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A Message from the Vicar and Vicaress

Unto the Barony of Elfsea and Canton of Dragonsfire Tor do Duke Drake and Countess Sibri send warmest greetings.

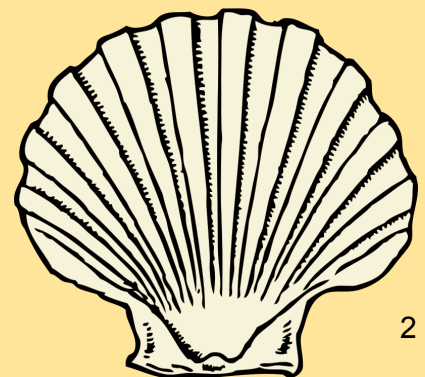
The weather has been terribly cold, but hopefully will be warming soon, and then it will be time for WAR! Duke Drake will be attending Gulf Wars this year. I know that many plans are being made to make Elfsea's camp a wonderful home away from home again... (a meal plan, hot shower, etc) and it should be loads of fun. Good luck in your endeavors getting ready for war, whether it be repairing armor, sewing new garb or practicing your melee skills! There are lots of opportunities within the barony to help with those needs, or at least work together to have more fun while doing them. Be sure to volunteer at War, and log your hours. It is a great way to support your Kingdom while having fun giving back a little of your time.

We are looking forward to the end of March and our joint fighter practice with Steppes on the fifth Sunday. As of yet, plans are still in the works... this will be discussed at the next Populace meeting. Steppes was a very gracious host last time, and I know that Elfsea will be as well!

Looking a little farther ahead, Elfsea Springfaire is being planned for the beginning of April. Lord Herries and Lady Aiofe are working hard, but I know they would appreciate all the help they can get. Many hands make light work, and we would love to showcase the great people of Elfsea. Please volunteer where you can.

There are many great events coming up now that Tourney season is almost upon us that are within a few hours drive of home. We hope to see you out and about!

Yours in Service,



Notes and Announcements:

Open Offices

Historian: Currently vacant. Contact the Seneschal.

Minister of Childrens' Activities
Currently vacant. Contact the Seneschal.

Officer Reports



Seneschal: Applications in process
(seneschal@elfsea.ansteorra.org)
Deputy: Aoife Ruadh Inghean Ragnail

Greetings, Elfsea

At the time of this writing, I have been the Acting Seneschal for a little over a month. The support has been solid and overwhelming, and some very seasoned former seneschals and officers have stepped in to ensure I have the tools and knowledge that help me help you live your dream. Each of these folks has my sincerest appreciation and admiration.

Additionally, the response and support of the populace has been so great that we have filled nearly all required officer positions and now have an officer corps that is motivated to try new ideas, increase participation, and figure out how to perch this barony as a model of *can-do success*.

One of our core values is to conduct our duties with cooperation, mutual respect, and collaboration; leveraging the diversity and skills of our populace. To that end, we intend to keep Elfsea excellent by training new leaders and welcoming opinions different than our own. If you want to participate and learn how to be an officer, please do not hesitate to talk to our current officers about becoming a deputy. There is an office for each major field of interest--- and your time and skillsets DO make a difference.

If you are Elfsea, you can be proud of many things:

The first Academie is drawing to a close and we get to plan for a graduation! Please extend your congratulations to the populace members who have invested so much time and energy into learning the ins-and-outs of the SCA and the Barony. We have received word that Bryn Gwlad may adapt our program and implement it for their area. We extend mega-kudos to the Hospitaler's office for bringing this Academie to life. Well-done!

- Our Cook's Guild is thriving and doing a ton of fun things with food. There are plans on the horizon to expand service--- so if you are not part of the guild and have an interest in medieval foods and mass preparation, now is the time to get involved.
- Your Elfsea Springfaire coordinators continue to build momentum in their respective areas so that this event is fun, whimsical, full of competition-- and a great way to spend time with friends near and far. If you would like to help with Springfaire, please contact Herries at stevedschubert@gmail.com or myself at aoife_ruadh@yahoo.com and we will connect you with the coordinator for your interest. Currently, donations for prize baskets are the order of the day. Let us know if you have neat things to donate.
- We steadily increase public demonstrations with the current list consisting of DFT's Texan-Con (March 28th); Azle Public Library (June 20th); and Arlington Public Library (October 25th). Each of these will need volunteers. Remember that demos are truly our chance to show the world what this dream means to each of us (and how absolutely fabulous our crafts, garb, fighting, and populace truly is!)

