



The RivenSTAR

Upcoming local & Special Events

May 2005

- 2 **Dance and Garb Night**
- 6-8 **May Faire**
Cúil Choluim, Edinburgh, IN
- 7 **Earrach Fais - Irish Spring Festival & Armoured Easter Egg Hunt**
Baile na Scolairi, Bloomington, IL
- 18 **Fighter Practice** moves to Slayter Hill from 6-8 pm
- 21 **Sewing Circle Tentative Date**
- 21 **Madrigal Performance**
At Chaos Caravan
- 20-22 **Chaos Caravan**
Greyhope, Valparaiso, IN
- Melee in the Woods III**
Stonecroft, Cato, IN
- 28-29 **Kingdom A&S Competition and Crown Tournament**
Fenix, Ft. Mitchell, KY

June 2005

- 3-5 **Tournament of Roses and Grand Tournament of Archery**
Roaring Wastes & Fasach Mor, Royal Oak, MI
- 10-12 **Butt's and Bale's**
Dragon's Vale, Warsaw, IN
- 11 **Melee in the Park**
al Ja'far (Sternfeld), Lebanon, IN
- 18 **Raiders Paradise**
Afonlyn, Winchester, IN

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The Midrealm Gets a New King and Queen while Rivenstarr Gets the Booty

By Lady Katalena Izmaragd Ivanova



Bards and jesters would be hard pressed to compete with the rapier wit of the barony of Rivenstar this April. Silly jokes, pirate mischief, and good old wacky fun was had by all at this year's annual Spring Event: Three Saints and a Parrot held at Ross Camp. The activities got off to a slow start this year mostly due to the construction on River Road, but as the sun reached its zenith over the sky, the hustle and bustle of life quickly grew.

We had approximately 44 children and 183 adults in attendance which was more than we expected considering we were competing with Coronation this year. As Prince Alaric and Princess Noelle were crowned King and Queen of the Middle Kingdom in a ceremony in Clefthlands on Saturday, April 16, the Barony of Rivenstar reveled in celebration and fought great battles in their name here at home.

During the day, we had a number of amusing Rapier Pirate Melees and a boat battle, we concluded the Pink Ribbon Challenge, and we had a siege engine battle with heavy armor fighters. We had a long list of combat authorizations on all of the fields including the siege engine area as our Baron, Duke Moonwulf, has been recently warranted as a Siege Engine Marshal.

While the fighters waged war on the high seas, students of the Arts and Sciences participated in classes and workshops. We had five teachers and over 8 classes and workshops this year including a 4 hour dance practice to prep for the evening dancing.

Arrr...the Sea Farers Feast. No one ever goes away hungry at a Rivenstar Feast and this year was no exception. Starting with hard tack and sardines (which was actually meant to be a joke), the food kept coming with scrumptious

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Business Meeting Minutes

3-28-05 Business Meeting

ARTS & SCIENCES

- Dance and garb night is next Monday!
- No sewing circle for April; we will be busy with the event.
- Sigulf gave a presentation on writing A&S competition documentation.

ARTS MARTIAL

- Archery will start having practices out at the Purdue Fields by the airport starting at 6 pm till it's too dark to shoot. The armory will continue to be the bad weather backup site.
- Gabriel was chosen as the Rapier Champion second alternate for Pennsic this year. Sir Pieter was chosen as third alternate.

Other EVENTS

- The Battleground Middle School has asked us to do a demo for them on Monday 4-25-05 at 2:09 pm.
- Do we want to consider doing a RUM in the Fall? We will consider this later.
- Do we want to run a food fundraising booth at The Feast of the Hunters Moon? There was a resounding *No* to the idea.
- Pennsic pre-reg is rapidly approaching. Let Vernon know what size your tent is including the rope and stake space around the tent.

SPRING EVENT

- Hound coursing may or may not happen this year.
- We have confirmed warranted Marshals for Thrown Weapons and Archery coming to the event.
- The dance classes will be held in the Feast Hall and the other classes will be held in the cafeteria in the A-Frame.
- We will also have an Artisans alley which will include an informal A&S display.
- We have enough leather for the eye patches for feast tokens.
- Gallien will serve as head server again this year. There will be no head table as TRHs & THMs will be at Coronation.
- We need batteries for all of the walkie talkies.
- The house of the Fiery Rose will perform at the feast. They will dance and drum at different times during the feast.
- We may have a live parrot on site. We need to ask what the Ross Camp rules are regarding animals on site.

