

# The Sternfeld Star

BARONY OF STERNFELD

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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2014

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church

Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!



**From Their Excellencies Úlfr and Odile, Baron and  
Baroness of Sternfeld**

Greetings, denizens of Sternfeld!

On the eve of War, we look forward to joining with those of you who can journey with us to the hills of Pennsylvania. Their Majesties have summoned us forth against the Eastern menace, and when the King calls, Sternfeld answers! Much combat, learning, merry-making, and shopping awaits us. We invite those of you who will be in attendance to join us for our Pennsic Court in Sternfeld Camp on Saturday night of the middle weekend. We will follow this with our traditional camp party.

Following Pennsic, we hope you will all join us that Tuesday for the Post-Pennsic Picnic in the Park Under the Pavilion by the Pond! We will hold a small Court here as well, but garb is not required.

We are pleased to announce our choice for the incoming Baronial Signet. We welcome Cerridwynn nic Alister to the position and wish her great success.

No time for further missives, for we write in haste. Forth to battle!

Odile, Baroness Úlfr, Baron



## From the Seneschal

Greetings, Sternfelders,

We did it! We survived putting on 7 events in a 12 month span of time (2 Simple Days, 2 Crown Tourneys, and 3 Baronial events).

Now that we've proven we are an event-running powerhouse, let's not try that again for a little while, eh? We have seven, yes seven, glorious months that are free from Sternfeld-hosted events. My hope is that, in addition to using that downtime to plan for our two big 2015 events, we'll also turn our attention to:

- Recruitment and retention. If you're crafty, join in The Period Toy Drop, which aims to increase awareness about the SCA among families with kids. Or, if you have ideas for other ways we can reach people and support them once they've found us, please let us (me and Caristonia, our Chatelaine) know!
- Bylaws Revision.
- Event sites. Available, affordable event sites are becoming fewer and farther between--this is an SCA-wide problem. It's been a long time since we've reached out to sites inside Marion County to get pricing, rules, etc. If you know of a site that might be great for hosting a Sternfeld event of any size, I want to know about it!
- Event Stewardship. We always pull off events with aplomb, but we can do better at reducing event-related stress and burnout. I'm working on an Event Stewards' Toolkit to help demystify the process of planning and implementing events in Sternfeld and streamline many of the steps, like insurance certificates and scheduling. Recent stewards: If you have any suggestions for making the job of event steward easier, especially for first-time stewards, please let me know.

I hope to see you all on August 12 at Post Pennsic Picnic in the Park by the Pond!

Yours in service,

Lady Ysabel de la Zarza



## A History of Sternfeld

(written by Breddelwyn ap Taliesin)

Back when the World was young and darkness was over the Land, there came to be a place of people who came together to make a life for themselves. They toiled, tilling the earth, growing food for feeding their families and themselves. They worked at their skills of carpentry, crafting implements and shelter, working the skins of animals for leather, and weaving cloth for clothes. They made music and story and song to enjoy when resting.

Together they worked, building this Land they adopted. Together they shared the good times and not so good. Together they shared sadness and joy. Together they shared. All was done in a Spirit of Love and Friendship, helping all who needed the help.

This did not go unnoticed, for the Gods had been watching and decided to reward them for all of their work and kindness towards each other. They loosed a tiny light, and then another, and then more, until the sky was filled with tiny, sparkling, shimmering lights. The People saw this and marveled at this and gathered in the fields to watch this wondrous display of beauty. So, they worked still at what was needed, and then gathered in their Starfields to see these starry skies and feel grateful for all they had done and for what they had.

This land of the starry fields became Sternfeld, where all help and support each other.



## From the Chronicler/Webminister

Buon Giorno,

And so, another Simple Day is behind us. I, for one, had a fantastic time, particularly with the Bardic Circle in the main lodge on Saturday night. (See my after-event report on this activity elsewhere in this publication.)

As far as current web projects go, I don't have much going on for the next few months. Once a few more details are provided, the page for the Post Pennsic Picnic in the Park by the Pond will go up. Please make sure to sign up for what you are bringing to the pitch in so we don't end up with 50 bags of chips and a container of spoons.

