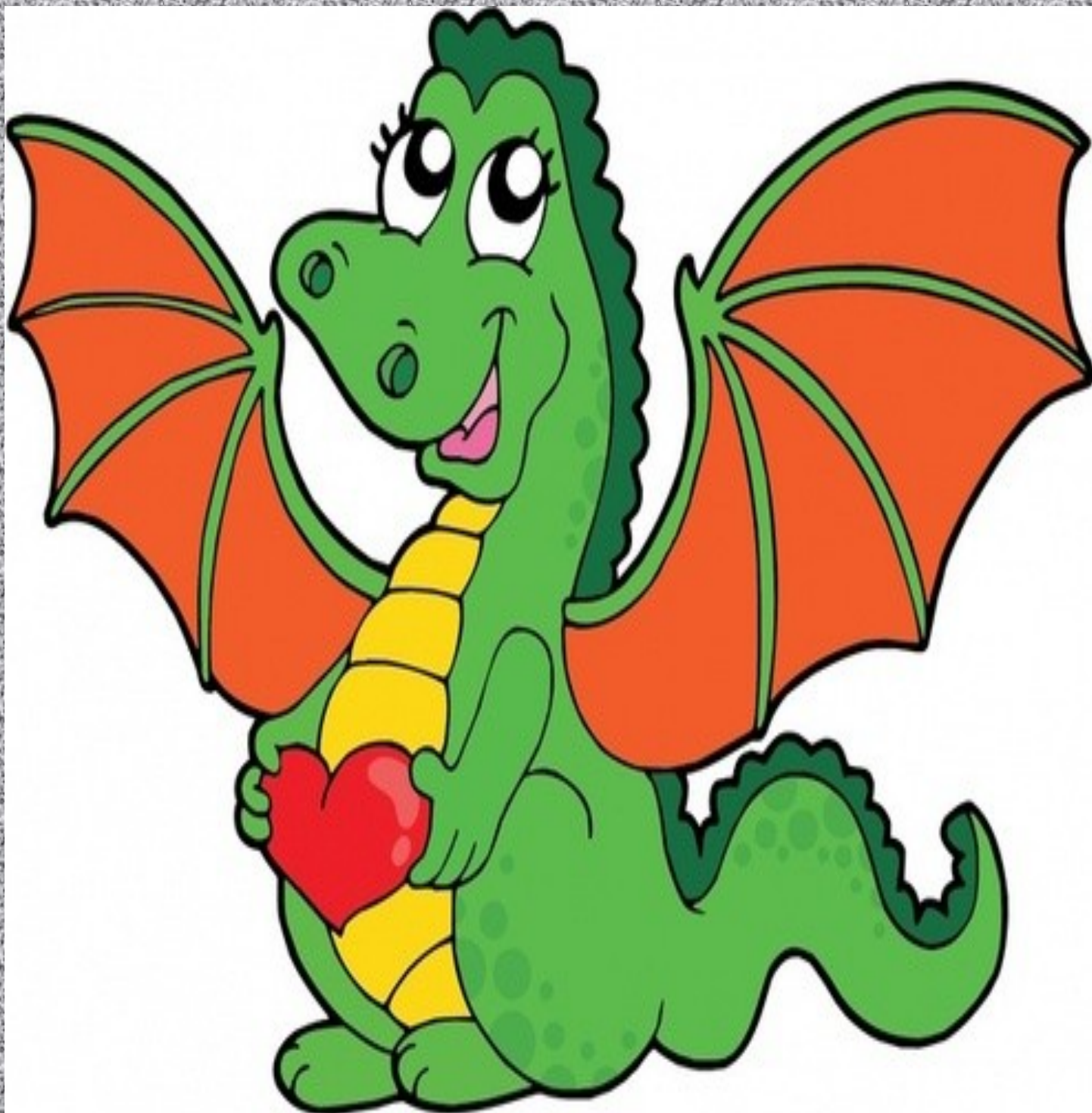


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# Message from the Baron and Baroness



Greetings to the good gentles of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor,

We'll open this month by adding our congratulations to the new Heirs, Prince Gabriel and Princess Sonja. We are looking forward to working with them again during their reign. The Barony has submitted a bid to host their Coronation.

