



The RivenSTAR

Bimonthly Edition



Christmas Court Highlights

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It's that time of year again when we gather together friends and family to celebrate the Barony of Rivenstar and all the accomplishments we've made throughout the year.

We gathered at the site early in the afternoon to work on projects. We held a Dirty Half Dozen Largess Derby to encourage arts and sciences and to build the baronial largess coffers. Pictures of the derby and the winners list can be found on page 6.

Food was in abundance; you'll never starve at a Rivenstar event. We had to bring in a larger table for all the crockpots and meat trays. When more people showed up than we had tables set up for, people brought in more tables and we all did our part to squish in and get cozy.

Baron Adhamh and Baroness Malie presided over their first Christmas Court. There was a long list people to recognize for their amazing efforts this year. Wilhelm received a new archery marshal baldric, and the archers were recognized for their participation in the Royal Rounds. The full list of Baronial award recipients can be found on page 7.

Their Excellencies were presented with many gifts. The long anticipated throne box was presented just in time for largess gifts. Duke Moowulf and Countess Takaya passed along items that had been gifted to them many years ago.

The Madrigals regaled us with song and reminded us why we keep working everyday to make this barony a home. We danced into the night and when it was time to leave, we pitched in and whisked away all traces that we had ever been there. Good night good gentles and may we have another year to remember.



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Regular Weekly Activities Info

Every Monday

Madrigal Singers Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Stewart Center
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Baronial Business Meetings 8:00 pm - Stewart Center
Seneschal's contact information in the officer's list

Tuesdays - Dance Practice 6:00 pm - Stewart Center
Dance Mistress' contact information in the officer's list

Every Wednesday - Heavy and Rapier Fighter Practice
8:00 pm - Purdue Armory
Marshal contact information in the officer's list

Thursdays - Armoring and Projects Night 5:30 pm
Contact Baron Adhamh for the address

Every Sunday

Equestrian Practice
1:00 pm - Huis Doorn (Spring to Fall - currently on hiatus)

Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice
4:00 pm - Huis Doorn (outdoors weather permitting)
Marshal contact information in officer's list

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Rivenstar's Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for 12-5-16 8 members in attendance

Event Reports:

Christmas Court was a success. See notes below.

Officer Reports:

Archery – Wilhelm and Moonwulf turned in their thrown weapons reports.

Chronicler – Katrin published the newest edition of the newsletter.

Chatelaine – Rocky handed out lots of garb during Christmas Court and the previous fighter practice. She would like to prune down the Gold Key some, so if people really loved the garb they borrowed they might get to keep it.

Announcements and Events:

We will not have regular business meetings or Madrigal practices until Monday January 9th, 2017!

If you have business with the upcoming event, contact Pieter; otherwise, contact the Seneschal.

New Year's Eve Party at Takaya's House Saturday December 31st at 8:00 pm!

Christmas Court

- The church was very happy with how well we cleaned up the site. They invited us back to use the site again.
- The site was a bit tight, but we managed to squeeze everyone in without too much fuss.
- Katrin brought up the idea of having an autocrat or at least a main go to person for future Christmas Courts.
- There were some duplicate awards given out, so we should look into updating the Baronial Order of precedence.
- Their Excellencies have decided to create a new award and are looking for input for a new badge design.

Spring Event

- Takaya will be the Feastocrat this year. Feast tickets will be \$10.00 per person.
- Pieter submitted the event to the Midrealm Kingdom Calendar and put in our reservation for Ross Camp for April 22nd, 2017. Katrin will design the PALE ad.
- We discussed the theme for Three Saints and a Sinner. If we need a more specific theme, we can go with Dante's Inferno/ 14th Century Italian, but for the most part, it's just sinning in general. Pieter put forth the idea of having seven deadly sin removes for feast.
- We discussed recruiting some of the undergrad "veterans" to help out with various event duties.
- We discussed the layout and areas for archery since

last year the spot was hindered by an unexpected building. Attendees lost too many arrows during the last event, so we should move it to a better location. Wilhelm will investigate.

- Katrin will check the PALE ad from last year to see what we charged. We will mostly likely charge the same for 2017 site. Pieter asked for the Ross camp site maps. Katrin has those and will email them to Pieter and Briana.

