



# The RivenSTAR

*Monthly*

## Friends From Near and Far Gather at the Baronial Haunted



## Farmhouse to Try to Stump Each



From Takaya's Groaning Board to Wulf's Quick Draw Artist, everyone had a great time guessing puns, eating, laughing and singing at the Baron's



## Other from Guessing Which



Annual Halloween Pun Party on Friday night, October 28th.  
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## Pun They've Created This Year.



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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, October 10, 2011

**Event Reports:** Takaya went to Rendezvous at the Bridge. She reported glorious weather, she slept in a cabin and was not cold at all. She helped in the kitchen. Takaya swore fealty for the Barony during court. Arch won both fencing and heavy tourneys. Feast was wonderful and excellent. It ended with Russian Cream. They had a very tasty chicken and vegetable pie, honey glazed carrots with honey parsley butter. The head table was served a carved watermelon Viking ship. There was excellent attendance.

Wulf and 'Coise reported on the Day at the Mill in Cutler, IN. There were seven fencers, no heavies. They had a round robin tourney. It was a tiny event but the site is beautiful times two. There were a few merchants. It was a pleasant 4 1/2 hours there. (As a side note, there were a couple of kids there who'd memorized Wulf's new CD..... because their dad reported they'd listened to it for the whole 6 hour trip in the car! Again, Daddy, again.)

**Officer Reports:**

Herald—looking for award recommendations for Christmas Court. Please put in a bid to be the next herald, Janusz is stepping down.

Baroness—nothing to report

Chirurgion—All is good

A&S—Olwen is working on her report. Go to the Kingdom Craftperson's faire. Attended a class at the Day at the Mill on alternate sources of sugar in brewing. Olwen reported that it was a great class.

Marshal—practices continue but Corwin is moving to Seattle in the next few months so we are looking for a new Marshal.

Baron—nothing to report. Go out there and volunteer for offices!

Sigulf—What he (Wulf) said.

Chatelaine—Pieter volunteered to speak to and give a slide show presentation to the Magna Carta group since Sternfeld is doing RUM and they couldn't do the talk as well. Rocky got to the Christmas Court site to check it out. They have a big freezer/ refrigerator and regular oven. There are double outlets every 10 feet or so. This is the

Memory Center across from St. Ann's Church. The Father just wants us to put the tables and chairs back where they were when we are done. (There was a suggestion to have Briana ask the students on the list to see if they'd rather the 3rd or 10th of Dec. but the hall was already reserved for the 3rd.)

Chronicler—The October newsletter is out today.

Message from Briana—Student Org. is fine.

Madrigals—Proceeding apace with our piece.

Shadow (the horse) is still alive after his trip to the vet hosp this morning. He broke a molar on Friday. He's home and in good shape on Happy Meds. Rio will take months to heal from strain.

Beaver Report—at long last, the beaver returns! He is surreptitiously expanding his territory, downstream. Various trails now exist that did not before. There is a new pond on the neighbor's property. The beaver chopped down another tree and it fell square across Pieter and Nan's causeway. Now Pieter has to leave it there because if he moves it, the beaver will just start in on another tree and leave this one alone. One day, there just may be a Three Saints and a Beaver yet!

Seneschal—We have a site for Christmas Court.

Thanks Rocky. Now Leonie is looking for someone to step up and be the next Seneschal because she too wants to step down at Christmas Court.



Monday, October 17, 2011

**Event Reports:** Moonwulf helped marshal at Crown Tourney. A round robin tourney segued into the regular Crown Tourney. We have a new Prince and Princess, Savaric de Pardieu and Julianna de Pardieu. It was a hard fought fight which will go down in the annals of the SCA for its demonstration of the ideals of honesty and chivalry to which we all aspire. It came down to Sir Ixtlixochitl Cacique and HRH Savaric. Fighting with sword and shield right down to the last long drawn out play. Ixtlixochitl landed a blow, Savaric took the hit and acknowledged the loss. But Sir I., in a stunning demonstration of chivalry declared that the hit was not good and the round was then refought. Savaric won. The succession is assured. Moonwulf also reported that he saw Adam Mc Aoid and Narissa there.

**Officer Reports:** Herald—nothing to report

Baron—nothing to report. The annual Halloween party will be out at Wulf and ‘Coise’s on Friday night Oct 28th at 7:00.

Exchequer—nothing to report

Student Org—Briana wants to put together a car pool to go to Crystal Ball. Need more than two people interested. Briana announced that she can’t be president of the student org. next year because she will graduate in Dec. She will put out a call to the list for interested members to take up the post. There will be sewing on Sunday from 3:30—6:30 right after dance practice. There was a movie night last Friday for Monty Python and the Holy Grail. There will be another movie night a month from now.

Archery—there will be an unofficial archery practice tomorrow at Huis Doorn. Times are being worked out.

A&S—Olwen’s report went in. RUM is coming up. If you’ve an interest in weaving, Sternfeld just started a Yahoo Weavers group.

