



# Barony of Red Spears

## Spearpoint

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July-August 2022, A.S. LVII

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# Oyez! Oyez! Missives and Meeting Notes

## *Congratulations to the heirs of the Midrealm, Dag and AnneMarie!*



Greetings Redspears! We had a wonderful time at NORAD! Many thanks go to the event crew for putting on a great event. Congratulations to Otto, our newest member of the Order of the Hastati. His majesty Arch had a wonderful time, so thank you all for being so welcoming.

I will be at Pennsic and would like to have an ice cream gathering, day and time to be decided, but probably sometime Monday of War Week.

Please make sure you hydrate and take care of yourself in our warm climate.

Bianca di Michaleto  
Baroness Red Spears

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### **BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (June)**

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears JUNE Meeting at Woodland Park, Perrysburg, OH, 1-3pm on Sunday, June 12, 2022. Minutes of the previous meeting were summarized. If anyone would like to discuss something from the previous meetings, contact the seneschal.

- Old Business:
  - Discussion on pros and cons of dissolving the cantons was briefly discussed. Consensus was that it is too soon, COVID is an ongoing concern and that supporting the baronial groups and newcomers should be the focus, so the canton topic is tabled indefinitely.
  - The Charter committee is up and running but there isn't much activity yet.
- New Business and Announcements:
  - Charter Committee, Barony and Cantons are focusing on required positions. The minimum number of officers for a canton is 3 (Seneschal, Exchequer, and one based on the main activity in the group). The minimum number of officers for a barony is 7 (Seneschal, Exchequer, Chatelaine, Chronicler, Herald, Marshal, MoAS). The Chronicler is currently supporting the cantons, none of which have had a Chronicler for a long time, by distributing canton meeting news and other items of interest to the entire barony. The Webministers have been crucial in keeping the groups active online during the pandemic, posting the Spearpoint, and troubleshooting webpage, email and social media issues. Discussion is open on how all the officers can continue to rebuild and support all the areas covered by the barony.
  - Ongoing discussion: filling the deputy positions for all the offices and keeping all the required positions filled.
  - Ongoing discussion: recruiting and retention ideas

- A suggestion was made to do demos in places we haven't usually done them
    - Look into better lighting and signage at indoor meeting site entrances especially when meeting start or end after dark
  - Pennsic Preregistration ends this week!
    - Note: Aethelmearc's COVIDSafe rules are in place. Bring proof (digital is OK) of vaccination or have proof of 72-hour prior negative Covid test. Have a mask with you as you move around Pennsic for all indoors and for other areas where you may be asked to wear one. Camps are allowed to set their own camp rules.
  - Upcoming Demo: Portage 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Her Excellency Bianca volunteered to make bags of candy and promotional material to toss to the crowd. The parade organizers have given the OK to toss age-appropriate items during the parade.
  - NORAD (Canton of the Marshes) is later this month, June 25. There will be a short Kingdom court, and a brief baronial court.
  - Award recommendations at the kingdom and baronial level are requested to be sent at least a month before an upcoming event in order to give the scribes ample time to complete their work.
  - Yule Feast (Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr) has a steward, Rolf. Her Excellency Bianca volunteered to do the food as either a lunch or feast, pending discussion with the event steward. A newcomer friendly event has been requested – fun activities, intro classes on a variety of topics, and so on. Still to be decided: discussion with the meeting site on a date, other event job holders, advertising after Pennsic.
  - From the Kingdom Seneschal: start using your office midream.org email. All offices will be transitioning to that email for submitting reports.
  - Isobel needs help with the inventory of the Cateden Canton stuff.
  - Sivrid announced a marshal thing – Branos and the Detroit armored practice has visitors in from out of town the weekend of NORAD and has an open invitation to anyone who wants to drop in for the symposium Saturday or practice on Sunday.
- Officer Reports
    - The Exchequer reports no changes (see the March Minutes in this newsletter).
    - The Herald reports court will be happening at NORAD.
    - The Rapier Marshall had nothing to report.
    - The Chatelaine had nothing to report.
    - The MoAS reminds everyone making things to bring stuff to do at events in the Craftspersons Greens that are being set up at events. The next Tournament of the Arts is in September, so there is plenty of time to prepare.
    - The Chronicler the May-June newsletter is available. The July-August issue is planned to go out at the end of June or early July.
    - Webminister reports that reporting has changed to midrealm.org forms which need the officer to be logged into their official midrealm.org email in order to access. Contact access issues to the helpdesk through the kingdom webpage or email [issues@midrealm.org](mailto:issues@midrealm.org) with a subject related to the email password reset.
    - Baroness' Report:
      - Courts will happen at NORAD.
      - Court details at Pennsic will depend on how many baronial people will be there. Let the baroness know if you will be at Pennsic.
      - Use the kingdom award rec form for kingdom awards. Note – the Augmentation award of the Beacon needs to be entered into the form as OTHER, then write in

Augmentation – Beacon. This may be the last reign they are given out, but there has not been an announcement about that yet.