This is one busy barony! To each of you, I offer warm thanks for continuing to make life good in Elfsea.

In Service,
Lady Aoife Ruadh inghean Ragnaill
Acting Seneschal

Populace Meeting

When ~~February 23, 2015~~ February Populace rescheduled to March 2, 2015
 March 23, 2015 - March Populace

Where Bedford Library,
 2424 Forest Ridge Dr, Bedford, TX 76021, United States ([map](#))



Seneschal of Dragonsfire Tor:
Lord Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire



Greetings,

Dragonsfire Tor will be having a busy month of March. It will start with an inventory and work day on Saturday, March 7th. We will be doing a complete inventory of the Canton's items and supplies. We will also do a complete inventory of the Canton's loaner garb, including the material that was just given to us through Elfsea and the material that was given to the Canton last year by Baroness Elspeth. We will also start working on the trailer, building the insides.

March 8th will be our Populace at FMC

We do have a few members going to War to help defend our great Kingdom.

Sometime after War and before Guardian we will have sewing, making and repairing garb and armor at our home in Breckenridge.

Saturday, March 28th we will have our Demo at Texan-Con on the Tarleton State campus

Sunday, March 29th we have the Joint Fighter practice with Elfsea and Steppes.

More information will be posted about each of these events.

Yes, March is a busy month for Dragonsfire Tor.

Lord Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire

Seneschal of Dragonsfire Tor



Hospitaler: Aine inghean Aodha mhic Sheafraid
(hospitaler@elfsea.ansteorra.org)
Deputy: Jeanne Marie la Verriere

Greetings Elfsea!

This last month has been one amazing month for this Barony and it's only going to get better! March is looking to be very busy for us which is very exciting!

There are a few things I am personally looking forward to! This month has a 5th Sunday and, yes, that means combined populace in the park with Steppes and it is our turn to organize it! Since MOOT was postponed due to weather, I do not have specific information but stay tuned for more information very soon!

I'm also excited to announce that we will be having a demo at the Azle Library on June 20th! What's great about this demo is we have both an inside and outside area to show off the SCA and our beautiful Barony! Also, we have nearly 4 months to plan it, so this is a great opportunity to make this a very memorable demo!

The Academie is booming and this month will be the busiest for us since we are preparing for graduation. Newcomers, please be watchful of the Facebook page and e-mail for updates regarding labs and the upcoming class.

I am very much looking forward to this month with our Barony! Please remember that we are all hospitalers and we all represent this Barony and our wonderful Kingdom! Thanks to each of you for making life good in Elfsea!

In Service Always,

Lady Aine inghean Aodha mhic Shéafraid
Hospitaler, Barony of Elfsea



Exchequer: Eleanor of Forth Castle

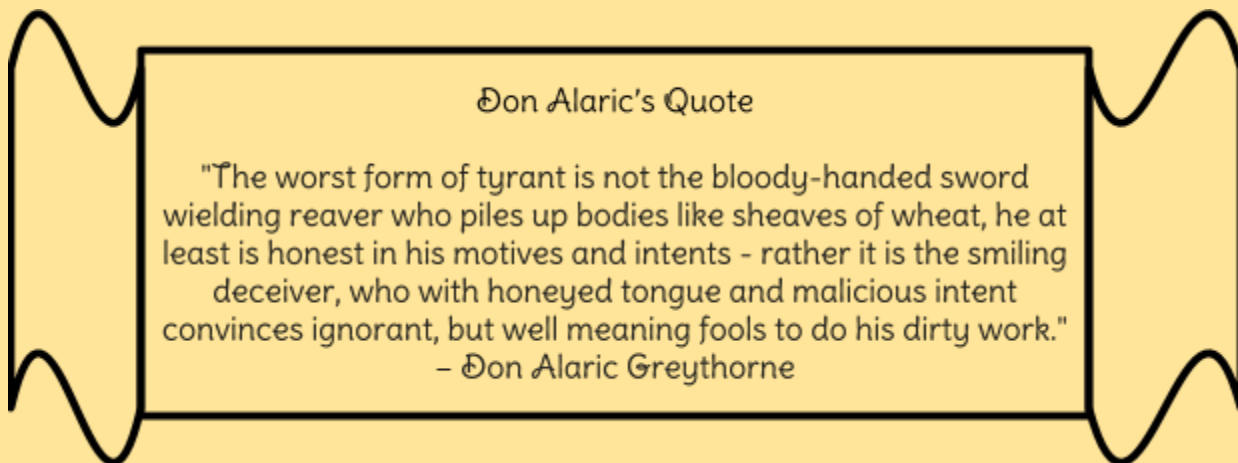
(treasurer@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Speaking of currency (which is what exchequers do) and cooking (which this exchequer likes to do) here are a few interesting facts about the lowly little black peppercorn...

