

# The Steppes Letter

March 2017



# Words from the Baroness



Greetings Wonderful Barony,

We have once again had a whirlwind month throughout our Barony. We had three entries represent our Barony at Kingdom Arts and Science. Our congratulations to Baroness Katya and HL Aurelia who were chosen to represent Ansteorra at Gulf War.

Our Heavy fighters hosted two central regional fighter practices (the next one will be March 5 th). Speaking of fighters, we are trying to help our fighters increase their loaner gear with free cookies for anyone that makes a donation of gear. So start digging out anything you no longer use so that others can learn.

Our first Populace Dinner was held at Café Brazil. By the time that this missive reaches you, preparations for many wonderful future events are underway. Gulf War will soon be here. The Ansteorra army is busy practicing maneuvers, our artisans are busy refining their entries. Everyone is sewing and checking on their camping gear. Even if you can't attend you can still be a part for this great event. The Barony of the Steppes and its Cantons are in charge of baked goods at the Known World Party. We need 600 cookies and treats. Please contact us for pick up possibilities. So get out your favorite recipe and start baking. (By the way, it's ok if your favorite recipe is baked by Walmart!)

Right after Gulf War we will have a wonderful Populace field trip being coordinated by Herr Marcus on Saturday March 25th it will be a fantastic day of music and information. Keep watching for the details and see the information enclosed in the newsletter regarding this fun opportunity.

If you do not have a copy yet of our new Populace Events please copy the one found later in the newsletter.

Looking not too far into the future Steppes Warlord is around the corner. Our autocrat Duke Hrafn has some excellent plans to ensure a fun event of which the Steppes can be very proud. Please volunteer to help make the event the success it deserves to be.

Peter and Sarah



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# Words from the Seneschal

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

Let's all give a round of applause to Duke Hrafn for stepping up to be the autocrat for Steppes Warlord 2017. His Grace already has some outstanding activities planned for the event. There is talk of dance and drumming classes, the return of the Artisans Enclave, and a Hafla planned along with the usual Champions bouts. This year's tourney for Heavy and Rapier look to be exciting. This is also the 30 th Anniversary of the Steppes Rapier Champion! Please come out to celebrate this joyous milestone in the Oakwood's history.

This means that he will need a lot of help in filling positions and getting the event going. If you too can step up to the challenge of helping with Steppes Warlord please contact Duke Hrafn.

For the great contingency that will be traveling to Gulf War, I wish you smooth roads and safe travels. I hope to see each one of you at the war. It's time to make sure your gear is sound, your kit is together, and your transportation reliable. Please remember to volunteer when and where you can. If we each volunteer a little, our friends get to come out to play with us more. 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.

The Barony has been asked to bake 50 dozen cookies for the Known World Party at Gulf War this year! I have threatened to knock over a Keebler truck if need be, but I feel that our barony has plenty of bakers who can come to our aid before it comes to that. If you are not going to war our B&B's can deliver the baked goods for you.

Also, because of Gulf War, I am moving the date of the March Business Meeting to March 23. This will keep us from having to impose upon the A&S night. Please make note of the change in date only for March.

We also have a great demo happening on March 25 at the Central Dallas Public Library downtown. Herr Marcus and the Oakwood Consort have planned a spectacular day of music and educational activities. Please come out to play with the consort, spectate, and learn what the public library has to offer researchers of all ages.

As always take care of yourselves and each other.

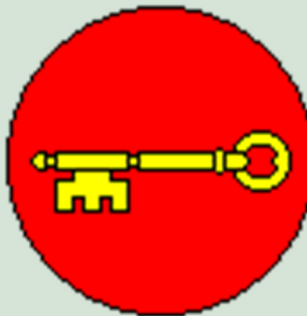
We are a Mighty Oakwood,  
We are Family,  
We are a Barony,  
WE ARE STEPPES!

YIS,  
HL Aurelia Yverneau  
Seneschal, Barony of the Steppes



Seneschal

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# Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes!

January was a fairly quiet month after 12th Night; we had all the expenses taken care of, and the bank account was at \$18,496.36 at the end of the month. We also got the trailer registered so it is now road legal! Many thanks to Sir Domingo and Lady Aurelia for their hard work in getting that accomplished.

Also, we had a vote at the populace meeting on Feb 22, and I am happy to announce that Lord William Swindell was elected to the Financial Committee as an at-large member. Please remember that while the Financial Committee has final say on financial matters, financial committee meetings are open to the populace, and we will take the feelings of the Barony into consideration for all major financial decisions. If anyone has any questions about the Steppes financial matters, please let me know.

