



# Bezant Under Glass

## It Was Long Overdue

by: Meister Konrad Mailander

“It was long overdue,” “The Crown has finally recognized...”, “It’s about time,” or similar words are spoken after almost every Kingdom Court in every Kingdom in the Society. Many members of the populace speak these statements after Courts and the implication is often that it was the (previous) Crowns’ fault that this person did not get recognized in a timely fashion. It is not. It is yours and mine. If you think that someone deserves an award or honor and have not written a recommendation to the Crown, during this reign, then you are part of the problem.

The Crown does not see all and know all (and we are glad for that). They need the input of the populace when deciding to give the great majority of awards during their reign. It is the responsibility of all to inform the Crown of the good works of other members of the Society.

How our system of awards works is the Crown makes the decision of who gets an award but they look to input from their people in making these decisions. This is especially true for areas far from where they live and the lower level awards. A King and Queen who live in Western Pentamere do not personally know everyone if any who deserves Awards of Arms in the Barony of the Flame for example. If deserving people from the Flame get overlooked when the Crown comes to their event it is probably that they did not receive recommendations, or receive them in time.

So how do I make an award recommendation? It is very easy to make a recommendation. You just have to fill out an online form on the Midrealm Website that guides you through making the recommendation. At the very least you need to know the person’s SCA name, the award you are recommending them for, a description of why you think they deserve the award, and what events they are likely to attend. The events should be ones that the Crown is going to have a Court at. If the Crown is not going to be at the event then awards are not going to be given there. The easiest way for the Crown to search the database is by event and they tend to choose the events they are going to. It helps to have the other

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information asked. I also include notes after writing the support. If the person being recommended has a specific persona, registered arms, are part of a household, there is someone who would like to make their scroll, etc. then I include that information at the end of the recommendation.

When should I make a recommendation? Anytime. Recommendations should be made at least a month in advance of an event to have a good chance of being given at that event. The online form will only show events over a month out from the current date for this reason. The Crown has to plan their Court list then send it to the signets in time for scroll assignments to be made and finished. If you have less time before the event do not let that stop you from writing the recommendation, just be aware that there is a chance that you got it in too late for that specific event. It is really best to write recommendations as you think of them. You can always update them later when you find out what events they are going to.

What if you don't know what award to recommend them for? First check the Order of Precedence for the Barony and Kingdom to see what if anything they already have. The online form gives a brief description for each award when it is chosen so you can just select each you might be considering and see what it says. Your local herald and seneschal are good people to ask about awards as well as local Peers or Territorial Baron and Baroness. Also people who you know that already have an award are often a good source of information on the requirements for the award or order.

But I'm not a member of the Order of the Widget; I can't recommend someone for it can I? Anyone can recommend someone for any award. Let me repeat that; ANYONE can recommend someone for ANY award. You do not need to have the award in question or even an AoA to make a recommendation. Now if you are brand new and recommend someone for an award don't be surprised if they don't get it at next month's event. If the Crown gets numerous award recommendations for the person yours will add weight to their decisions or they may go to the members of the Order and ask their opinion on the person recommended. (I have seen this happen a few times with the Red Company where the Crown brings to the Order the names recommended from people outside Order and asks their opinion.) If you know someone who already has the award you are thinking about ask them what they think.

They are in my household (or real family) should I recommend them? Yes, if they deserve it. The big problem with the SCA's award structure is the people who know that a person deserves an award do not write recommendations. Who knows a person better than their close friends and family? When I write a recommendation for someone that I have a relationship with I do note it so the Crown is aware of my potential bias and can get another opinion if they want.

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Should I share my recommendations? This is a matter of personal preference. It often helps if there is more than one award recommendation for a person for an award, especially as the awards increase in precedence or prestige. The Baron and Baroness are good people to share your award recommendations with; it is their job to advise the Crown after all. People who already have the award or a similar award again are good resources. It is part of a Peers responsibility to advise the Crown so local Peers are another option as is anyone else that knows the person being recommended and you trust. If you do share your recommendations make sure to give the people you share them with enough time to write their own before an upcoming event. The one person you should not share it with is the person you are recommending. If they do not get the award when have come to expect one it may cause hard feelings on their part, and their enjoyment of the SCA is diminished.

