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The official Newsletter of the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor

Message from the Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor

Greetings Unto our Friends and Family in Dragonsfire Tor!

Let us begin by saying Happy New Year! Another year of success and good fortune behind you! Having chosen DFT's Yule Revel as our last official event of the year we have to say, outstanding job! Thank you to the event stewards, kitchen crew, coordinators, volunteers, Tor officers, and the populace for making the event so much fun. We are still laughing about that snowball fight and cannot wait to see what you come up with for next year. Although at some point We might need to discuss appropriate targeting...we seem to have taken the brunt of the attacks and that did not go unnoticed. Just something to think about...

As we move into the new year, We have much to be thankful for. For instance, because of Lord Franklin's diligence and hard work as a demo coordinator for the Boy Scout Jamboree, our relationship with the scouts is just as strong as ever. This means that we (all local SCA groups) have access to the scout camps across Ansteorra for our much-loved events and activities. The Tor's willingness to help other groups (and lead by example) is a testament to its members and We are proud to be Baron and Baroness of such a group.

As we move forward, We fully expect to see more great works. You have a wonderful set of Officers and we have no doubt that the Tor will soon boast new members of all variety, from artisan to combat minded, bard to volunteer. We cannot wait to meet them all!

As always, We will strive to support you in your endeavors and We encourage you to reach out to Us when you have need.

It is still the first week of the new year and Our calendar is filling up!

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We want to let you know of a few events We personally hope to attend.

- Various Dragonsfire Tor practices, meetings, and workdays
- Crown Tournament
- Winter Roundtable
- Kingdom Arts & Sciences
- War College

Remember, more might be added, and something might change. We will always attempt to let Our populace know where We will be traveling to in the hopes that you will join us!

Looking forward to another wonderful year, and again, Happy New Year!

In Service to the Dream,
Baron Kazimierz and Baroness Katheryn
Lord and Lady Dragonsfire Tor





Message from the Seneschal

Happy New Year DFT!!!

WOW!!! What a great year we had!!! We had only a couple of disappointments, the main one was we had to cancel Defender 2019 due to very bad weather. But, we have had some major accomplishments this year. The year started with a new Archery Marshal, Lord Grimolfr, who put together a fantastic Archery program with an average attendance of 8 to 10 archers per practice. We gained a new Exchequer, Master Caelin, giving Janie a rest after serving our Canton, I think, over 3years, as Exchequer. We also gained one of the best fighters in the Kingdom, Duke Gabriel, as our Rapier Marshal. Our Chivalric Marshal, Lord Killian, has been working on the return of Heavy Fighting to the Canton. Our Hospitaler, Lady Shannon, has been doing a wonderful job of making new contacts, getting flyers out, and welcoming new members. One of the most fantastic events for DFT took place earlier this month when we all came together in Glen Rose to celebrate our 2019 Yule Revel, The day was full of games, competitions, and great food. H.L. Silvana became our A&S Champion. H.L. Eleanor, and Lord Killian were the event stewards.

The best part of this year was that we are ending this year with more members than we started with. Thanks to our members and the support of Baron Kaz, Baroness Kat, and the Barony of Elfsea this was a great year.

This is the beginning of a brand new year so let's get started! We will have a new Thrown Weapons Marshal, Lady Elana MacEwan (Paige Roberts). Our first Thrown Weapons Marshal in over ten years. Sunday, January 12th, 11 am Duke Gabriel and Lord Killian will be holding a joint fighter practice to start the year off right. Later at 4:30 pm at FMC we will have a Financial Committee Meeting, followed by our Populace Meeting at 5:30. At these meetings we will start making plans for the coming year, including talking about Guardian 2020.

SENESCHAL'S MESSAGE continued -

As Seneschal, I would like to suggest some goals for this coming year;

☞ Develop a good strong and active Chivalric, Thrown Weapons, Archery, Rapier, Cut & Thrust, and maybe A&S programs.

☞ Keep our Hospitaller, Lady Shannon, busy by exploring the possibilities and planning of two, maybe three demos. In Granbury, Hamilton, and Dublin.

☞ Adding both Thrown Weapons and Cut & Thrust to our list of Champions in hopes of gaining attendance to our events.

☞ Maybe look at developing an Equestrian Group and holding an Equestrian event sometime in the future.

☞ Lord Killan and I may approach the Canton about hosting a Crown Tournament for the Kingdom later this year.