4-4-05 Dance and Garb Night

Happy Birthday Baron Moonwulf!!!!

Meeting room was rescheduled to the PMU Terrace Room and we had much in the way of tasty peach birthday cake.

ARTS & SCIENCES

- A&S Constellation Regional Competition is this Saturday.
- The MoAS report is due at the end of this month, so report your A&S activities to Dani.

ARTS MARTIAL

- Fighter practice will move to Slayter Hill after Spring semester graduation and the students leave the dorms.

- The Gold Key will be at next Wednesday's fighter practice.

HERALDRY

- The heralds report went in on time!
- See Janusz if you want help registering your name or heraldic device.

PEN & QUILL

- The position of Constellation Regional Chronicler is open.
- Heirusalem sent a letter along with Katalena to read at the meeting concerning the new regional newsletter.

Other EVENTS

- The Battleground Middle School has asked us to do a demo for them on Monday 4-25-05 at 2:09 pm. Participants will meet at the school at 1:45 pm.
- There is a caravan going to the Fleece Faire and the Fabric Outlet this weekend. See Rocky for more info.
- There was discussion about having the 30th Anniversary celebration as a camping event.

SPRING EVENT

- Hound coursing has been canceled.
- The site map has been edited for corrections.
- Check out the volunteer list as we need more help!
- The parrot card site tokens are finished—thanks Arrantxa.
- Do we want a Rivenstar Pirate Flag?
- How many hay/straw bails will we need for the battle field and thrown weapons?
- There will be an informal Bardic Circle after feast in the A-frame for those who do not want to dance.
- We must be off site by midnight, so we will post that site closes at 11 pm. Merchants must be shut down by 10 pm.
- Kat and Arrantxa need the schedules for heavy fighting and special events like the Pink Ribbon Challenge times.
- We will have a folded brochure to hand out at Troll with the daily schedule, class info, and the site map. Do we want to also have dance cards?

4-11-05 Business Meeting

Event Reports: Constellation A&S Faire - Lady Katalena received a Second Place for her Chinese Knotting project. Sigulf, Giuliana, and Francois participated as A&S judges.

ARTS & SCIENCES

- The next Sewing Circle will be held (tentatively) on Saturday 5-21-05 at Dani's house.
- Kingdom A&S is 5-28-05.
- Dani wants all of the A&S report info by 5-18-05.

ARTS MARTIAL

- After fighting practice moves to Slayter Hill, do we still have the Armory scheduled for a rain site?

PEN & QUILL

- Make sure you use the tax exempt number when purchasing items for the barony. The exchequer will only reimburse the non tax portion of your receipts.
- The pdf version of the Newsletter is out. Let Kat know if you would like to put on the email list.

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Meeting Minutes continued

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- Arrantxa has over 200 pictures for the web site, so she needs to weed out the non blurry ones. We also need to create a blanket permission form for people to sign so that she can legally post the photos to the website.

Other EVENTS

- A Purdue film student has asked us to be involved in his 30 second commercial film project. Those wanting to be involved must be at the Purdue practice fields next to the airport in their armor. See story on page 5.
- The Rivenstar Madrigal Singers will be singing at the Chaos Caravan Event on 5-21-05.

SPRING EVENT—last meeting!

- The new siege engine rules are out. Moonwulf has been made a Siege Engine Marshal and can officially run the activities at the event.
- Since parts of the usual route to Ross Camp are closed due to construction, we need to post signs for the event on Friday evening for the new route and pick them back up again Saturday night.
- Feast will start at the traditional time of 6:30 pm, so classes need to end at 5 pm to make room for the servers meeting and feast set up.
- Dani read the latest Parks department rules concerning dos and don'ts for the site.
- We made last minute updates to the schedule and map. Kat will make 200 copies of the event brochure and a large poster board with the schedule grid.
- Rocky will open the site on Friday afternoon. Set up for feast and lists will start around 5:30 pm.

4-18-05 Business Meeting

Event Reports: Three Saints and a Parrot!!!

ARTS MARTIAL

- May 18th is the tentative date to move Wednesday fighter practice from the Armory to Slayter Hill.
- Equestrian activities will start in May.
- This land is your land Event in Fort Wayne is a regional siege engine practice. HRM Alaric will also be there.