They did not get the award at the event I recommended them for what do I do now? You can always go back into the award recommendation and update it, improve your support with the new things they have done and add more events they are going to. There are a lot of reasons that it may not have been given. Each Crown will have their own personal requirements they are looking for with each award, it may not have gotten in on time, and they may have had to make decisions to keep the Court to a reasonable length.

It is every member's responsibility to make recommendations to the Crown. It is the Crown's right and duty to reward those they find worthy. If they do not know of the deeds of a worthy gentle it is not their fault that they do not recognize these deeds, it is the fault of those that knew and did not write recommendations. If you finding yourself saying or thinking, "It was long overdue," it should be a reminder that you have not been doing your part in the system lately.

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Midrealm Award Recommendations:

<http://www.midrealm.org/op/recommend/>

Middle Kingdom Order of Precedence:

<http://www.midrealm.org/op/>

Awards of the Middle Kingdom:

<http://www.midrealm.org/heraldry/awards.php>

## Project and Gaming Nights

Do you have a project you would like help with? Do you want to help someone with a project? Do you just want to get out of the house for an evening? Well there are 4 Project Nights a month! So come out and join the fun!

- On the 2nd Wednesday of each month a Gaming and Desert Revel will be held at the home of Their Excellencies Vlachus and Una.
- On the 3rd Wednesday of each month Project Night is at the home of Braile and Bella!
- On the 4th Wednesday of each month Project Night will be at the home of Urbain and Beline.
- On the last Monday of each month Eamon and Isabella open up their home for Project Night.

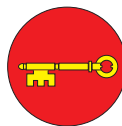
Check the Roaring Wastes web site for locations and information.



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## Attention Archers

· Due to new member rules at the club. We are being asked to lock the gate behind us. If you are planning on going, please email Forester Eamon(lordeamon@aol.com) so he can give you his cell phone numbers in case you arrive and the gates are chained shut. He will come and open the gates for you. Also, due to other Club rules, it is necessary to ask people to pay \$10.00 to shoot.

## Canton of Brackendelve



The Canton of Brackendelve holds its meetings the first Thursday of every month (minus August).

Our meetings take place at the UWUA Local 223 Union Hall, 15160 Commerce Drive North, Dearborn. Meetings start at 7:30pm, and all are welcome to come.

From I-75 take Schaefer North to Rotunda. Turn Right on Rotunda. Follow Rotunda to Commerce Drive North, turn right. Address is 15160 North Commerce Drive. The Union hall is the 5th or 6th building on the right.

From I-94 take the Schaefer/Greenfield exit. Follow Schaefer to Greenfield, turn Right onto Greenfield. Continue to Commerce Drive South, turn right. Commerce Drive South will turn into Commerce Drive North after you pass Rotunda. Address is 15160 Commerce Drive North.

## Baronial Calendar

### Sundays

#### Archery Practice

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Lincoln Bowmen

Check the Baronial web site for dates

### Fight Practice

Summer Sunday Fight Practice

April/May-October

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Norman J Halmich Park

3001 13 Mile Rd. Warren, MI 48092

### Tuesday

#### Fight Practice

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Str. Charles Church

(November thru April)

The Keep

(May thru October)

