

The Sternfeld Star

BARONY OF STERNFELD
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Officer Reports!

Next Business Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 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.

November, 2011

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
5 All Souls with the Plantagenets {Canton of Vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL]
Crystal Ball {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Collinsville, IL]
Fall Harvest Festival {Canton of Dun Traigh} [Hamilton, MI]
12 **Fall R.U.M {Barony of Sternfeld} [Monrovia, IN]**
17 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
19 4th Annual Feast of Winter Nights {Shire of Afonlyn} [Muncie, IN]
Bardic Madness {Marche of Alderford} [Canton, OH]

December, 2011

- 6, 13, 20, 27** **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
3 Boar's Head 2011 {Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr} [West Bend, WI]
Christmas Tourney 40 {Barony of the Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY]
Grand Tournament {Barony of Cynnabar} [Livonia, MI]
St. Nicholas Day Tourney for Toys for Tots
{Barony of the White Waters} [Goshen, IN]
10 Fighter Symposium and Regional FP {Barony of Carraig Ban} [Byron, IL]
On the Road with St. Nicholas {Marche of Gwyntarian} [Akron, OH]
Toys Tourney {Incipient Canton of Iron Oak} [New Lothrop, MI]
Yule Feast 2011 {Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr} [Toledo, OH]
15 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**

January 2012

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** **Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center**
7 12th Night of Ealdnordwuda {Barony of Northwoods} [Lansing, MI]
14 Twelfth Night {Tree Girt Sea} [Chicago, IL]
19 **Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm**
21 A Regular Event in Cleftlands {Barony of Cleftlands} [Rocky River, OH]
Midrealm Chivalry Retreat {Flaming Gryphon} [Wapakoneta, OH]
21-22 Winter Revel {Canton of Three Walls} [Tonia, MI]
28 It's Only a Flesh Wound {Barony of Jaravellir (Northshield)} [Jefferson, WI]
Twelfth Night (Free!) [Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH]



Greetings unto Our Most Fair Barony,

We hope that all of you are having a good fall. We know that an industrious group of people met for the Baronial work day to get a lot of projects done in sewing, armoring, woodworking, and brewing. We will most likely plan another work day in about two months or we can just plan on bringing projects to Baronial Yule depending on everyone's whim. Please let us know if you have a preference.

November brings with it the Royal University of the Midrealm, a wonderful chance to take classes all day. We are hosting it this year and so we'd like to encourage everyone to attend and take classes and do an hour or two of volunteer work to make the day run smoothly. As far as we know, all departments still need help. If you don't know where to volunteer you can contact THL Odette, the autocrat, or Her Excellency and we'll find you a place to help out.

We'd also like to remind everyone that we are taking award recommendations for both RUM court and Baronial Yule court. Please send us in your recommendations so that we can recognize deserving people. If you are unsure of what award would be appropriate, just write us with what the people have been doing that you think deserves recognition and we can make a decision about what award might be best.

Lastly, we'd like to thank everyone who has lent a hand to make sure our newest members are welcomed and settled. New people bring with them excitement and energy that keep groups alive and growing. So, the time that you spend with them helps our group for many years in the future. Please get the names of new members to His Excellency and I, along with the activities they are participating in so that we can make sure to say hello.

BARON TORQUIL AND BARONESS MOIRA



Greetings,

Well, I am pleased by the number of new fighters who have been showing up lately. It means our loaner boxes are worked to capacity, but this is nothing but good for the barony.

It takes a group to raise a good fighter, I encourage the more experienced fighters to help them to experience more and build better skill sets. I also encourage the newer fighters to fight everyone, and learn from everyone.

Another challenge for the new fighter is getting together a decent set of armor. For the first set, it doesn't need to be super pretty, (many sins can be covered by a tunic), but it does need to meet the rules, and fit well. Having a set of armor that fits well, and doesn't bind, means that you're going to fight better, and learn faster.

Since we have an abundance of loaner helmets, we have established a lease program: for a \$15 holding cost we can longer term, loan you a helmet, refundable or applicable to purchasing the helmet.

