

The Carraig Banner: A View from the Tower

July - September 2025 -- Anno Societatis LX

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

Baronial Missive

And with the completion of Ragnarok, the world begins anew...

This year's event was a wild success! I couldn't be happier with how the weekend went!

A whopping 239 people attended this year!, and we came a way with a small profit that we will be investing in the improvement of the Barony's assets. Carraig Ban continues to thrive and her people continue to make Her proud.

Thank you to [Christina Melanson King](#) and [Honor la Riote](#) for putting together an amazing event . Thank you also to our neighbors the [Shire of Dark River](#) and the [Barony of Ayreton](#) who are such lovely supportive siblings! We love throwing this bash for y'all, and could not do it without your assists. I was delighted to see the many entries that were offered in our competitions, and the bravery and prowess I saw on the Field and in the Artists' Hall. I commend you all. I look forward to seeing what you all think of next! I'm sure it will dazzle.

As the wheel turns, so do we begin the cycle again. As Summer blazes and turns toward Harvest and Winter, I ask that you consider what comes next for our Barony. If you feel Fate whispering to you of what might come next for Her, let us know what you feel is in store.

I again thank all those who have helped shape her destiny so far.

Yours in Service,
Akiyama Hiroaki
Baron of Carraig Ban

From the Chronicler

Minutes of the May meeting are available at
https://drive.google.com/file/d/19m623vU3I_0wf8--S9T1sqOIIAFogi27/view?usp=sharing

Business meetings are usually held on the 3rd 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:
July 17 **on Zoom** – watch Facebook for the link
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 1st 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 2nd Thursday, it's usually held at the DeKalb Public Library, with a theme of fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb).

The 3rd Thursday it's usually held at the DeKalb Public Library, with a theme of scriptorium (calligraphy and illumination) *There may also be garb assistance if we know someone is in the middle of a project.*

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 4th Thursday topic is TBD at the DeKalb Public Library, unless it's a month with a business meeting, in which case the 4th 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, 3rd Q 2025

	A&S / Business meeting	(mostly) Midlands Event that weekend
Jul 10	Discord Training @ DKPL bring your laptop and Discord login info if you have them	
Jul 17	Business meeting on Zoom	
Jul 24	DeKalb scriptorium and garb assistance	Pennsic War 52 Cooper's Lake, PA
Jul 31	DeKalb Pot Luck, Bardic and Gaming	Pennsic War 52 Cooper's Lake, PA
Aug 7	Elgin, Personal Projects	Pennsic War 52 Cooper's Lake, PA
Aug 14	DeKalb fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb)	
Aug 21	DeKalb scriptorium and garb assistance	
Aug 28	DeKalb Pot Luck, Bardic and Gaming	
Sep 4	Elgin, Personal Projects	
Sep 11	DeKalb fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb)	Baroness Wars XII Taylorville, IL
Sep 18	DeKalb scriptorium and garb assistance	
Sep 25	DeKalb Pot Luck, Bardic and Gaming	Potentially reserved for Fall Coronation Location TBD

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?

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Annual Event: Ragnarok Rampage

The weekend of June 13-15 was the Barony's annual event, Ragnarok Rampage. This year the theme was "Things with Wings." We had Royalty attending, a Middle Eastern feast (those Vikings got everywhere :-)) and a good time was had by all.

Information on Selected Events

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

July 25 – August 10, 2025

Pennsic War 52

Cooper's Lake, PA

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

September 6, 2025

Midlands Academy of Defense

Rantoul, IL

<https://placeforstuff.net/events/2025/MAD/>

September 12 – 14, 2025

Baroness Wars XII

Shire of Swordcliff

Taylorville, IL

<https://swordcliff.midrealm.org/events/>

September 27, 2025

Potentially reserved for Fall Coronation

Location TBD

Baronial Officers

Baronage

Their Excellencies Akiyama Hiroaki and Akiyama Kazuhiko

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Coordinates volunteer artists of the society who create the awards scrolls given out to SCA members in recognition of their accomplishments.

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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