

The Citadel

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Words from their Excellencies

Greetings to the Barony!

March has indeed come in with the strength of a Lion this year with strong winds and dizzying changes of weather, but the sunshine gives us hints of the season to come; let us turn our faces toward the light as we approach the spring.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to gather with friends this winter at Pentamere's 12th Night in Roaring Wastes, at the Winter Revel in Andelcrag's lands, at the St. Valentine's Day massacre, and melee practice for War was done at Winter War Maneuvers.

We thank everyone who joined us in traveling around the Kingdom to represent the Barony and share the community and camaraderie that keeps the cold of the winter winds at bay. We are so pleased to share that Forester Dillon received a Dragon's Barb in evening court at ValDay for his generous donation of time, land, and skill in the archery community. Lord Mihal was recognized by Sir Pelinore with a traveling spear. Mihal was tasked with bequeathing the spear to another person he feels takes enjoyment from that weapon style; next ValDay Pelinore will receive the spear and the list of names of people who were recognized.

Winter is a time of rest, repair, and indoor work, and we want to thank everyone who has been toiling through the dark nights planning for future events for the Barony. We also want to recognize the work of all the scribes and illustrators who are contributing their amazing talents for Kingdom courts, including Kenari Ulfrun who has not only been creating and sharing art but just stepped down as Regional Signet at ValDay after years in the role.

As we continue to have more sunshine and the land begins to thaw we have much to look forward to!

Terpsichore at the Tower will have taken place before this Citadel is published, Spring Revel is yet to come on April 26th, St. Cecilia on June 27th, and soon we will hear arrows hitting their targets as archery practices return.

As always, we continue to be grateful for the strength and warmth of this community we have built together.

Huzzah Cynnabar!



Current Officer Reports

Given at the business meeting on March 26th, 2026

Seneschal (Hannah)

Online officer retreat was held on March 24th. All but one of us was in attendance. Again seemed to be well enjoyed. We discussed the challenges of our individual roles and some of the ideas on the recruitment of folks under the age of 30.

We've been talking about how many folks read the minutes, but I know folks like them, so I try my best to keep things accurate. PS look for "easter eggs!" I'm still super proud of the Barony's activities for this coming year and how full our calendar is!

Exchequer (Finn)

At the end of February we have \$15,749.79 in our account. Exchequer needs to play catch-up on various items. See Finn if you want details or have any questions.

Knight Marshal (Ugrath)

It's been a slow month for armored combat, but we're ramping up for melee season. Several of us are attending a demonstration in Lapeer next week on Wednesday at 5pm to help grow the local group up there.

His Excellency suggested we should organize one locally as well, and I agree. Wanda reached out as a possible liaison with the local educational establishments. Local group marshal reports are due 5/2

Rapier Marshal (Throckmorton)

Rapier practice attendance continues to vary from 3 to 10 +/- . We have at least monthly visits of 3-4 from the Canton of Ealdnordwuda. This allows cross-training and information sharing between groups. This also helps to reinforce the idea that we're all part of the larger martial community. No reportable incidents. I intend to do a full inventory of all Baronial fencing gear once the weather is less... burdensome.

MOAS (Wanda)

Nothing to report this month.

Herald (Leopold)

The quarterly herald report is due on Mar. 31st. It was sent out today (3/25/26). Due to some medical issues, I am behind on getting myself signed up for the Bluehost account on the new website. I will be taking care of that as soon as I can. Nothing further to report.

Current Officer Reports

Chatelaine

Created a Canva account to begin rebuilding/working on our promotional materials. Made a flyer/SocMed image for Spring Revel and plan to do another for St. Cecelia (Terp. is too soon), and also sent it to the Chronicler for addition in the Citadel (thank you to His Excellency for asking me to make one!) Canva account can be upgraded due to our status as a non-profit, but there are some paperwork matters to deal with before I can upgrade. Will update as information comes in.

One person with children has reached out about children's events, sent them information about Youth Fighting Practice in Roaring Waste, as well as information about It Takes My Child To Raze A Village.

Web Minister

Old website: All of the old cynnabar.org web pages are redirecting to the new site (thanks, Aaron!!) except for the St. Cecilia event page, which is still active at that domain.

Email group, final email migration stats:

- "Old" email address: 188 members
- Migrated members: 127
- Duplicates removed (approx): 12
- Not migrated because account is defunct, or no reply: 44
- Has direct add turned off: 2
- Added since migration: 3
- Google group: 130 members as of 3/26/26

For the time being emails to the old address (barony@cynnabar.org) will forward to cynnabar-mail@midrealm.org but that forwarding won't continue forever, so: update your address book if you have one.

I would like to designate Godhit as Deputy Webminister. I do not believe she is interested in being next Webminister but I want her to have the credit for the work she is doing now. For example, she investigated all of the 44 email accounts that were bouncing from the old system and therefore not migrated. Does she need to be warranted?

New website: Cynnabar awards recipients: there was a problem with the lists of Cynnabar award recipients that appeared on the "Baronial Awards" page. I figured out the problem but haven't yet fixed it so I temporarily removed those links. (No data was lost! but the code that displayed the prefiltered searches was broken)

Plans:

- Develop an "Activities" page
- Find out if we can get a plugin to collect hit counts

Current Officer Reports

Social Media (Beth)

Nothing new to report. Actively looking for a social media deputy; please contact Lady Beth or Hannah if interested.

