

Spearpoint

Barony of Red Spears

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OYEZ! OYEZ! Missives and Meeting Notes

Greetings Red Spears,

By now I am sure you have all heard the wonderful news from the Board of Directors. Bear in mind that the Kingdom has not made any determination on how or when it plans to allow in person activities to begin. So, while we have a rough timeline for when we can get back together, please do not start making hard plans.

We will be holding a Baronial Court in May to take care of the final shutdown business. After this court we will not be conducting anymore Ethereal Courts but to continue with the wonderful lessons we have learned, we would like to stream all our courts going forward. How we do this will be discussed. If you have award recommendations, please get them to us no later than April 15th.

Please keep an eye out for classes throughout the Barony and join in the fun. Also feel free to catch a meeting with the groups as everything is still chugging along online.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in person soon!

Proconsul Marcos and Proconsula Bianca,

Baron and Baroness of Red Spears

BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING via Zoom

Seneschal Veoreos Miklos opened the Baronial Meeting 3:11 pm, 3/27/2021 Roll Call of Officers Present: Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, Chatelaine, Chronicler, Exchequer, Web Minister, Canton seneschals, Baron and Baroness

Seneschal

Still trying to fill the position of Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS), official Herald, and other open positions. The newsletter is looking good. The marshals are still in lockdown for activities.

Archery marshal for the barony is open. Outdoor archery in Toledo is open at the Wiregrass Metropark, and an indoor club in Fostoria is open Sunday.

Chatelaine

Lockdown. Nothing new to report.

Chronicler

The newsletter is always looking for content. Will update the newsletter and social media with the Coaches Corner keeping in shape video.

Exchequer

No changes from last month. Account balance as of 12/31/2020 was \$8149.90 with the following line items: General Fund \$3243.52, Baronial Cook's Guild \$36.96, Children's Fund \$125.50, and account balance from Catteden \$4,761.45. The former Canton of Catteden monies

will be held in reserve for the future re-formed group for one year from the time SCA resumes official in-person activity.

Web Minister

Nothing new to report.

Baron and Baroness

Encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. Lockdown is still official until the end of May. The landed baronetcy, crown and curia will be meeting sometime in the next month or so regarding how reopening might happen.

Challenge to the Chatelaines: would like to see the chatelaines work together for a cohesive plan for all the groups to work together on demos around the region, balancing volunteer sharing. Oliver will be spearheading this as Baronial Chatelaine.

The May baronial meeting will be the next court to award people doing awesome stuff and so send in recommendations by Mid-April to allow time for the scribes. Court will probably be midafternoon again.

Fjord Seneschal

The Fjord is still doing amazing classes, monthly meetings. Next class is Sivrid on Brewing 101. Working on take-home kits, and share-it kits. Got official word that we are decorating a bedroom at the Manor House; this is a larger room than we've had before. Still planning on Yulefeast next winter. September/October demo at Olander. Upcoming classes: rapier, getting restarted in-person discussion, and more.

Marshes Seneschal

Not much from the Marshes. Still waiting for approval for the meeting site, but it's not yet urgent. Working on getting back in shape exercises so people don't overdo it by overworking.

Seneschal's note for absent Marshals and other officers: We're still on lockdown, so no official in-person anything. Do what you can to stay in shape and stay motivated.

Rapier Marshal – not present

Heavy Marshal – not present

Herald - Vacant

Archery & Thrown Weapons Marshal - Vacant

MOAS – Vacant

Youth – Vacant

General announcements:

- Catteden is hosting a class tomorrow that needs pre-registration. Contact Iosobail.
- West Coast on-line cooking classes, April 3-4, arts symposium, Bianca will be attending; contact her for links.

Date for the next baronial meeting will be April 17 (or 24th if Midrealm court happens, the 17th) at 3pm.

3:41 pm meeting adjourned

Gatherings and Whatnots Baronial Calendar

Covid plague pandemic protocols are still in effect. Official in-person meetings, events, and fighter practices are suspended until June 1, 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 (https://redspears.midrealm.org/calendar/) for on-line meeting log in details:



The Barony of Red Spears (NW Ohio)

Next Baronial Zoom Meeting: April 17th, 3pm (unless there is a kingdom court and then the date will be Saturday, April 24th



The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjordr (Toledo)

8 pm Tuesdays - Fjordr's Zoom Meeting

Meeting and Class Schedule: 4/6/21: Business Meeting

4/13/21: Baron Warder Marcos: Rapier

4/20/21: TBD

4/27/21: Quarterly Arts and Sciences Round Table



The Canton of Marche of the Marshes (Bowling Green)

8pm Thursdays – Marche's of the Marshes – Meetings will continue on the Barony Discord, Marche's voice channel

The proto-Canton of Catteden (Findlay region) is hosting classes and informal meet-and-greets this Spring; contact TH Isibel Mhic Leoid at <u>losobail {at} redspears.org</u> for details.

