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A LETTER FROM OUR BARONAGE

Yule & New Year's Greetings to Our populace!

The cold and darkness of winter is up on us! Yet have no sorrow, as we are joyfully preparing for the holiday celebrations with our houses and family. We shall light our Yule log soon for its glow will bring us thru the darkness of this season. We will bask in its warmth and wish blessings for all of you.

The new year will soon be here and with the rising numbers of the virus, we must make personal choices on how we interact with each other in a safe manner. We understand (especially the extrovert among us) that is hard to not attend events when you see others going. There can be a feeling of pressure to attend because we miss what we love doing or we feel that we might miss out on something despite those feelings we encourage you to make choices to keep each other safe.

In light of those choices, we support the Seneschal and Event Steward on their decision to make the Barony's 12th Night Celebration on January 22 into a virtual event. We are hopeful that many of you will be able to attend to enjoy a day of companionship with your fellow Barony members online. The event steward is planning a grand day of classes, shopping, and fun for us all. We are grateful for all those that are stepping forward to teach a class, make a scroll, or provide a service for this event.

We are looking replace a couple pieces of regalia if you are interested in helping with this project please see the details under the A&S section of the newsletter. We also recognize that these holiday times can be very overwhelming and stressful. The short days coupled with holiday stress can make us feel like Bilbo said – "I feel thin, sort of stretched, like butter scraped over too much bread." We are here for you if you start feeling like toast please just reach out to us. We would ask that when you are feeling this way think about words you might type or say to others. The one gift we all can give to each other year-round is kindness and it is the one gift we all deserve.



Yours in Service,
Baron Ronan & Baroness Hadley

Photo by Hjalmr Njalsson



<http://clipart-library.com/clipart/1518155.htm>

BARONIAL CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Baronial Practices and Chats:

A&S Zoom Chats—1st Monday of the Month, 7-8 pm EDT.

A&S Classes—Please see Facebook or Calendar, schedules vary

Unarmored Combat — Rapier on Sundays 10:00 am-12:00 pm EDT

Armored Combat—Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm EDT

Archery—Tuedays, 6:00-8:00 PM EDT

Thrown Weapons—Nothing Scheduled at this time

Business Meetings

January 24th 7:00 PM

February 28th 7:00 PM

March 28th, 7:00 PM

NOTE:

For the times, locations, class information, and most up-to-date info on these and other Shadowed Stars activities, please visit the Baronial Calendar online at: <http://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/calendar>.

Also check recent posts on the Shadowed Stars Facebook group page for last-minute updates , possible cancellations or schedule changes.

A Word From Our Seneschal

Warder
Rashid al-
Sanna

Photo Courtesy of
Leandra Corzi



Hello my friends! It is your friend and cohort Rashid here. Back in September I stepped up to become our local group's Seneschal. It is definitely a pleasure to serve my barony in this manner and look forward to fulfilling my duties for the position.

Now some of you may ask, what exactly is a Seneschal? It is a position that focuses on good interpersonal and diplomatic skills, have an affinity for details, and a proper understanding of conflict resolution.

A Seneschal must work with all types of personalities and keep their own biases in check. Most importantly, it's about keeping an eye on policies involving the SCA and how they relate to mundane laws.

Some of the responsibilities and duties with the position include but are limited to:

- The filing of reports for the office
- To act as a liaison for baronage and the other great officers
- To help run the operations of the barony, which includes organizing the baronial monthly meetings
- Communicating with the Kingdom Seneschal and other Kingdom level officers in reference to policy

In conclusion, I look forward to helping our barony reach its goals while keeping in compliance with the rules and regulations we must all abide by. Due to the nature of this being a great officer position I feel obliged to ask our barony for help. The seneschal position needs to have a deputy to aid with the overall responsibilities and for my replacement to have some "on the job training" in case I'm indisposed for any reason. Please reach out to me so that conversation can begin.

YIS,

Warder Rashid al-Sanna
BOSS Seneschal

Draco Invictus!

Master Fergus Macpherson

Photo Courtesy of Leandra Corzi



Draco Invictus!!

Greetings unto the populace of Shadowed Stars! The holiday seasons are upon us. A time for merriment, togetherness and fresh starts. With most of Covid behind us (hopefully), we are able to see more of each other at events and play the game we all love.

