MOIRA

FROM THE HERALD



I had a great time at Crown on Sunday. It was nice to see so many of the group invoked with so much. I feel great when I see such things. For those that could not be there, you were there in spirit.

Now we need to look to the future. We have Pennsic 39 coming up. Before, though, we have our 30th Simple Day in the Country. This is a great event for us all to show the rest of the Kingdom a great time. So remember to sign up and help. I know we have still many things that need to be done. I myself am looking for people to help herald the event with me. If you cannot sign up and decide at Simple day you want to help that will be great. However, we will be too busy to look for help, so feel free to come up and offer your services. I look forward to seeing you all this summer.

LORD LLYWELYN AP LLYWARCH

FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL



Practice has been going well. We've been outside for several weeks now and everyone seems to be enjoying the extra space to run around in. We've even had enough people to run some melee drills to start warming up for war. We'll continue to work on our melee skills at the monthly Throwdown as well as any week that we have sufficient numbers. Fencers should also keep an eye on their calendars for the local demos happening this month as there should be plenty of chances to fight.

LORD BJORN ARNALDSSON

FROM THE CHRONICLER



I think it's safe to say that summer is officially here, regardless of the appearance of the solstice later in the month.

FROM

Lady Ysabel has undertaken to organize the Baronial creation of some gifts of largesse for Her Majesty to take to Pennsic War this year. She is looking for artisans to volunteer their time and talent to help put together suitable tokens and gifts, both in large quantities (19 identical items of various kinds, for gifts for the Queen's Tea) and small (Kingdom-specific items to exchange as a gift basket with another Kingdom). If you think you might be able to help in some capacity, please let her know!

FROM

The first Tuesday of every month at Fighter Practice is also Garb Night. Everyone is encouraged to wear their garb while they are socializing.

FROM

Costumer's Group is meeting Thursday, June 3, from 7 – 9 pm at the Panera Bread at Willow Lake West (2902 W 86th St # 220, Indianapolis: on 86th Street just east of Michigan Road. This is in the strip mall with Trader Joe's grocery store.) The topic will be mid-14th c. gothic clothing.

FROM

The Cooks' Group and Ars Rustica Group will be meeting from 4 – 6 pm at Abot Meister Johann von Metten's house (3901 Marrison Place, Indianapolis) on Sunday, June 6 and Sunday, June 20. The topic on the 6th will be berries and first fruits, while on the 20th it will be cordials and jellies.

FROM

Dance Practice will meet twice this month from 6:30 – 9 pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (2601 E. Thompson Road): Monday, June 7, and Monday, June 21. Everyone is welcome to join. There are no specific dances planned for these dates.

FROM

If your child is interested in participating in Youth Combat, please speak to Baroness Moira. She will be happy to arrange some regular practices so that the youth of the Barony can enjoy the arts martial as well as the grown-ups!

FROM

Pregnancy watch: 3!

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Baronial Birthday has been scheduled for June 19, and will go hand in hand with our Krannert demo this year. Please contact Master Johann to volunteer to help! Additionally, there will be a cooking contest and the Baronial A&S Championship contest held here. Don't miss it!

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Lady Ciara Eirikswif is organizing a series of demos for the Greenwood Public Library in June and July. The main demo will be on July 10, an afternoon of fighting (armored and rapier), arts and sciences, etc, with walking-distance access to some of the best ice cream around. There will also be two discussion sessions needing one or two persons each: on June 10 (on armor and combat in the middle ages) and on July 15 (on 'a day in the life of a knight'), both at 6 pm. The Barony earns \$300 for this set of demos, so please check your calendars and see if you can help out!

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Simple Day is coming up on July 23-25. Please, please, please, see Baroness Moira or Lady Ersebet if you are interested in volunteering.

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Sternfeld will be hosting Crown Tournament on October 30, in lieu of Grand Pageant, with the help of the surrounding groups. Please contact Master Llew to find out how you can help.

