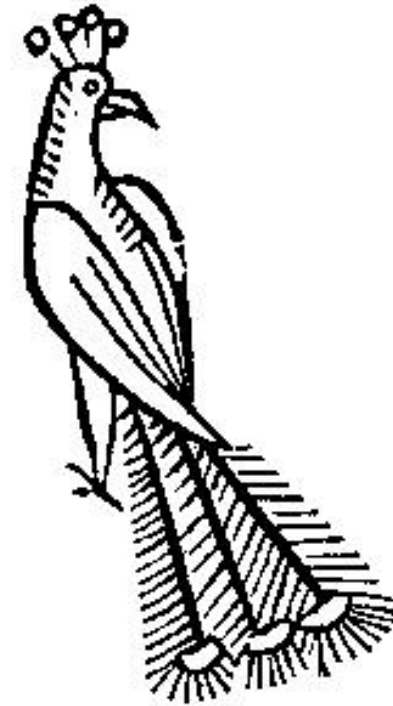


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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2011
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!

CALENDAR

--Local and selected events only--

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

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]
20 Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm
22 Donnershafen's Twelfth Night {Barony of Donnershafen} [Kalkaska, MI]
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]
29 Better War Through Archery {Barony of Sternfeld} [Indianapolis, IN]

February 2011

- 1, 8, 15, 22 Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
5 Laurel's Retreat {Midrealm Laurels} [West Chester, OH]
Winter's End {Barony of Fenix} [Edgewood, KY]
12 St. Valentine's Day Massacre {Canton of Three Hills} [Kalamazoo, MI]
17 Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm
19 Masque of Courtly Love {Alderford} [Canton, OH]
26 Candlemas {Shire of Dragonsmark} [Lexington, KY]
Eastwatch Dessert and Game Revel {Eastwatch} [Fairport Harbor, OH]

March 2011

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
5 A&S Education Day {Shire of Ravenslake} [Crystal Lake, IL]
Ceilidh XXIII {Barony of the Flaming Gryphon} [Troy, OH]
North Oaken Regional Academy of Defense {Shire of Thistle} [Dalton, OH]
12 Feast of Saint Patrick {Shire of Afonlyn} [Muncie, IN]
It's All Fun and Games II {Canton of Rimsholt} [Wyoming, MI]
13-20 Gulf Wars {Kingdom of Meridies} [Lumbarton, MS]
17 Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm
19 Terpsichore at the Tower XVII {Barony of Cynnabar} [Saline, MI]
19-20 Winged Hills Collegium {Winged Hills} [Dayton, OH]
26 Falcons Quarry Fighter Championships {Falcons Quarry} [Elyria, OH]
Oaken Regional Cooking and Bardic Symposium
{Marche of Three Towers} [Mansfield, OH]
Rogue's Day and Midlands Regional A&S {Shire of Swordcliff} [Sherman, IL]

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- ❖ 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.
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- ❖ DANCE PRACTICE - First and third Mondays, 6:30-9 pm. **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2601 E. Thompson Road.** Contact Lady Brigide Rose von Metten, wulfarose@yahoo.com.
- ❖ 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 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



To the people of Sternfeld,

We hope you all had a pleasant Yule. We also hope to see you all at our upcoming events. Baronial Yule is January 8th at St. Tim's. We also will be having an althing (Baronial planning/working meeting) in the morning. Bring projects if so inclined, or I could be convinced to start some gaming. Better War Through Archery is January 29th in Danville IN. Even if you are not an archer, there are many opportunities to meet, learn, help and shop. If you are willing to volunteer, let us know and we will connect you with the autocrats. April 16th is TRHs Arch and Runa's Coronation and the Constellation A&S fair in our neighboring barony, Rivenstar. We encourage you to both come out in support two of the Barony's own and to enter your projects in the regional A&S fair. Talk to one of us or to Abbot Johann if you want guidance.

We look forward to another glorious year. How could it be other with such fine and wonderful folk to share it with?

BARON TORQUIL AND BARONESS MOIRA

FROM THE KNIGHT'S MARSHAL

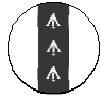


Welcome to the new year! Here's hoping that the winds of good fortune will blow our way.