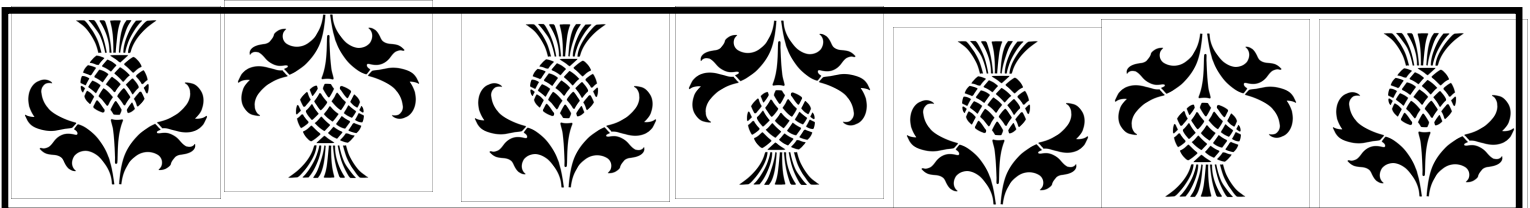
Still there are many people who are not ready to leave the sanctity of their homes. I can completely understand this. Covid is still present, not everyone is vaccinated, and frankly..... the weather kind of sucks. If you are still not ready to play, there are still a lot of classes and gatherings that are happening virtually. I believe the Winter RUM in February will have several virtual classes.

For our dear Seneschal, Rashid, and for myself, we must begin getting ready for War. I know Pennsic is still 8 months away. However it takes a lot of planning to get the Dragon Army ready. God knows I should have gotten into shape years ago. The pandemic has not helped any of us. Because we are on the army staff, we need to help others get into shape, make battle plans, and recruit as many as possible.

It always seems like we are planning for something. Shadowed Stars has the honor of holding another Coronation. May will be here quicker than you think. If you already have a job lined up for Coronation, please keep up the good work and get ready early. There is nothing worse than a last minute scramble. If you don't have a job, or are still not ready to go out, please reach out department heads to see what can be done.

We are a community that has been scattered. We will continue to be scattered. However, in this season of togetherness, let's reach out to our friends and neighbors. We have so much in common and there is nothing we can't do together.

In service,
Master Fergus MacPherson



A Word from our MOAS

Lady
Aoife

Photo Courtesy
of Leandra Corzi

Greetings,

Hopefully you are all enjoying the season. I am in need of a deputy. If you are interested in the Arts and Sciences of the SCA, please consider being my deputy. I would be happy to go over what the job entails. As a deputy, you would be able to gain insight before possibly choosing to run for the office in the future.



If you have been busy with an A&S project please consider entering it on the MidRealm A&S Activity Tracking. It is quite easy to use. Go to midrealm.org. Select Member Resources Services Portal. Login and select A&S Activity Tracking under Populace. Click on A&S Activities. Click the green box in the upper right corner Enter new activity record. Then just fill in the form and click the Create button in the lower right corner.

If you have an idea for a class or activity that you would like to lead, please let me know. I will get it on the calendar. If you have a class you would like to see offered, also let me know, and I will try to get an instructor lined up.

You can reach me at the MOAS email Shadowedstars.moas@midrealm.org.

Happy Holidays to all

Arts and Sciences are those skills, crafts, and technologies that were practiced within the time period and the cultures covered by the SCA.

Examples: Beekeeping, Sewing, Coining, Cooking, Historical Martial Arts, Blacksmithing, Weaving, Brewing, Jewelry Making, Woodworking, Painting, Calligraphy, Illumination, Papermaking, Embroidery, Shoemaking, Tent design and creation, Research, Music, Perfumery, Hair braiding, Fabric Stamping, Sword-Smithing, Book Binding, Falconry, and ETC.

Whatever
You
Celebrate

Dame
Maggie
Mackeith

A Poet's Word

Christmas and Yule and Hogmanay and Solstice and All that stuff, Whatever you celebrate, now is the time of year, after two such rough years, when there are lights, love, and laughter everywhere. In my family, growing up, we would always open one present, and stockings, on Christmas Eve. Then we'd do all the rest on Christmas morning, followed by a table full of food.

My mom loved Christmas...usually. I do remember one year when she just couldn't get in the spirit. She couldn't stand the thought of decorating. Or baking. And shopping. So, in an effort to cheer her, we decorated her. This would've been when I was in high school, in the 80s, in Lebanon, Kentucky. You can see by the smile on her face, it worked. At least a little.



This year, I am struggling a little bit to get in the spirit. It's the first year where we will be really celebrating since we lost Fergus' mom, Anne. Little moments keep hitting me. Last week, I was walking through Darlington Farms and started crying, remembering all the trips with her there, over the years.

Here's a pic I took of her and my father-in-law, George, at our last Christmas with her, in 2019. She always had a smile like that at Christmastime. It was her favorite.



