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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2010

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.

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]
Mischief and Mayhem at the Falls {Marche of Norborough} [Ludlow Falls, OH]
- 2-3 **Fisher's Renfaire**
- 8-10 A Day at the Mill {Stere Codha} [Cutler, IN]
- 9 Cleflland's Standard Bearer's Tournament {Clefllands} [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]
Scheherezade'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]

November 2010

2, 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 Greynope} [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 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**
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☪ 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ OPEN HOUSE/READING NIGHTS - Every Wednesday, 7-9 pm. Master John and Mistress Leanore's house, 1626 Marlborough Lane. Contact Master John and Mistress Leanore (John and Ellie Wright), 317-872-7216, elliepel@aol.com.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ COOKS' GROUP - First and third Sundays, 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 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



Unto Our Most Beloved Barony,

Yes, you are much loved, beards and all (ask around, trust me on this). Speaking of which, we just did our 6th Fisher's Renaissance Faire this past weekend to begin October and we have to commend the work of the Barony on our largest fund raiser of the year. On Friday afternoon and evening, tents popped up in an orderly manner with lots of hands helping to make the work easier. Saturday dawned grey and wet. We helped break a major drought just by planning on being out in the weather for the weekend. People kept going, despite the cold and wet. Thank heavens that Sunday was only cold and not damp so that the canvas dried out and we could meet more of the Faire visitors. Special commendations for the weekend go to Mary and Toby, who cooked a quarter mile away, uphill both ways, and still managed to serve us delicious warm meals. Sunday evening we made record time in tearing down the site, 1 hour and 15 minutes from the time we started until we were standing around talking. With 15 tents and sunshades, that's one packed up every 5 minutes, along with its contents. Silliest question of the weekend: "Is that a real baby?" This event should net the group over \$1,500 after we pay expenses and send checks to the other groups who helped out.

Next is Crown Tournament. We would ask that every member of our Barony find some way to assist with this event, even if for a short amount of time. This is our time to shine at the kingdom level. I know that Brendan will need help with troll, Ulfr with set up and tear down of the list, and Liesl with retainers. We thank you for all of your assistance, in advance. You are also invited to our house after the event for a post rev.

Semper Fertale,
BARON TORQUIL AND BARONESS MOIRA



FROM THE CLERK OF THE ROSTER

It's time for the last Baronial Roster update of the year! (Doesn't it sound frightening to say it that way?) Please be so kind as to send me any updates to your contact info or awards received. I will be passing around the current roster at Fighter Practice for the next few weeks as well, so you can double-check your entry in person if you prefer.

Yours in Service,
LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE

FROM THE KNIGHT'S MARSHAL



Salutations!

Here we are at a rare time when we will be needing to put more new people in armor. There are several who have recently started and are still acquiring their pieces. I applaud their efforts. It is never easy to get a kit together, especially the first time. That said, our loaner box is pushed to its limit right now, and I am thrilled, but frustrated, by this development. We have many donation pieces that I have simply not gotten repaired. I will be making an effort to get some more of the loaner gear available, and I will make myself available to those who ask for assistance.

Serving,
LORD ULFR IMASON

FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL



Rapier practice is continuing to go well. We have moved back inside for the winter so that we have light to practice. There have been several people who have expressed an interest in learning to fight and we're always happy to work with anyone who wants to give it a try. The Barony is also looking into purchasing equipment for youth rapier fighting so that the younger members of the Barony will be able to start learning.

LORD BJORN ARNALDSSON

Them out by checking out <http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/> today.

Garb

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

Costumer's Group

Costumer's Group is meeting Thursday, October 7, from 7 – 9 pm at Lady Odile's home (1208 Hoover Lane, Indianapolis). We will be working on hand projects of various kinds, discussing upcoming projects such as the garb book and potential garb workshops over the winter, and generally having fun.

Cooks' Group

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, October 17 (no meeting on the 3rd due to the Ren Faire). The topic will be cheeses.

Dance Practice

Dance Practice will meet twice this month from 6:30 – 9 pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (2601 E. Thompson Road): Monday, October 4, and Monday, October 18. Everyone is welcome to join.

Youth Combat

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!

