



# Barony of Red Spears

## Spearpoint

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# **OYEZ! OYEZ!**

## **Missives and Meeting Notes**

Greetings fair Barony,

Thank you all so much for the warm welcome and greetings as your new Baronial seat. We will strive to ensure we live up to the long standard of excellence our predecessors have established. We are moving into the holiday season so we hope you had a wonderful and safe feast time last month and are ready to look forward to the wonderful things coming up in the Barony soon.

We want to wish Konrad and Iosobiel a happy retirement and thank them profusely for their years of service to the Barony. This service did not start with them stepping up to the Baronial Seats and both of them have told us personally that they are still available to serve, which is no surprise if you know them.

We are very excited for our first event as Baron and Baroness and looking forward to the wonderful event, Yule Feast, that Phaedra and Heather have done an amazing job of putting together. Doing a digital event seems like it might be easy but from what we have seen, that is not the case. We are amazed at all the hard work that they and everyone involved have put in.

Finally, we would like to announce a few pieces of business for the future. We will be holding our first Baronial Court at Yule Feast. We request Konrad Mailander and Iosobail inghean Uilliam mhic Leoid be available for our court. On January 16<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a virtual Baronial Court, we would request Artemisia Voltera, Phaedra O'Hegerty, Heather Kvale, Veoreos Miklos, Aislin de Tanat, Deorsa MacGhillenchearr, Mary Ker, Dorothea de Beckham, and Sivrid Brumbach make themselves available for this court.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to an exciting new year where we hope to see you all in person again.

Yours in Service,

Proconsul Marcos and Proconsula Bianca,

Baron and Baroness of Red Spears

### **Barony of Red Spears Business Meeting Notes 11/14/2020**

Opened mtg at 4:15

Seneschal

Officer Roll call. Review of last meeting's notes. Charter updates were passed. Action on the storage unit is on hold until people can get schedules to work together.

## Exchequer

Quarterly turned in. Not many changes through Sept. Oct – deposited the check from closing of Cattenden; Baronial account \$8,167.42. Closing the Cattenden account: the bank needs someone named on the account to do that and that coordination is still ongoing. For a future discussion: how to hold current funds for a future group in that area.

## Heavy Marshal

Revised Marshal's handbook is now available. No official practices until next year or until further notice. No reports are due from marshals while events are shut down.

## ~~Rapier Marshal~~ Not present, Marcos filled in

Get waivers in. New rules are available – go read them.

## Chatelaine

Not much ... Domesday is due soon; got the Fjord's report, looking for the Marshes' report. Outside activities not available so not much is happening. Will look into chatelain classes taught by Vincent de Vere that could be helpful during these social media months.

## Webminister

Announcement page was updated with all three zoom link and passcodes. Kingdom is switching servers by end of year to Google and will not have access to the current server so all content on the current server needs to be saved off before the end of the year. Google emails already set up. Wordpress is encouraged for web page construction as we already have a package with them. Let webminister know if anything looks odd or is not working.

How to get folded canton's information off the current server. Ask Guillaume; Isobel just dropped from call (spotty internet) – Phaedra will first try contacting older groups before doing it herself

## Youth Minister

Boo covid. Kids are done with screen time and most aren't willing to do more of it than they have to. Is there kid interest in playing the free game Among Us? Yes

## Chronicler

The recent and upcoming newsletter themes are currently designed to be a stable, findable resource and stand-in for all the in-person conversations that aren't happening during pandemic distancing: Performance & Bardic (Oct), Martial (Nov), Arts and Sciences and eRUM's theme of Hearth and Home (Dec), SCA structure (Jan), Masks, Garb [by decree of HRM Felix, called "adventure clothes" for the duration of his reign] and anything else that comes up (Feb), Gear for eventing & 30-year memories for Belated Birthday Bash (March)

## Herald

Looking for a replacement.

~~Minister of Arts & Science Not present~~

~~Archery/Thrown Weapons Marshal Not present~~

### Fjord Canton and Yule Event Update

Classes for Yule have almost all been scheduled; will open more space if needed. We have cookie teachers from all the Midrealm regions. Feast is going well – precook demos planned. Garb available for exchange [by decree of HRM Felix, called “adventure clothes” for the duration of his reign]. The event crew is in talks with a RUM rep to see if we are ready tech-wise and for any other tips on running a virtual event like this. It is going to be a busy week!

