The Sternfeld Star

BARONY OF STERNFELD JANUARY 2013, A.S. XLVII



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Officer Reports!

Next Business Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2013
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!

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--Local and selected events only--

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

January 201	3			
8, 15, 22, 29 Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center				
5	Middle Kingdom 12th Night {Barony of Roaring Wastes} [Howell, MI]			
12	A Regular Event in the Cleftlands: Come to a Tudor Frost Fair			
	{Barony of the Cleftlands} [Medina, OH]			
12	Flaming Gryphon 12th Night and Baronial Artisan Competition			
	{Shire of Havenholde } [Urbana, OH]			
12	Twelfth Night in the Black Forest {Tree-Girt-Sea} [Chicago, IL]			
17	Business Meeting, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 6:45-9pm			
19	Middle Marches Twelfth Night {Barony of Middle Marches} [Hilliard, OH]			
19	Winter Revel {Barony of Andelcrag} [Ionia, MI]			

{Shire of Rivenvale } [Youngstown, OH]

{Shire of Wurm Wald} [Urbana, IL

February 2013

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5, 12, 19, 26	Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center			
9	The St. Valentine's Day Massacre			

40th Annual Festival of Maidens

{Canton of Three Hills} [Kalamazoo, MI]

16-17 Better War Through Archery {Barony of Sternfeld} [Danville, IN]

Winter Revel

23 Ayreton Carnivale {Barony of Ayreton} [Des Plaines, IL] 23 Candlemas {Shire of Dragonmark} [Lexington, KY]

March 2013

5, 12, 19, 26 Fighter Practice, Krannert Family Center Midlands Regional A&S Faire (St. Carol on the Moor) [Effingham, II.]

See the Chronicler

Greetings from your Chronicler.

Here is the January Star, Take 2. Take 1 apparently never made it to the Web Minister. I thought I sent the email...apparently, I didn't. So I went into my computer to find it and send it. It's not saved on the flash drive...or my My Documents folder on the laptop. Translation: the file got saved somewhere on my computer, and I'll probably never find it again.

I swear technology is not my friend.

I was thinking we had some brochures we can give out. Does anyone have copies of those? Just curious. If not, I might make a new one (or two) that we can hand out at demos. What do people think?

Also, I'm including the Althing Meeting minutes in this and the February versions of the Star.

YIS,

Lady Brigide Rois von Metten

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From the webMinister



Buon Giorno,

Pretty busy month for the website. Sites for BWTA and Baronial Yule are both up. Hope you had a fantastic holiday!

As usual, keep sending me updates, especially if you are an autocrat or department head for an upcoming event. I'm trying to transition to webminister@sternfeld.org for all official web business. Please use this address going forward!



Lord Antonio Bellini



From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Benedicte,

As per the Business Meeting, all our current special groups seem to be doing their thing! Cooks and Bards was a wonderful time at Lady Grainne's.

We have many of our garden and hatchery catalogues coming in, so get your dreams and ideas for the new year's gardens going!

Sternfeld is hosting Constellation Regional A&S competition...His Lordship, Zenon the Nebulous, Baronial A&S champion has issued a challenge to all the other groups in the state to the field...so let us do our part and really put out the show!

A reminder about the Baronial Cooking Competition at Yule Court!! Reverend Mother Waldetrudis is sponsoring the prizes!

This coming Better War Through Archery will also bring my retirement from this office and Lord Duncan will be taking over at that time, please show him all the kind support and indulgence you have shown me!

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Abot Johann von Metten. OL

Ars Ministeri Baronium Sternfeldii



From the Minister of Youth

A Happy New Year to all the Barony!

It feels like Jack Frost forgot to make a visit to the Barony of Sternfeld. Oh well, he can make himself known more directly next year!

Better War Through Archery is right around the corner. Come one, come all! Let loose the arrows! Our littlest Scadians will have a fun opponent to fight off to Protect the Castle again. They loved that game! We're hunting down sticky balls to make the mark, if you have any Velcro dart ball toys, please send them our way.

I've recently done the yearly inventory and there is much joy with realizing how much has been acquired, donated and been a part of the Children's Activities. I'm trying to get things consolidated for easier transport and we have our toys and games in a wheeled bin now. Eventually we will need one more, I'm working on getting another donation from my stockpile emptied to add. But, if anyone has a large wheeled bin, we can use it!