- The kingdom has new heirs, their graces Dag and AnneMarie
- The Marshes Seneschal reports NORAD is June 25, Thursday meetings are happening, and plans are being made for a demo at Wooster Green once students are back in town this Fall.
- The Fjodr Seneschal reports that Tuesday fighter practices are happening except for next week when the marshal will be out of town, also several baronial members have been authorized or reauthorized heavy this month. A&S nights are looking for teachers; DJ has agreed to do a calligraphy class sometime yet to be scheduled. Magrat offered to do a class on Illumination.

The next meeting will be in person 1-3 pm on July 10 in Woodland Park, Perrysburg, at or near the large pavilion. The August baronial meeting was scheduled for the day after Pennsic which most present did not think they would be able to attend so the baronial business meeting will move to zoom, tentatively scheduled for the Wednesday evening after Pennsic ends, August 17 at 7:30pm, and a **Baronial Picnic on Sunday, August 21**, in Woodland Park, Perrysburg, at or near the large pavilion, and we will grab one of the grills.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.



### **BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (July)**

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears JULY Meeting at Woodland Park, Perrysburg, OH, 1-3pm on Sunday, July 10, 2022.

Seneschal Arina opened the Baronial Meeting 1:27 pm

Roll Call of Officers Present: Baroness, Seneschal, Rapier Marshal, Chatelaine, Chronicler, Web Minister, Marshes Canton Seneschal

Not Present: Exchequer, Herald, MoAS, Fjodr Canton Seneschal

Old Business: Summarized notes from the June meeting

New Business and Announcements: The Charter committee will meet briefly after the business meeting today.

Officer Reports:

The Exchequer – no report

The Herald – no report

The Rapier Marshall reported that Pennsic will have a water buffalo but not the one-gallon jugs of water. Looking for large water coolers and people to help fill them. Everyone should bring their own drinking vessel to the fields, but we can also provide disposable cups. No shared drinking straws allowed.

The Chatelaine – the Wooster Green Demo is coming up this weekend July 16<sup>th</sup>. Set up starts at 1pm and we can do sparring since this isn't a rally or protest, but kids are no longer allowed to whack anyone. A social media 'event' will be posted tonight to get the news out and gauge attendance. The new deputy baronial Chatelaine is Maestra Anna Reimer von Wolfenbüttel who has agreed to step up as Chatelaine sometime next year.

The MoAS reported that there is a lot going on at events. Let an MoAS know if you are teaching anything anywhere, that's one of the items the kingdom is collecting on reports.

The Chronicler reported the July-August newsletter will be out shortly, and is requesting short items for future newsletters such as art, word searches or something fun. Still looking for a deputy. Still having trouble accessing the midrealm.org email. There is no budget for mailing the newsletter, but if anyone wants a print version, arrangements can be made.

Webminister reports that the website is up to date and working OK.

Baroness' Report:

- There are ongoing plans for retrieving various baronial items from around the barony.
- No Baronial Courts will happen at Pennsic, and it is too late to get in award recs for Pennsic, but do keep sending in baronial award recs directly to the baroness' email. Use the kingdom award rec form for kingdom awards. Note – the Augmentation award of the Beacon is still being given out this reign, but may not be for much longer. The Beacon needs to be entered into the recommendation form as OTHER, then write in Augmentation – Beacon.
- There will be a baronial ice cream social at Pennsic, probably Monday of War Week.

The Marshes Seneschal reports NORAD went well and the post-event evaluation meeting has happened on what worked and what improvements could be made. The demo at Wooster Green on BGSU campus is next weekend as the Chatelaine reported. A Search for Baron Wars sites is ongoing. Talk to Oliver if you have leads on fairgrounds or Otto if you have leads on campgrounds. The tentative date is June 2023 pending site availability. A lesson learned from NORAD is do more and better advertising for Baron Wars.

The Fjodr Seneschal reports that Rolf will be an event steward for Yule and discussions are happening on a day in December when we can use the meeting site for the event. Expect more news after Pennsic. Rolf has also agreed to take on Exchequer since the current exchequer is moving out of the barony. The three upcoming canton meetings are focusing on Pennsic Prep - a sewing machine will be available for last minute projects and the Baroness will be doing a class on How to Wear Roman.