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### Meeting Minutes for 1-9-17 15 members in attendance

#### Event Reports: New Year's Eve party

#### Officer Reports:

**Archery** – We are meeting at Arrows III on Sundays during the winter. Practices are usually held around 1:00 pm, but those times can vary. See Facebook group page for announcements.

- Gina currently has the loaner gear.
- Jacob MacAndrew (Joe Andrews) donated a left handed bow to the loaner gear at Christmas Court. Wilhelm will hold onto the bow until we need it.

**Chatelaine** – Will be available for donations/returns/ lending of the loaner garb at the Wednesday (1/18) practice before Maidens event (1/21) since we have lots of newbies attending.

#### Announcements and Events:

#### No Business Meeting next week!

We will not have regular business meeting or Madrigal practice Monday January 16th, 2017.

#### Maidens Event (1/21/17)

- Gina and Pieter are coordinating use of the van to haul newbies to the event.
- If you need garb, come to the Wednesday fighter practice 1/18/17.

#### Spring Event (4/22/17)

- Our event is not yet on the Midrealm Calendar. Pieter submitted the request and got a confirmation back that it was submitted. Brianna will check her email to see if she needs to do any final steps.
- Pieter got a message from the county about being named on the insurance for the event. He is looking into fulfilling those requirements.
- The PALE due date for the March issue is 1/25/17. Katrin will design a free 1/4 page ad for March.
- We discussed "deviled" food themes for feast.

## Rivenstar's Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

**Congratulations to  
Ursus, Lena, Percival, and Oswin  
They received their Award of Arms  
at the Festival of Maidens  
in the Shire of Wurm Wald.  
Hoobah!**

### Meeting Minutes for 1-23-17

15 members in attendance

### Happy Birthday Nina and Rocky!

**Nan Report:** Nan's surgery went well. She is now on her second bionic knee and is home recovering.

**Event Reports:** Lots of reports from Maidens. Ursus, Lena, Percival, and Oswin each received an Award of Arms. Brianna presented Their Royal Majesties with largess tokens. We had at least 14 new people attend the event.

### Officer Reports:

**Archery** – We possibly have a new recruit from Arrows III during last Sunday's practice.

**Chatelaine** – Rocky dressed lots of people last fighter practice. She got a list of names and emails and is working on getting them on the email list. We have a gaggle of new fencers. Rocky will also be at the Wednesday (2/1/17) fighter practice before the Better War event to dress everyone again.

**Seneschal** – The seneschal's report is due 2 weeks earlier now. Brianna encourages all of the officers to check their reporting dates.

- The Baron and Baroness discussed with Brianna the need for officer deputies. We should look to the pool of fresh blood...err, uh new faces for potential interest for the offices and train people and get them involved.
- Brianna also reported that the exchequer's report was signed and submitted.

**Equestrian** – We are not having equestrian practices yet. Takaya is looking at Clay Knob as a site where we can have practices to have access to beginner horses. The horses owned by baronial members are not all beginner friendly.

### Announcements and Events:

#### Spring Event (4/22/17)

- Pieter sent in the Pale Ad, designed by Katrin the

"Magnificent". Pieter confirmed that Sigulf was indeed coordinating the merchants since it was on the Pale Ad.

- There will be a feast meeting this week Friday at 7:00pm. Location TBA, check the Rivenlist.
- We discussed limiting the number of dishes to be used during feast. No dishwasher at Ross Camp.

### Meeting Minutes for 1-30-17

#### Event Reports:

Brianna and Wilhelm visited the Vikings: Beyond the Legend exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center

#### Officer Reports:

**Archery** – We held practice this past Sunday.

**Chatelaine** – Rocky will be at fighter practice with garb. Gold Key will be available at Better War.

**Seneschal** – Brianna applied for a Midrealm.org email. Marie the Archer is now a deputy seneschal.

### Announcements and Events:

If you are going to Gulf Wars, register now.

**Feast Tasting** – Sunday (2/12/17) at Nan and Pieter's house starting at 6:30 pm.

#### Spring Event (4/22/17)

- The feast planners' meeting was successful. They had fun coming up with humorous themes and the seven deadly sins. They will most likely stay with having two courses.

- Percival brought up the idea of setting up stocks for shtick and a fundraiser. We need to look up what is and isn't allowed. Lots of ideas were shared. We will have to investigate this further.

