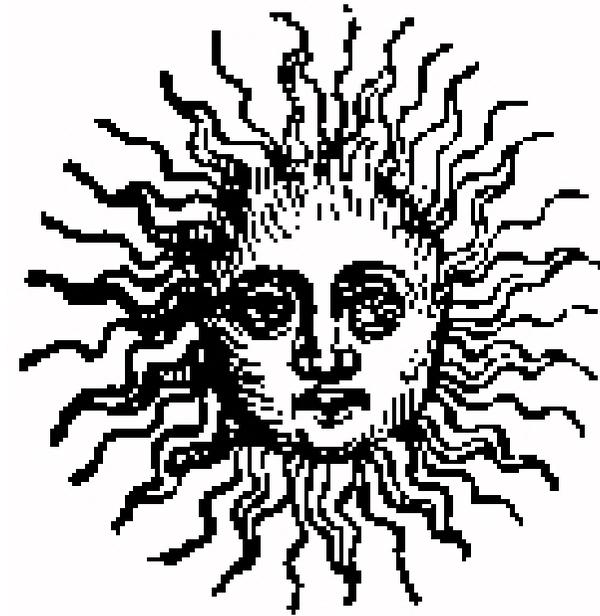


THE STERNFELD STAR
BARONY OF STERNFELD
AUGUST 2010, A.S. XLV



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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2010
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!

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☪ CALENDAR ☪

--Local and selected events only--

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

August 2010

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

- 1-15 Pennsic War 39 {Barony of the Debatable Lands} [Slippery Rock, PA]
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]

September 2010

7, 14, 21, 28 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

- 3-5 Middle Kingdom Academy of Defense {Shire of Ravenslake} [Fox Lake, IL]
3-6 Havoc in Hastings {Canton of Three Walls} [Hastings, MI]
4 Al Jafar's Mongolian Barbeque {Qat 'al Jafar} [Lebanon, IN]
10-12 Foxhunt VI / Rose Tourney / Ayreton Investiture {Foxvale} [Earlville, IL]
Harvest Day {The Marche of the Winged Hills} [Indian Hills, OH]
Procrastinators Ball and Brawl {Canton of Brackendelve} [Ray Township, MI]
16 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
17-19 For Hands {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Wood River, IL]
Pounce IX - The Return of the Cat {Canton of Catteden} [Vanlue, OH]
Saxon Summer X {Shire of Rivenvale} [Burghill, OH]
Vikings Come Home XIX {Barony of Donnershafen} [Boyne City, MI]
18 Day of the Dragon X {Shire of Dragon's Vale} [Cromwell, IN]
18-19 Summer's Wake {Starleaf Gate}
25 Coronation {TBD}

October 2010

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

- 1-3 Afternoon of Fun 2010 {Shire of Eastwatch} [Burton, OH]
Rendezvous at the Bridge XXI {Shire of Riviere Constelle} [Lincoln City, IN]
2 25 Years of Fun {Baile na Scolairi} [Bloomington, IL]
Mischievous and Mayhem at the Falls {Marche of Norborough} [Ludlow Falls, OH]
Vineyard Raids {Westmere}
2-3 **Fisher's Renfaire**
8-10 A Day at the Mill {Stereon Codha} [Cutler, IN]
9 Cleftland's Standard Bearer's Tournament {Cleftlands} [Cleveland, OH]
Stone Dog Inn Lucky VII {Shire of Grey Gargoyles} [Chicago, IL]
15-17 Red Dragon / North Oaken Regional Craftspersons Faire
{Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH]
16 The Tournament of the Courtier {Illiton} [Peoria, IL]
21 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
23 It Takes MY Child to Raze a Village {incept. Canton of Weldlake} [Howell, MI]
Middle Kingdom Cooks Collegium {Shire of Vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL]
Scheherazade's Tourney and Feast {Mynydd Seren} [Bloomington, IN]
29-31 All Hallow's Revel {Canton of Lochmorrow} [LaHarpe, IL]
30 **Crown Tourney / Kingdom Craftspersons Faire**
{Barony of Sternefeld} [Tipton, IN]

