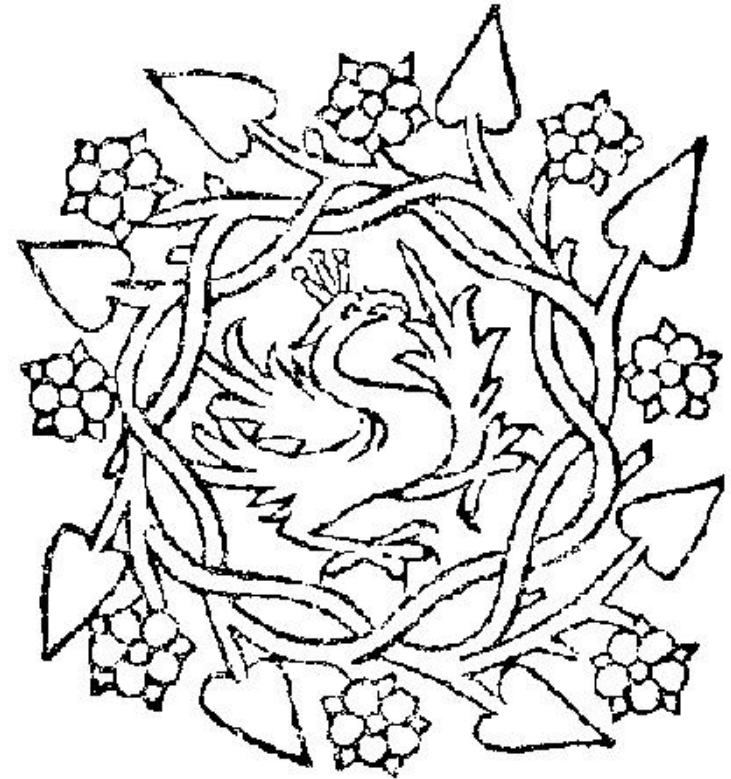


THE STERNFELD STAR

BARONY OF STERNFELD

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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 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.

November 2010

9, 16, 23, 30 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

- 6 All Soul's In the New World / MK Scribal & Heraldic Symposium
{Shire of Vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL]
Fall Harvest {Canton of Dun Traigh} [Hamilton, MI]
Flaming Gryphon Baronial Heavy Weapons Championship
{Barony of the Flaming Gryphon} [Eaton, OH]
Road to Canterbury {Marche of Gwyntarian} [Akron, OH]
Third Annual Winter Nights Feast {Shire of Afonlyn} [Muncie, IN]
13 Bardic Madness {Shire of Narrental} [Twelve Mile, IN]
Youth Fighting Symposium {Shire of Greyhope} [Lake Station, IN]
18 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
20 Fall RUM 2010 {Canton of Rokkehealden} [Oak Brook, IL]
Grand Tourney {Barony of Cynnabar} [Livonia, MI]
27 St. Nicholas Toys for Tots {Barony of the White Waters} [South Bend, IN]

December 2010

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

- 4 Christmas Tourney {Barony of the Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY]
Toy's Tourney {Incipient Canton of Iron Oak} [New Lothrop, MI]
11 Hawkland Moor Wassail {Hawkland Moor} [Washington, MI]
Yule Feast {Canton of Hrothgeirsfordr} [Toledo, OH]
11-12 An Evening of Dance in Shattered Crystal
{Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Belleville, IL]
12 **Althing, TBD**
16 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**

January 2011

4, 11, 18, 25 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

- 7-9 Chivalry Retreat {Midrealm Chivalry} [Wapakoneta, OH]
8 **Yule Court, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**
Twelfth Night {Barony of Cynnabar} [Ann Arbor, MI]
15 Twelfth Night {Tree Girt Sea} [Chicago, IL]
Winter Revel {Rivenvale} [Youngstown, OH]
22-23 Festival of Maidens XXXVIII: Seven Maidens for Seven Dragons
{Shire of Wurm Wald} [Urbana, IL]
Winter Revel {Canton of Three Walls} [Ionia, MI]

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- ❖ 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 Wonderful Barony,

As we write this, fall has truly set in and, by the time you read it, we should have a new set of heirs to the kingdom and we're sure that we'll do a spectacular job with Crown Tournament. We're can already say that there are many people who have done a great job with their respective areas. We're so proud of all of you.