I've just found a great bowling kit online! Yeah, we will have bowling!!! We debated working on fun alternatives, but they take up too much room. The actual kit fits into "a" bag! Wonderful! If you would like to donate it to the Barony before next year to get off your taxes, please let me know.

http://www.uncommongoods.com/product/bowling-knights

This is on the to buy list for next year.

In service,

Lady Emme Foster of Whickam

"Tribuo quod vos mos suscipio" ~ Give and you will receive

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From the Archery Captain

It has been a wonderful year for the Sternfeld Archers as we have seen our numbers increase with several new people joining our ranks. We average 14-18 archers each week, and there is always room for more.

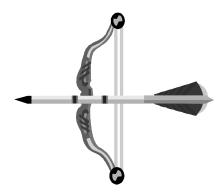
We are taking a couple weeks off during the holiday season, but we will resume practice on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 since the world did not end on December 21st.

Better War through Archery is February 16-17, 2013. We will have individual and team competition, youth competition, and participation in the Winter Challenge. Duchess Elina will conduct the Baronial Archery Championship. Also, just for fun, we will have a friendly competition between the heavy fighters and the fencers since many of them do not have the opportunity to participate on the archery field.

Feel free to contact me at archery@sternfeld.org to express your interest in archery or ask questions. Wednesday practices are from 7 to 9 PM. All are welcome to join us!

Pandus planto populus mico!

Hlaford Cadric of Grenefelda



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December Business Meeting Minutes

Barony of Sternfeld Business Meeting Minutes - 12/13/2012

In attendance: Torquil, Moira, Ulfr, Odile, Nöelle, Johann, Az, Wulfwen, Waldetrudis, Duncan, Megan, Grainne, Ryu, Kat, John, Bjorn, Brigitte, Rurik, Elizabetta, Austorga, Ronan, Alexandra

Baron & Baroness:

- -Not much to report.
- -Coronets are holding up after their repairs.
- -Please send in award recommendations! Most of the Court List for Yule Court is complete, but Their Excellencies always need more recommendations.
- -Brigitte asked whether any recommendations were submitted online; she sent one in. Moira said no and asked her to re-send as a test of the system.
- -Moira encourages people to use Society names when in Society settings, including in social media. Johan enthusiastically seconded this; half the fun of a Society event is in our alternate personae.

Seneschal:

- -Report is due in January.
- -Moira has drafted a "How to Determine the Size of a Sternfeld Event" sheet for the group's use. The group liked it.
- -Suggestions were made to split the 10-20 point Large category into 10-14 and 15-20. It was decided to leave it as-is, and review it as necessary after it has been in use for a few events.
- -Suggestion was made to include the event examples (Try Something New = Small, BWTA = Medium and Simple Day = Large) on the spreadsheet, to help people compare scope between events.
- -Moira will make the Google spreadsheet available for use.

Herald:

- -Odile delivered a report as proxy for Llewellyn.
- -The tabard project is on hold, and he will get back to it after the New Year.
- -Llewellyn would appreciate it if someone could be his permanent proxy reporter, since he is working nights.

Chronicler:

- -Two Stars were put online yesterday.
- -Officer reports for The Star are due by the last day of the month. Exchequer has a permanent exception so that her end-of-month reporting can be correct.
- -Waldetrudis requested to have her information updated in The Star.

Exchequer:

- -As of the end of November, we have \$14,620.46 in the account.
- -Try Something New event report is almost completed.
- ~We have a projected loss of \$346.14.
- ~Moira asked which area was over budget. Elizabetta stated that both attendance and feast sales were below expectations.
- ~The site was over \$800; the only reason we held is there was because Tipton was unavailable.
- ~Moira reported that we had a large number of requests from attendees for the event to be held again. Everyone had a great time.
- ~Kat said that this was the first event she has had the time to enjoy while serving as Seneschal.
- ~Elizabetta mentioned that the new Troll procedures and forms worked very well. Bjorn commented that the process was very easy to learn.
- -Elizabetta passed out the 2013 Budget.
- ~First polling passed in November at the Althing.
- ~Torquil asked what our profit or loss was for 2012, not including the payment to the Society for the lawsuit. Elizabetta said our estimated loss was around \$2,800.
- ~Comments were made that we made several capital purchases, such as Cooks' Guild equipment that is owned by the Barony.
- ~Torquil said that we do need to keep our annual expenses in mind going forward, especially since we may or may not have the income from the Fishers Renaissance Fair demo.
- ~Kat asked Elizabetta to prepare a report on 2012 expenses that can be reviewed at the January Business Meeting.
- ~Elizabetta pulled up the 2012 spreadsheet and stated that tentatively the group is breaking even overall, setting aside the payment to the Society and the Cooks' Guild equipment.
- ~It was agreed to continue discussing ways to keep the Barony's budget balanced.
- ~Second polling was held and passed.

