

# **The Sternfeld Star**

**BARONY OF STERNFELD**

**November 2015 A.S. L**

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Save a tree! Don't print me!

Next Business Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2015

at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!



**From the Chronicler/Webminister**

Buon Giorno,

Please enjoy this month's issue. Because we did not formally go through officer reports at the Althing, the officer reports published in this month's edition are likely the first time you'll hear the information within them. Thanks to Breddylwyn for continuing to send me interesting submissions.

We have one more issue in 2015, and then 2016 starts. I hereby issue a challenge to all bards of the Barony of Sternfeld! Send me something to publish in 2016. Since we pretty much publish only digitally these days, the Star is not limited in page count. It can be as long as I want. I'd be thrilled to be able to publish at least 2-3 things written by others in the Barony each month, and I think it would make the Star far more interesting to read. Please consider submitting something.

YIS,

Antonio Bellini



**From the Herald/Dancemistress**

Hello Sternfeld!

There is a shortage of court Heralds lately. If you are interested in helping at a Kindgom court, please contact me. No warrant required, is not as easy as it looks. Warranted Herald will be in charge.

There were 30+ dancers at least weeks dance. We tried a new format, from easy to hard in a way that allows people to drop out and watch if they feel like they have reached their limit. It was well received, but no one dropped out. We have signed a contract for next year.

Yours in service,  
Colette



## From the Equestrian Marshal

Greetings from the Equestrian Officer!

Equestrian practice was held on November 1 at Just Us Stables on the northeast side of Indianapolis. It was well attended with 10 participants. We had one authorization. Next practice is scheduled for December 6 at Just Us Stables. Last one of the year!

Sincerely,  
Lord Michael de Quarmby

(Additional Report Submitted for the Star Follows:)

Greetings to Sternfeld!

Highlights from November: A well attended practice on November 1 at Just Us Stables where we practiced heads, and played tippet tag. All this is fine and good, but the most important thing, Mateo Lopez is the newest Midrealm Equestrian! He passed his General Riding and Mounted Games authorizations. Congratulations to Mateo!

Year end report: It has a been a great year. I want to thank St. Francis Farms, and Just Us Stables for allowing us to use their horses and take over their facilities for our practices. I can't thank them enough. I want to thank all that came to Sternfeld practices over 2015. We would have no program if it was not for you. Congratulations to all the riders from Sternfeld who authorized as a new rider or picked up that new authorization. I look forward to next year with great anticipation. 50 Year is just around the corner. It is not too late to get involved!

Further thoughts: Mateo is a great example of how **YOU**, the non-owner, the total beginner, the I don't know what the heck I am doing, can join in on practices and events over the year, and gain the confidence and skill to become an SCA Equestrian. So come join us at the next practice. The ways of the Horse are in your grasp!

In Service,  
Michael de Quarmby



**From the Arts and Sciences Minister**

Greetings unto Sternfeld.

This past month has been quiet with no events or demos going on, but people are doing things and preparing for RUM and the upcoming holidays.

For the Dream,  
Breddelwyn ap Taliesin



**From the Seneschal**

Hello Sternfeld!

The Baronial Bylaws Revision has been submitted to Kingdom in a “clean” form. That is, all of the comments, color coding, and strikethroughs have been removed. I also re-numbered the bylaws and subsections to incorporate our deletions and additions and fixed grammar, as we discussed at our September meeting. You can see the finished product here. Thanks to everyone who was involved!

Yours in service,  
Ysabel



## From the Baron and Baroness

Here's what's been going on in our neck of the woods since our previous meeting:

The new Prince and Princess of the Midrealm are Cameron and Amalie, meaning we once again have local Royalty. Their Highnesses will be stepping up to the thrones for the summer reign, meaning that They will be our Sovereigns for Pennsic as well as SCA 50 Year. Due to the burden of 50 Year, we do not anticipate being asked to provide any further support for Their reign in terms of additional event hosting, but no doubt there will be plenty of opportunities to offer Their Highnesses with other assistance or support for Their upcoming reign.

