



Barony of Red Spears

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Master William Blackfox Award Commendation, Best Regular Feature, AS LVI (56)

Oyez! Oyez!

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Barony of Red Spears Baronial Cookout will be September 17, at Woodlawn Park, Perrysburg. Bring a dish to share!

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Missives and Meeting Notes

Well met good people of Red Spears.

The two of us would like to start off this message with an overwhelming amount of thanks to each and every one of you. Y'all welcomed us as the Baronage with open arms and that has made these 3 months unbelievably wonderful.

Black Swamp was a phenomenal event, and Pennsic was the best one we've had yet. We had 38 members from the Barony show up and do all the things, from fighting to retaining to A&S, archery, and all sorts of things in between.

We would like to remind all of you to put in award recommendations at the Baronial and Kingdom level, as we have been doing so these last few weeks.

There are a number of events that we are planning on attending, such as Harvest Days, Coronation, Vikings Come Home and Red Dragon. Come hang out with us and also do more cool stuff. We have some exciting things that we're glad to support the Barony in accomplishing, like Zombie Prom at the Manor House and Yule Feast in December.

There will also be some shenanigans with a few of you in the coming months (you know who you are) so look forward to that.

Yours Always in Service to the Dream,
Aislin & Leofric
~~--Menaces---~~ Baronage

BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (May)

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears business meeting, May 21, 2023 at Leofric's. If anyone would like to discuss something from the previous meetings, contact the seneschal.

Meeting started at 1:23 pm. Present: Baroness, Seneschal, Exchequer, Chronicler, Rapier Marshal, Fjord Seneschal

- Seneschal – The baronage polling is done. Congratulations to Aislin and Leofric, the new Barone and Baron of Red Spears. Keeping this short so we can get back to the work day prep for Black Swamp War Games.
- Baroness –

- Polling is done. There will be a brief court Friday night before stepping down at Black Swamp War Games on June 3. Her Majesty will be at the event.
- NOWM is the second weekend of June
- Send in award recommendations for upcoming events.
- Thank you all for your support during my time as baroness.
- Exchequer – Rolf will be stepping up as baronial exchequer.
- MoAS – Black Swamp War Games will have and arts display and classes. The Marshes and Fjord are both holding classes during weekly meetings. Ari’s tent making class is happening soon.
- Chatelaine – The new chatelaine is in place. There is a demo in Maumee on the 24th and another in Toledo the Saturday after Black Swamp War Games (during NOWM). A sign up will be posted for each.
- Chronicler – The May issue for the summer quarter has been published. Bianca will be taking over this office after she steps down as Baroness.
- Marshal
 - Rapier: Rapier spears need to have flex, so check tips are not filled in and are still flexible. Fill out the entire form for authorizations. Paperwork is in process for Ari to take over.
 - Rattan: Change of officer form sent, and waiting for access to the kingdom email.
- Fjord Seneschal – Discussed upcoming Fjord meeting classes and preparations for the Black Swamp War Games lunch tavern.
- Marshes Seneschal – Black Swamp Wars Games discussed.
- Herald – Working on transferring the office to FitzRobert.
- Old Business – Storage unit shelves and Black Swamp Wars Games discussed.
- New Business –
 - Fate of old baronial tents discussed along with potential repairs or replacements: 1) the large baronial tent is on its last 22 ancient legs, 2) the Info Point tent needs a new sleeve, 3) 24 poles for the 15x27’ tent missing four poles
 - Bowling Green College group meeting was postponed. The Marshes approved money for list field materials.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (June)

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears business meeting June 18, 2023 at Woodlawn Park, Perrysburg, OH. If anyone would like to discuss something from the previous meetings, contact the seneschal.

