

The Steppes Letter

December 2016



Words from the Baroness



Unto the populace of the Barony of The Steppes and Her Cantons, does Ekaterina send fond greetings.

Three short years ago, about this same time, I wrote my first missive as Baroness-select to be printed in the SteppesLetter . Thirty-six letters later, I compose my last as Baroness. It's been an interesting road and I'm happy that we traveled it together. We've had our ups and downs but, as we do, we stuck together and made it through.

As I reflect on the last three years, I recall some very wet Warlords, some very cold Twelfth Nights, some spectacular Artisans and some great and interesting populace meetings. We've lost some well-loved members during my tenure including 2 former Barons of our Barony. We've been blessed with wonderful new members that have added joy and depth to our group.

Regardless of our ups and downs, we stuck together as a family. We took care of each other. It's what we do. Thank you for being you. Thank you for being so caring. It's one of our best traits and I hope we never lose it.

I want to thank those of you whom I've called on for special favors. I won't embarrass you by listing your name. You know who are; you know that I am incredibly grateful for what you've done.

I need to thank my entourage. HE Katherine started me off then HLy Micola took over as my Head of Entourage. Many of you volunteered to take a shift to keep me out of trouble and make sure that my cup was filled, among other things. Thank you for allowing me to intrude upon your time at events. You were all wonderful to have at my side. I hope that I wasn't too much of a burden.

I want to offer my thanks to all of the candidates that applied to take over the leadership of our group. It takes courage to volunteer for this prestigious and daunting position. Thank you for being willing to give so much of yourself.

Last, I need to publicly thank my husband. He's been incredibly patient as date nights were interrupted by phone calls and weekend plans were overridden by events. While he will receive no formal recognition, I truly appreciate all he has done. Thank you, my love.

I wish Peter and Sarah a wonderful reign. Serving the Barony in this capacity has been one of greatest adventures of my life. Take care of Our people. They are a good people and we are a grand Barony.

And so I bid you a fond farewell. Thank you for a wonderful three years.

Baroness Ekaterina Iadorovna Kharlampieva.

Baroness of The Steppes and the Cantons of Glaslyn and Kyngescreke.
(for just a little bit longer)



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Greetings from our next B&B



Greetings unto the Barony of the Steppes,

As we write this, we are still in shock and over the events of the past 2 weeks. We are humbled and awed to be chosen as the 12th Landed Nobles of the Steppes. There are several thank you's we'd like to make. First, we'd like to once again thank their Majesties for entrusting us with this great Barony, secondly, all the other candidates and third, Baroness Katya for her leadership during the past three years.

We look forward to everyone coming to 12th Night for a day of fun, feasting, and fellowship. We hope to be able to talk to as many people as possible so please come and share your dreams of our barony with us.

As the New Year and a new tenure begins we will need many volunteers. If you ever wanted to be a part of entourage or Baronial Guard- volunteer! If you have no idea what either of those are- volunteer!! (We will train and teach all while having a great time). We are also in need of a new Hospitaler, so if you are interested please apply. We are also looking for a Site deputy to investigate future event venues. Have we said volunteer lately?

Each month, we will be traveling to each of the practices and meetings to form stronger bonds with old and new friends. We will also host Steppes camps at all the events we attend throughout the Kingdom. We invite everyone to come out and join the fun!

Peter and Sarah

Words from the Seneschal

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

It has been yet another busy, busy month here in the Barony of the Steppes. There were many events to attend in November and many more to come with this month.

There was lots of exciting news at War of the Rams (BAM). One of Glaslyn's own won the Children's Champion Tourney for Rapier, Ldy. Isabel de Picard.

She was sponsored by Herries Absolon of Hereford and Silvana Corwin's daughter. Children's Bardic was also won by HE Galen of Bristol's eldest son!

As many of you have heard, Crown has chosen Ld Peter Rhys Connor and HL Sara Fynn to succeed Her Excellency Katya as our next Baron and Baroness. Congratulations and condolences (for having to deal with me) to this wonderful couple as they take on the joy and spirit of The Steppes. I hope to see everyone at their investiture taking place at Steppes Twelfth Night.

