

# The Carraig Banner: A View from the Tower

April - June 2025 -- Anno Societatis LIX-LX

This is the quarterly newsletter for the Barony of Carraig Ban.

## Missive from the Barons

Home is where the heart is, and our heart is firmly with our barony. These days, your barons, Hiroaki and Kazuhiko, are facing real and difficult times in Mundane life, but never has it been brighter for Carraig Ban. We learn and grow and hope and adventure and enjoy each other's company in great measure. Where it is currently too dangerous for us to travel much beyond the borders of the Midlands, we're focusing our efforts closer to home.

On April 19, we'll be hosting a demo on NIU campus at the Pick Museum. This is a great chance to have face-to-face with the public and reach new people. This should be a low-stress and FUN activity. Come play with us!

Upcoming is RAGNAROK RAMPAGE, our big annual event. Make sure to get it on your calendars, as both your Barons will be going WHOLE HOG this year. No half-hogging here, no sirree! Find out what giant chickens, Valkyries, and your Barons all have in common! Invite your friends, tell your enemies.

We love you all. Do not hesitate to reach out for anything.

Really.

Yours in Perpetual Service,  
Akiyama Kazuhiko and Hiroaki, Barons of Carraig Ban

## From the Chronicler

Minutes of the March meeting are available at  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15IIZQWCzIXG2ikMhBkACnMDthkQmTEkg/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15IIZQWCzIXG2ikMhBkACnMDthkQmTEkg/view?usp=drive_link)

**Business meetings** are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd numbered months, alternating between the Gail Borden Public Library main branch in Elgin, IL and the DeKalb Public Library. These meetings begin at 6pm with a half hour of socializing before the business begins at 6:30.

The upcoming business meetings (as currently scheduled) for 2025 are:

May 15 in DeKalb

July 17 in Elgin

September 18 in DeKalb

November 20 in Elgin

**A&S meetings** are Thursdays without a business meeting. Elgin meetings begin at 6:30pm, DeKalb meetings begin at 6pm.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, A&S is usually held at the Gail Borden Public Library main branch in Elgin, IL. The theme is personal projects.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, it's usually held at the DeKalb Public Library, with a theme of fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday it's usually held at the DeKalb Public Library, with a theme of scriptorium (calligraphy and illumination).

The last Thursday of each month is a potluck, gaming, and bardic night at the home of the Barons 420 Franklin Street in DeKalb. (You are welcome to the potluck with only the barest of contributions or no contribution, the main point of the evening is socializing, not food.)

If there are 5 Thursdays in a month, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday topic is TBD at the DeKalb Public Library, unless it's a month with a business meeting, in which case the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday is scriptorium.

**Updates** are available on the barony's Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/baronyofcarraigban>

See table below for A&S schedule and what events are on the weekend after each A&S.

### Carraig Ban Business and A&S Meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2025

	A&S / Business meeting	(mostly) <b>Midlands</b> Event that weekend
Apr 10	DeKalb fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb)	<b>Crystal Chamfron, Shattered Crystal</b>
Apr 17	DeKalb scriptorium	Carraig Ban Demo at NIU (see below)
Apr 24	DeKalb Pot Luck, Bardic and Gaming	<b>Awakenings 36, Shire of Baile na Scolairi</b>
May 1	Elgin, Personal Projects	Coronation Cleftlands and Brendoken (North Oaken)
May 8	DeKalb fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb)	
May 15	Business Meeting, DeKalb	
May 24	DeKalb scriptorium	Kingdom A&S Faire and Spring Crown Marche of the Marshes (North Oaken)
May 29	DeKalb Pot Luck, Bardic and Gaming	
Jun 5	Elgin, Personal Projects	
Jun 12	<b>No A&amp;S, Ragnarok Prep</b>	<b>Ragnarok Rampage, Carraig Ban</b>
Jun 19	DeKalb scriptorium	
Jun 26	DeKalb Pot Luck, Bardic and Gaming	

### Spreadsheet of who is attending which events

A Google spreadsheet has been created for people to coordinate attendance at local events

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1imk-7gSCngENqiyMFIAXF4u4nw\\_JR-oS6tJYLKb3DdM/edit?](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1imk-7gSCngENqiyMFIAXF4u4nw_JR-oS6tJYLKb3DdM/edit?fbclid=IwY2xjawJflrtleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHq_ENbsQiauDHH2S4g_K55ebIfbdf_MXmFxo-Q3Nk8pWOltDQ0abXzL9HmYP_aem_sFKdq0S5Fm_WgwgU8maSFA&gid=0#gid=0)

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### Carraig Ban Demo at Pick Anthropology Museum, NIU

The barony has been invited to do a demo and/or talk at the Pick Museum in Cole Hall at NIU, on Saturday April 19, 9:45 to 12:15.

They have an exhibit that runs through May 10 on gaming and play, including a section on LARP.

Setup as stations, with preferences for: clothes, weapons, medicine, and games

Clothes: Gina ; Weapons: August; Medicine/science: Cat; Games: probably a display with input from Sophia

Tiberius of Dark River may be bringing fencing gear to this demo, if so, there might be an outdoor fencing demo.

Even if you are not involved with one of the above activities, we welcome your presence!

### **Annual Event: Ragnarok Rampage**

Ragnarok Rampage 2025:  
Valkyrie – Things With Wings!  
Friday, June 13 - Sunday, June 15, 2025  
Elk's Page Park | Dixon, IL

See the barony's website <https://carraigban.midrealm.org/ragnarok-2025/> and the barony's Facebook group event <https://www.facebook.com/events/2053919571680390> for details and updates. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers and teachers soon.

### **Information on Selected Events**

A complete list and current official information is available at <https://midrealm.org/events-calendar>

Apr 11-13, 2025  
Crystal Chamfron  
Barony of Shattered Crystal  
Wood River IL  
<https://shatteredcrystal.midrealm.org/crystal-chamfron-25/>

Apr 26, 2025  
Awakenings 36  
Shire of Baile na Scolairi  
McLean IL  
<https://sites.google.com/view/theawakening2025>

May 3, 2025  
Coronation  
Baronies of the Cleftlands and of Brendoken (North Oaken)  
Medina OH  
<https://events.cleftlands.org/coronation/>

May 23-26, 2025  
Kingdom A&S Faire and Spring Crown  
Canton of the Marche of the Marshes (North Oaken)  
Findlay OH  
<https://marcheofthemarshes.midrealm.org/middle-kingdom-ans-and-crown-spring-2025/>

Jun 13-15, 2025  
Ragnarok Rampage  
Barony of Carraig Ban  
Dixon IL  
<https://carraigban.midrealm.org/welcome/events/>

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## Baronial Officers

### Baronage

Their Excellencies Akiyama Hiroaki and Akiyama Kazuhiko

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Landed Baron/ess is an appointed title and office given to individuals by the Crown of their Kingdom. They become the local extension of the Crown and a representative for the populace of their Barony.

### Seneschal & Marshall

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### Chronicler

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Documents group activities, and produces the Baronial Newsletter.

### Quarterminister

Lady Thana Spitui

Stores and catalogs Baronial equipment and provides access to it to stewards and officers for the running of events.

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