

# Tales of the Tor

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# Message from the Baron and Baroness



Greetings to the good gentles of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor,

We have had a great start to the New Year. 35 people attended the January populace meeting and another 30 joined us in February. Thank you for all of the award recommendations and suggestions we have been receiving lately.

Twelve people attended the Open Garage and A&S day. Thank you Justin for giving us a reason to fire up the forge. Things are always more fun with fire. Inside, there were plenty of baby stories being mixed in with wonderful illumination. We'll host another day once the upcoming events are behind us.

This month is Gulf Wars. There are 32 people camping with Elfsea and I know many more will be camping with various other households. Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor always represent well at war and this year should be no different. I'm sure there will be wonderful stories to share once everyone returns.

April and May are going to be busy for the Barony. We are honored to be hosting the Coronation of Gabriel and Sonja. The event will be at Sid Richardson. Defender will be two weeks later. We are looking forward to choosing our second set of champions. Guardian of the Tor is in May. This is a great event held by our Canton of Dragonsfire Tor. It is intimate yet give you a belly full of fighting, good food and great fun!

Thank you all for the contributions you make towards keeping our group a place where people want to be.

William and Cassandra  
Baron and Baroness

Baronial Progress  
Gulf Wars – March 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Coronation – April 8<sup>th</sup> (Her Excellency)  
Glaslyn Defender of the Flame – April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Elfsea Defender – April 28<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENESCHAL

Greetings to all of Dragonsfire-tor.

March means Gulf war's is once more before us, a safe journey and glorious event to everyone. A busy spring with much activity here in the central region has nearly arrived. Please do your part to help and enjoy these many fine event's.

Yours in Service,  
Angus Patrick De Ruthven



Greeting friends. I have the joy and honor to be both the Archery Champion for the Barony of Elfsea and the Canton of Glaslyn. In keeping with my tradition of always getting a gift for those who win the right to replace me I am putting up these two fine quivers for the new 2017 Champions. The blue for Elfsea and the red for Glaslyn. Both groups offer many great gifts already but I wish to sweeten the pot in hopes of luring more archers to the fray. Come join us at these great Defender events and show us your skill.

Yours in Service,

*Angus Patrick De Ruthven*





## The Canton of Dragonsfire Tor's Guardian of the Tor XXXI

May 19-21, 2017 at Worth Ranch BSA Camp, Palo Pinto, TX

Does the sound of a 4 hour dragon pit send chills down your spine? Are your arrows strong and true? Can you capture an audience with your voice? Do **you** have the stamina to be our champion?

Join us as we choose our champions in Chivalric, Rapier, Archery, and Bardic. There will be a pot luck feast on Saturday evening, so please bring something to share and don't forget your feast gear.

### Event Registration:

Adults: \$15.00  
\$5.00 Adult Member Discount  
6 -17 : \$5.00  
5 & under: Free

### Site Information:

*Opens:* 5:00 pm Friday *Closes:* 12:00 pm Sunday  
*Location:* Worth Ranch  
Worth Ranch Rd, Palo Pinto, TX 76484  
**+32 49' 31.120" , -98 18' 7.337"**

**Family Max** will be from \$30.00 to \$45.00 depending on the number of Adult Registrations (The Family Max price varies due to member discount. With 2 Adult family members and proof of membership, the max you will pay is \$30.00 for Registration.)

**To receive the Member Discount, you must be able to show proof of membership at gate.**

### Make checks payable to: SCA Inc., Canton of Dragonsfire Tor

Site is wet, period containers only. Above ground fire pits are permitted in camping area. Pets must be on a leash or contained.

A map to the site and additional information can be found on our website.

<http://dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org/guardian>

### Event Steward

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no calls after 9:00pm please

### **Merchants welcome** – contact Event Steward

**Minors** must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized **Minor Event Waiver Form** from the parents.

Worth Ranch is an 800 acre camp located on the Brazos River below Kyle Mountain, an hour west of Fort Worth and 4 miles north of Palo Pinto. From downtown Fort Worth, it is approximately 63 miles to the entrance, taking I-30 and I-20 to Weatherford, Hwy 180 from Weatherford to Palo Pinto, and FM-4 to the camp. Worth Ranch is 83 miles from DFW Airport. Go to: <http://www.longhorncouncil.org/general-info/maps-directions/worth-ranch/> for: Worth Ranch Campsite and facilities map

GPS Users Enter this for GPS Directions to the main road:

**Worth Ranch Rd, Palo Pinto, TX 76484**

Mileage may vary once upon Worth Ranch Rd.