Here on the heavy field, we've had some good turnout for practice and I can not express how happy this makes me. There have been times in recent years when the winter practices were smaller than they are now, and it was not as much fun. Even with the full holiday schedule that we all maintain, there have been good, solid, and above all productive practices. Thank you, everyone who attends and plays on the heavy field, you make Tuesday nights a pleasure.

Looking forward to a great year with everybody,
LORD ULFR IMASON

FROM THE ARCHERY MARSHAL



Greetings unto the Sternfeld lords, ladies, and good gentles.

With a new year comes a new archery marshal. Although Forrester Bran's shoes will be hard to fill (especially since I have bigger feet!), I look forward to serving the Barony of Sternfeld as the new Archery Captain.

Better War Through Archery, the Midrealm's only winter archery event, is nearly upon us. This year's event will include team and individual competitions, youth competition for young SCAdians (up to age 14), Bran's RC Balloon shoot (which has become an annual tradition!), and the Sternfeld Baronial Archery Championship. All interested Sternfelders are encouraged to compete for the honor of becoming our next Baronial Archery Champion.

We currently average 10-12 archers at weekly practices, and we always have room for more. All are welcome to join us each Wednesday evening at 7:00PM for practice and fellowship. No experience? No problem. We have several people who will gladly share their expertise in shooting as well as bow and arrow making. No equipment? No problem. We have loaner equipment. I, and the other archers of Sternfeld, welcome anyone with an interest in archery to join us!

Pandus planto populace mico!

LORD EADRIC OF GRENFELD

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER



Benedicte,

Our fair barony has had a busy year as usual! Our Cook's Group has divided into two separate interest groups and each has grown in number and scale!

The Cook's Group (CG) now meets on the First Sunday of each month, while the Ars Rustica(AR) meets on the third Sunday of each month...Ars Rustica is dedicated to agricultural pursuits...the procurement of foodstuff, as opposed to what you do with them once you have them!



Costumer's Group is meeting Thursday, January 6, 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.) We will be finalizing our schedule for 2011.



The Cooks' Group and Ars Rustica Group have tweaked their arrangements a bit with the new year! Cooks' Guild will ordinarily be meeting on the first Sunday of the month from 4 – 6 pm at Lady Brigitte von Metten's home, but was cancelled this month due to proximity to New Year's Day. Ars Rustica will continue to meet at Abot Meister Johann von Metten's house (3901 Marrison Place, Indianapolis) on the third Sunday of the month. In January that will be Sunday, January 16, and the topic will be seed and poultry catalogues.



There is only one Dance Practice this month, on Monday, January 17, from 6:30 – 9 pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (2601 E. Thompson Road). The group will be discussing broadening the scope of the regular dance practices to include other performance arts, such as vocal and instrumental music, theater, etc.



Pregnancy watch: 3!

FROM THE ARCHERY MARSHAL



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Combat championships (both armored and rapier) will take place at Fighter Practice on Tuesday, January 4, in advance of Yule Court. Those fighters who would like to compete or to defend their titles are requested to appear before Their Excellencies upon this day!

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Yule Court is coming up on January 8, with Master Eirik and Lady Ciara as the Autocrats. This will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church starting at 9:00 am and running all day. The morning will feature an Althing to determine certain portions of Baronial policy, followed by a sandwich lunch provided by the Barony. In the afternoon there will be the 2nd Annual Baronial Cooking Competition, 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!

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Better War Through Archery's date has been moved up to January 29 due to a snafu with the original site. Lord Brendan and Lady Liesl are in serious need of additional manpower to pull this off, so volunteer early and often! See their double-page spread elsewhere in this publication for more information as well as contact info.

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It's never too soon to think about sending Their Majesties award recommendations. Better War is coming up fast, but you can also recommend people for any event that's part of the Royal Progress. The sooner you write recommendations, the sooner they are likely to be acted upon. Check out <http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/> today.

The CG has been heavily involved in both of our major demos this year as well as doing the Tavern feast at Simple Day. The CG also sponsored a 'pilgrimage' to Jungle Jim's International Market' in Cincinnati in November that was so well received as to make it an annual jaunt!

