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WORDS FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES BARON BJARKI AND BARONESS VALKA

Greetings to the Barony!

The wind and snow have been blowing harshly across the land for many weeks now, and we have long since retreated to the warmth of the Tower.

We were honored to receive not only His Royal Majesty Sascha at Cynnabar's own Grand Day of Tournaments on October 25, but also the new Prince and Princess, Count Louis and Countess Sadb. Health to the Royal Family!

We received many compliments from His Majesty and the populace on the hospitality and fun of Grand Day.

Many thanks to all who made it happen: Mistress Giovanna was our Event Steward, and Sir Gregoire was the Deputy Event Steward. Sir Jasen once again reprised his role as Armored MiC and trailer driver, Warder Throckmorton was Rapier MiC, Lord Johannes was Lead Herald and Lunch Tavern liaison, Lady Wanda was Merchant Coordinator and arranged a Crafter's Green, including Duchess Annemarie offering a bycocket salon. Master Ooyama Tarou Hideyasu was in charge of Gate. HE Simone handled armored refreshments, THL Ceara was Hospitality, and Foresters Godhit and Aeffe were Website creation and content. Mistress Claire was armored list mistress, assisted by Dame Hannah and THL Renaude. THL Diamante and Mistress Nezkha were the rapier list mistresses. We also had many volunteers for set up, tear down, gate,

retaining for Royalty, heralding, and marshalling, not to mention the wealth of donations that were offered.

We were most pleased to award the Tournament Winners:

In Armored: our own Lord Mihal won the buckler tournament, Sigismund de Drengot of Roaring Wastes won the Second Chance Tournament, and Sir Korbel aka Sir Sirius won the Grand Tournament. His Majesty also requested a 3v3 melee tournament, which was won by a team from Roaring Wastes.

In Rapier, Reinmar won the Warder Arnolde's Memorial Tourney (out of 34 participants!) The Cut & Thrust Victor was Stephan Reynard Lestrangle. The "Seasonally Scary Scenario" had no winner as it was only for fun, but the best Zombie was Atreus Lofus. The Sword of Pentamere challenge victor was Franklin Sharbaugh, and the Grand Tourney winner was Master Raphael di Merisi.

Cynnabar also had the honor of hosting the final round of the Dragon Scale tournament that took place in several Midrealm locations throughout the year and culminated at Grand Day; the winner of that was Master Aelfwine Pyttel, out of 16 contestants.

In His Royal Court, His Majesty Sascha bestowed several awards to members of our populace. Nancy of Cynnabar was awarded a Purple Fret; Renaude de Lunay was also awarded a Purple Fret; Wanda was given her AoA; and Galen O'Conaill is now Warder Galen, member of the Bronze Ring!

Once again, Cynnabar has shown the Kingdom how Our Barony runs events, and that is well! All the hours put in were evident in how effortlessly the event seemed to run. Many thanks to all!

At Cynnabar's Wassail we had a happy, warm gathering with plenty of delicious food and sweet treats to defend against the bitter cold that day. We had lovely music and good conversation with the traditional wassail provided by our event steward, Lady Rosalyn.

Ugrath was kind enough to herald the Baronial Court. We offered our thanks to Lady Rosalyn for serving as event steward and let it be known that we appreciate her service in making Cynnabar favors and scroll folders to give to the Midrealm. Officer changeovers were recognized: Forester Godhit is stepping down as Chronicler after years of work that goes above and beyond the Kingdom requirements, and Lambert is stepping up. Lady Daye has stepped down as Chatelaine after several years of smiling service and Asa is stepping into the role. We also want to thank Mistress Giovanna for her work as Seneschal, and to thank Dame Hannah for her work already as Seneschal. Marco and Andronikos were both recipients of Elephant's Hearts for their enthusiasm and community they bring to the group; we are happy to have them both and look forward to their continued contributions to the Barony.

Lady Rosalyn, Sir Gregoire, Dame Hannah and Baroness Valka put desserts into the auction, and Sir Gregoire did an admirable job as auctioneer and taste tester.

