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Officer Reports!
Next Business Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 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.

July 2011

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

- 1-3 Known World Dance Symposium {Shire of Mynydd Seren} [Bloomington, IN]
 Tyger Hunt XXIX {The Riding of Hawkland Moor} [Lake Orion, MI]
 2 Brawl at the Crooked Dragon XIV {Shire of Falcon's Quarry} [Wellington, OH]
 8-10 Push for Pennsic {Marche of Norborough} [Troy, OH]
 Siege of Talonval XII {Shire of Talonval, RSL} [Leslie, MI]
 9 Carnivale {Barony of Ayerton} [Gilberts, IL]
 St. Ethyl's Drag Race {Shire of Swordliff} [Taylorville, IL]
 15-17 **A Simple Day in the Country {Barony of Sternfeld} [Trafalgar, IN]**
 17 Smurf Shoot {The Riding of Hawkland Moor} [Clarkston, MI]
 21 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
 29-14 Pennsic War 40 [Slippery Rock, PA]

August 2011

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

18 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**

- 29-14 Pennsic War 40 [Slippery Rock, PA]
 26-28 Call of the Waterhorse {Fearann Na Criche} [Oscoda, MI]
 Melee at Roswell {Marche of Alderford} [Roswell, OH]
 27 Foxhunt VII – Nanban Invasion {Canton of Foxvale} [St. Charles, IL]

September, 2011

6, 13, 20, 27 **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**

- 2-4 Middle Kingdom Academy of Defence {Shire of Ravenslake} [Woodstock, IL]
 2-5 Havoc in Hastings {Canton of Three Walls} [Hastings, MI]
 9-11 For Hands {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Wood River, IL]
 Harvest Days/Tournament of Chivalry
 {Winged Hills/Flaming Gryphon} [Pleasant Hill, OH]
 15 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
 16-18 Fields of Cloth and Gold {Barony of Illiton} [Chilicothe, IL]
 Saxon Summer XI {Shire of Rivenvale} [Burghill, OH]
 Vikings Come Home XX {Barony of Donnershafen} [Traverse City, MI]
 17 Still Smoking – Day of the Dragon XI {Shire of Dragon's Vale} [Cromwell, IN]
 24 Coronation {TBD}
 30-2 Mounted War Games {Shire of Shadowed Stars} [Peru, IN]
 Pounce X/North Oaken Reg. Craftsperson's Faire {Catteden} [Vanlue, OH]
 Procrastinator's Brawl and Ball/Roaring Wastes Baronial Championship
 {Canton of Brackendelve} [Ray Township, MI]

☞ 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), 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), elliepel@aol.com.
- ❖ **PERFORMING ARTS GROUP** – First and third Mondays, 6:30-9 pm. Lady Colette the Seamstress' house, 502 S. Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. Contact Lady Colette the Seamstress, alice.the.seamstress@gmail.com.
- ❖ **COOKS' GROUP** - First Sundays, 4-6 pm. Lady Brigide von Metten's house.
- ❖ **ARS RUSTICA** – Third Sunday, 4-6 pm. Abot Johann's house, 3901 Marrison Place. Contact Abot Johann (Marcus Loidolt), mjloidolt@yahoo.com.
- ❖ **ARCHERY PRACTICE** – Every Wednesday, 6:30-9 pm. **4375 Sellers St.** Contact Lord Eadric (Cleve Johnson), eadric.of.grenfeld@gmail.com.
- ❖ **MONTHLY BARDIC CIRCLES AND RANDOM POST-REVELS** - scheduled sporadically but enthusiastically. Contact Lady Floriana (Daisy Roberts Blair), 317-280-1930, or Lady Lucia (Kathi Coutinho), 317-293-0983.
- ❖ **GILDED COSTUMERS** - First Thursdays (& occasional weekends), 7-9 pm. Various locations. Contact THL Odette (Paula Ryan), 317-996-4630, odettedamboise@gmail.com.

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FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS



To The Good People of Sternfeld,

Wow, was that not a great Simple Day? We want to thank all of you who worked so hard to make it so. We've had many, many positive comments and only a few with suggestions for changes. We're still not recovered yet, but getting there as we hope you are too.

Next up is Pennsic for those of us who are going. Then the Po st-Pennsic Party. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Hopefully we'll all have new stories to tell.