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The date of 2011's Better War Through Archery has been decided for February 19, but we are still in need of volunteers to autocrat it. If you are interested, please speak to Katrina or the Baronage, and/or attend Business Meeting this month.

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Remember, now is the time to be submitting award nominations for the summer season. The King and Queen need at least 4 weeks of time to finalize Their court lists and get them to the scribes, in order to have beautiful custom scrolls for the awards, so if you wait until the last minutes before an upcoming court, you may well be too late! The submission process at <http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/> is easier than ever.

Lord Ulfr and I had a wonderful time at Kingdom A&S last month, and were pleased to see Sternfeld represented among the many entries and judges who appeared to make the event run smoothly. I would encourage those who have submitted entries to the A&S Faires to write articles to share your experience with those who have not had the chance to attend one, or to participate. Honestly, that goes for anyone who is involved in any activity – heavy combat, rapier combat, attending a first event, serving a first feast, helping in a first feast kitchen. Your experiences are valuable and there is always somebody who has never tried something you just did. You can even write an article about your experience of writing your first article for the *Star*. I think that could be pretty interesting!

Small issue this month – July should be bigger, but expect the August issue to be on the small side as well. Additionally, August's publication will come in the week or so after Pennsic – the better to catch us all up on all the news from War!

Yours in service,  
**LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE**

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**FROM THE WEBMINISTER**



All,

First of all, a huge thanks to Captain Dyderich Wolfhart for his service to our fair Barony of Sternfeld. His time as the Web Minister is greatly appreciated!

I am humbled by the group's decision to allow me to serve as your webminister. Also thanks to Lord Eadric of Grenfeld for his willingness to be my deputy and work with me on the visual aspects of the site. As of this writing, I'm still in the process of getting access to the Sternfeld site and trying to find my bearings, so please bear with me!

Where do we go from here? That's a question I'm asking myself, certainly. Initially, I see a few immediate things that need to be done - I'm hard at work on pulling together the site for Crown Tourney, and attempting to get that online by mid-month. Lady Odile, the Chronicler, has been working

diligently on obtaining web site publication rights for all articles published in the Sternfeld Star, with the intention of putting them on the web site. Once she has those rights, I plan to get the Star published online as soon as I can, including back issues to the beginning of Odile's term in office. I am also looking into ways to enable Odile to submit the Star to the website and have it post automatically, going forward.

I'm also working on developing a template for event websites that can be reused each time we have an event. This will enable us to "fill in the blanks" and have a good looking, functional site that has all the information needed with less effort. Included in that is some automation to collect information like class submissions, etc. I'm in touch with a Barony that has done this before to see if we can use/adapt their solution rather than starting entirely from scratch.

Regarding the core website itself, I don't plan on doing a major redesign, at least not yet. We have a workable framework out there that looks good and has the required pieces. The main changes I'm planning on making are updating the links and refreshing the information posted to be current.

Regarding the Simple Day website, I'm planning on leaving it hosted where it currently is (on my personal/business webspace) - it's far too close to the event date to move it to our web host, what with links already being posted in several places online. Future event websites will likely be hosted on the Sternfeld site.

That's the items that I see that I think need to be done. But isn't my site - it is the Barony's. To that end, I'd like to solicit feedback from you all. What do you like/dislike about the current site? What do you wish to see on the site that is not currently there? What are new features you would like? What are your thoughts on a Baronial blog, or similar periodic postings of interest to members of the Barony? Please send any and all comments and ideas to me at [antonio@danscomputing.com](mailto:antonio@danscomputing.com) or talk to me at Fighter Practice. I would like to get as much feedback as I can so that I can summarize it and share it at the June 17th Business Meeting, in order that we might develop a gameplan. If you prefer to share your ideas and opinions with the group yourself, I encourage you to attend the next business meeting!

