

The Steppes Letter

February 2017



Words from the Baroness



Greetings, loyal populace of the Steppes,

We would like to start by saying thank you to everyone who made 12 th Night such a success. It was a time of great music, bardic, fun, and pageantry. Many people worked long hard hours (many in the cold) to make this event the extravaganza it was. A sincere thank you to everyone!

If we did not get the opportunity to talk at 12 night, please come and meet with us the next time we are together. We want to greet as many people as possible and give you a personal favor.

As we announced in the last newsletter we will be revamping our populous meetings. We will be holding Populace in the Park quarterly, with tournaments, arts and Science, and Court. It will be a great time for everyone! We will be alternating the other months with activities (movies, museums, whatever the populace is interested in) and dining out opportunities.

If you are reading this early, we hope everyone will join us for a 2017 goals and planning party on Sunday Jan 29 th at Makerspace 1825 Montetary Ln #104 Carolton, TX 74006. We will use this time to learn what everyone wants to see happen in the Barony during the year. Discussion topics will include fighting opportunities, best days of the week for gatherings, possible restaurant choices, camping at Gulf War, and much more. We will have door prizes!

If you will be unable to attend or you are reading this after the event you can still contribute your thoughts and opinions by emailing us at: Baroness@steppes.ansteorra.org or Baron@steppes.ansteorra.org.

And speaking of Gulf War... we are planning a Steppes Gulf War camp this year. Right now we plan to be next to Elfsea so that we can share Master Caelin's great cooking. Remember that electronic early registration closes on February 15 th .You must preregister to get camping land and you must contact Master Caelin ASAP to be a part of his meal plan. Look for the postings with more detailed information on the Steppes List and Facebook.

As always continue to be the great Barony you are,

Vivat!
Peter and Sarah



Lord Peter Rhys Connor

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HL Sarah Fynn Connor

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Words from the Seneschal

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

It looks like we have started off the New Year running.

It was with a tinge of sadness that we had to see Baroness Katya take her leave as our Baroness. I know that she will be fondly missed as the radiant light that shone the way for our Oakwood. For my part, it was an honor and a privilege to serve as an officer under her tenure. I wish her a peaceful vacation, and then she can get her coronet back here before we miss her!

As you can imagine Baron Peter and Baroness Sarah have helped us to get the New Year going strong. It looks like they have many new and wonderful ideas for the Barony coming down the pipelines. I noticed at our PiP (Populace in the Park) planning meeting that many of you have great ideas! I look forward to seeing most of these coming to fruition. Seeing so many people there at the planning meeting filled my heart with pride at knowing that the Steppes is definitely one of the reasons Ansteorra shines so bright. I know that this will cause a bit of trepidation in some, change always does, but there is nothing wrong with a fresh breeze to remind the old roots why they are needed. That being said, I want to congratulate a whole host of people for their accomplishments received at Twelfth Night.

Master Llewellyn –Order of the Oak
Baroness Alessandra- Acorn #2
Brother Thomas- Acorn
Baroness Suzanne- Sable Thistle in Music
Herr Marcus- Sable Thistle in Music
Lady Safyia- Sable Thistle in Weaving
Master Miguel- Grice's Track
Master Brendan- Grice's Track
Baron Peter- Grice's Track
Baroness Katya- Court Barony
Lady Cristiana d'Avanches—Acorn
Master Caelin—Acorn
Lord Diedrik—Acorn

Congratulations also go out to Lord Dragos for winning the Table Top Siege competition!

War is coming! (Yah.... We don't get winters here). Steppes looks to have a great encampment this year next to our sister Barony Elfsea. This will give us the opportunity to take advantage of Ld. Guyon and M. Caelin's meal plan. It's time to make sure your gear is sound, your kit is together, and your transportation reliable. There are many cookies that have been asked of us by the Kingdom for the Known World Party. Most of you can bake better than I, so please donate a dozen or two for the cause.

As always take care of yourselves and each other.

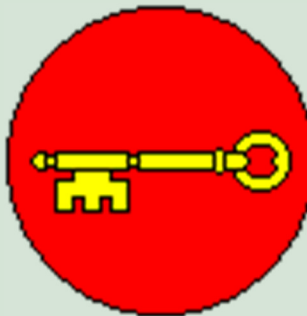
We are a Mighty Oakwood,
We are Family,
We are a Barony,
WE ARE STEPPES!