I am still looking for a deputy exchequer; my term is up March of 2018, but there are a lot of events happening this year so having another person would help. I am also looking early so my deputy can have plenty of time to learn the job and how all of our events are run. Please let me know if you would like to apply.

I hope those who go to Gulf War have a great time!

In service,  
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 me by email at [herald@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:herald@steppes.ansteorra.org) and I will give you instructions for sending everything to me 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!

This month we have a comic strip! “Houz Rulz” is drawn by Ed Chase, who has given us permission to use his work during the next couple of months. If you want them to stay, please send me your feedback so I can talk again with Mr. Chase

Also, deep thanks to Lord Malachi de Sanna for his inspirational piece about what the Dream means to many.

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**

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Greetings Good People of The Steppes,

Look forward to seeing everyone there!! remember that we will be sharing practice twice a month with our youths under HL Alexandra, so be prepared for a lot of fun!.

Interim Archery Marshall

Duskin Mac Sneachda



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# Words from our Officers

Greetings to The Steppes,

Be a movie star. They still make movies from time to time with good sword fighting scenes. Prepare for the part. Learn fencing.

Come to T.C. Marsh Middle School located at 3838 Crown Shore Dr., Dallas, TX 75244 every Tuesday evening. Rapier begins at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Park in the lot on Cox Lane and come in to the cafeteria. Don't have a clue? We have extra clues, along with loaner gear for newcomers. Loaner gear not only gets you fighting, but also gives you a chance to find out what you like and don't like before you start getting your own gear; and you will want to get your own gear. (Yup, it's that much fun!! Oh, and guys will need to provide their own athletic protector because when it comes to those we adhere to the adage: Neither a borrower nor a lender be.)

We'll show you everything you need to know to get started. Instruction ranges from very basic to advanced. So no matter your skill level, there's instruction for you.

We now have combined fighter practice so if you need to take a break to cool down from drills or sparring, you can wander two doors down the hall to the gym and watch people in armor beating each other with sticks.

Find out more by joining the Steppes Rapier Practice FB group or by contacting me. (214) 773-5415

Come out and learn to stab your friends without really hurting them.

In service,

Lord William Swindell  
Steppes Rapier Marshal



**Rapier Marshal**

Lord William Swindell

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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!



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# Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes,

Send me your newbies or transplants! I'm new to this office but not new to the Barony. I'm here to help people get connected and find resources!

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Claire



## Hospitaler

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

Sincerely,

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Johanna Jakobsdottir, AoA  
Barony of The Steppes MoAS



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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 notices 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,

We go where the youth are: Youth Combat now encompasses ALL the martial arts and will be held at the Steppes Archery practice, 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month! That's right, your kids can shoot targets, and hit and stab their friends and/or siblings all at one location. Looking for deputy youth marshals to cover all the fields! Limited loaner gear (and marshaling) available - right now it's just me for youth rapier and boffer.

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Clare



**Youth Combat Marshal**  
Alexandra Notte Clare

**Deputy Youth Combat Marshal**  
Viscount Galen of Bristol

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# Words from our Non-Guilds

## *Steppes Bowyer and Fletchers Guild*

Greetings,

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"

# 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](mailto:seafox@gypsyheir.com) or Master Llywelyn at [todd@twmarsh.net](mailto: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, Glaslyn!

We've been lucky to have some good practices this past month, here's hoping for continued good weather! We welcome any and all who would like to come out and fight with us. We have loaner gear for anyone looking to try out either Rapier or Chivalric combat.

Additionally, we are still looking for a new Exchequer! If you are interested, please feel free to submit an application or contact me for more information.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Glaslyn Defender next month!

In service,

Lady Alhdryð ceorlstrange

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# Musings from Malachi the Monk

Often times we are asked to tell a mundane about the SCA. We all, for the most part, give the same answer. "The Society for Creative Anachronism is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the recreation of the life of noble people from about 900bc to 1600 ad." We talk about the fighting, the A&S, and even about the safe family environment. What I never hear anyone say (and this is just me) is what they have seen. Well my friends, here is what I have seen in 15 years....

“I have seen children grow up.

I have seen adults grow up.

I have seen the sun rise, set, and rise again all in the same day.

I have seen a Baroness sit the thrown alone while her husband was away at war, and despite the stress and hardships of the job, she made it look easy.

I have seen armies clash for hours in the morning, and greet each other as friends in the evening.

I have seen a drunk sober up.

I have seen party animals grow past that and into respected peers.

I have seen a Rose bloom in the desert.

I have sworn an oath to king and crown.