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- ❖ 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.
- ❖ DEAD LANGUAGES CLUB - Second Wednesdays, 7-9 pm. Master John and Mistress Leanore's house, 1626 Marlborough Lane. Contact Master John & Mistress Leanore (John & Ellie Wright), 317-872-7216, elliepel@aol.com.
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- ❖ ARTS & SCIENCE NIGHT - Last Thursday evenings, at **Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, 1932 Woodlawn Avenue.** Contact Abot Johann (Marcus Loidolt), mjloidolt@yahoo.com.
- ❖ ARCHERY PRACTICE - Every Wednesday, 6:30-9 pm. **4375 Sellers St.** Contact Lord Bran (Kelly Burgess), kburgess1@comcast.net.
- ❖ 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



Greetings to Our most lovely Barony,

It has certainly been a busy month in Sternfeld. We made it through Simple Day, despite heat that could cook eggs on a tile outside with very few issues thanks to everyone who made sure that our guests and fellow staff members were being cautious.

We are so very proud of the job you all do with Simple Day to make it so special. We received many compliments on what a great event it always is.

At Pennsic, the Sternfeld rapier and rattan unit, as well as the archers were reported to have done well in gaining war points.

The rattan unit earned commendations from the regional commander in the town battle. The rapier unit did especially well in the woods battle, holding the center flag for the entire battle. I didn't hear exactly how many war points the archers contributed, but I kept hearing reports trickle in of points here and there, and that was without talking to all of them.

I also know that Sternfeld was well represented in the Arts and Sciences display with 10 entries, which, I understand, was the most for any group in the Known World. Yay, team!

We have also had sadness upon our homecoming with losing Lelia. Our condolences are extended to Emme, Thorgrim, Alex, Androu, and Karl. We hope that your sadness is leavened by the many years of wonderful memories.

**BARON TORQUIL
AND
BARONESS MOIRA**



FROM THE KNIGHT'S MARSHAL



Greetings,

We have just come off a busy time of year, and there are a couple of things which need to be said.

The first is to thank all the marshals who helped at Simple Day. Master Eirik, Arch Teryx, Azrael, and Ag: without them fighting simply wouldn't have happened, even if it was limited due to heat.

Then there is Pennsic; I personally had a ball. And the Barony fought well, and stayed together nicely. I admit I was pleased. Thank you all for putting up with my foibles as the baronial unit leader. I hope that everyone had as much fun as I did or more. As the summer slowly winds to a close melee opportunities will slowly dwindle. If you're new don't forget the lessons learned on the melee field, you'll need them next year.

LORD ULFR IMASON

FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL



Sternfeld had a great showing on the rapier field at war this year.

I don't have all the achievements but I'll list the ones that I can remember off the top of my head. Forgive my spelling on some of the names. Philippe was one of the fighters who tied for 3rd place in the Novice Tournament, Ron helped push a spirited shield charge in the town battle (ask him about suction cup spears...), Androu braved the weather and nature to fight in both the Heavy and Rapier woods battles back to back, Angus and myself were the primary/backup runners for the mobile flag in the woods battle, Runa was gifted that same flag by the general for her excellent leadership in making sure that it never fell to the East, Constellation led the charge that circled the field in the Plateau battle, and I'm sure there are many other stories to be shared. While we may not have won every battle it's not for the lack of talent that we put on the field.

Sternfeld made a difference in every battle and everyone should be proud of the job they did.

LORD BJORN ARNALDSSON

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Remember to review the roster's list of given awards and consider nominating the people around you for Kingdom awards! 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. There are a huge number of local and nearby events coming up in the next few months, so consider your peers. The submission process at <http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/> is easier than ever.

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

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Costumer's Group is not meeting in August, due to Pennsic. We will reconvene on the first Thursday of September. If you have a topic request or would like to volunteer to lead a discussion, please contact Lady Odette or weigh in on the yahoo group.

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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, August 15. (No meeting on the 1st due to Pennsic.) The topic will be herb gathering and oils.

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There will be no dance practices in August due to Pennsic – the regular schedule will resume September 20. Stay tuned!

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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!

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Pregnancy watch: 4!