Although native to South Asia and Southeast Asia, it was also grown on the Malabar coast of India, considered a much prized trade good – even being considered “black gold” and used in Indian cooking since at least the second century BCE. At times peppercorns were valued so highly that a single peppercorn dropped on the floor would be hunted like a lost pearl! It was known in Greece (as a luxury item) as early as the fourth century BCE and in the Roman Empire. In classical times “tributes” were paid in pepper; and both Attila the Hun and Alaric I the Visigoth demanded pepper as a substantial part of Rome’s ransom.

During the Middle Ages, pepper was the core of the European spice trade, with Genoa and Venice dominating the market. The Italian “pepperers” monopoly of overland trade routes was the major determining factor in driving the search for an eastern sea route by the Portuguese. (For more information about the lowly peppercorn and other spices, visit www.theepicentre.com)

Eleanor





Archery Marshal: Caelin on Andrede

(archery@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

The cold weather has taken a toll on Archery in Elfsea as it has on many other activities. Please remember to put us on your calendar for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. We meet behind the Sokol Hall at 6500 Boat Club Rd, Fort Worth, Tx 76179, from 1PM to 5PM. We have loaner gear and great instructors. You can bring your own gear. You improve by practice!

We have a new Archery Marshal in Training, Mark Miller. He has been coming to practice faithfully, helping out all over the place, and has become a darn good archer. Please come to practice and welcome him (and give him some marshaling to do).

In service,
Caelin on Andrede
Elfsea Archery Marshal

Archery Practice

When **March 8 - 2:00 PM**

March 22 - 2:00 PM

Where 6500 Boat Club Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76179, USA ([map](#))

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A Quote to Consider from Aoife Ruadh inghean Ragnail
Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration,
wonderful things can be achieved.

-Mattie Stepanek

Chamberlain

Amelot Lisette de Blammont

(chamberlain@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Greetings from the Chamberlain

This is my first full month in the office. Things are going well. After Spring Faire, I am planning to have a shed cleaning and inventory weekend. Please watch the Elfsea email and Facebook for requests to help organizing and cleaning the shed.

I do have a deputy - Esteban de Leon. Thank you, Esteban, for stepping up and volunteering to help and learn! If someone else is interested in being a back up deputy, and learning about being Chamberlain, please send me an email.

In Service to Elfsea

Amelot



Chronicler: Ealasaid Mac al'Bhaird

(chronicler@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

With help from the Barony yet another issue has shaped up quite nicely. I even have had contact from a person interested in being deputy chronicler - Life is Indeed Good in Elfsea!

As you attend events, work on projects or prepare for teaching classes please keep the Tidings in mind. A rundown of activities at an event supported by pictures; a progress report on a project - again with pictures - or a copy of your class handout would make great additions to the newsletter.

Please keep writing (and filing releases)

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Domesday Link



Nautilus Pursuivant (herald): ~ Lady Meadhbh Grahame
(herald@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Greetings Elfsea!

I am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve out great Barony as Nautilus Pursuivant with my better half, Lord Angus, as my deputy. We can only hope to live up to our predecessors. These are some very large shoes to fill. Please always feel free to contact us with any questions, and we will do our very best to find answers or a resource for you.

We have recently had our names registered, so the quest for just the right name to fit our persona is still very fresh in our minds. When Lord Angus and I joined the SCA the advice we were given about names and persona was first pick the clothing/armour you want to wear and go from there. This is really the best way to start, but what if you've made that choice and want to go further with your persona? In recent months we have had the pleasure of reading some very fantastic persona stories. If you're still trying to "find yourself" beyond clothing and continent, here are some questions that can get you started.