Thank you to all that were there for set up and tear down, and to HE Finn who fulfilled his Exchequer role and made sure the Gate and dessert auction funds were handled.

We built gingerbread houses and a cathedral, played games, talked, crafted, and laughed. As the icy winter continues we are so thankful for our friends and family that get us through the cold winter months. We look forward to journeying to other lands and celebrating the season at Pentamere 12th Night and Winter Revel.

Happiest of Holidays!
Huzzah Cynnabar!

Valka and Bjarki

Introducing ... Cynnabar Chatelaine Ásmundr of Cynnabar

Hail and well met from your new Chatelaine!

My name is Ásmundr, or Asa for short! I use the appellations “of Cynnabar” and “of Cote du Ciel” interchangeably, and the pronouns they/them all the time. Either name is perfectly acceptable.

In mundane life I work at the circulation desk for my local library part time and keep my household from exploding into chaos for the other half. I’m a published poet and aspiring novelist, and I have a Bachelor’s degree in English- Creative Writing with a minor in Folklore specializing in foodways (which is how food impacts culture) from Utah State University. I moved to Michigan in 2024, and happily joined Lambert and the rest of our household in Westland. I came out as non-binary in 2017.

For some of you, I might be the first non-binary person you’ve ever knowingly met. All this means for me is that I don’t feel at home either as a man or a woman, and do my best to find peace between the two. I use the pronouns they/them to reflect this in-between state of being both and neither— you could think of it like referring to two people at the same time! I especially use it within the SCA as a way of interacting with the past; they/them is the original pronoun that English started out with, and it fills me with great joy and pride to get to interact so directly with the past.

Speaking of the SCA, how did I get here?

I was born and raised in Utah, and until moving to Michigan I had lived in a 16 mile radius my entire life. I became involved in the SCA entirely to spend more time with a cute girl (a classic reason if ever there was one). My first event was Artemisia’s Spring Coronation in 2013, which was the longest court I’ve ever experienced but didn’t manage to drive me away. There was that cute girl to consider, after all. The infatuation with her didn’t last, but the interest in the SCA did! I played intermittently over the next few years and came back for good in 2022 with dogged determination to make an attempt to get past the agoraphobia that the pandemic had rapidly inflicted. I took a break for a year to get settled after my move and now am happily established here in our beloved Cynnabar.

My interests are very wide ranging but I'm hoping to spend the coming year expanding my scribal skills and beginning my martial journey with the rapier. I sew at a middling level and am hoping to step up my garb game in the coming year and build out my wardrobe. I'd also like to start doing leatherwork! I'm a deep believer in the power of learning by doing, and am looking forward to a year full of learning, service, and even more very good food at events.

Outgoing Chronicler's Note, by THL Godhit of Cynnabar

I sat down to lunch, in April 2011, with a legendary figure: that is, he was a legend to those of us from the old late-70s Northwoods who had occasional issue with the "Great Dark Horde." I had discovered Baron Daibhid's history of the royal shire, then barony, of Cynnabar online and likewise found his contact email address. It was very interesting to hear the "other side" of Cynnabar from an original member of the GDH.

Then, seven years later, on the eve of Cynnabar's Ruby Jubilee in 2018, I sat with Baron Daibhid again and this time, took very intentional notes. He was revising his history and bringing it up the "baronial" age, 1998. The agreement was that I would bring it from there to the Present.

Alas, Daibhid's suggestion that I use the (non-CITADEL published) baronial seneschal reports as a basis for the history I would write proved unworkable: in the present age of the Known World, seneschal reports can be necessarily private and delicate.

But late last year, I realized that much of Cynnabar history wouldn't be in the seneschal reports anyway, but in the Words of Their Excellencies, a tradition established practically from the moment Cynnabar was elevated to its current status. I then proceeded to compile a series of those "Words" as previously published and therefore, now, we have a readable "Baronial History" in primary document form, preserved in CITADELS online.

Then recently, something *else* happened.