FROM THE KNIGHT'S MARSHAL

medieval times for feeding her own young with blood she pricked from her own breast, and so the symbol of the self-sacrificing pelican is a mother pelican bent over her nest, with several drops of red blood dripping down to the babies below. Similar to the Chivalry and the Laurel, Masters of the Pelican commonly take students into a formal relationship, where they are known as Protégés. Protégés frequently wear a yellow belt as an outward symbol of this relationship.

In September, we will discuss the awards that are given to those who participate in the equestrian arts: the White Chamfron and the White Lance.



FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER
CIBITS



Don't forget that Tuesday, August 17 will feature the Post-Pennsic Picnic in the Pavilion in the Park by the Pond and Playground (how many more Ps can we cram in there, do you suppose?)! Leave your armor at home (it's too hot to fight, anyhow), bring a pitch-in dish (the Barony is providing meat), and come prepared to share and hear the most outrageous stories of exploits at Pennsic XXXIX. Regular fighter practice will resume on Tuesday, August 24, after a much-needed respite.



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.



The date of 2011's Better War Through Archery has been decided for February 19, with Lord Brendan and Lady Liesl as the confirmed Autocrats. Please speak to them if you would like to volunteer to help in any way!

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER



Benedicte,

While many of us were gone to serve King and Country, the rest of us kept the home fires burning! We had a great State Fair, (hot as the devil, but that's Indiana in August) lots of sudden downpours with intermittent steambaths! I taught a mundane slaughter class, that sort of turned into an SCA talk...we'll see if they show up! The 4H poultry show at the SF is done, but the open class starts this Tuesday...Should be some neat birds for those interested! Sheep to Shawl competition this year at the Pioneer Village.

I went to the State Fair on Saturday FOR FUN, (ie not working...) with my god-daughter and her parents, THL Cerridwyn nic Alister and Lord Jaric d' Lange Sault, and sort of gave another medieval chicken class to a group as we wandered up and down the lines in the Poultry barn...made me wish I knew more about rabbits and ducks...sigh....always something more!!

I'm glad to hear folks have made it back from Pennsic and hope to hear all your tales of valor and bravery!

ABOT JOHANN VON METTEN

FROM THE CHRONICLER



I'm happy to report that I was able to complete the Chronicler's training session at Pennsic this month, with the result that you will soon have a fully warranted Chronicler of your very, very own! I also came away from that meeting with several new ideas of ways to spice up our publication. Remember, not only can you submit articles, but original artwork and black-and-white photography are most welcome as well. The publication permission forms are in the process of being reworked, which should hopefully streamline the submission process and make it simpler.

Yours in service,
LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE

FROM THE WEBMINISTER



Buon Giorno! I hope that you all have had a good summer.

There were two major changes to the Sternfeld website this month. The biggest change was the addition of a new page - the Podcast page. The first episode of the Sterncast was posted mid-July and has been listened to about 75 times (as of early August). The 2nd-4th episodes are already under development, so we have topics for August, September, and October. I'm open to ideas for future editions of the Sterncast. Please email me at antonio@danscomputing.com if you've got an idea for the podcast or would be interested in being interviewed. A huge thanks to Master Johann for agreeing to be the first to be interviewed - it was a pleasure to discuss Animal Husbandry with you.

Episode 2 of the Sterncast will be a wrap-up of the Pennsic War. War results, highlights, and plenty of "No Kidding, There I Was" stories. Didn't make it to war this year? We'll bring it to you! If you've got a story you'd like to share, please let me know and we'll find a time to record your story for inclusion.

The second major change this month was the addition of Google Analytics website statistics to our web page. I can now see information on what pages are visited, how many times, how long someone stays on a page, etc. In the past two weeks, I've been able to gather a lot of useful data - this will enable me to tailor my page updates to how people use the site. It appears that the most frequently visited pages are the home page, events page, Sternfeld Star, and Podcast.

The Crown Tournament web site is up and linked on the home page and event page. Department heads - please send any updates to both myself and Master Llew so that the site for the event can have the most up to date information.

