



# Barony of Red Spears

## Spearpoint

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January-February 2022, A.S. LVI

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## Oyez! Oyez! Missives and Meeting Notes

Happy New Year Red Spears!

With the increase of Covid cases in Ohio, I hope everyone is staying safe and well. Now in the cold and dark of winter is the time to work on those skills you've been wanting to polish for two years but haven't managed to get to. Hopefully in a few months we can safely gather outdoors again. I miss seeing everyone's faces either on Zoom or in person but I continue to try to be as safe as possible.

As always, if you see someone doing amazing things you should consider an award recommendation. The Kingdom has a new award platform so please check that out!

I don't have much to say right now, things continue to be cautious with the state of the world. But we are still here and still going.

Much love, Bianca di Michaleto

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### BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING FOR DECEMBER

Barony of Red Spears, Meeting at Way Library in Perrysburg, OH, on Saturday, December 19, 2021

Seneschal Veoreos Miklos opened the Baronial Meeting at 1:30 pm

Roll Call of Officers Present: Baroness, Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, Herald, Chronicler, Rapier Marshal, Web Minister, Fjord Canton Seneschal, Marshes Canton Seneschal, Marshes Event Stewards, Seneschal of the incipient Shire of Grenemere

Not Present: MoAS, Rattan Marshal, Chatelaine, Exchequer

#### Seneschal

Sign in list was completed. Old business:

The baroness still needs help retrieving and sorting baronial stuff. Arrangements are in progress.

New business:

This is Miklos' last meeting as Seneschal and Nicole will take over this month although others are still welcome to apply.

Miklos will contact the Rattan Marshal and Chatelaine about not reporting.

Miklos thanks everyone for all the help he received as seneschal.

A vote was taken to set the meeting date for the foreseeable future for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month unless there's a holiday, from 1-3 pm. Moved, seconded, and unanimously accepted. The next baronial meeting is planned for Jan. 9. Miklos will talk to the Way Library about reserving a room on a monthly basis.

### **Exchequer**

Not Present. Will be stepping down after the Domesday; Aidan is training to be the next Exchequer. Sent word that the annual payment for the baronial storage unit was made. The new balance will be forwarded to the seneschal. Past line items: General Fund \$3243.52 (to be updated), 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)**

Not Present. Sent word that The Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM) is February 12 in Flaming Gryphon. People from the barony took classes at the November RUM. Cooking classes have been happening at the Fjord meetings, and dance at the Marshes' meeting. A drop spindle class is planned for January at a Fjord meeting.

### **Web Minister**

The web page has been recently updated with a direct link to download the current newsletter.

### **Chatelaine**

Not present. No report.

### **Chronicler**

The current newsletter is on the website, and will be added to the Baronial Facebook files and the google drive.

### **Marshalls**

Rattan: Not present; no report. The cantons have been having practices when a marshal is present, so most Tuesdays in the Fjodr, and some Thursdays in the Marshes.

Rapier: Practices are happening on Thursdays in the Marshes, but have been unable to make Tuesdays for Fjodr meetings. An armor repair night is being planned to fix the loaner gear.

Archery and/or Thrown Weapons: position is still open

### **Marshes Seneschal**

Meetings continue to be held at the old Bowling Green mall site; but the entrance to use has changed to the one for the small gym on the south-east side of the gym. The north-east doors for the big gym will be open and it is not being used as much as expected so it may be available for use this winter.

Dance led by Lady Rose has re-started at meetings on the first Thursdays of the month, around 8pm.

Baronial Wars is still trying to confirm a site so the date is being pushed to later in the year. NORAD can take the date back. Otto provided updates on the places he contacted but most are closed for the season and will start calling again after the new year holiday.

### **Fjodr Seneschal**

The church meetings site has been reserved for 2022. The Fjord has been doing classes at meetings and did demos this Fall at both the Manor House at Wildwood MetroPark and the Toledo Art Museum; we are still waiting for photos from the official photographer at the Art Museum. Yule Feast was canceled this year with the hope that we can hold it in-person in 2022.