For the project of bringing snippets of Cynnabar's history up-to-date for our new website, I was verifying details from Daibhid's manuscript. Re-reading his narrative, I happened upon this from his 1978 entry:

"We all thought it was time to set about starting a new SCA chapter.... I had the papers, a blessing from the kingdom seneschal, and intelligent, energetic friends ready to put in effort. The Medieval festival was a major resource. We would use their stage at the 1978 Festival to announce and recruit." (Source: Baron Daibhid's History, p.xvii.)

I re-read that. "***The Medieval festival.***" That rang a bell ... a very distant, faint bell. First I remembered that our Baroness Valka's father Ian MacIan of Annandale mentioned something about this festival in a CITADEL article in July 2024. Then I went looking and found, stored on the Ann Arbor District Library website, a column from the July 30, 1975 Ann Arbor NEWS: "This weekend, the 2nd and 3rd of August, the parks of Ann Arbor will become realms of allegory, enchantment and buffoonery as the Ann Arbor Medieval Festival opens its sixth year. Festival performances will be held on Saturday at 11 am in West Park, and at 3 pm in Burns Park. On Sunday there will be a performance at 11 am on the lawn of the Ark Coffeehouse, and at 3 pm in the Arboretum meadow." (Source <https://aadl.org/node/199867>)

The Ann Arbor Medieval Festival was already in its sixth year! In 1975!

Continuing to explore, I found what may be the oldest image of the SCA presence in Ann Arbor: https://aadl.org/N029_0893_019, captioned: "**Field of Battle at the Medieval Festival at**

Huron High School, June 1972.”

The AADL hosts a collection of Medieval Festival photographs from 1976-1977, copyright protected but viewable, although you'll have to scroll down through various ancillary subjects: <https://aadl.org/taxonomy/term/36191>. Confronted with photographic evidence, my distant memory bell now rang loud: I had been one of a crew of Northwoodsers who came down to add our presence to the August 1978 MedFest up at the Music School. Good heavens! I had been in Cynnabar before there WAS a Cynnabar.

Go and look at those images from long ago. And as the saying goes: “Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.” –Yours in Service, Godhit

EVENTS JANUARY/MARCH 2026

Weekly Baronial Gatherings Location:

Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith Ave., Milan, MI.

Our most up-to-date calendar is found on our website:

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

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! January 2026 Gatherings begin January 8.

Terpsichore at the Tower XXIX

March 27-28, 2026

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church, Ann Arbor, MI. 48103

Friday, March 27, 7pm - 9pm: Pickup dancing! (Period garb not required)

***Saturday, March 28, 9am - 9pm: Classes, dancing,
dessert revel, court, and more dancing!***

St. Cecilia at the Tower

Saturday, June 27th, 2026

<https://cecilia.cynnabar.org/>

Peoples Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith Ave., Milan, MI.

Financial Report of the Barony of Cynnabar by Baron Finn

Greetings unto the fine Barony of Cynnabar!

At time of publication, we have closed out the books on 2025. We have \$16, 286.97 in our account. We are starting off the year in a good spot.

There is a new update to the Society Exchequer policy that goes into effect January 1st, 2026. There are several changes to how some things are done and we are working with Regional and Kingdom to make sure the new rules are followed correctly.

For events, we have several planned out for this year again. My goal is to work with the Event Stewards to make sure the event reports are easy to do and report on. To that end we are looking to update the Event Proposal Template for the Barony for people to use. It will help experienced Event Stewards as well as new ones help manage their events and expenses.

Besides events, one of our biggest expenditures is the weekly use of our meeting/practice site. It's only \$50 a night, which is VERY cheap for a site rental that we can use with multiple activities at one like this. But it does add up. In 2025 we raised \$2,289 total in donations to help cover the site rental. Amazing in my eyes as we were not terribly aggressive in raising donations. So please remember when you come to our Thursday evening meeting/practice, whether you are an armored fighter, fencer, musician, artisan, or even someone that is just hanging out, any little bit of donations 'to the hat' helps out. Between everyone, we normally can get 20-25 people or more. So if everyone can pitch in just 2 or 3 dollars, we'd cover our expenses for that night.