Tournament of Champions will be held December 10 at Stargate Yule in New Caney, TX. Join me and Her Excellency Katya in your best Black, Gold, and Green. Bring your banners, bring your shields, and bring your shields as we herald in our champions Sir Sven Randullson and Master Miguel Sebastian de Oporto. This is a great time to show the kingdom that we are the best barony around!

Lastly, we have Twelfth Night on January 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Hill (same site as last year). HE Alessandra and Ldy Safiya are putting together a spectacular event. Master Caelin has also forwarded me a sneak-peek at the menu he and Ld. Guyon are putting on, and it is definitely scrumptious! We still need 10-12 servers (hint, hint- free meal), Friday decorators, Saturday teardown, gate help and 3-4 people for kitchen help. Please, Contact either autocrat if you can fill in one of these positions. Many hands make for light work. So pleas volunteer even an hour or two of your time, so that we can all have a fun filled day.

Remember:

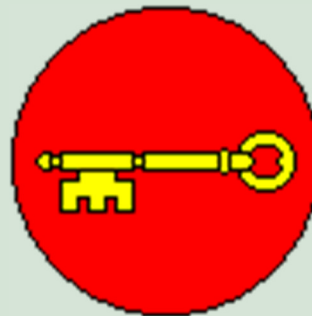
We are a Mighty Oakwood,
We are a Barony,
We are Family,
WE ARE STEPPES!

YIS,
HL Aurelia Yverneau
Seneschal, Barony of the Steppes.



Seneschal

Lady Aurelia Yverneau
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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes!

October was a quiet month, financially, so our bank account remains the same as last month at \$18,688.03. Twelfth Night prep is starting, so some expenses are anticipated for November and December.

This month I turned in our 2017 Financial Policy and Budget to the Central Regional Exchequer. Look for a copy of both the Financial Policy and Budget at the end of this newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Cristiana



Exchequer

Lady Cristiana d'Avranches

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I know there are some, perhaps many of you, that have names or devices you wish to submit. Each submission will require a check for \$8 to the Barony, and in turn the Barony will write a check for \$7 to the Kingdom. If you do not see me at an event to submit your paperwork and check, you can contact my by email at herald@steppes.ansteorra.org and I will give you instructions for sending everything to be by mail. Or if you prefer, you can also meet me at the monthly business meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you need help with a name or device please send me an email and I will do my best to help you, or put you in touch with someone that has the knowledge to do so.

In service

Lord Dragos



Herald

Lord Dragos

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes,

Wow, last newsletter of the year! It has been a great experience.

As the 2017 seson start peeking around the corner, I want to ask to the Barony for contributions for our publication. Literature, recipes, patterns, experiences, anything you have! The newsletter is not only made by the officers, but by all of you.

I do plan to get back on the track with the “Meet the Steppes” series, so if you know someone who you want to see featured in our newsletter, send me a notice!

Also, as I reach the halfway mark of my tenure as chronicler, time has come to start looking for a deputy who can take the office once I leave it in February 2018. Being Chronicler is fun, and not much work, and ideal position for newcomers who want to help.

If you have questions or wish to be my deputy, send me a message, I'll be glad to answer anything (related to this please!)

In Service

Ldy Safiya Spizega

Chonicler of the Steppes



Chronicler

Lady Safiya Spizega

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Greetings Good People of The Steppes,

Though the hot weather made practice hard this summer, we look forward to cooler weather and more practice the fall. We will be doing regular target practice for October but will also be including Combat archery to get ready for BAM this November. Look forward to seeing everyone there!! We would like to thank Aibinn Ingen Eremon for stepping in these past few months while we were away. She is awesome and greatly appreciated!!