- -Elizabetta passed out copies of the Sternfeld Financial Policy.
- ~Antonio will publish the Policy online.
- ~The plan is to poll on the Policy twice, starting tonight.
- ~Section V: Austorga asked whether we should particularly call out the Department Heads as need or not needing to pay Troll in advance. Consensus was that V-e-ii covers this situation. Policy will be left as-is, with the expectation that the Autocrat will sign off for Department Heads either in advance or at the event.
- ~First polling was held and passed.
- ~The next polling is scheduled for the January Business Meeting, on 17-Jan-2013.
- -Elizabetta mentioned that we need new checks. She has priced duplicate checks.
- ~We can get 500 from Wal-Mart for \$40. She would also like to order a "For Deposit Only" stamp. Total for the checks and stamp is \$72.82, which is not in the Exchequer's budget.
- ~Polling was held and passed.
- -Moira asked whether Elizabetta has a drop-dead deputy. Elizabetta is working on it; Grainne has expressed tentative interest.

Marshall, Heavy:

- -We are still having practice.
- -The "getting armor together for loaner gear" project has not progressed much.

Marshall, Fence:

- -Practices are well-attended; we may be getting some new youth fencers.
- -Check your authorization card! Many expire at the end of 2012, due to the mass re-issue last time.

Marshall, Archery:

- -Moira mentioned that Eadric is trying to find a proxy deputy to report.
- -Archery practices are happening regularly.

Marshall, Youth:

-Moira reported that Rois has asked people to call her if they have any questions or need information.

Chirurgeon:

- -Kat reported for Rowena.
- -There are people interested in becoming deputies.
- -Moira asked whether Alexandra's accident at Try Something New was reported. Kat said it was not; she will make sure one is put in.

A&S:

- -Johann asked what Costumers' was up to. Odile mentioned that Costumers' met last Thursday.
- -Johann mentioned that he has come across three 5-gallon carboys, if the Brewers & Vintners are interested. He also has one at his house that needs a new home.
- -Cooks' has been meeting regularly. Sunday's meeting is Cooks' and Bards' at Grainne's house. The discussion will be "what would have been served in period during the holiday season."
- -Ars Rustica is preparing for the new year; poultry and gardening catalogues are starting to arrive. In January they will discuss placing group orders.
- -Johann reminded the group that Colette is teaching at an English Country Dance class at Garfield Park. (Editor's Note: It was the same night as the business meeting this month. Dates are being scheduled for February and April. More info forthcoming.)
- -Several local dance troupes have asked Sternfeld to come teach their members some period dances. These would be at the troupes' private practices; they are not demos. This kind of request is likely to continue. We should try to focus on them as recruitment activities and ways to introduce the community to the Society.
- -Brigitte asked Johann to send the information to her for the newsletter.

Largesse League:

-Next meeting is in January at Yule Court. The project will be sewing kits.

Chatelaine:

- -Two people have volunteered to be ad-hoc deputies; Eine and Cornelia. They will be running Chatelaine's Point at BWTA.
- -Ceridwen has approached Austorga to help with repairing Gold Key Garb.
- -Not all of the Gold Key Garb that was farmed out for repair has been returned.
- -Please return it to Austorga before BWTA.

Minister of Youth:

- -Kat reported for Emme.
- -Emme needs a deputy and additional people to help at events.

Property Master:

- -Ronan is still getting officers' property reports.
- -We need to renew the trailer registration.
- -Moira asked how plans are coming for the list pole rack for the trailer. Ronan said he needs help diagramming what he wants. Torquil volunteered to help with that.

Prize Czar:

-Please let Grainne know well in advance if you need something specific for BWTA.

Web Minister:

- -Wulfwen reported for Antonio.
- -We have websites up for all of our upcoming events! Antonio is very grateful to everyone who has sent him information; please keep it up!
- -Ronan said he has some "Not seeing what you need? Click here to test your browser!' links we can use.