Speaking of high level tournaments, it is getting time to replace several of our champions in the next few months. We won't be able to have the tournaments at Yule Court this year because of space restrictions. So, anyone wanting to compete for rapier or rattan Champion, please present yourself at the fighter practice immediately preceding Baronial Yule. We'll have a date in the December Star for his. However, we wanted to give people lots of time to make plans. Anyone wishing to be our champion must consider themselves a member of Sternfeld and be willing to help train fighters in their discipline in order to encourage new fighters and to share your passion for your weapon. We also expect Our champions to attend Us in court when their schedule allows. We will be allowing current champions to defend their titles again.

We also have the Baronial Althing upcoming on December 12th. **We would ask that all Sternfelders plan to attend this** as it is vital to the future direction we will be taking. One of the topics, which Her Excellency will be leading, will be a review of the events we hold during the year and deciding if we have the correct number with the correct themes to fit our current group. In order to make this efficient, we would ask that you think about the good and bad parts of each of our events and jot them down beforehand. For instance, Simple Day is one of our big money



makers would go in the good column, in the bad would be that it takes every ounce of manpower we possess to do it as we currently do.

We would also ask that you think about ways to make new members more comfortable. Those of you who have been new recently may be our best source for this information. Feel free to pass this on to either of Us; our Chatelaine, Leisl; the Seneschal, Kat; any of our other officers; or bring it up at the Althing, depending on your comfort level with speaking publicly. This is a piece of information we desperately need in order to continue encouraging new members.

Semper Fertale,
BARON TORQUIL AND BARONESS MOIRA

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**FROM THE KNIGHT'S MARSHAL**



Crown Tournament has ended, and I must pass on thanks and credit, to those who helped with the lists; Karl von Tyson, Red, Michael de Quarmby, Thorfinn Davidsson, Shannon, and Ruben. Without their help and the help of other gentles, the setup and tear down, not to mention moving the lists for weather, would have been nearly impossible.

Once again the Crown is guaranteed a successor in Arch and Runa. Hoobah! I hope you will all join me in wishing Them the wisdom and the strength of the dragon, as They walk the path of Royalty. Furthermore, They will be the royalty of Pennsic, so keep your weapons prepared, hone your skills all winter, for in the summer we need to be prepared to support the Crown and Its claims.

Serving,  
**LORD ULFR  
iMASON**



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Lady Katrina is still accepting bids for Simple Day 2011. Speak to Lady Katrina if you think you are interested in autocratting this event!

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Did you send in award recommendations for Crown Tournament? I did, and guess what: quite a few of the awards I suggested were actually handed out by Their Majesties. This is an exciting experience! If you haven't yet tried your hand at submitting recommendations, now is the perfect time to do it. All you need to know is a person, an award you think they deserve, an event (or two or three) that they'll be attending in the future where Royalty will be present, and some reasoning why they deserve the award you're suggesting. The King and Queen truly need your assistance in recognizing people who are deserving of awards. They can't be everywhere and see everything! Help Them out by checking out <http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/> today.

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Costumer's Group is meeting Thursday, November 4, 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.) There is no scheduled topic, but conversation will likely focus on planning topics for future meetings, upcoming garb camps, and projects to outfit Their Royal Highnesses for Their coming reign.

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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, November 7 and Sunday, November 21. The topic on the 7th will be hard fruits and applesauce, while on the 21st it will be slaughtering and curing meats.

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Dance Practice will meet from 6:30 – 9 pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (2601 E. Thompson Road): on Monday, November 15. (No practice on November 1st as the church will be setting up for polling.) Everyone is welcome to join.

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Pregnancy watch: 5!

