



Elfsea Tidings

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A Message from Their Excellencies



Greetings Elfseal

Greetings great Barony! We have been very fortunate in many newcomers joining us recently. It is wonderful to see our members being so welcoming to all the new faces.

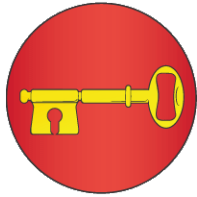
War of the Rams draws nigh! Whether you are camping with the Elfseal-Steppes-Glaslyn encampment or not, please join us Saturday night for beef stew dinner! Preregistration ends November 10th. If you are camping with us, please ensure that you preregister and put our group down as where you're camping. Please contact Her Excellency Mistress Colleen with your tent size through the FaceBook event.

In December we will be having our holiday party on the 11th instead of our usual Craft and Combat. It is a potluck dinner so keep an eye out for more posts!

Ever in Service,

Absolon and Silvana

Words from Elfsea Officers and Guild Principals



Seneschal

Greetings, Elfsea.

As we close October I wanted to give a quick shout out to having accomplished a fantastic Elfsea College in September! To all who stewarded, taught classes, coordinated, and helped pull off this event: HUZAH!

As we look forward to the holidays there are a number of Kingdom events to partake in and we look forward to seeing everyone at Bordermarche Melees this month! Remember if you are wanting to camp with our combined Elfsea-Steppes-Glaslyn encampment, please reach out to Mistress Colleen on the event page via Facebook.

From a business standpoint, Elfsea is sailing along with fair winds and following seas!

Good people have served nobly and it is time to allow others to step in and have some fun. A few offices are open for applications, so if any of them sound like your cup of tea, let me know and I can help get you started on the application:

*** Chatalaine * Minister of Youth & Family * Chronicler ***

Each of you has my deepest respect and gratitude for the work you do to keep our Barony vibrant and engaged. I look forward to seeing you at the November events.

In Service,
Lady Gwenllŷan verch Wilkin
Seneschal, Barony of Elfsea



Chatelaine

****Office is currently open and actively accepting applications. Please email the Seneschal at seneschal@elfsea.ansteorra.org if interested****



Archery Marshal

Archery season is upon us. The temperatures are finally being kind.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Sokol Hall, Ft Worth. The Barony has multiple sets of loaner gear so if you would like to give Archery a try please come on out. I will be happy to walk you through the basics to get you started.

Sebastian Frobishire

Baronial Archery Marshal



Chronicler

Greetings Elfsea,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Barony in this fashion.

If you would like to submit articles for the next newsletter please feel free to email me at chronicler@elfsea.ansteorra.org.

Submissions are due the 28th of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

As per Section II subsection B of the Ansteorran Chronicler's Handbook:

"Local Branch newsletters may not publish any of the following:

- 1) Personal attacks on individuals or groups
- 2) Harsh criticism of the behavior of individuals or groups
- 3) Copyrighted material used without permission
- 4) Use of racial or religious stereotypes
- 5) Offensive words, phrases or images
- 6) Any material that shows the SCA (at any level) in a bad light
- 7) Any article or statement that politicizes the office
- 8) Paid advertisement (only Corporate publications such as Kingdom newsletters and Tournaments Illuminated can accept paid advertisements).
- 9) Non-paid advertisements. Event announcements, notices of revels, parties and nonofficial events are acceptable. Advertisements that are not directly Society related are not acceptable.
- 10) Information about an individual or group divulged without consent."

Please include whichever of these release forms would be pertinent to your submission.

These forms are fillable PDFs; they can also be printed off and completed by hand

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- o [Model Release Form](#) (for subject in a photograph)

- Combined Model Release Form (for subject in multiple photographs)
- Photograph Grant of Use Release Form
- Photographer/Videographer Release Form
- Technology Contributor License Release Form
- Personal Data Publication Release Form

There is updated information that brings us into compliance with U.S. copyright law and guards against misusing anyone's image or work. Most importantly:

- Any image used in a newsletter in which a person's face is recognizable must have a release from the photographer and subject.
- Do not include any person's mundane name or contact info in a publication unless you have a release from them for that information.
- Black Star event ads must include a release for the event stewards' personal information.

