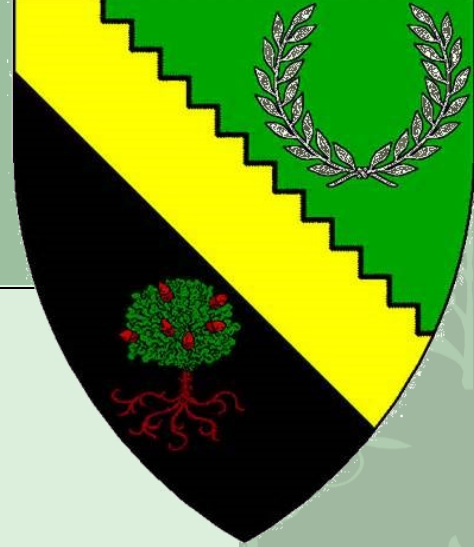




THE STEPPES LETTER



APRIL 2016



Special Points of Interest

- ◆ Steppes Warlord
- ◆ Many Offices Open
- ◆ Event Stewards Needed
- ◆ New Officers

WORDS FROM THE BARONESS

My friends,

Unto the Barony of The Steppes and the Cantons of Glaslyn and KyngesCreke does Baroness Ekaterina send warm greetings.

Spring tournament season is upon us. I hope that your kits are ready because things are about to get busy. Over the next two months, central region is packed with tournaments and other events that will keep you busy until summer. I hope to see you at Elfsea Defender, Glaslyn Defender, and Steppes Warlord.

Coronation is also around the corner. I hope to see you there as our next king and queen ascend the Sable Thrones. I have seen requests for volunteers to help with feast and gate; if you are attending and have some free time, please consider volunteering.

Gulf War this year was very interesting. We are glad that everyone has returned home safely. We know that over the next few months, we are going to hear some great stories. Our youth and youth marshals have many great stories to tell about warriors that will be on the adult field before we know it. You have been warned!

Our steward for Steppes Warlord is looking for volunteers to assist in various areas including set up, clean up, gate, and marshalling. We will be adding a Rapier Academy this year. We look forward to seeing the list of classes. Her Majesty has also requested that we assist them by holding the Cut and Thrust Tournament at Warlord. It will be held Sat before court. As this is our event, please take a moment to volunteer your time to ensure that our guests have a good time at our event. We need to be great hosts to repay them for taking care of us when we go their events.

We have had several new officers step up. Please help them in their duties. Please also consider helping them by becoming their deputies. It's difficult to try to make every practice and meeting. Having a deputy makes the job a bit easier when life gets in the way.

I still have baronial tabards available if you want one. They have the Ansteorra populace badge on the front and the baronial guard badge on the back (which could become the front!). I will have them with me at meetings and practices. Please ask when you see me. They are \$20 each and made of heavy linen. The neck holes are large enough to fit over your helm or mask.

Remember to take a friend with you to events; the more, the merrier. As always, I remain in service to Our Barony, Our Cantons and our Kingdom of Ansteorra,

Baroness Ekaterina Iadorovna Kharlampieva

Baroness of The Steppes
Lady Glaslyn and Kyngescreke



**Baroness Ekaterina Iadorovna
Kharlampieva**

“Known as Katya”

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WORDS FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

I am sure that those who travelled to Gulf Wars have finally dried out and managed to cram things back into their rightful storage. I am also glad to hear that all those that made it to the war have safely made it back. The storm may have caused much physical and collateral damage, but it also helped bring us together as a family. Many went out of their way to help friends and family in some of the scariest conditions. For that I am truly proud of all of the people of Steppes.

April starts our busy tournament season. First up is our cousins to the west, Elfsea is holding their Defender. It will be held close to our own Canton of Glaslyn, so I encourage all to go and support them and their event. Coronation is also this month, so please go and help us say good bye to their Majesties Crepin and Toryn and welcome Gabriel and Sonja!

