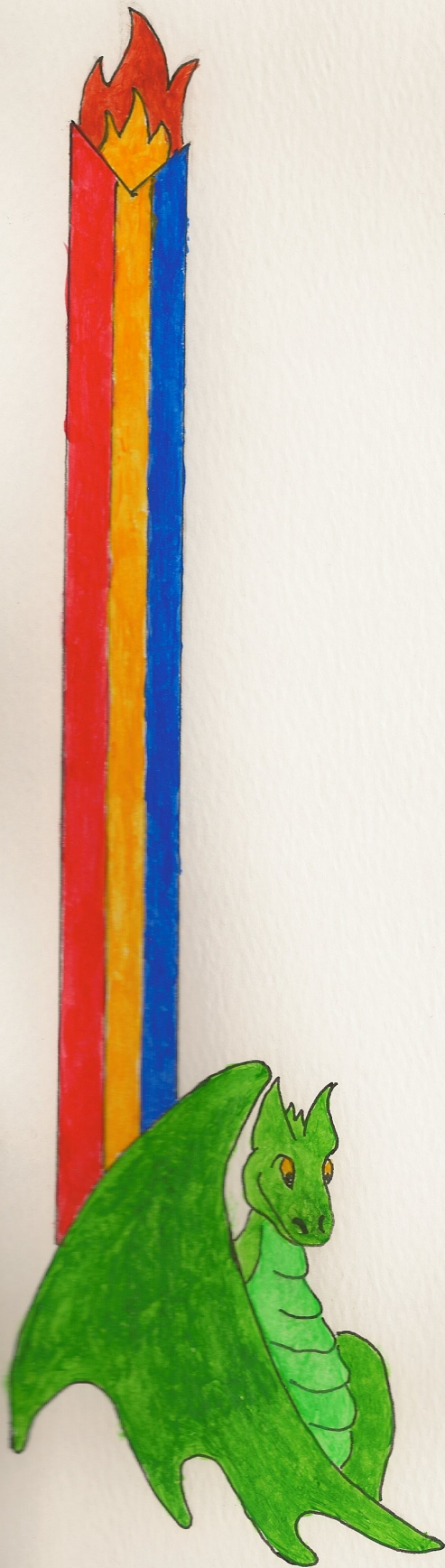


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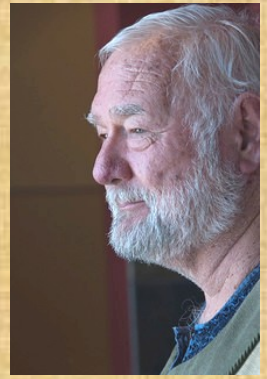
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Message from the Seneschal



Greetings on to all who may see my words,

As we are putting an end to October and entering November we are taught that December is the Yule month and keeping with that Dragonsfire Tor will be celebrating our 25th Yule. Our very first Yule was back on December 1, 1990 and it had a Scottish theme. So, with keeping with that, this year's Yule will also be a Scottish theme. That means SCOTCH EGGS, KILTS, FUN, FOOD, and MERRIMENT may be had by all. We will be doing all of this on Saturday, December 5th at Oak Dale Park in Glen Rose, Texas. The gates that will take us all back to an early Scotland will open at 9am and we will have to return to present time by 9pm. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED SOON. - PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

Novembers DFT Populace Meeting will be P&P with the B&B at the Park (Populace and Pot luck dinner with the Baron and Baroness at Jaycee City Park, Stephenville, TX – please wear garb) Starting time will be at 5:00 pm on Sunday November 8th – Pending on the weather. If bad weather, Populace will be held at FMC at 5:30 pm with snacks. ALL ARE WELCOME.

