



Barony of Red Spears

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Oyez! Oyez!

Missives and Meeting Notes

Greetings Red Spears!

Now that October has come, the days are getting shorter and changes have come to the Midrealm. As many have likely seen or heard by now, the Board has made allowances so kingdoms may require vaccination or a negative COVID test. Their Majesties and Curia have decided to enact these requirements and beginning with Fall Crown, proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72hrs of the in-person event, meeting or fight practice will be required.

We wholeheartedly support these efforts, and we hope that you will as well. It has been a long, long 19 months and we truly want to see an end to the fear and sickness.

I want to stress that there is no expectation or pressure to attend events or meetings, do what is safe for you and your loved ones. His Excellency and I are planning events on a case-by-case basis during the time of the Delta variant.

Please continue to be safe and support each other, we eagerly look forward to the day we can gather again.

Proconsula Bianca di Michaleto,
Baroness of Red Spears

Their Royal Majesties and Curia of the Middle Kingdom are pleased to announce that the Middle Kingdom will be implementing the COVIDSafe policy as published by the BOD of the SCA.

This policy will be effective in the Middle Kingdom beginning October 13th. Crown Tournament will be the first weekend event for which vaccination or a negative test will be required.

Over the past two days we have received overwhelming support for this policy, 95% of all respondents are in favor of the COVIDSafe policy. Many respondents indicated that this would allow them to feel safe at the indoor winter events and at meetings and gatherings in general.

This policy is being implemented alongside existing policy regarding mask wearing and shared food. Those policies remain in effect, unchanged.

We understand that, for a small proportion of the populace, this policy will mean that they decide to cease their participation, and for that we are sorry. However, please recognize that this is a temporary measure. As infections rate fall, as they are predicted by the CDC to do, we anticipate lifting of restrictions and measures.

We are all weary, however, infection, hospitalization and death numbers do not lie. The COVID pandemic is not over, and we must recognize this fact. This policy allows us the ability to gather for events with an increased feeling of safety and security.

Please familiarize yourself with the policy - <https://www.sca.org/.../COVIDsafeVaccination-and-Testing...>

If you have questions, first please read the FAQ published by the BOD

<https://www.sca.org/.../20210829-Proof-of-Vaccination-or...>

If you still have questions, please email seneschal@midrealm.org

We will be rolling out implementation guidelines over the next few days; please be patient with us as we are trying to make this as smooth a rollout as possible.

Update from the Kingdom Seneschal, October 3, 2021:

The full COVIDSafe policy and procedure may be seen on the Kingdom Webpages -

<https://midrealm.org/reopening/>

To make implementation of the COVIDSafe policy easier I have generated a standard sign off form. This is not required but saves you having to write one and a google form where you will upload it after the event/meeting.

Basic document including corporate sign off information.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1RtjmMWS.../edit...>

Once this is signed you will take a picture of it, complete this online form and upload your picture.

You may keep the original for your records, the form and uploaded signatures will serve as your submission to the Seneschal.

https://docs.google.com/.../1FvKyH4rOq3aVAL_MQfBd.../edit...

Comments about Midrealm implementation of this policy may be sent to seneschal@midrealm.org

Comments about the specifics of this policy should be sent to the BOD: sca-comments@lists.sca.org

BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER

Barony of Red Spears, Meeting at Woodland Park in Perrysburg, OH, on Saturday, September 19, 2021

Seneschal Veoreos Miklos opened the Baronial Meeting 12:43 pm

Roll Call of Officers Present: Baroness, Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, Chronicler, Herald, MoAS, Rapier Marshal, Marshes Canton Seneschal, Marshes Events Stewards

Seneschal

Sign in list was completed, and a quick review of the last meeting was held. No new updates for Baronial Wars. See old business for recap of Baronial Wars, and for the search for a new storage unit for baronial stuff.

New Business: After over two years in office, it should be noted that a replacement should be named. Anyone interested in the position should contact Miklos soon. A vote will be held for a replacement at a future time.

Exchequer

Not Present. Sent word that there are 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.

Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS)

Reporting is current. In search of classes for both canton meetings.

Web Minister

Not present. Sent word the webpage has been updated. Send them a message if anything else needs updating.

Marshals

Rattan: Practices are happening in both the Marshes and Fjord when a marshal is present.

Rapier: Marshals anywhere in the barony who have not yet contacted the baronial marshal regarding the mandatory meeting should do so soon. Reminder: follow the current rules; ask permission before making contact; marshalling credentials WILL get revoked if the current rules are not followed or a marshal does not contact the baronial marshal.

Contact the baronial rapier marshal if interested in being a canton group marshal.

Archery and/or Thrown Weapons: position is still open

Chatelaine

Not present. Sent word that he will be at Apple Butter Fest in garb, second week in October, if people want to join him there.

Sivrid is willing to be the point-person if needed for the Toledo Museum of Art for the visiting Higgins Armory exhibit this Fall-Winter. The Art Museum contacted the Fjodr Seneschal and details for doing an art museum members' demo in early November are in discussion. There was great enthusiasm from those present.