Pregnancy watch

Pregnancy watch: 4!

FROM THE CLERK OF THE ROSTER

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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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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!

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Master Eirik and Lady Ciara have accepted the position of Autocrats for Yule Court. The date and location of this are not finalized yet, but look for more updates as details get arranged.

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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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Lady Katrina is looking for bids for Simple Day 2011. Sound far away? It's only nine months! We plan *everything* nine months ahead in Sternfeld, don'tchaknow. Just kidding, but it really does take that long to go from initial bid to full-fledged reality for an event the size of Simple Day. 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? If you haven't yet, it's getting close to being too late, but don't let that stop you from submitting some award nominations for Crown, or for any other event that deserving person you know of might be attending. It doesn't have to be a local event -- just any event you know they'll be at. 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

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FROM THE CHRONICLER



First of all, I hope everyone else enjoys the creepy décor of this month's issue as much as I did. I've been waiting to use these particular pieces of art literally since last year when I discovered them, so I hope they are lending a suitably spooky ambiance to the *Star* for Halloween!

There have been some exciting developments from the Chronicler's office this month that I am happy to share with you. The new publication permission forms have been released! Those of you who have written articles, submitted art, etc. for the *Star* in the past no doubt remember the cumbersome form I've been collecting previously, with a separate form necessary for web publication, etc, etc. The new forms are streamlined, a single page, and include options for both print and web publishing, making collecting this information a lot easier. They are also – wait for it! – available in an email-able format that you can open, edit, sign electronically, save, and send to me to print. This should take a lot of the headache out of tracking people down for publication permission, as the form can be emailed to me along with the article submission.

There are three slightly different forms that will be used, depending on the kind of content being submitted (original content, photography, and one for photographic model releases). I anticipate a few unexpected questions arising as we transition to these new forms, but they should be much easier to use going forward. I'm excited!

Finally, as the year slowly winds towards a close, be thinking about the kind of content you would like to see more of in *The Sternfeld Star*. There is no limit to the kind of content we can publish! (Well, there **are** limits, but they are few, and they are pretty reasonable ones. Just because something has never been a regular feature does not mean it's unacceptable – it probably just means nobody has thought of it yet. Ask your Chronicler if you're uncertain about the appropriateness of your ideas!) I'm happy to entertain all kinds of wild and creative ideas for content, as well as help you write them or put you in touch with resources, but the newsletter will only be richer and more varied with multiple brains piling into the brainstorming process. I have some ideas for 2011... but I want to hear yours, too!

Yours in service,
LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE

FROM THE WEBMINISTER



Buon Giorno!

Again, not a lot changed on the Sternfeld website this month.

As we get closer to the date, I've been making considerably more updates to the Crown Tournament website. Sterncast Episode 3 is being delayed until October - there will be no September Sterncast due to time constraints. Hopefully this will make keeping to the schedule (which is all in my head anyway) more possible. The next topic will be Ren Faire, with the hopes that we will be able to increase participation next year!

This seems to be the time of year for nesting - I'm preparing the house for winter since we'll be here more often, and squirreling away entertainment for the long cold dark. Some long-term projects are coming to fruition, which leaves me free to work on the projects that I enjoy more! This should mean I finally get to sit down and work on some automation for event websites fairly soon. Cross your fingers! I know I am.

Is there something you'd like to see on the website that isn't there? Please email me at antonio@danscomputing.com and we'll talk! If you think it's more suited for the print medium, consider sending it to Odile, our Chronicler, instead! She can be reached at odileendormie@gmail.com!

Yours in Service,
LORD ANTONIO BELLINI



“to individuals who, in the sight of the Sovereign, have displayed excellence and authenticity in their chosen field (MK Law XVII-452).” They also would be styled ‘Lord or Lady,’ and are entitled to wear a badge of a black chalice. It can be given to the same person more than once.

The Sapphire conveys no precedence at all – it is a token of the esteem in which the Crown holds an individual, but does not change that person’s precedence. Nevertheless, the Sapphire is a very distinguished award. It is given “to individuals who exhibit courtesy, grace, and honor to people of all ranks, and exemplifies what it means to be the embodiment of the dream (MK Law XVII-1802).” To be the embodiment of the dream is a lofty achievement, and the kind of thing that can only be said of someone who truly is unfailingly considerate of all they come into contact with, great and small alike. There is no title to accompany this award, and the badge is a cut blue gemstone.