GPS Coords (the beginning of the Worth Ranch Rd):

**32.825311 , -98.302038**  
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# March



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1  
Elfsea Chivalric  
and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30

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3



5  
Rapier practice  
Jaycee Park  
10am - 1pm /  
Elfsea archery  
practice

6

7

8  
Elfsea Chivalric  
and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30

9

10

11

*Gulf War XXVI*

12 Rapier prac-  
tice Jaycee  
Park 10am -  
1pm / Elfsea  
archery prac-  
tice

13

14  
Elfsea Cooks  
Guild

15  
Elfsea Chivalric  
and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30

16

17

18

*Populace*

19  
Rapier practice  
Jaycee Park  
10am - 1pm /  
Elfsea archery  
practice

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21

22  
Elfsea Chivalric  
and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30

23

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25

*Commanders  
Crucible*

Deadline for  
newsletter  
submissions

26  
Rapier practice  
Jaycee Park  
10am - 1pm /  
Elfsea archery  
practice

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29  
Elfsea Chivalric  
and Rapier Prac-  
tice 7:30

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# Open Offices

## Dragonsfire Tor Arts and Science Minister

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.

## Dragonsfire Tor Web Minister

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

## Dragonsfire Tor Knights Marshal

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

**Also please send a copy of your application to:** Elfsea Baron and Baroness at [baron@elfsea.ansteorra.org](mailto:baron@elfsea.ansteorra.org)  
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and include a copy to [seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org](mailto:seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org)



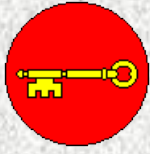
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# Viking Grooming Practices

Vikings were thought to be a dirty people because they were considered, to be barbarians. This is not the case. They washed their faces, hands, and hair daily. This is thought to have been done in the morning upon waking. The exception to this practice was when they were in mourning. When the mourning period was over, they resumed their daily ablutions. They changed their clothes frequently and bathed on Saturday. These activities were considered, to be heathenish or un-christian, because bathing was considered by Christian Europeans to be a wicked thing.

They used combs, ear spoons, tweezers, razors, nail cleaners, and picks among other things. Combs were functional as well as decorative. They were made from elephant and, walrus ivory, and whalebone, the fine teeth were very close in many cases, and this side was likely used for control of pests in one's hair. The coarser side would have been used to comb out tangles and style the hair. Men's combs were usually kept in a case the shape of the comb to protect the teeth. Women's combs were kept in a purse or pouch.



Man's comb and case

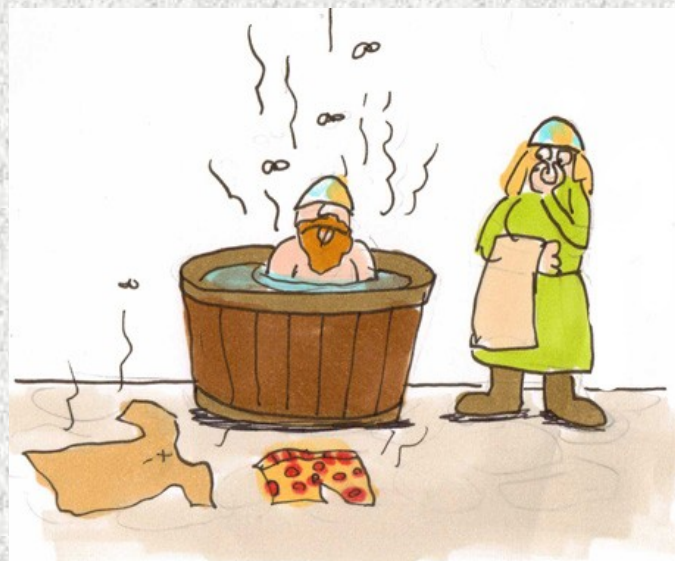


Double-sided comb

Ear spoons were made of bone, ivory, silver and other metals and as you would expect used to clean the ears. Women may have worn their ear spoon suspended from a brooch. They were decorative as well as functional. The other articles of their toilet set, tweezers, razor, nail cleaner and pick were also hung from the brooch. I have also read somewhere that that was not the case, that they were worn from a belt. Who knows as archeological finds are usually in a much- deteriorated condition?

Next month I'll have information about hair styles.

\*\*Information for this article was taken from The Viking Answer Lady website





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Greetings to the populace of Dragonsfire Tor,

**If you are going to WAR I hope you have a great time and will bring back stories to share with those of us who couldn't go this year. Safe travels.**

**Yours in Service**

**Lady Diana the Just**

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