Try Something New:

- -Ulfr asked how much publicity we had for the event. Moira said she placed an ad in The Pale; she purposely kept the advertising low-key to keep the event small.
- -John particularly liked the site because there was an excellent pizza place nearby, Mug & Pye.

Yule:

- -Scheduled for 5-Jan-2013.
- -We have a website!
- -The stove and oven at St. Timothy's will be out of commission; please plan your potluck items wisely. Odile will put a reminder on the potluck Google doc.
- -The Baronial Cooking Competition will take place. Waldetrudis said she will send out information shortly. Basic criteria: recipe must be documentable to period; minimum documentation encouraged; must include an ingredient list; please avoid known items to which the Baron is allergic. Waldetrudis will provide prizes for first, second and third places.

BWTA 2013:

- -All Department Head positions have been filled; thank you!
- -Mara is the Volunteer Coordinator; she will have a Google doc online soon for people to sign up.
- -Austorga is ordering the materials to make site tokens; she will bring them to Yule Court.
- -Elizabetta has received an email from the ACCEPS Treasurer; everything is approved on the ACCEPS end; approval is needed from the Sternfeld end.
- -Moira volunteered to coordinate entertainment at feast. She would also like to sponsor a soteltie competition. Entertainment at court will have the theme "Storytelling."
- -Grainne is making the populace lunch; Odette is making the judges' lunch.

- -Kat asked that we start publicizing the overnight activities ASAP; this will help the event to make money.
- -Johann has had the feast menu posted on the event website. He will start preparing make-ahead dishes in January.

Baronial Birthday:

-Kat is soliciting bids for Baronial Birthday.

Simple Day 2013:

- -Waldetrudis distributed budget packets.
- -Waldetrudis has confirmed that we are on the site calendar for the FFA Center.
- -She needs a check for \$1,124 for the site deposit.
- -The theme for the event is "A Simple Faire (or Fare) for a Simple Day."
- -Moira asked that Waldetrudis have the site write into the contract that "lodging will be charged per use only," so that we do not have to pay for unused cabins or tent camping.
- -Ceridwen will be doing the lunch and the feast. Lunch budget \$300; feast budget \$600. Lunch price \$5; feast price is being debated between \$8 and \$10.
- -Based on the attendance numbers from 2012, which are the lowest we have seen in many years, the projected profit is \$871.
- -Waldetrudis asked how much ACCEPS costs; Elizabetta confirmed that it is \$15.
- -Kat said that when considering the budget for polling, we need to adjust the following items:
- ~Non-Member Surcharge has increased from \$3 to \$5; this is a pass-through expense to the Society so it doesn't impact the budget total.
- ~The ACCEPS charge is \$15 rather than \$50.
- ~The specific insurance charge is not necessary.
- -Waldetrudis asked if we have to pay for the Society insurance that names the site as an additional insured. Kat said that it wasn't required last year.
- -Torquil asked whether the budget included all of the areas we used last year; per Waldetrudis, it does.
- -First polling was held and passed.
- -Emergency Finance Committee passed the polling for the site deposit.

General News:

-Kat mentioned that her homeschooling group has requested a demo on 29-Jan-2013. She suggested that this be done as two activities; a small demo at her house or a local church, and then invite the group to come to Fighter Practice.

-Moira suggested that Krannert might have a room that could be used, rather than having the first part of the demo offsite. Kat said she will look into this. The first part is likely to start at 4:00; Kat needs some additional help to demonstrate some A&S activities. Odile volunteered to help.

Althing Meeting Minutes

Overall:

Drafts of changes to the Baronial Bylaws and Baronial Financial policy were distributed. A copy of these policies will be edited with changes discussed at this meeting - these revised documents will be posted to the website and to the Sternfeld list, as well in the Sternfeld Star. These policy changes will be voted on at the next two business meetings, so there is opportunity to suggest changes between this meeting and the next two business meetings. Polling on the finalized versions of these documents is planned for December and January.

Financial Policy:

Our Exchequer (Elisabetta) presented the Financial Policy for the Barony. Discussion occurred regarding how the signatories (other than the Exchequer, Seneschal, and Regional Exchequer) are changed out. Do they need to be changed regularly? What are the criteria?

The outgoing Exchequer will not be retained as a signatory.