Yours in Service,
LORD ANTONIO BELLINI

above and beyond service normally expected of subjects of the Crown (XVII-702)." The language of this stipulation clarifies that the service must be exceptional, and that it must be done on behalf of and for the benefit of the Kingdom. Thus, it might be far more common to see the Dragon's Heart awarded for lengthy dedicated service as a Kingdom officer than for general volunteering at events. As always, this is at the Crown's discretion.



Those who receive this honor become Companions of the Order of the Dragon's Heart, and are generally styled The Honorable Lord or Lady, as other holders of Grant-level awards are styled. The high precedence of this award places it just beneath a Court Barony, and just above the Greenwood Company, Bronze Ring, Evergreen, White Lance, and Gold Mace. There are no special emblems or garments that are worn by this Order, though they of course are entitled to wear the badge of their Order, as shown above: a green scaly heart against a white field.



A Peerage exists for the realm of service as well, known as the Pelican. Like the other Peerages of the Chivalry and the Laurel, the Pelican represents the pinnacle of service-minded dedication, and also a commitment to continue to work ceaselessly to further the needs of one's group and Kingdom. It carries the same responsibilities and polling duties as other Peerages, and advises the Crown in much the same way. In order to be considered for this level of recognition, one is expected to "have attained the standard of service to the Society or any of its branches equal to that of his or her prospective peers, which is above and beyond that normally expected of members of the Society (*Corpora VIII-A4-c*)." So it is that service in almost any arena of the SCA's purview can be justification for a Pelican, so long as it is substantial and lengthy enough.

Pelicans have the option to swear fealty to the Crown, though they are not required to do so. They are recognized by the title Master or Mistress (similarly to Laurels), and are discernable in their dress by wearing cloaks decorated with the symbol of the pelican in her piety, or sometimes by jewelry or other garments bearing this motif. The pelican was renowned in



MIDDLE KINGDOM AWARDS - SERVICE

Service, whether on the event, local, regional or kingdom level, is the glue that keeps our society operating. Every single aspect of our game operates because of the service of countless volunteers, and so it is supremely fitting that there be several tiers of awards given for work in this capacity.



The primary service award is the Purple Fret. The Crown awards this honor for “long and devoted service to their group, office, or Kingdom (*MK Law XVII-302*).” As the initial service award, the language here is necessarily vague – it does not specify what sort of service is required, and specifically includes three different fields of work – group, office, and Kingdom – as being potential fields to draw from. This means, for example, that one might receive the Purple Fret for consistently helping in the kitchen at your group’s events (group service), for filling the role of exchequer for a period of some time (service to an office), or for serving as Chamberlain to Royalty (service to the Kingdom). The wording “long and devoted” is a bit vague in this context, but it is understood (since this is a lower-level award) that the length of time expected for a Purple Fret is significantly less than, say, a Pelican.

Receiving a Purple Fret conveys upon one an Award of Arms, if one has not already received this previously. It ranks in precedence lower than the Orders of the Silver Oak and the Willow, equal to the Doe’s Grace and King’s Chalice, and higher than the Dragon’s Tooth, Dragon’s Barb, Cavendish Knot, White Chamfron, and Red Company. Its recipients are styled Lord or Lady, and they are permitted to wear the badge shown above, which features a purple knot, or fret, against a gold background. This award should not be confused with the Purple Fretty, which is a similar award given for service, but to groups rather than to an individual.

The next service award in the Middle Kingdom is at the Grant level, and in fact it carries the highest possible precedence of any award below the Baronage and Peerages. This award is known as the Dragon’s Heart. It is given, according to Middle Kingdom Law, “to individuals who, in the sight of the Crown, have performed services on behalf of the Middle Kingdom



FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH



August is going very quickly. Thanks to everyone who's sent prayers and warm thoughts with my mother's passing. We are so glad to know how many people are thinking of us.

