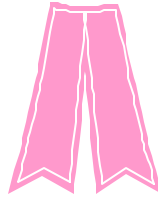




# The RivenSTAR



## Quest for the Pink Ribbon

By Lady Katalena Izmaragd Ivanova

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In honor of her Majesty Rebekah Mac Tiernan, the Middle Kingdom has decided to start a fundraiser called the Pink Ribbon Quest. The Quest will run during TRM Brannos and Rebekah's reign. All proceeds from this friendly competition will go towards breast cancer research.

### *The Quest:*

Each Barony in the Middle Kingdom is to choose a champion to carry the ribbons to events. Fighters donate \$5 to challenge the Baronial champions. After the fight, the challenger goes home with a ribbon from that Champion's barony. Fighters are encouraged to collect as many ribbons

as possible. The Champions collect the donations and return them to their barony.

Rivenstar does not have a single Baronial Champion, so to play in the Pink Ribbon Quest, we have named Sir Pieter van Doorn as our Heavy Fighter Champion and Warder Gallien Le Cavalier de l'Ile as our fencing Champion.

Pieter has also graciously donated his time to create a unique Ribbon for Rivenstar. It is a pink ribbon attached to a blue letter "R". The Ribbon has been affectionately named the "Ribbon Star" by the populous.

## A New Treaty

TRM of the Middle Kingdom and TRM of the Kingdom of Northshield signed a treaty at Crown Tournament.

- Next year at Pennsic, Northshield will ally with The Middle Kingdom on the battle field.
- The royal families from both kingdoms may give out awards to the populous from either kingdom.

## Our New Heirs

After an exciting victory against Ealdorman Edmund of Hertford, fighting for Duchess Kateryn Bronwen of Gloucester, His Royal Highness Alaric le Fevre crowned his Lady Noelle la Chauciere as the next Princess of the Middle Kingdom on October 30, 2004 at Crown Tournament held in the Shire of Narrental (Peru, IN).



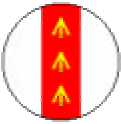
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### Officer Announcements!

- ◆ Have the RivenSTAR E-mailed to you!  
Our electronic version is about 800 - 1200 KB, so we cannot post it on the Rivenstar list. If you have an email server that will support files this large, please contact the Chronicler to add your email address to the list.
- ◆ Back Issues of the RivenSTAR are available by request in electronic form! The electronic version is in full color!



### Officers of the Barony of Rivenstar

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### Rivenstar's new officers:

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**Minister of Arts and Sciences**  
Lady Daniila of Dacia

**Web Minister**  
THL Arrantxa Idazle Iruñekoa

*Thank you Giuliana, Kiriak, and  
Heirusalem for your years of loyal  
service to the Barony.*

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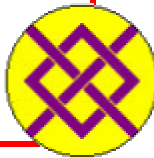
# Meeting Minutes

## 11-01-04 Dance and Garb Night

- November Issue of the RivenSTAR is out!
- Event reports from Crown Tournament in Peru, IN

### Crown Tourney Reports:

- We have new Royal Heirs: Sir Alaric le Fevre and Lady Noelle la Chauciere.
- Heirusalem Crystoma was elevated to the Order of the Pelican
- The Rivenstar Madrigals sang for Feast and for Heirusalem's processional.
- Kiriak and Katalena both received The Award of the Purple Fret at Crown Tournament.



- The Halloween Party went well! See the article on page 4.
- Pieter and Gallien are Rivenstar's Pink Ribbon Quest Champions. See the article on front page.
- Doomsday reports are coming due, so please make sure you get your information to the appropriate officers so that they can fill out their reports by the due date!
- Do we want to Host a Regional A&S competition? There was a tentative no from those at the meeting. The deadline is too soon and we are already going to be busy with the spring event. Maybe next time.
- The Armory is scheduled for Weds before Thanksgiving. Does anyone want to come to fighter practice that night?
- Moonwulf will be submitting a paper for the Siege Engine Round table at RUM on Nov 13th. If you have any info to submit about the siege engines, please let him know.

## • Happy Birthday Gallien!

### 11-08-04 Business Meeting

- Event reports from Crystal Ball in Shattered Crystal
- Kat needs information from the new officers so that she can put it in the Newsletter.
- Moonwulf explained the Baronial Awards to all the newbies in the group.
- Please submit recommendations for Baronial awards to Moonwulf or Takaya ASAP!
- Dani is having a sewing circle this Sunday at her house starting at 3 pm. Contact her for directions.
- We discussed Moonwulf's Siege Engine paper for RUM this weekend and the topic of projectiles.
- More discussion on the spring event. It was suggested that all classes should be listed as "like a pirate" after the title. See mini flyer updates.

### 11-15-04 Business Meeting

- Event reports from Royal University of the Midrealm and Feast of all Souls.
- More discussion about baronial awards.
- Gift ideas for the barony: yellow duck tape and 100 psi Straight lengths of Siloflex (black water pipe).
- The Royal family has requested the Rivenstar Madrigal Singers to perform for them during their reign.
- Francois ordered a box of Rust Erasers for use on blades and other metal bits. She is taking \$5.00 donations for each eraser. All proceeds will go to the breast cancer fundraiser.
- Barnes and Nobles is setting up a donation gift wrapping table. Volunteer groups who work the table will get to keep all donations. Do we want to participate? Some of the fencers have offered to work the table to help fund their new equipment.

