

# Tales of the Tor

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## Message from the Baron and Baroness



Greetings to the good gentles of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor,

The war is over...until next year. We have heard and witnessed many good deeds performed by our populous. Elfsea was represented well.

With laundry still being done, we look to the next two months. Elfsea and the surrounding groups will be busy. There is something local almost every weekend. Remember to volunteer, a little time from everyone makes for a lot of fun for all.

If you have not volunteered for Elfsea Defender yet, now is the time. We are looking forward to a marvelous day of contests, fighting, feasting, and general comradery. Shortly after Elfsea Defender is Guardian of the Tor, volunteer again! This is always a laid back fun event. Come join us.

William and Cassandra  
Baron and Baroness

Baronial Progress

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> - 30<sup>th</sup>](#)

Queen's Champion - [May 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>](#)

Guardian of the Tor - [May 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>](#)





## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENESCHAL

Unto my Beloved Tor, Greetings.

April is finally here and with it a very busy time for both the Barony of Elfsea and its Canton. It was because of this that we voted to skip populace for this month and resume with May's meeting. If you have anything that needs faster attention you will find most of our Officers (& Financial committee members) at both of Elfsea's events and Glaslyn's one. Please look for us and we will help you. In that spirit please remember that the SCA only works with volunteers so offer to help when and where you can. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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 XXXII

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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### **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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# April



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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

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

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**Coronation & Kings  
Champion**

9  
**Rapier practice**  
Jaycee Park  
10am - 1pm /  
Elfsea archery  
practice

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**Elfsea Cooks**  
**Guild**

12  
**Elfsea Chivalric**  
**and Rapier Prac-**  
**tice 7:30**

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**Red Plains Baronial /  
Coastal Grand Baronials**  
14th - 16th

16  
**Rapier practice**  
Jaycee Park  
10am - 1pm /  
Elfsea archery  
practice  
**NO Populace**

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19  
**Elfsea Chivalric**  
**and Rapier Prac-**  
**tice 7:30**

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**Defender of the Flame**  
**&**  
**A Duel at Dusk**  
21st -23rd

23  
**Rapier practice**  
Jaycee Park  
10am - 1pm /  
Elfsea archery  
practice

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

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

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**Elfsea Defender & Royal**  
**Huntsman**  
**&**  
**Namron Beltane**  
28th - 30th

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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.

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



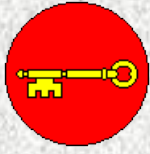
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# Viking Hair Styles

How did the Vikings wear their hair? Did women wear long braids? How about the men? Did they wear braids? Long loose hair? Or cut their hair short for battle? Just what was the standard coiffure of viking men and women?

## MEN

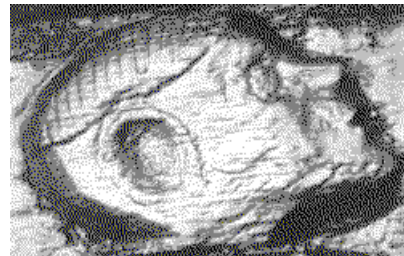
There is no one "Viking man's hairstyle". The Viking Age peoples had a wide variety of hairstyles, just as we do today. Some may have been most common in a particular region, or profession may have dictated hairstyle.

Usually only thralls (slaves) wore very short hair<sup>17</sup>. Probably the average man wore his hair about collar or shoulder length, and his beard as long as was comfortable for him. A professional warrior might make other choices for hairstyle to minimize the hazard of having hair or beard grabbed in combat.

The Arabic observer Ibn Fadlan noted that men of the Rus bleached their beards to a saffron yellow. Some scholars therefore believe that it is likely that they bleached their hair as well. This bleaching was accomplished using a soft, strongly basic soap, where the excess lye in the mixture provided the bleaching action



**Carved head from Oseberg Ship Burial,** This carving depicts a man wearing chain-mail and a close-fitting helm or coif. His neatly-trimmed beard and mustache are finely detailed.



**Gunnar in the Snakepit. Carving on Sledge from the Oseberg Ship Burial, ca. late 9th cent.**

This carving depicts a man with close-cropped hair almost in a "Norman" or bowl cut. There are also hints of a finely-trimmed beard and mustache, perhaps



**Carved Head on Antler Handle**

Here is another man wearing a conical Viking helm. The detail in the back may indicate collar-length hair. This Viking's beard is also well-groomed, and his moustaches seem to be waxed to points in an upward curve.



**Carved Head on Sledge, Oseberg Ship Burial, late 9th cent.**

This is perhaps the most naturalistic of the heads from the Oseberg ship find. This carving could almost be a death-mask. It is not possible to get a sense of the length of this figure's hair, although it is clear that he is wearing bangs. His chin is clean-shaven and he wears a moustache.



This statuette depicts the god Oðinn wearing a conical helm with nasal. He wears a beard groomed to a point or perhaps a goatee, and his moustaches are full and appear to be waxed to an up-



**Helmet Plate from Torslunda, Öland, ca.** The Vendel-era man shown in this helmet plate appears to have curly hair cut just above the earlobes and the eyebrows. He wears a full moustache, and his chin is clean-shaven.



## Women

Women's hairstyles seem to have been more limited during the Viking Age than men's hairstyles, based on the surviving evidence. One scholar suggests that blonde hair was most prized, and the brunette women could bleach their hair, using the same method known to the Celts, in which a strongly basic soap was made and applied to the hair, with the bleaching action provided by the lye resulting in a red or red-gold hair color.

Thrall women, as with their male counterparts, were required to wear their hair cropped short as a sign of their servitude.

Unmarried girls would wear their hair long and loose, or they might confine their hair with a circlet or *kransen*, especially on formal occasions. At times they may have worn their hair in braids instead.

Married women usually wore their hair gathered up into a knot at the back of the head, or coiled atop their head in some arrangement and often covered their hair with a cap, veil (*hustrulinet*) or headdress. Several sources indicate that it was mandatory that Norse women who were married wear a head covering, however the actual archaeology doesn't seem to support this belief: "Many of the ninth and tenth century women's burials at Birka reveal no head coverings at all, let alone graves in some other locations, although finds of headwear are more common in Christianized areas like Dublin and Jorvik"



Woman Wearing Fillet  
(after Gail Owen-Crocker)



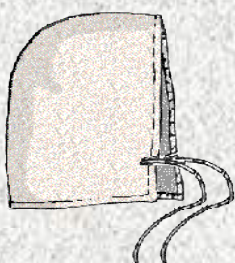
Types of Viking Headdresses from Coppergate and Lincoln (after Gail Owen-Crocker)



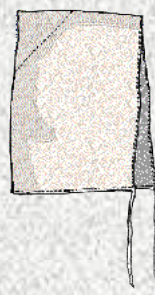
Frankish Brocaded Fillet



Example of gold brocaded band using a pattern found at Birka



Jorvik Hoods



Dublin Hoods





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Greetings to the populace of Dragonsfire Tor,

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next 4 upcoming events.

**Yours in Service**

**Lady Diana the Just**

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