Interim Archery Marshall

Duskin Mac Sneachda



**Archery Marshal
(INTERIM)**

Duskin MacSneachda

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Words from our Officers

Greetings unto the fine folk of the Steppes

Quite a few things happened in Steppes Rapier last month. The new gorgets came in so newbies no longer have to share. Don Brendan went to Queen's and returned Master Brendan. We were represented at War of the Rams: Team Porto Cadets (Uillecc, Aurelia & William), while not winning the three-person melees, took down one of the top two teams to force a playoff and duo Uillecc and William successfully took and held the castle and were not unseated for the rest of the day.

Numbers are back up for Tuesday night rapier practice with the understandable reduction between Queen's and WotR and the school being closed Thanksgiving week.

We have instruction for all levels of fencers. We've got four White Scarves and Three MODs on waiting (well not all of them all of the time, but we've got 'em). Even when they can't all be here you can still have a productive night learning and developing your prowess.

Loaner gear is available. Guys are required to provide their own athletic protector. Wear closed-toed shoes. All skin must be covered.

Ld. William Swindell
Steppes Rapier Marshal
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Rapier Marshal

Lord William Swindell

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Greetings Steppes,

Heavy activities in the Steppes are going well. Both official practices are drawing a consistent crowd, but the crowd could always be bigger! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come out! Loaner gear is available for those that want to fight, just contact me or another officer to make sure it will be at the practice you plan to attend.



Knight Marshal

Diderik von Schatten

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes,

What a great month we have had! Several newcomers have found their way to our great barony. Please welcome them if you see them at activities. I am still taking donations of loaner garb. We will need as many items as we can get with 12th Night coming up.

Gulf War is around the corner. Steppes will have a great camp this year, so plan to join us!

I'd once again like to thank my deputies Lady Emilisse de Loupey, Lady Sidheag Sorcha and my newest deputy HL Alexandra Notte Claire. I could not do my job without them.

With sadness this is the last letter I will write as Hospitaler. While there were many things I still wanted to accomplish, my husband and I have been blessed to be named the next Baron and Baroness of the Steppes. We will still be welcoming newcomers- just in a different role.

This means that we are currently taking applications for Hospitaler. Please contact me for information on the office and how to apply.

Yours in service,

HL Sarah Fynn



Hospitaler

HL Sarah Fynn

hospitaler@steppes.ansteorra.org

Unfortunately my two year tenure as the Steppes minister of arts and science is coming to an end as of the end of March 2017. I've really enjoyed my time in this position and wish it could go on forever, but as they say, all good things must come to an end.

Therefore, I am in search of a deputy to perhaps continue on with this post once my warrant is up. Please contact me at moas@steppes.ansteorra.org if you are interested. Please keep in mind that the MOAS needs to be very open minded towards all of the arts and crafts. You need to put a lot of time into this position. There are meetings once a month that you will need to set up and have activities. There is the Enclave of Artisans at Warlord to think of, though I would like to continue working on this. And of course, there is the Steppes Artisans event to support as well.

Sincerely,

Jennie Bainter
Johanna Jakobsdottir, AoA
Barony of The Steppes MoAS



Minister of Arts and Sciences

Johanna Jakobsdottir

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Words from our Officers

Your Excellency Ekaterina,
Your Lady Seneschal Aurelia,
My lords and ladies, members of the Barony.

As the new Webminister of the Steppes I want to thank Her Excellency Ekaterina and all the Barony for trust me with the position.

Going into business, please send me an e-mail with any necessary update to the information currently on the website that you note as required. I was notified officially at the War of Rams.

Also, I hope by the time this newsletter is published, there will be some updates about the next Twelfth Night. If that is not the case, the most probable date to have the updates will be the 15th.
Again, thank you for any comments.

In office,
Santiago el Rojo
Baronial Webminister.



Webminister

Santiago el Rojo

Webminister@steppes.ansteorra.org

Greeting Steppes,

Hope everyone had a great summer. We are back! It's going to be a busy fall!