The King and Queen also have the power to make someone a Baron or Baroness of their Court. Court Barons are higher in rank than those who have received the Dragon’s Heart, but they rank lower than territorial Barons. Territorial Barons differ from court Barons in that they hold a Barony -- actual geographic land – in fief from the Crown, while court Barons have no such land. For them, the title is an honorific, rather than an office. The coronets for the two sorts of Barons are similar, in that both feature six pearls or spheroids around the upper edge, but while territorial Barons’ coronets are gold, those of court Barons are silver. Both sorts use the title ‘Baron or Baroness,’ and are addressed properly as ‘your Excellency.’ Generally this honor is given for devoted or spectacular service to the Crown itself, or to the Kingdom.

Two other awards exist which can be given by the Crown to individuals who have done great deeds, for which no other award would be adequate. Known as Royal and Kingdom Augmentations of Arms, they convey no precedence and come with no titles, but they are a mark of high esteem from the Crown to the recipient. The Royal Augmentation is the lesser of the two, while the Kingdom Augmentation is the highest honor the Crown has in its power to bestow. Generally the award is given in the form of some specific addition to the recipient’s personal arms; this can be anything from a colored border to an additional charge.

In November, we will discuss awards that are given to groups, rather than to individuals: the Dragon’s Teeth, the Dragon’s Flight, the Purple Fretty, and the Grove.

Lord or Lady is entitled to wear a circlet of their choosing, so long as it has no more than one protrusion and is not more than an inch thick, so as to prevent it from being mistaken for a Baron's, Earl's, or Duke's coronet. As long as it avoids the elements which are reserved to these lofty titles (pearls, embattlements, and strawberry leaves, respectively), it can be ornamented however the new Lord or Lady desires. There is no badge associated with this award.

You have probably guessed by now that since there is an actual Award of Arms, there is probably a Grant of Arms as well. You are correct! The Grant of Arms is given for higher levels of service or skill than an Award of Arms, but it is equally vague in terms of precisely what kind of work might earn one (*MK Law XVII-2001*). This allows it to be given for a wide range of activities, provided that the scope of the activity merit the higher level of the recognition. It is also often given to Great Officers of State, or those who have served in Kingdom-level offices. Receiving this award places one ahead of those with the Willow or the Silver Oak in precedence, but behind the Greenwood Company, Evergreen, White Lance, Bronze Ring, and Gold Mace. There is not a badge to accompany this award, nor is there a particular token that its members typically wear. Like other awards at the Grant level, its recipients are styled 'the Honorable Lord or Lady.'



The Doe's Grace is an award which is unique in its focus. Given by the Queen, it is for those who "have demonstrated courtesy and chivalry on or off the field, as well as kindness to those around them (*MK Law XVII-402*).” Since this courtesy and chivalry can be on or off the field, it is not an award that is limited to

combatants. At one time it was known as the Queen's Favor, because of its special nature; it was renamed in 1988 as the Doe's Grace in honor of Duchess Eislinn the Patient, whose arms featured a doe. Recipients of this award rank equally in precedence with those who have received the Purple Fret or the King's Chalice, behind those who have received the Willow or Silver Oak, and ahead of those who have received the Cavendish Knot, Dragon's Barb, White Chamfron, or Red Company. There are no special tokens of this award, although its recipients may wear the badge shown here, which is a blue field with a sword surrounded by a ring of white flowers with green leaves. Its recipients are styled 'Lord or Lady.' It is also possible to receive this award more than once.

The King's Chalice ranks equal in precedence to the Doe's Grace and Purple Fret, with the same awards before and behind as them. It is given

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH



I hope to see everyone at Crown Tourney and we have lots planned for the day! Of course a big huzzah to everyone who helped at Fishers Renfaire. As fall is upon us, let's all get our yard cleanup done quickly as it seems winter shall be soon upon us. Bundle up and let's all have a fun and safe season of events!

