

# The Sternfeld Star

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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2014

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church

Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!



## From Their Excellencies Ulfr and Odile, Baron and Baroness of Sternfeld

Greetings unto the citizens of the fairest Barony in the Known World!

We bring great tidings from our travels to the east, where vicious war raged for six days in the sylvan lands of Æthelmarc. Know that your compatriots strove valiantly upon the field, upon the archery range, and in the great halls of the renowned Pennsic University! Much merriment was shared, many stories were made and told, and the might of the Dragon was always with us. Their Royal Majesties even saw fit to honor Sternfeld's rapier cohort with an Award of the Dragon's Teeth for their valor in battle. Huzzah!

Camp Sternfeld was a quiet, peaceful place during the week of Peace, but the arrival of reinforcements from our lands arriving just in time for War meant plenty of camaraderie the following week. Still, we have room within our camp for many more! If you are thinking of joining our band of voyagers to the War next summer, we would encourage you to consider making Camp Sternfeld your home! We even have a spectacular new entrance gate, courtesy of Ronan and Duncan. It's very impressive.

We were pleased to hold our traditional Drinking Court at Pennsic, as well as a Regency Court at Post Pennsic Picnic in the Park under the Pavilion by the Pond. Here are the court reports from these two occasions; please join us in congratulating those who are named herein!

### **Pennsic Court:**

Lucia Elena Beatrice Bragança - Azure Swan  
Mathias MacTavish - Nova  
Róis alann inghean Uí Fhlaithbheartaigh - Golden Tower  
Cecily O'Donell - Golden Tower

### **PPPPPP Court:**

Mateo Lopez - Purple Fret  
Everyone in Sternfeld (present or not!) who did not already have one, or had forgotten they had one - Yeoman  
Hadley of Sternfeld - Nova  
John Paul Deveraux - Azure Swan  
Charlie Granger - Nova  
Llewelyn ap Tiernan - Winged Crescent, Golden Tower

Like all of you, we look forward to the fruits of peace this autumn, and hope that we will see many of you at events in the coming months. Although Sternfeld is taking a respite from hosting events, there are many wonderful occasions to visit coming soon. We will assuredly be at Harvest Days, Coronation, and Rendezvous at the Bridge, at the least!

Yours ever,

Odile, Baroness Úlfr, Baron



## From the Seneschal

Greetings, fellow Sternfelders!

We have a few more months of our long fall/winter break ahead. I sincerely doubt any of you are planning to be idle during that time, but on the off chance you're looking for things to do, I have a couple of ideas...

We're growing, but the breeding program is a very inefficient way to fill the Barony with new and active members. They take at least 5, and sometimes 15+ years to get deeply involved. So, I challenge all of you to tell someone about the SCA, or display your chosen Arts/Sciences/Martial skills at a demo. And most importantly, whenever you see someone that doesn't look familiar at practices or other meetings, say "hello!" If you have other ideas for how we can be more welcoming or share our brand of geekiness with others, please share!

You can also help beautify the Barony and Kingdom by making some heraldic display pieces during this downtime--silk banners, applique, heraldic garb. Pick your poison!

Mark your calendars for Nov. 2nd's Althing, too--I've reserved space for a workday and possible hands-on class to precede the Boring Financial Meeting (tm) with pitch-in dinner.

Yours in Service,

Lady Ysabel de la Zarza



## Draco Invictus

(written by Breddelwyn ap Taliesin)

On a mountain tall,  
Draco Invictus,  
Vigilant, watchful warder  
Over our land,  
Eye ever roaming  
To serve and protect.

Wind carries the wails,  
Ghostly growls abound  
In the thrash, slash sharpness  
Of claw and maw.  
One then other  
Scores advantage.

Far off and away,  
Tiger Dragonslayer  
Waits and watches,  
Bides his time,  
Festering foul plans  
To pounce and quash  
Draco's dedication.

In the battle, back and forth,  
Fell foes fight on  
Into Time's realm.  
Time who takes all-

But not this time,  
For the Dragonslayer  
Slinks away, cowering  
Crawls to his lair  
Under the eye of the  
Invincible.