YIS,
HL Aurelia Yverneau
Seneschal, Barony of the Steppes



Seneschal

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes!

Thank you again to all of those who made sure to deposit baronial checks; we cleared them all, huzzah! At the end of 2016, our coffers stood at \$16,266.49, with some expected increases in January from 12th Night. Speaking of 12th Night, it went great! Thank you to those who got me your receipts in a timely manner and to our gate coordinator, Johanna Jacobsdotter. We had almost 250 people attend 12th Night, sold approximately 130 of the 150 available feasts, and had a decent profit of just under \$1200. Thank you to all of those who helped it run smoothly, and congratulations to our new B&B!

In other news, I am looking for a deputy to start training. This job is not as hard as you would think; it's mostly just keeping track of paperwork. Please contact me about applying if you are interested. Also, we have an open position on the Financial Committee for an At-Large member. If you would like to apply, please use the Kingdom officer application form on the Kingdom Seneschal's page and e-mail it to me; we will be voting on this at the February business meeting.

Thank you, and I hope your start to the new year has been wonderful!

Regards,
Cristiana d'Avranches



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!

Again, a new issue of the newsletter is ready for your reading. Thanks to all who have submitted articles and pieces for publishing, it is always nice to see all the knowledge and memories from the barony. Keep them coming!

To anyone who desires to publish in the newsletter, please send me your articles by the 20th of the month, and changes to current publications are due by the first.

In Service

Lady Safiya

Chronicler 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
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Duskin MacSneachda

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Words from our Officers

Greetings to The Steppes,

Gulf Wars in next month and we need to prepare for the fight. In the past we have suffered through foul weather and rain-outs which left us facing our foes somewhat less prepared than we should have been.

This year is different. As the “winter” continues, it is nice to have a dry and well-lighted place to hold our rapier practices. If the weather is not too frightful to travel, you’ll find us at T.C. Marsh Middle School located at 3838 Crown Shore Dr., Dallas, TX 75244 every Tuesday evening at 7:00. Park in the lot on Cox Lane and come in to the cafeteria.

Whether you’ve never held a rapier or you’re an advanced fighter, this practice is for you. Our instructors are second to none, combining drills with sparring to insure a fun and productive practice.

Loaner gear is available for new people. (Guys will need to provide their own athletic protector.)

Find out more by joining the Steppes Rapier Practice FB group or by contacting me. (214) 773-5415 Come out and prepare for war with Trimaris.

In service,
Lord William Swindell
Steppes Rapier Marshal



Hello!

Heavy fighter practice is undergoing an overhaul! For now the Wednesday practice has moved day and location. We will now be practicing in the girl's gym at Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to about 9pm. Address: 3838 Crown Shore Dr. Dallas, TX 75244. We will be sharing the location with the rapier fighter practice, so there should always be someone on site each week, even if you have to accept the challenge of One Star! One Army! and pick up a rapier to get a practice in!

Sunday practices at Carrollton have been suspended for the time being, until we can garner interest there or elsewhere. There are talks about joining practices with archery in Mesquite, at least sometimes if not consistently. Let the B&B, Creighton Bak, or myself know if you have any thoughts about the direction our weekend practice should head!



Rapier Marshal

Lord William Swindell

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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 and 12th Night. Please welcome them if you see them at activities!

We are currently taking applications for Hospitaler. Please contact me for information on the office and how to apply.

A big thank you to the Hospitaler deputies, Lady Emilisse de Loupey, Lady Sidheag Sorcha and HL Alexandra Notte Claire. This job could not be done without them.

Yours in service,

Baroness Sarah Fynn



Hospitaler

Baroness Sarah Fynn

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Our most recent A&S night was spent working on various projects, either to get ready for Gulf Wars or projects that someone might need help with.

During my report at Business Night I decided to throw out to everyone and get ideas on things people wanted to do at future A&S nights or (if it takes longer) a weekend day workshop. Some good ideas were brought up.

We talked about a library day, learning how the inter library system works. This would be especially useful to get research material.

Also, the stained glass banners need to have work done on them.

Someone else brought up the idea of canvas walls for events and/or camping to delineate an individual camp area.