The **April** Catteden zoom class to be announced.

Midrealm Calendar of Courts and Events

The Midrealm Calendar with scheduled virtual events and Ethereal Courts can be found through the Services Portal https://services.midrealm.org. Log in to the portal to see the updated calendar; the webpage calendar is not up to date. All Courts are at 2 pm CST / 3 pm EST and broadcast live via Kingdom YouTube Channel unless otherwise noted, and posted for later viewing.

Scheduled Courts	Events	Event Date(s)
April 10, 2021		
	VIRTUAL It Takes My Child to Raze a Village XII	April 24, 2021
May 8, 2021		

Scheduled Courts	Events	Event Date(s)
	• <u>Visions of Future Past-Virtual</u>	May 1, 2021
	• The First Bardic War (Virtual)	May 15-23, 2021
	Known World Sciences and Atlantia Symposium	12 June, 2021
	NORAD on the Marche	26 June, 2021
	• <u>Tyger Hunt</u>	9-11 July, 2021

Society Notes

The Society Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity in North America will be lifted as of June 1, 2021, provided adherence to current state and local health guidelines, masks are worn for all activities, no food or drink is provided, no overnight camping, and events are held outdoors with a maximum of 150 preregistered attendees. Please note that the ultimate plan for re-opening and holding events is left up to each kingdom, which has yet to be announced for our kingdom as of press time for this newsletter. Please read the full update here: https://www.sca.org/news/resolutiontoliftsuspensionapril2021.

Additional announcements are listed below with imbedded links.



On March 2nd, 2021, the Board approved changes to Corpora introduction, within the Governing Documents of the SCA. Click for more info here: https://www.sca.org/news/corpora-revised-introduction/

SCA Inc. is pleased to announce that <u>members.sca.org</u> has been optimized for mobile and tablet use. Click for more info here: https://www.sca.org/news/members-sca-org-goes-mobile/

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to sca-comments@lists.sca.org or mailed: SCA Inc.

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Challenges: Have you seen this hashtag? #15forSCA

For each 30 days completed (does not have to be consecutive) of 15 minutes a day doing something SCA to get ready for when we are able to meet again in person, you will earn a war pay token against the Plague. Use the hashtag #15forSCA to show what you are doing today! Note: You don't need to hashtag everything.

SCA 101

Welcome! If you have questions, please ask! This column will focus on some of the basic jargon, experiences, and expectations of eventing in the SCA ("eventing": attending an official in-person event hosted by a local group in the Society of Creative Anachronism).

This week: Local Officers and Groups. What are all those titles in the meeting notes?

Baron and Baroness: This pair is appointed by the regional leaders (the crown, also known as the king and queen) and are their representatives for a territorial barony.

Seneschal: This is the president of the local chapter.

Exchequer: Treasurer

Herald: This officer is responsible for conducting courts, helping members register names and devices, and assisting with protocol questions.

Chronicler: The officer in charge of the group's newsletter, and sometimes acts as group historian and note taker for meeting minutes.

Minister of Arts and Science (MoAS): This officer is responsible for the encouragement of the many crafts and arts known as arts and sciences.

Marshal: A warranted officer for one of the combat sports. These sports are divided into armored (heavy), fencing / rapier, archery and/or thrown weapons, equestrian, and youth combat.

Chatelaine: The officer who assist newcomers. Some regions use the term hospitaller or castellan.

Youth Minister: The officer in charge of youth activities.

Web Minister: The officer in charge of the web page.

Social Media Officer (SMO): The officer in charge of approved social media outlets for the group.

Kingdom: The largest regional designation in the SCA, and ruled by a king and queen (sometimes also seen as crown and consort. More on them another time). The "Known World" currently consists of hundreds of local groups within 20 kingdoms. For more information see https://www.sca.org/about/kingdoms/ and https://middlewiki.midrealm.org/index.php/Kingdom

Principality: A large region within a kingdom, containing baronies and other smaller groups, and ruled by a prince and princess.

Barony: The third largest region of the SCA after principality, and ruled by the baron and baroness.

Canton: A smaller group under the umbrella of a barony. A **Shire** is usually a group of a similar size, but without the territorial barony association, although there are exceptions.