- ★ Who is the king/ruler in your region?
- ★ What is your trade or occupation?
- ★ What type of jewelry or accessories do you wear?
- ★ What festivals are important to you or your part of the world?

These answers can help narrow your search for a persona or may cause you to go in a completely different direction. Creating a persona isn't anything that happens overnight. Don't fret if your story doesn't compare to others. It has taken you "x" number of years to become who you are outside of the SCA. It may take just as many years to discover your persona in the SCA but that journey is half the fun!

Yours in service,

Lady Meadhbh Grahame, Nautilus Pursuivant

Lord Angus MacIntyre, Deputy

Historian: Currently vacant. Contact the Seneschal.



Knight Marshal: Herries Absolon of Hereford
(marshal@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Report Month: February 2015
Sponsoring Branch: Elfsea

Active Combatants: 30

Practices & Combatants

2/4/15	14
2/1/15	4
2/15/15	0
2/18/15	4

Were There Any Injuries? No

Comments:

Instruction of two new combatants Standard fighting for the experienced fighters
Practice on the 15th was in Dragonsfire Tor

Chivalric & Rapier Fighter Practice

When: Wednesdays - starting at 7:30 PM
Where: Bedford Boys' Ranch, Bedford, Tx ([map](#))

Cancellations are posted to both the Elfsea Mail List and Baronial Facebook Page



Minister of Arts and Sciences: H_L Jeanne-Marie la Verriere

(moas@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Bonsoir Elfsea!

As your new Minister of Arts and Sciences, I am very excited about this new opportunity to serve the Barony and encourage the arts and sciences among the populace. If anyone has any questions or requests for classes/ workshops, please feel free to contact me :)

A brief introduction for those who I have not yet met: I have been active in the SCA since 1991. Tho I started elsewhere, I moved to Ansteorra in 2005, and specifically to Elfsea in January of 2014. I've had the chance to learn from some wonderful artisans across the known world, and I am very happy to share what I know with all of you :)

February has been a very busy month for the Barony, and the A&S office is no exception! I am very proud to share with all of you that Elfsea had an artisan compete in Kingdom A&S, and she did incredibly well considering how amazingly tough the competition was. If you have not had the chance to see her beautiful hand-embroidered waistcoat, you are missing out on a true treasure. Vivat H_L Elizabeth de Salisbury!

We also had a trial run of the new Elfsea Costumer's Guild! Their Excellencies Baron Alejandro and Countess Amelot graciously offered their home for the get together, and the gathering proved very successful. We will be starting the Guild officially in April, giving everyone plenty of time to decompress from Gulf War and to start thinking of what projects they'd like to begin/ revisit. Please watch for updates on dates and times.

Lastly, I plan on starting up a monthly A&S meeting where we will focus on a specific project or theme, or we will enjoy a class taught by visiting artisans. I would like to start these meetings sometime after Springfaire, and will be happy to host them at my residence. Please watch for updates on dates and times.

I look forward to working with everyone, and celebrating the arts and sciences with you!

In service,
H_L Jeanne-Marie la Verriere



Minister of Children's Activities ~ Currently vacant. Contact the Seneschal.



Rapier Marshal Andreas von Meißen
(rapier@elfsea.ansteorra.org)
(Open for Applications)

Greetings, Elfsea!

Unfortunately, due to weather this month, practices lately have been spotty. However, when we have actually been able to have practice, we have been having new people! This is very exciting, and if you are a fencer who hasn't been to practice in a while, you should come out and welcome them! (If you're new and haven't made it out yet, now's the perfect time!)

You may recall that at Moot in January, the Barony voted to allow me some funds to purchase some new loaner gear. By the time this newsletter is published, those will have been ordered. As a reminder, this is what we will be getting to start:

- One mask, size XL, Zen Warrior Armory
- Three pairs of gloves, sizes S, M and L, Darkwood Armory
- One economy rapier (42" blade), Darkwood Armory

The gloves and rapier will be picked up at Gulf Wars, to save on shipping. Aboslon of Hereford has kindly offered to do the picking up, so if you see him at war, remind him to do so. (If he already has, you should thank him, and then hit him with swords).

