

The Sternfeld Star

BARONY OF STERNFELD

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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2014

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!



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

Greetings to the fair populace of Sternfeld!

We hope you shared our joy at participating in the Coronation of Their Royal Majesties, Cameron and Amalie, earlier this month. It was a glorious day, and we are glad so many members of our Barony were able to take part in it.

Their Majesties' Crown Tournament is coming up in one week's time, and there are still many volunteer slots open for this event. Please, please, take another look at the possibilities at <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/406024898058> and see if you can't lend your hand to an extra hour-long shift somewhere. This is a wonderful event for the Midrealm and we are so proud to be able to host it for Their Majesties.

Baronial Birthday is coming up on June 8 at Sahn Park, where we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Barony. As part of the celebration, we will be holding our A&S Championships at this venue. Those who would like to serve as our A&S Champion for the year are charged to create a project of any sort relating in some way to the theme of 'the pearl,' and present these at the event. We will also be hosting rapier and armored combat championships at fighter practice the week prior to the event - June 3.

Simple Day draws closer, and beyond it, Pennsic glitters like a bonfire in the woods. The deadline to prepay online for Pennsic is June 16. If you are hoping to camp with the Barony, please let us know so that we can put you in touch with the camp organizational structure.

Draco Invictus!

Odile, Baroness Úlfr, Baron



From the Seneschal

Goodness, we are busy. We've just hosted our second Crown Tournament in a single year, and then one of our signature events, Simple Day, will happen later in the summer. I know I'm not just speaking for myself when I say that I appreciate the sacrifice of time and energy Sternfelders are giving over and over again to make the Dream a reality for so many.

Thank you all for your hard work this past year. Even if you can only spare a single hour of your time at our events, it makes a huge difference to their success. Thank you for pitching in this weekend. I hope you'll consider volunteering for a shift (or shifts) at Simple Day. Many hands make light work, and we (literally) cannot do it without you.

A little trivia:

Did you know that Sternfeld has logged over 150 volunteer hours in VolunteerSpot since February? This doesn't even include the amount of time event staff spend preparing for and implementing events (I'd estimate that's an additional 30-60+ hours for every department head and event steward), time volunteered on-the-spot, or the time we've spent helping our neighbors (around 25 hours were recorded at Coronation).

Sternfeld is awesome, and I also think she needs little break from time to time to stay that way, so please put Baronial Birthday and Post Pennsic Picnic in the Park[...] on your calendar--these local events are free and low key days for us to celebrate our successes and share each others' company. Also plan to take a little time away from responsibilities when you're at Pennsic, and then come see me at Simple Day if you need to recharge after your shift(s). I'm a Spaniard, so I'll have chocolate.

After our frenzied Spring/Summer, we can settle in for a very, very quiet Autumn and Winter. We may not know what to do with ourselves.

Yours in service,

Lady Ysabel de la Zarza



From the Chronicler/Webminister

Buon Giorno,

Busy event season is upon us once again! I've been keeping busy with updates to the website for Crown Tournament (this weekend)!

Additionally, there's a few new features on the Sternfeld Website that you'll want to check out. First up: some additions to the Sternfeld Awards recommendation page. At the top of the page, you'll now see a link to a Google Doc that lists everyone's Baronial and Kingdom Awards – handy if you are trying to figure out what award to recommend someone for. Additionally, there is now a link to the Midrealm Order of Precedence. Although the information about Kingdom awards should match between the Google Doc and the Midrealm OP, the Midrealm OP is the more authoritative document. Please send any corrections to the Clerk of the Roster – roster@sternfeld.org. There's also a link to the Midrealm Award Recommendation Page. As before, you can recommend someone for a Baronial Award at the bottom of the page.