Chronicler—Mistress Siobhan contacted Marian and asked that we update the Rivenstar web page to include the RivenSTAR as it is published and all the back issues.

Madrigals—first Pieter reported that he was at a White Waters (actually it was at Purdue North Central in Greyhope) practice hosted by Warder Damian Nihthauk. Mallie, Adam, Pieter and others were there. Despite a campus 1/6th the size of West Laf, they had twice as many new comers as we had. Nihthauk passed on to His Excellency Moonwulf that Rivenstar people “Rock” and that he wants to do it again next month. As to the madrigals, they were short on bodies tonight so the sopranos showed us all up.

Beaver report—The beaver has denuded the tree on the causeway. He removed one stick at a time and took them away but it doesn’t look like his dam is any bigger. Wonder what he’s up to?

Equestrian—Riding is done for the season.

Seneschal—Christmas Court site is nailed down so start thinking about the Spring Event. Think about dates and figure out an animal. Bring ideas next time. Leonie will look into Cary Camp and Ross Camp for mid-April.

Monday, October 24, 2011

**Event Reports:** None There was a house warming party at Enkara and Aendru’s with a bonfire, fireworks and lots of good food. Nan reported that Blackie and Dargo are happy horses.

**Officer Reports:** Herald—it is not too late to put in an application for the position of Herald. Transfer to take place at Christmas Court.

Chirurgion—all is well

Baroness—we are still a Barony. Pieter posed the question at this point concerning some list chatter that occurred recently. Do we care whether Crawfordville is part of Sternfeld, Rivenstar or Al Jafar. Takaya said that maybe they should be a group on their own. Zip codes are not usually split but we have historically drawn members from the northern half of that zip code. They can choose to play wherever they like anyway. It is up to them.

Moonwulf said that as long as we have enough people in our area to maintain group status then they can play anywhere. Pieter noted that it seems that Al Jafar needs more bodies than we do. Conclusion of the discussion: We’d like Northern Montgomery County if given the option. Otherwise it is up to the folks to choose as they will.

Baron—recommendations need from people for Christmas Court awards. Looking for really groaning pun costumes at the Halloween party. Having people groan gives you extra points!

Student Org.—it exists. There won’t be a carpool to Crystal Ball because Briana has to work that weekend.

A&S—RUM is Nov. 12th. Olwen asks what classes do you want to see at Christmas Court? Recently it was announced that a mock A&S will be at Wurmwald at Maidens. The Regional A&S will be at Sternfeld during Better Wars.

Chatelaine—if you need garb, call Rocky. Is there interest in Rocky bringing Gold Key to fighter practice before Christmas Court? Possibly. Reported on article in the newspaper—we are less likely to get the plague these days. Unlike most other diseases, the Bubonic Plague has not evolved over the ages so because we have good hygiene and better living conditions, modern people are less likely to catch and pass on the disease.



Chronicler—nothing to report  
 Archery—practice tomorrow night at Huis Doorn  
 Beaver Report—The beaver has completely denuded the felled tree on the causeway, all except the main trunk.  
 Seneschal—We have the Christmas Court site from noon to nine. Dinner at 5:30, court about 6:30 or right after dinner. Then maybe a little dance and be cleared out by 9. Looking for official applications for the office of seneschal. Don't forget the Pun party at 7 PM on Friday night at Wulf's.



Monday, October 31, 2011

*There was a meeting but as the Chronicler was home giving out candy to Trick-or-Treaters, no notes were taken.*

Monday, November 7, 2011

**Event Reports:** Pieter reported on All Soul's in Ayreton. Pieter claims to have been just an average fencer that day because the pool was so talented. There was a fencer there from Antir who was very good. He taught a class on "how to kill".

Wulf reported that he spent the weekend hunting the regal Stag with his trusty bow—but only saw nasty white tailed deer that were out of range.

**Officer Reports:** Herald—nothing to report  
 Baroness—has something for later  
 Exchequer—nothing to report  
 Baron—nothing to report

Student Org.—Movie night will be Friday, Nov. 18th at 6:30 at Briana's house. Viewing A Knight's Tale and some form of Robin Hood. Dance is on hiatus because no one showed up for the last two practices.

Chronicler—nothing to report  
 Beaver Report—The beaver continues to make slow progress on the tree trunk. He actually dragged it off the causeway, though the pieces aren't showing up in any known structure.  
 Madrigals—things are going well. They made it to the end of the song with the words (instead of la, la, la).  
 Seneschal—Please recommend people for Baronial awards for Christmas Court. Tell the Herald, Their Excellencies or Leonie.

**Other:** The 200th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe is being celebrated this week. Check out the activities at the battlefield this weekend.



Monday, November 14, 2011

**Event Reports:** Sigulf reported that he, Francoise and Emil among others, went to RUM and that it was very well attended. His Majesty taught a class to a packed house. In fact, most of the classes were packed all day long. Lunch was really good and plentiful. It was just a really good time. Both sets of Royals were there. Francoise did a stint of guard duty during Court.