Chronicler

The current September newsletter is on the website, and the past year's newsletters have now been uploaded to the baronial Facebook 'Files'. Looking for a deputy.

Marshes Seneschal

Otto reported that he is also looking for a deputy. Meetings continue to be held at the old Bowling Green mall site.

Fjodr Seneschal

Not present. Sent word that the meetings for September will continue at Westwinds Metro Park from 6pm to dark. The church where we have been meeting indoors for years has a vestry meeting later this week where it will be determined if they will allow outside groups to use the facility this winter. If they do not, the canton will be meeting via Zoom starting in October until an indoor winter site is found.

The canton will be decorating a room at the Manor House at Wildwood Metro Park again this year. The theme is Castle in the Swamp (think Black Swamp, just out back of the Manor House along Swan Creek). Some canton meetings in early November will be dedicated to decorating the room. [Tickets for in-person viewing will be free, but available in limited quantity with fifteen-minute increment start-time slots mid-November to mid-December.]

Yule feast will be virtual again this year and is in need of an event steward.

Phaedra will be stepping down soon and needs a replacement. Contact the Hrothgeirsfjodr Seneschal if interested in taking on the position.

Baronial Report

There will be a short court at the on-line virtual Yule Feast in December. A longer court will be held whenever we can safely host an in-person baronial event. It's not certain at this stage of Covid when the next time both the baron and baroness will be present at the same event. There will be a baronial presence at Coronation with a shade-fly for those needing a day-camp home base.

We will be hearing a lot about One Midrealm from their soon-to-be-majesties. The focus is to be and act like one group and support one another.

Old Business

Storage Units – looking for someone to take this over from Marcos soon. Miklos and Raffaele are currently looking into a new storage unit.

The August Baronial Event (Belated Baronial 30th Anniversary) did not happen due to Covid and site issues. A new event needs a site and event steward.

Baronial Wars (modified version of Baron Wars event) is organizing with neighboring baronies of Cynnabar and Roaring Wastes. Pellegrina is the Marshes' local event steward. Still in the early stages of planning, still needs a site, and still needs a written set of expectations of shared duties and income among the co-hosting groups. The format is planned to be a mini-Pennsic with the competitions between Pentemere and North Oaken. Tentative date is July 11, 2022. Anticipated attendance is approximately 1,000. Otto is trying to get potential sites to reply; currently looking at sites in Lenewee Co., MI, Monroe Co., MI, or old BGSU golf course in Wood Co, OH.

New Business

The visiting Seneschal of the incipient Shire of Grenemere (Celina and Grand Lake St. Marys, Mercer Co. Ohio) was present. He invited participation in an October 17th demo to recruit for the new shire. Yes, this is the day after Crown Tournament. He will post the announcement on the Red Spears Baronial Facebook.

Date for next baronial meeting will be determined by poll on Facebook:

Sunday October 10th or 24th, 2021 [**See Baronial Calendar for polling result**]

Location – around the same area near the parking lot and pavilion at Woodland Park in Perrysburg

Meeting adjourned around 1:15

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Gatherings and Whatnots Baronial Calendar

In-person gatherings restarted in June and weekend events returned July 1. Some events and meetings may still be virtual (on-line) due to current circumstances. A few pandemic protocols remain in effect for the Middle Kingdom events: no event sponsored buffet-layout of food, masks are required for indoor gatherings including tents, and weekend events require pre-registration. Check for more recent updates at <https://midrealm.org/>. With the variety of on-line, in-person, and hybrid gatherings, a catchall phrase was chosen for this column title: "whatnot" (n.) an item not identified but similar to the item already named.

Check the Baronial webpage (<https://redspears.midrealm.org/announcements/>) or Baronial Calendar (<https://redspears.midrealm.org/calendar/>) for updates:

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

The Midrealm has adopted the COVIDsafe policy which takes effect as of October 13, 2021:

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The Barony of Red Spears in the North Oaken Region of the Midrealm (NW Ohio)

**Next Baronial Gathering and Meeting will be announced:
Sunday October 24th, 2021, at Noon (12 pm)**

Location: near the parking lot and pavilion at
Woodland Park in Perrysburg (429 E Boundary St, Perrysburg, OH 43551)



The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr (Toledo)

7-9:30 pm, Tuesdays – Fjodr's Meetings

[NEW TIME! NEW SITE! Well, back to the old site and time!]