Phaedra asked the barony to sponsor a \$100 fee zoom upgrade to bump up to the expanded 1000 participant level of zoom. The timeframe for the month of upgrade would cover the baronial investiture watch party and Yule Feast attendance: Marcos 1<sup>st</sup>; Oliver and others seconded; unanimous approval.

### Additional Business and Announcements

SCA 101 class is available for Yule or other meetings.

If you want an @redspears.org email, contact Konrad.

Investiture is next weekend Sat. 3pm; baronial watch party will be on zoom.

Best wishes for healing to Anna and Konrad.

From Marcos: Thank you to Konrad and Isobel for all their work and everything they have been doing for the barony.

Closed mtg at 5:05

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## Gatherings and Whatnots Baronial Calendar

*Covid plague pandemic protocols are still in effect. Official in-person meetings, events, and fighter practices are suspended until January 31, 2021. That is not to say that nothing is going on through virtual means on various platforms, hence the title of this column: “whatnot” (n.) an item not identified but similar to the item already named.*

**Check the Baronial webpage (<http://redspears.midrealm.org/about.php>) or Baronial Calendar (<http://redspears.midrealm.org/calendar.php>) for on-line meeting log in details:**



The Barony of Red Spears (NW Ohio)

Next Baronial Zoom Meeting: Saturday, December 12 during the Yule Feast Event, time TBD



The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr (Toledo)

8 pm Tuesdays – Fjodr’s Zoom Meeting



The Canton of Marche of the Marshes (Bowling Green)

8pm Thursdays – Marche’s of the Marshes Zoom Meetings

## Midrealm Ethereal Courts (Virtual) Schedule

All Courts are at 2 pm CST / 3 pm EST - Live via [Kingdom YouTube Channel](#) unless otherwise noted, and posted for later viewing. Check <https://midrealm.org/ethereal-middle-kingdom/> for updates.

- 19 December 2020
- 16 January 2021

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### Society Notes



[October 2020 President's Report Now Available - SCA.org](#)

The October 2020 President's Report is now available for review. Please click on this link for more information.

[www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org)

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## Sweet and Savory Yule Feast Event

How can you have a Yule Feast without a real feast you ask?!? Well we are gathering the most gifted chefs from around the Midrealm to come teach you how to cook "Feast". We are not only looking forward to your presence but are also in search of those of whom would be willing to teach! Not ONLY Feast but we are also hosting a week-long Virtual Cookie exchange. The week prior and day of, we will be hosting members throughout the Middle Kingdom to show off their cookie goods. Learn with the experts of each area on how to make the most scrumptious yummys.

### December 7 to 11 (8pm-10pm EST): Virtual Cookie (Recipe) Exchange WEEK!!!

Cookie Classes: <https://www.facebook.com/events/783081005574276>

EVERY Evening December 7th-December 11th (8pm-10pm) we will be hosting a Virtual Cookie "Exchange" Class. Priming us up for the amazing Yule Feast!! We are arranging teachers from each region of our lovely Middle Kingdom coming out to teach for us.

Please keep an eye on the website with updates on who is cooking on what days. We hope you can join us!

<https://yulefeast.weebly.com/cookie-exchange-and-feast.html>

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88671950905...>

Meeting ID: 886 7195 0905  
Passcode: COOKIESGR8

For mobiles: Find your local number:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88671950905...>

Meeting ID: 886 7195 0905  
Passcode: 4783994729

### December 12 - Sweet and Savory Yule Feast

Hosted by [Toledo SCA - Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr](#)

Festivities begin at 9 AM EST, early arrivals are accepted

Classes and Activities are posted here: <https://yulefeast.weebly.com/>

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/675413780052153>

Time: Dec 12, 2020 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada). Classes start at 9:00 AM EST

Join Zoom Meeting link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86587013254...>

Meeting ID: 865 8701 3254  
Passcode: YULEISGR8

For mobiles: Find your local number:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86587013254...>

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Passcode: 212564757





## The Marshal's Corner

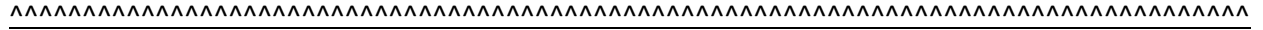
**Martials take note:** Once we are back to having in person meetings and practices, you must be a paid member to retain your martial warrant. Warrants will not expire while we are not having in-person events.

**Everyone** should take a look at the Revised Marshal's Handbook as there are a few changes. It can be found here: [https://sca.org/officers/marshal/docs/marshal\\_handbook.pdf](https://sca.org/officers/marshal/docs/marshal_handbook.pdf)

The updated Rapier Rules are here: <https://library.midrealm.org/marshal/rapier/#>

**Practices:** Winter is a great time for kit repair! Take advantage of the conditioning and training tutorials that have been posted by many experienced SCA trainers while we wait for re-opening news in the Spring.