I would like to hear from the populace as to what all you would like to see at A&S nights and workshops. What kind of classes would you like to take, what would you like to learn? Please email me at moas@steppes.ansteorra.org.

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

Hi Steppes,

The website is up to date and the email issue is solved. If you see any mistake please send notice to the Webminister e-mail account (webminister@steppes.ansteorra.org) where I keep a track of the "To-Do"s.

Also, we continue to work on completing the pages that are with filling text (if you see a page with strange latin writings, that is what I am talking about).

Thank you and please let me know any input you have for the website.

Yours in Service,

Santiago el Rojo,
Webminister of the Steppes.



Webminister

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Greeting Steppes,

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

In Service

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Youth Combat Marshal
Alexandra Notte Clare

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal
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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 "Ironwyrn"

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 "Ironwyrn"

Words from our Non-Guilds

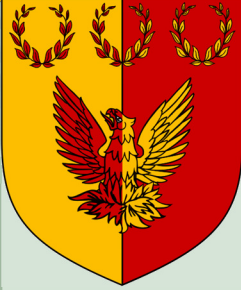
Steppes/Elfsea Music and Vocal non Guild

There are interesting things afoot. The Steppes Music Guild has established two working groups, the Instrumental Music group that meets on the first and third Sundays of the month at 2421 San Paula, Dallas 75228, starting at 2:00PM, and the Vocal Music Group that meets at Cedar Hill Methodist at 128 North Roberts in Cedar Hill on the second and fourth Sunday of the month also at 2:00PM. Both exclude meetings on major holidays, and will change meeting locations to Populace in the Park when applicable.

The Music Guild is Looking into teaching some lessons and group sessions for those interested in acquiring the courtly grace of music, including instrumental and vocal performance and songwriting and basic musicianship. You don't have to be a highly trained singer or instrumentalist to join us, and we welcome all skill levels.

For more information about the guild as a whole contact Herr Marcus at seafox@gypsyheir.com or Master Llywelyn at todd@twmarsh.net. For information about the specific groups, Herr Marcus is the contact for the instrumental group, while Master Llywelyn runs the vocal group.

Words from our Cantons



Greetings!

With the new year upon us we are looking forward to seeing all of you this coming year! It was wonderful to see everyone at Twelfth Night this past month; I was fortunate to greet our new Baron and Baroness, be richly entertained by our bards at Eisteddfod, and witness everyone's finery and enthusiasm for our Society.

Despite the weather we were able to get in a good practice this month, huzzah! We have loaner armor, so both new and experienced fighters are welcome to come out and join us Monday nights.

That being said, we are looking for a new Knight Marshal as well as a new Exchequer. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to fill out an application and/or contact me for more information.

In Service,

Lady Alhdryð Ceorlstrange



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Glaslyn**

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From the Steppes Gulf War Land Coordinators



War is coming!!!! War is coming!!!!!!

But more important a wonderful, fun filled encampment is coming!!! Steppes is going to Gulf War. War this year is: Sunday March 12- Sunday March 19.

It's time to register. We will be camping next to Elfsea so we can share Master Caelin's great cooking. This hospitality is on a first come basis. See posts regarding it.

As in years past, land is only allocated to those that preregister.

A few basic dates to keep in mind:

Mail in registrations must be post marked no later than January 31, 2017 (<http://www.gulfwars.org/.../uploads/2016/11/Reg-Form-2017-Dra...>)

Electronic registration requests and payments must be performed no later than February 15, 2017 at 11:59 pm Central Time (<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdBxUN5yWrKJ4dn3.../viewform...>)

Please select "Kingdom of Residence" as "Ansteorra", "Group Camping With" as "Other", and then type in "Barony of the Steppes" in the field below.

Once you have preregistered, please send us an email (Sarah4sca@yahoo.com) with the following:

- Style of tent (modern or period)
- Size of tent (with and without ropes)
- Names of people staying in the tent (to make it easier to correlate with the master list)
- Estimated arrival day and time (morning, afternoon, evening, night)



Memories from 12th night

“I would have to say my favorite part of 12th night was watching my Wife stand as Baronial Guard. You see, she doesn't have much interest in the SCA to be honest. She is she for the most part but the fact that she was able to step out of that comfort zone and stand for something I hold so dear filled me with a joy and pride second only to the day I got married. It is nice to see so many different lives come together to make something like what we do truly special. OH! And it was my first time having Pork Butt. I love Pork Butt now, so thank you for that.”

