

Tales of the Tor

December 2015

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Message from the Baron and Baroness



Greetings to the good people of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor,

November was another good month for the Barony. Several members of the Barony traveled to Queen's Champion. M'lady Elise competed in the Queen's Hope tournament. Herr Andreas was announced to be inducted into the Order of the White Scarf. The good news continued into BAM. Centurion Eberhart was announced to be inducted into the Order of the Chivalry. Vivat to both gentlemen! Their individual ceremonies will be held at the Tournament of Champions in December. Baroness Rixende was the Rapier General at BAM and will be the Rapier General at Gulf Wars!

We end our year with two events - Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel and the Tournament of Champions. We encourage everyone to attend these events. Yule Revel is our time to gather as a family and enjoy each other's company. There will be many different competitions to occupy our time, including one for desserts! Our Dragonsfire Tor Artisan will also be chosen. We are looking forward to holding our first Dragonsfire Tor court.

The Tournament of Champions is shaping up to be a wonderful celebration of chivalry and martial prowess. Please make plans to attend this event to support our Champions - Sir Louis and Duke Lochlan. We have several pennants which can be used; bring a dowel, ruler or wooden spoon!

We will close our letter with a Thank You. You have been very supportive of us and we appreciate the time we get to spend with each of you.

Vivat Dragonsfire Tor! Vivat Elfsea!

William and Cassandra

Baron and Baroness of Elfsea

Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor

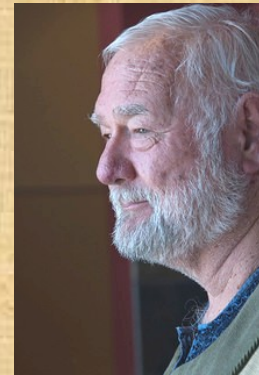
Our progress:

Yule Revel - December 5th

Tournament of Champions - December 12th



Message from the Senechal



Greetings,

This next two weekends will be busy with Yule this weekend and TOC next weekend. Both are expected to be great fun.

Yule should be great with a Scottish Feast and lots of stuff for the Fund raiser. Lady Diana and her crew have put a lot of work and effort into it so it should be an awesome day.

TOC is next weekend and it should be exciting and we should see some of the best fighting our Kingdom has to offer. HL Janie is doing all the prep work for it. So come on out and join us and have a great time.

Franklin





DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u>	3	4	5 Yule Revel XXV
6 Rapier practice 6 pm Jaycee Park / Populace	7	8	9 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u>	10	11	12 Tournament of Champiopns
13 Rapier practice 6 pm Jaycee Park	14	15	16 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u>	17	18	19
20 Rapier practice 6 pm Jay- park	21	22	23 <u>Elfsea Chivalric and Rapier Practice 7:30</u> Deadline for newsletter submissions	24	25 Merry Christmas	26
27 Rapier practice 6 pm Jaycee Park	28	29	30	 <i>Happy New Year !!!</i>		



DRAGONSFIRE TOR'S YULE REVEL XXV

SCHEDULE: (revised)

GATE OPENS 9 AM

9 AM - A & S COMPETITION SET UP

9 AM - BANNER COMPETITION SET UP

9 AM - TABLE DECORATION SET UP

(setup resumes after court until 12 pm)

10 AM OPENING COURT

1 PM - 2 PM COMPETITION JUDGING (except for dessert)

FAN PAINTING - 1 PM UNTIL PROJECT COMPLETION (there will be a charge)

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES - 11 AM - 12 PM and 2 PM - 3 PM

HERALDRY TABLE THROUGH OUT THE DAY

FUND RAISING THROUGH OUT THE DAY

AFTERNOON COURT - 4 PM

5:30 PM - DESSERT COMPETITION SET UP

6:00 PM - DESSERT COMPETITION JUDGING

6:30 PM - FEAST

CLEAN UP AFTER DAYS ACTIVITIES ARE DONE





Greetings Good Gentles

These are the rules for Dragonsfire Tor's Yule Revel 25th Artisan Competition:

1 item made within the last 2 years with documentation, extra points will be awarded for entries with a Scottish theme as that is the theme for the event

Yule Revel Feast Menu

First Course:

Two bite oat cakes

Crowdie Cheese

White bean soup

Second Course:

Chicken in the Heather

Green salad

Buttered carrots and parsnips

Home made bread

Third Course:

Smoked pork

Pears in honey sauce

Peas and cabbage Scottish style

Fourth Course:

