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Officer Reports!

Next Business Meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2011

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!

CALENDAR

--Local and selected events only--

Consult **The Pale** or www.midrealm.org for complete event listings.

March 2011

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

- 5 A&S Education Day {Shire of Ravenslake} [Crystal Lake, IL]
Ceildh XXIII {Barony of the Flaming Gryphon} [Troy, OH]
North Oaken Regional Academy of Defense {Shire of Thistle} [Dalton, OH]
- 12 It's All Fun and Games II {Canton of Rimsholt} [Wyoming, MI]
- 13-20 Gulf Wars {Kingdom of Meridies} [Lumbarton, MS]
- 19 Dragon's Quest: A Newcomers' Event {Barony of Brendoken} [Dalton, OH]
Terpsichore at the Tower XVII {Barony of Cynnabar} [Saline, MI]
- 19-20 Winged Hills Collegium {Winged Hills} [Dayton, OH]
- 24 Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
- 26 Falcons Quarry Fighter Championships {Falcons Quarry} [Elyria, OH]
Rogue's Day and Midlands Regional A&S {Shire of Swordcliff} Sherman, IL]

April 2011

5, 12, 19, 26 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

- 2 Feast of Fools and Spring Brawl {Incp. Ctn. of Iron Oak} [New Lothrop, MI]
Flaming Gryphon Baronial Investiture / Grand Tournament of the Unicorn
{Marche of the Unicorn} [Oxford, OH]
Spring 2011 RUM {Shire Greyhope} [Lake Station, IN]
- 8-9 Golden Seamstress X {Canton of Brackendelve} [Dearborn, MI]
- 9 Rites of Spring {Illiton} [Bartonville, IL]
South Oaken Regional A & S Faire {Barony of the Flame} [Louisville, KY]
- 16 Collegium Artum Vulgarum {Barony of Donnershafen} [Gaylord, MI]
Spring Coronation / Constellation Regional A & S Faire
{Barony of Rivenstar} [Lafayette, IN]
- 21 Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
- 21-24 Blackstone Raids {Barony of Blackstone Mountain (Aethelmeare)} [Ripley, WV]
- 23 A Day at the Castle III {Incipient Canton of Northgate} [Canadian Lakes, MI]
- 29-1 Brendokenfest and Rose Tourney {The Barony of Brendoken [Tallmadge, OH]
Mayhem in the Garden {Aurea Ripae} [Philpot, KY]
- 30 Awakening: Armored Easter Egg Hunt {Baile na Scolairi} [Bloomington, IL]
- 30-1 TwinOaks Archery Revel 19 {Starleaf Gate} [Lakeshore, ON]

May 2011

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

- 6-8 Spring Training {Shire of Rivenvale} [Burghill, OH]
- 7 Mugmort Melees VI – Wisdom of the Ancients {Mugmort} [Lancaster, OH]
- 13-15 Constellation Academy of Defence IV {Mynydd Seren} [Spencer, IN]
Mayfaire XIV {Shire of Cuil Choluim} [North Veronon, IN]
- 14 Half Century Holiday {Barony of Cynnabar} [Livonia, MI]
- 19 Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
- 20-22 Chaos Caravan {Shire Greyhope} {Valparaiso, IN}
- 21 Border Raids
Tirnewydd Spring Fair {Shire of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH]
- 28-30 Spring Crown / Kingdom Arts and Sciences {Barony of Fenix}

WHERE TO FIND US

- ❖ FIGHTER PRACTICE - Every Tuesday, 6:30-9 pm. **Krannert Family Center, 605 S. High School Road.** Contact Seneschal Lady Katrina (Katrina Pogue), katrinasternfeld@gmail.com.
- ❖ BUSINESS MEETING - Third Thursdays, 6:45-9 pm. **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2601 E. Thompson Road.** Contact Seneschal Lady Katrina (Katrina Pogue), katrinasternfeld@gmail.com.
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- ❖ PERFORMING ARTS GROUP – First and third Mondays, 6:30-9 pm. Lady Colette the Seamstress' house, 502 S. Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. Contact Lady Colette the Seamstress, alice.the.seamstress@gmail.com.
- ❖ COOKS' GROUP - First Sundays, 4-6 pm. Lady Brigide von Metten's house.
- ❖ ARS RUSTICA – Third Sunday, 4-6 pm. Abot Johann's house, 3901 Marrison Place. Contact Abot Johann (Marcus Loidolt), mjloidolt@yahoo.com.
- ❖ ARCHERY PRACTICE – Every Wednesday, 6:30-9 pm. **4375 Sellers St.** Contact Lord Eadric (Cleve Johnson), eadric.of.grenfeld@gmail.com.
- ❖ 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.