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CIBITS



There will be no Fighter Practice on Tuesday, November 2, as Krannert is a polling site. Stay home that night, but do get out to your local polling location between 6 am and 6 pm and get your own vote in! Fighter Practice will resume its usual schedule on Tuesday November 9.



Forester Bran is looking for his replacement as Archery Marshal. This person heads up the weekly archery practices, files paperwork, and generally fosters the Sternfeld archery community. If you're interested in taking on this office, please attend the November business meeting and/or speak to Baroness Moira or Lady Katrina.



A Baronial Althing will be held on Sunday, December 12, at a time and place yet to be determined. Typically this runs like a business meeting on steroids, with the idea being that we have time to hash out larger items of Baronial policy and planning than usual business meeting limits allow. There will probably be discussion of a budget for 2011, among other things. If you have items of business you wish to discuss, you **must** contact Lady Katrina to have them added to the agenda in advance. Please come! This is your chance to be involved in the direction the Barony is headed, plus there is always plenty of fun socializing afterwards.



Yule Court is on the calendar for January 8, with Master Eirik and Lady Ciara as the Autocrats. This will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church starting at 11:00 am or so, and running all day. Expect such activities as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baronial Cooking Competition, possibly a Gold Tower meeting, Baronial Court, induction of new Baronial Champions, probable period gaming, and a pitch-in dinner in the evening. Plus whatever else anyone can think of. It's a low-key chance to spend time with your Barony around the holidays, so don't miss it!



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!

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FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL



Rapier continues to go well. We are having a fairly consistent number of fighters each week so there is always plenty of fighting. Plus now that the youth gear has passed its 2nd approval vote we will soon have the equipment to allow people under 18 to learn fencing. Any parents that have children who may be interested in this should get in touch with me either at a fighter practice or through my contact information in the Baronial Roster. Perhaps soon Sternfeld will not only be known for its magical waters but also feared for its legions of well trained youth fighters!

LORD BJORN ARNALDSSON

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FROM THE CHRONICLER



Fall is well and truly here, and these last few weeks to gather in the harvest are particularly needful with the festivities of Yule right around the next turn.

The Chronicler's office is winding down its year as well. We are seeing the near-completion of some recurring article series, such as the set of articles about the Middle Kingdom Awards. As most of you already know, I too have been partaking in the fruitful Baronial waters, and the end of the year signals an imminent shift in my personal responsibilities as Ulfr and I welcome our new little one. While I will be continuing in my office and foresee no difficulty in continuing to publish regularly, I expect I *will* be more distractible and less creative for a few months or so. It would help me tremendously during this transition to receive lots of submissions, particularly of articles or artwork, or even an advice column or article series. Otherwise I am likely to start publishing photos of my new baby and/or my ramblings on medieval lullabies, which, while not at all inappropriate for our group, would likely prove to be intensely boring. I beg your indulgence and just a little extra of your help during this exciting time!

Yours in service,  
LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE

FROM THE WEBMINISTER



Buon Giorno,

The biggest changes on the Sternfeld website this month were the pages for the Crown Event Site, which were extensively changed multiple times. Thanks to all department heads for sending me changes and updates directly (and copying the autocrat on your messages)! This method of doing updates seems to work really well - I strongly suggest future autocrats use this approach. You (as an autocrat) stay in the loop as to what is going on, and the site gets updated more quickly. As this was my first major event site since I became web minister, it has been a learning process - but a lot of fun. I'm very happy with the quantity of detailed information about our event that has been provided for me to post. From doing some research, it appears we are sharing far more information than our cousins elsewhere in the Midrealm via the web. I'd like to continue that trend!

The Star continues to be posted online each month at [http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/star\\_holding.php](http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/star_holding.php), and many people seem to be choosing to read it that way vs. getting a printed copy. There is not much podcast news, other than there hasn't been a recent release. Real life keeps getting in the way.