### Wednesday

First Wednesday

#### Baronial Meeting

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cana Lutheran Church

### Thursday

First Thursday

#### Brackendelve Canton Meeting

7:30

UWUA Local 223 Union Hall,  
15160 Commerce Drive North, Dearborn

## Middle Kingdom Events for October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			October 2012			
7	8	5-7 Red Dragon {Marche of Tirnewydd} [Columbus, OH] 6 Reign of Arrows {Shire of Stormvale } [Flint, MI] 6 Vinyard Raids VIII (Where are the grapes?) {Canton of Westmere} [Glenn, MI]	11-14 Diamond Wars {The Barony of Small Gray Bear (Kingdom of Gleann Abhann)} [Viola, AR]			13
14	12-14 Rendezvous at the Bridge XXIII {Shire of Riviere Constelle} [Lincoln City, IN]	13 Fiber Faire 2 {Barony of Cynnabar} [Saline, MI] 13 Grand Archery Tournament {Shire of Eastwatch } [Novelty, OH] 20 Fall Crown Tournament {Canton of Rimsholt} [Sparta, MI]	26-28 All Hallows Revel 3 {Canton of Lochmorrow} [Laharpe, IL]			20
21	22 27 Saltatoris Masque Ball	23 Masque Ball {Canton of Ealdnordwuda} [Dimondale, MI]	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Middle Kingdom Events for November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			November 2012			
4	3 All Souls with Royal University of the Midrealm and Craftpersons' Faire {Canton of Vanished Wood} [Roselle, IL] 3 Fall Harvest {Canton of Dun Traigh} [Allegan, MI] 3 Festival of St Hubert {Proto-Incipient Canton of Rus Silvae } [Mount. Orab, OH] 3 Flaming Gryphon Heavy Weapon Championship {Barony of Flaming Gryphon} [Dayton, OH]					
11	12 3 Grand Tourney at the Barony of Cynnabar {Barony of Cynnabar} [Saline, MI] 3 The Emerald Beast, Nocked Up {Shire of Castell Gwent} [Fostoria, OH] 9-11 Known World Academy of Rapier / Known World Costume Symposium {Shire of Ravenslake} [Itasca, IL] 10-11 What in Samhain {Canton of Three Walls} [Ionia, MI]					17
18	17 St. Nicholas Toys for Tots Tourney	16-18 Crystal Ball {Barony of Shattered Crystal} [Highland, IL] 20 Toys for Tots Tourney {Barony of the White Waters} [Elkhart, IN] 17 Toys Tourney XIII {Incipient Canton of Iron Oak} [Morrice, MI]	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## Middle Kingdom Events for December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		December 2012				
2	3 1 Bardic Madness XIV: Toom Tabard {Barony of the Cleftlands} [Rocky River, OH] 1 Fighter Symposium III {Barony of Carraig Ban} [Byron, IL] 1 Hawkland Moor Wassail {The Riding of Hawkland Moor} [Washington, MI] 1 Try Something New {Barony of Sternfeld} [Monrovia, IN]	4	5	6	7	8
9	8 Bear's Head - {Barony of Caer Antarth Mawr (Kingdom of Northshield)} [Waukesha, WI] 8 Yule Feast {Canton of Hrothgeirstfordr} [Toledo, OH] 15 Christmas Tourney XLI {Barony of the Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY]					5
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## Middle Kingdom Events for January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		January 2013				
6	7 12 A Regular Event in the Cleftlands: Come to a Tudor Frost Fair {Barony of the Cleftlands} [Medina, OH] 12 Flaming Gryphon	5 12th Night {Barony of Roaring Waters} [Detroit, MI] 12th Night and Baronial Artisan Competition {Shire of Havenholde} [Urbana, OH] 12 Twelfth Night in the Black Forest {Tree-Girt-Sea} [Chicago, IL]				12
13	14 18-19 Chivalry Retreat {Order of the Chivalry} [Wapakoneta, OH] 19 Middle Marches Twelfth Night {Barony of Middle Marches} [Hilliard, OH] 19-20 [MOVED FROM Jan 25-27 2013] 40th Annual Festival of Maidens {Shire of Wurm Wald} [Urbana, IL]					19
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## Come Visit the Roaring Wastes Website

The baronial website has a new look! Many changes and improvements have been occurring on the baronial website.

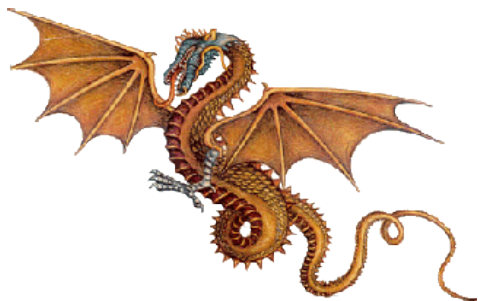
Visit the Discussion Forums section. This section is dedicated to news in the barony and the cantons. For general discussions, enter the Feast Hall. For happenings in the Barony or any of the Cantons, go to any of the individual news groups. There is also a section for Events and Demos

We also have a new picture gallery in the making. You can upload or view pictures from events and even artwork!

There is even a place to view our baronial newsletter!

The website can be found at  
[www.roaringwastes.org](http://www.roaringwastes.org)

If you haven't registered yet, please do!



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The *Bezant Under Glass* is the official newsletter of the Barony of Roaring Wastes, located in the Metro-Detroit area. The Barony of Roaring Wastes is the third oldest barony in Michigan and is bordered by the Riding of Hawkland Moor and the Barony of Cynnabar.

The Barony of Roaring Wastes consists of one canton: Brackendelve (Downriver area) and one shire: The Shire of Altenburg (Mt. Clemens area).

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