Secondly, you'll find a new item on the home page, plus on the fighter practice page: we now have a live “fighter practice status” widget on both pages – it indicates the date of the next fighter practice, whether it is scheduled to be inside or outside (or cancelled), and any additional notes, such as classes or special activities happening that week. You can also bookmark the widget directly – the page is <http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/fpstatus.php>

The event site for Baronial Birthday is up – please sign up for your pitch-in items. The site for Simple Day will be up and linked very soon.

I'm still looking for a deputy. Talk to me if interested. I'm also looking for photos for the cover of the Star – this month's photo is a photo of the Iris in our front yard, taken by my lovely wife Colette. Please consider photographing your own vegetables, animals, and minerals for inclusion on the future cover of a Star.

YIS,

Antonio Bellini

Calendar

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

June 2014

1 Equestrian Practice

3 Fighter Practice

4 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

5 Gilded Costumers

6-8 Northern Oaken War Maneuvers XVIII {Barony of the Cleftlands} [Wellington, OH]

8 Run For Your Life the Saxons Are Coming {Canton of Brackendelve} [Beverly Hills, MI]

10 Fighter Practice

11 Archery Practice / Dead Languages Club (Separate Locations)

12 English Country Dance

13-15 Baronial Border War XXXI {Canton of Rimsholt} [Ionia, MI]

Border Skirmish {Shire of Ravenslake and Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr} [Elkhorn, WI]

Push for Pennsic {The Canton of Hawkes Keye} [Lebanon, OH]

The Seventh Bardic Roundhouse {Barony of the Cleftlands} [Homeworth, OH]

13-22 Lilies War {Kingdom of Calontir} [Smithville, MO]

15 Cooks Guild and Beginners Bardic

17 Fighter Practice

18 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

19 Business Meeting

20-22 Baron Wars {Marche of the Marshes} [Perrysburg, OH]

Ragnarok Rampage {Barony of Carraig Ban} [Big Rock, IL]

24 Fighter Practice

25 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

27-29 Mayhem IV {Shire of Aurea Ripae} [Philpot, KY]

Siege of Talonval {Shire of Talonval} [Leslie, MI]

Swine and Roses {Barony of White Waters} [Elkhart, IN]

July 2014

1 Fighter Practice

2 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

3 Costumer's Group

3-6 Middle Kingdom Equestrian Symposium III {Barony of Rivenstar} [Lafayette, IN]

5 Brawl at the Crooked Dragon {Shire of Falcon's Quarry} [Wellington, OH]

6 Smurf Shoot {The Riding of Hawkland Moor} [Clarkston, MI]

8 Fighter Practice

9 Archery Practice / Dead Languages Club (Separate Locations)

11-13 A Simple Day in the Country (Barony of Sternfeld) [Trafalgar, IN]

Encampment XII: B. Y.O.B. (Build Your Own Barony) {Marche of Three Towers} [Mt. Gilead, OH]

Tyger Hunt {The Riding of Hawkland Moor} [Detroit, MI]

13 Equestrian Practice

15 Fighter Practice

16 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

17 Business Meeting

20 Cook's Group

22 Fighter Practice

23 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

25-10 Pennsic War [Cooper's Lake]

29 Fighter Practice

30 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)



From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Unto the gentles of our fair barony I send greetings!

Kingdom A&S is upon us! If you qualified, are you all set? Are you judging? If you have never judged before, it's fun and easy! We can set you up with an experienced judge and you get a free lunch! You can always find something new to learn or that might inspire you. You may even find a source you had not thought of before.

I am pleased to present let you know that this month's artisan is Leonardus!

Leonardus comes from southern Germany in the 1390s. His main areas of interest are plate armor and pewter casting. When he answered my query, he was working on legs and a burgeonet commission. He does state that his casting method is in no way Medieval. He uses silicone molds and a spin caster.

He got into pewter casting as there was a need for site tokens so he volunteered to make them in pewter. Long ago, he cast war-gaming figures in lead for a small company and figured he had the required knowledge. He found out that pewter behaves a little differently than pure lead but after a little trial and error he got the hang of it.

