

# **The Sternfeld Star**

**BARONY OF STERNFELD**

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Save a tree! Don't print me!

Next Business Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2016

at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!



## From the Baron/Baroness

Hail, Sternfeld!

We are both very proud of the way Better War Through Archery came off early in this month - we received many compliments from near and far about the smoothness with which the event was run, the size and scope of the archery range (that was truly impressive!), and the professionalism and courtesy of the group that set the range up on Friday night. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who helped to make this event a success!

As we held Court at BWTA (there being no Royalty present), we would like to publish herein our Court List from the day:

Thorfinnr Thengilsson - Border Guard

Froði Ketilsson - new Baronial Archery Champion

Arthur Archer - Yeoman

Hadley of Beckenham - Golden Tower

Kjalvör Sæbjörnardóttir - Golden Tower

Our attention turns forward now to events upcoming in the spring months - Gulf Wars looms close, and although we cannot lead troops South ourselves, we hope that many of you will sojourn in these lands and return with tales of valor to share with us. Further yet afield, the Coronation of our Prince and Princess is visible on the horizon, followed soon after by SCA 50 Year. We will have a significant presence at this event and hope that many of you will consider volunteering a few hours in order to help make things run smoothly. Baronial Birthday, though on a much smaller scale, will be taking place sometime around the same time as well, and should provide a nice counterpoint as an opportunity to relax and make merry with friends.

We look forward to sharing this season with you. Draco Invictus!

Odile, Baronne

Úlfr, Baron



## From the Arts and Sciences Minister

Gooooooooood Morning Sternfeld!

People are making things. This is a good thing.

A couple of weeks ago, Sternfeld hosted Better War Through Archery. An Arts and Sciences competition, and a Bardic competition were held. The A&S competition was judged by those who were at BWTA and expressed their preferences by a bean count, actually an apple count, with the winner being Lady Caristonia for the apple pie she made.

The Bardic competition was themed freedom, and judged by Their Excellencies. The winner was Master John ap Wynn for the song he sang.

Keep on making things.  
Breddelwyn



## From the Equestrian Marshal

Greetings from the Equestrian Officer! At Better War Through Archery, we set up a demonstration table and display showing off the various games and activities we like to participate in with our horses such as heads, reeds, rings, mounted combat, buzkashi, tippet tag, and so on. It was well received and hope to see some new faces at the next practice. Thank you to Lothar and Hadley for giving us the space at the event to do this. And special thanks to the House of the Green Lance for providing additional equipment, and time at the table while I could not be present.

We held our first practice of 2016 a short time ago, and it went quite well. Ten riders on eight horses! We practiced the heads pattern, but used door-stop reeds for targets (aim small, miss small!). We also practiced rings, pig sticking, and ended with head to head passes to open the minds of the horses and riders to jousting.

The next practice will be Sunday, March 6, at Just Us Stables on the north-east corner of Indianapolis at 2 pm. We will be focusing on mounted armored combat, and crest combat. Please come join us!

In Service,  
Lord Michael de Quarmby



## From the Archery Captain

BWTA happened! A good time was had by all, and we got to welcome Frode as our new Baronial Archery Champion.

With regards to upcoming archery practices, we're waiting to see if we can share a new indoor spot on the east side, and I'm assembling outdoor options for when it gets nice out again. If you have suggestions for potential archery friendly spaces, please fill out the Event Site Evaluation form that was recently posted on the Sternfeld Facebook site, or email me and I'll point you to it.

Happy shooting!  
Kjalvor



## A Call for Simple Day Teachers...

Greetings unto the populace of the Midrealm! Our year promises to be exciting, and busy, between the 50 Year celebrations, the many ongoing kingdom wide events, Pennsic, and yes! The Barony of Sternfeld's: A Simple Day in the Country!

One of the many wonderful things about our Great Kingdom is its amazing collection of teachers, and doers, and makers in the various Arts and Sciences. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and share your knowledge with us at Simple Day, July 8-10, 2016, (A.S. L)!

More details will be forthcoming, and if you are interested, or would like to know more, your class coordinators this year are Lady Sarah of Sternfeld and Lord Froði Ketilsson. You can contact us at [frodeketilsson@gmail.com](mailto:frodeketilsson@gmail.com), or look us up on the Facebook Sternfeld or Middle Kingdom pages. We'll answer any questions you have, and post the latest information as we have it.