I'm still working on hoods. I will announce when those are in process and completed.

Finally, as I'm sure you all know, Gulf Wars is this month. I am not going, but much of our core crowd is.

If there is interest, I am happy to hold practice. I'll get a feel for that as the time comes.

1. We had practice this month! (But not as many as I'd like.)
2. The new equipment is ordered, or will be soon!
3. I'm still working on hoods.
4. I'm not going to War, so we can still have practice that week if there is interest.
5. COME OUT AND HIT ME WITH SWORDS.

As always I remain,
Your in Service,

Herr Andreas von Meissen

Chivalric & Rapier Fighter Practice

When: Wednesdays - starting at 7:30 PM
Where: Bedford Boys' Ranch, Bedford, Tx ([map](#))

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Rapier Fighter Practice

When Sun, March 15, 2015, 12pm – 5pm
Where J.W. Dunlop Sports Center,
Northwest Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, TX, United States ([map](#))

Cancellations are posted to both the Elfsea Mail List and Baronial Facebook Page



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Guild Principal Information



Academie Pedagogue Jeanne Marie la Verriere

Elfsea Academie Lab - Ask a Royal Anything: A Peak Behind the Curtain

When (Keep an eye on the list and facebook page for date and time)

Where 2409 Oak Brook Dr, Bedford, TX 76021, USA ([map](#))

Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7pm

(Sorry for the short notice, Feb is a busy month!)

Everyone remembers the Wizard of Oz, right? When all was revealed by Dorothy and her friends, the Wizard was just a regular Joe like you and me, not an enchanter with magical powers. Along these lines, our Royal Family of Ansteorra can sometimes seem like that, too, larger than life people behind a curtain. However, just like the Wizard himself, the Royal Family are regular SCA folks, Ansteorran like you and me, who are doing the best they can for the Kingdom. Who are they, and what is it like being a King or a Queen? In this lab, we invite you to come and find out!

A friendly reminder: classes are SCA-clothing optional. You may wear street clothes or SCA clothing, the choice is yours.

Would you like to know more? C'mon over and join the Academie of Elfsea public Facebook page, where you will find more information about this class, the location and time, as well as lots of other info.

What is the Academie of Elfsea?

The Academie is a monthly class offered for free to the populace of Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor (and our friends in the Barony of Steppes and the surrounding areas.) These classes are geared towards helping newcomers to the SCA learn all about who we are, what we do, how to get involved, and have a great time! No matter how long you have been a member of the populace, be it a few weeks to a few years, or if you are newly arrived to our fair lands from another Kingdom or group, you are welcome to join us! We look forward to seeing you at the next class!

In service,

Jeanne-Marie

Elfsea Academie Class - details to be announced

When Monday, March 9, 2015 7pm - 9pm

Where Polytechnic United Methodist Church,
1310 S Collard St, Fort Worth, TX 76105, United States ([map](#))

Cancellations are posted to both the Elfsea Mail List and Baronial Facebook Page



Principal Scribe Druinne de Salesberie

Scribal Guild

When **Tuesday March 17 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

Where 1776 Americana Blvd, Blue Mound, TX 76131, USA ([map](#))

Cancellations are posted to both the Elfsea Mail List and Baronial Facebook Page



Principal Cook Caelin on Andrede

Look for a recipe for Caelin's Scrambled Eggs elsewhere in the Tidings...

Cook's Guild

When **Tuesday March 10, 2015**

Where 2220 Patterson Pl, Arlington, TX 76012, USA ([map](#))

Cancellations are posted to both the Elfsea Mail List and Baronial Facebook Page

A Recipe from the kitchen of Master Caelin

PERFECT SCRAMBLED EGGS

SERVES 4

It's important to follow visual cues, as pan thickness will affect cooking times. If using an electric stove, heat one burner on low heat and a second on medium-high heat; move the skillet between burners when it's time to adjust the heat. If you don't have half-and-half, substitute 8 teaspoons of whole milk and 4 teaspoons of heavy cream. To dress up the dish, add 2 tablespoons of minced fresh parsley, chives, basil, or cilantro or 1 tablespoon of minced fresh dill or tarragon to the eggs after reducing the heat to low.

