

The Carraig Banner: A View from the Tower

October – December 2025 -- Anno Societatis LX

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

Baronial Missive

Glorious Fall to Carraig Ban, as the White Tower gleams over the changing leaves. The geese are mustering, the air crisps, and the apples are delicious. Your Barons are gearing up for an exciting season of Midlands events! Most exciting is the very near RUM in Ayreton. Our upcoming progress includes the following:

October 3-5, 2025 Feast of the Silk Road (Waterloo IL)

October 11, 2025 RUM (Hunsdale IL)

November 8, 2025 All Souls (Schaumburg IL)

November 15, 2025 Artisan's Day (Lake Villa IL)

January 10, 2026 CB Baronial Birthday (DeKalb, IL)

January 17, 2026 Festival of Maidens (Gifford IL)

February 14, 2026 Val-Day (Kalamazoo MI)

As always, we want to support you, our incredible Populace. If you're going to an event, we want to hear about it! We want to cheer for you in all your endeavors.

We also want to applaud some folks directly. First, our Seneschal and Marshal, Alexicratus, has been doing stellar work in growing fighter practices and the sport side of our game. Huzzah to Alexi and the fighter community! Next, we must applaud THL Jadwiga, THL Gillian, and THL Reishi. Jadwiga will be taking on the office of MOAS, and all three will be working to manage our A&S activities. There are some incredible classes on the horizon because of these great nobles, and We thank you!

In more exciting news, We want to encourage you to look at the recently submitted bid for Ragnarok 2026! There should also soon be a bid for the January Baronial Birthday soon.

Lastly, We want to highlight the Baronial members who will be participating in the DeKalb Mutual Aid fundraiser for the Trans community upcoming on October 25th. Lady Piero, Lady Bien-Venue, Lady Honor, Baron Kazuhiko, and Baron Hiroaki are all a part of this show, and it would be very cool to support them in their other activities!

With much love for you all,
Barons Kazuhiko and Hiroaki

Ragnarok Baronial Awards

Atta of Carraig Ban: Award of the Drawbridge

Baroness Umm Iskandar Mihri: Award of the Plinth

Lady Honor La Riote: Award of the Pail and Award of the Plinth

Baron Honda Heihachiro: Award of the Oubliette

Lady Vivian Libelle: Award of the Bail

Lady Heather Grey: Award of the Pail

Sargeant Alexicratus Taifalus: Award of the Plinth

Lady Bien-Venue La Riote: Order of the Keep

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Upcoming events

We hope to have a winter Bardic event on Jan 10, 2026. Potential event stewards Lulu Tang and Sophia Cook are still looking for a site, the original site fell through. Watch Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/baronyofcarraigban> for updates

The bid documents for Ragnarok 2026 are here:

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

Please review, there will be a (probably virtual) meeting to vote on this in the next couple of weeks.

From the Chronicler

Minutes of the July meeting are available at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c1A4gjkENhyu2DzZZ2WmhQBK7cALb9/view?usp=sharing>

Minutes of September meeting are available at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HmB37y1-hvPrYr_eb3tHRSklQUGvDjeK/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:

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).

NOTE: In October (Oct 9) this will be a Zoom meeting for a presentation on "Monstrous Feminist Witches" given by Padraigin AnEinigh. The Zoom link will be posted on Facebook closer to the date.

The 3rd Thursday it's usually held at the DeKalb Public Library, with a theme of scribal (calligraphy and illumination) and sewing.

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 attend with no contribution to the potluck, 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 scribal and sewing.

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Additional A&S sessions:

Sun, Nov 9 at 1 PM
 Sugar Grove, IL
 Silk Banner Painting Session 1
 Facebook event with details available here: [Silk Banner Painting Session 1](#)

Sat, Nov 22 at 2pm
 DKPL
 Naal-binding (Viking knot knitting)
 Facebook event with details available here: [Naal-binding with Jessie And Magnus](#)

Sun, Nov 23 at 1 PM
 Silk Banner Painting Session 2
 Sugar Grove, IL
 Facebook event with details available here: [Silk Banner Painting Session 2](#)

Sat, Dec 13 at 3pm
 Viking Copper Spiral Ring making
 DKPL
 Facebook event with details available here [Viking Copper Spiral Ring Making](#)

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, 4thQ 2025

	A&S / Business meeting	(mostly) Midlands Event that weekend
Oct 2	Elgin, Personal projects	Chase 3 – Feast of the Silk Road
Oct 9	Virtual presentation on "Monstrous Feminist Witches"	Royal University of the Midrealm
Oct 16	DeKalb scribal and stitching	Fall Crown Tournament
Oct 23	DeKalb fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb)	
Oct 30	DeKalb pot luck, bardic and gaming	All Saints and Rivenstar 50 Year
Nov 6	Elgin, Personal projects	All Souls: The Worst One Yet
Nov 13	DeKalb fiber and fabric (inc. garb assistance)	Midlands Academy of Chivalry / Artisans' Day at Ravenslake
Nov 20	Elgin Business meeting	
Nov 27	No meeting, Thanksgiving	
Dec 4	Elgin, Personal projects	
Dec 11	DeKalb fiber and fabric (including assistance with garb)	
Dec 18	DeKalb scribal and stitching	
Dec 25	No meeting, Christmas	

Spreadsheet of who is attending which events

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1imk-7gSCngENqiyMFIAXF4u4nw_JR-oS6tJYLKb3DdM/edit?

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

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Information on Selected Events

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

October 3 – 5, 2025

Chase 3 – Feast of the Silk Road

Waterloo, IL

<https://shatteredcrystal.midrealm.org/chase-3-feast-of-the-silk-road/>

October 11, 2025

Royal University of the Midrealm

Hinsdale, IL

<https://ayreton.midrealm.org/royal-university-of-the-midrealm-fall-2025/>

October 18, 2025

Fall Crown Tournament

Fort Wayne, IN

<https://midrealm.org/events/fall-crown-tourney-2/>

November 1, 2025

All Saints and Rivenstar 50 Year

Lafayette, IN

<https://rivenstar.midrealm.org/events/2025/50th/>

November 8, 2025

All Souls: The Wurst One Yet

Schaumburg, IL

<https://vanishedwood.midrealm.org/all-souls/>

November 15, 2025

Midlands Academy of Chivalry

Lincoln, IL

no website yet

Artisans' Day at Ravenslake

Lake Villa, IL

<https://ravenslake.org/events/artisans-day/>

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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.

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Serves as president of the group, acting as administrator and legal representative of the SCA.

Trained officer who oversees armored combat activities for safety purposes.

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Signet

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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.

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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