I saw a man with no titles and a bad back and neck teach his craft to others.

I saw the same man befriend an out cast.

I have sat with, and dined in the presence of kings and had tea with a princess.

I have seen 12,000 people walk into the woods for 3 weeks, and leave no trace they were there.

I have known a man for 15 years. I call him brother. He watches my kids. I can't tell you his real name but I trust him with my life.

I watched a man fight for a championship, and bow out because his quest for honor was greater than his quest to reign.

I have seen a selfish man rededicate himself to the service of others.

I have seen a rose cut by a blade only to be pricked by her thorn for his trouble.

I have offended.

I have offered amends.

I have lost the dream and left. I have come back. The dream is I'm me now and for life. “

Mostly I have seen my life go by in a way that these words can not do justice to. Someone once asked me why I don't just quit. This is why. For better or worse, friend or foe, I love you for the magic of my life. This dream is bigger than one man. I am proud to serve it. Thanks for the last 15 years.



# House Rulz!

HOUSE RULZ

By: Ed Chase



Ogre and Monster talking, Ogre is reading a newspaper.

Ogre says : "I don't understand this world"

"In our world when two warriors have a disagreement, they go to war. They do battle until one is disemboweled on the field of honor"

"On this world they hire attorney's and sue each other"

"These humans are so uncivilized" and sighs resigned.

# Da'ud Bob Movie Review

## A Midsummer Night's Dream



It's always interesting to me to run across yet another production of one of Shakespeare's plays. I mean, you can know the story, and even have memorized many (or most) of the lines, of the play, but every production seems to put its own stamp on it, and all of a sudden you'll see things with a slightly different perspective, with different things emphasized and others de-emphasized, and you'll come away with a whole new view of it, however familiar the play may have been to you going in. That said, new productions can often be a bit of a gamble; some are very good, others maybe not so much, and others still can be awful. So that change in viewpoint may not always be worth the watching. The awful ones, however, are a very small proportion of the numbers of productions, and it's usually worth the time to see what you can learn from a new take on one of these old plays. It helps the odds, of course, if the production we're talking about is by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Even if you end up not liking part, or parts, or all, of a play, you know that there's going to be a certain level of competence and professionalism that will set an RSC production to a standard. You can trust that whatever they do with the play will be done well, whether or not you agree with the vision of the director. And that is the case with this month's review of the RSC's 1996 production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

Starring Lindsay Duncan as Hippolyta and Titania, Alex Jennings as Theseus and Oberon, Finbar Lynch as Philostrate and Puck, Desmond Barrit as Nick Bottom, Monica Dolan as Hermia, Kevin Doyle as Demetrius, Daniel Evans as Lysander, Emily Raymond as Helena, Howard Crossley as Tom Snout and a Fairy, Robert Gillespie as Robin Starveling and Cobweb, John Kane as Peter Quince and Mustardseed, Mark Letheren as Francis Flute and Peaseblossom, and Kenn Sabberton as Snug, the entirely inadequate synopsis for this movie was given as "Hermia, a young woman of high status, must choose to either agree to an arranged marriage or rebel against her family to be with her true love." It's true as far as it goes, but it leaves out so much that it's a lot like saying that the entirety of World War II could be summed up by saying that "Germany overran Poland in September 1939." In each case, the summary is only the underlying foundation upon which so much else was built that one despairs of it being anything like a true synopsis. Fortunately, you should already have a good idea of what the full plot of this movie is, with mixed-up lovers, a fairy land dispute, mistaken identity, magical transformations, and some rustics preparing a play for the Duke's upcoming nuptials. And in this production, the entire night's "Dream" is dreamed by a young boy who moves in and out of the scenes throughout the film.

Good points: Well, it's Shakespeare! And it's by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The wall. The lion (especially when he catches his tail in the door). Peter Quince's hair. The special effects (most of them). The "ET" motorcycle. The literal use of "cheek by jowl." Though filmed on a stage, it doesn't feel quite as cramped as many filmed stage productions do.

Bad points: Simulated sex. The somewhat surrealistic umbrellas, doors, and water may have worked better on stage than they do on film. Or not. They were interesting ideas, but I'm not entirely certain that they worked as well on film (or on stage) as they did in the designer's head.

Zero breasts. One-half gallon of stage blood. Two dead stage bodies. Flower fu. Stage sword fu. Demetrius rolls. Hermia spins. Gratuitous candles. Gratuitous feathers. Gratuitous head butting. Academy Award nomination to Desmond Barrit as Nick Bottom for, as is often the case in productions of this play, making Bottom the central character in the play. A 53 on the Vomit Meter. Three and a half stars. Anna Sue says, "Puck is hot!" Da'ud Bob says, "Check it out!"