Yours in Service,  
LORD ANTONIO BELLINI

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH



A big thank you to Emeline Foga and Moira Chance again for helping out at Children's Point at Crown Tourney! We had a whopping 16 children to wrangle, with some more who mingled and went back into the crowd with parents to watch the festivities. It was definitely a fun event! With differing ages and interests, a little of everything got accomplished and of course some new things were tried. I also need to thank a friendly juggler who helped allow me time to get our last craft of the day accomplished and greatly entertained the kids. Rumbling tummies made Alex and I head out for an early dinner and missed court. I greatly

The Grove, much like its individual sister-awards the Silver Oak, the Willow, and the Evergreen, is granted for showing "proficiency in the arts and/or sciences or exemplary service in furthering such field (*MK Law XVII-1201*)," as demonstrated by a group. For example, a sewing circle who creates a stunning set of court garb for the Royalty might also be considered for this award, as might a household that fosters the arts in their area by running A&S competitions at all the events they attend, or a skillful dance troupe. The badge for this award is a grove of three purple trees set against a divided background: the left side gold, the right white.



All of these awards are given to the group as a whole, not to each individual within the group. Thus, it would be inappropriate for a person to wear the badge of the Grove upon their clothing if they should happen to belong to a household which has received it, but it would be appropriate for the household to hang the badge within their encampment, or to attach it to their flag for all to see. The honor of these awards reflects well on those who belong to the group that is so honored, but this is not the same as the award having been given to these individuals directly. Moreover, the honor remains with the group despite any changes of membership. Because there is no listing of precedence among groups based on merit (Baronies and Kingdoms are ranked in precedence according to which ones are the longest-standing, but other sorts of groups do not have precedence at all), these awards also do not convey any precedence.

In December, the final article in this series will discuss Kingdom youth awards, including the Dragon's Treasure, the Baton, and the Silver Acorn.





## MIDDLE KINGDOM AWARDS - GROUPS

The previous articles in this series have all discussed awards that are given to an individual for their actions, whether they show courtesy, skill, or service. There are, however, several awards which are specifically designed for larger groups of people to receive recognition in a similar fashion. The groups which receive these awards can be large or small, extremely formal in their structure or a loose conglomeration of people. They might be a household, a Barony, a guild, a fighting unit, or any other group that are linked together through either chosen affiliation or a shared activity (say, a group of volunteers who assembled tokens for Their Majesties to use as largess). There are four of these awards, and unsurprisingly, they cover the same broad categories as most of the awards that are given to individuals.

The Purple Fretty, like the Purple Fret, is given for “excellent service (*MK Law XVII-308*).” For example, a household volunteering to run an event or a Canton whose members band together to create a set of court garb for the sitting Royalty might be good candidates for this award. Its badge is a purple fretty (basically a network of knots) upon a golden background.



The Dragon’s Teeth, like the Dragon’s Tooth, is given to a group for “excellence in group fighting (*MK Law XVII-209*).” A Barony that is known for their tactics on the field or even a particularly skillful mercenary group could be possible recipients of this award. The badge for it is a white field with a green jagged bar across it, with three dragon’s teeth (two green, and one white) counter-changed in a line down the middle.



The Dragon’s Flight is similar to the individual award the Dragon’s Barb: it is given for “excellence in group archery (*MK Law XVII-809*).” A cohort of combat archers, or an archery guild that regularly shows up to shoot together, would be good candidates for this award. The badge is shown at the right: a white background, with four green arrow barbs and a green scaly pale down the middle.



enjoyed our littlest Scadians this run as we had many ages and I got the joy of having Micah, Armand, the twins-Maired and Hector, Hunter and Caterina for a change at Children's Point. It was a fun time had by our visitors as well as our Barony's little babes.

While Children's Point is for our youngins, please remember it is not a babysitting area. The only problem we did have this time around, though parents were nearby, was with the festivities heading inside, the heat of many bodies, nap time and lunch time hunger with no snacks around and of course, the never-ending issue of diapias... I'm thankful for my helpers and they did a great job.