As we have said so often, the people of this Barony are the very best.

BARON TORQUIL AND BARONESS MOIRA



FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER



Here in Sternfeld the Arts and Sciences are truly living up to our baronial motto.. "Semper Fertile" Always Fertile... We currently have many diverse artistic activities in our fair barony!

1. Cooks special interest group under the new secretariat of Lady Brigitta

Von Metten., thus freeing myself and my house for other things, and really absorbing a whole new contingent into cooking!

2. An ever growing circle of gardeners and animal husbandry folks, now including 5 separate chicken flocks, plus sheep and goats. Erhmadig Schwester Waldetrudis is keeping Lord Morvran and his goats busy supplying milk for her cheeses!!

3. The costumers group is going strong, having spent the Spring working on Byzantine garb for a local wedding!

4. Sternfeld Fermenters are a new group split off from the Cooks group for a chance to focus more deliberately on their specific art...

and finally the Scriptorium, again headed by THL Schwester Waldetrudis, has been busy producing blank scrolls for both Kingdom and Baronial usage and doing a remarkable job with a major demo at Fisher's Renaissance Faire. They hope to be able to do some work on a new book project headed by Master Johannese from Mynydd Seren..

Sternfeld had a very good turnout at Spring A&S faire both in various local regional faires and at Kingdom!

We also have individual artists working in the divers arts of Iron working, Lapidary, Gold and Silver Smithing, Fletching and Bowery, armor making and Tanning.

Our two remarkable musical ensembles are traveling and growing, ever perfecting their repertoire. They will be performing at the Known World Dance Symposium on the first weekend of July.

I can only foresee more and more growth in Sternfeld.. We have only one major concern currently within our lands, it has concerned many of us old timers and new folks alike...for the first time in many years we have NO ONE PREGNANT!! Needless to say, we have many people working to correct this desparate situation! After all, we have SEVEN baby girls and NO boys...so we will need to do something quickly!!

In service to the Arts,
I remain
ABOT JOHANN VON METTEN

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Lady Katrina is still accepting bids for Baronial Birthday and Grand Pageant in the spring of 2012. If you are interested in autocrating, please let her or Baroness Moira know as soon as possible!

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Send in some award recommendations for the events coming up after Pennsic. Like... Harvest Days! Coronation! Pounce!!
<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/>

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Costumer's Group is meeting Thursday, July 7, from 7 – 9 pm at the Panera Bread at Willow Lake West (2902 W 86th St # 220, Indianapolis: on 86th Street just east of Michigan Road. This is in the strip mall with Trader Joe's grocery store.)

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Cooks' Group will meet at Lady Brigide von Metten's home on Sunday, July 3, from 4-6 pm.

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Ars Rustica will meet at Abot Meister Johann von Metten's house (3901 Marrison Place, Indianapolis) on Sunday, July 17, from 4-6 pm.

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The Performing Arts Group will meet on July 18 at Lady Colette the Seamstress' home (502 S. Jefferson Street, Brownsburg), from 6:30—pm.

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**BREAKING NEWS: BARONIAL  
PREGNANCY CRISIS AVERTED!**

Good news for the citizens of Sternfeld!

It was discovered at A Simple Day in the Country that there is a gentlewoman residing within the Barony and active in our group (although she has been much hounded by work and the dreaded Real Life of late) who is indeed expecting a child.

Moreover, she has been pregnant since May at least, meaning that there has been **no actual gap** between reigning Pregnancy Champions. As one might expect, there was much rejoicing throughout the land. And all the rest of you have until January or February to sort out who's going to take over next.



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FROM THE CHRONICLER



Greetings from the Office of the Chronicler!

Firstly, my apologies for the seemingly erratic publication of the *Star* in recent months. I've been struggling some with warping publication dates around vacations and other projects to the detriment of the newsletter. For those of you keeping score, no, there was no issue published in June, and the July issue is coming out two weeks later than is customary. August's issue will be similarly delayed however (due to Pennsic), and it is my hope that September will have us back to a more consistent schedule.

With that in mind, I would like to announce that I am beginning the search for a deputy, with an eye towards stepping down from the position over the winter. November will mark two years in this position, and I think fresh blood can only improve the *Star*. Since a few months of practice is best, I'm starting the search now. Let me know if you're an interest!