- The event is on the Midrealm Calendar.

- The Pale ad for the March issue has been submitted.

- Percival also wants to make coins for the site tokens.

They would have a Rivenstar on one side and something event related on the other. They will have holes in them to attach a string to wear them.

- We could have the colored cards for a feast token.

*Notes for 1-30-17 taken by Marie the Archer (Gina), transcribed by Katrin Grimsdottir*



## Rivenstar's Baronial Business Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Minutes for 2-6-17

#### Event Reports:

Lots of reports from Better War through Archery Event. Marie the Archer (Gina) won two tournaments, the Friend and Foe and the Novice tourney. She took home the traveling Schützenkönig trophy for hand bow.

#### Officer Reports:

**Archery** – There was no practice held last Sunday, but Wilhelm entered the previous archery scores online. They held an archers meeting to discuss using the left over funds from last year's lunch tavern. We are buying an archery net for the barony to use at practices and events.

**Chatelaine** – Rocky was able to dress one person last week at fighter practice.

**Baron** – Val Day is coming up this weekend. We are looking for a Baronial Champion for heavy to represent us at the event.

#### Announcements and Events:

**Feast Tasting** – Sunday (2/12/17) at Nan and Pieter's house starting at 6:30 pm.

#### Spring Event (4/22/17)

- We discussed locations for activities, merchants, archery, and fighting.
- Merchants will be in the same location as last year.
- There is no hound coursing as of yet.
- Wilhelm is only going to run archery, so if people want thrown weapons, we will need a TW Marshal. Wilhelm will post a notice on the Facebook event page.
- Brianna will add the archery symbol for our event on the Midrealm calendar page.
- Ron will be the heavy marshal again.
- We need to confirm with 'Coise about troll.
- No royalty has let us know they are attending yet.
- John asked about having a falconer.
- We discussed site and feast tokens. Percival is minting coins for site tokens and Brianna is making kumihimo braids to hang them on.
- Someone is going to check with Arranxta about this year's collector's card for a feast token.
- We also discussed the token design in keeping with the Sinner theme for the event. The design is a stylized devil's pitchfork that looks like a curvy "W" (it's a sideways 3) with an "S" overlaying the handle. (Insert proper blazonry here J )

Notes taken by Katrin Grimsdottir

*The Barony of Rivenstar invites  
you to our annual Spring Event*

## Three Saints & a Sinner

**April 22nd, 2017**

**Ross Camp**

**9225 W 75 S**

**West Lafayette, Indiana 47906**

**Site:** Opens at 8:00 am, closes at 10:30 pm  
Despite the sinful nature of our event, the site is BONE DRY. It's handicapped accessible, but the grounds are not wheel chair friendly.

**Adult Registration:** \$15;  
Adult Member Discount Registration: \$10;  
Family Cap Registration: \$30

**Feast:** \$10 per person

**Activities:** Rapier and Heavy Weapons melees all day, Archery, A&S, dancing and more!

**Autocrat:** Pieter Van Doorn  
email: sirpieter@juno.com

**Reservations:**  
Françoise Katze (Ann Nordmeyer-Longcor)  
Make checks payable to "SCA Inc. - Barony of Rivenstar" Address: 4955 State Road 26 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906,  
email: ldyfrancoise@netzero.net

**Merchants:** No fee, but no indoor space either. Bring your own tables, chairs, and sunshade/rain cover.  
Contact: Sigulf Karlmar mastersigulf@gmail.com

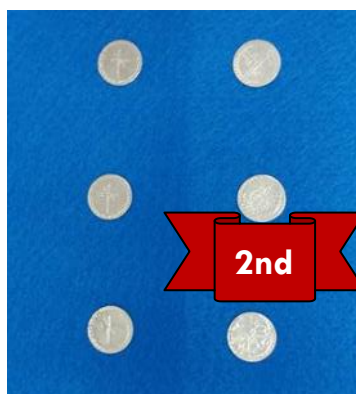
**See our website: [rivenstar.midrealm.org](http://rivenstar.midrealm.org)**

**Check us out on Facebook!**

## 2016 Christmas Court Dirty Half Dozen Largess Derby



Enamel Badges  
by Aurora Lucia Marinella



Hand Pressed Coins  
by Percival Brackley



Hand Woven Inkle Trim  
by Marina da Fiore



Rivenstar held a Baronial Dirty Half Dozen Largess Derby during the day of Christmas Court. We chose to do a half dozen derby to help get people motivated to make A&S and Largess items.