Yours in Service,
Chronicler of the Barony of Elfsea



Minister of Arts and Sciences

Please be sure to join us for scribal artwork opportunities coming soon

As always, please bring and share your in-progress Arts and Sciences projects to Fighter Practice, "Combat & Craft"

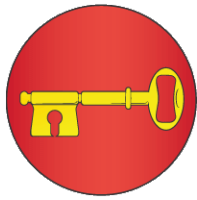
Yours in Service,
Lady Alexandra Lunette Arundel



Web Minister

Greetings from your webminister. I maintain Elfsea's website at <https://ansteorra.org/elfsea/barony-of-elfsea/>. You can find our calendar, as well as the Ansteorra Kingdom calendar, at <https://ansteorra.org/elfsea/calendar/>. If you have any questions about the website please let me know at webminister@elfsea.ansteorra.org.

Lord Thomas Grey



Social Media Officer

As the season begins to change, so too are changes happening in the Social Media Office. I would like to take a moment to thank Honorable Lady Taly Toledano for her many years of service as Elfsea's Social Media Officer. Her dedication strengthened our online presence and made it easier for everyone to stay connected. She also launched the Elfsea Discord server, which has quickly become a lively place for conversation, coordination, and camaraderie. I am grateful that she continues to share her talents as my Discord Deputy.

For those I have not met yet, I am Lady Signý bjarkí Sigurðadóttir, your new Social Media Officer. My goals are simple: help more people discover Elfsea by encouraging participation on social media, and grow our Barony by sharing the joy and fellowship that make this group so special. I am seeking a TikTok Deputy to help create short videos about our events, people, and projects. Some TikTok experience is helpful but not required, just creativity and a willingness to try something new.

This month, we launched our six-week **Step Into the Story** campaign to encourage participation and celebrate service across the Barony. It is already showing remarkable momentum.

Between **September 22 and October 22, 2025**, Elfsea's Facebook page achieved:

- Views: **9.2 K** (656% increase)
- Reach: **1.9 K** (641% increase)
- Content Interactions: **372** (553% increase)
- Visits: **259** (121% increase)
- Follows: **3** (50% increase)

In simple terms, more people are seeing our posts, reacting to them, and getting involved in Elfsea's story. The more our content is shared, the more we grow, one post and one connection at a time.

Thank you to everyone who has liked, shared, or commented on our posts, and to those who keep our online spaces as warm and welcoming as our in-person ones. If you have photos, content ideas, or topics you would like featured, please reach out to me directly. Your ideas help shape how Elfsea tells its story and inspire others to step into the Dream with us.

In Service to the Dream,
Lady Signý bjarkí Sigurðadóttir
Social Media Officer, Barony of Elfsea

Calendar of Continual Gatherings in Elfsea

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

What	When	Where
Officer's & Populace Meeting	4th Monday 7pm Monthly	All Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist 1959 Sandy Lane Fort Worth, TX 76112 (817) 451-1505
Fighter Practice	Thursday 7pm Weekly	1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst, TX 76053, USA
Archery Practice	2nd & 4th Sunday 2pm – 6pm Monthly	Sokol Fort Worth 6500 Boat Club Rd, Fort Worth
Scribal Guild	*Check Facebook for upcoming meetings.	*Check Facebook for upcoming meetings
Fellowship of Practical Cookery	*Check Facebook for upcoming meetings.	*Check Facebook for upcoming meetings
Clothier Guild	*Check Facebook for upcoming meetings	*Check Facebook for upcoming meetings
Gardening Guild	*On Hiatus*	*Check Facebook for upcoming meetings

Officer and Guild Principals

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Exchequer	Sigmund Ulfsson	treasurer@elfsea.ansteorra.org
Fellowship of Practical Cookery	William Palfrey	
Gardeners Guild	On Hiatus	
Knight Marshal	Kellath Dun	martial@elfsea.ansteorra.org
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Webmaster	Thomas Grey	webminister@elfsea.ansteorra.org

If you are interested in holding an office in the Barony of Elfsea, contact the Seneschal, Baron, and Baroness via email.

Step into the Story

Volunteer for one of Elfsea's open officer positions and help make The Dream a reality!