I miss both my moms. I miss celebrating with them. I miss finding them the perfect present and watching their eyes light up when they opened them. I miss my kids have a Grandma and a Great-Grandma. Be with the people you love this holiday. Your family by blood or by choice or both. Enjoy this season of joy, in whatever way you can. And if you need a friend, or a Mom type, just let me know. I'm here.

Maggie

Scrolls: A How to guide

Lady Kolfinna

Teeminations

Awards are a very important tradition and part of the SCA. They are one of the tangible markers of an achievement or right of passage of sorts. We have many very awesome and talented members of the barony and there is an award recommendation system in place to make sure that those members have a token of acknowledgment and appreciation. I do not consider myself a scribe, I'm just a helpy helper that helps get the awards out to the deserving populace. I can not speak for others but these are the steps I take for making each award scroll for a person.



First, I have to know who is getting the award. The way I do that is our baron and baroness, who have been given award recommendations. (So, here is a good spot to put that if you have a person in mind that you think should be recognized for an award, please get with the baron or baroness and let them know. You don't know what all the awards are or what they are for? That's ok! Tell them who you are recommending and for what purpose and between the baronage and the scribes, we can make sure the person gets recognized with the appropriate award.) I then have to look at the Baronial OP and see what the personals full SCA name is or if they even have one. I then have to figure out how much I know of this person as in, favorite colors, heraldic arms, what activities they do in the SCA, persona back story and region they are portraying, and any other bits that I can glean to make the scroll more personal. I then use the trusty ole' internet to look up examples of illuminations from the persons interests or time period. Then, I take ideas from other free source illuminations



and print them out so that way I can come up with a design I think the award recipient would like. Some times this can go quickly because an idea for the person just happens to fall together, other times, I have spent many hours over a few days trying to find the perfect image (in my opinion) that I would like to illuminate for the recipient. I refer to this as resource gathering. Once I have my resources gathered its time to move on to figuring out what size to make the award and how to incorporate the award designation in to the scroll.



Now its time to start drafting! Remember those illumination examples? Now is the time to grab those print outs and my light box (its a box with a back light for tracing) and I draft out how I want the award to look. This is also where the information gathered about the award recipient comes in to play for making the award with personal touches. For drafting I use a regular #2 pencil, a mechanical pencil, and

several large erasers as well as a compass, stencils, French curves, and a few different sized rulers. If a light box is not available you can tape your blank paper to a window and put what you are tracing behind it and use the sun light through the window as a natural back light. Once all drafted, we can move on to illuminating (painting) the scroll. I use water colors called gouache and try to keep the colors as period and regional as possible to the award recipients persona. I then spend anywhere from a few hours to a few days to paint and detail the illumination for the award. Once the paint is dry, I then move on to the calligraphy.



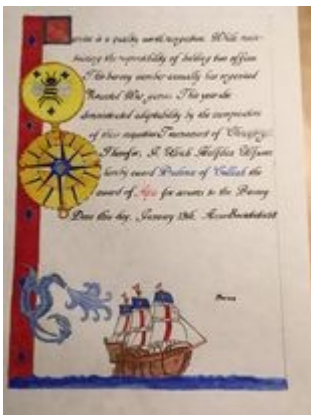
In this stage it is very important that for every scroll that is being made we have; the correct spelling of the recipients name, what the award name is and the reasons they person is getting the award. With all this information the wordsmithing begins and I write out on a separate piece of notebook paper how the award should read whilst still including as much information about the recipient as possible with out running out of space. Once words are smithed properly I then have to find what calligraphy font was correct for the region and time period of the recipient and do my best to write the wording on the scroll as close to period font as possible. If period font is not clear then I pick a font that I think looks nice with the illumination and the words are written in that. The award is then set off to the side to dry. I then

have to get with the baronage to have them sign and approve the award scroll before it is presented.

The hardest part for me is containing my excitement when I see the person who is being awarded a scroll. I DO NOT HAVE A POKER FACE. I get so excited and happy for whom ever is getting the award I get nervous giggles all the way through court! My biggest fear is that I missed the mark on personalizing the scroll and the recipient wont like it. Any way..... here are a few step by step examples of the awards I have either made or helped make for our amazingly awesome barony members.....



YIS, Kolfinna (Finna)



I See A
Castle

Gianna

Artwork of the Baron



Greetings
From
Our
Chatelaine

Forester
Gunnarr
Bogsveigier



Greetings unto all!