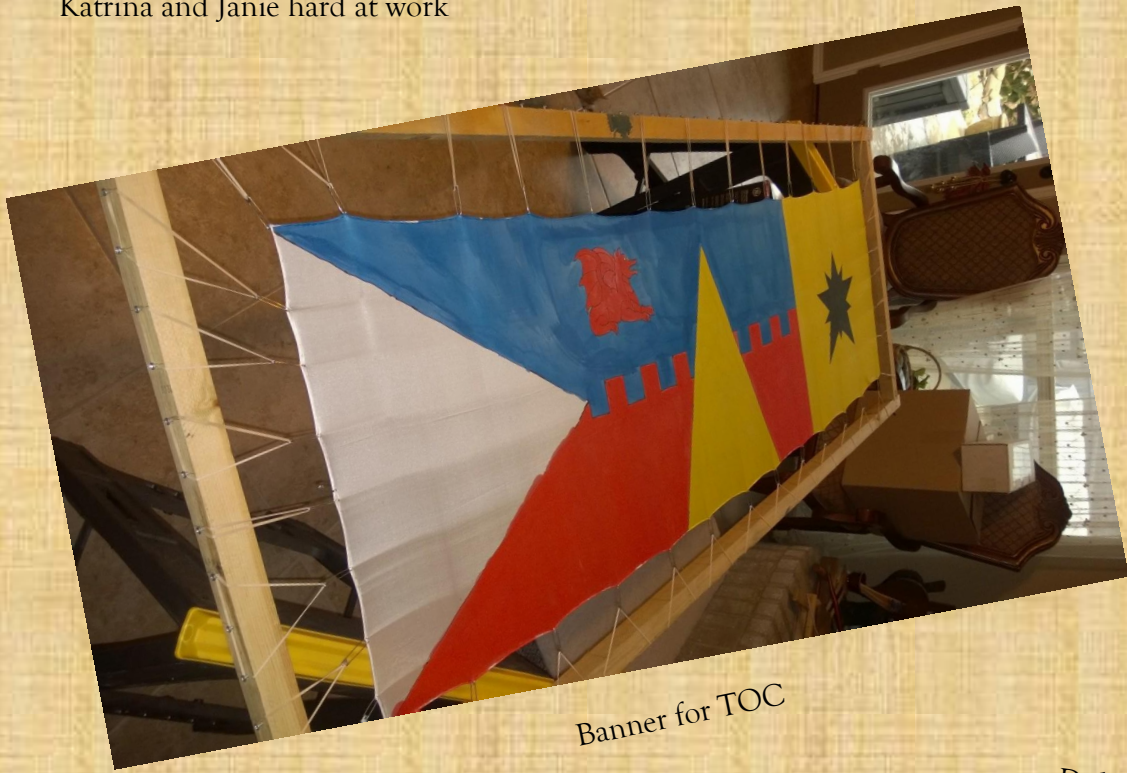
Desserts from the Dessert competition and sideboard





Katrina and Janie hard at work

Tournament of Champions
preperations update



Banner for TOC

Duke Hrafn's TOC tunic



Baron Alejandro's TOC cape



Notes from an old Rapier Marshal

Is This All I Got?

If someone were to ask me what makes more students quit that anything else I would have to say it's the feeling of being stuck. This is a very common idea among fighters that you have a build in set limit. This feeling usually crops up after you have been fighting somewhere between six and nine months .That no amount of time or work on your part will cause anymore improvement. This is as good as you are ever going get and that's just not good enough to matter at all! We have all felt this way about our fighting at one time or another. The more experienced warrior knows that this feeling is untrue but the newer fighter is often fooled. Small wonder really. It is so easy to get discourage going out week after week fighting the same people and mostly getting the same results over and over again. It is only natural to start asking your self is this it? We call this a plateau and believe me they are nothing to quit over. This name comes from the fact that a fighters skill level shoots strait up and then hold at this new level for what seems like forever before finally raising again. This will happen to any fighter again and again as long as he keeps working to improve his skill. The oddest part is how thrilled we are to have reached a new height only to be total discussed with this same level once we have been stuck there for a while. This is just an unavoidably part of all SCA fighters and there game. There are some things you can do to help yourself reach above your current plateau. Try making another groups fighter practice. New faces may bring you different styles and techniques. The sum of all man's knowledge can be found in books and this includes killing people with a sword while not getting killed. Even a good movie fight scene might give you a new idea to try. But the only thing that will always work is to just keep at it until the next level is reached. This is also how you tell the real fighters from those who only wish they were.

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

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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

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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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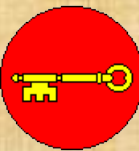
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Ldy Diana the Just (Diana Warner)

**Accepting applications for deputy to
become chronicler in December**

Minister of Arts and Science:

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Accepting applications



Knight Marshal:

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Lord Ravenger Wulvkin (Elmer Newby)

Accepting applications



Chronicler
Lady Diana the Just
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Deputy Chronicler
Accepting Applications

Greetings

Thanks to Lord Angus for his submission "Is This All I Got".

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

Yule is Saturday. I look forward to seeing all of you there, many people have worked hard to make a special day for you.

*I'd like to wish all of you a memorable holiday season
with family and friends.*

Yours in Service

Lady Diana the Just

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