Simple Day was a blast! The heat and slight decrease in the amount of kids who usually show up to Children's Point was disappointing. But... we had lots of fun with games and especially the water fight. Many little ones showed from the start to see what we would be doing. The plan for the day helped with the amount of kids who did participate, plus helped them get ready for court and dinner: open with games, lunch break (or vice versa) water fight, then crafts. It was lots of fun and as always, I enjoyed myself immensely. I was glad to see many parents along with their child for many of our little ones and realize the insistence, besides the heat, of having a parent present for certain ages may have restricted some children's participation. As always though, I try to do what our Kingdom law dictates and of course have the safety of our children foremost. One individual, even with just a few helpers/temporary deputies can't stop many children from the world's possibility tragedies or harms at all times... it is a good pattern to start parents being more interested or involved with their children at all SCA events.

A personal note: as receiving the Purple Fret, I'm still flabbergasted by what accolades I've received, I try to do my best and somehow our young Sternfelders just make my spirit lighter and of course make me want them to have lots of fun at our events. As always, their jovial hearts emit such energy that it is catching!

I hope to see lots of our Pennsic War attendees and hear the many stories on Tuesday.

As always, in service,
LADY emme FOSTER OF WHICKAM



TALES FROM THE WAR

Pennsic XXXIX (that's 39 for those of you who don't read Roman numerals) was sunny and warm, rife with old faces and new friends, and more classes, combat, parties, shopping, spectacle and camaraderie than can easily be summed up in words. The East and the Middle took up arms against each other in the traditional manner, and though the outcome was always in contest and the final score was very close, the East Kingdom turned out the victors at the closing ceremonies. But Pennsic is many things to many people, and one of its greatest charms is that the experience is always colored by the perspective of those who call it home for two weeks' time.

To that end, the editor of *The Sternfeld Star* has asked: **What was the most awesome / most interesting / most memorable thing you did, saw, or experienced at Pennsic War this year? Or, if you didn't attend, what interesting things did you do on the home front?**

Forester Bran vo Lough Derg -- *While shooting the clout on the archery range, having not hit the target in 5 shots I became annoyed, said to beck with this, and launched 1 bolt -- one handed -- for a scoring hit and my scores were good enough to place 5th in the greenwood challenge.*

Lady Meg -- *After completing the MiT program at Pennsic, I am now a thrown weapons marshal!*

THL Liesl & Lord Brendan -- *One thing Brendan & I did was take fur-kid Carly to a small frisbee dog event in Delphi, just for the fun of it AND to help get Carly out around crowds more (get rid of that 'Cujo' nickname!)--surprisingly, she came home with two trophies! Also discovered that Delphi is a very pretty little town. The next day, we discovered one of our non-SCA friends had been talked into going to Pennsic by some other friends in Ohio. He loved it (of course) and now he's a member, so hopefully we'll see him some Tuesday nights as well.*

Baroness Moira MacGillavrey -- *The Pennsic Pin-up Babes - one day it was so hot that Ysabel, Adriana, and I were sitting around in our late period chemises and drawers in camp.*

Lady Kemma Quatremaire -- *Most memorable, my first Pennsic ambulance ride, and it wasn't even me that was injured!*

Daidhidh Gwendolyn De Dughghlas Nic Chatain -- *Instead of going to Pennsic, I was 'Camp Nurse' at a YMCA Summer camp taking care of over a 100+ kids and consulars and their various booboos, owies and illnesses in the heat. Ailments ranged from broken bones, concussions, bloody knees/elbows/palms, bug/spider bites, vomiting, fevers, sore throats....you name it if kids can get/do it, they did.*

Lord Ulfr Imason -- *Unbelt's Tournament. Bar none. It was a new and unique experience!*



PENNSIC BARONIAL COURT REPORT

Ron -- Yeoman
Julia -- Yeoman
Lisa -- Yeoman
Kaida -- Yeoman

Additionally, favors were given by Their Excellencies to all those who contributed to the War Effort by fighting, shooting, volunteering, or teaching at Pennsic XXXIX.

Recognition was also given to those who were fighting as part of the Baronial armored and rapier units. Baronial armored combat tabards were passed to three new members of the team: Lord Philippe Renard Dela Montaigne, Togashi no Ryukata, and Michael de Quarmby.



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Leila von Tyson on Monday, August 16, 2010. This gentle lady's presence will be deeply missed within the Barony.