Judging started around one o'clock and ended shortly before the beginning of feast. We had seven entries. The populous cast their votes and we announced the winners that evening during Baronial Court.

Each winner chose a favorite largess item other than their own. We presented the rest of the largess items to Their Excellencies to use as gifts.



Kumihimo Favors  
by Briana the Small



Felt Needle Books Embroidered & with Rivenstar  
by Katrin Grimsdottir



Hand Stitched Thank You Note Cards  
by Rose Morigan



## Rivenstar's Baronial Award Recipients for 2016



Order of the Rivenstar is given to honor members for their acts of service, either within the Barony or on its behalf.

Jacob MacAndrew (formally Joe of Rivenstar)  
Lena of Wurm Wald  
Lucius Antonius Ursus



The Order of the Silver Acorn or "RivenSparky" is given to honor members for their excellence and enthusiasm for the arts and sciences.

Eirinn nic Dhomhnaill nan Eilean  
Nikolai Stefanov  
Darrin of Rivenstar  
Elise of Jorvik



The Defender is given to participants in every martial activity, including armored combat, rapier fighting, archery, siege weaponry, thrown weapons, and equestrian activities.

Rose of Rivenstar  
William the Archer  
Percival Brackley  
Claire de la Napier

Nighthawk & Isobel were given special recognition as cherished long standing Friends of the Barony of Rivenstar.





## More Christmas Court Revelry

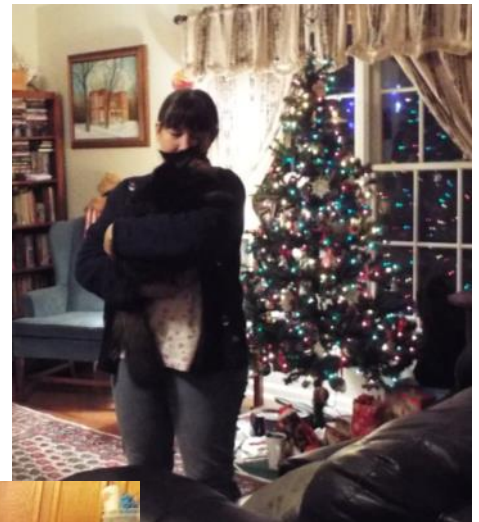


## Christmas Court 2016





## Takaya's New Year's Eve Party



## March 2017

| Sun                  | Mon                                  | Tue           | Wed                                   | Thu                             | Fri | Sat |
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|                      |                                      |               | 1<br>Fighter Practice<br>Armory 8 pm  | 2<br>Armoring Night<br>5:30 pm  | 3   | 4   |
| 5<br>Indoor Archery  | 6<br>Madrigals 7 pm<br>Meeting 8 pm  | 7<br>Dancing  | 8<br>Fighter Practice<br>Armory 8 pm  | 9<br>Armoring Night<br>5:30 pm  | 10  | 11  |
| 12<br>Indoor Archery | 13<br>Madrigals 7 pm<br>Meeting 8 pm | 14<br>Dancing | 15<br>Fighter Practice<br>Armory 8 pm | 16<br>Armoring Night<br>5:30 pm | 17  | 18  |
| 19<br>Indoor Archery | 20<br>Madrigals 7 pm<br>Meeting 8 pm | 21<br>Dancing | 22<br>Fighter Practice<br>Armory 8 pm | 23<br>Armoring Night<br>5:30 pm | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br>Indoor Archery | 27<br>Madrigals 7 pm<br>Meeting 8 pm | 28<br>Dancing | 29<br>Fighter Practice<br>Armory 8 pm | 30<br>Armoring Night<br>5:30 pm | 31  |     |

See the Rivenstar Facebook Group for last minute meeting additions, classes, room assignments, and schedule changes.

Practices listed might be cancelled or changed due to Purdue Holiday breaks. Check Facebook and email list for changes.

## April 2017

| Sun                     | Mon                                  | Tue           | Wed                    | Thu                             | Fri | Sat                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
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