



## THE CITADEL

Second Quarter / JULY A.S. IX

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### *WORDS FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES BARON BJARKI AND BARONESS VALKA*

Greetings to the Barony!

The heat of summer is fully upon us and we are now preparing for the campaign of War.

We have had a busy spring, and we welcome Their Majesties Wigthehn and Neassa to the throne, as well as Their Highnesses Sascha and Kemma! Health to The Royal Family!

For Spring Revel we had cold and rainy weather, but sparring, merriment, good food, and companionship regardless, including that of seven new people!

In Court we had the pleasure of awarding Lord Ugrath an Elephant's Heart and Baroness Jorun a Silver Tower for their service to the Barony. Sir Gregoire was released from his responsibilities as both A&S Champion and Armored Champion after performing both admirably, and Baron Tairdelbach stepped up as the Barony's Armored Champion. We also said goodbye to Mistress Melisant, who is traveling over the seas to faraway lands. We thanked her with the Award of the Lamb, accompanied by a handmade felted lamb award created by Duchess Annemarie. We wish her all the best in her new adventures.

Duchess Annemarie sponsored a team for Rose Tourney this year that included Duke Dag as an uncollared fencer, THL Throckmorton as uncollared fencer, Master Max as MOD, Sir Zygmunt as a member of the Chivalry, Lord Mihal and HE Valka as unbelted armored fighters, Forester Dillon for Archery, and Lady Morwen for A&S.

Cynnabar was also represented by Lady Rosalyn showcasing her baking skills in A&S for Duchess Arabella and Sir Gregoire representing Duchess Vukasin in A&S. It was a lovely day of pageantry and an excellent demonstration of Cynnabar's range of talents and abilities, most aptly demonstrated by the Elevation of Ulfrun Barefooted to Laurel! Huzzah for Kenari Ulfrun!

Sir Mieczko's second time as event steward for St. Cecilia was another success, and we heard many reports of

people having an enjoyable day. There were classes all day and a Salon, delicious Lunch and Dinner Taverns put on by Mistress Hannah and THL Renaude, and a wonderful concert full of talented musicians, many of which hail from our own Barony. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event, including Mistress Claire at Gate, Mistress Jadwiga and Master Aaron, and HE Tairdelbach. Please forgive any omissions; there are many people working behind the scenes, and we appreciate you all!

The Baronial Militia has traveled and fought at North Oaken War Maneuvers and Baronial Border Wars, and plans to attend Black Swamp War Games in Red Spears and the Celtic Fest before traveling to the Pennsic War to join the rest of Pentamere and the Middle Kingdom as we fight alongside the East Kingdom for a Purple War this year.

Congratulations to THL Throckmorton, who was inducted into the Order of the Bronze Ring at Baronial Border Wars!

We wish safe travels to anyone who is embarking upon the open road this season. We look forward to the camaraderie and fun of spending time with everyone in Cynnabar camp at War, and we wish to thank the populace for the continual inspiration they share.

Huzzah for Cynnabar!

Valka and Bjarki

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY/SEPTEMBER 2025

### **Baronial Armored and Rapier Practice**

weekly on Thursdays, 7 pm start

### **Baronial Business Meetings**

all Thursdays except

first Thursday of the month, 7 pm start

**NOTE! Regular Meeting Schedule will be  
“paused” for Pennsic! Refer to Facebook for  
most current schedule:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/45491048764>**

### **Baronial Demo at Michigan Celtic Festival**

Saturday July 11, 2025

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

<https://www.mi-celtic.org/>

### ***A GRAND DAY OF TOURNAMENTS AT THE BARONY OF CYNNABAR***

***Saturday, October 25, 2025***

<https://www.cynnabar.org/grandday>

**Greetings unto the populace of the great Barony of Cynnabar  
from your humble(ish) Exchequer Finn!**

TL:DR version: 1. Keeping up with all the paperwork. 2. Improve annual budget report to capture more information for future reference. 3. Improve our Event Proposal Template to include additional items needed for Event Reports to Kingdom. 4. I'm going to re-organize the Exchequer Google Drive. 5. Please remember to donate for supporting our church site weekly rental.