I have received some word that our web hosting will be moving from the current location to a new server at some point in the next few weeks/months. At that time, I will have some new options for how to interact with the website. Until I get to work in the new environment, I won't know what's available to me – I have no immediate plans to rewrite or redesign the site, but if there's a good option there, I may investigate it. Rest assured that the information that is currently available on the site will continue to be available, throughout the transition.

YIS,

Antonio Bellini

# Calendar

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

## August 2014

**5 Fighter Practice (Many At Pennsic)**

**6 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations) (Many At Pennsic)**

**7 Costumer's Group (Likely Cancelled Due to Pennsic)**

**12 Post Pennsic Picnic in the Park by the Pond**

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

**14 English Country Dance**

16 Ale to the Victors {Canton of Wealdlake} [Pinckney, MI]

**17 Equestrian Practice / Cooks Group (Separate Locations)**

**19 Fighter Practice**

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

**21 Baronial Business Meeting**

22-24 Call of the Watehorse {Shire of Fearann Na Criche} [Oscoda, MI]

Feast of St Ethyl presents Baroness Wars II {Shire of Swordcliff} [Taylorville, IL]

**26 Fighter Practice**

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

29-1 For Hands VIII Metal & Glass {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Wood River, IL]

Known World Cooks & Bards VII {Barony of Jararvellir (Northshield)} [Wisconsin Dells, WI]

Mounted War Games IV {Shadowed Stars} [Peru, IN]

## 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]

**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 Reserved for Fall Coronation {Group and Location Pending}

**30 Fighter Practice**



## From the Equestrian Marshal

There were two events that involved equestrian this month, one in Rivenstar and Simple Day. We skipped practice this month because of those.

Simple Day went well. No problems, the site is adequate, but too far from the rest of the event. I would rather not have equestrian at that site again.

Tualaithe and Michael de Quarmby are working on their MiT papers and should be full Marshals by this fall.

The next practice is August 17th. We will be doing a quintain practice.

Lady Kiltigern MacClibarn



## Simple Day Bardic Circle After-Action Report

(Antonio Bellini)

Two years ago, I stumbled upon the Bardic Circle at Simple Day. Although I didn't stay long, the experience stuck with me and I returned last year, staying for an hour or so. I will be the first to admit I'm a relative newbie regarding Bardic and Bardic Circles, but from my limited experience, this is one of the best Bardic Circles at any event. I made an effort to attend this year's circle as well, and ended up spending about two and a half hours around the campfire. (Recently, said campfire has been a fake one in the center of the smaller room in the main lodge. Bardic seems to start shortly after dinner Saturday night, though I haven't yet caught the beginning, nor, for that matter, the end.)

It is a very welcoming circle – there are people of all skill levels, from the most well-known bards in the kingdom to the freshest newbie who had never performed in a Bardic Circle before (such as myself). The format of the circle was Pick/Pass/Play, in that each person, on their turn, got to either request someone perform something, pass their turn, or perform something themselves. In addition to the Pick/Pass/Play was a different kind of passing, in the form of many different cordials made by Caristonia. It was a delight to try many of her creations that I had not encountered before.

Some highlights for me include (but by far not exhaustive): The Unicorn Song, The Duck Song, Savage Daughter (performed by Lucia and several other of Sternfeld's own bards), two lovely pieces played on harp by Breddelwyn, not one, but two Filks of songs from Frozen, a hauntingly beautiful version of the full poem "Lonely Mountain" from The Hobbit, performed in the dark, several wonderful stories, tons of songs I've never heard before, and just general bardic awesomeness all around. I also took the plunge and told a story myself, the story of the first time I really understood what the SCA was about. I'll be publishing the full version of that story in next month's issue. I won't lie – I was very nervous, and rushed through the second half of the story. But I feel like it went ok and look forward to doing it again someday.

If you enjoy Bardic, you owe it to yourself to drop by this circle at Simple Day next year – even if you can only sit and listen for a few minutes, it is worth your time.