—Asbjorne Solveigarson

List of Dances—By Herr Marcus

1. Maltese Bransle
2. Amoroso
3. Petit Vriens
(break)
4. Gathering Peascods
5. Heart's Ease
6. Black Almayn
(break)
7. Grimstock
8. Belle Qui Tiens Ma Vie
9. Jenny Plucks Pears
(break)
10. Rufty Tufty
11. Hole in the Wall
12. Official Bransle

Assassin's Creed



Okay, I'll admit it – I really don't play computer or video games. Sure, I've got a few games on my computer (the usual card games, and Elf Bowling 3, for example), but that's it; nothing like what most people think of when they hear the term "video game" or "computer game." And it is this failing, this lack, in my life, that may be why there was so much that I didn't understand about this month's movie. Because it was based on a video game series, and I've never played (or even seen) the game, and it may be that the film makers, having played it, assumed that the audience would understand some of the underlying plot devices and assumptions without having to be told specifically. But that assumption is something that has led to the failure of a number of movies based on video games, because the audience didn't really quite understand what was going on, and it was never really explained to them in the course of what really must be a movie which has to stand on its own, without relying on externals (i.e., the video game, which most of them may never have seen) to make sense of it. So I had my doubts even before I headed off to the theater. And I did find myself questioning some of the motivations for this action or that plot device. Nonetheless, I went, I saw, and I took notes, and thus it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you 2016's **Assassin's Creed**.

Starring Michael Fassbender as Cal Lynch/Aguilar de Nerha, Marion Cotillard as Sofia, Jeremy Irons as Rikkin, Brendan Gleeson as Joseph Lynch, Charlotte Rampling as Ellen Kaye, Michael Kenneth Williams as Moussa, Denis Ménochet as McGowen, Ariane Labeled as Maria, Essie Davis as Mary Lynch, Matias Varela as the Emir, Carlos Bardem as Benedicto, and Javier Gutiérrez as Tomas de Torquemada (yes, that Torquemada!), the story is grounded in the idea that we are affected far more by our heredity than by our environment, and that "genetic memory" is not only a thing, but that our genes will "remember" specifics: this action, that fight, these day-to-day events. With a good dose of that perennial bogeyman, the Knights Templar, thrown in for good measure. For centuries, the Templars have been trying to get hold of the Apple of Eden, an ancient artifact that could destroy free will in the world and let them rule openly. The only thing standing in their way is the Assassins, who are sworn to defend the Apple, protect its hiding place, and make sure that it never falls into the hands of the Templars. So you can already see that, despite the use of dates and people and places, the story has nothing to do with real history. The fact that the film jumps back and forth in time from 1492 Granada and modern Madrid and London, as the Templars try to access Cal Lynch's genetic memories of his ancestor Aguilar, in order to discover where Aguilar hid the Apple, seems to create more questions than it answers.

Good points: The shields. The Spanish pennons. Columbus' tomb. (Did they film in the actual site in Spain? It certainly looked like it. And, having just looked it up - thank you, Google! - one of the filming locations was Seville, Spain, where Columbus is buried. So, yes.) The Court of the Lions and other rooms in the Alhambra Palace created for the movie.

Bad points: Some of the armor. The Apple of Eden as an ancient artifact with futuristic properties. "Scan DNA searching for a time frame." I've seen some very good parkour jumps; some of the ones in this movie simply looked impossible. Not simply difficult; impossible. Aguilar would not really have survived that 125-foot free fall. We are informed that the Templars (disbanded in 1312) and the Assassins (who here have no apparent relation to the real Assassins of the Crusades era) have been at war for centuries.

Zero breasts. Three gallons of blood. 62 dead bodies. Catapult fu. Sword fu. Spear fu. Wrist dagger fu. Crossbow fu. Ax fu. Billy club fu. Smoke bomb fu. Kung fu. Fire fu. Chain fu. Carts roll. Gratuitous dust. Gratuitous Skull mask. Gratuitous eagle. An 86 on the Vomit Meter. Two stars. Da'ud Bob says, "The climax was more than a bit anti-climactic. And the three Assassins standing atop a building in London at the end only reminded me of Batman. Check it out!"