After discussion it was decided that an announcements page will be made on the website to post weekly announcements, including any financial decisions over \$100, in addition to announcing them at a weekly meeting. When possible, these financial decisions will be published in the Star as well.

Article 7 Section 7.05 was proposed to be stricken from the Bylaws, as the same policy is covered in the financial policy. Proposed wording was discussed. (This is Financial Policy 2e.) Wording will be drafted.

There is a form for all reimbursements or advances. It will be made available via the website along with other financial policies and forms.

Bylaws Revisions:

Throughout the bylaws, wherever the Star is mentioned as a place to publish information, the website will be added as well. Additionally, locations in the bylaws where financial policies are dictated will be removed, with a reference to the Financial Policies document.

(Article VI) Champions:

 Strike the phrase "No Champion may compete to succeed him or herself." from Section 6.02.

- Strike the phrase ", once in the month preceding the Baronial Birthday and once in the month preceding the Baronial Holiday Court." from Section 6.03 This is to allow flexibility in scheduling the changes of champions.
- Strike the same phrase in the previous item from 6.04 as well.
- Strike the phrase "at the Better War Through Archery event, or another event chosen by the Coronet," from 6.05.
- (The preceding 3 changes are for the same reason.)
- Change "according to the A&S criteria of the Middle Kingdom and the wishes of the Coronet." to "according to the wishes of the Coronet." from 6.06.
- Also change 6.06 to remove "and judged at the Baronial Birthday".
- Also change 6.06 to remove "and the current A&S Champion" and replace with "and others invited by the Coronet."

(Article VII) Events:

Discussion of how to word and or change 7.01 "The Barony shall hold a maximum of three (3) large events per calendar year." A rewording is due from the people working on it by December 13th.

- 7.01.a Strike "1st quarter of the year" to remove the required date range to allow it to happen at other times when needed.
- 7.01.c Strike that item entirely. It's an optional event.
- 7.01.c.i Strike entirely.
- 7.01.c.ii Strike entirely due to more hotels having been built around Indianapolis, the Indy 500 makes it no longer a problem to hold events that weekend.

2013 Officer Budgets:

Were passed on first polling (will poll again at December 2012 Business Meeting).

As follows:

- \$300.00 Archery
- \$25.00 Chatelaine
- \$50.00 Chirurgeon
- \$150.00 Chronicler
- \$150.00 Coronet
- \$25.00 Exchequer
- \$150.00 Herald
- \$25.00 Knight's Marshal
- \$100.00 MOAS

- \$25.00 MoY
- \$500.00 Prize Czar
- \$500.00 Property
- \$25.00 Fencing Marshal
- \$100.00 Seneschal
- \$100.00 Youth Marshal
- \$2,225.00 TOTAL

These funds are funds that are pre-approved for spending by the officer/deputies in question without further approval. Any projects or money outside this budget that must be spent can be passed via pollings at Business Meetings.

Baronial Inventory:

Reminder. If you have stuff and it belongs to the Barony. Please send a complete list of the individual items you have to the Exchequer BEFORE December 31st. The sooner the better.

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Also, I hear that we have a brand-new web interface for Baronial award submissions too! Visit http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/awards.php to send recommendations straight to Their Excellencies from the ease of your own home. Seriously, the Baron and Baroness really want to reward people for their service to Sternfeld. But they need your recommendations.

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We now have two...count them, 2! ... Bardic circles! One is a performance-based Bardic run by Floriana/Daisy. Look for postings on the Sternfeld Yahoo! Group. The other Bardic circle is a Learning Bardic, where people gather to share information/music/stories and learn from each other. Those are set on the same Sunday of every other Cook's Guild (the next one will be in December). Again, keep your eyes on the Sternfeld Yahoo! Group for more details.

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Pregnancy watch: I heard rumor that we had a champion; I don't remember who, though. Refresh my memory, please!!!

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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, elliepeli@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, elliepeli@aol.com.
- ❖ PERFORMING ART'S 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.
- ❖ STERNFELD WEAVERS- First Sundays, 1:00 pm, at the Annex of the Indianapolis Arts Center (in conjunction with the Early Weaving Study Group). Contact Mistress Branwen Scholastica (Anne Reaves), branwenscholastica@yahoo.com, or join the Sternfeld Weavers Yahoo group.

Barony of Sternfeld: www.midrealm.org/sternfeld

Middle Kingdom: www.midrealm.org

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