Don't see what you are looking for? Try here https://midrealm.org/newcomer-portal/glossary-of-scaterms/. Another of many resources available on the internet is the Middle Wiki which has a search

feature for many basic terms; some pages are out of date, but it is still a good place to get started: http://middlewiki.midrealm.org/index.php/Main Page

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The Marshals' 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 Society Marshal's Handbook as there are a few changes. It can be found here: https://sca.org/officers/marshal/docs/marshal handbook.pdf

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

The Midrealm document library is slowly getting repopulated after the server changeover. But... the revised re-opening after the pandemic rules are still being written. Forms and documents are posted here: https://library.midrealm.org/marshal/

Practices, Kit Repair and Upgrade: Spring is a great time to read up on the rules and do 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.

Equestrian: If you are interested in helping with or participating in equestrian events, the basic rules are here: https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/equestrian handbook.pdf

As requested at the Baronial Meeting, here is the recent SCA Coaches Corner episode: Making Progress When You Can't Fight - 3/26/21 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Po3Tx-UORM

eTips For Distanced Gatherings

Summer is around the corner, but virtual meetings aren't going away just yet. Virtual events are still happening with various internet platforms and formats as groups experiment with activities beyond a video call. Outdoor activities may be starting up in a few months, although a lot of details are yet to be worked out while waiting for the pandemic profiles to improve.

If you have found someone to have been particularly outstanding during the past year, write an award recommendation. For Midrealmers there is an award rec form and award descriptions found through the Services Portal. For other kingdoms if you are not familiar with their awards structure, a message to the crown is often sufficient.

Scrolling for Crumbs: Research Tips for the Current Times

A lot of great links get posted to social media, if there are any that you find or think you want to find again, send them to chronicler@redspears.org before they are lost in the vastness of the ether.

March news from France: The Lourvre just put its entire art collection online for free with an improved website www.collections.louvre.fr/ that is more user-friendly and immersive! For the press release and more details see: https://presse.louvre.fr/the-musee-du-louvre-launches-online-collection-database-and-new-website/

Behold! A tour stop on the highlights of the Virtual Known World

News is starting to spread across the Known World that the muddy roads of Spring will dry eventually and the next eventing season will begin some day. Guidelines and etiquettes of our new in-person landscape are still developing, so watch social media for timely updates.

This issue's featured virtual tour stop: Rejiggering the 2021 Calendar of Multi-kingdom Events

Classes, Discussions, and Practice Spaces:

Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM)

New eRUM classes have ended but the classes posted to the YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyPzZuaj1u2KSL67wWgLvXA will remain available. A graduation ceremony is planned for the May Midrealm royal court, so please have any transcript data in by the end of April. Anything added to transcripts after that will apply to the next graduation tentatively planned for October. Congratulations and thanks to the RUM chancellor, staff, and teachers for providing hundreds of classes on-line over many months.

Large Event News from Social Media: March and Early April Announcements

Virtual Festival of the Passing of the Ice Dragon (Barony of the Rhydderich Hael, Aethelmearc) will be Virtual (on-line) this year https://ice-dragon.info/ with events already underway. The official finale will be on an April 24 Facebook live feed https://www.facebook.com/events/1971470459658515/

For May, the on-line event, The First Bardic War https://www.bardicwar.com/news, is looking volunteers for the May 15-23, 2021, on-line competitions and activities.

For June and July, many groups are waiting for official re-opening news and guidelines for inperson events. Large Spring and Summer events have been put off to the Fall, or remain tentative.

July 30, 2021, through August 15, 2021, at Coopers Lake, PA, will remain tentative for Pennsic 49 http://www.pennsicwar.org until the final decision date of May 30.

Calontir Lilies War 34 https://www.lilieswar.org at Smithville Lake, MO, has recently announced dates of September 15-19, 2021.

Gulf Wars 30, https://www.gulfwars.org/ near Lumberton, MS, has announced October 2-10, 2021, dates.

Midrealm events posted to the calendar accessible through the Services Portal https://services.midrealm.org remains the most up to date listing at this time for the Midrealm's official events and courts.

Announcements and Discussions:

Known World Entertainment Guide (KWEG)

More offerings have been added over the past few months. 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 or the website here: https://tinyurl.com/KWEGwebsite

All Aboard!

Spring is in the air, and in-person events are starting to appear on the calendar! What are you doing to stay active? If you have a favorite go-to website, let the Chronicler know before it is lost to the vagaries of social media! Attend the local canton meetings to let them know how you are and see how your neighbors are doing.

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