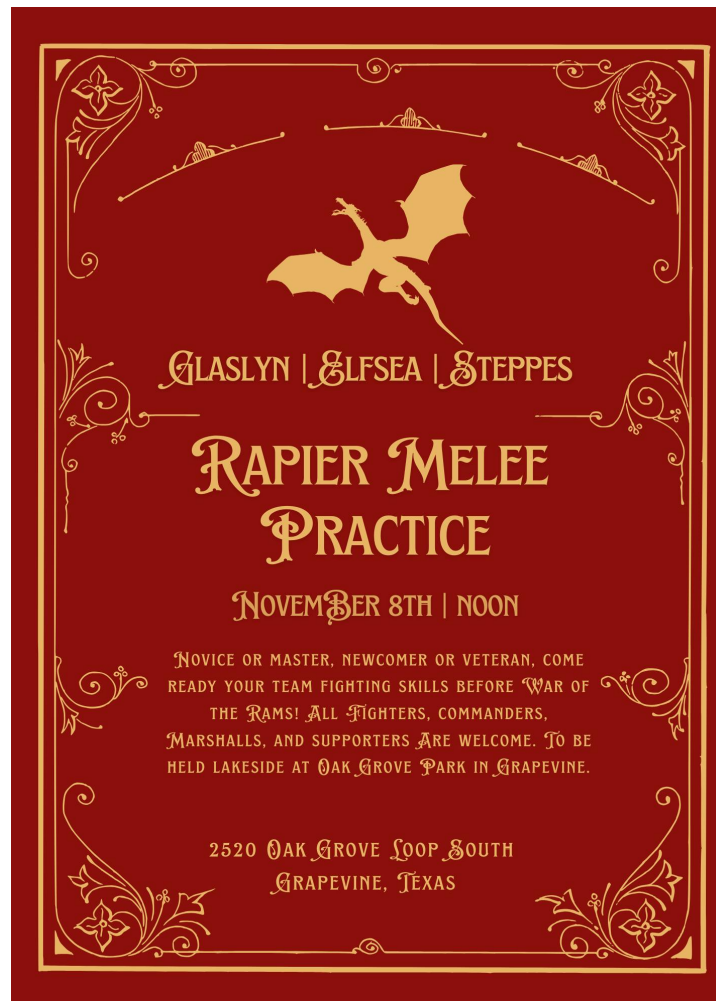
Apply for officer & deputy roles at:
<https://ansteorra.org/seneschal>




Upcoming Baronial Events

Elfsea Academie Changes

First Thursday of the month
7PM-9PM
Brookside Center
1244 Brookside Dr, Hurst, TX 76053



GLASLYN | ELFSEA | STEPPES

RAPIER MELEE PRACTICE

NOVEMBER 8TH | NOON

NOVICE OR MASTER, NEWCOMER OR VETERAN, COME
READY YOUR TEAM FIGHTING SKILLS BEFORE WAR OF
THE RAMS! ALL FIGHTERS, COMMANDERS,
MARSHALLS, AND SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME. TO BE
HELD LAKESIDE AT OAK GROVE PARK IN GRAPEVINE.

2520 OAK GROVE LOOP SOUTH
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

Upcoming Kingdom Events

See <https://ansteorra.org/events/> for more information



Fall Queen's Championship Tournament, AS LX

NEW DATE: November 15, 2025

Hosted by the Barony of Stargate in Deanville, TX

Stargate invites the populace and Ansteorra's Rapier Community to celebrate the return of Her Stellar Majesty Cristyana to her homeland on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Join us for a day of tournaments and festivities to choose Her Majesty's champions.

Adult Event Registration: \$25.00

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15.00

Child/Youth (17 and under): Free

A sideboard luncheon is included for all.

Make checks payable to: "SCA – Barony of Stargate"

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 from the parents.

Site:

Herman Sons Life Hall – Deanville, TX
6785 FM 111, Deanville, TX 77852

Directions to Site:

From Houston/East TX: Take US-290W to TX-36 N/State Hwy 36 N in Brenham. Turn Left on Frenstat Road. Turn right on FM Rd 60. Turn Left on FM Rd 111. Hermann Sons Life Deanville is on your left in 0.4 miles.

From North of South I-35 Corridor: From US-290E in Austin, head east. Turn left on TX-21 E. Turn right on FM Rd 60 S. Turn Right on FM Rd 111. Hermann Sons Life Deanville is on your left in 0.4 miles.