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FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS



To the good people of Sternfeld, greetings.

We are extremely pleased to see all of the activity in the Barony. Fighter Practice is well attended and growing. We have new interest groups in bardic arts and in brewing. Archery is alive and well and growing too. We look forward to seeing Sternfeld entries in the regional A&S fair at Coronation in Rivenstar. If you have questions about how to enter, ask either of us, Abbot Johann or Master Lew.

For those of you not at fighter practice on February 22nd, we announced that Duchess Elina of Beckingham has agreed to command the Baronial rattan forces this year at Pennsic. Duchess Elina brings a wealth of SCA and mundane command and training experience to us and we are anticipating a stellar year. She said for now to concentrate on improving personal prowess. Stamina and group training will begin later this spring.

Semper Fertale,
BARON TORQUIL AND BARONESS MOIRA

FROM THE HERALD



Well. Not much to say but here we go since I remembered to do it.

Hello all you Sternfelders. It has been a long time. I have been busy in school and with life. I have not been around a lot. Vivienne has been helping me out at Business Meetings and I just wanted to thank her so much for jumping right in with that. Also a few people have given me name and device applications to look over. I just wanted to tell you all that I have not forgot them and will get to them as soon as I have free time.

Thank you all for your understanding and I look to see you all as soon as classes are over.

LORD LLYWELYN AP LLYWARCH

FROM THE KNIGHT'S MARSHAL



Salutations,

As was announced last week at practice: Duchess Elina is the commander for Sternfeld this year at war. She has significant training, experience, and skill, both mundanely and in the Society. When the weather is warmer, possibly when we are outside, we will begin unit drills. Until then everyone needs to continue working on their personal skills, since a unit needs everyone to have their skills up to speed.

Practices have been busy lately, and I for one rejoice. Thank you to everyone who shows up. I hope that everyone will fight as wide a variety of people as possible. Having a wide variety of training partners will broaden your exposure to different styles, it will give you new perspectives on your own, with the result of a better skill set.

This rant's armor focus: the shield. We all have one somewhere. Almost everyone at practice uses it weekly. Check to be sure that it is in good working order. Check that your straps and handles are secure. Check to insure that a wooden shield isn't too worn out and breaking (like mine). Check that your shield edging isn't worn through.

Thank You,
LORD ULFR IMASON

FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL



Rapier is going well! We've had several new people starting to learn and have a good number of people both local and from other groups who attend regularly.

LORD BJORN ARNALDSSON

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After much discussion at the Althing, it was decided to move the date of Grand Pageant forward into the spring, as a trial run to see whether that calendar arrangement alleviates the overwork the Barony currently feels in the fall. To that end, potential autocrats for a Grand Pageant in March or April of 2012 are being sought. If there is no interest in this event at this time, it will be dropped from the calendar, so if you feel strongly about it, consider putting in a bid!

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Send in some award recommendations while people's activities at Better War are still fresh in your mind. Do it. Do it now!
<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/>

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Costumer's Group is meeting Thursday, March 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.)

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Cooks' Group will meet at Lady Brigide von Metten's home on Sunday, March 6, from 4-6 pm.

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Ars Rustica will meet at Abot Meister Johann von Metten's house (3901 Marrison Place, Indianapolis) on Sunday, March 20, from 4-6 pm.

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The Performing Arts Group will meet on March 7th and 21st at Lady Colette the Seamstress' home (502 S. Jefferson Street, Brownsburg), from 6:30—pm.

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Pregnancy watch: 3!

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**tiOBITS**



The Honorable Lady Liesl von Metten is seeking her replacement as Chatelaine! This position heads up our welcome efforts to new and prospective members, helping them acclimate to SCA culture and customs as well as providing loaner items from our Gold Key wardrobe so that newcomers can attend events before they acquire their own garb. If you are interested in this position, please contact THL Liesl, Lady Katrina, or Baroness Moira.



Lady Talia Wynterscale is ready to step down as property master and is looking for a replacement! Whomever holds this position does not have to store the Baronial property (we have that covered), but does have to keep a working inventory of the property and facilitate its transfer at officer changeovers, events, etc. Please direct questions or expressions of interest to Lady Talia, Lady Katrina, or Baroness Moira.



Lady Aelwyn de Clare is seeking her replacement as Chiurgeon. This officer is in charge of first-aid efforts and support at events, such as Simple Day. Please send your questions or inquiries to Lady Katrina or Baroness Moira.