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Clare



Youth Combat Marshal
Alexandra Notte Clare

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal
Viscount Galen of Bristol

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**Youth Rapier
Marshal
Youth Boffer Marshal**

Capten Rhys

Words from our Non-Guilds

Steppes Bowyer and Fletchers Guild

Greetings,

We have had some difficulties as of late due to medical reasons however we plan to restore our regular monthly meetings starting Friday Aug. 26th. With war season starting up soon I felt we should begin with a combat archery preparedness workshop. Be prepared to bring your combat archery kit and let's make sure your kit is in good repair and working order. Nothing is worse for a combat archer discovering you have an equipment problem at command of "lay on"!

Even if you are not currently a combat archer there will be a lot to learn and much to do. So come join us for a fun evening of shared tasks and tales of glorious battles past and more yet to come as we inspect & repair our combat archery kits!

Hope you shall join us!

Regards,

HL William Black Dragon aka "Ironwurm"

SLAB (Steppes Loose Association of Brewers)

Greetings,

We have had a bit of a hiccup in our non-guild since Steppes Warlord due to some medical issues however things are moving along again.

With the coming fall season we plan to spotlight a seasonal favorite, pumpkin ale! So we will be posting some of our own and asking you to post your favorite pumpkin ale recipes. Hopefully that shall inspire us to make and share some of these offerings. There is a local Halloween event coming where pumpkin treats and libations are the theme so if you are of a mind it will be a great time to share and taste the offering of your fellow local brewers. So if you start this month you shall have plenty of time to boil, ferment, rack and age your pumpkin ales prior to Halloween!

I am still teaching folks how to brew a simple basic ale however just doing small classes upon request so should you want to learn how to brew ale contact me on Facebook and we shall be glad to help you get started.

Looking forward to seeing what your favorite pumpkin ale recipes are!

Regards,

HL William Black Dragon aka "Ironwurm"

Words from our Non-Guilds

Steppes/Elfsea Music and Vocal non Guild

Greetings,

The Steppes/Elfsea Instrumental Music guild rehearses on the first and third Monday each month. In October we will meet on the 3rd, at the home of Lord Marcus, 2421 San Paula Avenue, Dallas. We play both dance music and consort music.

The Steppes/Elfsea Vocal Music guild rehearses on the fourth Monday each month. The next dates are 8/29, 9/26, 10/24, 11/7, and 11/28. We will meet at FUMC Cedar Hill, 128 North Roberts Road, Cedar Hill, Texas 75104. We plan to sing madrigals, multi-part Renaissance music, and Medieval Christmas music.

Please contact me with any questions.

Herr Marcus Il Volpè
seafox@gypsyheir.com

Words from our Cantons



We've had some cooler weather lately so it looks like weekly practices are back on! At our A&S night this past month we repaired most of our loaner armor, so we're ready for new fighters. It was wonderful to see so many old faces come out to join us on the 19th, and with the cooler weather I hope to see everyone more often!

In Service,
Lady Alhdryð ceorlestrange

**Senechal of the Canton of
Glaslyn**

Lady Alhdryð ceorlestrange
(Laura Olson)

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Hey all,

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered
at Laurel's Prize Tourney this September

Maggie MacPherson
Seneschal of Kyngescreke



**Senechal of the Canton of
KyngesCreke**

Maggie MacPherson

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December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel DragonsFire Tor Yule
4 Chivalry Practice. Archery Practice	5 Glaslyn Practice. KingsCreek Practice. Music Guild Meeting	6 Rapier Practice	7 Chivalry Practice KyngsCreek Populace Meeting	8 A&S Night	9	10 Stargate Yule and Tournament of Champions
11 Chivalry Practice	12 Glaslyn Practice. KingsCreek Practice	13 Rapier Practice	14 Chivalry Practice	15 Business Meeting	16 Steppes Holiday Party	17
18 Chivalry Practice. Archery Practice	19 Glaslyn Practice. KingsCreek Practice	20 Rapier Practice	21 Chivalry Practice	22	23	24
25 Chivalry Practice	26 Glaslyn Practice. KingsCreek Practice	27 Rapier Practice	28 Chivalry Practice	29	30	31