Sly Draco senses,  
Feels foul presence,  
Feels filthy nearness  
Of East's murderous tool,  
Tiger Dragonslayer stalks

So, back to his mountain  
Draco Invictus  
Invincible, vigilance  
Maintained.

Full to wing  
With a silent whoosh,  
Draco drops to meet  
The Dragonslaying Tiger,  
Who has lost his surprise,  
Now must meet one-on-one.  
No stealth here.



## From the Chronicler/Webminister

Buon Giorno,

Not much to report on the website – actually, I’ve been somewhat lax about getting the weekly fighter practice announcements posted. By the time you see this, all announcements up to the most recent I’ve received will be posted. In this quiet interstitial period between major events, there won’t be a lot of updates to make to the website, and so I’ve shifted my focus more towards some elements of the Chronicler position – specifically a project which is long overdue. More on that in a second.

My apologies for the delay in getting this edition of the Star published. I prefer to get the newsletter published the same night as the Business Meeting, but this month time got away from me and I did not have much opportunity to get it done until now. Better late than never!

One of the responsibilities I hold as Chronicler is to protect and share the history of our Barony of Sternfeld. As part of taking on the office of Chronicler, I’ve inherited the Chronicler archive. Four relatively large boxes of paper, covering the history of our Barony since its inception back in the 80s (and even some of our time as a Shire back in the late 70s!). After spending some time going through all the boxes, sorting, and organizing, I’ve discovered that we likely have at least one paper copy of every issue of the Star.

There are very few gaps in this collection – and many of the gaps that exist are the month of August, when many Chroniclers have chosen not to publish due to Pennsic. Other than that, several gaps appear to be during/before the transitions of the office to a new Chronicler. The further back I go, the less certain I can be regarding whether there are missing issues or not. I’ll be publishing a list of issues soon so that those of you who might have kept all their old issues can check to see if you have any that I am missing. If you happen to have any old issues of “The Daily Planet”, which was the name of the publication preceding the Sternfeld Star, I’d love copies of them – there are none in any of the materials I have. It was only published for a few issues in the early 1980s, is my understanding.

Of the four boxes of old materials, three boxes worth were old issues of the Star. Once I’ve confirmed that I have all the issues available, I am working with Róis alann inghean Uí Fhlaithbheartaigh to get them all scanned. From there I’m planning on doing some cleanup and indexing work, such that we will have a digital archive of every issue ever

published through today. That archive will be provided to the Seneschal, the Baronage, the MoAS Minister, and I will keep a copy with the Chronicler things. It will also be stored in the the Google Drive associated with the [chronicler@sternfeld.org](mailto:chronicler@sternfeld.org) email account. Due to changes in how publication permissions in the SCA work, I cannot publish the entire archive as-is to the Sternfeld website, because permission was not originally collected to publish items in the Sternfeld Star online as well.

After this process, it is my plan to make sure there are two printed copies of each issue and print them if there are not. One set for the Chronicler's files, which will go into Baronial Storage, and one for the Seneschal. Any additional extra copies (and there are a fair number of them) will be distributed to anyone who is interested at an upcoming fighter practice and the remainder will be destroyed.

I've spent some time pondering how to solve the copyright issue so that more people can see these historical artifacts from the SCA of the 80s and 90s. I'm planning on making the archives of the Star available to view on a laptop at several upcoming Baronial events, beginning with Yule this year, assuming the project is done by then. I believe it will be. Additionally, I have considered publishing edited editions of the Star to the website – I cannot publish any artwork, photography, creative writing, articles, etc. without proper permission, but I can publish Officer Reports, Calendar pages, and several other components that are part of the Star each month. For many articles in the archive, I can identify and attempt to obtain permission from the creators of the work. (For example: Mistress Leanore de Vertearbors was a prolific contributor to the Star over the years and still participates with our group.) There are many other contributors who will be difficult to track down, however.

After the first phase of the project, I will then work on phase two, which is dealing with the fourth box of Chronicler goodies. There's all kinds of things in this box, including the entire print run of "The Constellation", an early SCA fanzine from before Sternfeld was a Barony. Old publication permissions forms – I will be digitizing and destroying the originals assuming I can get permission from the Kingdom Chronicler. Copies of other group's newsletters, originals of articles and artwork, copies of the "Farspeaker List", an early version of our Roster, and many other interesting things are also in this box.