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	31 Rapier Practice	1	2 Kyngescreeke Business Meeting	3	4 Candlemas Provincial Games
5 Archery Practice Music Guild Meeting Glaslyn Business Meeting	6 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	7 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	8	9 A&S Meeting	10	11 Kingdom A&S
12 Vocal Music Meeting	13 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	14 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	15	16 Business Meeting	17 War College	18 War College
19 Archery Practice Music Guild Meeting War College	20 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	21 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	22	23 Scribal Meeting	24	25
26 Vocal Music Meeting	27 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	28 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	1	2	3	4

- ◆ **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
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- ◆ **Tuesdays 7 PM—Rapier**

- Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Tuesdays 6:30 PM—Chivalric Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Thursday 2, 7 PM—Kyngescreeke Business Meeting** at Kaufman County Library .
- ◆ **Monday 5, 7 PM—Glaslyn Business Meeting** at Denton Soccer Association
- ◆ **Thursday 9, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 16, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books.

- 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **Thursday 23, 6:30 PM Scribes Guild Meeting** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas
- ◆ **02/04—Candlemas** at 445 E. Morrow St. Georgetown, TX 78626
- ◆ **02/04—Baronial Provincial Games** at 4518 Expo Circle East, Stillwater, OK 74075
- ◆ **02/11—Kingdom A&S** at 5601 CR 4812, Athens, TX 75752
- ◆ **02/18—War College** at 10160 John Rice Dr, Iola TX 77861

March 2017

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26	27 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	28 Rapier Practice	1	2 Kynges-creeke Populace Meeting	3	4
5 Archery Practice Music Guild Meeting	6 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice	7 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice	8	9 A&S Meeting	10	11 Gulf Wars XXVI
12 Vocal Music Meeting Gulf Wars XXVI	13 Glaslyn Chivalric Practice Gulf Wars XXVI	14 Rapier Practice Chivalric Practice Gulf Wars XXVI	15 Gulf Wars XXVI	16 Business Meeting Gulf Wars XXVI	17 Gulf Wars XXVI	18 Gulf Wars XXVI
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- ◆ **02/11—02/19—Gulf Wars XXVI** at 22 Rault Dr, Lumberton, Mississippi 39455
- ◆ **02/24—02/29—Commander's Crucible** at Camp Arrowhead, Fort Hood TX

Baronial Schedule, Come and Join Us!

Come join us at the following events. If we have enough people coming we will bring the Baronial Pavilion so we all have a place to gather. If it's a camping event we would love to have anyone interested camp near us so we have a Steppes Camp. Let's have a presence on the road in Ansteorra!

February

11 Kingdom A&S

March

12-19 Gulf Wars

April

31-2 Elfsea Defender

7-9 Coronation

14-16 Wiesenfeuer Baronial

21-23 Glaslyn Defender of the Flame

May

12-14 Queens Champion

19-21 Northkeep Castellan

26-28 Steppes Warlord

Peter and Sarah
Baron and Baroness

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 Instrumental Music Guild Meeting: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month—2:00 PM at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas. Doors open at 1:30 PM, come early if you need to tune up your instruments. Please contact seafox@gypsyheir.com for more specific directions.

Early Vocal Music Guild Meeting: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month—2:00 PM at 2421 North Roberts in Cedar Hill. 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

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy . 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244

Rapier Practice

Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thomas C. Marsh Prep Academy . 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 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

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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. At Kaufman County Library .

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

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, 2017
Minister of Children	Until filled
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](#).

Autocrats Needed

Event bits:

The current event bids are open for application. Please send a copy of your bid and budget to the Seneschal, and the Baroness.

Event	Closing Date
Steppes Warlord 2017	January 31st
Steppes Artisan	February 28th
Steppes 12th Night 2018	April 30th

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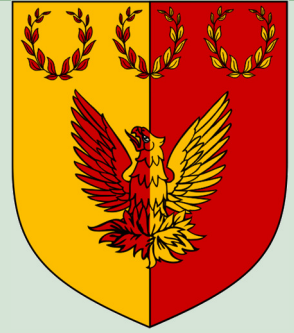


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