- ◆ **Sundays 2 PM—Chivalry Practice** at Oak Creek Park 2531 Oak Creek Dr Carrollton, TX (At the gazebo behind the tennis center).
- ◆ **Sundays 2 PM—Archery Practice** at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, Mesquite 75149 (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- ◆ **Mondays 6:45 PM—Glaslyn Fighter Practice** at North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX
- ◆ **Mondays 7PM—KyngsCreek Fighter Practice** at Ben Gill Park. 1039 9th St, Terrell TX 75160
- ◆ **Mondays 7PM—Music Guild Meeting** at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas .(1st and 3d Monday)

- ◆ **Tuesdays 7 PM—Rapier Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Wednesdays 6:30 PM—Chivalry Practice** at Huffhines park 1500 Apollo Rd, Richardson.
- ◆ **Wednesday 5, 7 PM—KyngsCreek Populace Meeting** at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. 101 TX-205, Terrell.
- ◆ **Thursday 8, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 15, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas

- ◆ **12/3— Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel** at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church. 14700 N May Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73134.
- ◆ **12/3—Dragonsfire Tor Yule** at
- ◆ **12/10—Stargate Yule and Tournament of Champions** at New Caney Sallas Park Show Barn and Concession, 21675-C McCleskey Road New Caney, TX 77357.
- ◆ **12/16—Steppes Holiday Party** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chivalry Practice.	2 Glaslyn Practice. KingesCreek Practice Music Guild	3 Rapier Practice	4 Chivalry Practice KyngsCreek Populace Meet-	5	6	7 Steppes 12th Night
8 Chivalry Practice. Archery Practice.	9 Glaslyn Practice. KingesCreek Practice	10 Rapier Practice	11 Chivalry Practice	12 A&S Night.	13	14 Crown Tournament
15 Chivalry Practice.	16 Glaslyn Practice. KingesCreek Practice Music Guild Meeting	17 Rapier Practice	18 Chivalry Practice	19 Business Meeting.	20	21 Round Table
22 Chivalry Practice. Archery Practice .	23 Glaslyn Practice. KingesCreek Practice	24 Rapier Practice	25 Chivalry Practice	26 Scribe Guild meeting	27	28 Sable Soldier II Winterkingdom Barony of Bonwicke 25th anniversary
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- ◆ **Wednesday 3, 7 PM—KyngsCreek Populace Meeting** at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. 101 TX-205, Terrell.
- ◆ **Thursday 12, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 19, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **Thursday 26, 6:30 PM Scribes Guild Meeting** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas

- ◆ **01/07—Steppes 12th Night Feast** at First United Methodist Church. 128 N Roberts Rd, Cedar Hill, TX 75104
- ◆ **01/14—Winter Crown Tournament** at 457 County Road 269 Snook, Tx. 77878
- ◆ **01/21—Winter Round Table** at 524 N Stallard St, Stillwater, OK 74075-8219, United States
- ◆ **01/28—Sable Soldier II** at 10701 County Rd 305, Terrell, TX 75160
- ◆ **01/28—Wintekingdom** at Creek County Fairgrounds 17808 Highway 66. Kellyville, OK 74039
- ◆ **01/28—Barony of Bonwicke 25th year Anniversary** at Wolfforth Community Center. 115 Park Road Wolfforth, Tx 79382

12th Night at the Barony of the Steppes

January, 7 2017 at Cedar Hill first United Methodist Church.

128 N. Roberts Road, Cedar Hill, TX 75104.

9:00 AM to 10:00 PM

The Barony of the Steppes welcomes you to celebrate its 12th night feast in the presence of their Royal Majesties Jason Dryfesdale and Margherita de Mantua.

Accompany the Steppes at the investiture of its new Baron and Baroness, and into the stepping down court of HE Ekaterina Iadorovna Kharlampieva.

Enjoy the stories of the best bards in kingdom at Eisteddfod, participate in our table decoration or costume contests or enter into our table-top siege engine competition. Enjoy yourself with the European dancing and Christmas carols

Masters of Defence. Your presence is required by Their Royal Majesties into the Circle.