I'm also looking forward to reading all the old issues of the Star eventually, to learn more about the history of our Barony.

YIS,

Antonio Bellini

# Calendar

--Local (**in bold text**) and selected events only—  
--See locations for **local events** later in this publication--

## **September 2014**

### **2 Fighter Practice**

### **3 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)**

### **4 Costumer's Group**

5-7 Harvest Days {Canton of Winged Hills} [Pleasant Hill, OH]

Saxon Summer 14 {Shire of Rivenvale} [Burghill, OH]

6 Foxhunt X - How Does the Fox Play {Canton of Foxvale} [Big Rock, IL]

Reign of Arrows III {Shire of Stormvale} [Flint, MI]

### **7 Equestrian Practice**

### **9 Fighter Practice**

### **10 Archery Practice / Dead Languages Club (Separate Locations)**

12-14 Middle Kingdom Academy of Defense {Shire of Ravenslake} [Manteno, IL]

The Real Beast {Shire of Castell Gwent} [Fostoria, OH]

13 Autumn Bohort {Shire of Starleaf Gate} [Windsor, ONT]

Ducal Silver Anniversary {Mugmort} [Logan, OH]

South Oaken Scribal Circle {Shire of Dragonsmark and Barony of Flame} [Louisville, KY]

### **16 Fighter Practice**

### **17 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)**

### **18 Baronial Business Meeting**

19-21 Pounce XIII {Canton of Catteden} [Vanlue, OH]

Vikings Come Home {Barony of Donnershafen} [Traverse City, MI]

20 Clown Tourney: Arabian Days and Persian Nights {The Shire of Narrental} [Logansport, IN]

Hammer and Annville 3 {Shire of Okenshield} [Annville, KY]

Inkin' in Lincoln {Baile na Scolairi} [Carlock, IL]

Rose Tournament {Shire of Falcon's Quarry} [Wellington, OH]

### **21 Cooks Group**

### **23 Fighter Practice**

### **24 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)**

27 The Coronation of Cadogan and AnnMarie {Barony of Flaming Gryphon} [Dayton, OH]

### **30 Fighter Practice**

**October 2014**

**1 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)**

**2 Costumer's Group**

3-5 Fields of Cloth of Gold {Barony of Illiton} [Metamora, IL]

4 Red Dragon {Shire of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH]

Vinyard Raids VIII We're not raisins, yet! {Westmere} [Mattawan, MI]

**5 Equestrian Practice**

**7 Fighter Practice**

**8 Archery Practice / Dead Languages Club (Separate Locations)**

**9 English Country Dance**

10-12 Rendezvous at the Bridge XXV {Shire of Riviere Constelle} [Lincoln City, IN] What in Samhain {Canton of Three Walls} [Ionia, MI]

11 Dragon's Quest III: A Newcomer's Quest for Hunter and Sable {Barony of Brendoken} [Dalton, OH]

**14 Fighter Practice**

**15 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)**

**16 Baronial Business Meeting**

18 Fall Crown Tournament {Shire of Greyhope} [Hammond, IN]

**19 Cooks Group**

**21 Fighter Practice**

**22 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)**

25 All Hallows Revel {Canton of Lochmorrow} [Glasford, IL]

Battle of the Poacher's Peril {Shire of Dragonsmark} [Georgetown, KY]

Day of Discovery {Cuil Cholium} [Columbus, IN]

**28 Fighter Practice**

**29 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)**

31-2 Battle of Oken hills {Shire of Okenshield} [Annville, KY]



**From the Equestrian Marshal**

During July we had horses at Simple Day. For the most part it is a decent site, but too far away from the rest of the action. People had a good time.

We canceled the July practice because of Simple Day and postponed the August practice due to weather.

Coming up is the August practice and Mounted War Games in Peru, Indiana followed by the September practice.