Within the Barony we have a demo at the Smith Public Library in Wylie for their Game of Thrones day on April 7. This is an excellent educational opportunity as the focus is on the fact and fiction of medieval life as it relates to the Game of Thrones Series. The library has made the SCA its principle speakers for the evenings. I would like to encourage all Chivalric, Rapier, and Archery fighters to come out. It is also a good event for those who have great knowledge about our game.

Once again the Monkey Horde has been spotted on the horizon set to attack our northern borders. That's right, it is time for Glaslyn Defender! Please, please come out for at least a day to help defend against the Monkey Horde in Glaslyn's Monkey tourney. The Ladies of Glaslyn will also have their eyes open to find the most charming of defenders to be their Keeper of the Flame in Chivalric, Rapier, and Archery. (Yes they take bribes!)

As always things must change and good times come to an end. Peter Rhys will be stepping down as our Rapier Marshal and Ironwurm will be stepping down as our interim Archery Marshal. I thank them both for their hard work and diligence to this Barony. Please give a warm welcome to William Swindel as our new Rapier Marshal. I have great confidence in him to lead our rapier army.

We are a Mighty Oakwood,
We are a Barony,
We are Family,

WE ARE STEPPES!

YIS,

HL Aurelia Yverneau

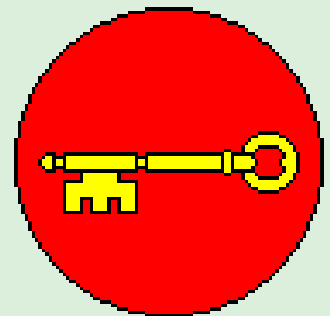


Seneschal

Lady Aurelia Yverneau

(Nancy Chevalier)

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APRIL 2016

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MAY 2016

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OPPORTUNITIES

A&S Nights

2nd Thursday of the month - 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX 75040-3267 This is on Beltline, at N Garland Rd.

You will see a large sign for a car wash. Parking is behind the church. This is a monthly meeting, held the second Thursday of each month, for sharing in our interests in the arts and sciences. There are several tables, so bring a project if you have something you want to work on.

4th Tuesday of the month— 7:00 pm

2325 Sumac Court Little Elm, Texas 75068 7:00p.m.

Hosted by Ly. Aerial Thorhall [214-724-5747](tel:214-724-5747)

Come, Eat, Drink, Create. Bring your current project, or start a new one and join me for an A&S evening.

Please feel free to bring a side to supplement our evening repast. Movie selection will be SCA inspirational.

Chivalric Fighter Practice

Steppes fighter practice is open to all. New fighters welcome! The only equipment that a beginner needs to supply is an athletic cup. Loaner gear is available, and good gentles will happily be willing to instruct beginners in the fine art of Chivalric or Heavy Fighting.

Fighter Practice will not be held on the following dates: Sunday before Gulf Wars, Sunday after Gulf Wars,

Memorial Day Weekend (Steppes Warlord), Labor Day Weekend

Sundays 2:00 pm Carrollton

Oak Creek Park 2531 Oak Creek Dr Carrollton, TX

(It's actually past the Tennis Center, behind the playground. Plenty of parking along the road.)

Wednesday 6:30 pm McKinney

Bonnie Wenk Dog Park 2996 W. Virginia Pkwy (just off of Virginia Ave— east of Hardin)

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

3838 Crown Shore Dr, Dallas, TX 75244

Monitor the Steppes Rapier Practice facebook page for info and site clarifications. New fighters are always welcome. The only equipment that a beginner needs to supply is an athletic cup. Loaner gear is available and good gentles will happily be willing to instruct beginners in the fine art of Rapier or Light Fighting.

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Sundays 2:00 pm

Steppes archery practices are held on the first and third Sundays of the month, 2PM at the Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road in Mesquite 75149

Glaslyn

Mondays 6:45pm – 10:00pm (Except Christmas Eve and New Years Eve)

North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX

Directions: From I-35 E in Denton, Texas exit University Drive (Hwy 380). Go east on University Dr. Go north on Bonnie Brae St. Go east on Windsor Dr. Just past the baseball fields, turn left (north) into the parking lot. Continue around as if you are going to the soccer fields. Practice is in front of the basketball court on your right, soccer fields on your left.