**Kit Repair and Upgrade:** Winter is a great time to do kit repair and replacement.



... The limb on the branch, And the branch on the tree ...

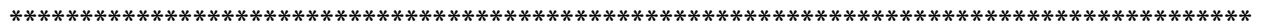
## Current Baronial Challenges

From Early October – Corky's challenges - First Challenge: Craft a period object on the theme of Red Spears. *(It can contain our colors, heraldry, animal (boar) and you might consider it for largesse to be used as a gift exchange for Yule.)* Second Challenge: Craft something to dress up our events.

From Late October – Magrat's challenge – Starting with 'Walk a mile', a new exercise will be added each week and the one adding the current week's exercise picks the person who is to select the following week's exercise. The list is cumulative, meaning all previous exercises are done each week along with the new thing. As of press time the items are

1. Walk a mile
2. Pick a favorite song and dance to it. It can be any song you like and the dancing doesn't have to be good, but you have to go for the entire song.
3. Do 5 pushups daily. Use the technique that works best for you.

Watch the Barony of Red Spears FB group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119680006373>) for updates, or check the Discord server.



## eTips For Distanced Gatherings

Sound and video lags have many causes. To keep a normal flow of conversation or class content delivery in the virtual format, a few techniques have been useful.

First of all, speak in paragraphs or sound bites. Unless lecturing for a class with questions at the end, leave room after each concept or thought for responses from attendees. Leave a longer lag than feels





**This issue's featured virtual tour stop:  
Hearth and Home, Domestic Arts, Fiber Arts, Cooking, Clothing and Accessories....**

### **Classes, Discussions, and Practice Spaces:**

#### **Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM)**

At the time of publication, RUM is still accepting new classes for the schedule. It is worth noting that not all classes follow the theme of the month. If you wish to take or teach a future class, go to [rum.midrealm.org](http://rum.midrealm.org) for more details.

Themes:

December term is Hearth and Home

January term is Open

Useful links:

RUM events, degrees, and information for teachers

<https://rum.midrealm.org/events>

RUM community: Watch class live-feeds and recordings

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/eRUMcommunity/>

RUM Youtube channel: Find recorded Classes

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyPzZuaj1u2KSL67wWgLvXA...>

#### **Announcements and Discussions:**

##### **Known World Entertainment Guide:**

This is an official page dedicated to providing a weekly directory of online medieval content from across the Known World of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Content shared on this site has agreed to comply with the Society's Social Media Policy.

<https://www.facebook.com/KWEGuide>

#### **Classes, Episodes, Recorded Material**

This is a sampling of on-line content for SCA audiences:

#### **Research and Class Development**

Resources for Research... or ... How to Find Good Stuff! With Hrodr-Navar Hakonsson, OL, OP:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zb4Sbfuib8o&t=9s>

How To Create a Class From What You Know:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acG2GqtWbKo>

Food History Resources with Maestro Eduardo Francesco Maria Lucrezia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2Kti6KBjx0>

#### **Food**

Kitchen Sanitation for Feast Stewards: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3yd3B5HxtY>

How to Make Acid Set Cheese: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIP0CeQxJIQ>

## Fiber Arts

Introduction to Viking Wire Weaving: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsFYJsLEggE>

Smocking: Lecture & Demo on Pleat-Work Embroidery:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76BWZYmiH1w>

## Crafts

Woodworking 101 with HL Alasdair – Hinges and Finishes:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIJpEGwhspU>

## Language

Irish Pronunciation for Heralds and Bards: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMqMAZXS90>

## SCA Culture

SCA 101: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpK-ID6q2I8>

Cartography in the SCA -or- Mapping the Knowne World:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0a27ps5Wc>

## World Culture

A Brief History of Carriages: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g02FSTeiE4&t=1s>

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## All Aboard!


This is only a brief sampling of class topics. Check the eRUM YouTube page, your local library, and many other locations for more topics. If you have a favorite go-to site, let the Chronicler know! Attend the local cantons' weekly meetings to see what your neighbors are currently working on and show off your own projects.

Ever try to explain something and "too much, let me sum up" still didn't satisfy? Share the fun this winter in print! Seeking article submissions for upcoming newsletters.

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**\*\* Note: Both e-mail addresses work for any of the officers. You need to only send to one of the listed e-mail addresses.**

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