Yours in service,  
**LORD ANTONIO BELLINI**

*Shield of the weak,  
Obedient to my liege-lord,  
Foremost in battle,  
Courteous at all times,  
Champion of the right and the good.[...]"*



The Chivalry is unique in that it comprises two equal parts: the Knights, and the Masters at Arms. The choice of which responsibility to choose is left to the prospective candidate. While many of the duties of the two are the same, the chief distinction is that, while Knights must swear an oath of fealty to the Crown, Masters at Arms do so at their own discretion, much the same as Masters of the other peerage orders. Knights are addressed as Sir – some female Knights may choose to use the title Dame, but many take the title Sir as well. Masters of Arms are addressed as Master or Mistress. Masters of Arms are entitled to wear a white baldric (much like a white sash worn across the body), while Knights are entitled to wear a white belt, as well as a gold chain about the neck and gold spurs. Knights and Masters often take students into a formal relationship, and most often these Squires are gifted with a red belt and a silver chain and spurs.

In July, we will discuss those awards that are given for excellence in archery: the Dragon's Barb and the Greenwood Company.



Additionally, it should be mentioned that at one time there was an award given for combat called the Order of the Gaping Wound. It was given in recognition to those who had been injured in armored combat to a degree requiring severe medical attention, such as surgery or hospitalization. While this Order has been closed since October, 1975, with no new members being admitted, there are still those who bear this award, and a few for whom this is the highest award received, thus determining their position in precedence. The Order of the Gaping Wound was considered immediately below the Dragon's Tooth (and equivalent awards), but above a simple Award of Arms.



As mentioned earlier, the Order of the Gold Mace is the Grant-of-Arms-level armored combat award. Considered a more prestigious rank of the Red Company, its recipients are generally called 'Captain,' though they may use the title The Honorable Lord or Lady, as well. This award is given "to individuals who, in the sight of the Crown, have shown both excellence and leadership in melee and/or tournament combat, and who have trained others in these skills (*MK Law XVII-2602*)." Like the Red Company, the focus on melee and/or tournament combat is evident, but this award emphasizes both the need to be a skilled teacher as well as fighter, as well as demanding a higher level of skill than a Red Company award would require. Those who receive this award are equal in precedence with those who have received the Evergreen, Greenwood Company, Bronze Ring, and White Lance. They are higher in precedence than those who have a simple Grant of Arms only, but lower than those who have received the Dragon's Heart. You will notice the badge of the award is very similar to the badge for the Red Company: the major differences are that the maces of this badge are gold instead of silver, and a gold border edges the otherwise-identical red field.

The culmination of an Armored Combat career is the Order of the Chivalry – a peerage, equivalent to the Laurel, which we discussed last month, and to the Pelican, which will be discussed in future months. Like other peerages, it carries with it a solemn duty and responsibility both to the Crown, to aid them in upholding the Kingdom, and to the populace, to defend and honor them, particularly those too weak to defend themselves. "The candidate must be considered the equal of his or her prospective peers with the basic weapons of tournament combat. (*SCA Corpora VIII-A4-a*).” The Oath of the Chivalry pledges:

*"[...]To ever be a good knight and true,  
Reverent and generous,*

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH



With the warmer weather please go outside and have lots of fun, just remember your sunscreen and fluids! I'm collecting random sized boxes, tape and egg cartons or anything fun that could work to make parts of a castle, the children will be helping to create what they imagine a medieval castle to be for Crown Tourney. Also, any supplies you'd like to pass onto Children's Point are always appreciated!

**Information for Simple Day 2010**

Children's Point will have many planned games and activities throughout the day, consult the notice board at Children's Point for further information.

Children's Point will be open at 10am and close at 3pm.

Gold Coin and Ring Scavenger Hunt / Sternfeld Good Samaritans: We're continuing the game started last year.

If you see a child

- \*being helpful
- \*doing a chore
- \*doing anything without protest
- \*being happy and carefree (no whining)
- \*bowing to royals
- \*picking up trash
- \*being courteous and kind
- \*anything deserving praise

Also look at the locations of attending merchants, there will be rings hidden amongst their wares, please take only one.