For advice on making your own armor, modifying sports equipment, or buying it; just ask. Most would be happy to share what we know, or point you in the direction of someone who does.

A shield can be another stumbling block. Not just making or buying a "blank" ready to cut out shield, but strapping it to fit your arm, can be a challenge. Once again, ask. There is more than one way to do it, and asking around is often beneficial.

In Service,
LORD ULR IMASON



FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL



Rapier continues to grow in the Barony. We have several newer people learning how to fight and have a pretty decent turnout at each practice. With my new job I'm hoping that I'll be able to start making practice earlier so there will be more time for everyone to fight. The Domesday report was turned in for this year so everything should be good to go!

LORD BJORN ARNALDSSON

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER



Benedicte!

Tidings of the season, may the souls of your dead and those of all the departed be remembered forever and may they rest in peace unto the great day of judgment!

As can be seen by the crisp bite in the air of late, the Blood/Slaughter Moon is upon us and many of us are preparing to kill our meat animals, or have it done for us!!

Now is the time to make sure your smoke houses and chimneys are in order and you have the proper wood at hand, krauts and koles should be buried in the sand pits for storage, cider pressing is done and all is prepared for the winter! It may not be long before the Heavenly host begins to moult, sending down upon the earth all their wet fluffy fewmets!! LOL!!!

The various special interests groups in Sternfeld continue to thrive and indeed we have added one!!

The Sternfeld Largesse/crafters group has begun to meet in order to simply make stuff to give away as tokens and prizes! For those interested, please contact either H.E. Baroness Moira, or Lady Elisabette for more information.

Some of us from Ars Rustica attended the National Poultry Show this past weekend at the Indians State Fair, while others worked at the Baronial crafters party up in Tipton!

With RUM coming up there are many interesting classes to attend, so get out there with your note pads and open minds and learn something new!!

Though it has yet to really begin, should you want to 'drive the cold winter away'...This would be a great season to learn something new, expand your book knowledge and perhaps enter into some great discussions at one of our many special interest groups!

ABOT JOHANN VON METTEN

FROM THE CHRONICLER



Greetings once again!

The November issue of the *Star* marks the two-year point of my tenure as Chronicler, and it is with that in mind that I once again announce that I am seeking a replacement. Being Chronicler is actually a very fun job! You get to publish the *Star* every month, and in addition to the usual notices and officer reports, you have nearly unlimited leeway to include original content such as articles, opinion pieces, artwork, etc. You can change the format, you can institute new regular features; really, the sky's the limit. You'd also be responsible for maintaining the archives and collecting permission forms for anything you publish, and you report once every three months to the Regional and Kingdom Chroniclers. You'd also be an officer of the Barony with all the privileges and responsibilities that entails as far as assisting with quorum for Business Meetings.

It has been my pleasure to serve, and I am greatly looking forward to moving on to other pursuits. So, by all means, let me know of your interest!

Yours in service,
LADY ODILE DE BRIENNE



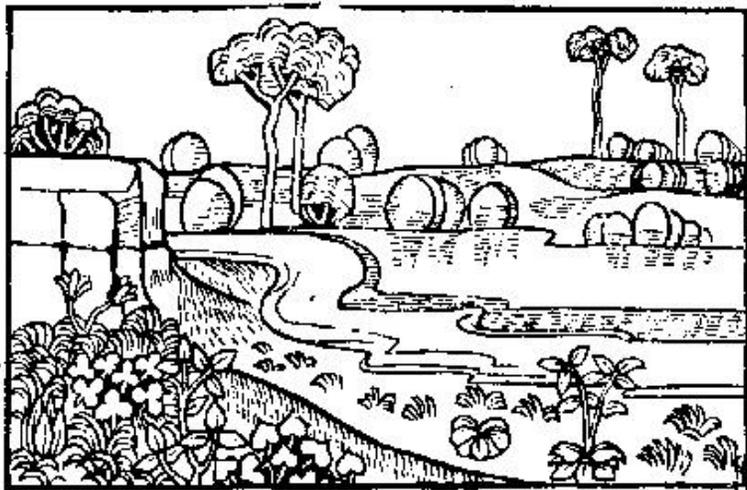
Onto the winter morns again!
We shall have no more of the fallen leaves
and wander midst the ever clear warmth of day.
Now in the darkness of winter and snows
we shall again be huddled in our houses.
There to live amongst our loved ones
and to start on tasks for non-a year.
To daydream for the break of the sun to appear
and new gardens and paths to flourish.