Úlfr and I formally announced our expected arrival of a new baby coming this summer. While we are of course delighted that the line of the Barony will be fully secured (we need an heir -and- a spare, naturally), we consider it most important to share this information in order that people can consider our changed family situation when making plans which might involve us for SCA 50 Year and Pennsic. At the present time, barring unforeseen circumstances, we are still planning in being in attendance at both these events, though probably we will plan to pare back some of our activities as necessary. Also, we have a Barony, we keep doing stuff. You guys consistently make me proud, great work.

Odile, Baroness  
Úlfr, Baron



## From the Archery Captain

Wednesday of Thanksgiving week is Archery Thanksgiving, so if you're interested in eating pizza and shooting things, hand an archer a few dollars and show up. People are still flinging pointy items downrange. We're coming into busy season on yurts, so people have been informed to check the Facebook groups regularly to see if we're open or not, and I'll do my best to transfer that information to the Webmaster so that the calendar on the website can be updated. I'm also in the process of figuring out where we can buy more target butts and/or what style we want to get. The grass mats that we've been using are completely falling apart at this point, and with BWTA on the horizon, they need to be replaced.

Sadly, the place in the US that was making them is still out of commission, so our options are to pay \$\$!! to import grass mats from the UK, or to figure out another solution. Some baronies in the area are using closed cell foam in frames they've built (which means we need to figure out a time/place to build them) and the 4H site that Shadowed Stars used for their investiture used flotation foam from a dock, which wasn't horrible either. We often have trouble with normal commercial targets, because they're built to take the weight of a compound bow and our recurves often just bounce arrows off of them until someone with a crossbow has broken them in for us. We'd like to avoid those as much as possible. I'm going to call the archery ranges in the area and see if they have any recommendations, but if anyone else has ideas, I'd love to hear those as well.

Kjalvor

# A Tale of Green

(By Breddelwyn)

Once there was a land that was dull in colour with browns and greys for the landscape as there was no life in the land. Nothing really grew there, but the dust. The People had learned to live with this for a long time eking out some kind of living from the land. Because of this there was no joy in this land, but hard work and sadness.

Then one day the People decided that they had enough of this and could not take it anymore. So, they went to their King for a change in the conditions for the King and the Land are one. "We cannot take this any longer," they said. "There is no life in our lives, but sadness."

The King hearing their complaints felt helpless for he did not know how to bring changes to their dull, lifeless land. They left the King and went out to the land and cried because of their situation, and the King cried with them.

They cried for a long time with their tears going into the dusty dirt.

After a long while, a rumbling could be heard and then the People could feel it. The ground shook and shook! Then, suddenly, something started to pop up from the ground. Then another, and then another. They looked beautiful and smelled fresh. The sight of them spurred them to new emotions, more pleasant emotions, even happy emotions. The People cheered and danced around! The King cheered and danced around!

What they saw was Green, and saw that the green were plants and trees. From that point forward, the People felt Hope and Happiness because in the Green of the plants and trees there is Life.

(Editor's Note: This story won the "Green Challenge" at RUM a week ago.)

**December 2015 – (Local Events Only. See [Midrealm Calendar](#) for other nearby activities.)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Fighter Practice 6:30 PM	<b>2</b> Reading Night/Open House 7 PM  Archery Practice 7 PM	<b>3</b> Costumer's Group 7 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Metalworking 7 PM	<b>8</b> Fighter Practice 6:30 PM	<b>9</b> Dead Languages Club 7 PM  Archery Practice 7 PM	<b>10</b> English Country Dance 6:30 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Fighter Practice 6:30 PM	<b>16</b> Reading Night/Open House 7 PM  Archery Practice 7 PM	<b>17</b> Business Meeting 6:45 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Cooks/Bardic 3 PM	<b>21</b> Metalworking 7 PM	<b>22</b> Fighter Practice 6:30 PM	<b>23</b> Reading Night/Open House 7 PM  Archery Practice 7 PM	<b>24</b> Calligraphy/Illumination (Likely to be Rescheduled)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