Bags will be available at troll. Final count at 3pm. Acknowledgement and award at Court.

Waterfight at lunch break.

Bring your water guns and toys. Sponges and water supplied.

If fighters would like to join us to be a target for a needed cool down, please come by Children's Point. The Hold call is "Dragon". (Depending on weather)

As to Kingdom practice, snacks will no longer be provided, because of allergy and choking concerns. Cold water and cups will be on hand. While Children's Point is available for our youngest Scadians, please remember that parents need to be present for ages under 4, within eye/earsight over age 4 and all children must be courteous and will be returned to parents if too disruptive or inconsiderate of our other friends at

Children's Point. I hope you have fun and make great memories for this year's Simple Day.

### Info for Crown Tournament

I've started planning for Crown Tournament, ideas are appreciated as well as paper or fun craft supplies, I'm hoping to have the kids make crowns, shields and little castles (the MOY is collecting random sized boxes, tape and egg cartons)

With the Halloween theme, we will be making use of the site token masks, trick or treat bags, castles, crowns and shield. We will try a fun game of Loot the Knight (we would like a volunteer to play our knight).

After closing and clean-up Lady Emme Foster and Alexandre le bambino will go Trick or Treating at the houses surrounding the site in Tipton, IN. You can join them at the Troll entrance at 4:45pm for 5pm daylight trick or treat hours.

### LADY EMME FOSTER OF WHICKAM

### FROM DANCE PRACTICE

We've been continuing to have a good turnout for dance practices and are even attracting people from outside of Sternfeld to join us each week.

Currently we have no set schedule of dances but are just playing around with different dances that people want to learn or experiment with each week. If there is a particular dance you want to learn or refresh your memory on, come join us! This is especially important considering that one of the edicts from the Queen (<http://radagaisus-ceinwen.com/proclamations/>) is that everyone should dance at any event where there dancing is scheduled. What true subject of the Queen would not work to fulfill her wishes? If you are a fighter and don't already know the requisite three dances we will be happy to help you! There are only 4 dance practices left before Simple Day where there will be dancing and the Royalty will be on site. Are you prepared?

### LORD BJORN ARNALDSSON



### MIDDLE KINGDOM AWARDS - ARMORED COMBAT

Armored combat has a long and fabled history within the Middle Kingdom, and so unsurprisingly, there are several awards given for excellence in this domain.



The first of these is the Order of the Red Company. This award is given to “individuals who, in the sight of the Crown, have shown proficiency and leadership in melee and/or tournament combat (*MK Law XVII-1302*).”

Receiving this award conveys an Award of Arms if the recipient does not already possess one, much like the other arms-level awards. As the description suggests, to be considered worthy of this award, one must have developed a good deal of skill in armored combat, as well as showing leadership qualities. It is considered equal in precedence to several of the other arms-level awards, including the Dragon's Tooth, Dragon's Barb, Cavendish Knot, and White Chamfron, but is lower in precedence than a Purple Fret, or equivalent awards. Recipients of this award are often styled “Sergeant”, or they may choose to use the title Lord or Lady, as well. It is traditional for Sergeants of the Red Company to wear a red cloak or cape to distinguish their rank; some choose to do this on the field, others in Court, while some others seldom exercise this privilege. They may also bear the badge above, with silver maces on a red field. It is quite similar to the badge for the Award of the Gold Mace (discussed below), except in color and details of decoration.

Equal in precedence to the Red Company (and the other awards which are equal to it) is the combat award of the Dragon's Tooth. It is given to “individuals who, in the sight of the Crown, have performed dramatic deeds in the Arts Martial on behalf of the Middle Kingdom, above and beyond service normally expected of subjects of the Crown (*MK Law XVII-202*).” It is up to the Crown what kind of martial deeds they consider sufficiently dramatic, of course! The Dragon's Tooth can be received several times in one's lifetime, for different acts of dramatic skill, and is shown by wearing a dragon's tooth, if desired, or by displaying the badge of the award.