Kyngs Creke

Populace Meeting in on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Napoli's Italian Restaurant

101 TX-205, Terrell, TX 75160

Fighter Practice is on Mondays at 7:00 pm.

Ben Gill Park

1039 9th St, Terrell TX 75160

OFFICES OPEN FOR BIDS

The current local offices are open for application. Please send a copy of your application to the current officer, Seneschal, and the Baroness. Applications can be downloaded from the [Kingdom website](#).

Office	Closing Date
Archery Marshal	Open till Filled
Knight Marshall	Open till filled

The following Kingdom and Society offices are open for bids. Please contact the officer for questions concerning application information. Applications for Kingdom offices can be downloaded from the [Asnteorra Website](#).

Office	Application Type	Contact
Kingdom Seneschal	Kingdom Application	Seneschal@ansteorra.org crown@ansteorra.org
Kingdom Historian	Kingdom Application	Chronicler@ansteorra.org



Application for Office Kingdom of Ansteorra

Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

SCA Name: _____

Titles (if any): _____

SCA Group and Region: _____

Group's City: _____ Group's State: _____

Membership Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Membership type: Sustaining International Associate Family

If Associate, please provide proof of residence with someone receiving The Black Star (i.e. copy of the mailing label).

Have you included a copy of your membership card? Yes No

Position being applied for: _____

Previous positions held: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DA'UD BOB MOVIE REVIEW: THE TAMING OF THE SHREW



It's just amazing, really, the things that you can find while puttering about on the internet. And this month's movie is a good example of that. I mean, yeah, it's a film of one of Shakespeare's plays, and goodness knows there are plenty of those to be found. But it's especially remarkable in that it is the first film of a Shakespeare play with sound. And stars two of the leading actors of the day. (This was the first talkie film he had starred in; it was her second.) It helps the action in some ways that, like Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor in a later version, were really married to each other, in the only movie that they starred in together. On the downside, their marriage was falling onto the rocks at the time, and it is thought that not all of the storminess between the two on the stage was acting. But there it was on Amazon, a total surprise, just waiting for your faithful reviewer to buy a copy and review it for you. So I did, and I have. And so this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you 1929's *The Taming of the Shrew*

Starring Douglas Fairbanks as Petruchio, Mary Pickford as Katherine, Edwin Maxwell as Baptista, Joseph Cawthorn as Gremio, Clyde Cook as Grumio, Geoffrey Wardwell as Hortensio, and Dorothy Jordan as Bianca, the story is one that you should already be familiar with: out-of-town man comes to Verona to "thrive and wive" and is pointed in the direction of the house of Baptista, who will not let his younger daughter marry until the elder is wed, but her temper is such that she has driven off every potential suitor. So he sets out to "tame the shrew" and we find that he may not be as much in control as he thinks. It's one of Shakespeare's lightest comedies, and this film is also a sly subversion of the play's underlying misogyny. Does it have its weaknesses? Of course it does. Do its strengths outweigh those weaknesses? Almost. It's a mixed bag, but what a great opportunity to see a couple of legendary actors making the transition from silent films to talkies.

Good points: Petruchio's wearing a boot for a hat for his marriage to Katherine. Trying to get rid of the apple core in church. Petruchio's discomfiture on their wedding night. Mary Pickford's gloves. And when she smiles, she lights up the screen! (She doesn't do it often enough. But when she does smile, you can easily understand why she was named "America's sweetheart!")

Bad points: The musical instruments, especially what I think are supposed to be trumpets. There are no finger holes on the "bassoons." The costuming. Pickford's dresses, especially, make her look very good, but they're not period dresses by any means. Everyone is still unsure that talking movies are anything more than a passing fad, and many of the exaggerated postures and gesturing are carried over from silent films, and they seem overdone in a talkie. At a little over an hour of running time, a lot of the play has been cut. The transition from Petruchio's house to Katherine's final speech at her father's house is very sudden, leaving you feeling like you've missed something.