For armor, he got started in it both out of necessity and interest. He states "Armor has always fascinated me, who doesn't want to be invulnerable? Also there is an economic reason. I can't afford what a proper armorer charges. So if I want good armor, I'll need to learn to make it myself."

Leonardus has been involved in armoring for about three years. He started by grabbing a hammer and a sheet of steel and attempted to replicate what he saw in photos. It was a process of trial and error mostly. He says "I have a big scrap pile now."

For those wanting to start pewter casting, there are plenty of sites on the net with good how-to information. "Buy a bottom pour melting pot. The one I have is meant for bullet casting and helps keep contamination from dross down."

"For armor, the armourarchive.org is the best resource and Eric Dube's videos are a must."

Leonardus is inspired by Robert MacPherson, Jeff Wasson, and Eric Dube.

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



From the Equestrian Marshal

We had four riders at the practice, all were returning riders. Plans for Crown Tourney A&S day are proceeding.

The next practice is on June 1st.

Nancy and I have been working on the Baronial set of games.

Lady Kiltigern MacClibarn



May Business Meeting Minutes

Barony of Sternfeld Business Meeting Minutes 05/15/2014

In attendance: Odile, Ulfr, Moira, Torquil, Bjorn, Ysabel, Ronan, Ilza, Grainne, Austorga, Breddelwyn, Duncan, Wulfwen, Antonio, Elisabetta, Tualaithe, Various Children and Dogs

Baron & Baroness:

Baronial reports have gone in.

Crown Tournament is fast approaching!

Please send in Baronial award recommendations.

Baronial Birthday, Simple Day and Pennsic are coming up too!

Odile can now be at Pennsic for both weeks!

Seneschal:

Please check your officer@sternfeld.org email!

Quarterly Seneschal report has gone in – early!

Seneschals can now report online.

If you'd like to use VolunteerSpot for future events, please don't just dump your needs on the site. You need to actively recruit volunteers for your areas.

Chatelaine:

We have loaner gear!

An assortment of loaner items will be available for Crown/A&S. If you know someone who needs gear, please let the Chatelaine know.

Herald:

Not present; no report.

We need Heralds for Crown/A&S.

Chronicler:

April Star was published; May will go out today.

Most officers aren't sending in anything for the Star. If you'd like to, please send your articles/letters/stuff to Antonio and cc: Ysabel before Business Meeting each month.

If you have livestock or plants or other cool photos, please consider submitting them to the Star – we need cover art!

Exchequer:

Our balance is \$11,512.90. Torquil asked how that compares to last year. Elisabetta said it is significantly less, but we have \$1,500 in outlays for Simple Day. We also have bought new archery targets and other baronial property. In addition, we did not have the income from Fisher's Renn Faire. Elisabetta will compile a summary for her report. Ysabel mentioned that we have also had some events that didn't earn the profit we had planned.

Next week at Fighter Practice, Elisabetta will be holding a brief How to Work Gate class. Chocolate bribes will be provided!

If you'd like to volunteer for Gate at Crown/A&S, please let her know.

Marshal, Heavy:

Not present; Ysabel advised there is no report.

Marshal, Fence:

Quarterly report was sent in on time.

No paperwork has been required – yay!

We have three new rapier fighters.

Moira E. will be assessing the loaner fencing gear, to see what items/sizes are missing.

Marshal, Archery:

Six new archers have started attending practices; average is 10-15 people every week.

Equestrian:

There were four riders at practice.

Tualaith has been making some games for Sternfeld to use; she has receipts to submit to Elisabetta for reimbursement.

Chirurgeon:

Not present; no report.

A&S:

People are still making awesome stuff!

We still need judges badly for A&S next weekend. You get training and free lunch – join us!

Caristonia mentioned that TRM have put out a knitting challenge; see the Knitwits!