Registrations (Please make all checks payable to SCA Inc, Barony of the Steppes) :

Adult Registration: \$15

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$10

Child (6-17) Registration: \$5

Youth (5 and under): Free

* Minors must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Form from the parent. Also, children under 5 can enter free.

Feast registration will be \$10 per person. Please know that the site is DRY.

Directions to site From US-75 S:

- ◇ Follow US-75 S, I-35E S and US-67 S to N Hwy 67/U.S. 67 Frontage Rd in Cedar Hill. Take the exit toward Belt Line Rd from US-67 S.
- ◇ Continue on U.S. 67 Frontage Rd. Take W Belt Line Rd to N Roberts Rd

HE Alessandra Desiderio (Karie Mitchell): karie.mitchell@gmail.com / #214-562-2433**

Event Steward.

Ldy Safiya Spizega (Francisca Moreno): mfrancisca.moreno@gmail.com /#214-901-1832 **

Assistant Steward

**Please no calls after 10 PM



Coming Soon!

The Ansteorran Order of Chivalry

Presents

Sable Soldier Project II

A **FREE** day of

Fighting, Training, and Fun

Saturday, January 28, 2017



The Chivalry of Ansteorra invite you to the Rafter J Cowboy church for the Sable Soldier Project II. Join us for a day full of training and combat classes for the inexperienced and veteran alike. For more info go to our Facebook page or our website: <http://sablesoldier.net/>

Site Policies: Site is open from 7 am to 7 pm on Saturday, no camping. Merchants are welcome and encouraged. Pets must be on leash at all times and are welcome in the arena and parking area. Service dogs are welcome with full access. Site is dry. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from their guardian.

Directions: Rafter J Cowboy Church
10701 County Rd 305, Terrell, TX 75160



Located on CR 305 just past the I-20 Exit on SH 148. Look for the Rafter J sign as you head south and take a left and look for the Rafter J Cowboy Church Arena on the right. If you pass a car repair place on the left then you have gone too far. You can turn around at the Cowboy Collections Arena and go back to the first opportunity to turn right.

Nearby Hotels: Quality Inn & Suites, America's Best Value Inn, Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Nearby Food: Taco Bueno, Church's chicken, Wendy's, Applebee's, Waffle House, Taco Bell, Arby's

Event Steward:

Sir John of Severn MKA John Chotkey
940 Easton Dr., San Marcos, TX 78666 johnsevern@hotmail.com
512-796-6293



Winter Crown Tournament

January 14, 2017

Site opens at 8:00AM and closes at 11:00PM

Come to Ansteorra's Winter Crown Tournament and vie to be the next Heirs to the dream that is the Kingdom of Ansteorra.

By their Majesties request all entrants must submit a letter of intent no later than January 9th, 2017 (AS LI).

The Shire of the Shadowlands wishes to honor all of the entrants in Crown Tourney, and requests that entrants send a depiction of their arms and the arms of their consorts to eventstewardshadowlands@gmail.com.

Pavilion space by the list field is limited, and will be by reservation, with priority given to period pavilions. Please send pavilion dimensions (including ropes) to eventstewardshadowlands@gmail.com.

Site fees:

Adult: \$15

Youth (6-17): \$5

Child (5 and under): free

Family Max: \$30

Member discount price: \$10

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc./Shadowlands

A parent or legal guardian must accompany minors. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

Children's crafts, youth boffer tournament, insignia derby, games and other activities will take place in and around the hall during the day.

There will be hot soup served around midday for everyone to enjoy. In the evening, the Shadowlands will be hosting a potluck meal, with the Shire providing some of the meat. Bring a dish to serve 4-6 others. Please bring serving utensils and an ingredient list if possible. If your item needs heating, please contact the potluck coordinator. Refrigerator space is limited; please plan to store your item until feast time.

The site has a climate-controlled hall, indoor restrooms, indoor tables and chairs. Site is wet in period containers. Pets are allowed outside on leashes. NO PETS allowed in the hall. Merchants welcome. Please contact the event stewards to arrange space at: eventstewardshadowlands@gmail.com.