The AR group had its own outing to both the Marion County Fair and Indiana State Fair as well as to Conner Prairie Settlement with a great talk with the livestock curator and the state president of the American Livestock Conservancy. I have taught three classes on chicken slaughtering, which has lead to some clarification and mild censorship from the SCA BoD...future classes need to be done in strict privacy, they may be advertised as part of the event, but cannot take place on site...much like B&V judging with dry sites...

The Costumer's Guild has been meeting regularly at the Nora Panera Bakery as well as at Lady Odile's house. Their topics have ranged from shoes and accessories to undergarments..

I do not have a current knowledge of any organized armorer's activities, but I have seen several new pieces on the list field...

The Dance group has had a busy year with three members dropping out to engage in another A&S project, near and dear to Sternfeld's collective heart...animal husbandry...ie. producing babies!! LOL!! This has temporarily reduced our troupe from 12-8 couples to 6 couples... That said, there have been several classes on deciphering period dance manuals and how to read and interpret Italian dance terms! There is also a fledgling choral group starting that will probably share space with the dancers...

The Fishers Renaissance Faire has been a great impetus to encourage the artisan sometimes dormant in all of us to kick into gear and do some fine work!

Sternfeld hosted the Fall Crown Tourney and Craftperson's Faire to some great success!! We had nearly 52 individual entrants with over 120 pieces total! Including several gentles vying for the 50/50 project!

I regret that I personally have not been timely with all my reports to this office, but resolve to do better this next year!

ABOT JOHANN VON METTEN



Happy New Year, Sternfeld!

Last year, I promised a reckoning of the most prolific report-writing officers from the year 2010. I'm happy to report that I've done the tallying, and the most regular writer (other than myself, because let's face it... I scold myself heartily when I miss deadlines) in 2010 was Lady Emme Foster of Whickam, our Minister of Youth, who submitted reports for 11 of the 12 issues of the *Star* last year. Tied for second with 10 reports were Lord Ulfr Imason and Lord Bjorn Arnaldsson, Knight's and Rapier Marshals, respectively. And, in third, Their Excellencies Torquil and Moira, who issued updates in 9 of the 12 issues in 2010. I couldn't bring myself to report on the least-reporting officers, but I will say that all but two offices had at least one report during the course of the year, and half of our total officers published reports more than half of the time. I'm impressed with all of you, and look forward to meeting or exceeding these records in 2011!

Moving forward into the coming year, I am looking for suggestions or offers of content to add to the regular offerings in the upcoming issues. While I have some plans of my own that will hopefully be brought to light in the next few months, this publication works best if it's a compilation of thoughts and ideas from throughout the Barony, not just things that I think would be interesting to write about or publish. You might also find it's not as time-consuming to write a regular feature for the *Star* as you might think – for example, I often spent less than an hour each month compiling the articles I wrote on the Midrealm awards. YOU are an expert on something – yes, you. There is someone else in the Barony who knows nothing about it, and would either like to learn how to do it, or just learn more about what your area of expertise is about. Share that knowledge! That's what we join together to do.

In short, write stuff. Draw stuff. Paint stuff. Photograph stuff. Blog stuff. Chronicle stuff. And then give it to me to share with the world!

Yours in service,
LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE

With the positions of Baronial Armored Combat Champion and Rapier Champion up for contest just prior to Holiday Court, and the position of Archery Champion up for contest at Better War Through Archery a few weeks later, I thought it a good time to pause and reflect on what it really means to be a Champion.

Article VI of the Baronial By-Laws describes the duties of a Champion as “(a) To represent the honor of the Barony in their respective fields of endeavor, (b) To issue and answer all challenges in the name of the Barony, (c) To provide escort to the Coronet during Courts, (d) To give wise counsel and advice to the Coronet according to their knowledge and abilities, and (e) Should the Coronet be unable to continue, to help hold the Barony until the Coronet is duly succeeded.”

Clearly, this is no mere honorarium! The Champion, in addition to being skilled in their area of expertise (rapier, arts and sciences, armored combat, or archery) must be willing to offer their advice to the Baron and Baroness, and even to *defend the Barony themselves*, should something happen to the Baron and Baroness. Baroness Moira adds, “Let us know your event attendance so that we can make challenges from our Barony and brag about you. [...] We want active champions who want to be there!”