As I'm settling into being your Exchequer, I want all to know that my goal is to make sure the paperwork is getting completed on time. This includes monthly reports, event reports and non-member surcharge (which includes reports and funds to Kingdom specifically for NMS).

I wanted to let people know my current plans for improvements based on the first few months of being in the office. I'm looking to improve some items.

First, the first by expanding our annual budget information (spreadsheet). I'm planning on expanding our budget vs. actuals so we can see year over year how we are doing as well as see how previous events did. Also making it easier to see how we did results wise for each event or line item.

Second, the current Event Proposal Template can be updated to include some additional information we need. This is based on information on the Kingdom Event Report that is needed which we currently are not capturing on the proposal. Nothing drastic, just a couple more items such as "expected attendance".

Lastly, I'm planning on re-organizing our Exchequer Google Drive. There is a lot of good information in there, but it feels like different people had different methods of organization so not all the information is easily findable. I will take some time to update the drive so things are organized the same way.

And as a final reminder, our meeting/practice site in Milan is not free. We are collecting donations every week to help pay for site we get to so graciously use. Please remember, if you can, donate when you are there for a practice (armored, fencing, music, A&S), or even just for the meeting. Suggested donation would be \$1 to \$5 per visit. Every little bit helps.

In service,

THL Finn Finnegan O'Flynn  
Exchequer, Barony of Cynnabar

***From the Chronicler: The CITADEL wins another Blackfox Award!  
As published in the July 2025 PALE:***

"The Office of the Society Chronicler sponsors the annual Master William Blackfox Awards to recognize excellence in the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors. There are several nomination categories in which local and kingdom publications can be recognized. I am pleased to announce that for AS 58 that the award for *Best Short Fiction* went to "Le Roman de Gregoire de Lyon", written by Sir Gregoire de Lyon, OP; and published in the Citadel, Barony of Cynnabar (Chronicler: HL Godhit of Cynnabar)."

**Previous Barony of Cynnabar CITADEL Blackfox Awards and nominations:**

**A.S. 53:** Nominated, Best Article: "'Of Ghostes and Spirites': Two Elizabethan Works on Apparitions"; Author: THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis; *The Citadel Fall 2018*, Barony of Cynnabar. Chronicler: Lady Albina Gherardi

- Nominated, Best Poetry/Short Fiction: “The Raptor’s Tale”, Author: THL Jack Black of Flint; *The Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar. Chronicler: Lady Albina Gherardi

**A.S. 52:** Nominated, Best Article: “Regard the Sandwich”, Author: THL Johanna Llyn Lewis; *The Citadel*, Barony Of Cynnabar. Chronicler: Forester Godhit of Cynnabar

**A.S. 51: Winner, Best Article: “Liquorice”, Author: THL Johnnae Llyn Lewis; *The Citadel*, Spring 2017, Barony of Cynnabar, Midrealm; Chronicler: Lord Gavriil Petrovich**

**A.S. 49:** Nominated, Best Poetry/Short Fiction: “Justice, Author: Master Midair MacCormaic; *The Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar; Chronicler: Lord Gavriil Petrovich

**A.S. 48:** Nominated, Best Special Interest Issue: “Middle – Barony of Cynnabar, *The Citadel*, “Wassail” issue, Ermenrich von Duisburg, Chronicler

**A.S. 47:** Nominated, Best Article: Baroness Kay of Tre Asterium, OP, “Serving a King’s Table”; *The Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar, Chronicler: THL Ermenrich von Duisburg

**A.S. 46:** Nominated, Best Overall Newsletter: *The Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar, Chronicler: Lord Ermenrich von Duisberg

- Nominated, Best Special Issue: *Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar, Chronicler: Lord Ermenrich von Duisberg (Peerage issue)
- Nominated, Best Article: “Shining the Torchlight” by THL Ermenrich von Duisberg, *Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar
- Nominated, Best Poetry/Short Fiction: “Saint Cynnabarius and the Missing Baron” by Master Midair MacCormaic, *Citadel*, Barony of Cynnabar

## **Baronial Officers Reports for the Second Quarter, April-June 2025:**

Business Meeting, April 24, 2025:

-- **Seneschal** - Report is in.