Lady Kiltigern MacClibarn



## From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Unto the gentles I say welcome home from war!

I have heard one report from Pennsic that the glass days on Artisan's Row were a great success! I also heard from one of our transplants from the Outlands that she had a great time and took some classes on making Russian garb. I want to hear about the A&S activities you participated in. What did you learn? Come home with some new expensive hobby?

My two year term will be up at BWTA. Midrealm policy currently allows for a third year with the approval of the group. This will be brought up in Business Meeting soon. If you are interested in the position, let the Seneschal know. You can also come to me with questions you might have on the office.

I am pleased to present let you know that this month's artisan is our very own Chicken Laurel - Abot Johann von Metten!

Johann is a 7th Century Alamannic Frank from the island of Lindau in the Bodensee/Lake of Constance. As a young man, he married and had a large family, mainly of daughters. After becoming a widower, he entered the Benedictine Abbey of Metten on the banks of the Danube, between Regensburg and Passau. He was apprenticed to Mistress Audeline de Rheims for research.

Johann has three main areas of research, all of which spring from his desire to know more about how people regularly lived:

I. Monasticism, the various forms in which religion and the monastic ideal played itself out in the lives of regular people.

II. Familial relationships, even ostensibly 'patriarchal' societies are not really so exclusive.

III. The domestic animals upon which peoples day to day lives actually depended. Specifically for Johann is poultry. Everyone had some sort of daily contact with a living bird. It might be only the cock crowing, or the quill in your hand. It might not be a chicken at all, but a duck, goose or pigeon.

Abot Johann has been interested in Poultry from a small boy, but that interest got put on a shelf until he was teaching in IPS and a fateful day when he rescued a box of chicks from the incinerator. As we all know, it bloomed out of control from then on!

Johann is currently working with one of his apprentices on the keeping of Turkeys and Peafowl in late period Europe. His own flock of chickens needs to be built back up again after a long winter and heavy cull last fall.

Johann is also working with other gentles who are interested in a weekend of monastic living history, but is looking for 'just the right site': primitive, but not too primitive. An abandoned hay barn would be ideal.

If you know of an artisan that is producing great work, let me know. Be sure to let them know! We love to hear feedback on our labors of love. Even better yet, recommend them for an award.

Keep at making great stuff! Our Barony is truly gifted with many talented people.

If you need something, please feel free to ask. If I don't know, I will make every attempt to find someone to answer your question.

In your service,

Duncan



# August Business Meeting Minutes

**Barony of Sternfeld Business Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2014**

**Baronage Report:** Pennsic went well. Special thanks for Rose and Odile for doing most of the camp's setup. P P P P P happened. Thanks to Wulfwen for cooking.

**Seneschal:** Still gathering information on event sites. There's a survey online, with a link on the front page of Sternfeld's website. Several things are coming up. Last month we voted a first polling to pay "back rent" to St. Timothy's for letting us use their space. A motion for \$1000 to be given to St. Timothy's was raised, seconded, and passed second polling. Sunday, November 2nd has been reserved from 1 pm to 6 pm at St. Timothy's for a work day (from 1-4p) and an Althing (from 4-6p), which will be a pitch-in. If you are an officer, consider what your budget needs are for next year and submit to Elisabetta. We'll be discussing the 2015 budget. If anyone can't make it the 2nd, the 9th would also be an option, but please let Ysabel know if you'd prefer it be moved. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the food pantry at St. Timothy's.

**Herald:** We have a lot of Baronial Blue and Yellow linen, so if you've got a need for a sash or improving a bit of Baronial regalia, this is a good time to do it. Talk to Colette!

**Chronicler:** We had a July Star, we will have an August Star. Working on scanning the historical archives of the Star and getting them in a form that people can easily look at them.

**Exchequer:** We have \$17923.95 in the bank after all Simple Day expenses have cleared. Does not include the \$500 security deposit we should be getting back. Elisabetta's warrant expires in October. Saldis has stepped forward in interest in the position. She's currently training in it. A motion was raised to confirm Saldis as our exchequer from 2015 until her warrant expires (2 years) or when she chooses to step down. It was seconded and passed. Congrats to the new Exchequer and many thanks to Elisabetta for her service.