Phaedra will be handing off the Seneschal hat to Sivrid at the January 4, 2022, meeting.

## Baronial Report

There will be a short court sometime at a future in-person meeting or local event, but with Covid, no one knows when that will be. The baron has stepped down. The baroness is staying on but is trying to resolve trouble accessing the official email, so please reach out through other channels for anything urgent or if you are expecting a reply.

Arrangements are being made for retrieving and sorting baronial stuff from Konrad's storage, and scribal things from Sylvie.

Submit award recommendations for baronial and kingdom awards. Their majesties have been awarding an augmentation of arms, the Beacon, for outstanding work during the pandemic.

Planning to be at Northwoods 12<sup>th</sup> Night which will be outside in Michigan in January, and teaching at RUM in February with a possible test run class at a Fjodr meeting.

Proposed a new program to Shadow the Baroness for a day at an event to give people a better idea of the planning and other behind the scenes duties.

Noted: there are society level changes and discussions about youth holding office: youth may hold any office except seneschal and exchequer.

## Other Business

Demo ideas were discussed for moneying, henna and dance. Locations to consider: college campuses (non-combat demos), library summer reading programs, the Anime Club in Bowling Green (token casting in the Japanese style, and some by striking).

Facebook advertising was discussed. Otto will look into recording dancing at the Marshes meeting.

The incipient Shire of Grenemere meets the second Tuesdays of the month and welcomes visits.

Date for the next baronial meeting will be January 9, 2022, at the Way Library in Perrysburg. Watch for announcements. Meeting adjourned at 2:05

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## Gatherings and Whatnots Baronial Calendar

***In-person gatherings may be cancelled or migrate to an on-line virtual format at short notice.***

*Guidelines have been updated regularly due to current pandemic circumstances. For the most recent guidelines check <https://midrealm.org/reopening/>. 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 adopted the COVIDsafe policy which took effect October 13, 2021:

<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...>



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

**Baronial Gathering and Meeting** are the second Sunday of the month at Way Public Library, 101 E Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH 43551:

**Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 1-3 pm (POSTPONED)**

**Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 1-3 pm.**



The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjördr [Hróðgeirsfjörðr] (Toledo)

7-9:30 pm, Tuesdays – Fjördr’s Meetings - Indoors at the Park Church (1458 Harvard Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614)

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



The Canton of Marche of the Marshes (Bowling Green)

7:30 pm Thursdays – Marche of the Marshes – Use the south-east door to the indoor gym site is at the Woodlands Mall behind the old Elder Beerman (1234 N Main St, Bowling Green, OH 43402).

- Mask Required while indoors for anyone age 3 or up
- As of Oct. 13: [Proof of Covid vaccine or recent negative test for everyone age 18 or older](#)

The proto-Canton of Catteden (Findlay region) is hosting classes and informal meet-and-greets; contact TH Isibel Mhic Leoid at [losobail {at} redspears.org](mailto:losobail@redspears.org) for details.

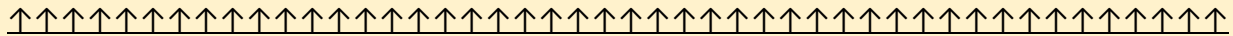
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## Midrealm Calendar of Courts and Events

The Midrealm Calendar with scheduled Royal Courts, and additional virtual and in-person events can be found through the calendar at <https://midrealm.org/> and the Services Portal <https://services.midrealm.org>. Events may be cancelled due to local conditions, so check event pages and social medial for updates. **Note: preregistration is required for all in-person events posted on the kingdom calendar; preregistration usually closes several days before the event.** ANYONE NOT PRE-REGISTERED WILL BE TURNED AWAY!

**The award recommendation form is now accessible directly from the Member Resources dropdown on the Midrealm.org homepage.** You no longer need an account to use it. Existing recommendations still exist in the old system, but updating has been disabled. Contact [issues@midrealm.org](mailto:issues@midrealm.org) if you encounter any issues with the award form or other pages on the Midrealm website.