# March 2017

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- ◆ **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 6:30 PM—Chivalric Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Thursday 2, 7 PM—Kyngescreeke Populace Meeting** at Kaufman County Library .
- ◆ **Thursday 9, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 23, 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
- ◆ **Sat 25, 1:00 PM Populace goes out** at J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas TX 75201
- ◆ **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

# April 2017

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- ◆ **Monday 5, 7 PM—Glaslyn Business Meeting** at Denton Soccer Association
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- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Sun 30, 2:00 PM Populace in the park** at Oak Creek Park. 2531 Oak Creek Dr. Carrollton .
- ◆ **03/31—04/02—Share the Dream Demo** at 2501 Jenkins Ave. Norman, OK, 73072
- ◆ **04/07—04/09—Coronation and King's Champion** at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. Pvt Rd 1706, Chico, TX 76431
- ◆ **04/14—04/16—Red Plain Baronials** at Foss Lake 10252 Hwy OK-44, Foss, OK 73647
- ◆ **04/22—Defender of the Flame** at
- ◆ **04/28—04/30—Elfsea Defender and Royal Huntsman** at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. Pvt Rd 1706, Chico, TX 76431

# Oakwood Consort Concert.

## The Steppes at the Library



In the days before records and radio, music was a social activity. In the renaissance and earlier periods, it was not only a social and entertainment pursuit, but also a courtly grace all well-born members of society practiced. March is International Early Music Month, and on March 25, 2017, you're invited to see enthusiasts of medieval and renaissance music as they perform a free concert of works from those time periods.

Who: The Oakwood Consort, instrumental players of the local Barony of the Steppes Music Guild

What: A concert of 45 to 50 minutes played in period style

When: 2:00pm, Saturday March 25, 2017

Where: The J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas TX 75201. (lat 32.778169, long -96.796847), 4th floor Fine Arts performance area

Programs will be available for students needing recital credit, and following the performance, players will be available to answer questions about their instruments and the music they played.

As an added bonus, prior to the performance, Ryan Smith, Circulation Library Associate, will lead a discussion on interlibrary loan, WorldCat, and other research resources available at the library. And of course the library will be open to allow you to browse the stacks and resources, and if you have a Dallas Public Library card to check things out.

So come out and join us for a day of music, information, and research.

# 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!

## **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

# Steppes Populace Events for 2017

- ◆ Saturday 03/25: Populace goes out.
  - ◇ J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas TX 75201.
  - ◇ Music guild concert, mini demo and talk on inter-library loan
- ◆ Sunday 04/30: Populace in the Park.
  - ◇ 2:00 PM at Oak Creek Park. 2531 Oak Creek Dr. Carrollton .
  - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 05/24: Populace goes to Dinner.
  - ◇ Spring Creek Bar B Que
- ◆ Saturday 06/17: Populace goes out.
  - ◇ Perth Street tour and Shopping
- ◆ Sunday 07/30: Populace in the Park.
  - ◇ 2:00 PM at Oak Creek Park. 2531 Oak Creek Dr. Carrollton .
  - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 08/30: Populace goes to Dinner.
  - ◇ Zorba's Greek Café 1501 Preston Rd. Plano
- ◆ Sunday 09/10: Populace goes out.
  - ◇ Vetro Glassblowing studio Grapevine. (\$3.00 charge per person)
  - ◇ *Date is subject to change!*
- ◆ Sunday 10/29: Populace in the Park with Archery!.
  - ◇ 2:00 PM at Westlake Sports Center 601 Gross Rd Mesquite.
  - ◇ Mini tourneys, A & S, mini court
- ◆ Wednesday 11/29: Populace goes to Dinner.
  - ◇ Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet 180 W. Campbell Rd Richardson
- ◆ December: Christmas Party

Please note that all items are subject to change. They have been added to the Steppes calendar so please check it out for any changes.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Practice are currently held on Tuesday at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244, along with the Rapier practices.

**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

## **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.

## **Kyngescreeke**

**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 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 Artisan	Until Filled
Steppes 12th Night 2018	April 30th



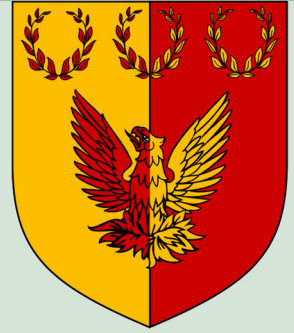
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