Meeting started at 1:40 pm. Present: Baronage, Seneschal, Exchequer, MoAS, Chronicler, Rapier Marshal, Rattan Marshal, Fjord Seneschal, Marshes Seneschal, BG college group Seneschal

- Seneschal – Pennsic is in five weeks. Discussion of putting in a Bid for next year’s Crown or Coronation at Hancock Co. Fairgrounds.
- Exchequer – Rolf has stepped up as baronial exchequer. Yes, there’s money in the bank; no, you can’t spend it. April’s report is in and OK. May’s report is happening now. Fjord exchequer paperwork transfer is happening Tuesday.
- MoAS – Black Swamp War Games will have and arts display and classes. The Marshes and Fjord are both holding classes during weekly meetings. Ari’s tent making class is happening soon.
- Chronicler – The next Spearpoint will be in September for the Fall quarter. Check the web for meeting notes and past Spearpoints.
- Marshals

- Rapier: Rapier marshals must take test to keep their marshal warrant.
- Rattan: Don't get hurt, fill out paperwork. Note that Push and Tyger Hunt are the same day. Other upcoming events are Saxon's Summer and Simple Day.
- Baronage
 - Note for future charter amendment: add to officer annual budgets that expenditures over \$100 would still need a vote.
 - Proposed a joint baronage email to go to both people.
 - Revisit missed 30 year baronial birthday at 35th anniversary. Proposed an album for baronages, arts and sciences displays, the ships, and so on. Set up an info collection via docs on the website.
 - There will be a baronial Pennsic gathering/dinner probably at Warhogs encampment.
 - Proposed for vote: Baronial benches for Pennsic (the ones that we bring to and take back from Mid Royal): replacement will probable be between \$300-\$150 using 2x4 and 2x6 with paint or veneer. 1st and seconded, unanimous approval.
 - Noted: previous approval granted to Aria for \$80 spend on the barony sponsored Pennsic bus stop bench.
- Fjord Seneschal
 - Discussed upcoming Fjord meeting classes and practices.
 - We made about \$200 with the Black Swamp War Games lunch tavern.
 - Noted the upcoming officer shuffle as people step up to baronial positions.
 - Demo opportunity at the Metropark's Manor House again, but this time for Halloween Haunted House, similar to the prior November Holiday themed decorating. (Update: We've been offered the entry foyer)
 - Demo opportunity at UToledo's Bash Con over Spring Break
- Marshes Seneschal – Discussed upcoming Marshes meeting classes and practices.
 - Black Swamp War Games lost \$300 overall.
 - Discussion for future use of that site: don't need the grand stands; have a family cap, and an after-action document is posted to the Marshes webpage. The site would be possible for a February event in the buildings since they have heaters.
- BG college group – We have a spot for Campus Fest including fighting demo space
- Chatelaine
 - Recent demo went well and the games table was popular
 - Talk to her about future demos
 - Demo kit idea: wants to get a scrapbook together of photos and items, old posts and how-tos
- New Business
 - Kingdom is looking for RUM sites. BG might be an option after their new-group probation is over.
 - Storage locker needs shelves and revamping. Current contents besides the tents include old favors, banners, painted signs, propane tanks that need testing or replacement.
 - Pennsic 50 kingdom favor project – Nicole will have supplies at the Marshes Thursday meeting.
 - Bianca is putting in an autumn gold linen order; talk to her if you want in on the order

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.

BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (July)

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears business meeting July 16, 2023 at Woodlawn Park, Perrysburg, OH. If anyone would like to discuss something from the previous meetings, contact the seneschal. Meeting started at 1:32 pm. Present: Baronage, Seneschal, Deputy Seneschal, MoAS, Rapier Marshal, Marshes Seneschal

The baronial bench we bought for bus stops will be picked at Pennsic and stored by Aethelmearc. The MidRoyal benches will need transportation home to the storage unit.

Rapier Marshall: continuing education is still a thing. They will post a reminder before the deadline to have it done. If you don't get it done you will lose your warrant. Pennsic meeting will be at the Rapier tent (4pm on the 7th), there will be a few opportunities after Pennsic (the last of which is the Midlands academy of defense)

Marche of the Marshes: working on getting social media up and running. Facebook and Tik Tok (marche.marshes) especially. He will have social media releases at local meetings to sign. Rapier and Heavy communities are healthy.