I'm hoping to make Emeline Foga as my deputy and Moira Chance as my assistant deputy. Both have been a great asset and of course deserve many accolades for their help and concern with our littlest Scadians.

Upcoming events:

Holiday Court- As we didn't get time to create our castles, I will be bringing the supplies along for a little fun for parents and kids to see what they can create from household items. I hope to see ya next time.

## LADY emme FOSTER OF WHICKAM



### CROWN TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Crown Tournament over Halloween weekend featured an exciting array of fights between nineteen honorable Combatants for the glory of nineteen inspiring Consorts.

The Semi-final bouts came down to Captain Arch Teryx against Sir Nikolas Grigorevich Petrov, with Captain Arch prevailing, and Duke Stephen of Beckenham against Sergeant Savaric de Pardieu, with Duke Stephen prevailing.

The final round between Captain Arch and Duke Stephen was fought in two bouts, the first with sword and shield with Captain Arch prevailing, and the second with polearm where Captain Arch again prevailed.

Congratulations to Prince Arch and Princess Runa, the new Tanists of the Middle Kingdom (and Sternfelders as well!)



## CROWN TOURNAMENT THANK-YOU

I want to thank the following groups and people:

Above all else, I would like to thank Odile and Wulfwen for keeping me sane.

The Barony of Sternfeld  
 The Shires of Afonlyn  
 The Shire of Cuil Choluim  
 The Shire of Qal at Jafar  
 The Shire of Mynedd Serenn  
 Torquil and Moira  
 Ulfr  
 Lia de Langley  
 Ysabel de la Zarza  
 Liesl von Metten  
 Katrina of Sternfeld  
 Brendan Eoin Dalcassian  
 Erszebet Szubota  
 Valencia  
 Moira MacGillavrey

Odile de Brienne  
 Colette the Seamstress  
 Ian the Green  
 Johann von Metten  
 Valeria Contadina  
 Llywelyn ap Llywarch  
 Vivian  
 Emme Foster  
 Thorfinn  
 Jim Green  
 Alexander de Seton  
 Dragonscale Consort  
 Tonis  
 Kuji  
 Ceinwen



I have omitted titles to keep from getting them wrong...grin.  
 AND OF COURSE, Their Majesties Ullr and Anne-Lyse for allowing us to hold Their Crown Tournament.

If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize for the oversight and know I thank you most heartily.

MASTER LLEW



To The Populace of the Barony of Sternfeld does the Cooking Guild  
 Announce a Grand

## COOKING COMPETITION

At Yule this year the Cooking Guild of Sternfeld will be holding *The Second Annual Cooking Competition*, in an effort to promote the Art of Cooking within the Barony. The winner will have the bragging rights to the title "*Baronial Cooking Champion*" for one year, a beautiful traveling Glass Bowl, an Apron to which the winner's name will be added, and prizes will be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place.

*(Please note that we are hoping to make this a yearly event to promote cooking within the Barony and this is not the Baronial A&S Champion position.)*

Please see the simple guidelines below for the Competition:

- 1.) Single Dish – any type (meat, vegetable, or desert).
- 2.) Must include a list of Ingredients Used (If possible please no Juniper as His Excellency has an Allergy).
- 3.) Must include how the dish was made.
- 4.) Minimum Documentation (Single page OK).
  - a. Can include substations with reason provided (such as "because of cost I used ...", or "if I were making this in period I would have used...")
  - b. Extra points could be awarded if also included information on how the dish was cooked in period
- 5.) Must be able to Document Recipe from 600~1600 A.D.
- 6.) Proposed Judges: Their Excellencies (one or both), and others to be named.
- 7.) After judging the dishes will be used as part of the Baronial Yule meal.

At the meetings of the Baronial Cooking Guild we will have books available for any who wish to do a little research or look up possible recipes. Please remember cooking is fun and this is a forum for new cooks and experienced cooks to showcase their craft.

In Service to the Barony of Sternfeld,

CHL WALDETRUDIS VON METTEN