Zero breasts. No blood. No dead bodies. (Well, it is a Shakespearean comedy, after all, where nobody dies, unlike his tragedies, where everyone does.) Pillow fu. Dish fu. Lute fu. Whip fu. Pie fu. Singing fu. Fresh air fu. Stool fu. Hortensio rolls. Katherine's come "hither eyes" roll. Academy Award nomination to Douglas Fairbanks for his energy in the role of Petruchio; he brings a real enthusiasm for the part and it's a lot of fun to watch him moving all over the sets in his inimitable fashion. A mere 37 on the Vomit Meter. 2½ stars. Da'ud Bob says, "This would be worth watching for the historical value alone. But really, it's a wonderfully entertaining version of this play. Check it out!"

WORD UP!

LANGUAGE FUN WITH WIHTRIC

Wihtric greets his Baroness and the folk of Steppes!

We are firmly wrapping of Hréðemonað (Month of Hrethe) as my folk would reckon it, one month known for strong winds and strong storms. Gulf War was foremost an example.

For our word this edition, I thought I would continue addressing some basic terms, and start with the first title/rank most people earn in the SCA: Lord or lady.

Lord comes originally from the Anglo-Saxon hláford (my variation below is based on Anglian dialect), which is a contracted form of *hlaf-weard, literally “loaf warder, protector of sustenance (broadly).” This idea has pretty deep roots, as there is a runic inscription, witada halaiban, “bread giver/protector/companion,” from the Tune runestone, dating from the mid 3rd to 5th centuries.

Lady comes from hlæfdíge with hláf, “loaf,” as the root, and díge, which had the combined sense of “servant” and “(female) leader.” Combined, the term comes to mean “loaf provider, loaf server,” thus a compliment to the protector status of the lord.

In many ways, lord/lady were more statements of relationships between a leader and follower. While an entry level award in the SCA, due to largely later versions (Elizabethan, for example), it was view as a higher relationship among the elder English. One could be a royal thane, yet still a lord to another. Another note is in early English writs/charters, the consort to the King was often still called Lady, before they started injecting cwen, “queen.” This was even the case with Latin version, domina, prior to regina.

Now for a something brought to my attention. A member of our fair barony wanted me to clarify a point of spelling and usage concerning populace, populus, and populous. Populace is a derivative of the Latin, populus, thus they can be (and are) used interchangeably in the Society as nouns for a group of people. Populous is an adjective meaning “having a large number.” So one can have a populous populace or populous meeting, if enough people attend, but stating that the populous meeting is Thursday, meaning “the citizenry of the barony” would be incorrect. It does not help that spell check changed populus to populous three times writing this article. Time to see if the Chronicler catches it.

If you have anything to add or have a question about other terms, please contact me at captbigdamnhero@gmail.com.

Gódspéde!

Wihtric hláfard Wihtmunding, leornere Cynrices of Bedwyn

WORDS FROM THE CHRONICLER



Chronicler
Lady Safiya Spizega
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Greetings Steppes!

Well, Gulf Wars has come and gone, and the bards are full of stories. Let's keep them alive, and spread them around!

The current newsletter will start having changes in the next months, and I'll be waiting on your opinions and feedback for its new appearance.

In Service

Lady Safiya Spizega
Chronicler of the Steppes

WORDS FROM THE RAPIER MARSHAL



Rapier Marshal
Lord Peter Rhys
(Sam Finnell)

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steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:Rapier@steppes.ansteorra.org)



Greetings,

It is my pleasure to announce William Swindell as your new rapier marshal. I would like to thank Peter Rhys (Sam Finnell) for his excellent service in the position, and in particular his unfailingly on-time reporting.

Vivat William!
Vivat Peter!
Vivat the Steppes!

Don Andreas von Meisen, Central Region Rapier Marshal

WORDS FROM THE YOUTH COMBAT MARSHAL



Youth Combat Marshal

Alexandra Notte Clare
(Alex Shahan)

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal

Viscount Galen of Bristol
(Paul Mitchell)
sirgalen@gmail.com

Youth Rapier Marshal Youth Boffer Marshal

Capten Rhys

Greetings All!