Crown Tourney Children's Point Info Game/Class Schedule:

- 10:00 AM - Children's Point Opens
- 10:30 AM - Start Games
- Hangman Knight -Find the Crown -Loot the Knight -Jump the Moat - Blindman's Bluff -Visiting MOY's Option
- 12:30 PM - Lunch Break
- 1:00 PM - Start Classes -Japanese Braiding -Sachets -Visiting MOY's Option
- 2:00 PM - Crafts -Masks/Crowns/Shields -Make a Village or Castle - Halloween Bag Decorating
- Trim & Decorate a Pumpkin
- 3:00 PM - Children's Point Closed

Look for Lady Emme Foster with a purple and white MOY tabard. After closing and clean-up Lady Emme Foster and Alexandre le bambino will go Trick or Treating in Tipton, IN to surrounding areas. You can join them at the Troll entrance at 4:30pm.

Lady Emme Foster will be volunteering to run Children's Point at all of our Baronial events, as she sees it being her duty as Minister of Youth, but would appreciate parent's participation and any possible volunteers who would like to be a future deputy to contact her before the day of events. We still can use some odds and ends for castle/village components, bring and drop off at Children's Point before opening.

Thank you and have fun at Crown Tourney!

LADY emme FOSTER OF WHICKAM



REGARDING CROWN

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! Contact me immediately if you want to help!

Most important: preregistration is encouraged and you can use your credit card using the ACCEPS system. Also, a family maximum charge applies for those who use ACCEPS to preregister. To preregister, go here now:

<http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/crown/registration.php>

Now for the other announcements:

First, the Tipton County 4-H Purdue Extension is a beautiful all weather site. While Their Royal Majesties plan on having Crown out of doors if possible, we do have a large indoor hall available in the event of inclement weather.

Second, yes, we will have a lot of merchants. So far, we have 15 committed to attend and have an upward limit of 30.

Third, we do have numerous classes, children's activities and games scheduled to fill the day after Crown and before Court and feast. Offboard dining is also encouraged.

Fourth, yes, we allow overnight camping and RV camping along with electricity, water and a "blue water" dump. Fees do apply.

Finally, we have a masked ball scheduled after Feast with a large dessert banquet planned. Masks will be provided.

Thanks,

MASTER LEW



MIDDLE KINGDOM AWARDS - MISCELLANEOUS

Hitherto we have primarily discussed Midrealm awards that fit neatly into a particular category or area of study: armored combat, arts and sciences, archery, etc. These sorts of awards tend to have a common pattern to them: often in each genre there is an Award of Arms-level award, a Grant of Arms-level award, and, perhaps, a related Peerage. Though there are some variations, the general trend leans towards this pattern. This month, however, we are going to discuss a number of awards which are completely outside this framework: both the awards which give the framework its structure, and some individual awards so unique there is no comparable award like them.

The first of these is the Award of Arms. Often the first award explained to any newcomer to the SCA, it is almost always the first award a person will receive after having become a participant. This is not necessary (you may recall from previous articles that almost all Award of Arms-level awards convey an Award of Arms by default), but it is frequently the case. The requirements to receive an Award of Arms are not spelled out in Kingdom Law: the Law says only that "Holders of the Award shall be entitled to place after their names the initials A.O.A., and recipients of the Award may be styled and announced in precedence as Recipients of the Award of Arms (*MK Law XVII-1901*)."

Generally speaking, one might receive an Award of Arms after a year or two of active participation, particularly if there is a specific area of activity (martial combat, or service, or an art or science) that one is active in furthering. My own AOA was given for serving as an officer for a local Canton, while my husband's was given for volunteering at demos and for skill in armoring. In truth, the Award of Arms can be given for almost anything in particular. It is more about having shown that one is a true participant in the SCA than having fulfilled any specific criteria or activity.

As one might expect, the Award of Arms is the lowest in precedence, ranking behind the Order of the Gaping Wound. However, its recipients are styled Lord or Lady, a title which is technically reserved for those who have received this award. While the titles 'm'lord' and 'm'lady' are used casually for anyone who happens to attend an event, receiving an Award of Arms is what makes one actually 'Lord So-and-So.' Additionally, the new