From Bryan/College Station: Take TX-21 W to FM Rd 60 and turn Left. Turn right on FM Rd 111. Hermann Sons Life Deanville is on your left in 0.4 miles.

Site Details:

- Site (Gate) opens at 8 AM Saturday morning and closes at 8 PM Saturday night.
- Flush toilets on site.
- BYO outside seating. Hall has chairs and tables
- Service animals only
- Dry site – no alcohol allowed
- Parking is across the road from the hall. Handicapped parking is available near the hall.

Event Steward:

Etienne de Montagu (Theron Bretz), 713-882-3080,
etiennedemontagu@gmail.com

Luncheon Steward:

Nicollet Deuville (Bridgit White, 281-451-4045, no calls after 9 pm please
duchessnici@gmail.com



WAR OF THE RAMS XII

Come for the battles!
Stay for the friends!



November 20-23, 2025
Site opens at 8am Thursday
Site closes 2pm Sunday

Two Full Days of Combat

Chivalric - C&T - Rapier - Youth Combat - Archery - Melees - Mini-Tourneys
Equestrian - TW - Revelry - Bardic - A&S - Classes - Merchants - Taverns

KINGDOM CHAMPIONSHIPS: Royal Lancer - Thrown Weapons - ME Dance

BORDERMARCH CHAMPIONSHIPS: A&S - Equestrian - Bardic

A lot more information at Waroftherams.org

Hosted by Barony Bordermarch

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$40

Adult Event Registration: \$50

Youth/Children under 18: FREE

Make Checks to "SCA Inc./Barony Bordermarch"

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EVENT STEWARDS

TE Gabrielle de Lacy & Meurik the Humble

Krysten and Bryan Smith 409-201-4276

Stewards@WaroftheRams.org

Pre-Registration open, closes Nov.4th

Land Allocation by Pre-Reg Only

NO Early or After Hours arrival - Like other Wars

Gate open Thurs. 8am-Midnight, Fri. 6am-Midnight, Sat. at 6am

See website for site rules, schedules and more



At Border Keep

(Jones Country Music Park)
5754 Recreational Rd 255
Colmesneil, TX 75938

THE BARONY OF WIESENFEUER

presents

Yule: Winter Memories

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Site opens 8:00 am

Site closes 8:00 pm

Registration: \$25

Member Discount Registration: \$15

Children under 17 and under are FREE

Feast: \$15 per person

Make checks payable to SCA Inc./Barony of Wiesenfeuer

Location:

**Quail Springs United Methodist
Church**

**14617 N Pennsylvania Ave,
Oklahoma City, OK 73134**

Directions:

From I-44 West and I-35: Go West on the
Kilpatrick Turnpike (or Memorial Road),
Exit toward Penn Ave.
Head North on Penn Ave 0.8 miles. The
church is on the Left.

Event Steward:

Baroness Isabella Coppola (Mylissa Minyard)

isabellacoppola98@gmail.com

(580) 504-4919

No phone calls after 10pm except in case of emergency.

*Championships for adult and
youth bardic, and adult and
youth arts and science*

Activities include chess tournament,
classes, court dancing, snowball fight,
family games, silent auction and a visit
from Father Christmas!

Check the event website for more details:

<https://sites.google.com/wiesenfeuer.ansteorra.org/yule2025/home>

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 from the parents

No alcohol allowed.

Service animals only.

No smoking within 20 feet of any main event areas.

The Barony of Stargate presents:

A Baronial Investiture and Celebration of Yule

It's 1520 in Germany! Join us to celebrate the season as we welcome our new Baron and Baroness, and select our new Artisan and Bard!

December 6, 2025
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Houston
Site opens: 8:30 AM
Site closes: 8:30 PM

Classes

Arts & Sciences Championship
Bardic Championship
Toys for Tots Chivalric and Rapier
Tournaments
Scribal Arts
Table Decorating Contest
Baronial Investiture
Children's Activities
bit.ly/StargateYule2025

Adult Registration: \$35

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$25

Children under 18: Free Registration

Feast: \$10 per person

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc., Barony of Stargate

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 from the parents.