We also attended the Investiture of Baron Peter Rhys Connor and Baroness Sarah Fynn. We believe that our two Baronies are entering a great period of time. The relationship that we have with our cousins will help bring our two groups even closer together. We are already seeing this in that we intend to camp as neighbors at Gulf Wars this year and have shared camp activities.

January was also full of officer changes. Lady Flavia Vibiana is our Chamberlain. Conall Ramsay is our Rapi-er Marshal and Duke Lochlan Dunn is our Minister of Arts and Sciences. Please join us in welcoming our new officers!

Gulf War planning is going strong. There are plenty of opportunities to help with Gulf War preparations. We will have another workday on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Barony accepted House Stonefalcon's bid for Defender. Stonefalcon is a great group of people who have served the Barony and surrounding groups over the years. This will be a wonderful event! Look to the Face-book page and email lists for more information.

2017 will be another busy year. We are off to a good start. Let's keep things moving forward!

William and Cassandra  
Baron and Baroness

Baronial Progress  
Open Garage and A&S Day – February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Gulf Wars – March 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENESCHAL**

Greeting unto the Tor! Hope this message finds you all happy and well. Please remember Populace is the second Sunday of each month and I hope to see you all there.

Yours in Service,  
*Angus Patrick De Ruthven*



### **Notes From An Old Rapier Marshal**

#### **What are we really asking of you?**

One of the most commonly required things to be asked of you at populace is to vote yes or no on some upcoming demo or event, but what are we really asking of you? If you are a newer member of the SCA you might think the only question here is something like, is this a good idea in general or would it make good press for our local group? Please be assured there is much more to be asked than just that. Not even our great Kingdom has unlimited money or people to do something and so each choice must be weight against all others for the best outcome.

This is even more true for smaller groups. I remember a populace from about 24 years ago when a shire voted to put a float in the local Christmas parade. We had the use of a flatbed trailer and building a castle out of one inch wood and chicken wire was a snap. Then came stuffing each and every hole in that chicken wire with tissue paper to make our float! 30 people voted this a good idea but 4 of us got stuck making it happen! For 30 sets of hands this could have been done in two hours. For 4 of us it took four Saturday's in a row to get it done and barely in time for the parade.

Your Seneschal is not just asking if it sounds like a good idea, he or she want to know if you really support this thing being done! A good rule to use here is just ask yourself two questions. One, would I vote for this if I knew it could not be done without one full hour of my time and effort? Two, would I vote for it if I knew it could not happen without me personally giving one dollar of my own to help make it happen? If your answer to either of these questions is no then you do not really support this idea and should vote no. I am not saying you cannot vote for a demo that is going to happen when you are at work and so cannot attend, just not if you don't truly support it. After all, if you like the idea and would have gone if you could, you might send some of your things along with notes on when and how they were used in history, but how likely is that if you thought the whole idea was silly? Please remember you are voting on a demo or event idea, and not for how much you like the person who thought of it. This is most definitely-not a popularity contest! Ask all the important questions like when, where, how much will it cost, how many people will we need to do it, and so on. You should never vote for anything you do not fully understand. Your group is asking for your honest support for something and they need the truth here. Never give a single thought to which way your vote might make you seem like the more caring or nicer person. Your real answer is all that matters here, not a pretty speech for something you are not going to be any help making happen no matter what. It could be a great idea for a group that really wants to do it and a bad one for your group because no one locally knows anything about it or cares enough to learn. Why do you think all SCA events are not just alike in all details anyway? It is true you do not have to have an A&S minister to hold the kingdom A&S event, and that the Kingdom will help you pull this off, but if only two people like the idea and all the rest vote no? Then you really risk being too short handed to make it work if you try to push the populace in a direction they just don't want to go. Every idea deserves consideration, but in the end there must be real support to make it work.