8 large eggs plus 2 large yolks

¼ cup half-and-half

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon unsalted butter, chilled

1. Beat eggs, yolks, half-and-half, ¼ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper with fork until eggs are thoroughly combined and color is pure yellow; do not overbeat.
2. Melt butter in 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat (butter should not brown), swirling to coat pan. Add egg mixture and, using heatproof rubber spatula, constantly and firmly scrape along bottom and sides of skillet until eggs begin to clump and spatula leaves trail on bottom of pan, 1 ½ to 2 ½ minutes. Reduce heat to low and gently but constantly fold eggs until clumped and just slightly wet, 30 to 60 seconds. Immediately transfer eggs to warmed plates and season with salt to taste. Serve immediately.

WHY THIS RECIPE WORKS

Adding salt and half-and-half to the raw eggs before beating them lightly are key steps toward creating great scrambled eggs. With these additions, as well as a dual-heat cooking method, we've discovered the route to perfect— glossy, fluffy, wobbly— scrambled eggs.

BEAT LIGHTLY

For uniform texture, it's important to beat the eggs before cooking them. That said, you can overdo. Some recipes suggest whipping the eggs with an egg beater or electric mixer. We found that overbeating causes premature coagulation of the egg proteins. When overbeaten eggs are then cooked, they turn out tough. For a smooth yellow color and no streaks of white, we whip eggs with a fork and stop once large bubbles form.

WHAT KIND OF DAIRY?

We tested milk, half-and-half, and heavy cream while making these scrambled eggs. Milk produced slightly fluffier, cleaner-tasting curds, but they were particularly prone to weeping. Heavy cream, on the other hand, rendered the eggs very stable but dense, and some tasters found their flavor just too rich. Everyone agreed that $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of half-and-half fared best.

The benefit of the dairy is threefold: First, the water it contains (80 percent in half-and-half) interrupts the protein network and dilutes the molecules, thereby raising the temperature at which the eggs coagulate and providing a greater safety net against overcooking (and disproving the classic French theory that adding the dairy at the end of cooking is best). Second, as the water in the dairy vaporizes, it provides lift (just as in a loaf of baking bread), which causes the eggs to puff up. And third, the fat in the dairy also raises the coagulation temperature by coating and insulating part of each protein molecule so that they cannot stick together as tightly.

ADD YOLK

To boost the egg flavor and minimize the dairy tones of our scrambled eggs, we add more yolks to the mix. There's no need to overdo it, though: Two extra yolks per eight eggs balance the flavor nicely. Even better, the high proportion of fat and emulsifiers in the yolks further raises the coagulation temperature, helping to stave off overcooking.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT PAN

Pan size is important when scrambling eggs. If the skillet is too large, the eggs spread out in too thin a layer and overcook. A smaller pan forces you to mound the eggs on top of each other, which traps steam and ensures tender, fluffy eggs.

FORGET LOW AND SLOW

Since overcoagulation is a danger, many cooks use low or moderate heat

The Editors at America's Test Kitchen (2012-10-12). *The Science of Good Cooking: Master 50 Simple Concepts to Enjoy a Lifetime of Success in the Kitchen* (Cook's Illustrated Cookbooks) (Kindle Locations 10187-10232). Boston Common Press. Kindle Edition.

Shadowing an A & S Judge

Cassandra Palfrey

I have never entered an Arts and Science competition. I would think: "I'm not that good", "what's the point I can't win", and "our artisans are awesome". This past month, at Candlemas, I was fortunate to be invited to shadow one of the judges. Thanks to Mistress Ameline DuBois, perspective changed.

Why enter a competition if not to win? Two reasons. First enter for the comments sheet. Every effort is made to match judges with the pieces. Mistress Ameline DuBois first took us to a Doublet that, in my initial look, was flawless. The first step was to read the documentation, an impressive thesis on tailoring. Then we went over to the garment looking closely inside and out. After reading and examining the real work began. Filling out the comments sheet is a delicate balancing act. The judges endeavor to critique an artist's work, while maintaining a delicate balance between suggestions for improvement and encouragement to continue the art or science. When we hear the word critique most people cringe and wait for the assault. Our Ansteorran judges however use the full definition of critique, pointing out the things that are done well along with the areas for improvement.