Lastly, one of my personal projects for 2026 is to update the Baronial Exchequer Google drive. It's been used by several different people in the past and everyone has had their own way of sorting things. I'm planning to re-sort the site so everything is organized the same way.

As always, if anyone has any questions about the office of Exchequer, please let me know.

Until then, I remain in service,
Finn Finnegan O'Flynn
Cynnabar Exchequer

Minutes: Baronial Officers Retreat, by Seneschal Dame Hannah Schreiber

[The following is a transcript of the first Cynnabar Baronial Officers Retreat conducted by Seneschal Dame Hannah Schreiber in September, 2025. All officers and members of the populace were invited to attend this virtual gathering.]

Introduction

What are we doing here?

- Goal: to talk about roles, responsibilities, and how we manage “officership” in the group
- **By the end of the meeting, officers will leave with clarity on priorities, confidence in their responsibilities, and a shared commitment to our Barony and the SCA**

We held an **Ice breaker activity** with the prompt – *why did you take this role? (And you can't say because it needed to be filled, and no one else would)*

SUMMARY:

- *What I'm hearing is passion, commitment, I had the skills, giving back, organization, to see behind the scenes, a love of history,*
- *For a lot of us, this is behind the scenes. Operating smoothly and doing things together was a consensus goal of the officer team*

We all took this job for a reason. We are passionate about the group

- What would keep you motivated to continue your role?
- Everyone puts a stamp on things - how will you leave a legacy or improve your position?

COMMUNICATION

- There was a discussion to prompt any officer who did not have current access to their Baronial email address to gain access through the proper channels.
 - Baronial emails are used on the website for others (and newcomers!) to contact us!
 - Our Webminster doesn't have your password! You should take it up with the MK help desk
- Email is the preferred method of communication for officer reports and general details
 - Our Facebook officer chat should be used for quick reminders or requests. By no means does this mean we shouldn't use it, just keep the conversation to lighter items

OFFICER REPORTING

- Review that officer reporting will be held on the 3rd Baronial meeting of the month (or the 4th Thursday of the month)
 - Please send your officer report via email to the seneschal if you do not plan on delivering it in person
 - You're also welcome to just submit it via email, even if you will be attending so it's easy to recap in the minutes
- Reporting is Important!
 - It helps with the transparency of the process
 - It shows you that you are fulfilling the commitment of your role as an officer

OFFICER TERMS

3 years is an unwritten rule. We reviewed this as a group, and it seemed to be fitting. Some have already served longer, so could serve less.

CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

- What does warranted mean for being an officer?
 - You have to have the paperwork filed, and your name appears on the website and/or a formal MK element
 - Marshal officers have to be tested, so do Exchequers, but for many, there isn't formal training.

It was determined that holding this "retreat" virtually was seen as very beneficial to many. The team decided that we would like to hold one again in 6 months. That would be March of 2026

4th Quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) Officers Reports, Barony of Cynnabar

Business meeting, October 23, 2025:

Seneschal

Has been working towards multi-channel communication for officers and events for our group. In particular, getting folks back into their officer emails. Currently, it seems as though the three that were missing have been granted access again.

Herald

I am caught up on the Order of Precedence. I'd like people to check themselves out on the website to ensure everything is correct. If any additions/changes need to be made, please send me an email. Nothing further to report.

Exchequer

- Quarterly report created and will be submitted- same dollar amount \$15,373.06.79
- The church funds for the donation of our meeting and practice sites are about even for the year.

MOAS

- We had a pumpkin decorating contest with 5 entries. Lucy was the winner!
- Asa gave a wonderful class on Bisclavret and werewolf lore, with 9 in attendance.

Webminister:

Work on the new website continues: created contact forms for each of the offices; improved the OP; updated the calendar; edited some of the officer pages; created WordPress pages for Terpsichore 2026, and revised the Terpsichore pages on the old site. I have also kept up with documenting processes and local practices.

My goal is to cut over to the new site sometime in November, and this will involve tapping some officers for content.