Lady Katrina is now accepting bids for Baronial Birthday, which may or may not also be a demo at Krannert Park (similar to in years past). If you are interested in autocrating, please let her or Baroness Moira know as soon as possible!

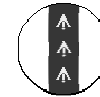


Demo: Hebrew Academy – March 1. This one is for fencers only. Contact Lady Katrina or Lady Ciara for more info.



Demo: Oaks Academy – March 5. This one is for armored and rapier fighters only. Contact Lady Katrina or Lady Ciara for more info.

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FROM THE ARCHERY MARSHAL



Greetings!

The month of February has brought an abundance of newcomers to archery practice. We had 16 people one night, and some of our regulars were not in attendance. All are welcome. We have several people who are willing to teach those who are new to archery, and we welcome all who want to attend. Even if you do not shoot, but want a place to socialize with others in the barony, please join us!

We will be holding an archery workshop on Saturday, March 26th starting at 10:00 AM. The location will be at our practice site, which is 4375 Sellers Street (near the I-465 and Pendleton Pike intersection on Indy's northeast side). There will be classes and demonstrations on arrow making, bow basics, and possible other archery-related classes. We will also have time for shooting! Pizza is planned for lunch, so please RSVP to me (eadric.of.grenfeld@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so that we can order enough. We would appreciate a pittance (maybe \$2?) from each person who attends to cover the cost of the pizza. All are welcome!

Pandus planto populace mico!

LORD EADRIC OF GRENFELD

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**FROM THE CHRONICLER**



Spring is here! Or it's coming, at least, right? It had better be coming. I'm really pretty much done with winter.

The Office of the Chronicler is proceeding apace, with some new upcoming features to flesh out the center pages of the *Star*, so stay tuned! One of the things I am looking for in the future is going to be questions (these can be newcomer-level questions or more intricate ones) that you would like to hear answered by someone in the know. If you have a question, send it to me! I will send it off in the right direction.

Yours in service,

**LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE**

FROM THE WEBMINISTER



Buon Giorno,

Very little to report from the office of the Webminister this month. Simple Day site is not up yet, but it's on the to do list. (Quick plug - volunteer for something at Simple Day - Colette and I could use some help at Troll. Four hours gets you free site fee.) In other news, the Sternfeld Fermenters, a new brewing/vinting/cordialing group has begun meetings. We have a Yahoo group for those who wish to get updates and be part of the discussion. Just search Yahoo Groups for "Stenfeld Fermenters". Our next meeting will be at Great Fermentations on March 19th. More details to come!

Grazie,  
LORD ANTONIO BELLINI

FROM THE EXCHEQUER



Greetings from the Exchequer!

Things are coming along smoothly for the Exchequer: Domesday reports were turned in and accepted, and bank balances continue to hover around \$24,000.

I am looking for a replacement in the post of Property Master/Mistress. Our current Mistress, Lady Talia, would like to step down from her duties. I wish to thank her profusely for her excellent service to the Barony.

The Property Master/Mistress reports directly to the Exchequer. Those interested in serving must be able to keep track of all the Baronial property, have a working knowledge of MS Excel, and be able to get to the storage facility when the need arises. This is a warranted position.

- ❖ **Frode**, for again making and donating the coveted prize bows. We don't expect it, but we certainly appreciate it! (Aside: we had several people show up to the event who'd never been to fighters practice on Tuesday nights, but said they are regulars at archery practice. Apparently, we have Sternfeld II going on on the east side on Weds. nights! But what a great sense of camaraderie they have.)
- ❖ **Emme**, for dedicating her day again to our youngest members. And I whole-heartedly endorse her sentence: "Remember, even you can prevent boredom at your next event by VOLUNTEERING somewhere!"
- ❖ **Jennet & Joan** for manning Chatelaine when I couldn't be there -- and to Jennet for holding her class on 'How to Use the SCA in Your Job Search'--a very timely subject these days.
- ❖ **Master John of Sternfeld** for working ALL day, from hitting the ground running at Troll to serving feast. It's no wonder he's a Pelican!
- ❖ **Lord Llewellyn** for making announcements throughout the day.
- ❖ **Odette** for taking care of the Royalty lunch, despite an unexpected 'turn' of events....
- ❖ **Eirik** for not only being merchant liaison, but also hauling much of the event gear to/from storage so no one had to pull the trailer up that snowy hill. That meant being the first to arrive on-site and one of the last to leave, when he otherwise could have left earlier. Much appreciated.
- ❖ **Rowena and Karl von Tyson** for sweeping the Expo Hall at the end of the day, without being asked
- ❖ **ALL the gentles--some Sternfelders, some guests--who also pitched-in to set-up and break-down tables and chairs.**
- ❖ **To whoever pitched-in, unasked, to clean-up the feast hall!**
- ❖ To **Odile** for bravely trying to keep track of many of the above volunteers and blazing the trail as our new 'comptroller'.
- ❖ **Special thanks definitely are due to Katrina, Moira, and Torquil** for all their efforts -- much of which I'm sure I'm unaware of -- for finding a way to let us hold Royal Court even when our ad was accidentally left out of the January Pale. To Katrina, also, for saving me from my polymer clay good-intentions and making the tokens happen, with fun results. And to Moira & Torquil for running the very hard-to-resist bake sale and for (as usual) being one of the last to leave, to make sure no ends were left hanging