Pieter and Nan did a demo in Carmel for the Magna Carta Dames. It is really not an historical society so much as a club in which all the members can trace their lineage directly from someone who signed the Magna Carta. They had decided that they should know something about life at the time of the signing. They meet twice a year. This year, Pieter and Nan planned to talk to them about castle construction but the talk was diverted into general life in the middle ages. Unlike many elementary or high school demos, these folks had questions! They in fact had many very thoughtful questions and two hours went by before Pieter and Nan could wind it up. Pieter and Nan also reported that the food was really good as they were served lunch along with the club members. The fact that Pieter was in appropriate medieval garb spurred one patron of the restaurant (who was not part of the group) to ask for their photo to be taken together. It was his wedding day and he was trying to chronicle the entire day. So Pieter obligingly crossed butter knives with the bridegroom and had his photo taken.

**Officer Reports:** Herald—Christmas Court Award recommendations would be helpful. Also Janusz is planning to step down at Christmas Court so if you'd consider being the next Herald, please contact him to get the paperwork started.  
 Baroness—nothing official but it is only three weeks to Christmas Court. If you'd like to teach or demo something, please volunteer.

Chirurgion—Everyone is still healthy.  
 Baron—Send in your Christmas Court Award recommendations. Step up and volunteer for the open officers positions. On a side note—Bill (the service worker from the ROTC Armory) who has been a friend of the barony for many years is retiring.  
 Moonwulf has asked for a small calligned thank you note from the barony and if you are at practice on the 16th, make sure to tell him your thanks in person.  
 Exchequer—We have money and her report went in on time.  
 A&S—Calling for classes for Christmas Court. Let Olwen know if you'd like to teach a class. Also, the Regional A&S faire is very early this year. It will be at Better War in February.  
 Chatelaine—Rocky will be at Christmas Court with her felt. If there is interest, she'll do a calligraphy class as well. Asked should she show up to fighter practice the Wed. before Court or just bring Gold Key to Christmas Court. And the consensus is that she should just show up to Christmas Court with Gold Key. But she asks that if you or someone you know needs a size that is not easily come by, that you call her ahead so that she can stitch something up.  
 Madrigals—They have one piece nailed for Christmas Court.  
 Beaver Report—The beaver has been busy, gnawing on the big trees nearest his den. He's girdled them all in the last couple of years and is now harvesting them.  
 Chronicler—planning to get the Nov. issue out next week.  
 Seneschal—If you are at all interested in teaching classes, try one out on us at Christmas Court! Award recommendations would be welcome. Also, Leonie is planning to step down, if interested in being the next seneschal, please contact her.  
 Student Org.—Movie night is this Friday at the Miller's beginning at 6:30. Bring \$5 for pizza for dinner. A general sewing session will be this Sunday at 3:30. Katya will teach anyone the basics. Dani announced that she may be interested in being

the next Seneschal but needs to have a drop dead (deputy) Seneschal immediately because she can't always attend meetings. If you are interested in helping her out, let it be known.



**Pun Party (continued from page 1)**

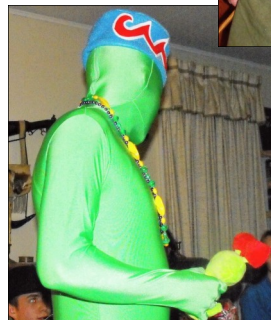
Some of the more memorable costumes and puns were (in no particular order): Chex Mix a performance pun, spice rack, the Pied Piper, Queen Bee, The News in Brief and Sprite. There was a trip



out to the scary stone well after dinner and some singing to round out the evening.



Can you possibly guess which song Wulf is playing in the photo below? *Flying Monkey* of course!



# Rivenstar's Christmas Court Saturday, December 3rd. -Noon to Nine

Place: Saint Ann's Memorial Center  
601 Wabash Avenue, Lafayette (across the  
street from St. Ann's Church)  
Parking behind the church.

Dinner at 5:30. Bring a Dish to share.  
Recommend a deserving person for a

Baronial Award,

Share a craft,  
Take a class,  
Dance,  
Sing.



Photo from last year's Christmas Court

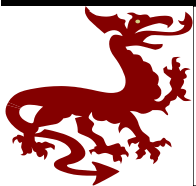
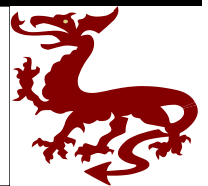


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# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	3	4	5
6	7 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	8	9 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	10	11	12
13	14 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	15	16 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	17	18	19
20	21 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28 Madrigals (7) & Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	29	30 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10			

# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Rivenstar Christmas Court
4 Dead Week Begins	5 Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	6	7 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	8	9	10
11 Final's Week Begins	12 Business mtg. (8) STEW 204	13	14 Armored practice: Purdue Armory 8-10	15	16	17 Last Day of Fall Semester
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve! Happy New Year Everyone!