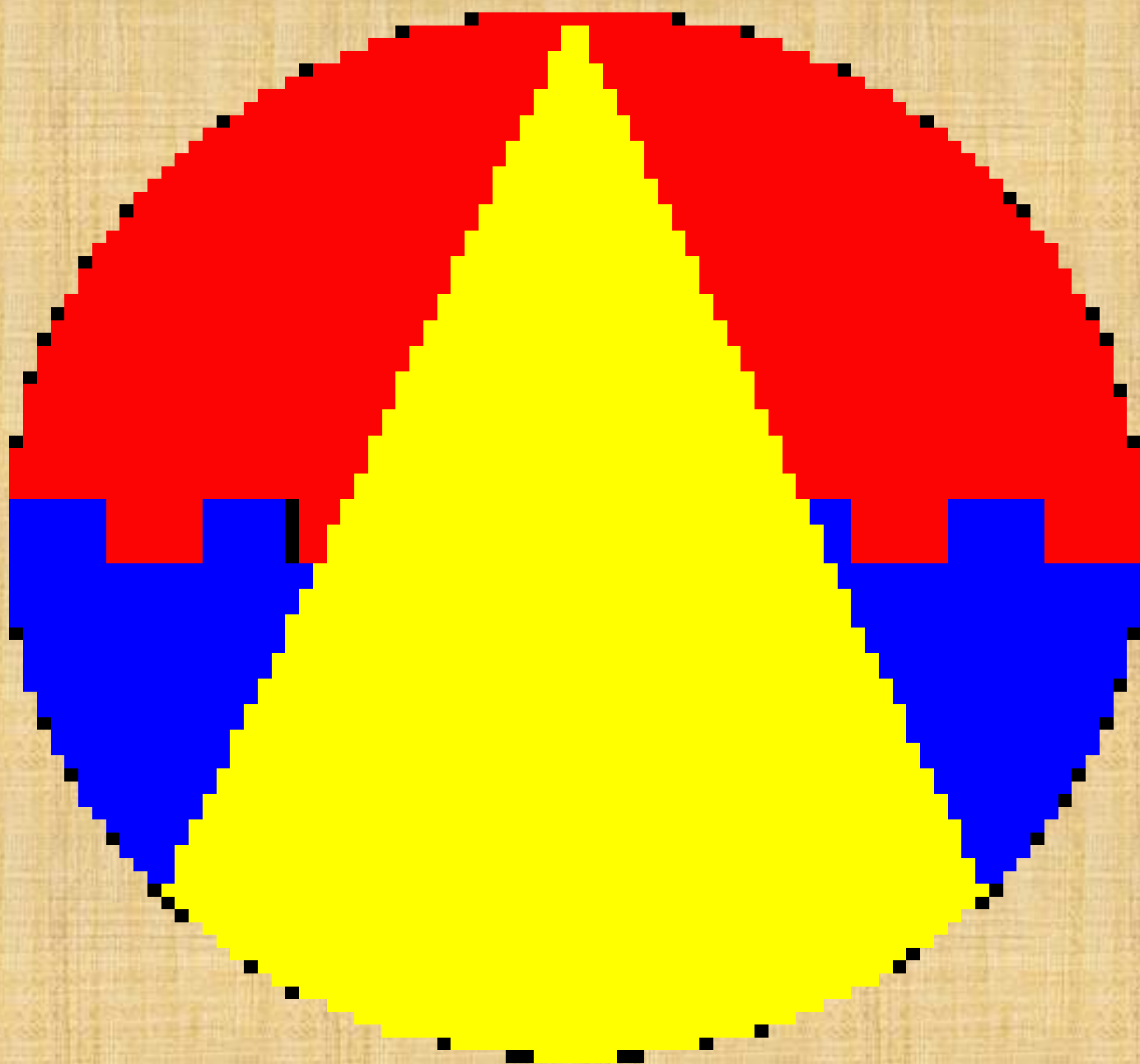


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Message from the Baron and Baroness



Greetings to the good gentles of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor,

We have heirs and they are local! Congratulations to Prince Lochlan Dunn and Princess Gwen verch Cynwrig de Insula Mona!

We had a wonderful vacation and are very excited to be back home. We have so much going on within the Barony:

Braggart's War
Baronial College
New Weekend Fighter Practices
Elfsea Academie

We're having wonderful participation at Populace meetings and our Guilds are staying strong. We are so very pleased with how the Barony is going and truly believe you are the pearl of the Kingdom.

There's plenty to do. Let's have fun!

William and Cassandra
Baron and Baroness

Baronial Progress
Steppes Artisan – August 19th
Glaslyn Artisan – August 26th
Braggart's War – September 1st – 4th
Baronial College – September 30th



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENESCHAL

Unto the Populace of the Tor,

Greetings.

Next month will bring us Braggart's War and a chance for the central region to shine as only we can! Please help us make the most this opportunity and be a part of it all! There are offices open and bid's being offered right now that deserve your attention so pray attend to offer your thoughts.

Yours in Service,

Angus Patrick De Ruthven



Just a reminder

Bids for Yule Revel are due by August 13 at populace
in the park

POPULACE in the PARK and POTLUCK LUNCH

Greetings to all those who see my words,

As we prepare ourselves for the upcoming Braggart's War, Dragonsfire Tor invites ALL to attend A DAY of FUN, FOOD, and FIGHTING. DFT will be having a POTLUCK LUNCH and POPULACE in the PARK. This will take place **Sunday, August 13th** starting at 10am at Jaycee Park in Stephenville.

We also invite ELFSEA to join us.