-- **Exchequer** - All monthly reports are completed and submitted to Kingdom.

Event waivers from Terpsichore has been submitted to Kingdom as required.

The Terpsichore event report is done. **Event profit was \$342.05. (not including lunch tavern)**

I’m investigating updating an Event Proposal form as there are items that the official event report needs as part of the ‘event budget’ that do not seem to be on currently submitted proposals. This should help both event stewards in planning and keeping track of event finances.

-- **Chatelaine** - Had fun getting Ulfun’s family

Gold key went out and Gold Key is coming home.

-- **Armored** -

-- **Rapier** - Fencing continues with between 4-8 newer fencers, and 2-5 established fencers each practice.

-- **A&S** - Forester Dillon held an educational workshop on arrow repair.

I'd like to introduce a "Craft/Project of the Month" with a subjective theme/topic as a casual way to inspire/encourage folks to work on crafts and projects. (I'm happy to provide more info and would appreciate some feedback, if any. Just let me know if there's a proper way to do this or if it's entirely optional)

-- **Herald** -. I now have access to the OoP and am currently working on some updates. I'd like to ask the members of the barony, when they get a chance, to check out the OoP on the website and contact me privately with any changes or corrections.

-- **Social Media** - Quarterly report completed. Planning on coming out with a new handbook - but we are compliant at the moment.

-- **Chronicler** - 1) April CITADEL published on time. 2) 1st Q. report filed on time. 3) I have finished my "Baronial History Through Words of Their Excellencies" project, bringing the "published" history of Cynnabar to our current Reign.

I will be adding Officers Reports via month (cuml. by quarter) to future issues.

-- **Webminster** - Yes there is a grid-style Google calendar now on the new (not yet available to all) website! The bad news is it doesn't yet have any events. Big thank you to Brighid of Red Spears for taking time away from bringing up the Kingdom A&S Faire website to help me get this going.

-- **Archery** (vacant) - I anticipate that official practices will begin in mid to late May. There is some interest among the "usual Sunday crowd" to subscribe to a portajohn plan on our own this year. Lady Ilex currently manages posting practice notifications for the UNofficial practices -- I will likely take over for the Official practices when they start up. If anyone knows of SCA people interested in archery practices, please send them my way by any means -- PM, FB post, email.

-- **Their Excellencies** - We are still a Barony. Report was turned in.

Business meeting, May 29, 2025:

-- **Seneschal** - Corrections for St. Cecilia and Grand Day have been requested to the Kingdom Calendar. Changeover underway - thank you all for making my years as Seneschal wonderful!

-- **Exchequer** - Our current balance as end of April is \$14,878.94. All our currently required Kingdom reports are submitted. The financial book review will take place after the business meeting on June 12th. Only the current Financial Committee is required, but all are welcome to attend. The annual Financial committee annual policy review will also take place on July 12th (provided time, if needed, we can push this to the following week's post-meeting timeslot). Again, all are welcome to attend. Other items on the Exchequer to-do list include, updating the Baronial Exchequer webpage, and updating the Baronial Event Proposal template.

-- **Chatelaine** - Report was filed

-- **MOAS** - We had 3 people new to Scribing attend the Scribal Night this month for a total of 5 in attendance! To my knowledge there were 3 blanks submitted to HRM's Scroll Blank Challenge.

-- **Armored** -

-- **Rapier** - Various new fencers, a couple of them from Spring Revel, and a One True Century (tm) Knight sharing insights and ramping up to re-authorize in rapier. There is growing interest in pursuing cut and thrust as well.

-- **Herald** - Still working on updating the order of precedence. Other than that, not much else going on.

-- **Social Media** - Nothing new to Report.

-- **Chronicler** -

1) Pre-work has started on the July CITADEL.

2) I have updated the Cynnabar Chronicler's Handbook to include information on required inclusions for local newsletters.