Event Co-Stewards:

Elvira al-Jayyaniyya (Rachel Wesson), cragamel@gmail.com

Katrina of Coventry (Kathy Elliott), bardkat@gmail.com

832-271-6182

Service animals are welcome; Pets are not permitted

Alcohol is permitted in period containers from 2-8 PM

Directions to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church:

1656 Blalock Rd, Houston, TX 77080

From Interstate 10, take exit 759A toward Echo Ln/Blalock Rd

Turn north on Blalock Rd, and travel 1.4 miles to the site, on the right.



*The Barony of Wiesenfeuer
invites you to Vindheim Winter Coronet 2026*

January 10, 2026

Site Open: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

*OSU Totusek Arena
2707 W McElroy Road
Stillwater, OK 74075*

Event Registration

Adult Event Registration: \$25.00

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15.00

Child (13-17): Free

Youth (12 & under): Free

Sideboard included with Registration

Dry Site

Make Checks payable to: SCA, Inc./ The Barony of Wiesenfeuer

Service animals only

Directions:

From OKC: Follow I-35 N to OK-51 E. Take exit 174. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto N Country Club Rd/N3300 Rd. Turn right onto Eo610 Rd/W McElroy Rd.

From Tulsa: Get on I-244 W/US-412 W. Take the exit toward OK-151 S. Turn right onto S Western Rd. Turn left onto N Western Rd. Turn left onto Eo610 Rd/W McElroy Rd.

Event Steward

*Lady Lyra □ ammetta Caravaggio
mka Samantha Woods*

*405-831-0476, No calls after 10pm
seeresskel@gmail.com*

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 from the parents.

Camping Like It's 1399:

A Modern Guide to SCA Camping

Gwenllŷan verch Wilkin

Few experiences blend history and adventure quite like camping at an SCA event. You trade neon tents for canvas pavilions, polyester sleeping bags for woolen blankets, and the glow of your phone screen for the flickering of firelight. Whether you're a battle-hardened knight or a wide-eyed newcomer, a little preparation goes a long way toward making your time in camp as enchanting as the tournament field.

1. Choose Your Shelter Wisely

If you're going for period accuracy, a canvas pavilion, wedge tent, or bell tent is ideal, they're breathable, durable, and look the part. Just remember: they are heavier than modern tents and can soak up moisture like a sponge. Bring a sturdy ground cloth or tarp and keep your gear off the ground in case of rain. For those less worried about authenticity, a modern tent hidden behind your camp setup keeps you comfy without spoiling the illusion.



2. Sleep Like a Lord (or at Least a Comfortable Peasant)

Sleeping on straw-stuffed ticks sounds romantic until you realize straw pokes. A modern air mattress or cot discreetly hidden under wool blankets is a sanity-saver. Wool is your best friend, it insulates even when damp and fits right in with the medieval vibe. Add a sheepskin or two for both comfort and flair.

3. Fire, Feast, and Fellowship

If open flames are allowed, bring a fire pit or raised brazier for cooking. Cast iron cookware handles the heat beautifully, and there's something satisfying about stirring a stew with a wooden spoon while others roast meat on spits nearby. Stock up on period-appropriate foods that keep well, bread, cheese, apples, dried meat and stash a few modern snacks for when the authenticity wears thin.



4. Garb and Gear

Bring at least two full sets of garb, you can never know when the weather could turn and you are in need of dry clothing. Pack extra socks and sturdy shoes or boots suitable for uneven ground. A cloak or hooded cape doubles as warmth and weather protection. For gear, think practical: a lantern, matches in a waterproof tin, a folding chair with a cover to blend in, and a water jug or leather flask.

5. Comfort Meets Chivalry

Events often run long into the night, with singing, and storytelling of that day's battles on the open field. A small folding table, a camp stool, and even a discreet battery pack for emergencies make life easier without shattering immersion. Don't forget sunscreen, bug spray, and a first aid kit, medieval medicine can stay in the 14th century where it belongs.

6. Mind the Mood

The real magic comes from the community. Help your neighbors set up tents, share a drink by the fire, and lean into the illusion. Whether you're an artisan, bard, or battle-ready fighter, you're part of a living tapestry of history brought to life.

In conclusion, camping at a medieval reenactment is equal parts logistics and legend, a balance between surviving the weekend and savoring the past. Pack smart, stay kind, and when the night falls and the firelight flickers across your tent walls, you might just forget what century it is.



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