We will start the day with AUTHORIZED CHIVALRIC and RAPIER FIGHTER PRACTICE at **10am**, POTLUCK LUNCH at about **12 noon** and POPULACE in the PARK will follow at about **1pm**.

OH, you do not fight - then bring your latest craft project or just come and join us and have a great time.

DFT will supply the pulled meat, BBQ sauce and drinks. We will need buns, chips, beans, potato salad, and cookies - POST HERE as to what you can bring.

THIS IS TEXAS - Dress cool - We are DFT, We are ELFSEA, we are ANSTEORRA and WE ARE THE SCA!

So please plan to attend THIS DAY of FUN, FOOD, and FIGHTING.

Elfsea Artisan Competition Guidelines

Good Gentles of Ansteorra,

Here are the guidelines for this year's Elfsea Artisan competition to be held at our Baronial College. Send your letter of intent to baron@elfsea.ansteorra.org and baroness@elfsea.ansteorra.org.

Please include our MoA&S Mavis Campbell, moas@elfsea.ansteorra.org and our class coordinator Prince Lochlan, Brandonsmcd@yahoo.com.

Elfsea Baronial College is September 30th at the First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76112.

Thank you!

William and Cassandra Palfrey
Baron and Baroness of Elfsea

Elfsea Baronial Artisan Champion
This year's theme is "bring your best".

The Candidates will be asked to:

1. Display an art or science piece; documentation is recommended but not required.
2. Demonstrate their ability to teach an art or science by teaching one class.
3. Send a letter of intent including the class you are teaching for champion consideration.

This class does not have to be on the item you are displaying.

There are things that will be looked at in the classes.

- Knowledge of the subject, ability to answer questions or direct toward finding resources.
- Organization and flow of information.
- Ability to adapt to the needs of the current class.
- Directions for finding resources.

The Name Droppers Duel

Good Morrow Noble Gentles, as this subject is always so popular with new fighters I have decided to do a paper on it. It would seem everyone has seen the movie "The Princess Bride" and that most would be fighters are very taken with that epic duel between the Spaniard and the man in black, But what in the heck are they talking about please? Well let's see then. The Spaniard says, " You are using Bonetti's DEFENCE against me A". That would be the Italian fencing master Rocco Bonetti famed for this DEFENCE and his fencing school in England. You really could call this the name dropper's duel as they both just keep doing this. The man in black " I thought it only fitting given the rocky terrain". The Spaniard, " Naturally you must expect me to attack with Capo Ferro". Also an Italian Master Ridolfo Capo Ferro wrote in his book (The great Simulacrum of the sword) in 1610 how much he favored the lunge as the best method to use in a duel. The man in black, "Naturally, but I find that Thibault cancel's out Capo Ferro. Don't you"? That would be the French master Girard Thibault who wrote in his book (The Academy of the sword) with much praise for the geometrically based Spanish style La Verdadera Destreza. The first rule of this system is along the direct line I may not travel without great peril. The lunge is always a direct line attack to gain reach on your opponent and never used in this style. The Spaniard, "Unless your enemy has study his Agrippa, which I have". Camillo Agrippa in his book (Trattato di Scientia d'Arme) wrote in 1553 that any style not based on the natural movement of the human body was foolish and impractical. He made a study of natural movement in sword fighting and always favored the point. The point of course gives you the greatest reach, when used in a direct line. So their argument then is should one make or not make direct line attacks as they give the greatest reach but only at the gravest peril. Anyone who fences at all has thought about this one. Oddly enough I have had many fighters in the SCA question my findings on this one .No one denies my research yet they feel these guys are just naming styles as they use them in a sort of verbal gag (which is true enough) and if they are truly arguing its one style over another and not on a single question about the lunge in their fight at hand. To me this idea is not so much "pay no mind to the man behind the curtain"(From The Wizard of Oz) as it would be "There was a curtain in that scene"? Why would anyone look up all these renaissance fighting styles and the show case them in a fight in which their argument could not be sensibly followed? We would all have to take the man in black's advice and "Get use to disappointment".

Yours in Service to the Canton & the Barony

Angus Patrick de Ruthven



Monthly Activities



Populace second Sunday of each month

Most Sundays - Rapier fighter practice at JC Park Steventon Tx - 10am - 1pm

Other activities will be added when information is available

Newsletter submissions are due by 25th of each month



[Elfsea Calendar of Events](#)



[Ansteorra Event Planning Calendar](#)

Yearly Events

May - Guardian of the Tor

December - Dragonsfire Tor's Yule Revel

Details to be announced when available

Details to be announced

Open Offices

Dragonsfire Tor Arts and Science Minister

Complete an Application for Office on the Kingdom website at <http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/Application.Jan08.pdf> send it to the 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 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
baroness@elfsea.ansteorra.org

and include a copy to seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org



Hello all,

I am coordinating the classes for Elfsea Baronial College on Sept. 30th. We will have 7 classrooms and a total of 42 1 hour blocks. There is also ample room outside for additional classes. Our goal is to have as many entry level classes for newcomers as possible, as well as helping newer or 1st time teachers with the opportunity to get into the swing of teaching. If you have classes designed for more advance learning, GREAT!!! We would love to have you there as well...

Anyone interested in teaching or for questions about teaching please email me. I will need a Title for your class, a brief description, number of hours it will run, any materials or items required, total number of people you are comfortable teaching, and any other information you think will be pertinent.

I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

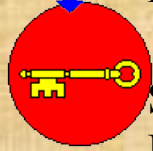
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Greetings to the populace of Dragonsfire Tor,

I am looking for a deputy who will eventually take over the office. I will be taking a break from the SCA for awhile. December will be the last newsletter I will publish.

Yours in Service

Lady Diana the Just

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