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Elfsea Tidings



*May 1st
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(Being 2015 C.E.)*

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A Message from the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor,

We would like to take a moment, first, to thank all the officers, populace and the Vicar and Vicaress for all their dedication and help in the past 6 months, It is extremely humbling to see everyone come together, even in the hardest times. Thank you.

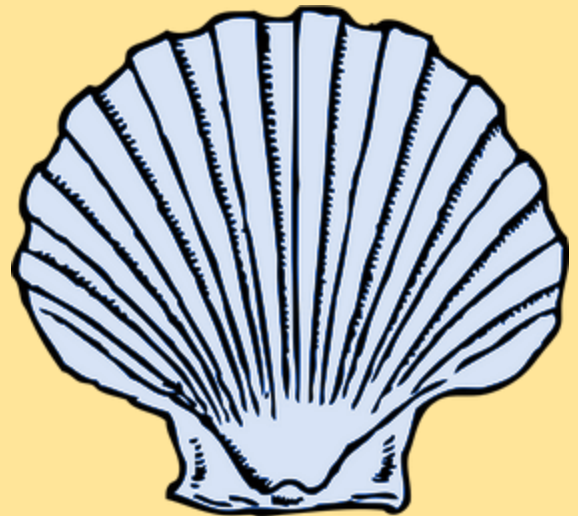
There are many exciting things coming up. Dragonsfire Tor's Guardian of the Tor is in May. We are very excited to sit our final Canton Court. Please come help, have fun and celebrate with us all.

Mistress Asiya will be overseeing the selection process for the New Baron and Baroness. The decision to step down was not an easy one, but one we decided was the best one for all involved. If you wish any details, please seek us out, and ask. During this process, we expect the greatest Barony and Canton to continue to allow this process be completed with a positive forward force. If you have questions, please contact us, Mistress Asiya or the Crown. Please adhere to the rules the Crown has set forth. Be positive, happy and continue to move forward. Our step down will occur at Baronial Artisan and College, in June. We wish to see all of you there to celebrate new beginnings.

There are many events going on, Kingdom wide, represent the Barony and travel!!! Have fun!!!

In Service,

Gerhart and Elspeth
Baron and Baroness of Elfsea
Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor



Information from the Central Regional Seneschal:

Greetings,

Here is the timeline for the upcoming Transition for the Baronial Seats. Please be aware there are some ground rules we need to be following in this matter;

- ❖ - First, there should be no discussion of candidates on Baronial email lists, forums, or social media sites. This also applies to the Canton as well. Updates to and questions about the polling process, of course, are permitted, but discussion about candidates and platforms, etc. are prohibited. This is to encourage a clean and friendly selection process.
- ❖ - Second, separate pollings will take place for Elfsea and DFT. This is in an effort to include all of Elfsea. This does not permit people to poll multiple times. All polling forms will be collected and verified. How people vote will be held in the highest confidence.
- ❖ - Third, members and non-members will be allowed to poll. Members and non-members will be kept in separate tallies and all information will be presented to Their Majesties.
- ❖ - Fourth, those unable to attend either polling will have the opportunity to participate via other means as necessary

ELFSEA BARONIAL TRANSITION TIMELINE

(Dates prior to today have been excised)

May 1 – Letters of Intent Published in “Elfsea Tidings” and “Tales of the Tor”

May 18 (Elfsea Populace) – Poll the Populace of Elfsea

June 13 (Kings’ College) – Candidate Interviews with the Crown

June 14 (Dragonsfire Tor Business Meeting) – Poll the Populace of Dragonsfire Tor

June 27 (Elfsea Baronial College) – Step Down & Investiture

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

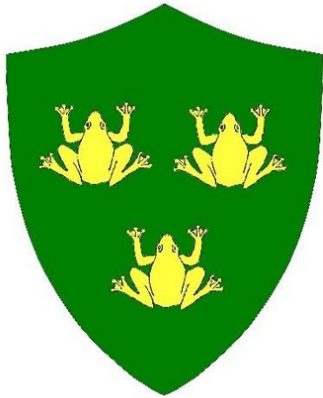
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Mistress Asiya bint Mikha'il

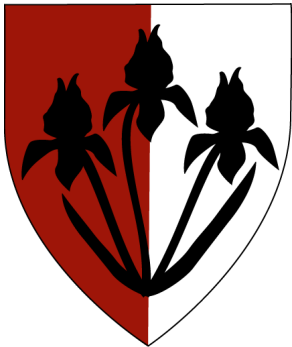
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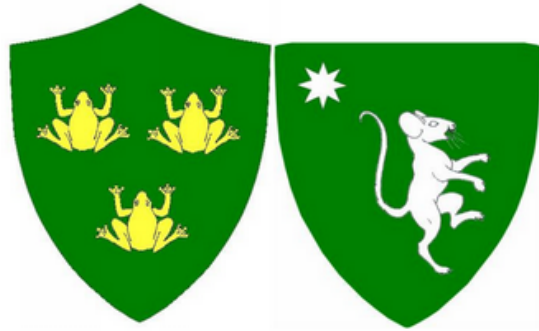
Photographs of the Candidates



Lord Edwin De Brus and Honorable Lady Caitrina inghean Mhurchadha



William and Cassandra Palfrey



Unto their Steller Majesties King Sven Randullsson II and Queen Antigone of York II, their, Excellencies Baron Gerhart Wolfgang der Rote and Baroness Elspeth de Stervlen and the good people of the glorious barony of Elfsea do we Lord Edwin De Brus and Honorable Lady Caitrina inghean Mhurchadha send greetings.

With humility, we submit this letter of intent to request the honor of being considered the next Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Elfsea. We do so after careful consideration of the responsibilities and obligations of landed Nobility. If we should be appointed, our focus will be on creating a caring and inclusive atmosphere for all of the Barony and Cantons residence and

our guests. To continue and nurture the healing that Their Graces Drake and Sibri have begun.

We are fully aware of the responsibilities that come with being Baron and Baroness and are committed to devoting ourselves entirely to the Barony for a minimum of three years. Both of our families have been consulted, are aware of the time and energy this appointment will require, and have agreed to support us in anyway needed during our term. We understand the financial burden that comes with this appointment and are willing and able to meet that responsibility. We are also aware that serving as Baron and Baroness of Elfsea brings the responsibility of representing both the Crown to their people and the people to their crown.

Lord Edwin has served as the Knight Marshal and shows a true love and dedication to our barony of Elfsea, working tirelessly at any task needing to be done. He has been

a member of the Baronial Financial Committee for the past two years. He always helps set up and tear down the Baronial Pavilion and any other pavilions where help is needed. When he was Knight Marshal he would loan out his own armor to help the new comers that didn't have a kit yet.

Honorable Lady Caitrina has served as the Chamberlain, Exchequer, Central regional Exchequer and entourage for three different coronets, along with countless times working and running gates. She has consulted her husband on this and has his blessing to devote the time, energy, and finances this office, barony and kingdom requires.

We, Lord Edwin and Honorable Lady Caitrina, will continue to work tirelessly to encourage and improve the good life in Elfsea regardless of the accolades and honors bestowed upon us, as we truly belong to Elfsea.

In service to our Kingdom, Crown, Barony and Canton,

Lord Edwin De Brus

Award of Arms

Portcullis of Elfsea

Sable Talon of Ansteorra

Western Tower

Honorable Lady Caitrina inghean Murchadha

Award of Arms

Portcullis of Elfsea

Sable Thistle of Ansteorra

Sable Sparrow

Order of the Azure Keystone of Elfsea

Sable Crane of Ansteorra

Star of Merit

Unto their Stellar Majesties, Sven and Antigone, comes this missive from Honorable Lord William and Honorable Lady Cassandra Palfrey. Please accept this letter as our intent to be considered worthy candidates to become the next Baron and Baroness of Elfsea, Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor.

We shall endeavor to show our worthiness for Your consideration by describing our history within the Barony, our standing within the Kingdom, our personal readiness, and our goals and dreams for the future of the group.

We have been with the Barony since its inception. We attended the first investiture at the armory and participated in Arthur and Robin's procession. We were part of their retinue as well, William as Arthur's squire and Cassandra as lady in waiting to Robin. Our SCA career has been spent in the service of the Barony. Cassandra has been exchequer and seneschal. William has been seneschal, knight marshal, chronicler, herald and served on the finance committee. We have been event stewards and prepared many feasts for Baronial events. We are both holders of the Azure Keystone, Portcullis and Ant.

Within the Kingdom, we are companions to the Order of the Star of Merit. We have also received other recognition for our service to the Kingdom and our artistic pursuits. We have attended events and made friends in all regions due to our tendency to stray towards the kitchen or general support. We are very service oriented. In his early years of chivalric combat, William attended and led troops at the first and third Gulf Wars; he has also taught melee tactics at war colleges.

We have received counsel from past Barons and Baronesses on the difficulties with this role. There are financial considerations and relationship strains. From a financial perspective, we are in good standing. William has been with his employer over four years and has been given greater responsibility during that time. His current customer has recently extended their relationship with the company another five years. He will be able to maintain a steady income. We have budgeted for at least sixteen events, both local and

Kingdom, that we will attend this year. Cassandra is a homemaker and will have the flexibility to manage our responsibilities as Baron and Baroness.

As for the strain this role can have on a marriage, we have been married twenty-three years. Those years have had the typical ups and downs. We will not falter when there are difficulties. We have a wonderful son who is comfortable with our decision to pursue this new role. He loves the SCA and enjoys the time we spend in it.

Just as we desire for our own home, we want our SCA home to be happy and healthy where everyone can grow and reach their goals. We will continue supporting this newfound enthusiasm within the Barony. This will be accomplished by supporting the officer corps, staying engaged with the local peers and nobility, and being receptive to the populace. Our current slate of officers are enthusiastic and full of new ideas. One of the new ideas is the Academie which has proven itself in its first year. Our seneschal encourages all of the officers and we will support her in her management of the officers and the business side of the Barony.

Keeping the Baronial peers and nobility engaged is important. They have all stepped up to support the Barony during this rough patch. As a new Baron and Baroness comes in there may be the tendency to pull back some. The Barony needs for them to stay. Their experience is important and their presence serves as an example to the populace of what can be achieved. We will meet with them and ask them to continue attending functions and meetings; to continue to share themselves.

New and potentially great ideas come from everyone, be they a novice or experienced player. We will continue to listen to all of the populace and commit to giving every idea fair consideration. Last year, we were Keystone advisors to Lady Áine for the Baronial College sideboard. She had a strong vision using new ideas. Supporting her vision gifted us with delicious new recipes and a new way to structure a sideboard.

We believe our officers are more than capable of handling the business side of the Barony. We will be aware and informed of their progress but will leave them to work as they see fit. We will be available to them should they seek our counsel. We see the Baron and Baroness as the pomp or pageantry side of what we do; the 'game' as it is sometimes called.

We will be caretakers of the trust placed in us by You and the populace. We will be Your extension through court and the relationships we foster. We will be the voice of the people to You; their recommendations, concerns or joy. We will provide a level of calm in our discussions and excitement for change and the direction the Barony is headed. It is our hope that we will bring dignity to the coronets and pride in the position.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read through this letter and for considering us worthy candidates to become the next Baron and Baroness of Elfsea, Lord and Lady of Dragonsfire Tor.

We remain in service to You, the Kingdom and the Barony.

William and Cassandra Palfrey

Officer Reports



Seneschal: Aoife Ruadh Inghean Ragnaill
(seneschal@elfsea.ansteorra.org)



Greetings, Elfsea:

Amazingly, we are transitioning from spring to summer with a full slate of officers and quite possibly the most engaged membership in recent memory. We have an abundance of newcomers that have taken the bull by the horns—and it has been my privilege to watch this group thirst for knowledge and integrate into the barony, adding strength to our numbers and fun to our events. To our newest members who are the future of this barony: Huzzah, and thank you!

Of course, our newcomers could not sustain this level of excitement and continue to move forward if it were not for the abundance of active, experienced, skilled, and willing members to teach and share hard-earned knowledge. To our active, teachers, sages, and royals who are the life's blood of the barony: Vivat, and bless you!

Transition is the theme of the next two months and as the published timelines attest, we are again a busy barony with lots more to do. These events are exciting, but during times of transition, it is easy to lose sight of core functions. It is exactly now that we must remain vigilant. We must continue to work together with a common vision, supporting and helping one another. We succeed best by helping others achieve their dreams.

By virtue of position, each baronial officer is a leader— and during times of change leaders are responsible for clarifying and managing expectations, communicating with transparency and discretion, and ensuring business as usual. So, Officers, do continue the outstanding work you are doing. Identify members who can help you manage the

new tasks that accompany change. Praise lavishly. Give word fame.

By the same token, the active engagement level of Elfsea's membership leads me to believe that we have many, many more leaders within our numbers, some new with potential and some who are already skilled. It is critical to harness the energy, ideas, and excitement that come from this group. So, Members, do talk to your officers and share your goals with them. If you see a need, step in and fill it. Find something that interests you, and own it. Become a deputy for on-the-job training.

As Seneschal, it is my deepest honor to serve each of you and assist during the transition. Please feel welcomed to ask questions or voice concerns, if you have them. Our membership rocks it out, and I look forward to seeing what Team Elfsea can do in the upcoming months.

In Service,
Lady Aoife Ruadh inghean Ragnail
Seneschal, Barony of Elfsea

Populace Meeting

When **February 23, 2015**

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



Seneschal: Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire
(seneschal@dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org)



Greetings DFT,

Wow did we have a great month of April. We have a new King and Queen and our Baron and Baroness have been reinstated. I would like to thank Sir Drake and Countess Sibri for their service to the Canton and Barony during these troubled times. They did a wonderful job as acting Vicar and Vicaress for our great Barony since December. It is a loss to the Canton and the Barony that Baron Gerhart Wolfgang der Rote and Baroness Elspeth de Stervlen will be stepping down in June. Thank you both for your service to the Canton.

We now have a sitting Hospitaler, Lady Aaliz du Lac, an A&S Minister, HLady Desire'e Dupre, and for the first time in a long time, a Knights Marshal, Lord Ravenger Wulvkin. Once again there will be heavy fighting in the Canton.

The planning for Guardian of the Tor is moving right along and it is shaping up to being a great event. This year, not only will our Chivalric Champion be able to wear our Champion's Collar for this next year but he or she will be given our *Golden Ticket to enter Ansteorra's Tournament of Champions in December and represent the Great Canton of Dragonsfire Tor.*

Lord Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire
Seneschal of the Great Canton Dragonsfire Tor

DFT: Business Meeting

When Sun, April 12, 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Where FMC Fluid Control, 2825 W Washington St,
Stephenville, TX, United States ([map](#))



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

Greetings Elfsea!

Each month this Barony is getting livelier and full of growth. I'm proud to say that we have newcomers who are regularly coming to meetings and practices and are very excited to be a part of this Barony.

I have a couple of announcements to make this month: Please remember that on June 20th, we are having a demo at the Azle Library. We have a lot of outdoor space and indoor space available. Please get with Lady Silvana Corwin or Master Sebastian if you're interested in fighting or setting up a space inside. Secondly, I am officially looking for my replacement. Even though my office is not up for 9 more months, I would ask that people start applying to be my deputy to eventually take over the office. I already have two wonderful ladies who are my deputies, but they have offices of their own now and cannot hold the hospitaler's office when I step down. Speaking of that, congratulations to my deputy, Lady Silvana Corwin, on becoming Elfsea's Minister of Children! I know she will do a fantastic job and already has a lot of ideas for the children of this Barony.

I wanted to say congratulations to our newest official members of the SCA and Elfsea, Margaret Jne Craine and all her family! I'm so glad that you have found a home for you and your family here in Elfsea.

To the populace, please remember that we are all hospitalers and every newcomer that we get contributes to the growth and liveliness of this Barony. Thanks to all of you for being so welcoming to our new people and helping them feel a part of this wonderful group.

In Service,

Lady Aine inghean Aodha mhic Shéafraid
Hospitaler, Barony of Elfsea



Exchequer: Eleanor of Forth Castle

(treasurer@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Greetings from the Elfsea Exchequer! As you may be already aware of, the baronial financial policy is currently under review and the final draft will be presented to the populace in May for approval. In the meantime however, I would like to implement one new item right away, which is to keep the populace informed (on a quarterly basis) of the current balances of the barony's checking and money market accounts. As of April 21, 2015 the balance in the barony's checking account is \$4,588.73 and the balance in the barony's money market account is \$7,006.14 (the balance in the checking account includes the deposit which was made after Springfaire but not all the event expenses). The SCA financial policy states that "It is recommended that each branch should maintain sufficient cash reserves to continue normal operations after a total loss of advance expenses for one major event of the type it typically runs" so from that perspective we are currently in a very healthy financial position. I would like to again encourage all of the baronial officers with approved budgets to please feel free to spend them to help our barony to continue to grow and prosper!



Archery Marshal: Caelin on Andrede

(archery@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

We've been having archery practice after some months of weather related cancellations. The practices are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday which, in May, is the 10th and the 24th. Since the 24th is part of Steppes Warlord, we will not have a practice, but invite you all to join us for the many archery competitions at Warlord.

At our practices, we have a full range to use, teachers, loaner equipment, and people who like to socialize with you. The teachers can get novices started off right and help experienced archers improve their scores.

As an aside, Marcus at Bove, who is our archery marshal in training, just won the Archery Keeper title for Glaslyn! Come and learn from him and bask in his radiance!

In service,
Caelin on Andrede

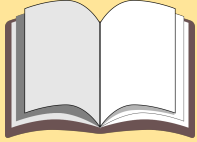
Archery Practice

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

February 22 - 2:00 PM

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

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



Chamberlain: Amelot Lisette (chamberlain@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

My report,

All items are back in the storage unit or in my care from Spring Faire.

We will be scheduling the storage unit clean up after DFT and Steppes events as they have both ask to borrow a few items, please look to the newsletter and the Facebook group for said date.

Thanks,

Amelot Lisette



Chronicler: Ealasaid Mac al'Bhaird (chronicler@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Deputy: Gwenllyan verch Wilkin

It has been a rather busy month...

Please keep those articles and recipes coming. The Tidings has been averaging 25 pages. I dream of reaching 35 - 40 pages and data is inexpensive to share and there are many good things to share in Elfsea!

Thank you to everyone who went above and beyond this month to help us work with such tight deadlines and publication constraints.

Please keep writing (and filing releases) in this glorious new anno societatus

al AERYN



Per pale engrailed sable and argent, an eagle's head erased and a thistle counterchanged.

(Showing off because the blazon is the one I chose - thanks to the work of Herr Andreas von Meissen)

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[Wordfame Link](#)



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

Greetings Elfsea!

There has been a lot of heraldic activity recently. We have some new faces that are eager to register their names and devices. There have been potential members inquiring about personas also. While you're attending events take a moment to look around. Each banner, shield, or other colorful display was created for a reason. Can you name the fighters just by looking at their shield? How many groups are represented alongside the list fields? I have a new respect for all the past heralds when I think of all the hours that went into each piece. In the coming months we will be planning at least one class about heraldry. Do you have any suggestions or requests as to what subject we cover? Please send them my way. I look forward to meeting and working with even more of you!

New Name and Device Registrations

(unless otherwise noted the consulting herald, Andreas von Meissen)

Names

Kylan Ulfgeirsson - Barony of Elfsea; consulting herald, Tostig Logiosophia

Beatrice de Bromwic - Dragonsfire Tor

Bernardo Antonio Gutierrez de Castilla - Barony of Elfsea

Korbinian Schwarcz - Dragonsfire Tor

Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire - Dragonsfire Tor

Reinbolt vom Berg - Barony of Elfsea

Badges and Devices

Ealasaid Mac a' Bhaird - Barony of Elfsea

Device Change: Per pale engrailed sable and argent, an eagle's head erased and a thistle counterchanged.

New Badge: Per pale engrailed argent and sable, an eagle's head erased and a thistle counterchanged.

Franklin Whitenhale of Cheshire - Dragonsfire Tor

Device: Azure, a Maltese cross argent and a ford proper, on a chief argent three roses proper.

Reinbolt vom Berg - Barony of Elfsea

Device: Gules, in pale two bear's heads erased argent.

Hold your banners high! Life is good in Elfsea!

YJS

Lady Meadhbh Grahame



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

This month we witnessed the return of Springfaire and glorious combat shook the very ground beneath our feet. The final round was His Majesty Sven and the noble Sir Louis. Many times they clashed beneath the radiant sun. Though His Majesty Sven took the field, he honoured Sir Louis with the first won Golden Ticket. May the honour and chivalry of both great knights be sung from shore to shore!

The heavens have brought much rain and lightning this month to our fair barony, as well as my own ailments, keeping us from enjoying our training. Our latest practice hosted many fighters. The skills of the fighters ran from new to the combat arts to Dukes, with much learning for all.

Absolon of Hereford

Knight Marshal to Elfsea

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: HĹ Jeanne-Marie la Verriere

(moas@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

Greetings Elfsea!

The month of April was indeed busy for the A&S community here in the Barony, with a lot going on and so much to get ready for!

Springfaire was a success!! I would like to thank everyone who came out to the event, who supported the Barony and our hard-working Vicar and Vicaress Duke Drake and Countess Sibri, and of course, everyone who participated in the Heraldry Display contest. My three super secret judges made their decision, and named Team Dragonsfire for the winners! Congratulations to the whole team!

I am happy to report that on the 18th of April, we had our first A&S Weekend Workshop. More than just an A&S night, this was a full day of hands-on at the house of Duke Lochlan and Duchess Gwen. The first workshop focused on armoring, primarily geared towards the new fighter. Teachers discussed how to make easy armor, as well as ensure that new fighters understand what is needed safety wise. For the more experienced fighters, there was an armor repair workshop. Lots of tools, lots of plastic and metal and leather - it was a terrific day! For the non-combatants, we had a great class on how to cover modern chairs with a fabric cover to help create a more period atmosphere, graciously taught by Mistress Ameline.

Finally, the Costumers Guild will be starting up on a monthly basis. It will be regularly held on the last Thursday evening of the month, from 6-9pm, and will be at the home of HE Sir Alejandro and HE Amelot. I hope you will join us!

A lot is happening, and I'm really excited about our momentum!!

In service,
HĹ Jeanne-Marie la Verriere
MOAS, Barony of Elfsea



Minister of Childrens' Activities: Lady Silvana Corwin

(moc@elfsea.ansteorra.org)

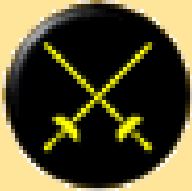
Now for my first MOC report! Bear with me, please, as this is my very first one and I don't really know what to say just yet.

We had two fighter practices in April with large showings of children. The first practice boasted about 7 children in total, the second we had roughly 12 children present. 7 of these twelve were with Baroness Rixande, learning the art of Rapier fighting. At Elfsea's Springfaire event we had about twenty children participate in an easter egg hunt. Eight children in four age brackets participated in the Youth Chivalric Tourney. The oldest two more than held their own in contest with an adult By fighter and will soon be a force to reckon with in Chivalric Tournaments. Also, there were at least 7 children that tried out and fell in love with archery, skillfully taught by master Caelin and his deputy marshal.

That's all I've got for now! I hope this suffices! As you can see, we have many more children than before and they are getting involved!

Respectfully,

Lady Silvana Corwin



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

Greetings, Elfsea!

We had Springfaire this month! The tournament was very well-received and I got many compliments. I would like to thank my wonderful list mistresses, Mistress Adelaide de Bourbon and Lady Liadan ingen Finnén. They not only handled a brand new tournament format wonderfully, but also gave me some very good feedback on how to improve it in the future. When I have time, I will update my tournament document and the cards and put it online for anyone who wants to do it. I would also like to thank John Hambledon, who served as an emergency field marshal with me for the day.

To give wordfame where wordfame is due, the following were the victors:

- Hero of Heroes (overall winner): Baroness Rixende de Rouen
- Sergeant of Goons (most goon points): Lady Layla bint Yusuf
- Cardmaster (most card points): Lord Michael de Eryri
- People's Choice Award Winner: Edward of the Forest

Also, we had three practices this month! Attendance at practice has been increasing, too! We've had a steady stream of new people, many of whom have been coming back week-to-week.

- April 8: Six fencers, including newbies.
- April 15: Seven fencers, including one newbie.
- April 22: Eight fencers, including one newbie and a visitor from Avacal! (I also spoke with two people who did not have the gear to get in armor, letting them handle swords and offhand secondaries. They seemed into it and I have high hopes they will come back.)

As a result of the (fantastic) influx of new people we have been getting, I requested additional funds from the Barony to augment our loaner gear. That request was approved

by the financial committee on April 20th and the populace on May 27th. The request was \$900, towards the purchase of:

- One 42" Economy rapier from Darkwood Armory, ring hilt - exactly the same weapon as was purchased last time; \$270.
- One 37" Economy sidesword from Castille Armory with a crossover (heavy rapier and C&T) blade; \$225.
- Two Darkwood economy daggers, 14" blades; \$130/each.
- One pair of large fencing gloves from Darkwood, blue; \$30/each.
- One set of largeish fencing armor, for the new people we've been getting; ~\$50. (Vendor TBD)

These will be ordered in the next few days. I will be arranging for the items from Darkwood to be delivered at Steppes Warlord, to save money on shipping. When we have them, I will bring them to populace to show them off to everyone.

Also, we have our new mask! Size XL, to fit a large human being (our current masks are sized to fit small-to-medium people). It has a blue bib, because Elfsea! (I'm still working on the hoods, I promise.)

I would like to congratulate our very own Alric Godwinson, who won the Glaslyn championship on April 25th. Vivat Alric!

Finally, there are a TON of really good fencing events in May:

- Coastal Grand Baronial Championships, May 1-3: The Ansteorran premiers of the Order of Defense, Don Miguel Vaello de Villa Joiosa, Master Caelan Mac Rob, and Master Robin of Gilwell, will sit their vigils Friday night and be elevated Saturday morning. The vigils will include a torchlight tournament. Come out and see history!
- Queen's Champion & Kingdom Cut & Thrust, May 8-10: Come vie to be Queen Antigone's champion! (Can't do the job? Come anyway - and bring your A-game - to prove the mettle of the eventual champion!) Kingdom Cut & Thrust will be on the stage at Castleton!
- Guardian of the Tor, May 15-17: Bear pits! Bear pits! Bear pits! So! Much! Fighting! I'm running the tournament. It's going to be awesome!

- Steppes Warlord, May 22-24: The Steppes baronial rapier championship is always a good tournament, and the Iron Star is coming back!

I mention these, and how good they are, as an un-subtle hint that you should totes come to practice. Practice is how you get better!

1. We had several practices this month! And Springfaire! Lots of new people! Lots of fencing!
2. Vivat Rixende, Champion at Springfaire!
3. Vivat Alric, Champion at Glaslyn!
4. We're getting new equipment! Swords and daggers and gloves, oh my!
5. I'm still working on hoods.
6. So many good fencing events this month!
7. 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](#))

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

Rapier Fighter Practice

When Sun, February 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

Guild Principal Information



Academie Pedagogue Jeanne Marie la Verriere

Academie Classes will resume in July

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



Principal Scribe Druinne de Salesberie

Scribal Guild

When **Tuesday May 19 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

The Cooks' Guild meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. In May that will be the 12th. In April, we talked about sous vide cooking and cooked and ate steaks. In May, we will continue exploring sous vide. I've made a sous vide Creme Brulee recently and it worked very well.

In service,
Caelin on Andrede

Cook's Guild

When **Tuesday May 12 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

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

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

Don Alaric's Quote

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, and catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

- Mark Twain

A Quote to Consider from Aoife Ruadh inghean Ragnaill

"Every day is a new chance to be a better person, to do good, and correct past mistakes." -Abhishek Tiwari

Guardian of the Tor XXIV



May 15 – 17, 2015

Camp Jim Braley

3009 Wilbanks Dr. Waco, TX 76705

The Canton of Dragonsfire Tor invites you to join us as we select our Champions.
There will be...



The Seventh Golden Ticket Tournament
Chivalric, Rapier, Archery, & Bardic Championships
Gaming Tavern
Feast (Pot- luck) – Please bring your own feast gear

Event Information:

- * Site opens: 5:00 pm on Friday May 15th & Closes: 12:00 pm on Sunday May 17th
- * Site is wet in period containers;
- * Pets allowed if leashed;
- * See our website for more information: <http://dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org/guardian.php>

Site Fees:

Adults	\$10.00	Makes checks payable to: SCA Inc. / Canton of Dragonsfire Tor
6-17	\$5.00	
5 & under	Free	Family Max: \$30.00

A \$5.00 non-membership charge will apply to those 18 & over without proof of membership.

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 their parents.

Event Steward:

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Elnewby1972@yahoo.com

Mattis Ammann (Joseph Lawson)
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Directions to Site:

From I-35 Southbound: Take Exit 337 towards US-77 BUS/ Elm Ave. Take the frontage road for 0.4 miles, and turn left on US 77 BUS South/ TX-484 Loop. Continue on TX-484/TX-6 S for 8.5 miles. Turn left on Hallsburg Rd; continue for 2 miles. Turn left onto Darwin St; continue for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Wilbanks Dr, continue 2.3 miles. Site will be on the left.


From I-35 Northbound: Take Exit 330A towards Texas 6 S/ Texas Loop 340. Follow signs for and merge on to Texas Loop 340/TX 6 S. Continue on Texas Loop 340/TX 6 S for 6.2 miles. Turn right onto the TX 6 ramp to Bryan/Marlin, continue for 4.9 miles. Turn left on Hallsburg Rd; continue for 2 miles. Turn left onto Darwin St; continue for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Wilbanks Dr, continue 2.3 miles. Site will be on the left.

From I-45 Southbound: Take Exit 219A for TX-14 toward Richland/Mexia. Merge onto TX-14 S/ Austin Ave; continue for 17.6 miles. Turn right onto US-84 W/W Milam St; continue 23.7 miles. Turn left onto County Line Pkwy; continue 4.0 miles. Turn right onto Lake Felton Pkwy; continue 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Steinke Rd; continue 1.6 miles. Turn right onto Pavelka Dr, continue 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Wilbanks Dr; continue 0.4 miles. Site will be on the right.

From I-45 Northbound: Take exit 180 for TX-164 toward Groesbeck. Turn left onto TX-164W; continue for 45.3 miles. Turn right onto N Pearl St; continue for 0.4 miles. Continue onto County Line Pkwy/S Freeman Pkwy; continue for 3.4 miles, following County Line Pkwy. Turn left onto Lake Felton Pkwy; continue 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Steinke Rd; continue 1.6 miles. Turn right onto Pavelka Dr, continue 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Wilbanks Dr; continue 0.4 miles. Site will be on the right.

Guardian of the Tor Event Website: <http://dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org/guardian.php>



REETINGS UNTO YOUR GRACIOUS
POPULACE FROM THE CANTON OF
DRAGONS FIRE TOR. WE WOULD
LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO 
GUARDIAN OF THE TOR XXIV.

Guardian will be the weekend of May 15-17, 2015 at Camp Jim Braley
3009 Wilbanks Dr. Waco, Texas 76705.

There will be the following Championships to vie for:

- Chivalric (Golden Ticket #7)
- Rapier
- Archery
- Bardic

There will also be a Gaming Tavern and other activities to enjoy.
Site will open 5:00 pm Friday the 15th and will close 12:00 pm Sunday the 17th.
The site fees will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 6-17, and 5 and under are free, with
a \$30.00 family max. The evening feast will be a pot-luck meal. Please
remember to bring your feast gear and your favorite dish to share.

For more information visit our:
website (<http://dragonsfire-tor.ansteorra.org/guardian.php>) or
Facebook event page (Guardian Of The Tor XXIV)





Elfsea



Baronial College and Investiture

June 27, 2015

Join us for the Investiture of our new Baron and Baroness, the Elfsea
Artisan and Bardic Competitions, and a full day of Classes!

ELLA C. MCFADDEN SCIENCE CENTER
Texas Wesleyan University
1201 Wesleyan Street
Ft. Worth TX 76105

FROM I-35W: Take 49B towards US-287 Business/Rosedale St/Allen Ave. Turn East onto Rosedale St. Continue 2.4 miles, turn left onto Wesleyan St. Signs will be posted; parking lot will be on the right.

FROM I-820 EAST OF FORT WORTH: Take exit 30B towards Lancaster Ave., follow signs to Lancaster Ave. Turn West onto Lancaster Ave. Continue 3.1 miles, turn left on Collard St. Continue 0.3 miles, staying right to stay on Collard St. Turn right on E Vickery Blvd. Continue 0.2 miles, turn left on Wesleyan St. Signs will be posted; parking will be on the left.

Site opens for teachers at 7:30 am; general admission begins at 8:00 am.
The final court of their excellencies Gerhart and Elspeth will begin at 9:00 am.
Site closes at 7:00 pm

Coffee, tea, juice and pastries will be available in the morning, and there will be a sideboard lunch. A list of nearby restaurants will also be available.

Prospective teachers should contact Master Sebastian Eton Frobishire (sebastianf@sbcglobal.net) with a course title, description, and list of requirements. There is outdoor space for fighting classes.

Site is a college campus: dry, no pets allowed.

Site Fees:

Adults (18+):	\$10
Children (6-17):	\$5
Children (0-5):	Free
Family Maximum:	\$30
Non-Member Surcharge:	\$5

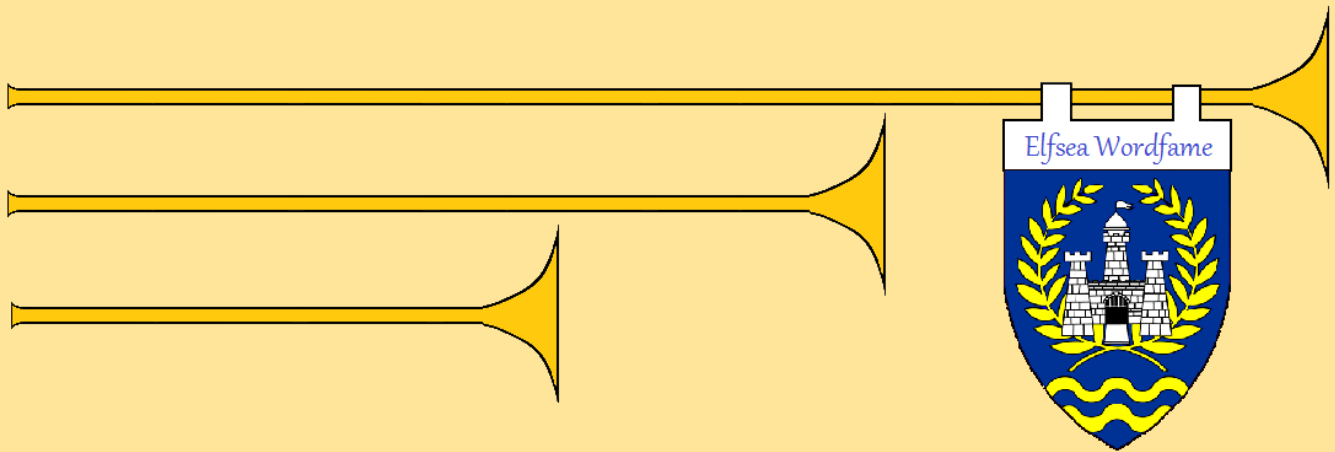
Event Stewards:

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Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

Make checks payable to:
"SCA, Inc. / Barony of Elfsea"



- ★ A member of the populace offers word fame for Torny Seven Stitches and Silvana Corwin -
For providing watermelon at practice last week and bringing snacks for this week's practice. It is so kind of these lovely Ladies to look out for the populace.
- ★ Lady Aoife offers word fame for Gwenllyan verch Wilkin -
For stepping up to learn the Chronicler tasks and help with the future of the barony's communications.
- ★ A member of the populace offers word fame for Caelin on Andrede -
For remaining steadfast in his support to train and guide the future leaders of the barony.
- ★ A member of the populace offers word fame for Andreas von Mizen -
For researching the needs of the rapier program, making hoods, and taking time to compile data and obtain loaner gear to create an enhanced newcomer experience.
- ★ Jeanne-Marie la Verriere offers word fame for Duke Lochlan and Duchess Gwen :
They provided, from their own pockets, a wonderful pizza lunch for all the attendees of the afternoon A&S workshop held at their home. Then, when the evening brought us to the Academie LAB: Ask a Royal Anything, they very generously provided a large portion of the potluck meal, and even found a way to lure His Royal Majesty Sven to join the class and give his perspective on what it means to be a part of the Royal Family of Ansteorra. It was a truly amazing evening, and it could not have been without the support of Duke Lochlan and Duchess Gwen. Vivat!

Where did it go?

(Using OSCAR)

By HL Jvo Blackhawk, May, 2015 (AS 49)

So, you turned over your name and arms to the herald, the check went to the treasurer and things are off to the races! Congratulations! You've done the hard part. Now it's up to the college of heralds to take care of things for you.

But... a few months go by, and you start to wonder... "How's it going, anyway?" I mean, you haven't heard anything, and a lot can happen in that time, right?

Well, here is one way you can find out.

1. Type into your browser oscar.sca.org

2. Now, on the top left corner of the page are 9 blue links. Go to the eighth link from the top (second up from the bottom). It should say "Sub Status" (note: there is a "Log in" box, don't worry about it, you don't need to log in for any of this)

3. You're there! This is a text only page of all the submissions current in the system. No computer coding, no fancy script, just good old-fashioned text. You can look for your name here.

Hint: press "CONTROL" and "F" on most browsers, and it will do a browser-based search for text. Just type in any part of your name, or the blazon for your device, and look through the selected possibilities.

4. When you find it, scroll up or down a little and you'll see lines that say where that bunch of submissions are in the process.

...**In Commentary Period...** - Submissions are commented on by the kingdom College of Heraldry for one month, and then at the Society level, by the Society College of Arms, for three months.

...**Being Decided...** - The SCA College of Arms takes about a month to go through all of the commentary on your submission and then decide if it meets all the rules and requirements of registration.

...**Proofreading...** - The decision has been made and the College of Arms is putting all of the decisions together and proofreading them for the Letter of Acceptance and Returns (LoAR) (*this takes about a month*).

After this, the LoAR will be published online, and notices sent out by email to heralds subscribed to the notifications list. The kingdom has an officer whose job is to tell you if your submission was published and what the decision was.

If you have any questions about your submission, or if it's not on this list and you think it should be, contact your local herald, the herald helping you with the submission, or the regional herald with your question.

Jvo Blackhawk is the Submitter Relations deputy for the college of heralds in Ansteorra. One of his jobs is to help people who don't normally work with heraldry to understand how the submissions process works.

Poivre Noir

This month's recipe is Poivre Noir or Black Sauce. The name is somewhat misleading as I was expecting a dark sauce. The black refers to the black pepper that is used. This sauce is great with beef and can be served hot or cold.

Ingredients.

1 slice country bread (I used sourdough.)
1/3 cup verjuice or equal parts cider vinegar and water
1 tablespoon wine vinegar
1 scant teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
salt

Directions.

Toast or grill the bread until very dark. In a small stainless steel or other non-reactive pan, soak it in the verjuice and vinegar until it has completely fallen apart. Mash the bread with a fork and stir in the spices. Slowly bring to a boil and simmer until thickened. Add salt to taste. If you want a smoother sauce, you can press it through a fine strainer.

Source. Redon, Odile, Françoise Sabban and Silvano Serventi. The Medieval Kitchen: Recipes from France and Italy. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998.

Enjoy!

William Palfrey

May Calendar Barony of Elfsea						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29 Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30pm - 10:00pm Bedford Boys' Ranch, Bedford, Tx	30	1	2 Coastal Grand Baronial Championships & Royal Lancer - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)	3 Rapier Practice 12pm - 5pm J.W. Dunlop Sports Center, Northwest Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, TX
4	5 Cook's Guild 7pm - 9pm 2220 Patterson Pl, Arlington, TX	6 Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30pm - 10:00pm Bedford Boys' Ranch, Bedford, Tx	7	8	9 Queen's Champion & Kingdom Cut and Thrust - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)	10 Archery Practice 2pm - 6pm 6500 Boat Club Rd, Fort Worth, TX
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25 Populace Meeting 7pm - 9pm Bedford Lib., 2424 Forest Ridge Dr, Bedford	26	27 Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30pm - 10:00pm Bedford Boys' Ranch, Bedford, Tx	28	29	30 Eldern Hills Baronial & Royal Huntsman - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)	31 Rapier Practice 12pm - 5pm J.W. Dunlop Sports Center, Northwest Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, TX

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<u>Principal Cook</u>	Caelin on Andrede	

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