Meeting Schedule for October:

Oct. 5 and 12: Indoors at the Park Church (1458 Harvard Blvd)

- Mask Required while indoors for anyone age 3 or up

Oct 19, 24, and until further notice: Indoors at the Park Church (1458 Harvard Blvd)

- Mask Required while indoors for anyone age 3 or up
- [Proof of Covid vaccine or recent negative test for everyone age 18 or older](#)

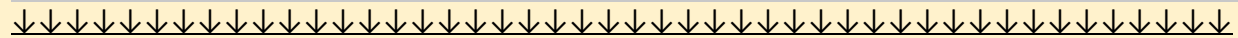
From the SCA Kingdom of the Middle Seneschal on 9/27/2021: "***The Board of Directors (BOD) has released a new policy related to COVID. Currently, the Crown and Curia are considering how we wish to proceed. Commentary and feedback about this policy and its potential implementation in the Middle Kingdom should be sent to seneschal@midrealm.org***"



[COVIDSafe Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status or Negative COVID Test Policy Resolution - SCA.org](https://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/)

SCA Inc provides updated COVIDSafe Policy to provide better safety and flexibility for participants

<https://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/>



The Marshals' Corner

The Midrealm document library is repopulating after the server changeover earlier this year. Forms and documents are posted here: <https://library.midrealm.org/marshal/> with a dropdown under 'Marshal' for more specific activities.

Practices, Kit Repair and Upgrade: Official practices have now restarted. Heed your marshals, drink water, and take care of yourselves and your friends as we all knock the rust off.

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

Rapier: [Rapier Rules](#) v. 2020

Armored Combat: [Armored Combat](#) v. 2020

Siege: Handbook – [Siege Engines](#) v. 2015

Target Archery: [Target Archery Marshal](#) v. 2020

Thrown Weapons: Handbook – [Thrown Weapons](#)

Equestrian: [Handbook – Equestrian Marshal](#)

Forms are here: <https://library.midrealm.org/marshal/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

Hound Coursing: Handbook – [Hound Coursing](#)

Youth Martial Activities: [Youth Martial Handbook](#)



SCA 101: What is a Demo?

Welcome! If you have questions, please ask! This column will focus on some of the basic jargon, experiences, and expectations of participating in the SCA (Society of Creative Anachronism). More commonly heard terms can be found through the Midrealm Newcomer's Portal:

*<https://midrealm.org/newcomer-portal/glossary-of-sca-terms/>. This column covers topics of interest in expanded detail now that we will be able to do in-person weekend events and local gatherings. **Covid Protocols:** For the re-opening seasons bring your own mask, food and drink to any gathering.*

This week: What is a Demo?

Demo is short for demonstration, and can be anything from an individual to a bunch of SCA people going to somebody else's event to showcase a part of the SCA, to a small mini-event. Demos serve many purposes such as creating good will among the surrounding communities, recruitment, or conveying informational and educational content. Sometime group chatelaines and others seek out opportunities for demos, and sometimes groups find us and request we attend their school or event as invited guests to show or talk about what we do.

When talking about who we are as the SCA, the main point to make is well expressed on the kingdom Chatelaine's webpage (<https://midrealm.org/chatelaine/>): The Society for Creative Anachronism is an all-inclusive, family friendly community. We research and recreate to the best of our abilities using modern supplies the armor, sewing, archery, fiber arts, and cooking of Pre-17th Century Middle Ages, and those are just a few examples of the MANY different areas that are being actively researched and recreated by members of the SCA.

There is an official demo policy guide found here: [Guide – Midrealm Demo Policy](#)

The policy along with many other useful articles on preparing for demos, printable materials for displays and flyers, and guidance for interacting with the public, can all be found through the Midrealm Office of the Chatelaine: <https://library.midrealm.org/chatelaine/>

Remember, a demo may be someone's first impression of your group and the SCA. Be on your best behavior, prepare ahead of time, and be kind.

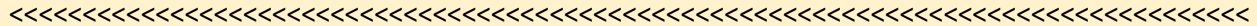
Demos may happen any time of year and any day of the week, so it is helpful for many people to be acquainted with the demo policy and best-practices for good outcomes. If you are available and interested in demo preparation or attendance, contact your local Chatelaine, Seneschal, or Incipient group contact. If you have a schedule that allows for daytime or week-day evening participation, a few groups in our broader region have had demo requests recently. Check with each group for more details:

Incipient Shire of Grenemere (Allen, Auglaize & Mercer Counties, Ohio)
Proto-Canton of Catteden (Hancock County, Ohio)
Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr (Lucan County, Ohio)
Canton of Marche of the Marshes (Wood County, Ohio)
Barony of Red Spears (NW Ohio)



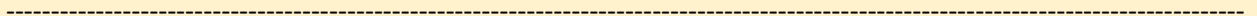
Seneschals

- Act as the Legal representative of the Society for Creative Anachronism for the canton or barony
- Cantons report to the Barony and Regional seneschals, and the Baronial Seneschal reports to Regional and Kingdom
- Maintain membership in the SCA, Inc for the duration of the term. Reside in, or be considered a Citizen of, the Middle Kingdom for the duration of the term. Reside in or be a citizen of the canton or barony
- Read through the Corpora, SCA Governing Documents: <https://sca.org/govdocs>
- Read through the [Laws of the Middle Kingdom v. 2020](#)
- Read through the [SCA Seneschal’s Handbook \(2021\)](#)
- Read through the [SCA Social Media Policy \(2019\)](#)
- Training provided





Next Month!

Fall is here, and the daytime grows shorter!
 Contact the Chronicler with article ideas for indoor activities!
 Be kind and support one another. One Midrealm!



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