So what kind of activities do the Champions get into? Most of us have seen them escorting Their Excellencies into and out of Court, and standing guard behind Them while the Court is in progress. Lord Ulfr, the current Armored Combat Champion, recalls fighting in the Baronial Champions' Tournament at Pennsic and in the Baronesses' Tournament at Grand Pageant, allowing Baroness Moira bragging rights whenever he won a fight. At Pennsic, the Sternfeld Champions were once loaned out to Their Majesties of the Middle as honor guards during diplomatic missions of goodwill to neighboring Kingdoms. Being a Champion means gaining a very different understanding of Court procedures.

Bearing all this in mind, the challenge to become Champion should never be undertaken lightly. Once gained, however, it is both a rare privilege and a honorable duty, and one which is highly worthy of being sought.

LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE

- We need people to take **troll** shifts to register and greet guests.
- We need **servers** for feast, plus **kitchen clean-up** help during the day and right after feast—any of which earns you free feast!
- We also need some general **set-up** (Sat. 7:30 am) and **clean-up** help (Sat. p.m.).
- We also need **retainers and guards to assist the Royalty**. Guards literally stand guard at the door of the Royal Room, announcing visitors and making sure the ‘royal stuff’ stays where it should. Retainers accompany our royal guests during your shift to hold things, run errands, fetch people, etc.
- This is a great opportunity for fighters to volunteer, since you won’t have to deal with combat fatigue!

Anyone contributing 4 or more hours of verifiable service earns free site fee!

To assist, please contact one of these dept. heads:

Troll: Brendan (Sean O’Brien) seanobr@comcast.net, 317.295.9619

Head Server: Rhiannon (Char Kinzel), charla_kinzel@sbcglobal.net, 317.755.2414

Kitchen Clean-up: Austorga (Debbie Sponsler), pundora@yahoo.com, 317.987.3495

Guards/Retainers: Antonio (Dan McGillen), danmcgillen@gmail.com, 317.985.3178

Anything else: Liesl (Diana O’Brien) dianaobr@comcast.net, 317.439.5194



FROM THE WEBMINISTER



Buon Giorno,

December was a very busy month for the Sternfeld Website. I completed a review of the entire Sternfeld site and made some additional tweaks and changes. The biggest one is to how the site is organized. I've moved around the sections, so they are now as follows:

Home - Announcements, plus the latest updates and information on upcoming events.

Newcomers - Information for individuals new to the SCA

Barony - Who we are, the Sternfeld Star, the Podcast, Officers, Awards, By-Laws, Champions, etc.

Activities - Events, plus information on all the regular meetings of groups within the Barony.

Links - Links to other resources on the web that may be of interest.

The basic idea is to have the Barony section be more about "who we are" and the Activities section to be about "what we do".

The site for BWTA now has information on it, including the updated date and location. If you are filling a specific role at BWTA, please make sure and send me any updates to the information about your activities, as well as copying the Autocrats on the message!

Happy New Year!

LORD ANTONIO BELLINI





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

COOKING COMPETITION

At Yule this year on January 8, 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,

thl WALDETRUDIS VON METTEN



Barony of Sternfeld presents

BETTER WAR THOUGH ARCHERY 2011

NEW DATE AND SITE

January 29, 2011

9 am – 10 pm

Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds

1900 E Main St, Danville, IN 46122

**Still heated, fully modern, everything under one roof,
large shooting range!**

See www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/bwta for complete details

Activities will include a variety of great archery shoots, of course (again giving new bows as prizes!) including team shoots, youth shoots, and the Baronial archery championship. There will also be merchants, lunch, feast, Royal court, and children’s activities, with space for gaming, dancing, and bardic.



This event needs volunteers!

Like most Sternfeld events, Better War draws people from all over the Midwest, some of whom drive several hours to be here. Plus, we’ll have both Their Majesties and Her Highness attending this year. Now that we’re past the holidays, please look at your schedules and see if you can help fill some of these open slots to help make this a great event for our guests: