



# The RivenSTAR

*Monthly*

## New Year's Eve Parties - Always better at the Baroness Takaya's house!



Friends, new and old gathered at the home of the Baroness Takaya for a really fun and laid back New Year's Eve celebration. Baron Moonwulf was on hand to sing and play a great set of

old favorites from his original works. The food was plentiful and delicious with the evening rounding out with some wonderful fireworks and sparklers. It was a great time to be in the Barony.



## The New Year Brought New Officers to the Barony of Rivenstar

We'd like to thank the outgoing officers for their service to the Barony and to all of us individually and to welcome all the new officers. Remember you have a long time to serve to beat Lady Angelina Tracy's record so start counting! (For those of you who don't know, she was the Exchequer for 20 years, stepping down in Dec. '09. Not to mention the length of time our beloved Baron has served.) Lady Danilla of Dacia has taken on the duties of Seneschal, replacing Lady Leonie. Lord Emil Alluzissender has taken on the mantle of Herald from Lord Janusz Zawisa. Lord Orentil has taken over the duties of Heavy Marshal from Lord Corwin Roberts. Thank you again, one and all!



**Rivenstar History Trivia:** Why is it not a good idea to offer a quarter to a member of House Rodentia? It is a long standing tradition within the House to offer a member a quarter to perform a task—some tasks were not even too stupid. The tradition however morphed into trickery and if someone could be led into taking a quarter (however unknowing) then the person might be expected to perform said task, however silly! Avoidance of quarters might be self preservation.

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**Regular Weekly Activities Info**

**Mondays**

7:00 pm - Madrigal Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 pm - Baronial Business Meetings  
 Held in Stewart Center at Purdue  
 See Baronial Calendar back page of this issue.

**Tuesdays**

Archery Practice - Currently on Hiatus

**Wednesdays**

8:00 pm - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice  
 Held at the Purdue Armory on Campus (summer hours differ)  
 Contact: Uaisle Malie Bean MhicAoid' (Tammy E. Holwin)  
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**Sundays**

3:00—5:00 PM— Dance Practice (on hiatus)  
 Contact: Leonie (Leonie Leduc)  
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**More Activities!**

**Equestrian Practices** start in the Spring, weather permitting, and are usually held twice a month on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm.

**Drum Practices** will be held on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings at the Morton Community Center. Check the Rivenstar website and email list for updates.  
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**Business Meeting Minutes:**

Monday, January 9, 2012

**Event Reports:** Great New Year's Eve party at the Baroness' house! Fireworks after midnight and sparklers in the driveway.

**Officer Reports:** Chatelaine—Rocky loaned out garb for Christmas Event. If you have garb to return, need garb or want to donate garb, see Rocky. Baroness—nothing for right now.

Baron—We are in a New Year—Don't screw it up!

Exchequer—Pretty quiet now. Report due soon and contact info for Dani (Seneschal) needed.

Herald—Domesday report got in 26 hrs before it was due. If you have not registered a name or device, contact Emil so you both can learn how.

A&S—The craft faire season is heating up. Check the kingdom calendar for locations.

Chronicler—January RivenSTAR was out today.

Beaver Report—He's built himself a new house, dug a trench from the pond to the edge of it. He's been seen tooling about the pond sneering up at Pieter.

Equestrian—They took Bree to a new home in Warren, OH. Mathias has her now.

Madrigals—resuming after a break. Anyone wanting to join, we can get you up to speed quickly.

**Current Business:** Three Saints will be April 7th at the National Guard Armory. Professor Pieter said he'd autocrat. Short of the US Gov't saying we can't have it, we are booked into the site.

Julie and Dani will work to get Dani's name on the Bank Account while removing Leonie's name as co-signers. An \$1100 check is needed for the Three Saints site; \$500 damage deposit and \$600 site fee. Pieter reported that we have a Pale Ad in for Feb. and the event is on the kingdom calendar. A March Pale ad needs a check for \$35 and he will get it in by 20th, Jan. Prices will be \$2.50 for ages 6-12, \$5.00 for member, \$10.00 non-member and a family cap of \$20.00. The theme this year will be Three Saints IN the Fountain of Youth. We will assume that everyone present will do their normal jobs. Sigulf will take care of merchants, the not-so-secret cook's society will continue

Sigulf reported that he'd had a request from a youth marshal in Indianapolis that we accommodate youth combat this year. No one had objections. A&S is open to suggestions. The first Feast planning meeting will be at Marian's house at 7:00 next Monday (since we don't have a meeting site).



Monday, January 23, 2012

Happy Lunar New Year!

**Event Reports:** none Feast Tasting will be Sat. 2/4 at Pieter and Nan's

**Officer Reports:** Baroness—Nothing at this time

Baron—absolutely as much as the Countess

A&S—Constellation Regional A&S will be in Sternfeld on 2/4. Note: you must enter on line this year.

Herald—nothing official—Emil is now on the SCA Herald's list.

Student Org.—nothing

Chronicler—nothing today

Madrigals—We've lost several singers. The set for Three Saints will be in French to go well with our Feast Theme.

Exchequer—we are solvent and now have all the proper signatories on the bank account (3)

Seneschal—her report went in on time.

**Current Business:** Our contract is signed (so an extent) but after the signing, they toured the facility and realized they needed another room that will cost in the neighborhood of an additional \$250. We aren't going to be allowed into the majority of the new space. We can't use the front door, we'll have to use the loading dock. There won't be space for indoor melees so the Pale ad has been changed accordingly and submitted. We'll have a standard sized gym, so unless we have really dry, dry weather for outside, we won't be able to do them. Feast planning started last Monday. It will be a Spanish New World theme. The first Feast Tasting will be at Nan and Pieter's house on Saturday about 6:30ish. John will again help with parking but we will need an additional parking attendant because we'll need someone to man a stop and drop. There are 43 spaces near the entrance with the rest of the parking on the east side of the building. There is a convenient loading zone where we'll enter. Feast token idea: Pieter has several hundred round doo-dads

from the centers of 3 1/2 inch floppy discs. A quarter fits in the middle of them. Pieter will ask Arrantxa to draw another card that we could use as a collectable or site token.



Monday, January 30, 2012

**Event Reports:** Francoise, Wulf and Pieter reported on Maidens. ‘Coise said she spent time keeping guard of the “stuff”. The heavy lists were crowded and small. There were 42 fighters running round robin. The Prince and Princess were in attendance. Forty-five fencers were in tourney as well. Wulf marshaled most of the heavy stuff which was very skilled and intense. At Court, Wulf reported that he sat on the dais which is a new thing that the Barons and Baronesses sit up with the Royals. Pieter reported on a Best of the Best of the West tournament. He said the talent pool was very deep. Drake eventually won. The Prince and Princess each held the field. Pieter gave Her Highness his secondary blade because it was a bit shorter than the one she was using and better suited to her.

Katya reported on her trip to Tree-girt-see a couple of weeks ago. The kids had tea and chocolate chip scones with the Princess in the afternoon. An event they very much enjoyed.

**Officer Reports:** Chatelaine—If you need garb see Rocky.

Baron—The armored fighter were here last week but the fencers had cancelled due to the weather.

Exchequer—Finishing up a belated report. She needed the end numbers from last year for the beginning numbers of this year.

Herald—nothing new locally. Emil has heard there may be a new set of rules on names coming soon which will be the first change in 15 years. If you’d like to register your name, see Emil.

A&S—Constellation Regional A&S is this Saturday but the entry time is passed and now closed. There are other Regional Faires that you might enter, look up their due dates on the Kingdom calendar.

Chronicler—nothing to report

Madrigals—They are turning the corner shortly on the hard piece. They are almost to memorization.

Equestrian—The Princess wants some riding time.

They are buying a property with acreage and may get some horses. She will do some riding with Kiltgern. The Chrystal Champfron will be in June again this year. Francesca has her own horse again, the first time in 20 years. Vargas is moving to NW Indiana.

**Current Business:** The contract with the Armory is final now: \$500 for gym, \$100 for kitchen and \$250 for the classroom. Unless we/they have a volunteer from the Amory staff to sit with us on Friday night, there will be an additional charge for us to use the facility on Friday night from 6:30 to 10:30. Pieter has site tokens; Arrantxa has drawn a card with all Three Saints in the Fountain of Youth. Their Highnesses are coming to our event. They have been warned that the accommodation will be small/ humble. (Their Majesties will be in the East). Youth combat—Rose the Kingdom Youth Marshal will be here to do the youth activities. We will do them first thing in the morning. There may have been 10 or 12 combatants at Maidens. They used a heavy list in the morning. Feast tokens—The Virginia state quarter has nice tall ships on the back. It fits perfectly into the disc centers. It is legal to deface the coin so long as no one tries to spend it later. Pieter will look for “gold” coins for the Royals. We’ll need list ropes that stand up inside. Pieter will make new ones like the fencers use or we can use the ones the equestrians use. We might pretty up the PVC with colored duct tape like barber poles. ‘Coise related that she heard from the hawk demo gentleman that the hawk Lydia had an accident and broke her wing. She is rehabilitating but may not be able to fly again but could be used as a show and tell only. Francoise will ask him to attend the event and maybe teach a class. At this point we have a single 36” door for all coming and going unless we open the large dock door. Pieter has an idea to use the girl’s dorm structure as a buffer to only partially open the door.

**Pennsic related:** Pieter noted that Von Brunner may be our land grab agent. We are trying to line up people to do all the jobs that Janusz used to do. He left big shoes to fill.

**Katya** noted that Dr. Sean Hughes is having a Viking film fest in February. Movies so awful that

they're awesome. It is free and open to all.

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Monday, February 6, 2012

There was a meeting but the Chronicler was out. Since all the usual suspects were present at the next meeting, it seems that everyone survived.

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Monday, February 13, 2012

**Event Reports:** Pieter reported that he, Molly, Adam and Narissa all went to the St. Val Day Mas-sacre. There was lots of space so there was also a lot of fencing; three pools of ten. Molly, Narissa and Pieter all ended up in the same pool. There were two tournaments and Pieter didn't win both. He won one and came in second in the other. The heavies were having a tournament of chivalry. They were doing calisthenics. Several merchants were there, one of whom wants to come to Three Saints. All four Royals were present.

**Officer Reports:** Equestrian—Mounted War Games are scheduled for Labor Day so there will be a three day weekend to attend them in Peru, IN at White Waters.

Madrigals—the music is coming together like magic.

Chronicler—Just catching up from last week. Nothing to report.

Herald—Rumor has it that the newest batch of rules weren't approved but will be eventually.

A&S—If you didn't make it to the Constellation Regional A&S Faire, there are others coming up before the Kingdom A&S Faire. Gulf Wars has excellent A&S classes. Coming up March 11. If you'd like to teach a class at Pennsic, you must get the proposal in by May 1.

Chatelaine—nothing

Baron—From Feb. 7th Presidents report, there is a new peerage for rapier. The board invites suggestions as to committee membership for decision making on the rules for the peerage.

Exchequer—Each group will be invoiced for their share of the Society lawsuit settlement. The regional said to wait but the Royals and others have

sent in money already so we as a group will send our share too. Actually we are planning to send in a flat \$2000 rather than the 18%. This is more than necessary.

(On a side note—Pieter and Wulf saw the television program “Full Metal Jousting” last night. It plays on Sundays at 10 PM. They noted that the horses' armor is very well thought out for these really big horses.)

Baroness—nothing to report

**Current Business:** Three Saints—Pieter has 100 VA state quarters and we determined that we need at least 104. Pieter also had an aerial photo of the site. If it is warm, the merchants could use the grassy strip outside but if not, they will have half the classroom. Pieter has a merchant request to forward to Sigulf. Arrantxa needs to put the qualifier for merchants to “bring their own tables and tents” on the website. Rocky stated that she needs outlets for the crock pots to help serve lunch. Francoise heard back from Tom about the hawk demo. Lydia the hawk is doing so much better and he is very much interested in coming out to the event. Feast Tasting round II will be at Olwen and Emil's house at 6 PM on Sunday the 19th. Anton is waiting on final word about a pig roast—the word is YES.

**Note**—Bad Viking movies start this Thursday at 7 PM in Grissolm Hall.

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Monday, February 20, 2012

**Event Reports:** Moonwulf and 'Coise went to the Viking movie—Tarkon VS the Vikings. It was amazingly wonderfully bad.

**Officer Reports:** Baroness—nothing to report Baron—weapons practice will be as usual. He assumes that the check for levy got off to the kingdom.

Herald—nothing to report

A&S—Check the A&S calendar

Chronicler—nothing either

Student Org.—they need to get elections done in March.

Madrigals and Equestrians—nothing new in either. Madrigals were sans sopranos this week but

managed to practice without them.

**Current Business:** Sigulf reported that he had one official request for merchant space so far. Dani is commended for doing most of the work so far on the site. Pieter wants to get with Arrantxa and get the web site set up. We can get into the site at 8 AM on Saturday. The site will open at 9. The first activity will be Youth Combat at 9:30. It is early because they have to share the field with the heavies who will take the field at 10:30. The fencing list will open at 9:30. Lunch will be noon to 1:30 and Rocky is doing the lunch tavern. There will probably be a Court because Their Highnesses are attending. Perhaps it could be an afternoon court about 5 ish? Then the lists could close at 4 and the feast could be at 7. The Court site will be on the list field and the Feast will use the same room so it might be tight. We must be out of the site by 11 PM. The Merchants could close at 4 when the lists close. Pieter will prepare a site map and schedule. We have a marshal but Wulf will also help with the activities—maybe something along the lines of a resurrection battle because of the Fountain of Youth. There were 9 people at the second Feast Tasting on Sunday. By the third course they were all uncomfortably stuffed, so the menu had to be pared down a bit. It is now set and in the words of our Baroness “yummy”.