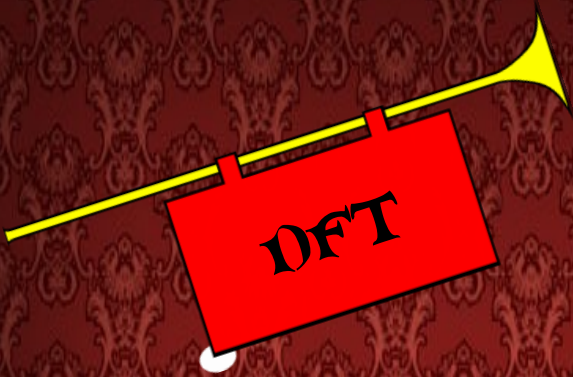
This may be ambitious but Nothing ventured – Nothing gained and I would really like DFT to grow into the great Canton it can be. We can do this if we all work together.

In your Service,

H.L. Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire

Seneschal of the Great Canton of Dragonsfire Tor

**Hear Ye,
Hear Ye!**



Joint Fighter Practice in January

Our Rapier Marshal, Duke Gabriel and Chivalric Marshal, Lord Killian will be having a joint fighter practice on January 12th for those interested in Rapier & Chivalric Fighting.

We are inviting all to attend. We will have loaner gear.

Sunday, January 12th at 11:00 am.

Jaycee Park— 1201 N. Harbin Dr, Stephenville, TX

Even if you do not fight Chivalric or Rapier come on out to Jaycee Park to support the fighters.

Activities of the Tor

PRACTICE TIMES & LOCATIONS

Archery Practice

Archery practice is the 1st and
3rd Sunday of each month
From 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
Pecan Creek Park in Hamilton, TX

Thrown Weapons

Practice is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of
each month
From 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
Pecan Creek Park in Hamilton, TX

Heavy Fighter Practice

To be scheduled

Rapier Practice

To be scheduled.

Next Populace Meeting will be

January 12th—5:30 pm

*Financial Committee meeting at 4:30.
We will be meeting a FMC in Stephen-
ville.*

Meetings

Populace Meeting

2nd Sunday of each Month

5:30 at FMC (business behind McDonalds)

January 12, 2020 (see above)

February 9, 2020

March 8, 2020

Upcoming Tor Events

Guardian of the Tor—May 15-17, 2020

Guardian is the Tor's next event. It will be held at Worth Ranch BSA in Palo Pinto, TX. There will be tournaments/contests to decide the next Archery, Bardic, Chivalric, & Rapier Champions for the Canton.

The Event Stewards are Baroness Janie of the Tor and Lady Shannon MacBrani-an.

Look for more information about Guardian in our next issue of Tales of the Tor.

Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel—December 5, 2020

Events happening within the Central Region

January 4	Steppes Twelfth Night	Barony of the Steppes
January 18	Winter Roundtable	Canton of Glaslyn
January 25	Sable Soldier Project IV at Terrel, TX	Barony of Eldern Hills
February 29	Sable Legionnaire (Rapier)	Shire of Emerald Keep
April 3-5	Elfsea Defender	Barony of Elfsea

See the Kingdom of Ansteorra events calendar for more information about these and other events being held in Ansteorra.

<https://ansteorra.org/events/>

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Chronieler

Greetings,

Officers please send in submissions telling what is going on in your office. Just a paragraph or two about what is going on at practices. Populace members think about sending in a short article telling about something you are working on, word fame about other members, or great things that have happened at events you have attended. I know members of the Tor are doing great things around our kingdom.

If you would like to submit an article about some aspect of the SCA that too would be greatly appreciated.

Submission deadline:

By **March 25th** for the 2020 2nd Quarter newsletter in April.

See page 13 for location of release forms.

HL Aaliz du Lac, Chronieler

Open Offices

Dragonsfire Tor is needing officers for the following offices:

Minister of Arts & Science

How to apply to become a Canton Officer

First, download and complete an “Application for Office” from the Kingdom website -

<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicaitonJan08.pdf>

Also include a copy of your SCA membership card.

Then send your application to the following people.

Kingdom Officer - see website addresses below for the Kingdom officer of the office you are applying.

Elfsea’s Baron & Baroness at

baron@elfsea.ansteorra.org

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Dragonsfire Tor’s Seneschal at seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org

Kingdom Officer email addresses

Arts & Science Minister: send to central@moas.ansteorra.org - open till filled

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