



# Barony of Red Spears

## Spearpoint

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

**Oyez! Oyez!**



## **Missives and Meeting Notes**

Greetings Red Spears family!

We write to you on this fine spring day. Hopefully the winter holiday season has treated you well.

We have hit the ground running this year already, having attended three events with many members of our Barony. As we are writing this missive, we're making preparations to travel with the Dragon Army to the lands along the southern coast to show our support at Gulf Wars. We will be in good company, with a handful of Red Spears traveling as well.

Turning our attention to the future, we will continue our campaign to attend as many events as possible before Pennsic. As always, we encourage everyone to travel and build lasting memories with us.

One such memory we're looking forward to is for a group of Red Spearians to travel to the Kingdom of Æthelmearc for Abduhl Ishkhan Al-Rashid's elevation to the order of the Pelican.

We are also excited to host the upcoming Spring Crown and Kingdom A&S. This will be an excellent opportunity for Red Spears to show off our new event site to the rest of the Kingdom. Draco Invictus!

At the same event site, we are overjoyed and excited to be hosting the 2nd annual Black Swamp War Games the following weekend. Event planners have been hard at work to make sure this will be a fun and memorable event.

As a reminder Baronial Championships will be taking place at BSWG for all disciplines. As a note of clarification, if a current champion wishes to continue holding their position, they will need to meet the same eligibility requirements and compete alongside others.

Now, time to get to work!

Always and ever in Your Service,  
Barone Aislin and Baron Leofric

### **BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (December)**

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears business meeting, December 17, 2023 at Way Library, Perrysburg, OH. If anyone would like to discuss something from previous meetings, contact the seneschal.

Meeting started 1:09 pm

Old Business:

- Spring Crown Tournament bid won; will be at same site as Black Swamp Games.

- Last year's income for Black Swamp Games was \$2,280, outlay was \$2,379.77 including extra chairs and grand stands rental. Proposal for Black Swamp Games this year \$2,500 includes \$200 outlay for gate cash drawers, and does not include the grand stands. Motioned and seconded. Approved.

Baronage:

- Event progress schedule is being planned
- Projects: smaller baronial travel chairs, silk banners, event signs, wall décor, replacing old tent, fancy banner and pole, tabards (done). Will start posting about choosing champions at Black Swamp War Games

Exchequer:

- Wants to be part of hosting Crown planning meetings. Barony has money, and is OK to cover Black Swamp War Games.
- Officer budgets: had talked about \$50 or \$100 per officer per year reimbursements with receipts, and if will go over that amount pre-approval needed at a meeting. Will be discussed more in January.

Chronicler: Web hosting for newsletter distribution discussed.

Arts and Sciences: There were lots of Yule classes! Belt favors were made. Fjordr classes for the next few months will be largess.

Chatelaine:

- There will be no campground demo in Port Clinton
- We will have a presence at UT Bashcon in mid March (week before Gulf Wars)
- We will again be at Be Excellent to Each Other Fest at Lourdes College, June 8
- More options for demos include Portage Park, and Animarathon
- Ari suggested a t-shirt design to open good conversations, and could also be a fundraiser. Due Date for Designs is April Fools Day

Herald: Yule awards. Working on revamping and updating the baronial Order of Precedence. To everyone: Send in a list of all your awards so the Baronial Order of Precedence can be updated.

Web: New officer has access to email but still needs to change security and get access to website

Rapier:

- The Yule tournament had Lots Of Math! And lots of fighters!
- Practices at Marshes is going well, and will try to get to the Fjordr more often.
- Baronial Rapier practice schedule: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in the Fjordr, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in the Marshes

Rattan:

- Thursday is Baronial practice at the Marshes meeting. (Schedule is 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays in the Fjordr, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at Marshes)
- Domesday is done.

- New Handbook is out.
- New experiment – butt spikes on swords – to get permission to try the experiment, talk to Sir Durange (Regional marshal)
- List ropes and stands need work. Will discuss at a future meeting.