Gulf Wars: overwhelmed. That's how many kids we had doing boffer at Gulf Wars. As of Tuesday we had 52 youth combatants on the field!! (previous record a couple of years ago was 32 on Friday).

Tournaments scheduled Monday thru Friday and two on some days. They kept the marshals very busy. For the first year that I know of, we had youth rapier all week: 6 kids total and two were authorized by their kingdom marshals at War, one for adult field.

All the fun and Ansteorra's two Youth tournaments were cut short by Gulfnado, but the planning ensues for next year!!! (I took ALL of my boffer gear to Gulf Wars. Much was out on loan Thursday for the Ravine Battle when the storm interrupted. The bulk of that equipment was not returned by the time we loaded out Friday. Expect an inventory reportbar and special budget request in the near future to attempt to replace some of the now missing equipment).

WORDS FROM THE INTERIM ARCHERY MARSHAL



Archery Marshal
HL William
Black Dragon
Aka
Ironwym

Ironwym@yahoo.com



Archery practices are going well as we recover from the winter attendance slump and enter the unpredictable Ansteorran spring with it's stronger winds & sudden showers. We still have about ten attending each practice and expect more as our weather begins to calm somewhat. The one unexpected factor has been the number of newcomers & first time archers we are having join us at the range which we are delighted about. I think this is the largest number of novice archers we have had in all the years I have been involved in Steppes archery. The best thing about this is these folks wet their feet with us and go on to experience more of the SCA from here to eventually become valued members of our Barony.

With Steppes Warlord fast approaching it's time to get back on the range to hone those archery skills and bring the title of Steppes Archer back to one of our own again! As always the competition shall be fierce once more as Steppes Archer is one of the most coveted archery championship titles within our kingdom. Being centrally located we always have a large and diverse field of competitors from all over Ansteorra. That title could be yours but as always there can be only one, better start practicing now!

We have been lucky to have some very special folks to step forward as our deputy archer marshals and act as our own hospitalers to help direct these newcomers to other activities that might interest within the SCA and our barony. I wish to thank our deputies Duskin & Cristiana for all the hard work they have put in on the range and the patience they have shown in teaching our novice archers & children to shoot. Also I wish to thank our own good will ambassador Sigheag whom does such a great job with our newcomers and takes those wonderful photos of us having fun doing what we do best!

I feel that I can leave you in the capable hands of these of these good folks as I stand down as your interim archery marshal this month. It has been my greatest pleasure to serve our barony and its populace as it's interim archery marshal during this and previous times. I wish to thank you all for allowing me the honor to do so! Thank you!

Most humble regards,

HL William Black Dragon aka "Ironwyrn"

Interim Steppes Archery Marshal

PS: Just a quick reminder, **we are STILL taking bids for the office of Steppes Archery Marshal**, if interested please contact our Baroness, Seneschal, our myself, thanks! (On the job training is available!)

***STEPPE BOWER AND FLETCHERS GUILD
SLAB (STEPPE LOOSE ASSOCIATION OF BREWERS,
NON-GUILD)***

STEPPE BOWER AND FLETCHERS GUILD

Greetings all,

As usual Steppes loaner gear needs repair so we might be calling for a workday to help with that and at the same time assist with combat archery missiles for our combat archers readying for Warlord. Again see the list or FB for details.

The Steppes Bowyer And Fletchers Guild exist to assist the archers of Steppes in their quest to improve archery related knowledge, skills and talents through sharing with and teaching each other.

Guild meetings are held the last Friday evening of the month (location to be announced) starting at 7 PM. Come join us for the fun and walk away having learned something!

Regards,

William Black Dragon aka "Ironwyrn"

***SLAB (STEPPE LOOSE ASSOCIATION OF BREWERS,
NON-GUILD)***

Greetings,

Joe Southwell put a quick video on Youtube defining three types of alcohol which if you don't have a clue could be helpful. It's worth a watch just to see what Joe is doing lately. I don't know if he has any more planned but I guess he'll let us know soon. Use the QR Code or web address below.