**Sternfeld** Throwdown is tomorrow if you are interested in going see Pieter.



Monday, February 27, 2012

**Event Reports:** Pieter went to Candlemas in Lexington, KY. He did not win all the tourneys. It seems that he had a senior moment. There was a bear pit tourney and the winner of each bout was to go back to the table and report the results. He reported 5/10 for the first bout and then for the next 10 bouts, he reported his identifying number as ten rather than whatever it was. So all the points he earned went to the person whose number was 10. By the time he realized the error, he was pretty far back but made a comeback enough to win a feather medalion for Nan. The event was very well attended with six princes in attendance. They were all there for Pennsic negotiations.

Wulf and ‘Coise attended another Viking movie on campus—this time it was “The Norsemen”. Somehow Finland had palm trees in the scenery. The costumes were really fun. The Vikings had Flintstone’s style “Water Buffalo” hats.

**Officer Reports:** Madrigals—Pieter reported that the madrigali are singing but the Equestrians aren’t riding yet and that there have been no Beaver sightings of late.

**Chronicler**—nothing to report

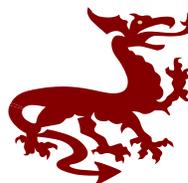
**A&S**—There are bugs in the Pennsic registration system for signing up to teach a class there. Deadline is May 1. There are still some regional A&S competitions, check your calendar. Dani is interested in hosting a yarn class; be it knit, crochet or whatever. Look for details.

**Baron and Baroness**—nothing to report, they assume that the levy check went in but still haven’t heard.

**Seneschal and Chirurgion**—reports went in.

**Current Business:** Pieter asks that we keep checking our quarters for VA State coins. John showed his special site tokens. They were quite beautiful. Wulf is working on some new &/or repainted directional signs for the Barony. They will have white letters with reflective coating and adjustable arrows also painted with white reflective paint. We still need an event page on the website. The Feast menu is set so it could be published. This event will be pretty short on space so there won’t be room for classes—not a huge problem. At the end of this event we can make the decision as to whether or not to continue with this site for next year and then get on the calendar right away. Adam MacAoidh will be the fencing marshal in charge and Lord Orentil is the heavy marshal on the list. They are working on variations of possible scenarios for fencing and heavy fighting.

**Non SCA related :** There is an on-line charity auction for hearing aids for a young Barony member in need. It continues through Wed.



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Monday, March 5, 2012

**Event Reports:** none

**Officer Reports:** Madrigals and Equestrian—The madrigali are being cooperative, the horses less so. Chronicler—working on the next issue

A&S—There are still more regional A&S competitions. The on-line Pennsic teaching registration is finally working properly.

Herald—no news

Exchequer—We're doing fine. The levy check was sent.

Student Org.—Cade C is researching a name. He may be interested in the Presidency if Brianna doesn't want to continue.

Baroness—make recommendations for Kingdom awards because the Prince and Princess will be at Three Saints and will hold a Court if we give them enough to hold a Court for.

**Current Business:** Dani, Olwen and Pieter went to the Armory this week. Here are the answers to several questions that were discussed—YES to all. We may use candles, have a hawk demo, use all the pots and pans we find as long as we clean them afterwards. The Royalty Room (cell) is a smallish closet with electricity and lights. They are ok with us improvising a door covering as long as we don't attach anything to the existing door. The Girl's dorm tent is only 1 foot shy of covering the entire door opening. Arrantxa is putting together the website. The site will open at 8 because that is what the Pale ad says. We can park the pig roaster overnight. Pieter is asking Katya to be the Royalty liaison. (Who is doing Troll?) They measured all the rooms and the merchants area will be half of a 55'x40' room. Day-camps can use the other half. Someone needs to bring feast gear for the Sergeant who will be spending the day with us. Marian is looking into using a large punch fountain to go with the theme.



As Always

YOU can help your struggling chronicler by  
sending stories, photos, jokes, in short  
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*Save the Date:*

*Three Saints In the  
Fountain of Youth*

*Saturday, April 7,  
2012*

*Site Opens at 8:00  
AM*

*National Guard  
Armory, Lafayette,  
IN*

# March 2012

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