Chronicler:

1. By the time you read this in the Minutes, Goodly Lambert will be our "Chronicler-to-be," taking over as of the 1st Quarter 2026 (April 2026) CITADEL.

2. Per the above, Lambert will be gifted the "tub o' CITADELS"! The white "current CITADELS binder" will be surrendered after my final CITADEL, that of 4th Quarter/January 2026.
3. I am finishing up keeping the Grand Day of Tournaments website current and functional. It will disappear in 3 days.

Chatelaine

- Formal Chatelaine form submitted to Kingdom, Regional, and Baronial officers.
- Reached out to and received a response from Helpdesk to access the email. Waiting to hear back again, as the 2FA has me locked out still.
- Beginning to set up systems for weekly Chatelaine work (currently hours are Monday and Thursday mornings)
- Intend to begin project proposal write-up for Newcomers Welcome Quest trial run
- Going to look over and familiarize myself with the contents of Gold Key
- Proposal broached by Andronicus for a small handbook for newcomers with a brief history of cultural norms and a bare bones glossary
- Began plans for a set of pins for ease of identification at events/pronouns
- Formal handover on 10-25-25 (Grand Day of Tournaments)

Social Media

If anyone would like to share any pictures and/or videos you take at Grand Day please feel free to upload them here: GDOT 2025 UPLOAD FOLDER

If you are okay with the barony using your content in the future, please complete a photographer release here: WAIVER FOLDER

We cannot use your content without a waiver. Thanks!

Rapier

Rapier Practice continues; attendance varies from 3 to 8.

Doomsday report, including an 11th-hour requirement for an up-to-date roster of authorized fencers, is due November 1.

No incidents to report.

Armored Marshal

Email is open; for contact details, 30 on roster – working out the final forms for verifications; regional marshal reached out to verify if there were other details needed since paperwork hasn't been filed in the last few months.

Excellencies

We're still a barony. Hooray!

[Note: due to the date of Thanksgiving, the Officers Reports for November and December were combined.]

OFFICER REPORTS: December 18, 2025

Seneschal

Limited on brain power at this time of year. My report was filed. Lots of discussion around participant burnout – but we do have a lot of newcomers attending things, which is great to see and offers good inspo on our “why”.

Exchequer

We have \$15,468.97 in our account. The November report balanced fine and was sent to Kingdom.

Thank you to those who have donated to the practice/meeting site this year!!! We were just shy (roughly \$150) of fully funding the rental through “pass the hat” donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you for those who helped review the proposed updated Event Proposal template. Once published, it should help new and experienced Event Stewards prepare event proposals for the Barony. Look for it in the New Year.

Changes are coming! The Society Exchequer just published a brand new update with several changes to Society policy. I’m reviewing them and determining how they will impact our group. While there are questions, I do like that there is now more clarity around several of the rules with this update. These new rules will go into effect on January 1st, 2026. I’d be happy to discuss at length for those have any questions, But here are some highlights:

- Adds that all Exchequer deputies, including regalia ministers, inventory officers, quartermasters, must be warranted.
- Clarifies that Exchequer may appoint/remove all deputies
- Clarifies that non-members can receive complimentary passes, but must still pay the NMS fee. Whereas 2022 policy prohibited complimentary passes to non-members entirely.
- Trailers must be towed by paid members with a warrant as deputy of the exchequer.
- Church site donations total \$2214. Of the \$2400 per year. \$372 was from other fundraising opportunities

Chronicler

1. Chronicler transition is only a few more steps away from completion. Change-of-officer form will be signed soon -- official changeover date is January 2.
2. Outgoing Chronicler will file 4th Quarter/Domesday report for January 1st.
3. The January CITADEL is in production. Waiting for Words of Their Excellencies and Officers Reports for completion.

Herald

The OoP is as updated as I can get it currently. I submitted my Doomsday report yesterday...it was due on Dec. 31st.