MoAS: upcoming classes

Tuesday: viking wire weaving

Thursday: how to be an ally

Thursday after that: viking wire weaving

Crafter's Green space at Pennsic at Midrealm Royal will happen mostly throughout peace week

Baron and Barone:

- Midrealm email is almost set up for Baronage instead of Baron and Baroness.
- From TRM for Pennsic: they would like fighting to be done as a unit. They would like crash camps to visit and hang out with people.
- We might hold a brief court at Pennsic, and there might be a spaghetti dinner on Thursday of war week most likely at War Hogs. Battlefield pavilion needs to be transported. Need volunteers to get the baronial thrones to court, need a volunteer for water bearing. A Facebook chat group will be started for Pennsic.

Exchequer: no changes, we have money and no you can't spend it.

Knights Marshal: Pennsic is coming

Hrothgeirsfjordr Seneschal: no meetings during Pennsic

New business:

- we'll be skipping the August meeting.
- September meeting will be a BBQ at the park, bring your kit and wear garb. Let's hang out for a while.
- Plan on October meeting being back at the library.
- The Metroparks are doing a Halloween manor thing and would like us to do a dungeon room.
- Bianca is buying wood today or tomorrow for the benches for Midrealm camp.

- After Pennsic, Otto is planning to start BSWG planning. Including contacting the Fairgrounds, and the people doing the book binding salon (petting zoo). Campus Fest for BG, we should plan on helping with that.
- We should start focusing on Yule Feast as well after Pennsic.
- Aislin would like a baronial presence at the Brendokan Investiture.

Meeting closed at 2:09 pm. Next meeting September 17, at Woodlawn Park, Perrysburg.

Gatherings and Whatnots Baronial Calendar

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 Meeting dates have changed to the third Sunday of the month. Cooler weather means a site change. For September we will meet **1-3pm outdoors at Woodland Park, Perrysburg, OH 43551, and then move indoors until next Spring.** Meeting Dates:

September 17 (Woodland Park, Perrysburg, OH 43551)

October 22 (Way Public Library, 101 E Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH 43551)

November 18 (Way Public Library, 101 E Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH 43551)

December 16 (Way Public Library, 101 E Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH 43551)



The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjörðr [Hróðgeirsfjörðr] (Toledo)

7-9:30 pm, Tuesdays – Fjörðr’s Meetings - Indoors at the Park Church (1458 Harvard Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614). Meetings may be outside if the weather is nice. Schedule: A&S classes or bring-a-project nights most weeks. Armored practice happens every week; for Rapier practice contact Ari to make sure he'll be there.



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). First Thursdays – Dance. Second Thursdays – A&S, bring a project to work on. Fifth Thursdays – Dessert Revel. Armored and Rapier practice every week except Dance weeks.

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

The Incipient Canton of Castel Gwent (Tiffin region, Seneca Co.) is meeting the 2nd Sunday of the month at Bob’s Dojo, 178 South Washington Street, Tiffin, Ohio 44883. Contact Darby Owls at [Lboehler {at} yahoo.com](mailto:Lboehler@yahoo.com) for details.