**Property:** Everything is still being moved to the new location soon.

**Armored:** Official transfer of office paperwork is ongoing.

**His Royal Majesty, King Cameron of the Midrealm:** Most of our loaner armor is quite old and starting to smell pretty bad. Body, arm, and leg harnessses could be replaced. HRM is requesting \$500 to make 6 sets of loaner armor - 2 small, 2 medium, 2 large. Full harness sets. There was a motion raised to approve \$500 for phase one of this project (described above). Motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. It will need to be polled on a second time.

**Rapier:** Rapier fighting happens.

**Equestrian:** Was a bit too far from the action at Simple Day. Practice is this Sunday.

**Chirurgeon:** No report.

**Arts and Sciences:** Duncan is interested in hearing what cool classes you took at Pennsic. BWTA will be the two year mark for his office - and it is recommended by the manual for his position that he only serve for two years, with an optional third

**year. The group polled and confirmed they'd like him to continue in the office through BWTA 2016. RUM is coming up - consider volunteering to teach at this event.**

**Dance: Thirty-five people came to Dance last Thursday. There were eight SCA people present. Garfield Park is renewing their interest for 2015. There will also be a modern English Country Dance starting on the opposite months of the historical one run by Colette.**

**Cooks and Bards: Will be this Sunday.**

**Ars Rustica: It's slaughtering time for Chickens!**

**Prize Czar: Prizes were given at Simple Day. Nothing else to report.**

**Simple Day: We made \$2187.32 profit at Simple Day this year.**

**PPPPP: Thanks to Joan, Waldetrudis, and Wulfen.**

**BWTA: It's on the calendar. Need to submit deposit check. Been in touch with the regional MOAS. No response yet. Planning is ongoing. It will be at Hendricks County again.**

**Yule: Need a bid this month or next.**

**Simple Day: Need a bid by the November business meeting.**

**Riley Days Demo: May be happening. We'll see. October 2nd if it does. Waldetrudis following up.**

**Mistress Branwen Scholastica got several awards for her creations at the State Fair. Congratulations to her!**

**Toy Drop: It's going well. Might bring in new people. Check with new people to see how they found us.**

**Demos: If someone wants a demo, send them to the demo webpage and then to the Seneschal or Caristonia.**



## **Emergency Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Barony of Sternfeld Emergency Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2014**

**A meeting was called to provide a second polling for HRM's proposal to create six sets of loaner armor. The amount of \$500 was polled a second time and passed. Phases two and three of the project will be discussed at future meetings. Phase one will get us 2 small, 2 medium, and 2 large sets of Body, Arm, and Leg Harnesses. A huge thank you to HRM Cameron for taking on this project to improve our loaner kit!**



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❖ **FIGHTER PRACTICE** - Every Tuesday, 6:30-9 pm. **Krannert Family Center, 605 S. High School Road.** Contact Seneschal Lady Ysabel (Aimee Formo), Seneschal@Sternfeld.org.

❖ **BUSINESS MEETING** - Third Thursdays, 6:45-9 pm. **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2601 E. Thompson Road.** Contact Seneschal Lady Ysabel (Aimee Formo), Seneschal@Sternfeld.org.

❖ **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.

❖ **COOKS' GROUP** - Third Sundays, 3-7 pm. 1238 Old Town South Drive Indianapolis, IN 46260. Contact Grainne at (317) 663-8098 to confirm time, place, and attendance. Alternating months also include a "Beginner's Bardic".

❖ **ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** - second Thursday of the month on alternating months (February, April, June, August, October, December). Held at Garfield Park Arts Center 2432 Conservatory Dr Indianapolis, IN 46203 from 6:30 to 8:30. Contact Lady Colette (317) 456-2099 with questions.

❖ **EQUESTRIAN PRACTICE** – meets monthly, but schedule varies. See details at <http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/equestrian.php/>

❖ **ARCHERY PRACTICE** – Every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM. **4375 Sellers St.** Contact Lady Ilza (Rachel Randall), Archery@Sternfeld.org.

❖ **OPEN 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.

❖ **YOUTH COMBAT** – Currently on hiatus but returning soon. Watch <http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/youth.php> for updates.

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