Webminster

Last period:

1. Shared the WordPress link (new website) with officers and requested their feedback
2. Made updates to the main page

3. Installed a link checking plugin and fixed most broken links

Next:

1. Finalize the WP version of the Terpsichore event site (with any available content) and make it the Kingdom calendar link ON Monday, Dec. 22. Put redirects on old event site. Update your bookmarks!
2. Create added forms
3. Work with any officers who wish to update their content BY JANUARY 31.
4. Release the Word Press site as the official Cynnabar site BY FEBRUARY 28.

MOAS

Hannah and Finn hosted an Event Planning Workshop/Round Table this month. There are future plans for one of Anne Marie's Bycocket Salons in February.

Social Media

No updates. Reports were files on time.

Chatelaine

While there is little to report this month on the Chatelaine front, it seems likely that there will be more next month! Due to outreach at Washtenaw Community College by Marco, we had three friendly new faces at Wassail who've shown interest in seeing us regularly.

Excavation of the Chatelaine (Google) Drive revealed several useful documents that can be revamped and shared for ease of reference/information collection, so we're all able to connect with people more easily. I am also working on the information to put on the new website and looking for a headshot to make it easier to tell who I am for new people to spot.

Rapier Marshal

- Baronial Rapier Marshal monthly report, December 18, 2025
- Rapier Practice continues, attendance varies 3-10.
- Q1 report is due February 1 covering November 2025-January 2026.
- No incidents to report.

Knight Marshal

- We have had 4 people authorize this year to fight – 3 of which went to Pennsic this year!
- 14 people, who hadn't previously fought at all, learned from our group
- We have an average of 5-10 people who regularly show up for practice (to fight) and just last week we had 14!

Their Excellencies: We are still a Barony!

Seneschal's Quarterly Report, Shire Barony of Cynnabar

July 15th, 1998

Midair MacCormaic

The Barony of Cynnabar is located in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Michigan, with Washtenaw County and Environs East to I-275. The group is alive and still functional. The group's seneschal is usually alive and regularly functional.

My drop dead deputy is Lady Anne Marie de Garneaulx


Regular Activities.

Cynnabar's weekly meetings are held at 7 PM, Mondays, in room 1311 of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building, North Campus, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The average attendance is 40.

At 7 PM, there is a one hour workshop on some topic of interest, scheduled in advance by polling the group during the meeting and getting volunteers. For this quarter, the workshops have been:

- April 13th: Knights of the Crown - Baron Daibhid. Moderated by Lady Anne Marie.
- April 20th: Falconry - Lord Richard. Moderated by Lady Jehane (Officer Reports.
- April 27th: Pennsic Garb - Lady Rasylyn.
- May 4th: Unstructured Meeting.
- May 11th: Baronial Elevation Planning - Straum and Ute.
- May 18th: More Baronial Elevation Planning - Straum and Ute
- May 25th: Memorial Day - No Meeting.
- June 1st: Unstructured Meeting.
- June 8th: Gold Key Workshop - Alison and Patrick.
- June 15th: Medieval Atmosphere - Baron Daibhid.
- June 22nd: Simple Medieval Food - Lord Marne.
- June 29th: Pattern Drafting - Lady Luveday.
- July 6th: Holiday - No Meeting

I moderate all of the above meetings, except where noted above. As this is the beginning of my third year in office, I'm looking for a successor. Therefore, I'm giving the opportunity to those who wish succeed me in office to have some practice running meetings. This will continue throughout the rest of the year.



After a fifteen minute recess, the regular meeting begins at 8:15 PM. The recess allows people to talk individually to the person giving the workshop and allow those who are arriving in time for the business meeting to greet their friends. At this time a blackboard calendar is filled in with the upcoming weekly activities. During the meeting there are a wide variety of announcements, although the calendar tends to reduce this.

Business items now take place at the end of the regular announcements (this used to be called Shire Council, which took place once a month on Sundays). First, items of old business are brought up and discussed. Then new items of business are proposed, but not discussed until subsequent meetings. Emergency items can be decided on right away if the group agrees.

After the meeting, around 15-20 people usually get together and go to a local restaurant in Ann Arbor to socialize.