The second garment was a dress submitted by a beginner. Again we read the documentation then proceeded to look closely at the piece. It was in comparing how the two were evaluated that the balancing act was most evident. Finding areas for improvement on the doublet required focusing on tiny details. The dress was much more general. Both included things that were done well, noting things that should be kept. For me, too often I change something good trying to fix something broken.

After the competition each artist will receive a comments sheet from the judges. These comment sheets are pure gold. So leaving the event you will have in your hand a custom map for advancing your art. Also you will have the names of the judges who commented on your piece. People who share your interest and care enough to spend a hour or two judging a competition. Just remember when reading your sheets, picky is better. The harder they have to look to find something to improve the better you have done.

The second reason to enter Arts and Science competitions is for me. Your entry may help me with an existing interest, or it may show me something new I want to try. I was about halfway home when I realized what an opportunity I missed. Two people at different ends of the spectrum entered the competition. I learned from both. What I failed to do was take a picture of the bibliographies. Whether you enter or not go by and look at the entries. If the art form interests you look at the documentation. The bibliography will give you a good starting point when you make your next library trip.

Happy March, everyone!

This month, I have volunteered to share my persona story with you all. It is a work in progress, and will be modified and expanded as I have the time and money to fully outfit my kit with the garb, armor, and accoutrements befitting the persona and station I have chosen.

My name is Andreas von Meißen [pronounced My-sen]. I was born in the early 1540s, in the city of Meißen, in the Electorate of Saxony on the Holy Roman Empire. Meißen is a beautiful, old Cathedral city on a hill above the river Elbe, surrounded by fertile wine-growing countryside.

I am the eldest son of Georg and Helena von Meißen, minor nobles who had their lands confiscated when they refused to follow the heretical teachings of the blasphemous excommunicated Augustinian monk Luther.

The loss of his inheritance led him to leave Saxony and seek a fortune as part of a Reiter regiment in the service of the Catholic League in what we now call the French Wars of Religion.

Beginning first in Italy, he met and became a student of a short, blonde Scotswoman, who served as a mentor and schooled him the Arte of Defence. However, employment opportunities forced her to travel to other kingdoms, and so he commenced his own travels. In 1570, while traveling through Strasburg on his way to France, he was recommended by a friend towards Joachim Meÿer's recently-published fencing manual, and trained in that school for a time.

He is currently making his way to the front lines in France, attempting to serve his God, crown, and family as best he can. In the fullness of time he hopes to regain his family's name, reputation, and lands, and return home to his beautiful Meißen.

March Calendar Barony of Elfsea						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Rescheduled February Populace	3	4 Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30pm - 10:00pm Bedford Boys' Ranch, Bedford, TX	5	6	7	8 Archery Practice 2pm - 6pm 6500 Boat Club Rd, Fort Worth, TX
9 Elfsea Academie 7pm - 9pm Polytechnic United Methodist Church, 1310 S Collard St, Fort Worth, TX	10 Cook's Guild 7pm - 9pm 2220 Patterson Pl, Arlington, TX	11 Chivalric & Rapier Practice	12	13	14	15 Rapier Practice 12pm - 5pm J.W. Dunlop Sports Center, Northwest Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, TX
16 Gulf War XXJV (15th-22nd)	17 Gulf War XXJV (15th-22nd) Scribal Guild 7:30pm - 9:00pm 1776 Americana Blvd, Blue Mound, TX	18 Gulf War XXJV (15th-22nd) Chivalric & Rapier Practice	19 Gulf War XXJV (15th-22nd)	20 Gulf War XXJV (15th-22nd)	21 Gulf War XXJV (15th-22nd)	22 Gulf War XXJV (15th-22nd) Archery Practice
23 Populace Meeting 7pm - 9pm Bedford Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Dr, Bedford	24	25 Chivalric & Rapier Practice	26	27 Commander's Crucible - Hellsgate (Ft. Hood, TX) *PED*	28 Commander's Crucible - Hellsgate (Ft. Hood, TX) *PED* DFT Demo at Texan-Con Tarlton State Campus - Stephenville	29 Rapier Practice
April						
30	31	1	2	3 Elfsea Spring Faire - Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX) *PED*	4 Elfsea Spring Faire - Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX) *PED*	5

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