There are no current meetings held for the SLAB, all communications take place via FaceBook, the list or phone. You can join our FB group by request and someone willing assist with advice for your brewing inquires or at least point you toward someone whom can help if they cannot!

Regards,

William Black Dragon aka "Ironwyrn"



<https://goo.gl/nh1kaL>

WORDS FROM THE HOSPITALER & MINSTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (MOAS)



HL Sarah Fynn
(Nancy Fynn)

Hospitaler

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Greetings Steppes,

Spring is in the air and things are happening in The Barony of the Steppes. Many have recently returned from a thrilling Gulf War. One that will provide stories for years to come. If you haven't been to war - start planning now for next year.

Our barony has had many new faces interested in finding out what we are all about. The next time you see someone you don't know-introduce yourself! Remember we are all here to help others.

We have our first Demo of the year on Thursday April 7th at Smith Public Library 300 Country Club Rd Bldg 300 Wylie, TX. We need everyone to come out and help. (It will only be about 1 hour). Please come in Garb. and we need as many fighters as we can get!

Remember when you meet someone that is interested in the SCA make sure they contact me at hospitaler@steppes.ansteorra.org so we can help them in their future needs as well as keeping my reports as accurate as possible.

In service,
Honorable Lady Sarah Fynn
Hospitaler for the Barony of the Steppes

Warlord is coming! And we're working very hard so everyone can get their chance for a class. Maybe you want to try something new? Or have question about your current craft projects.

Be on the lookout for news!

Sincerely,

Johanna Jakobsdottir

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Jakobsdottir
(Jennie Bainter)

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Minister
of Arts and Science



ALL AROUND THE OAK TREE

A & S around the Barony

Many of our members have been busy this month as you can see here:

- ◆ Jeremy Smith Built a 15th-century German arbalest crossbow this month.
- ◆ Mistress Maggie has been making Elizabethan men's clothing and doing a little embroidery.
- ◆ Safiya Spizega has been researching embroidery on the Ottoman Empire.
- ◆ Ld Fox is learning how to speak Old Norse.
- ◆ Sir Domingo made two wool doublets, a pair of Venitians, a pair of canions, some undershirts and a new jack of plates.
- ◆ Brother Thomas Has been painting charters.
- ◆ Devin O'Donnabhain has been working on Queens Champion invite. Finished Rose Tourney invite for Her Majesty. Another invite coming.
- ◆ Galen Of Bristol Working on a new heraldic fighting tunic.
- ◆ Amr is working on incidental calligraphy (labelling boxes as part of "spring cleaning" / purge-light).
- ◆ Gabrielle has been working on her cloak, painted and serged some tabards, also embroidery.
- ◆ She is also getting her War gear together including a new wagon and tarp.
- ◆ Ldy. Maura Finished up her embroidered mug cover, helped with the Steppes war tabards, making Sheamais some black worked shirts and some new tunics.
- ◆ Wihtric taught "History of the German Language" to classes at a local high school and will be doing another one within the next week or two.

ALL AROUND THE OAK TREE

- ◆ Paige Greenawalt-Hernandez Just finished Viking garb for three ... for her daughter's wedding.
- ◆ Mistress Honor did two original scrolls for Gulf Wars and is adding a skirt to the bodice of a 16th century Italian for the known world party.
- ◆ Aurelia Yverneau Working on a collapsible rapier stand. More collapsible than stand at the moment.
- ◆ Baroness Katya- Don't forget the tabard making party!
- ◆ Ironwyrn Our Steppes Bowyer and Fletcher's Guild has taken on a group project for next Kingdom A&S of making an entire period war kit for a 13th century English archer. Work is currently ongoing and they still have many items for volunteers to choose from to help make.
- ◆ Mistress Maggie has been busy creating and sewing an entire wardrobe for Gulf Wars.
- ◆ Our last A&S meeting was very good, led by Mistress Honor and was all about getting ready to go to Gulf Wars. There were many funny stories about the previous years experiences and a great packing list. It was well attended with over 20 people showing up.