## July Business Meeting Minutes

**Barony of Sternfeld Business Meeting Minutes 07/17/2014**

**Baronage Report:** Baronial Court at Pennsic will be Saturday, the 2nd of August at O'Dark Thirty. Cerridwynn nic Alister has been selected as the new Baronial Signet.

**Seneschal:** We haven't made a donation to St. Timothy's since early 2011. We use the site for Baronial Business Meetings and costumer's group meetings once a quarter. After some discussion, a motion was raised to donate \$1000 dollars to St. Timothy's to make up for doing so for several years. Motion was seconded and passed. It will be polled on again at the August business meeting. A combination workday and Althing was discussed. The Seneschal is investigating options. Possible dates in early November being considered.

**Chatelaine:** Made \$248 at Simple Day's garage sale. A email came in about Pennsic Camping which got routed to the camp moms. Send Caristonia donations for next year if you want.

**Herald:** Llewellyn is stepping down. Colette is interested in stepping up. A motion was raised and passed.

**Chronicler:** See my report in the Star.

**Exchequer:** Elisabetta's Exchequer warrant runs out at the end of October. Saldis has indicated interest. If you are interested, please contact the Seneschal and Elisabetta. As of the end of June, we had \$17530.90. Once everything clears the bank from Simple Day, we will have a similar amount. Included in the agenda were several pages of details about how we've spent money in the last year.

**Property Master:** The biggest issue needing discussed is getting storage worked out. We've received an offer of free storage at a different location that is monitored by camera. Access after hours with one of the two SCAdians who work there is possible, as is access during the business day for individuals we designate. For insurance to work out right, we may have to rent the space for \$1 a month. After a polling it was decided that this was a good idea and we are moving forward with it. There will be a moving day to move out of the current space after Pennsic.

**Heavy:** We have two new fighters.

**Rapier:** Things are normal.

**Archery:** Has been meeting regularly.

**Equestrian:** Did not meet in July due to two equestrian events in July. Simple Day went well but doesn't work well at that site. We should have two new Marshals by October. Next practice is in August.

**Chirurgeon:** No report this month.

**Arts and Sciences:** There were a few classes at Simple Day. Send reports of what Arts and Sciences activities you attend at Pennsic.

**Dance:** English Country is the 2nd Thursday in August.

**Costumers:** Does not meet in August due to Pennsic.

**Web Minister: We have a website. See my report in the Star.**

**Lost and Found: We've got some nice Lost and Found items over two years old we cannot find the owners of. They may end up being prizes at a future event.**

**Crown Tournament: Final Reporting and a written Postmortem has been completed.**

**Simple Day: Simple Day was painless. Total count was just under 400 people. Most of the negatives she's heard are small. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success. A survey went out for postmortem. 110 Adults arrive Friday, 242 arrived Saturday, 8 children Friday and 30 children Sunday. Feast sold 75 seats, which left us short of expenses. Lunch was profitable and there were a lot of compliments. There was a concussion on the Heavy List. There were concerns that there were no pickles or oranges for the fighters.**

**Signage: Ronan passed around a sample sandwich board. He'd like to add making of these directional signs to be completed by BWTA.**

**PPPPP: A motion for a budget of \$300 for PPPPP was raised, seconded, and passed.**

**BWTA: February 7th, 2015, Waldetrudis is the event steward. A second polling on the budget of \$2500 passed. \$150 budget for archery supplies and \$50-100 budget for dancing supplies was freed up from elsewhere in the \$2500 budget. The amount spent on the event will be lower if it isn't also Constellation Arts and Sciences Faire. Plans ongoing for Bardic and other things. Lunch and Feast are being planned. The Golden Jubilee/Valentine's Day may be the theme. A reservation check needs to be sent to the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds to hold the date.**

**Simple Day 2015: We need a bid by November's business meeting for July 10th through July 12th, 2015.**

**Event Sites: We need to find new event sites that work if possible.**

**Demos: Possibility of doing demos, including Riley Days again was discussed.**
















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❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto:elliepel@aol.com).

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❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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