PEN & QUILL

- 4-22-05 is the last date for submissions to the newsletter.
- The website will be updated as soon as the program is fixed. Arrantxa is also looking for photos from the event to post on the web.
- Pieter suggested that we update our Coat of Arms on the Kingdom Armorial website.
- Should we move to PMU 118? Pros: high visibility, fewer stairs and AIR CONDITIONING! Cons: tradition, Pennsic conditioning with the heat and exercise, and the fact that Marina got in line for the South Tower at 4 am to reserve the room for us. Gallien will look into our options.

Other EVENTS

- The Madrigal Singers will give a repeat performance at the Chaos Caravan Event on Saturday 5-21-05.

POST SPRING EVENT DISCUSSION

- Since the dishwashing system was unavailable, we should request a partial refund from the Parks department. A round of applause was given to all those who helped do dishes by hand during the event.
- All of the lost and found items were claimed except a ring. That info will be posted on the website.
- The radios were very helpful this year. Next year, we could use them for zone heraldry - we make announcements on the radios and have several people herald the info instead of just one person running all over the site.
- We need to make larger more permanent signs for event staff parking and for other important areas of the event.
- If our main roads are still under construction next year, we will have to choose a better route to post on the web, the Pale, and on our flyers.
- We need to confirm the availability of the Girls' dorm showers to use next year. We may also need to post shower time limits and have a shower monitor.
- We had 10 merchants show up selling period wares. Their only complaint was that the bathroom facilities were too far for handicapped merchants.
- We had 5 teachers and 8 classes and workshops. There was excellent attendance at each of the classes.
- We should up the price of lunch to \$5 next year to better cover our costs. Even though we came up short for the total cost of the lunch supplies, we did provide a quality lunch for everyone at the event.
- We definitely need to number the feast tables next year to eliminate the mass confusion of seating.
- A public ingredients list for feast was missed this year. We will endeavor to have a list of basic ingredients again for next year's feast and for the website.
- The siege engine melees, heavy fighting, fencing, archery, thrown weapons were all successful. We will have to more firmly declare when authorizations begin and end as many of the activities started late due mostly to the lack of bodies at the start times.
- There were only two reportable injuries on the fencing list and both were minor injuries.
- The wackiness of feast was appreciated and well received by all who were in attendance.
- The surprise live music was a nice touch, but the event staff needs to know about things like this so that we do not have to lug around Moonwulf's large sound system needlessly.
- The Rivenstar Pirate flag was a big hit and we will look into making T-shirts of Moonwulf's design.

Exchequer Spring Event Report as of 4-18-05

Number of Adults: 183

Number of Children: 44

Number of Non SCA members: 30

Total income: \$2021.19

Total profit after expenses: \$450.00

Rivenstar Gets Caught on Film!

By Kaitlyn MacLeod

Old rivals, Pieter and Gabriel, once again battle for good and evil in a commercial to promote the Medieval Society of Purdue. In an interview with Count Sir Pieter van Doorn, he reveals the details of his starring role in this amazing work filmed right here in Rivenstar on April 12, 2005 in the Purdue ROTC Armory.



Kaitlyn: What was the video for?

Pieter: The director (Benjamin Todd) had an assignment to produce a short commercial for his film class. His subject had to be a club on campus. He chose the Medieval Society at Purdue.

Kaitlyn: Who all from Rivenstar was involved?

Pieter: Gallien was the producer. He arranged all the facilities and enlisted the aid of the two participants. Gabriel was the star. I was the villain.

Kaitlyn: Can you reveal any other fun details?

Pieter: The whole thing was choreographed. I really wouldn't have made such dramatic and ineffective moves otherwise :-)
(at least not in combat)

Keep your eye on Rivenstar's website for a release of this upcoming blockbuster. Seriously though, we are currently looking into ways to use this 30 second bit and possibly all of the extra film shot that day as a promotional tool for the barony and the SCA. If you have any other ideas about how we can utilize the footage, just let one of the officers know!

HRH Noelle La Chauciere calls forth the scribes of the Middle Kingdom.



Unto the gracious and gifted scribes of the Midrealm, Her Royal Highness has requested that all those who are capable would create and submit a scroll blank for the kingdom.

These scroll blanks will be given as gifts to our allies at their Pennsic Courts to hand out as awards for deserving gentles. If you would like to contribute a scroll blank, please contact Arrantxa so we can submit the scrolls together as a group. New scribes are welcome to submit their work!

