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The official Newsletter of the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor

Message from the Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor

Unto the Populace of the Greatest Canton in the Knowne World, the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor, do We, Kazimierz and Katheryn send Our greetings.

We are living in interesting times. Though secluded from each other physically, we possess the technology to remain close in fellowship through the modern internet. Please do not stop communicating with each other, sharing your projects and ideas.

I will admit when the first reports of the corona virus began appearing, I was skeptical and, to be honest, downplayed the effect it would have on my life. However, as the reports continued, I began to more closely examine the nature of this virus. Though I was personally at little risk of infection, I realized that I could unknowingly carry the virus to those I love, who are more susceptible to its effects. It was then that I accepted the fact that the recommended precautions are vitally necessary to follow.

I state all of this to say, "We miss you, but for the love of whatever you hold holy, please stay home until the threat of this scourge has passed!" We care deeply for each and every one of you and wish to spend many more years with you all. Follow the advice of the civil authorities and limit your contact with people outside of your family. The Society will be here after life returns to normal. The Canton will be here. Events will take place and once again we will rejoice in seeing each other face to face.

Since our last newsletter, a much anticipated Gulf Wars was cancelled. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to prepare to defend Ansteorra. Additionally, Elfsea's Baronial Ruby and Pearl Anniversary Defender has been delayed. At this time, we are considering options to reschedule this glorious event. As life in the Society is on indefinite hold, we will relay information regarding Elfsea Defender once a semblance of normalcy is restored.

Furthermore, in these uncertain times, we know everyone is concerned about this year's Guardian of the Tor. At this time, all we can do is

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watch and plan for the event. It seems news reports change daily as to what is permitted or prohibited. Know that all decisions will be made at the earliest possible time with the health and safety of the Populace taking priority in all decisions.

Until this threat is lifted, We leave you with these requests:

1. Stay hopeful and stay safe.
2. Share reports of toilet paper available for purchase in a quick manner.
3. Share with each other over Facebook – stay in touch.
4. Look out for those you love and check in with them often.
5. If you find yourself in need, please contact Your Baron and/or Baroness. We will do what we can to assist.

We remain in Service to the Kingdom and the Barony,
Kazimierz and Katheryn
Baron and Baroness of Elfsea
Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor





Message from the Seneschal

Greetings DFT,

WOW do we have a lot to do this spring!! First of all and for the first time ever, we will be holding on-line populace and Financial Committee meetings for the months of April and May. How cool is this? More information about the meetings will be posted on the List and on Facebook. The Financial Committee is in the middle of a major up-date of our Financial Policy. I hope we can have this completed by June. We also need to finish getting everything ready for Guardian. Yes, we are still planning on Guardian to take place the weekend of May 15th – 17th.

I would like to encourage all to post something the Cantons Face Book page and or the email List. Please post anything about the SCA, how to make things, photos of your best ever event, something about history, your latest project, or tell us about your SCA persona. Post just about anything to help keep the interest in what we are doing growing and helping others. I have started posting food recipes for different items I have cooked for SCA feasts. I would like to thank Chris for all of his posts and photos about his leather work.

For April, I am opening for Bid the 2020 Yule Revel. Bids will close Tuesday, May 5th. Please contact me for more information and Bid form.

<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>

Also for April, I am opening for Applications for the office of Dragonsfire Tor's Web Minister. This will also close on Tuesday, May 5th. If you are interested in this position please complete an Application for Office on the Kingdom website

<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>

It's simple, just fill out the application on-line and send it to the Kingdom Web Minister with a copy of your SCA card at

kingdom@webminister.ansteorra.org

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Please send a copy of your application to Elfsea Baron and Baroness at

baron@elfsea.ansteorra.org

baroness@elfsea.ansteorra.org

And please include a copy to me at

seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org

These are altogether tough times so please stay in contact with friends and family and be supportive of one and other. We will get through this and when we do let's plan on a good get together.

Stay safe and healthy,

In your Service,

H.L. Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire

Seneschal of the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor

Activities of the Tor

PRACTICE TIMES & LOCATIONS

**ALL PRACTICES
ARE CANCELED
AT THIS TIME**

Announcements concerning resuming regular meetings and practices will be announced via Canton of Dragonsfire Tor Facebook group page and email list.

Archery, Thrown Weapons, Heavy Fighter, & Rapier Practices

Meetings

Propulace Meeting— 2nd Sunday of each Month

April 12th— online 5:30 PM

May 10th— online

June 14th— to be determined

At this time Populace meetings will be held online on the Canton of Dragonsfire Tor's Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dragonsfire.tor/>

More information will be posted through Dragonsfire Tor's group Facebook page & email list.



DFT

**The Canton of Dragonsfire Tor's
Guardian of the Tor XXXIII**

May 15-17th, 2020 at Worth Ranch BSA Camp, Palo Pinto, TX

The day is warm. The contestants stand ready. Do you have the skill and stamina to become a Champion of Dragonsfire Tor?

Please join us as we choose our champions in Chivalric, Rapier, Archery, and Bardic. Become our champion and wear our collar to show your skill.

Chivalric, Rapier, and Archery. Bear pit format. / Bardic format to be announced

Youth competition sponsored by our own Baron Kazimierz Zlowieszczy of Elfsea.

NEW this year we will have winners for cut and thrust as well as thrown weapons.

DFT will supply the brisket for dinner Saturday evening, so please bring something to share and don't forget your feast gear!

Event Registration:

Adult Registration \$15.00
Adult Member Discount Registration \$10.00
Youth Registration (17 & 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 There will be no family max as all 17 and under are free.

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.

<https://ansteorra.org/dragonsfiretor/calendar/calendar>

Event Stewards

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359 West Live Oak, Dublin, Texas 76774
(254) 485-2302

Baroness Janie//Janie Cason
645 S. Fifth Ave, Stephenville, TX 76401
254-592-4396 no calls after 9:00pm

Merchants welcome – contact Event Steward. You must have a TEXAS TAX ID.

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 Co-ordinates (the beginning of the Worth Ranch Rd):

32.825311, -98.302038

Event location inside the Ranch

+32 49' 31.120", -98 18' 7.337"

A&S Champion

At Dragonsfire Tor's Yule Revel a new A&S Champion was selected.

May I present your newest A&S Champion -

HL Silvana Corwin

Her entry was hand embroidery on a parasol



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Chronicle

Greetings,

Submissions from populace members would be wonderful. Some ideas could be pictures of your artistic creations or an article about how you created your art piece. Pictures of your favorite SCA memories. Maybe an article on how to make garb or armor. Perhaps tips for SCA camping and camouflaging modern items.

If you would like to submit an article or pictures about some aspect of the SCA you can email them to chronicler@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org by June 25th. Please remember to include the appropriate release forms.

Everyone take care & stay safe,

HL Aaliz du Lac, Chronicler

Submission deadline:

By **June 25th** for the 2020 3rd Quarter newsletter in July.

See page 12 for location of release forms.

Open Offices

Dragonsfire Tor is needing officers for the following offices:

Webminister

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

baroness@elfsea.ansteorra.org

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

Webminister: send to kingdom@webminister.ansteorra.org - application deadline May 5, 2020

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Fill these forms out on your system, save and download with your submission to:
chronicler@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org

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