Fjodr:

- Tuesday is the last meeting of the year
- No meeting Jan 2
- Yule went well. Thanks to all for getting cleaned up and out on time. We are on the church's schedule for same weekend in 2024.
- Meeting site payment will happen in late January
- Yule income: around \$1,700. Soup: \$167, Yard Sale: \$198, Donations: \$25

Marshes:

- Meetings going well with a dozen or more people at afters at Frickers
- There will be a meeting this Thursday and Thursdays for the rest of the year.
- Dancing at meeting will be on Jan 4
- Plan for January is to work on shelves for storage
- Meeting site will be getting a new entrance next year

New Business:

- Bianca is coordinating new belt favors
- Projects: acquire and build things for list fields and event target archery
- Largess materials – Swap out (will get a new name) – exchange SCA related items and/or toss in a donation for Baronial improvements

Next month the January 21, 2024 meeting will be at Way Library.

Meeting ended at 2:04

### **BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (January)**

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears business meeting, January 21, 2024 at Way Library, Perrysburg, OH. If anyone would like to discuss something from previous meetings, contact the seneschal.

Meeting open at 1:20pm

Old Business: Fast track armored youth marshallate has been offered if there is interest in the barony. Aislin offered to get a list together.

- Vote held for approval of a \$100/officer budget available without a vote at a business meeting. To the exchequer's chagrin, the motion was approved. This will need to be added to the financial policy.

Baronial Seneschal: Nothing to report

Baronage:

- They will be posting the requirements for the championships to be held at Black Swamp War Games in June.
- Discussion of possible demos at gaming stores, posting flyers, pamphlets, etc. Black Swamp Gaming may be a sponsor for BSWG, Otto has been talking to them.
- They are working with Paxino on projects for the year, the first being the making of silk banners.
- Per Tannis, we have submitted for panels to do a demo at Animarathon in BG
- The field pavilion needs to be replaced, it's in terrible shape. Their excellencies requested someone spearhead the project.
  - Bianca will be doing research; the current pavilion is a 15'x27' bell marque.
- Their Excellencies will be attending the ToA on February 3 and would like to see people there.
- TE would like to send a basket to War of the Phoenix for Her Highness, she is attending with very few Midrealmers

Exchequer - He was not in attendance due to illness but the Domesday report was submitted 1/15.

Chronicler - Spring Spearpoint is in the works. Kudos to Artemisia for contributing to each 2023 Spearpoint.

Arts and Sciences - Working on a project timeline for the year with the Baronage, including new seats, bags for the seats, banners, shelves for the storage unit, etc.

Chatelaine - Reminding people for conversation starter shirt ideas so it can be voted on in April.

Herald - now that Yule is over, she is working on the Order of Precedence. If you have any corrections, please send them to Pelegrina

Webminister - We have a website, and it works. Artemisia has access again to update the site and emails are going to the correct address.

- She is working on updating pages, if you see anything incorrect, please let her know.
- She is also compiling a timeline of champions but there are a number of gaps

Rapier - Baronial practice every 3rd Tuesday.

Armored - Nothing to report

Fjodr - Nothing to report

Marche - The heat is back on at the practice site and meetings continue to happen on Thursdays. A sewing night is being hosted as well every 2nd Thursday in the gym and they will be making Marche tunics. Tables, chairs and power cords will be needed.

BSWG - Still need a Gate Steward and someone to coordinate A&S

FCAC - Will be added to the website. They now have an Instagram, BGSU FCAC

- Will be starting back up on 1/22 for the semester. They have been averaging 15-20 people at meetings on Mondays 6:30-8:30
- Lectures and classes this semester include coin striking, hand-sewing in March and arrow making in April.
- Tannis would like the club to make list banners for BSWG
- Animarathon demo has been submitted for March 26
- Will be submitting for a blanket cost to cover 15 people for BSWG

- Inquired about a possible tent for college students to crash

Ari is still working on shirts, needs designs and ideas by April 1 to be voted on at the April baronial meeting.

New Business: New list ropes will need to be discussed. We may need for Crown but Raph is still waiting for Kingdom to give an answer.

Next meeting is Feb 18 at 1pm at the Way Library.  
Meeting end 2:04pm

### **BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING (January)**

Minutes for the Barony of Red Spears business meeting, February 18, 2024 at Way Library, Perrysburg, OH. If anyone would like to discuss something from the previous meetings, contact the seneschal.  
Start at 1:30pm

#### Officers

- Seneschal - Society seneschal and deputy seneschal positions are open.
  - Membership increase have been announced and went into effect earlier this month.
- Exchequer - Domesday had an issue with the signatures not being visible enough, will be resolved
- Chronicler - Next letter is in the works. Hand off will be happening.
- A&S - Next project will be silk banners for the Barony and Cantons. Xe estimate \$134 for the banner project, vote approved \$150 to cover costs.
- Chatelaine - Conversation starter T-Shirt ideas still need by April 1.
- Herald - Please send rewards you have received.
- Webminister - Updating as need, report has been sent
- Rapier - Society and Midrealm armor requirements have changed
  - The back of the head for rapier only is no longer required to be puncture resistant, just abrasion resistant.
  - Bare arms and legs are allowed
  - Reduced chest armor experiment is continuing.
  - Cut and thrust requirements have not changed.
  - Reduced armor is allowed in all melees.
  - February 20 there will be a town hall for all marshals at 7:30pm on Zoom
- Armor - not present due to illness.