Scheduled Courts	Events	Event Date(s)
January 15, 2022 (virtual)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Twelfth Night</a> (Penetamere)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Bardic Skirmishes</a> (Virtual)</li> </ul>	January 8, 2022 January 28-30, 2022
February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Winter RUM in Winged Hills</a> (N. Oaken)</li> </ul>	February 12, 2022
March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Winter War Maneuvers VIII</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Better War Though Archery</a> (Constellation)</li> </ul>	March 5, 2022 March 26, 2022
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Winter Revel for April Fools</a> (Penetamere)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Scribing and Imbibing at Stone Dog Inn</a> (Midlands)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Re-Awakening</a> (Midlands)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Grand Tournament of the Dragon</a> (N. Oaken)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Dragon's Hoard</a> (S. Oaken)</li> </ul>	April 2, 2022 April 2, 2022 April 23, 2022 April 23, 2022 April 30, 2022

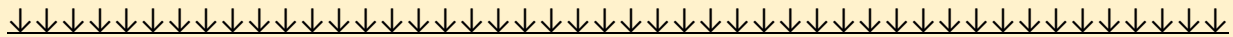


## Society Notes and Re-Opening News

*Due to fast changing regional situations surrounding the pandemic, the Society has allowed each kingdom to be more restrictive as needed regarding requirements around re-opening after the 2020 shut down. FOR CURRENT AND PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING RE-OPENING for the Middle Kingdom check: <https://midrealm.org/> and <https://midrealm.org/reopening/>*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

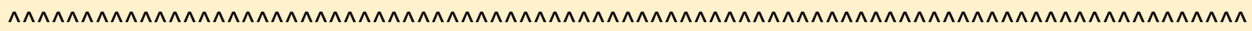
**From Kingdom Seneschal – [January Advice on Convid-19 Surges](#) – Updated 29 Dec 2021**



## Challenges

POUCH CHALLENGE (Update) [#onemidrealm](#)

Lord Auðin Hrafnsson, His Majesty’s Champion of Arts and Sciences, has issued a challenge to all those that live within the Middle Kingdom, to make a pouch, bag or purse specific to styles your persona would have had access to within their location and time in history. This is a challenge for everyone of any skill level and discipline, with the medium to be determined by the artisan. The projects will be displayed at “Grand Tournament of the Dragon” hosted by the Canton of Hawkes Keye, in the Barony of Flaming Gryphon on April 23, 2022, at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Hamilton, Ohio. For those unable to make the journey, there will also be a virtual video display put together. To see the original challenge: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/128718483821399/permalink/5215594458467084/>



## SCA 101: Ask their Majesties

*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*

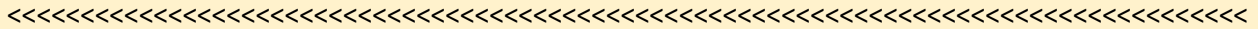


Spotlighted in this issue:



Herald


- The Herald is responsible at events for making announcements, protocols, speaking in court, documenting court business, and also for designing and registering devices and arms, consulting on names, and much more. This is only a short list covering the broad categories.
- People tend to specialize in one or more paths for the various types of Heralds. Titles and organization vary across kingdoms, but for a quick introduction to this office and the many types of jobs done by Heralds, the general categories are
  - Local Herald / Pursuivant – in charge of heraldic activities at the most local level
  - Vocal Herald – the voice and sometimes organizer of processions, courts, and tournaments
  - Book Herald – the one to consult about registering names and devices
  - Court Herald / Signet – the one who organizes court awards and commissions award scrolls. In some kingdoms the Signet and scribes are separate from Heralds.
  - Accessibility/Silent Herald – works with the other heralds to expand communication
- For useful links see <https://midrealm.org/heritage/>



## Next Month!

Spring is coming, and the daytime grows longer! Contact the Chronicler with article ideas!  
Be kind and support one another. One Midrealm!

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