The next business meeting will be on Zoom, Wednesday evening after Pennsic ends, August 17 at 7:30 pm. There will be a Baronial Picnic on Sunday, August 21, 1-3 pm in Woodland Park, Perrysburg, at or near the large pavilion, and we will grab one of the grills.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

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

**Baronial Gathering and Meeting for the summer of 2022 is typically the second Sunday of the month from 1-3 pm outdoors at or near the pavilion in Woodland Park, Perrysburg, OH 43551, from June until later this Fall:**

**August 17\* (\*zoom business meeting)**

**August 21 (Baronial Picnic at Woodland Park)**

**Sept 11 (meeting at Woodland Park pavilion)**



The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr [Hróðgeirsfjörðr] (Toledo)

7-9:30 pm, Tuesdays – Fjodr’s Meetings - Indoors at the Park Church (1458 Harvard Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614). Meetings may be outside if the weather is nice.



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). The north side door is open again this summer.

The Household 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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## 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](mailto:chronicler@redspears.org) before they are lost in the vastness of the ether.*

[SCA Library of Alexandria - unofficial A&S discussions with the Laurels](#) is a public Facebook group for discussions about anything related to world cultures, arts and sciences, history and research. Questions and posts over the past few weeks have ranged through a wide variety of topics, including The Cloisters Playing Cards from the Burgundian territories between 1475-1480, late German false hair braids made of linen, Greek names from around 41-54 CE, Aethelmearc's upcoming Pan Asian University event, types of targets and pels used for martial practice, and many other topics.

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## Calendar of Events

The Midrealm Calendar with scheduled Royal Courts, and additional virtual and in-person events can be found through the kingdom newsletter, the Pale <https://members.sca.org/apps/#Newsletters>, 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 media for updates.

**Note: preregistration may be offered for in-person events posted on the kingdom calendar; preregistration usually closes several days before the event.** CHECK ON THE TYPE OF PAYMENTS TAKEN AT GATE! Checks-only for at-gate payment is common for record keeping purposes. Credit Card payments may not be available on site. [Help Navigating SCA-rs Registration system](#) – a guide to help you ensure that you are registered for the event. If you are in need of an even more detailed 'step by step' you can also look at the [SCA-rs: Event Registration System User Guide](#).

**The kingdom 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.

Send baronial award recommendations to [baroness@redspears.org](mailto:baroness@redspears.org)



<b>Events (Host Group, Region) (Town, State)</b>	<b>Event Dates</b>
<b>JULY 2022</b>	
<a href="#"><u>A Simple Day in the Country</u></a> (Sternfeld, Constellation) Danville, IN	July 1-3
<a href="#"><u>Push for Pennsic</u></a> (Haven Holde, N. Oaken) Troy OH	July 8-10
<a href="#"><u>Pennsic War 49</u></a> (Aethelmearc) Slippery Rock, PA	July 29-Aug 14
<b>AUGUST 2022</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Pennsic War 49</u></a> (Aethelmearc) Slippery Rock, PA	July 29-Aug 14
<a href="#"><u>Hunt for the White Stag</u></a> (Roaring Wastes, Pentemere) Casco, MI	Aug 20
<a href="#"><u>Constellation Academy of Defense</u></a> (Mynydd Seren, Constellation) Spencer, IN	Aug 27
<b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Mounted War Games XI</u></a> (Shadowed Stars, Constellation) Bluffton, IN	Sept 1-5
<a href="#"><u>Middle Kingdom Academy of Defense</u></a> (Caer Gwyn, Midlands) Urbana, IL	Sept 3
<a href="#"><u>Mistress Mary Garrett Memorial Event</u></a> (Dernehealde, N. Oaken) Logan, Ohio	Sept 3
<a href="#"><u>Baroness Wars V1111</u></a> (Swordcliff, Midlands) Taylorville, IL	Sept 9-11
<a href="#"><u>Harvest Days</u></a> (Marche of Winged Hills, N. Oaken) Xenia, OH	Sept 9-10
<a href="#"><u>Vikings Come Home XXX</u></a> (Donnershafen, Pentemere) Moorestown, MI	Sept 16-18
<a href="#"><u>Pferdestadt Rapier Classic</u></a> (Pferdestadt, N. Oaken) Delaware, OH	Sept 17
<a href="#"><u>Fall Coronation – Barony of Ayreton</u></a> (Ayerton, Midlands) Northeast IL	Sept 24
<b>OCTOBER 2022</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Courtiers Tourney &amp; Clown Tournament</u></a> (Shire of Narrental, Constellation) Logansport, IN	Sept 30-Oct 2 Sept 30-Oct 2
<a href="#"><u>Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXII</u></a> (Shire of Riviere Constelle, Constellation) Lincoln City, IN	Oct 8
<a href="#"><u>Red Dragon</u></a> (Middle Marches, N. Oaken) London, OH	Oct 8
<a href="#"><u>Artisans’ Day at Ravenslake</u></a> (Shire of Ravenslake, Midlands) Lake Villa, IL	Oct 15
<a href="#"><u>Fall Crown Tournament</u></a> (Brendoken, N. Oaken) Wooster, OH	Oct 21-22
<a href="#"><u>Quest for the Golden Seamstress</u></a> ( , Pentemere) Berkley, MI	Oct 22
<a href="#"><u>Brawl at Crooked Dragon</u></a> (Shire of Falcon’s Quarry, N. Oaken) Oberlin, OH	