Yours in service,
LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE

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**FROM THE WEBMINISTER**



Buon Giorno,

June was a hectic month for the web. Many updates to the Simple Day site were made and will continue to be made, right up to Friday morning (the 15th, when I leave for the event site). I beg and plead - please copy the event autocrat any correspondence that you send to me regarding an event's website. I only publish the information, so if you haven't told the Autocrat what you intend, it isn't necessarily happening. It's important the autocrat be kept in the loop as to what is happening because the autocrat is the one who has to coordinate all the resources and prevent conflicts. I just post it on the website so everyone can see the event details before arriving.

Looking forward to a fantastic Simple Day at our new site!  
**LORD ANTONIO BELLINI**

THE SCA'S DISTANT COUSINS:  
BELEGARTH, DAGORHIR, AND AMTGARD

Recently I was on the east side of town visiting my grandmother and drove past Camp Sertoma. Looking out my car window, I saw people in garb, period pavilions, and a bunch of people fighting in a form of combat that closely resembled heavy fighting, at least to this non-fighter. I quickly went though it in my head, determined I was definitely in Sternfeld territory, and there wasn't an event that weekend before turning into the main entrance of the camp to try and figure out who these people were and why they were playing a game that looked to my eyes a lot like the SCA. Was there another group I wasn't aware of? In a word, yes!

After parking, I hopped out of my car and wandered over to the first person who didn't look exceptionally busy and asked what group was meeting. I lucked out, in that I picked one of the best possible people to talk to entirely at random. He was a merchant who sells foam boffer weapons to two groups: Belegarth (who was holding this event) and Dagorhir. From talking to him, I learned that their games are a lot like ours in many ways, although there is a substantially smaller emphasis on period garb, the arts and sciences, etc. A lot of people who are involved are interested in those things, but they aren't specifically encouraged, at least not to the degree they are in the SCA.

Belegarth and Dagorhir actually come from a common ancestry - they were once one organization, before a scism more than 10 years ago. Only recently both groups have started going to each other's events a lot more often. Their rulesets for fighting are nearly identical and the culture is essentially the same between the two.

Another thing I learned from talking to this individual was that a lot of Dagorhir people and Belegarth people actually go to Pennsic. Dagorhir liked Cooper's Lake Campground so much, they actually started holding their large annual war (Ragnarok) at Cooper's Lake. It's a substantially smaller event than ours, but by far their biggest event of the year.

Many of the things that we do in the SCA, some of our cousins also do. They wear garb at events, we wear garb at events. They fight, as do we. The rules are even somewhat similar, at least to a certain point. Both us and our cousins have gradually made changes to our fighting rules to be

more safe and fair. The groups all give out awards to those who help out and stand as an example to others. We all have feasts, although the feasts at Belegarth/Dagohir events are frequently modern instead of period. This particular event was providing a catered feast prepared by a modern BBQ company. Interestingly, there are many people involved with Dagorhir and Belegarth who also participate in the SCA as well.

Talking to this individual whetted my appetite for information, so when I arrived home, I did some research on Dagorhir and Belegarth. One of the things I learned was that there is a third group, known as Amtgard. There's others as well, but these seem to be the "big three" medieval combat organizations outside of the SCA. Amtgard appears to operate very similar to the other two, but with more fantasy elements and "magic" in their game. Which makes a lot of sense, since the founder of Amtgard previously was involved with Dagorhir.

From researching online, I was able to find copies of a very interesting bit of correspondence from 1986, between the SCA Kingdom of the Outlands and Amtgard. In short, Amtgard asked if the SCA would be willing to have a diplomatic relationship with them, and/or provide a letter of formal recognition. (The answer in short: No, but we are glad you exist.) I was not able to find the original letter from Amtgard to the SCA, but I was able to find a copy of the SCA's response as well as Amtgard's response to that letter. I found it fascinating reading - you might too: <http://www.amtgard-eh.com/gallery/Archives/AmtgardEssentials/Communique.pdf>



The bottom line is that there are more groups that are interested in the time period and portions of the globe we cover in the SCA. Some take it more seriously than others, but all of them have formed groups designed to have fun and share their interest with others. And that's a good thing!

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