I hope that everyone is ready for the winter to come and has settled on their crafts, tasks and plans for the winter ahead.

We shall have a little RUM fun with the kids and then await Better War Through Archery soon.

Hot chocolate mornings and lots of warmth and laughter with your loved ones are my wishes for everyone in the Barony.
See you at our next event!

LADY EMME FOSTER OF WHICKAM



Royal University of the Midrealm is being hosted by us in two weeks, and there are still plenty of opportunities to help out! Contact Odette or Moira with questions or to volunteer your services. Although we are hosting the event, much of the organization is done Kingdom-side, so there should still be plenty of opportunity to volunteer some and still sit in on whatever classes interest you.



Better War Through Archery is set for the 4th of February, and we will be needing volunteers for this event as well! It's in the distance now, but 2012 will be here before we know it. It's never too early to volunteer.



Now is a great time to send in Kingdom Award recommendations for any events upcoming in December and January. Write for the people you see doing things that deserve recognition! Our monarchs depend on you for this aid. <http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/>



We have a new service organization in Sternfeld: the Largess League will be dedicating its efforts towards creating and collecting largess items of various kinds to be given by our Baron and Baroness to deserving members of the population, or to be gifted to the Crown at various times for Them to use as They see fit. The first meeting of this group will be on Saturday, November 5, at Signora Elisabetta's home, in order to create linen coifs.



Costumer's Group is meeting Thursday, November 3, from 7 – 9 pm at the Panera Bread at Willow Lake West (2902 W 86th St # 220, Indianapolis: or 86th Street just east of Michigan Road. This is in the strip mall with Trader Joe's grocery store.) We will be working on and planning undergarments for our 'outfit in 12 months' projects, so please feel free to join us!



Cooks' Group is meeting this month, but I'm unsure of a date/location as of publication. Check the Yahoo group for updates on where/when!



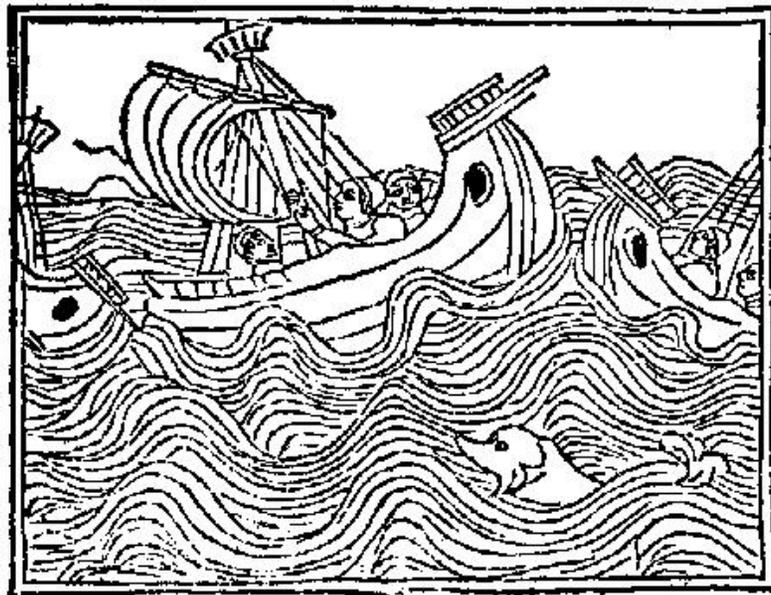
Ars Rustica will meet at Abot Meister Johann von Metten's house (3901 Marrison Place, Indianapolis) on Sunday, September 20, from 4-6 pm.



The Performing Arts Group is on hold! No meeting this month. Check the Yahoo group for further bulletins.



Pregnancy watch: 1



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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), 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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