Directions:

457 County Road 269.

Snook, Tx. 77878

GPS 30.484760, -96.467912

From HWY6: Exit University Drive East
Continue for 14.5 miles

Turn Left on County Road 2155

In 1.3 miles turn left on spur 2155

Continue for 0.8 miles Site is on the Left

From HWY36: Turn on to HWY 60 East

In 8.7 miles turn right on County Road 268

In 1 mile turn right on county road 2155

In 1.3 miles turn left on spur 2155

Continue for 0.8 miles site is on the left

For More Information visit shadowlands.ansteorra.org/event/

Co-Event Steward

Lady Elsie Hooper

Shanna Obit

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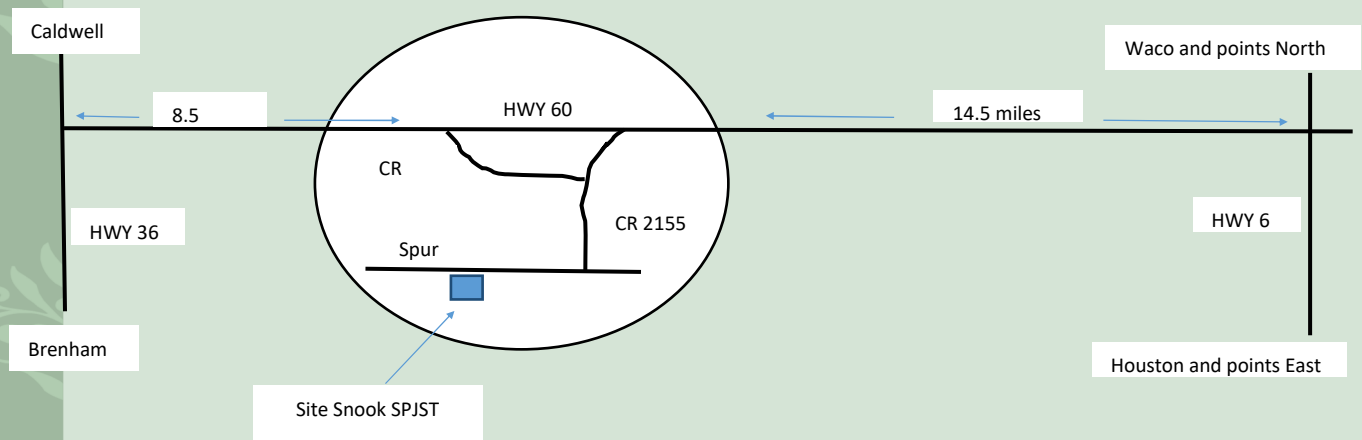
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The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses, Richard III.



Having reviewed for you the first two movies in The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses, Henry VI, Part I and Henry VI, Part II, this month we come to the third part of this second season, one of the most blatantly propagandistic pieces I have seen performed. The central character is written and played as an unmitigated villain, grossly deformed (far more than we now know that he was in real life), and despicable in nearly every way. For all of that, though, this play has been and remains one of Shakespeare's most popular, with a number of versions being filmed over the years. So I invite you, as viewers were invited weekly to do in the old TV series The Lone Ranger, to "return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear," as this month Da'ud Bob reviews for you The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses, Richard III.