In your Service,
Lord Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire
Seneschal of the Great Canton of Dragonsfire Tor



NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Rapier practice 6 pm Jaycee Park	2	3	4 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u>	5	6	7
8 Rapier practice 6 pm Jaycee Park / Populace	9	10	11 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u>	12	13	14 Forge Night 1 to 9pm at Scotty and Janie's back yard verify with Scotty
15 Rapier practice 6 pm Jaycee Park	16	17	18 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u>	19	20	21
22 Rapier practice 6 pm Jay- park	23	24	25 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u> Deadline for newsletter submissions	26	27	28
29 Rapier practice 6 pm Jaycee Park	30					





Message from the Baron and Baroness



Greetings to the good people of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor,

October was another great month of travel for the Barony. Fall seems to be the time for going north. Members of the populace attended Namron Protectorate. Namron also hosted the coronation of Their Majesties Creppin and Toryn. It was a wonderful ceremony. Baroness Adria said that Samhain Celebration had beautiful weather. We have always enjoyed Samhain in Eldern Hills. His Excellency won an A&S contest one year! We hope to attend in the next year or two. A few folks attended Quest for Valhalla in Bjornsborg. Herr Andreas advertised heavily for Siglo de Oro in Bryn Gwlad. We are looking forward to hearing about the Tournament of Defence. A few of us attended Kyngescreke's celebration of becoming a full canton. Justinian and Ozar did very well in the tournament. A certain seneschal from DFT even made an appearance in armor.

Much of October was spent on activities within the Barony. We enjoyed spending time at the Academie. We spoke to them about events and camping. The A&S workshop was time well spent. Activities included: banner painting, banner making, charter painting, needlework, weaving and woodburning. We will try to have these every month or so. Please take time to attend.

We also held our largest demo, the Arlington Medieval Arts Festival. The Barony was very well represented; forty members attended and helped throughout the day. With the poor weather and having to change venue, we were the medieval festival. The library staff was very helpful and accommodating. It was great to see the joy on children's faces as they were able to take their picture with a fighter. Everyone did a great job. We are very proud of this group!

Our guilds rival any other guild in the Kingdom. The cook's guild will be preparing the feast for the Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel. Lady Eleanor is leading the effort. Our scribal guild provided 35 painted charters to the Kingdom. Lady Cecilia created the King's Champion scroll.

November begins with a workday at the storage unit. It is time for us to dig back into the dark areas of the unit and see what lurks there. We will also take the opportunity to perform repairs. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone can help - we'll need strong backs for lifting, able hands for sorting or repairing and good scribes for documenting the quantity and condition of the items. We look forward to seeing you there. The second Sunday is a populace in the park and potluck down in Dragonsfire Tor. We are looking forward to spending time with the good people of the Tor.

The second weekend of November is Queen's Champion. The site will be Castleton in Bryn Gwlad. We have heard many great things about this site. The third weekend is Bordermarch Autumn Meles (BAM). This is a well-attended event by members of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor. There will also be an Investiture of a new Baron and Baroness. Her Excellency will be attending.

Do not forget to mark your calendars for two important events in December - Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel and the Tournament of Champions. Yule Revel is a very relaxed event. This would be a very good first event for our newcomers. There is socializing and gaming. There are several contests planned as well. The Tournament of Champions is the next weekend. We have two champions in the event - Sir Louis and Duke Lochlan. This event is the first and we intend to set the bar with the pomp we provide our champions.

Dragonsfire Tor is also our first opportunity to hold court and provide recognition (awards) to the populace. Please provide your award recommendations. The Elfsea website has links to the Kingdom and Baronial award rec forms. We have also asked to meet with the Keystones. There will be three opportunities in November for the Keystones to meet:

Wednesday, November 4th at fighter practice

Sunday, November 8th at the Tor populace in the park

Thursday, November 12th at our home, 7:00pm

Looking into next year, Countess Amelot will be the baronial land coordinator for Gulf War. Expect to see more information from her over the next couple of months. Lady Aine and Lady Liadan will be the stewards for Defender. Their bid was impressive. We are encouraged to see the number of activities focused on community and developing relationships among the populace. We are very pleased with these goals.