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Calendar of Events

Events (Host Group, Region) (Click thru for Town, State)	Event Dates
September 2022	
<u>Mounted War Games XII (Constellation)</u> <u>Midlands Academy of Defense (Midlands)</u>	Aug 31-Sept 4 Sept 2
<u>Baroness Wars X (Midlands)</u> <u>Harvest Days 2023</u>	Sept 8-10 Sept 8-9
<u>Pferdestadt Rapier Classic (North Oaken)</u> <u>Feast of Saint Michael (Pentamere)</u>	Sept 16 Sept 16
<u>Vikings Come Home (Pentamere)</u> <u>Brawl at the Crooked Dragon (North Oaken)</u>	Sept 29-Oct 1 Sept 30
October 2022	
<u>Courtiers Tournament (Constellation)</u> <u>Red Dragon 43 (North Oaken)</u> <u>Fletchings VII — Fall Flight (North Oaken)</u> <u>Hunt for the White Stag (Pentamere)</u>	Oct 6-8 Oct 7 Oct 7 Oct 7
<u>Smiths, Bakers and Wrights (Pentamere)</u> <u>Rendezvous at the Bridge XXXIII (Constellation)</u>	Oct 13-16 Oct 13-16
<u>Cooking Symposium (Midlands)</u> <u>Medieval Threads (Pentamere)</u> <u>Meat & Beet Budget Tourney (North Oaken)</u>	Oct 14 Oct 14-15 Oct 14
<u>Fall Crown Tournament (Constellation)</u> <u>Artisan’s Day (Midlands)</u> <u>A Grand Day of Tournaments (Pentamere)</u>	Oct 21 Oct 28 Oct 28

November 2023

<u>Rose Tourney (South Oaken)</u>	Nov 4
<u>Madness XV: Silver Anniversary & Something Shakespeare (Constellation)</u>	Nov 4
<u>Dancer's Revolt (Pentamere)</u>	Nov 4
<u>Golden Awl (Pentamere)</u>	Nov 11
<u>Fall RUM in Ayreton (Midlands)</u>	Nov 18
<u>Christmas Tourney LI (South Oaken)</u>	Dec 2
<u>North Wood's Wassail (Pentamere)</u>	Dec 2



Announcements

For open local officer and deputy positions see the baronial meeting notes and contact the seneschals. Kingdom and Regional job openings are listed here: <https://midrealm.org/jobs/>

The kingdom award recommendation form <https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/> is now accessible directly from the Member Resources dropdown on the Midrealm.org homepage. Contact issues@midrealm.org if you encounter any issues with the award form or other Midrealm website pages.

Send baronial award recommendations to baroness@redspears.org at any time.

SCA 101: After Pennsic Recap

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 issue: After Pennsic Recap

Pennsic L (50) is over. Did you go? Did you want to go but couldn't make it this year? What did you do there? Did you teach or take a class? What can you do now to prepare for next year? Some form of these questions tend to pop up every year. If you have photos or want to write an article about Pennsic or any other topic to be published in the Spearpoint, send an email and signed release form to redspears.chronicler@midrealm.org (replace the {at} with @). Release forms are on the Midrealm Document Library General page: <https://library.midrealm.org/>

Now is a good time to get ready for next year as we enter the last few months of the outdoor event season. Check your tent for wear and tear. If you are looking for a new-to-you tent, check the many re-sale social media groups for people selling their tent. Clean and make repairs to your tent, gear, or garb

before you pack it away for a while. If you pack it away moldy, broken or torn, it is likely to stay that way.

Start budgeting now for vacation days, gas, road tolls, food, lodging, and event fees. Pennsic is expensive and pre-registration arrives early in the calendar year. Figure out who you will be camping with at Pennsic since you need that information for pre-registration.

Exercise as much as you are able and figure out your limits. Weekend and longer events often involve walking and more activity outdoors than many of us are used to during the week. Stay active!

Scytale Cipher

by Artemisia Voltera

A cipher is a way to encrypt a message in code. The ancient Greeks, as far back as the 7th century, used a cipher called a scytale. This is a type of transposition cipher, meaning that you change the order of (i.e., transpose) the letters. The creator of the cipher would take a narrow ribbon and wrap it around a cylinder. They would then write their message out on the ribbon lengthwise. The ribbon, when not on the cylinder, would just look like a bunch of letters and spaces. The recipient needs to wrap the ribbon



around the same circumference cylinder to be able to read the message.

Image drawn by ArtemisiaVoltera



Next Issue!

Winter indoor events.

Contact the Chronicler with the topics you want to see.

Be kind and support one another. One Midrealm!

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