**January 2016 – (Local Events Only. See [Midrealm Calendar](#) for other nearby activities.)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## November Althing Minutes

Barony of Sternfeld - Althing - 11/19/2015

### Administrative/Financial

**Baronial Bylaws Revision -** The revised Baronial Bylaws, as put together at the last Althing, were sent on to Kingdom for approval.

**Financial Policy -** A motion was made to pass the existing (as approved in 2015) financial policy again for 2016 with no changes. It was seconded and passed polling. This was done as there is a requirement in the Financial Policy that it be reviewed and reapproved each year.

### 2015 Budgets for Officers

- Discussion of each officer's budget occurred. Only officers where the budget changed are mentioned below.
- Archery dropped budget to \$100.
- Chatelaine requested a budget of \$300 for the office. This includes \$274 in earmarked funds earned from the Chatelaine auction at Simple Day.
- Budget for the Chirurgeon was removed as the office no longer exists per society policy. Additionally, it was mentioned that we cannot provide a first aid kit at events as a group anymore. Individuals can in an unofficial capacity. Additionally, a reminder to current and future autocrats to make sure to include pickles and water etc in event budgets going forward as they sometimes came from this budget.
- Equestrian is requesting \$100 for equipment next year, plus \$100 for insurance for 2017 practice site (to be paid at the end of 2016).
- Rapier requests \$400.
- Youth (non-combat) will receive \$100 - it was decided not to reduce this amount in order that it might encourage someone to step up and take the office, knowing they have some budget for activities.
- All other offices request the same budget.
- Total for the year \$2975 across all offices vs. \$3749 last year.
- We will also need potentially up to \$2000 for fighter practice site 2016. (40 indoor weeks at \$50 a night). Actual amount spent will be less, unless it rains a ton in the summer and we are able to rent the gym every time it rains.
- A motion was made to approve the 2016 budget with the changes mentioned above. The motion was seconded and passed first polling. Second polling will be held at the December Baronial Business Meeting.

### Regular Business

November Officer Reports can be found in the November issue of the Sternfeld Star.

-There was a lengthy discussion about the \$894 approved previously for archery targets. The vendor was not able to provide them due to flooding. Initially it appeared they'd be getting back up and running, but they are not. Working on getting refunded for those, so that we can order different targets from another supplier. This is not related to 2015 budget. The expenditure was already approved back in 2014 and so will not need reapproved.

**-We need to pay 2016 Equestrian insurance before 2016 starts - \$100 polling passed. Because the amount is \$100 or less, no second polling required. The amount will be included in each year's budget (for the following year's insurance) going forward.**

**Simple Day - July 2016. After some discussion, the Bid passed 2nd polling. Congrats to Moira and Torquil.**

**St. Timothy's Rental Donation for 2015. We use St. Timothy's for about 90 minutes each month for business meeting, and also once a quarter for Costumer's group, as well as at other times. We typically donate \$300 a year. A motion was made to make a \$300 donation again this year. Motion was seconded and passed first polling, second polling will be in December.**

**The Exchequer states we have \$14,571.48 in the bank currently.**



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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.
- ❖ **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 (727) 267-0770 to confirm time, place, and attendance. Alternating months also include a "Beginner's Bardic".
- ❖ **ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** - second Thursday of the month. 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/>
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- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **METALWORKING** - First and Third Mondays, 7-10 pm. 611 Carlyle Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46201. Contact Master Peter [maxengel@aol.com](mailto:maxengel@aol.com) if coming.
- ❖ **YOUTH COMBAT** – Currently on hiatus but returning soon. Watch <http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/youth.php> for updates.

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