Yours in Service ,

*Angus Patrick De Ruthven*



# February

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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**Elfsea Chivalric  
and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30**

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4 **Candelmas**  
**Feb 4 & 5**  
**Provincial Games**

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**Rapier practice**  
**Jaycee Park**  
**check with**  
**Marshal for**  
**time / Elfsea**  
**archery prac-  
tice**

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8  
**Elfsea Chivalric**  
**and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30**

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11  
**Kingdom A & S**  
**Feb 10 - 12**

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**Rapier practice**  
**Jaycee Park**  
**check with**  
**Marshal for**  
**time / Elfsea**  
**archery prac-  
tice**

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14  
**Elfsea Cooks**  
**Guild**

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**Elfsea Chivalric**  
**and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30**

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**War College**  
**Feb 17 - 19**



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**Rapier practice**  
**Jaycee Park**  
**check with**  
**Marshal for**  
**time / Elfsea**  
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**Elfsea Chivalric**  
**and Rapier Prac-  
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**A & S at the**  
**B & B's**

**Deadline for**  
**newsletter sub-  
missions**

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Their Excellencies will be opening their home for an Open Garage and A&S day on Saturday, February 25th. The house will be open from noon to whenever. The forge will be available as well as power tools for those wanting to work on a project but needing some outdoor space. There will be tables indoors for those wanting to work on gentler pursuits. There are Baronial To Dos as well.

Lady Liaden Orlanderson will be teaching a class on soap making.

Dinner will be potluck for those interested. Their address is 300 Cinnamon Lane, Eules, 76039. They have two dogs.



**The office of Rapier Marshal for Dragonsfire Tor is open for applications. Applications are due by March 1 or until an application is received and approved.**

Send a copy of your application to:

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Greetings Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor, from Sir Alejandro

Trimaris prepares her armies, and will march soon! Since an army does not march without provision, Lord Guyon has offered a meal plan to ensure Elfsea and Steppes are well provisioned.

To ensure we have a safe encampment, I need your help to ensure the orderly arrangement. Elfsea's encampment is greatly enhanced by more people taking the time to register.

Once you have confirmed your travel arrangements to Gulf Wars, please send me the following information, to bill dot perkins at sbcglobal dot net.

- \* Size of tent, with and without ropes
- \* Type of tent (period or modern)
- \* Names of people staying together (society and modern)
- \* Estimated day and time of arrival (morning, afternoon, evening, night, crazy late)

This year's Gulf Wars promises to be fun and exciting!





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Complete an Application for Office on the Kingdom website at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf> send it to the [central@moas.ansteorra.org](mailto:central@moas.ansteorra.org) with a copy of your SCA card.

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[baroness@elfsea.ansteorra.org](mailto:baroness@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

and include a copy to [seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org)



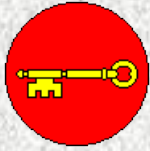
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**Deputy Chronicler**  
**[Accepting Applications](#)**

Greetings to the populace of Dragonsfire Tor,

I would like to encourage those of you who have a little time, to invest some of it in your canton. If you are interested enough to participate in the activities of our canton I am hopeful that you are also interested enough and responsible enough to want to volunteer to take an office (most of which have been empty for over a year), or run an event, or even to help at an event by being the co-steward or a coordinator or co-coordinator. None of the offices are time consuming or difficult to do and neither is helping with an event. If you are concerned that you don't have the experience volunteer to assist the coordinator or become a deputy so you can learn the ropes. There are those among us who would be happy to help you to grow in the canton.

This is a new year please help the canton to continue to prosper and grow.

**Yours in Service**

**Lady Diana the Just**

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