Unstructured meetings usually occur at the first Monday of every month in conjunction with dance practice. Announcements are written on the board, and the herald takes an agenda and calls for any verbal announcements that must be made. Business is kept to a minimum to promote a more social evening.

Officer reports are given during the third Monday of each month.

Other Meetings

Arms Practice: Fighter practices continue to go strong, with newer members showing and armoring up. Arms practice is held in a variety of locations, but usually at the Michigan Union. During the summer months, practice is at Baron Daibhid's backyard. Currently about 10-20 people attend practice, doing heavy weapons and fencing. Others show up to sew (they bring machines with them). Led by Baron Daibhid MacLachlan.

Archery Practice: Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, 5095 Ellis Road, Ypsilanti. Saturday, 12-2:30 PM. Most shooting has been done on the outdoor range, but will change to the indoors as the weather does. Led by Philip del Holme, Shire Archer Captain and Archery Marshall. During the summer, practice is held at Baron Alexander and Baroness Kay's backyard.

Bedlam Players: 1311 EECS Building (where the regular meetings are). Monday 5:30-7:00 PM. Bedlam is our traveling players group, and they perform



both period drama and original works about life in the Current Middle Ages. The Coordinator is Lord Midair MacCormaic (Attendance hovers around 5 people. During the summer months, practice is still held at EECS building, though we are thinking of holding it in the Finocchi backyard.

Cynnabar Collegium Musica Adnausium: Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM. This is the Cynnabar Madrigal group. Attendance varies from 4-12 singers (depending on the performance schedule). They perform at many local, regional, and Kingdom events.

Dance Practice: 9:00-11:00 PM alternating between the Michigan Union and the Michigan League. Led by Alina Foxwood Attendance is anywhere from 10 to 25.

Sewing: Michigan Union. Saturday, 1:00-3:00 PM. Led by Rosalyn MacGregor All are invited, and other activities (some scribing, inkle weaving, etc...) also occur.

Officer's Meetings.
Officer reports are held on the third Monday of each Month.

Events and Revels.
There were no revels this quarter. We had one event:

Terpsichore at the Tower III. May 16th, with Lord Kieran as the event steward. This was a dance event, with many classes during the day, a small feast, and a ball at night. The dance coordinator was Lady Alina Foxwood. Due to many conflicts, only 70 people attended, and we had a net revenue loss of \$780.25. Still, the people attending had a lot of fun, and the live musicians were fantastic.

Next quarter we will have the event:
Cynnabar's 20th Anniversary Event. July 18th, stewarded by Lady Luveday and Lord Oberto, with supervision and guidance by Baron Daibhid. This is intended to be a reunion for all Cynnabar members and an invitation to all SCA groups to help us celebrate 20 years of being a group in the Middle Kingdom.





Demonstrations.

Boy Scout Demo, May 16th. This was a huge demo for over 200 boy scouts. The representative of the Washtenaw County Boy Scouts was [redacted] We had fifteen members there, who assisted with the catapult (water balloon) war, fighting demo, crafts display, and camp fire stories. It took place at the Munhacke Boy Scout camp in Chelsea, MI. The demo was a huge success.

Barnes and Noble Demo, June 18th. We had 8 fighters and 8 dancers and others do a demo at the bookstore. Many people watched the fighting and participated in the dancing. As a reward, the bookstore gave us 30% off all book purchases for the following week. Sort of a two edged reward, if you ask me!

The State of the Barony.

On June 6th, 1998, the Shire of Cynnabar was Elevated to Baronial Status! We planned and prepared for the Ceremony, which seemed to go over very well at the Battle of the Inland Seas event. Everyone had a good time. The Coronets and Cloaks were finished in time, too! Our first court will probably be held at our 20th Anniversary Event.

New Officers.

We have a new Chronicler, two actually. [redacted] has stepped down and was replaced by [redacted]. They have been doing our newsletter, the Citadel, for the past few months and I believe they will continue to do an excellent job. Our A&S officer is looking to step down.

Closing.

This concludes the 1998 2nd Quarter Report.

I remain, in service,
Midair MacCormaic

Seneschal of the Barony of Cynnabar



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