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meat pies, fruit, veggies, pickled mushrooms, salmon cakes, onion quiche, a chicken and rice dish (which looked a little too much like it's name - "Dead Parrot on the Beach"), chocolate treasure boxes filled with ginger cookies, and "but wait there's more" pork roast with rum sauce, and finally the famous Russian Crème!

The groaning in the aisles from too much food was blessedly drowned out by the wonderful feast entertainment. The Rivenstar Madrigal singers chose to dazzle us with fight songs this year starting with the Midrealm version of *Agincourt Carol* followed by a rousing chorus of *We Be Midrealm Warriors*. But nothing prepared the audience for the hauntingly beautiful sound of Errin's voice as she sang the intro of the well known *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*. What the audience did not know was that the madrigal singers had changed the words to "The Dragon Sleeps Tonight." Tears of laughter poured from the audience as the whole crew (plus a few groupies) got into the action as the singers danced and grooved to the "wheem a wehs," drumming, trilling, and the human trumpet accompaniment.

More feast entertainment included a triple solo performance from Middle Eastern dancers Ruth, Katalena and Gabriella accompanied by Rivenstar's own drummers of the House of the Fiery Rose. After dousing themselves with water and recovering from slaps from their ladies, the good gentles were entertained by more beautiful women. Ladies Lorelei (CC) and Arrantxa sang of love, glory, and piracy.

As an extra surprise, we had the fortunate pleasure of having live musicians playing during feast and at the evening's dancing. Ladies Lucia Elena Beatrice Braganza from Sternfeld and our own Lorelei (CC) Skye joined THL Christian d'Hiver from Northshield to entertain us throughout the evening.

Of course, the evening would not be complete without the famous post rev party hosted by Arrantxa and Gallien. As promised, we had a parrot head theme (Jimmy Buffet for those who are still living in the middle ages or who are too young to know better.) We definitely had our fill of drums, dancers, and very tasty beverages.

To everyone who worked the day and danced the night away, our heartfelt thanks go to you.

May 2005

Rivenstar, Local, and Special Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PMU 118 Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	3 Archery 6 pm Drum 8:30 pm	4 Fighter Practice 8 pm (Armory)	5	6	7
7	9 South Tower Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	10 Archery 6 pm Drum 8:30 pm	11 Fighter Practice 8 pm (Armory)	12	13	14
15 Equestrian Practice 1 pm	16 South Tower Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	17 Archery 6 pm Drum 8:30 pm	18 Fighter Practice 6 - 8 pm (Slayter)	19	20	21 Madrigal Performance Sewing Circle
22 (Equestrian Rain Date Practice)	23 South Tower Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	24 Archery 6 pm Drum 8:30 pm	25 Fighter Practice 6 - 8 pm (Slayter)	26	27	28 Kingdom A&S
29	30 South Tower Madrigals 7 pm Meeting 8 pm	31 Archery 6 pm Drum 8:30 pm				Dance & Garb Nights

Weekly Activities Info

Mondays

7:00 pm - The Rivenstar Madrigal Singers Practice
Held in the PMU South Tower
Contact Count Baron Master Sir Pieter van Doorn
email: sirpieter@juno.com

8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings
Held in the Stewart Center, PMU South Tower or PMU 118
See Calendar above for room location (subject to change)

Tuesdays

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Archery Practice
Held at the Purdue Practice fields by the Airport
Contact Arnora Snorradottin
email: midnite_louie1@yahoo.com

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

Wednesdays

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice
Held at the Armory till 5-18-05. Back to Slayter Hill after the 18th.
Contact Lady Francoise Jean-Marie Katze (Fencing Marshal)
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Special Events This Month!

Dance & Garb Night 5-2-05

Dress up in your favorite garb and boogie down medieval style.
We will have guest Dance Masters occasionally, but please let us know if you are interested in being the Dance Master or Mistress for Rivenstar.
See you in the South Tower!

Sewing Circle 5-21-05

Bring your projects to work on at Dani's House. Starts at 2 pm.
This is tentative date, so watch the elist & website for last minute updates.
email: danajoy_1@netzero.com

Madrigal Performance 5-21-05

Did you miss the fabulous show at this year's feast? Don't worry, because the Madrigal Singers will be giving a repeat performance at Feast at the Chaos Caravan Event in the Shire of Greyhope located in Valparaiso, IN.

The Incipient Shire al-Jafar (Lebanon, IN) will be hosting weekly fighter practices in the Lebanon city park. The practices will be held every Sunday afternoon from 2-5 ish, weather permitting. There's no nearby water fountain, so be sure to bring liquids.