Fjodr Seneschal - not present, meetings and practices continue on Tuesdays.

Marche - not present, they are getting a good turnout for fight practices.

FCAC - Monday meetings continue, 6:30 - 8:30pm. The next lecture is hand sewing on March 25

Baronage - Aware recs need to be sent to the Baronage and Kingdom

- Their Excellencies are very happy to be seeing so many at events. Tournament of the Arts, Val Day and Candlemas had good turnout.



- The next event They are attending is Gulf Wars

BSWG - A&S coordinator will be Baroness Isabel, she will be organizing class and the crafters green. There will be an A&S competition at the event.

Crown Tourney - Food coordinator will be Bianca, who would like input on food ideas. Discussion of food trucks, a lemonade truck, taco truck. Will also be talking to the Fjodr to see if there is interest in doing a lunch for a fundraiser.

- Still waiting for information on list ropes.

Next meeting will be March 17 at Way Library.

Meeting end at 1:50pm

## 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.*

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.

**Rattan Baronial Practices:** Red Spears Baronial rattan combat practice at each of the Canton sites one time per month will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at the Fjodr site, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the Marshes site.

**Rapier Baronial Practices:** Red Spears Baronial rapier combat practice will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Fjodr site, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at the Marshes site.

The goal of these Baronial practices is to get a larger group together at each canton. We will be able to incorporate both individual drills and training as well as melee unit practices.



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

**Baronial Meeting 1-3 pm, the third Sunday of the month.** Warmer weather means a site change to outdoors later this Spring.

Meeting Location: Way Public Library, 101 E Indiana Ave, Perrysburg, OH 43551

2024 Dates: March 17,

April 21,

May 19 (potentially moving outdoors to **Woodland Park, Perrysburg, OH 43551**)



**The Canton of Hrothgeirsfjodr [Hróðgeirsfjörðr] (Toledo)**

7-9:30 pm, Tuesdays – Fjodr Meetings are indoors at the Park Church (1458 Harvard Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614). General Schedule: Most weeks have A&S classes or bring-a-project

nights, and armored rattan practice. The baronial rapier practice is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, and for other weeks, contact the group to check if a rapier marshal will 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) hosts 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.) meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 updates and details.

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**Calendar of Events**

<b>Events (Host Group, Region) (Click thru for Town, State)</b>	<b>Event Dates</b>
<b>March 2024</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Courting on the River (Midlands)</u></a>	March 2
<a href="#"><u>Winter War Maneuvers (North Oaken)</u></a>	March 2
<a href="#"><u>Terpsichore 27 (Pentamere)</u></a>	March 16
<a href="#"><u>Better War Through Archery (Constellation)</u></a>	March 23
<b>April 2024</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Inkin’ &amp; Drinkin’ in Lincoln (Midlands)</u></a>	April 16
<a href="#"><u>Pentamere Missile Weapons College (Pentamere)</u></a>	April 13
<a href="#"><u>The Tournament of Defense of Wigtheqn and Neassa (Constellation)</u></a>	April 13
<a href="#"><u>Standard-Bearers (Northern Oaken)</u></a>	April 13
<a href="#"><u>Crystal Chamfron (Midlands)</u></a>	April 19-21
<a href="#"><u>Blackstone Raid XXXI (AEthelmearc)</u></a>	April 25-28
<a href="#"><u>Grand Tournament of the Dragon (South Oaken)</u></a>	April 27
<a href="#"><u>Awakenings 35 (Midlands)</u></a>	April 27
<b>May 2024</b>	



[Spring Coronation \(North Oaken\)](#)

May 4

[Mugmort Melees XVII \(North Oaken\)](#)

May 10-12

[Norborough Faire \(South Oaken\)](#)

May 17-19

[Constellation Academy of Defense & Dance Symposium \(CADD\)](#)

May 17-19

[Fletchings of Spring VII \(North Oaken\)](#)

May 18

[Smurf Shoot \(Pentamere\)](#)

May 19

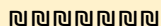
[Kingdom A&S and Spring Crown \(North Oaken\)](#)

May 24-26

[Black Swamp War Games \(North Oaken\)](#)

May 31-June 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](mailto:issues@midrealm.org) if you encounter any issues with the award form or other Midrealm website pages.