If you would like to teach, please send us some information about yourself, the class, any requirements (materials supplied or needed, skill levels, fees, etcetera, and so forth). And anything else you think might be helpful! We are excited for this event, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Yours In Service,  
Lady Sarah of Sternfeld and Lord Froði Ketilsson



## From the Chronicler/Webminister

Buon Giorno,

I've recently taken some time to reflect on my tenures as both Chronicler and Webminister. Some interesting (to me, anyway) stats:

- It's been nearly six years since I started as Webminister – back in June 2010. Since then, I've maintained our Baronial Website, published frequent weekly announcements, and published Minutes from our meetings 43+ times. Thanks to both Wulfwen and Meadvh for taking notes for me several times!
- Since I started collecting web statistics in July 2010, we've had 127,109 page views across the entire site – surprising probably no one, the most popular pages are the home page of each of our major events and Sternfeld's front page.
- I've done at least 16 event websites – including BWTA 6 times, Simple Day 4 times, Crown Tournament 3 times, Grand Pageant once, RUM once, and Try Something New once – not counting the draft for this year's Simple Day or the websites I hosted on my personal hosting, which were started before I became Webminister.
- This is my 25<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Sternfeld Star since I took on the mantle of Chronicler in February 2014, but my 29<sup>th</sup> Issue overall – I published four issues of the Star in 2013, before I was Chronicler.
- During my tenure, we switched from having a fairly active Yahoo Group and a quiet Facebook group to having a very quiet Yahoo Group and a very active Facebook group. I had nothing to do with this, but I find it interesting that the platform for discussions has shifted over the time period.
- Since I started this journey, I've gotten married and become a father of twins, who are now 2 years old. It's been a crazy couple of years.

And so we reach the present day. I've been doing this a while now – and I've changed a lot of things about both offices – hopefully for the better. But I feel like it is time for someone else to take up the mantle and move forward – I've been feeling uninspired for some time and we need someone with fresh energy who can move forward and continue to provide the information the Barony needs in the forms we need it. So I'm officially announcing my intention to step down as Webminister and Chronicler of Sternfeld as soon as possible.

The plan is to start polling next month on my replacement(s) – if there are multiple candidates, it will take two months of pollings, so final selections

may not be made until the April Business Meeting. Once replacement(s) are selected, I expect that the next month will be training.

I'm currently writing documentation on all the processes that I am responsible for, so it's easy for someone to pick up the work and continue where I left off. I am also intending to train my replacement(s) in person on the core responsibilities of the jobs – updating the website and publishing the newsletter. In theory, this should mean I've handed off all responsibilities by the time the May Business Meeting happens. But I'll be available to answer questions as needed going forward. I will also continue to update the website, publish the Star, and post event websites during the transition.

A detailed listing of all the responsibilities of both offices follows on the next two pages, but first, a strong suggestion to anyone interested in taking on one of these jobs – **please consider taking them both on**. The fact is, there is a TON of overlap. The Web Minister position takes substantially more time than the Chronicler one, but if you are already doing the Web Minister position, adding on the Chronicler position will only add between 1-2 hours additional work each month. But doing the Chronicler position by itself will not take only 1-2 hours a month. There's a lot of coordination between the two positions that can be eliminated if it is one person doing both. If, instead of doing both, two people wish to each take up one of the jobs, just understand you'll be emailing each other a lot.

If you are interested in one or both of these positions, please contact myself ([chronicler@sternfeld.org](mailto:chronicler@sternfeld.org)) and/or ([webminister@sternfeld.org](mailto:webminister@sternfeld.org)) and Ysabel ([seneschal@sternfeld.org](mailto:seneschal@sternfeld.org)) or talk to us in person. Please indicate your interest prior to the March Business Meeting.

YIS,

Antonio Bellini

## Chronicler Core Responsibilities:

- Publish the Sternfeld Star, our Baronial Newsletter, at least once each quarter, ideally monthly as that enables the populace to keep up with the Business Meeting Minutes and know what is going on.
  - This is to satisfy a Kingdom Law Requirement – if we don't publish a newsletter quarterly, Kingdom can revoke our Barony's charter.
  - The group prefers the Star to be published after the Business Meeting so as to include the minutes – so the April Star would be published after the April Business Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month).
- Provide the final version of each month's issue to the Webminister for upload to the Sternfeld Website.
- Announce the publication of each issue of the Star on the Sternfeld Facebook and Yahoo Groups. Also email a link to the Star to required Kingdom Officers each month when it is published.
- Complete Online Reporting to Kingdom on January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Maintain the digital archive of back issues, in both Word and PDF format.
- Maintain the physical files of the Office of Chronicler.
- Read/Follow all rules and laws provided by Kingdom and Society for the Office of the Chronicler.
- Here's a quick list of things that should be in the Star each month:
  - List of all Officers, with contact info. When officers change, make sure Webminister knows as well.
  - List of all Baronial Activities, with contact info. When days/times/locations change, make sure Webminister knows as well.
  - All Baronial Business Meeting Minutes / Althing Minutes / Emergency Finance Committee Minutes
    - Although not technically the responsibility of the Chronicler to take notes at the Business meeting, the Chronicler should make sure they are being taken and sent to the Chronicler for publication – this is one of the most appreciated features in the Star. The notes should also be sent to the Webminister for inclusion on the announcements page.

- Calendar for the following month and the month after – so for the April Star, it will have the May and June Baronial activities calendar.
- Officer Reports
- Anything else you want to include.