Sign me, grateful for the help--and grateful it's over. --Liesl



ALChing NOTES (1/9/2011)

Events- Ever feel overworked? At this time we have chosen to try Grand Pageant as a spring event temporarily. Lady Katrina will be taking bids for Grand Pageant in spring of 2012; the latest bids can be accepted will be Tuesday, September 13th, 2011.

Budget and Finances- A system of colored poker chips with be implemented too allow a smoother check in though Troll.

- ❖ \$99 for poker chips for troll- Passed
❖ \$99 for startup supplies for Thrown Weapons- Passed
❖ \$275 for Archery targets and supplies- 1st Polling Passed

Officer allowances—

- ❖ A&S yearly budget raised to \$100- 1st Polling Passed
❖ Archery yearly budget raised to \$150- 1st Polling Passed
❖ Chronicler yearly budget raised to \$300- 1st Polling Passed
❖ \$500 yearly budget for prizes added to Baronial Bylaws- 1st Polling Passed
❖ Wording change to Bylaws: expenditures of \$100 or less require only one polling (limit was previously \$99)- 1st Polling Passed

A standardized method of comp'ing support staff was discussed and agreed upon. We will add the event staff member of Volunteer Coordinator for appropriate events. Volunteers who work four hours will be comp'd for their site fee. This fee will need to be deposited with the Volunteer Coordinator upon check in. Once the four hours of volunteer time is completed, the Volunteer Coordinator will return the deposited fee. Each comp'ee will be required to sign up in advance of the event day, work 4 hours at the event (excluding feast servers) and have a "time card" signed by appropriate event staff heads. They will return this time card to the Volunteer Coordinator in order to get a refund of their site fees. These monies will be stored at Troll, separate from event fees, and not calculated in register, unless said comp'ee does not work required hours by the end of the event. The Autocrat, Volunteer Coordinator and Exchequer will work together to make this process as smooth as possible for each event. Department heads will not be required to make a site fee deposit.

(Editor's Note: These notes should have appeared in the February 2011 issue of the Star. My apologies for the omission.)

BETTER WAR THROUGH ARCHERY POSTMORTEM

This year's Better War Through Archery event (Jan. 29) is now, thankfully, history. It was awesome to hear so many great comments about the event. The only problem or concern I've heard of is that we did lose the heat for a couple hours in the main building, which was fixed right away when we discovered it, and we were soon toasty again. Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds loves us and wants us back again!

Since the weather gods blessed us again this year, and with greater attendance due to Royalty presence, the event cleared approx. \$400. We had about 165 adults & 18 minors, a great array of merchants, and feast sold out early. We also comp'd about 40 volunteers, including dept. heads but many others as well who worked 4 hours or more to help give us an event worthy of all the great comments. (BTW: We'll need at least twice this many volunteers for Simple Day, so PLEASE plan to put -up your hand for a shift of whatever appeals to you!)

If you saw a volunteer doing a great job or working hard -- especially if you've seen them working at other events too -- consider nominating that person for an appropriate award, either kingdom or baronial. (If you're new and not sure what the awards are all about, ask!) And don't forget: someone you assume has their basic AoA may not have it yet; check the roster to find out.

Keep in mind that BWTA needs a new autocrat next year--might that be YOU? This is a fairly small, easy-to-run event, great for a first time autocrat to try their hand at -- especially since the Archery Marshall basically organizes half the event, while the autocrat organizes the other half. Please talk to me or Moira or Kat if you have some questions first. It's also a good event for first-time feast-o-crats to try their hand at.

Okay, on to the thanks due to so many...

- ❖ Karl the Lucky, who showed up unbidden to post direction signs that morning. I thought I would do it myself and save him the trouble--but when we found out I had one little arrow pointed the wrong direction, he fixed it. I started to say that only the old-timers would know Karl the Lucky--but he's apparently made