Send baronial award recommendations to [Redspears.baronage@midrealm.org](mailto:Redspears.baronage@midrealm.org) at any time.

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## SCA 101: The Game – Part 2 Leveling Up

*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: The Game – Part 2 Leveling Up**

Budget and time constraints affect everyone, and making it all work means choices have to be made. Take some time figuring out what interests keep your attention, and whatever you may need to know or learn to get set up on your chosen path(s). It does us all good to talk about the basics sometimes.

Using loaner gear, borrowing clothes and dishes, carpooling and splitting hotel costs, getting 'crash space' accommodations at someone's house, borrowing or investing in some camping equipment, are some of the ways many people make events more affordable. The event fee is rarely the most expensive part of attending an out-of-town event. Some people don't find weekend events fit their work schedule or budget and only attend local gatherings or a few big events each year or so. That's OK. It has been rough for many people during the pandemic, and many of us are still finding our new comfort levels for being indoors and around crowds.

After doing stuff for a while, we all pick up a lot of information and habits, and sometimes forget that other people don't know the same things. Few people can manage a firehose blast of information all at once. That also goes for trying to do too much too quickly. The following discussion won't answer every question but is meant to highlight some of the innumerable ways to pick an area of focus. The timeframe you choose to keep at it is up to you.

Aiming for a more historic kit can be the work of many years. Some people improve around 10% of their outfit or day camp each year. Getting tired of generic t-tunics? Can you afford less polyester in your clothes? Ask a costumer, look around on the internet, ask people around you, or find some way to improve to make your outfit, feast gear, or day camp less utilitarian or fantasy and more historic.

The College of Heraldry can help with learning courtly protocols as well as registering personal names, devices, and badges. As will most volunteer organizations, picking and registering a name and device can take time since there are several steps to follow, and submissions do take time to get through all the layers of hand-offs.

Finding a service, craft or sport to focus on, or not – to become a dependent, or not. Some paths, but not all, may lead to discussions with peers about becoming a squire, cadet, protégé, or apprentice. Some people use the see one, do one, teach one approach to trying new things, and may move on to something new or keep refining their skills over time.

When you reach the point of wanting to help make things happen or want to look into the whys and hows of it all, like any game the SCA has rules. The Society governing documents can be accessed here <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/> along with other essential information for all members, offices and official activity tracks. The Organizational Handbook includes Corpora (the laws of the Society), the By-Laws of the corporation, Corporate Policies and the Articles of Incorporation. The offices of the Midrealm all have handbooks and usually some other pertinent documents that can be found in the <https://library.midrealm.org/> Document Library.

Taking an office or leadership position at an event at a local level is a good way to expand your skills, experience and knowledge. Local offices may lead to different local, regional, or Kingdom level deputies or offices. There is always some amount of work involved, yes. Learning on the job

“Getting Recognized” takes many forms. Some kingdoms, including the Midrealm, have a four-tier awards system: kudos with no bestowing of rank, and those awards with precedence at the AoA and Grant levels leading up to Peerages in those tracks. The baronial and kingdom awards exist that recognize important qualities and as a way to recognize youth, groups, and other outstanding individuals.

Many times, people are recognized with gifts or awards for contributing to the society through their efforts and skills. A token of appreciation may be given by anyone. Baronies are free to establish awards encouraging activities and qualities important to their group. Most peerages have a general path defined by leadership, mastery and recognition over a longer period of time, although many other elements may be in play such as the noble Virtues and other peer like qualities (PLQ).

Beyond the award system and offices, there are a wide variety of endeavors to pursue within the scope of the Society, whether that is a deep dive into a particular culture, craft or sport, or an opportunity to step out with friends for a while. Try your hand at something new or more complicated than what you may have done before. Learn skills and stretch yourself. Explore the past and current Middle Ages and beyond.

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## Next Issue!

Fun in the Sun!

Contact the Chronicler with the topics you want to see.

Be kind and support one another. One Midrealm!

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### Red Spears Baronial Officers

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