WEBMINISTER & HERALD



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Webminister

Webminister@steppes.ansteorra.org

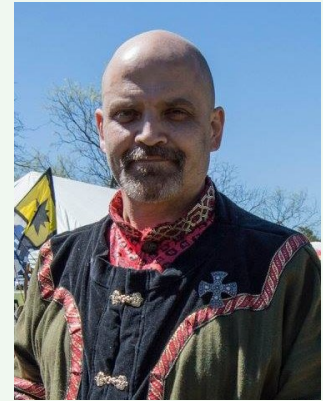


Greetings Steppes,

Starting my office as the Steppes herald and as I learn my duties and responsibilities, I just want to say that I'm very excited for the next months to come, and the work we will put with the new Deputy Herald, Lord Wihtric Wihmunding.

In Service

Lord Dragos
Oakenwald Herald



Lord Dragos
Herald
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Baronial Exchequer

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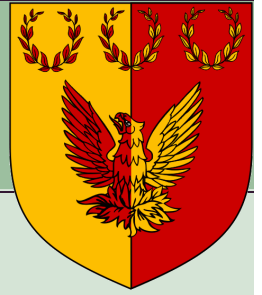
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Greetings and Salutations!

I'd like to announce that my successor in the Exchequer's office has been named. It's Lady Cristiana d'Avranches, aka Samantha Dorrell. I'm looking forward to handing over the checkbook and files (especially the files in my dining room) to Lady Cristiana as soon as possible. I will continue to work with her to insure a smooth transition for the Barony.

Mistress Xene Theriane, OL, OP, CB, CSM, CIM, CRANE, THISTLE (Bardcraft), COMET (Lindenwood, Threebridges), AKE, OHBG, AOA (Atenveldt), OMA, PILA (Cat's Keep), RT (Mountaingate). Acorn of the Steppes, Portcullis of Elfsea.

CANTON OF GLASLYN



Greetings Glaslyn,

Spring has truly come to the Kingdom, the land is green and our people have come back from war battered, but whole. It is a time to turn our attention to the spring tourney season. We have a boat load of events that are within day tripping distance from Glaslyn. Make sure you check out the Kingdom calendar for event pages with detailed information.

Speaking of spring tourney events, our own Defender of the Flame is happening this month! We still need gate help and someone to be in charge of the Hospitality tent/Nobles luncheon. If you can assist in any of these areas, please let Hakon or Alhdryð our event stewards know ASAP. The fields are shaping up nicely and it looks to be a lovely weekend of fun and fellowship.

Our Baronies event is also right around the corner, I will be running gate and HLy Colleen will be in charge of Security. If you can volunteer to make it a success please do so. Many hands make light work and then more fun can be had by all.

In Service,

Lady Maura Mac a' Phearsain

Seneschal of Glaslyn



Lady Maura Mac a' Phearsain
(Laura Olson)

Seneschal Canton of Glaslyn

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CANTON OF KYNGESCREKE



Hey all,
Kyngescreke will be hosting Laurel's Prize Tourney in September.

Just to let everyone know, we will be having some armor workshops in the coming months so watch for the notices to come out.

Maggie MacPherson
Seneschal of Kyngescreke



WE ARE STEPPES



**Gulf Wars
2016**

OTHER PLACES TO FIND GREAT THINGS

There are many sites on the Web and Facebook for SCA interests. Below are a few. This is in no way an endorsement for any of the groups listed, or a final list. It is just a way to direct people to groups that they might not know about, that may be of interest.

Web:

sca.org
ansteorra.org
steppes.ansteorra.org
calendar.ansteorra.org
hospitaler.ansteorra.org
heraldry.ansteorra.org/honors (Awards)
ansteorra.org/links

Facebook:

Barony of the Steppes

Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)- <https://www.facebook.com/currentmiddleages>

The official Facebook page for the SCA.