Are you new to the SCA, Middle Kingdom, or our local Barony of Shadowed Stars? Welcome, I am glad you're here! We have both in person and online activities happening locally throughout the week. Our website can be found at Baronyofshadowedstars.midrealm.org. You can also find weekend events on the Kingdom calendar over at Midrealm.org. Please keep in mind the Covid safe policies we must follow per our Kingdom's rules. Also, be sure to check out and join, if you haven't already, our Facebook page. Many announcements and updates can be found here as well as groups for specific activities. If you have an interest and can't find a group for it please feel free to reach out to me or post on the main Facebook page and we will get you pointed in the right direction!

YIS,

Forester Gunnarr Bogsveigir

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BARONAGE

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Gift Ideas
for your
Favorite
Fencer

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Fencers love swords. Unless they have been clamoring for something specific, swords are a very personal purchase and may not be the best choice. Instead, here are some great gifts that fencers will love and may find very useful.

Darkwood Armory Maintenance Kit - \$23.50

This kit comes stocked with a scotch-brite pad for cleaning surface rust and a file for taming burrs and chips in the blades. For keeping your blades in tip-top shape, the kit comes with Darkwood's steel protectant MaxWax and cotton cleaning cloth. Available from <https://www.darkwoodarmory.com/> .

Meyer Square Bandana - \$6.50

Great fencing starts in the training space. This clever cloth has a series of cutting drills that hangs anywhere for practicing cutting drills. This simple but effective training tool is available from Purple Heart Armory at <https://www.woodenswords.com/> .

Fencing books by Guy Windsor - Various Prices

Many great authors write fencing books. Guy Windsor is one of the most respected authors in this field. Guy's writings not only cover Italian rapier and longsword, he also covers a holistic approach to learning and complete curriculums from beginner to advanced. www.guywindsor.net/books

Woodcut Cutting Boards - \$12.50-\$22.00

Not all great gifts need to be something you can use on the list field. These may not be list legal, but is a great gift for your fencer that also loves to cook. Made from eco-friendly bamboo and laser-etched, they look great in the kitchen and at 6" x 9", they also fit great in a picnic basket for a day shade spread or in your camping kit for prepping your dinners at war. <https://www.woodenswords.com>

Regalia Project:

Kneeling Pad and Cushions

Baroness Hadley

Regalia Projects!

We have inventoried and evaluated the Barony Regalia; the regalia includes thrones, cornets, banners etc.. We have found that the kneeling pad for in front of the thrones and the throne cushions needs to be replaced. We will be accepting bids for these two projects until the end of the month 12/31/2021. Bids need to include a simple sketch / print out of the finished project, materials being used, cost and time frame to be completed. Each project has parameters listed below –

Kneeling Pad Project –

Minimum size 3ft x 5ft – rectangle. The current pad fold in half for easy packing.

Back of kneeling pad needs to be made of heavy duty material such as duck canvas as it is often laid down on cement or outside. Fabric that can be scotch guarded is a bonus.

Padding in the middle – foam or stuffing of 3-5 inches to keep the populace comfortable as they present themselves in court.

Top of kneeling pad to display the Baronial arms in some type of design / fashion – middle weight fabric that can handle the wear of fabric being rubbed against it.



Throne Cushions Project –

Size – 24 inches by 16 inches – square.

May be made of any material with a minimum of 3 inches of foam or stuffing in the middle.

Top of cushion can be plain or display elements. of the Baronial arms (we feel its inappropriate to sit on the Baronial arms.)

We will be covering the cost of these items to be replaced as a donation to the Barony. We are excited to see the ideas that our talented Barony members will put together! If you have any questions, please contact Baroness Hadley or bossbaronage@gmail.com.

Artwork of the Middle Ages



Shi shi yuan liu ying hua shi ji : si juan.

Life and Activities of Shakyamuni Incarnate: Four volumes

China : s.n., Ming Chenghua jian, i.e. between 1465 and 1487

Library of Congress Free to Use and Reuse: The Art of the Book

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/lcnclscd.2012402109.1A002/?sp=19>

Website Updates

Baroness Hadley

Salutations from the Web Minster!

I would like to start off by thanking the Lady Prudence for all her hard work on the website as she held this office for many years. I am excited to be able to help contribute to the Barony by serving in this position. I am currently looking for deputy so if you are interested please let me know. If you have been on the website recently you will see updates, new stuff, and some layout changes.

The 12th Night event tab is updated with all activities for the day. Check it out for the schedule and all the fun stuff happening!

Spring Coronation tab is created and will be updated as we approach the event.

Officers & Calendar tabs are both updated with current information.