**Webminister Core Responsibilities:**

- Maintain the Website of the Barony of Sternfeld.
  - Post updates in a timely manner to the Event/Activity listings, Officer details with contact info, announcements, Business Meeting Minutes, and issues of the Star. Make sure information on Event/Activity changes and changes in Officers makes it to Chronicler as well.
- Post and Update Event Websites for Barony of Sternfeld events.
  - We typically hold the following Kingdom Level Events each year: Better War Through Archery, A Simple Day in the Country. These have larger websites with 10-20 pages.
  - We also regularly (approximately every other year) hold Coronations and Crown Tournaments. These have larger websites with 10-20 pages.
  - We typically hold three annual Baronial Events: Baronial Yule, Baronial Birthday, and Post Pennsic Picnic in the Park. These events have simpler sites consisting of one page only.
  - For all events, function as a point of contact and assistance for the Autocrat of the event – we have useful historical information about past events.
- Complete Online Reporting to Kingdom on February 15<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- Read/Follow all rules and laws provided by Kingdom and Society for the Office of the Webminister.
- Moderate/Administer Sternfeld Yahoo and Facebook Groups as needed. You are one of several moderators for both.
- Administer Google for Nonprofits email addresses for the Barony. (@sternfeld.org email addresses).
- Maintain Yahoo Calendar and associated activity reminder emails.
- Maintain Google Calendar and associated activity reminder emails.

**March 2016 – (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	<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	<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	<b>17</b> Business Meeting 6:45 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Cooks 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	<b>24</b> Scribes Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Fighter Practice 6:30 PM	<b>30</b> Reading Night/Open House 7 PM	<b>31</b>		

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Metalworking 7 PM	<b>5</b> Fighter Practice 6:30 PM	<b>6</b> Reading Night/Open House 7 PM	<b>7</b> Costumer's Group 7 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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# February Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

**Barony of Sternfeld - Baronial Business Meeting Minutes for 02/18/2016**

**Baronage:** BWTA went well. See court list in this month's Star.

**Seneschal:** Nothing huge to report. Quarterly report is being completed.

**Chatelaine:** No report. There were new people at BWTA, and people used Gold Key!

**Herald:** Tuala did a marvelous job being Voice Herald at BWTA, including coordinating others to do the same. Things seem to be going well.

**Chronicler/Webminister:** We have a website, we had a newsletter. We'll have another newsletter tomorrow. Antonio is looking to step down and is asking for person(s) to replace him to step up. Details about both positions and why it should really just be one person with both offices will be published on Facebook, the Yahoo Group, and in the Star. Please consider serving your Barony in this capacity.

**Exchequer:** Bank statement as of end of January is \$9848.37. Last call for BWTA receipts is February 20th (that's Saturday folks!) - if you've got something you haven't told Saldis for BWTA, contact Saldis immediately.

**Armored:** Couple new people showing up.

**Rapier:** People still poking each other with swords.

**Archery:** Still not happening. Looking for a new site. Any suggestions? We are developing a shortage of Marshals for this activity as well, but we are working on getting some MITs going so we have more.

**Equestrian:** Demonstration at BWTA went very well and was well received. February 7th we had practice - 10 riders, 8 horses. Next practice is March 6th at 2pm - Introduction to Mounted Armored Combat.

**Arts and Sciences:** Better War had an A&S competition, won by Caristonia with a wonderful apple pie. There was a bardic competition, which was won by John ap Wynne. Also the feast was good! Baronial sewing workday on Saturday at Brownsburg Library - we have one room from 9am-12pm and another from 1pm-5pm. If you need help, arrange it ahead of time. Cooks guild will no longer be including Bardic. This month's Cook's guild will be about France - bring something having to do with French Cooking to talk about, look at, or eat. Dance had 40 people attend. Ysabel issues a challenge for all attendees to attend in costume in March.

**Prize Czar:** Still looking for a list of prizes from the officer.

**Youth:** A candidate is interested in taking the office after 50 year.

**BWTA:** We had about 225 people in attendance, including children. Many compliments on Ronan's historical lunch! Go Ronan! Lunch profits were \$310 which

**will go towards the Sternfeld "Welcome to 50 Year" party - these funds are not mixed with the Baronial Funds. People want recipes.**

**Yule: No further comments at this time.**

**Simple Day: Better War is now over, so work on the Website and other planning is now beginning in earnest.**

**Baronial Birthday: Looking for Bids. Really need to get this figured out before the end of March if we are doing it this year.**

**Demos: We have a demo tomorrow - Friday the 19th, at the Speedway Preschool Co-Op. Details were discussed (it's gonna be great).**

**New Business**

**Several fundraising ideas were discussed. Continue to bring those ideas!**



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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](mailto: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](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).
- ❖ **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](mailto: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/>
- ❖ **ARCHERY PRACTICE** – Currently looking for a new practice space. Ideas? Contact Kjalvor (Tekka England), [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).
- ❖ **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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