3) I have updated the Chronicler's Officers page on the Cynnabar website so that all necessary information displays prominently.

4) I have tidied up the listing of CITADELS here (<https://www.cynnabar.org/citadel>) and included a disclaimer that early issues are not available via website. This conforms to the requirement that only material with release forms specifically stating e-publication permission can be available via web. (This was a long-standing matter.)

5) I anticipate stepping down as Chron. with the publication of the January 2026 (Domesday) CITADEL

-- **Webminster** - Quarterly report submitted on time; otherwise in a short hiatus until after StC. At that time I will begin the process of getting the OP migrated.

-- **Archery** (vacant) - Practice starts on June

-- **Their Excellencies** - We are still a Barony! Thumbs up!

Business Meeting, June 26, 2025:

### **Seneschal - Hannah**

Hi. I'm new here. Acquainting myself with our traditions, handbooks, and financial details. Please be patient with me, and I'm happy to help, but know that my answer might be "I'm not sure but I will find out" for a little bit!

Email is the best way to reach me [cynnabar.seneschal@midrealm.org](mailto:cynnabar.seneschal@midrealm.org). I do not always get Facebook messages during standard work hours.

### **Exchequer - Finn**

- We have \$15,732.79 currently in the account.
- Our May report (due June 30th) balances out and just needs signatures to submit to Regional.
- The St. Cecilia non-member surcharge check for Kingdom was sent in time (NMS are due 10 days after the event)
- The St. Cecilia event report and paperwork (e.g. waivers) will be completed on time for submission to Regional/Kingdom. It looks like we made \$280 in profit.

- Updated Baronial budget (spreadsheet) completed and ready for review (minus final St. Cecilia numbers, but the budget and be reviewed without those).

### **Chatelaine - Daye**

- Our Brochures for the Celtic Fest demo have been ordered.
- Working on finding a replacement.
- [Seneschal] Keys were found!

### **MOAS - Wanda**

Debuted the "A&S Theme of the Month". Decided via Facebook poll, the populace voted "Accessory" to be the theme of June. The theme for July has been voted to be "War", with many anticipating Pennsic.

Will be hosting a gathering JULY 10 "Push for Pennsic" a social gathering after the weekly meeting to encourage finishing last-minute projects before Pennsic. Snacks will be provided.

### **Armored - Charles**

- We had two new people authorized at Border Wars (Noted by Her Excellency)

### **Rapier - Throckmorton (Mr. New Bronze Ring!)**

- 10 active Fencers and a lot of fencing!
- No injury reports

### **Herald - Leopold**

The quarterly herald report was submitted. He has been working on updating the OoP, but has had some struggles with the website. Getting in touch with the Webminister to address.

### **Social Media - Beth**

- I submitted my quarterly report. I will likely be unavailable July 11-25.

### **Chronicler - Godhit**

- July 2025 (Q2) CITADEL is in progress.
- The CITADEL won a "Best Short Fiction" Blackfox Award for "Le Roman de Gregoire de Lyon", written by Sir Gregoire de Lyon and published in the January 2025 CITADEL. This is the second Blackfox Award won by the CITADEL, the previous being A.S. 51/Spring 2017 for "Best Article."
- Our Baronial Chronicler's Handbook is up-to-date with the latest directives from the Kingdom regarding mandated inclusions (which are not in print format in any current handbook). Until the Kingdom produces a new Handbook, this is our best way of documenting Kingdom expectations regarding publishing requirements.
- I intend to step down as Chronicler with the *January 2026 CITADEL* as my last issue. If anyone is interested in being Chronicler, please let our Seneschal Dame Hannah know. It is helpful to know about desktop publishing and access to a "word" program and an Adobe-like utility.

### **Webminister - Aeffe**

Webminister: minor changes to the (old) website this month; worked with Finn and Hannah on their officer changeovers; got some information from the deputy Kingdom Webminister on event emails (thanks Godhit).

### **Archery (vacant) -**

### **Their Excellencies - Bjarki & Valka**

Border War was great - lots of folks on the field and congrats to Throckmorton on his Bronze Ring.

We are still a Barony!



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