Our Chatelaine and I are working on a newcomers page – we will announce when this has been launched. I will be working with the different officers / marshals to update their sections of the website. If you have any suggestions or comments for the website – please message me on FB.

Thank you!

Baroness Hadley

Web Minster

Online Resources

Baronial Website : <https://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/>

Middle Kingdom Website: <https://midrealm.org/>

SCA Website: <https://www.sca.org/>

Calendar: <https://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/calendar/>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ShadowedStars>

Coloring Pages



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d'Angers

#ColorOurCollections

Le livre des saintz anges compile par frere francois eximines de lordre des freres mineurs, 20 mai 1486, Rés. T0851
Numérisé sur commulysse.angers.fr

For more coloring pages, visit ColorOurCollections.org



Ioannis Grammatici Alexandrei Cognomento Philoponi in libros priorum, 1541, Rés. SA 0215 (2)

Numérisé sur commulysse.angers.fr

For more coloring pages, visit ColorOurCollections.org



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Numérisé sur commulysse.angers.fr

For more coloring pages, visit ColorOurCollections.org

Welcome One and All to Baronial 12th Night!

January 22nd 2022

Classes

A Silent Auction for our Archery Fund
And Much More

Social Chat starts at 9:30 am

Baronial Court at 5:00 PM

Don't forget to check out the Facebook Event Page or Website for updates.

<https://shadowedstars.midrealm.org/shadowed-stars-12th-night/>

Job Openings

Fellow members of the Barony, we are looking to fill the position of Historian for the Group. The historian would be a deputy for the office of the Chronicler, and have the full support of the Office. It would be the responsibility of the Historian to collect, keep and manage the artifacts and tales of the Barony. You will have access to the files and have the ability to upload files for the group to peruse. As with the other officers in the group, you will have access to the group emails for the historian. I would encourage those who would like to preserve our traditions and history to think about volunteering for this. After all, as a group we have tales of the founding of the group, the great Lutefisk Feast, and many others that newer members may not be familiar with.

If you are interested or have questions about what this would entail, please feel free to reach out to myself.

Lady Leandra

Chronicler

A word
from our
Chroni-
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Leandra
Corzi

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cler



As the colder months arrive, our blankets and hot beverage of choice will only help so much.

For those times that one is bored, and think about expanding your knowledge, and love to watch videos check out the Royal University of Midrealm's youtube page . They have tons of videos on a variety of subjects, and you could binge them for days without hitting the end.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RoyalUniversityoftheMidrealmRUM/featured>

If you are looking for something to read, many libraries have E-books that you can download to your e-reader of choice or even your phone. Allen County has a relatively user friendly website that is open 24/7 for those who are looking to stay in and want a new book to read.

<https://www.acpl.lib.in.us/explore/virtual-library>

There are many beautiful pieces of art that have been created through the ages, if you would like to take some time browsing through the pages of time in artwork, check out the Web Gallery of Art. This site has been up and running since 1996 and just keeps adding more to peruse.

<https://www.wga.hu/index1.html>

Also, for many of our member this is a hard time of year, and with going on our second year of living through the new reality of Covid life. Maybe reach out to those friends you haven't heard from in a while, as much as you may be missing them, they may be having as hard of a time as you.

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FROM THE CHRONICLER



THE BARONY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

◆ We need everyone to submit content for our newsletter!
 Things like: Editorials, pictures, Event Reports, Persona Bios, Artwork, and short stories for the quarterly newsletter!

◆ If you would like to create a regular or semi-regular column or have ideas of things we can include in future issues, please contact us at chronicler@shadowedstars.org

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

◆ **Submit by March 20, 2021, for inclusion in the next issue.**

RULES FOR SUBMISSIONS:

- ◆ Release Form types:
 - * Creative - For all articles, poems, original artwork that is not a photograph, and the like // We bring this to you and we keep on file.
 - * Photographer - Photographs // We bring this to you and we keep on file.
 - * Model - For the recognizable person(s) in the photograph(s) // You get signed by people in your submitted photograph, turn it in with your photo, and we keep on file.
- ◇ Model Release Forms are available for download from midrealm.org/chronicler.
- ◇ **If you are unable to print needed Release Forms, please let the Chronicler know and they will be supplied for you.**
- ◆ Pictures:
 - ◇ Submit as many photos as you can of our Barony activities as well as events and happenings of the SCA groups around us!
 - ◇ Needed with Submission: Name of Event, date, location, SCA titles and names of those in the photo
 - ◇ Appropriate Model Release forms for those who are recognizable
- ◆ Images from the internet:
 - ◇ If you include an image from the internet with your submission, please make sure to include the active URL link to it.

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