Chronicler (Lambert)

I am working on putting together the Citadel for April 1st release. I have material from Their Excellencies, as well as a lovely advert for Spring Revel put together by Asa. I am listing some general news updates in the newsletter - including the new website and new email lists, as I've encountered a number of people who don't know about the switch in our email list. After the minutes for tonight's meeting, I will be adding in the officer reports and providing a review copy to the Seneschal and Their Excellencies.

If anyone wants to publish in the Citadel, a (slightly amended) version of the Pale's publishing requirements is included in the newsletter. I am happy to take: summaries of classes, project documentation, project/event reflections, poetry and other creative writing (that is SCA relevant), news about events outside of the Barony, etc. The current quarterly cadence is based on the required publishing dates only - if we get more interest, we can look into publishing more often! I'm happy to explore ideas with the populace on what that might look like. I ask that the populace keep in mind that the The Citadel is just me at the moment! currently I have loads of time to put things together and edit, but that is subject to change.

Excellencies (Bjarki)

Come to Terp; We are still a barony!



Barony Meetings

The Barony of Cynnabar regularly gathers on Thursday nights at: Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith Ave., Milan, MI.

All are welcome to our classes, practices, and business meetings! Our most up-to-date calendar is found [on our website](#).

Baronial Armored and Rapier Practice: Thursdays, 7 pm

Baronial Business Meetings: Thursdays (except first Thursday of the month), 7 pm

Arts and Sciences Classes: First Thursday, 7pm

Craft Night: Third Thursday, 7 pm

Every meeting is followed by social time for fighters and non-fighters alike! If you'd like more information about our regular events and meetings, or have questions about attending, please reach out to Ásmundr (Asa) of Cynnabar at chatelaine@cynnabar.org, or any of the officers on our Baronial Roster!

Upcoming Events

REMINDER: There is **no meeting on April 2nd, 2026** due to the Easter holidays.



Cynnabar is ahead of the game - we have many of our major events already on the calendar! For all details, please find our calendar at cynnabar.midrealm.org and add the events to your personal calendars. We can't wait to see you!

Cynnabar's Spring Revel - April 26th, 2026

[Facebook Event](#)

A perfect event for newcomers! Join us as we celebrate the coming Spring with Armoured and Rapier tournaments and a Potluck! Donation of \$10 encouraged; Hosted at 1420 Island Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

St. Cecilia at the Tower - June 27th, 2026

[Facebook Event](#) - [Website](#)

Come forth and be inspired by the patroness of music at this event devoted to helping musicians of Medieval and Renaissance music. Musicians of all abilities and welcome! Hosted at Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith Ave., Milan, MI.

Grand Day of Tournaments - October 24, 2026

[Facebook Event](#) - [Website](#)

To all Royalty, knights and gentles of cote armor, greetings. Know that upon the twenty-fourth day of October in the two thousand and twenty-six year of our Lord, by leave of Their Most Noble Majesties, a Grande Tournament will be held in the Barony of Cynnabar.

All gentles at arms are invited to present themselves in proper panoply for a day of festivities and combat à plaisance.

Wassail - December 12, 2026

[Facebook Event](#)

You're invited to Cynnabar's Wassail! Wassail is our local Holiday party - it's a great time to relax, eat great food, and enjoy everyone's company. This is a family-friendly event.



Baronial Officer Roster

Baron Bjarki Bjornson and Baroness Valka Iansdottir (excellencies.cynnabar@midrealm.org)

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Publish in the Citadel!

Submissions are welcome from all members of the Populace! The CITADEL currently follows the PALE's submission guidelines, found below:

ARTICLES on period topics, history, art, puzzles, SCA life, bardic stories and the like are welcome additions to The Pale. A 500- to 1000-word article will usually fit in one issue; longer articles will be split into multiple parts to appear in successive issues. Submit the file in MS Word format along with an SCA Creative Release form. Send the images used in the article as separate files using the format described below.

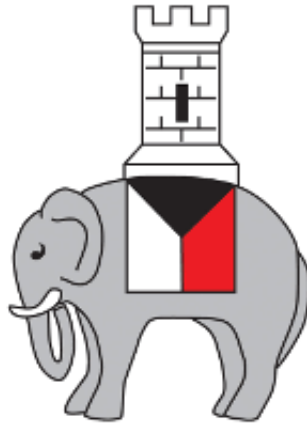
You must cite all references, quotations and sources in your article using the Chicago Manual of Style format. Citing sources is very important to avoid accusations of plagiarism and legal action for copyright violation.

IMAGES, such as line art, calligraphy, illumination and photographs are also welcome. Scan any artwork at 300 dpi and save it at the highest quality JPG setting. Photos should also be 300 dpi, high quality JPGs. All images will appear in print as black and white, but the online version is in color. Images can also be submitted as high quality TIF or PDF files. Any artwork or photography submitted to The Pale must have a signed SCA Creative Release or SCA Photographer Release form from the artist sent in with the work. Any person identifiable in an image must submit a signed SCA Model Release form with the art work. This is a requirement of SCA Inc. for print publication. All release forms are available at www.midrealm.org/chronicler under "Documents and Forms for Chroniclers".

DEADLINES: All submissions for The CITADEL are due by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send submissions for The CITADEL to cynnabar.chronicler@midrealm.org. The Chronicler will send a receipt for all submissions no later than the day after the deadline. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, the Chronicler did not receive your submission.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Reach out!

Lambert is happy to discuss all things Citadel via email at cynnabar.chronicler@midrealm.org



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