Link from their website. Ysabel mentioned that there will be a beginners' knitting meeting at the end of the month, and there will be open knitting at Crown/A&S.

Bredelwyn has volunteered to be Duncan's deputy – welcome!

Interest Groups:

Grainne asked Antonio to change the Cooks' and Cooks'/Bards' meetings to her house permanently.

Largesse League:

Caristonia asked Ysabel to re-post the VolunteerSpot information for Largesse donations.

Property Master:

We have a new set of eight radios for use at events! They use rechargeable AAA batteries, and they hold a charge for around 12 hours. Ulfr asked if they will be OK if they sit unused for a long while; Ronan said yes. Range is around a mile. We can add sets for larger events, such as Society 50-Year. Ronan will post details to the list on compatible headphones for those who wish to buy them.

We have purchased the carport cover; it is in Ronan's garage.

Rois has the signs we loaned out for Coronation.

Ronan mentioned that we've received several requests from local groups to borrow equipment. We should probably consider having loaner procedures. If you have ideas on that, please send them to Ysabel & Ronan. Elisabetta will check whether there are any Exchequer policies related to equipment loans.

Prize Czar:

We have prizes!

Several people have asked for prizes for Crown; if you need a prize, please let Grainne know immediately.

Grainne will not be here for Simple Day, so if you need anything for Simple Day, you MUST let her know before July 1st!

Web Minister:

We have a website!

Crown/A&S website is being updated constantly.

The Simple Day site is not very complete, so the link isn't publically available.

Baronial Birthday site will be up soon.

Baronial Recommendations page has some helpful links: Baronial & Kingdom Order of Precedence, Midrealm Order of Precedence and Midrealm Award Recommendations.

Antonio will be implementing a "Fighter Practice Status" indicator on the Sternfeld site. Check this indicator for up-to-the-minute updates!

Crown/A&S:

Second polling for \$300 for Judges' Lunch was held and passed.

Poll for \$30 for hay bales was held and passed.

Poll for \$58.28 for Site Tokens was held and passed.

Rurik badly needs help on Friday to set up pavilions and lists. Please consider helping out!

We also need staff for Gate, Royalty Guards (you can even sit down!), Kitchen Help, etc.

If you have anything for the Site Book, you must get it to Wulfwen by Saturday at noon.

Moira is replacing the white board that we used to track the Tourney bracket.

Ilza needs archery marshals.

Baronial Birthday:

Baronial A&S Championship will be held at Baronial Birthday. The theme is The Pearl – use your imagination to incorporate this into your entry!

THE SITE IS DRY. THIS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE. This means that unfortunately, there will be no Brewing/Vintning entries allowed in A&S.

Morgan will be cooking the meat for the pitch-in. He could use a person or two to help.

Go sign up for pitch-in items! We have power, but no kitchen facility; please plan your items accordingly.

We also have outdoor space available. Please be courteous and stay off the soccer fields.

Simple Day:

Site visit happened this week. Moira E. is planning one or two more visits; let her know if you'd like to go.

Most Department Head positions are filled, but she needs Setup and Teardown.

We've looking for someone willing to shuttle guests from the farthest parking to Gate. Let Moira E. know if you're interested.

If you are planning any kind of activity, let the Event Staff know so space can be allocated.

General News:

Ysabel is accepting bids for the Post-Pennsic Picnic. Let her know by next Business Meeting if you're interested.

BWTA bids are due before the September Business Meeting. Moira asked if we had already reserved Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds. Ysabel said no; she will try to get in touch with them this week.

Baronial Yule bids need to be in before the October Business Meeting.

We have no demos currently scheduled; if anyone asks you about demos, please let Ysabel know ASAP so that we can see whether people are available. You can also refer interested people to the Demos page on the Sternfeld site.

Pennsic War:

Moira asked that anyone interested in camping with the Barony contact her, Ysabel or Ronan. Once you register, please let Moira know right away so she can verify you were added to the land allocation.
















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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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