Legion of Swashbucklers

This group is open to all rapier fighters

Steppes Cooks

This group is for those interested in cooking

Steppes Calligraphers and Illuminators Guild

SCA 50 Year Celebration - <https://www.facebook.com/Sca50YearCelebration>

This is the Facebook site for the 50 year Celebration held in June 2016

Canvas Castle Showcase- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471086229603006/>

Canvas Castle Showcase: Show off your tent, camping furniture, or anything that makes your camping experience more homey

Elizabethan Costume- <http://www.facebook.com/groups/29374273995/>

For those people fascinated with the clothing, accessories, hairstyles, cosmetics, etc. of the 16th century. Although the name says "Elizabethan," anything from the Tudor period (1485-1603) is fair game for discussion.

Garb For Sale - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/130311470376509/>

For selling clothing, camping equipment, feast gear, period books and services

SCA Runway - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/460750480615188/?ref=ts&fref=tsA>

Place for showing off SCA fashion.

Tudor Conversations- <http://www.facebook.com/groups/TudorWorld/>

An on-going conversation among like-minded enthusiasts of the 16th century exploring the world of the Tudors, with occasional excursions among the early Stuarts

Viking Clothing <https://www.facebook.com/groups/279611679205/>

For all clothes Viking!

Vikings of the SCA - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/244158265607631/>

Group for those interested in all things "Viking" related in the SCA.

SCA Equestrian - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/34623283817/>

For those interested in Equestrian Arts in the SCA

SCA Garb - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/scagarb/>

A group for discussion of researching and making all types of garb for the SCA



Steppes Warlord XLIII

May 27-29, 2016

Site Opens at 4 pm Friday and closes at 6 pm Sunday

First Monday Trade Days Site

800 Flea Market Rd, Canton, Tx 75103

Planned Activities:

Chivalric and Civil
Tournaments

Archery

Artisan's Enclave

Classes

Heraldry

Camaraderie

Adult - \$15

Youth - \$10

Children under 5 - Free

Family Max (is limited to immediate family only) - \$50

Site Fees:

Merchant's Fee - Free

RV: \$20/ day full hook up

RV: \$15/ day water & electricity only

Make Checks payable to: SCA inc. Barony of the Steppes

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

Gate located at Civic Center in the Hall.

Event Steward:

Lord Alain de la Rue
MKA Bao Pham
2 Indian Trl.
Rockwall Tx, 75087
254-498-8828
baodphm@gmail.com

Directions:

Canton is located just off IH 20,
Approximately 1 hour east of Dallas. Take exit
#526 off IH 20 then go south on FM 859(Edgewood Rd)
1.2 miles to the West Gate Entrance

For more information visit our website at the Ansteorra Calendar, Barony of the Steppes Website
or visit our Facebook page



KINGDOM CALENDAR
















April 2016 (A.S. L)

(April 30th) Tournament of Champions Due

- 1-3     [Elfsea Defender](#) - Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX) 
- 8-10    [Coronation & King's Champion](#) - Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX) 
- 15-17   Stargate Spring Event - Stargate (Houston, TX)
- 15-17   Red Plains Baronial - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK) Wisenfeuer and Eldern Hills Combined Event
- 22-24   Glaslyn Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)
- 29-1  Beltane - Namron (Norman, OK)
Floralibus Bellum and Guardian of the Gauntlet - Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)

May 2016 (A.S.L)

- 6-8   Loch Soilleir Spring Event - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)
[Rapiers and Romance](#) - Brad Leah (Wichita Falls, TX)
- 13-15    Queen's Champion - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)
- 20-22   Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
- 20-22  Guardian of the Tor - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)
- 27-29   Steppes Warlord - Steppes (Dallas, TX)

 Royal Progress	 His Majesty	 His Highness
 Heirs Progress	 Her Majesty	 Her Highness
 Chivalric Circle	 Centurion Circle	 White Scarf Circle
 Laurel Circle	 Pelican Circle	 Master of Defense Circle
 Arc d'Or Circle	 Golden Lance Circle	 Golden Ticket Tourney
 Permanent Event Date		

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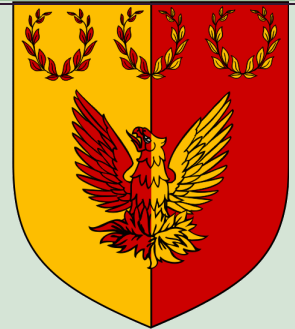


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