## 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 pandemic related requirements after re-opening from 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/>*

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Midrealm is at Tier 2 – Indoor masking required**



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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**New Email Address for SCA Comments**

June 20, 2022 [SCA Communications](#)

We appreciate hearing from people passionate enough about the SCA to email the Board of Directors with their comments. Like everyone else, however we don't appreciate bots and spam!

To manage this challenge and also standardize addresses, the SCA Inc. email address for comments is changing!

As of this post, you can email [SCA-Comments@sca.org](mailto:SCA-Comments@sca.org) with your comments. This replaces both "comments@sca.org" and "comments@lists.sca.org".

Please update your contacts and address books.



Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:  
SCA Inc.  
Box 360789  
Milpitas, CA 95036

You may also email [sca-comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:sca-comments@lists.sca.org)

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## **SCA 101: Populace Badges**

*Welcome! If you have questions, please ask! This column is written by Dorothea de Beckham and usually focuses on some of the basic jargon, experiences, and expectations of participating in the SCA (Society of Creative Anachronism). Additional commonly heard terms can be found through the Midrealm Newcomer's Portal: <https://midrealm.org/newcomer-portal/glossary-of-sca-terms/>.*

### **This month: What's a populace badge?**

SCA group heraldic arm are depicted with a laurel wreath and used as the official presence of a group. How can the members of the group use heraldry to represent the group? Populace badges! The group's populace badge is usually the group heraldry without the laurel wreath, and may be used without special permission in any dignified way by any subject of the kingdom, or barony, or local group. It may be used as part of a heraldic standard, a specialized heraldic flag. It may be worn on a badge on garb or fighting gear. Group heraldry and badges are registered with the SCA College of Heraldry.

The badge of the Middle Kingdom is: Argent, a pale gules, overall a dragon passant vert.



The badge of Barony of Red Spears is: Or, three boar spears crossed gules



Use the following list to decipher the heraldic terms for colors:

<b>Or</b>	Gold, Yellow
<b>Argent</b>	Silver, White
<b>Gules</b>	Red
<b>Vert</b>	Green
<b>Azure</b>	Blue
<b>Purpure</b>	Purple
<b>Sable</b>	Black

If you are interested in learning more about heraldic devices and arm and their use in the SCA, the SCA College of Arms has many useful resources and the archive of SCA registered devices:

<https://heraldry.sca.org/welcome.html>

Middle Kingdom heraldic resources, guides, handbooks and forms may be found through

<https://midrealm.org/herald/> and <https://library.midrealm.org/herald/>

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## Baronial Positions:

What does this office do? A brief introduction to a baronial level office will be spotlighted each issue. Send inquiries to the Baronial or Canton Seneschal if interested in any open positions. Send inquiries to an officer of any baronial or canton office if interested in being a deputy to that office.

Spotlighted in this issue:



### Webminister

The Webminister helps administer the group website. Cantons maintain their own webpages and report to the baronial Webminister in the normal reporting structure, while the baronial Webminister reports to Regional and maintains the baronial webpage. The kingdom Webminister has a position more like a project manager with duties beyond the kingdom web page and help desk (<https://midrealm.org/webminister/>). The Webminister is its own office and has distinct duties from the Social Media Officer, a deputy of the Seneschal, who deals more with all types of media outlets and outward facing social media content.

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## Next Issue!


After Pennsic News! Fall is on its way! Contact the Chronicler with the topics you want to see.  
Be kind and support one another. One Midrealm!

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### Current Red Spears Baronial Officers

Badge	Office	Person	Contact information**
	Baroness	Baroness Bianca di Michaleto	Baroness {at} redspears.org
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The Canton of  
Marche of the  
Marshes (**Bowling  
Green region**)

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

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