Starring Benedict ("Sherlock" and "Khan") Cumberbatch in the title role, with Ben Daniels as the Duke of Buckingham, Alan David as the Bishop of Ely, Keeley Hawes as Queen Elizabeth (no, not Elizabeth Tudor! This is set before her time), James Fleet as Lord Hastings, Luke Treadaway as Richmond, Al Weaver as Rivers, Keith Dunphy as Ratcliffe, Sam Troughton as George, Duke of Clarence, Robert Bowman as the Mayor of London, Geoffrey Streatfeild as King Edward IV, Jo Stone-Fewings as Lord Stanley, Sophie Okonedo as Queen Margaret, Judi Dench as Cecily, Duchess of York, and Paul Bazely as Catesby, the movie begins ten years after Henry VI's death with Edward IV being taken fatally ill, speeding Richard's disposal of their brother George, Duke of Clarence. Made regent to Edward's young son, also Edward, Richard is cursed by the vengeful Margaret of Anjou but nonetheless embarks on a ruthless policy to acquire the crown, disposing of cousins Rivers and Grey and engineering the deaths of the young prince and his brother. This final act loses him the support of his former ally Buckingham, who also comes to an untimely end. Richard is declared king with the widowed lady Anne as his reluctant queen but there are many in the realm seeking to depose him, notably young Henry Tudor, who will meet with Richard at the decisive battle of Bosworth Field.

Good points: The chess set and board. The highly realistic hump on Richard. (It took makeup three hours to get Benedict Cumberbatch into it.) The horses. The white rose tapestry. The tents. The sites for filming. The banners. The pendent seals on documents. The library(!). The costuming. The cloak. The armor. It turns out that Benedict Cumberbatch is in fact Richard III's second cousin, sixteen times removed.

Bad points: The "Burger King" crowns on the young princes. The fact that the play is basically Tudor propaganda (though, admittedly, well-written Tudor propaganda). You can see the current version of the Royal Arms (England quartered with Scotland and Ireland) in stained glass during Henry VII's coronation. Much of the fight choreography.

Zero breasts. 2½ gallons of blood. 273 dead bodies. (So, all in all, it's not nearly the gore-fest that Henry VI, Parts I and II were. Spittle fu. Dagger fu. Assassin fu. Axe fu. Sword fu. Arrow fu. Polearm fu. Waves roll. Gratuitous hump. (Richard had really bad scoliosis; he was not a hunchback.) Gratuitous jibes about Richard's hump. Gratuitous pig's head. Gratuitous prophetic visions in a mirror. Gratuitous head in a sack. Gratuitous nervous ring-tapping. Gratuitous rain. Gratuitous mud. Gratuitous fly. Academy Award nomination to Benedict Cumberbatch as Richard III for his snideness and making Richard such a unlikable villain, and "Is there a murderer here? No. Yes, I am." and "And brief, good mother; for I am in haste." A mere 53 on the Vomit Meter. 3½ stars. Da'ud Bob says, "By all means, check it out!"

Opportunities

Steppes Business Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month - 7 PM until 9 PM

Is held in the Community room of the Half Price book Flagship Store and open to the Populace! If you have topic to discuss and you are not able to come, please send them to our Senechal to update the Agenda. Officers, the same goes for you.

The Financial Committee Meeting is after Business meeting

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.

Early Music Guild Meeting: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month—7:00 PM until 9 PM.

Doors open at 6:30 PM, come early if you need to tune up your instruments. Please contact seafox@gypsyheir.com for more specific directions.

Scribal and Illumination Meeting: 4th Thursday of the month—6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Hosted my Mistress Honour du bois. Every Scribal night will have open charter painting for those who wish to paint our awesome charters as well as some structured classes ranging from beginning to advance techniques as well as original scroll work. We will be planning and working on scrolls for our baronial events too, so bring your ideas.

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 Richardson

Huffhines park 1500 Apollo Rd, Richardson, TX 75081 , besides Fire Station # 4

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Tietze Park. 2700 Skillman St, Dallas.

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

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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.

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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.

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:

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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

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

Offices Open for Bids

Local Offices:

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
Minister of Arts and Sciences	January 31st
Hospitaler	December 31st
Seneschal Deputy	N/A
Chronicler Deputy	N/A

Kingdom and Society Offices:

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	Deadline	Contact
Deputy Rapier C&T Marshal	January 5th	crown@ansteorra.org marshal@ansteorra.org rapier@marshal.ansteorra.org
Kingdom Central Re- gion Rapier Marshal	January 5th	crown@ansteorra.org marshal@ansteorra.org rapier@marshal.ansteorra.org

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