### 11-22-04 Business Meeting

- No Event Reports
- Gold Key will be at the December 1st Wednesday fighter practice for those who need garb for Christmas court.
- No fighter practice this week.
- Rust Erasers are here! See François if you want one.
- Rapier Domesday report is due so get your info to Francois ASAP!
- Gallien is going to the Flame Rapier Showcase on 12-4-04. Please contact him if you want to go. They should be back for the evening Christmas Court.
- The Christmas Court site opens at 1 pm. Activities will occur spontaneously throughout the afternoon. Potluck feast starts about 5:30ish and baronial court will begin at their Excellencies discretion.

Arr!



Look here for event updates!

Rivenstar's Spring Event:  
**Three Saints and a Parrot**

- The date of our event is set as 4-16-05!
- We have most of our lead positions filled for running the event. We still need someone to run Children's activities. Lots of volunteers are needed to run an event, so for you newbies, don't be afraid to pitch in and help.
- We have pork and more pork for feast!

## Pictures from Heirusalem's Elevation

For more Crown Tourney pictures go to: [http://ragnar.myphotoalbum.com/view\\_album.php?set\\_albumName=Fall-Crown-2004](http://ragnar.myphotoalbum.com/view_album.php?set_albumName=Fall-Crown-2004)



Photo courtesy of Ragnar

THL Heirusalem Crystoma (Sarah Rogers) became Mistress Heirusalem Crystoma after her elevation to the Order of the Pelican on October 30, 2004 at Crown Tournament held in the Shire of Narrental (Peru, IN).

Her elevation was held in the court of Their Royal Majesties Brannos O'Irongardail and Rebekah Mac Tiernan. Also in witness were the newly crowned Royal Highnesses Alaric le Fevre and Noelle la Chauciere, and Their Royal Majesties from the Kingdom of Northshield.



Photo courtesy of Ragnar

**For Mistress Heirusalem,  
Hoobah!**

## Halloween Party

By Lady Katalena

On Sunday afternoon October 31st 2004, Duke Moonwulf held his annual Halloween Party for the Barony. There was much merriment, and feasting, as well as knife throwing and schmoozing.

Every year we also have a Pun contest to judge the best pun costume. This year's winner was Sigulf with his "Pie Rates of the Caribbean" Pun. He was donning a shirt that had pictures of fruit, dollar signs, and maps of Caribbean Islands.

Our runner up was Tryphina with her "PETA Van Doorn" costume. She cleverly combined the PETA logo with Sir Pieter's Heraldry.



## So where did those sayings come from?

By Kaitlyn MacLeod

Ever wonder where all those crazy old sayings come from? Well, here is a tale of the origins of one of those famous expressions. This tale may be a bit out of period for the SCA, but it is in the spirit of our upcoming pirate themed Spring Event. ARR!

"In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how do you prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem...how do you prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys." Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." "

- Author unknown

# December 2004

## Rivenstar, Local, and Special Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Fighter Practice 8 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Christmas Court
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	<b>7</b> Archery 6:00 pm Drum 8:30 pm	<b>8</b> Fighter Practice 8 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> al Safa Fighter Practice 2-5 pm	<b>13</b> Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	<b>14</b> Archery 6:00 pm Drum 8:30 pm	<b>15</b> Fighter Practice 8 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Purdue University Holiday Break						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Party?	
Happy Holidays to everyone from the RivenSTAR!						

### Weekly Activities info

#### Mondays

7:00 pm - The Rivenstar Madrigal Singers Practice  
Held in the PMU South Tower

8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings  
Held in the Stewart Center or the PMU South Tower  
See posts for room location

#### Tuesdays

6:00 pm - Archery Practice  
Contact Grey for location (weather permitting)  
email: ggranger@voyager.net

8:30 pm - Middle Eastern Dance & Drum Practice  
Held at Morton Community Center  
Contact Kat - email: izmaragd@yahoo.com

#### Wednesdays

8:00 pm - Fighter Practice  
Held at the Campus Armory

### Upcoming Local & Special Events

#### December 2004

- 4 **Christmas Court** {Rivenstar} [Lafayette, IN]  
**Christmas Tourney XXXIII** {Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY]
- 11 **Greyhope Youth Fighting Symposium** {Greyhope} [Lake Station, IN]
- 12 **Shire al Safa Fighter Practice** {al Safa} [Lebanon, IN]

#### January 2005

- 8 **Twelfth Night of Shadowed Stars** {Shadowed Stars} [Fort Wayne, IN]
- 9 **Shire al Safa Fighter Practice** {al Safa} [Lebanon, IN]
- 15 **Twelfth Night** {Tree-Girt-Sea} [Chicago, IL]
- 22 **Festival of Maidens 32** {Wurm Wald} [Champaign, IL]
- 23 **Shire al Safa Fighter Practice** {al Safa} [Lebanon, IN]
- 29 **Better War Thru Archery** {Sternfeld} [Greenfield, IN]



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## Rivenstar's Christmas Court

**December 4, 2004**

United Methodist Church  
Located on Congress Street in Lafayette  
**This is a VERY DRY site**

Site is open from 1 pm - 11 pm

A&S activities all afternoon  
Potluck dinner starts after 5:30 pm with  
Baronial Court & Dancing to follow