We will close our letter by thanking everyone for their contributions to the Barony and Canton. These contributions may be welcoming newcomers, sharing ideas and experience or simply supporting each other by being there. We say it often - we are very proud of this group.

Vivat Dragonsfire Tor! Vivat Elfsea!

William and Cassandra

Baron and Baroness of Elfsea

Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor

Our progress:

Shed Workday - November 7th

Dragonsfire Tor - November 8th

Bordermarch Autumn Melees - November 21st

Yule Revel - December 5th

Tournament of Champions - December 12th



Notes from an old Rapier Marshal

On Competition

When I listen to many people talk about fighting in the SCA they seem to think it's all just about competition. In Fact really only about competition and nothing else! It is as if you do not win the tournament, or at least place in the top three or four it was a waste of your time to have fought at all. This kind of thinking is totally wrong to me. If this were true then any fight in which they called lay on and you just killed the guy with one quick shot and walked off would be a great victory and something to really celebrate. It is not though and we all know it. It is just boring for everybody, the winner, the loser, and all who are watching. The best fights are always the longest ones. Where both fighters are true equals and no one fighting or watching knows who will win. People seem to be holding their breath less they should distract either combatant. Not until the final touch, when all will cheer. What a moment, what a victory! Even the guy who lost will never stop retelling that story because it was such a great fight that he had come so close to winning. It may even become a bard's story or song in which both are so heroic, though only one won. This is what brings fighters to the field and not just the chance of winning some tourney. Your goal should always be to fight your best and keep improving, who wins or not will sort its self out. Now it is true that most tournaments end with these kind of epic fights just because the combatants are all really good, equals. But can this mean that newer fighters may never have such a fight of their very own? Not at all and no such thing! Just find someone with the same time in on the field, about the same size and reach, and its look out and Katie bar the door! You have got a real fight on your hands. No matter what level you are fighting at there are others out there ready to match you. It is just a case of going out to fight and looking for them. Say, I bet one of them will be at that tournament next week. If you don't go you will both miss out on something special. What are you waiting for? Grab your gear and go.

Yours in Service to the Canton & the Barony,

Angus Patrick de Ruthven.



Open Office

Greetings,

We have the following Dragonsfire Tor officer positions open for APPLICATIONS. These will be open until filled.

Dragonsfire Tor Web Minister

If you are interested in this position please complete an Application for Office on the Kingdom website

<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>

It's simple, just fill out the application on-line and send it to the Kingdom Webminister with a copy of your Driver's License (please black out the license number) and SCA card at

kingdom@webminister.ansteorra.org

Dragonsfire Tor Knights Marshal

If you are interested in this position please complete an Application for Office on the Kingdom website

<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>

It's simple, just fill out the application on-line and send it to the Kingdom Earl Marshal with a copy of your Driver's License (please black out the license number) and SCA card at

marshal@ansteorra.org

Dragonsfire Tor Chronicler

If you are interested in this position please complete an Application for Office on the Kingdom website

<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>

It's simple, just fill out the application on-line and send it to the Central Regional Chronicler with a copy of your Driver's License (please black out the license number) and SCA card at

[central@chronicler.ansteorra.org](mailto:centeral@chronicler.ansteorra.org)

Please send a copy of your application to Elfsea Baron and Baroness at

baron@elfsea.ansteorra.org

baroness@elfsea.ansteorra.org

and please include a copy to me at

seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org

In your Service,
Lord Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire



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Ldy Diana the Just (Diana Warner)



**Accepting applications for deputy to
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HL Desire'e Dupre, (Desiree Jefferson)



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Accepting applications



Knight Marshal:

marshal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org

Lord Ravenger Wulvkin (Elmer Newby)



Accepting applications



Chronicler

Lady Diana the Just

chronicler@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org

Deputy Chronicler

Accepting Applications

Greetings

Thanks to Lord Angus for his submission

“The Light Supremacy “.

My term as Chronicler is up in December. If anyone is interested in becoming the next Chronicler please fill out an application.

Yours in Service

Lady Diana the Just

chronicler@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org



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