

The Steppes Letter

December 2017



Words from their Excellencies



Greetings great Barony,

The month of November was filled with many great and exciting activities. We had many great practices and our combined A &S/ business meeting brought many new faces.

Thank you to those that helped our sister Barony with their annual demo.

Queens brought so many fighters out from the Steppes to via for this great honor. They all did the Barony justice.

War of the Rams was an amazing success with great weather.

In November our Populace Dinner was visiting Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet, the food and company was so much fun!

December and January are going to be just as busy!

Come join us for our annual Holiday party Friday December 8th (bring a \$15 gift for the exchange) . Saturday December 9th is Tournament of Champions, come root for our competitors!

December 14th will be our last combined business/A & S meeting of the year.

What an amazing first year we have had! Thank you everyone for making our Barony such a great place. We have held so many great events this year thanks to everyone's hard work!
2018- here we come!!!!

Peter and Sarah



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Words from the Seneschal

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

It is shaping up to be yet another busy, busy month here in the Central Region. There are many events to attend in December and many more to come in January.

There was lots of exciting news at War of the Rams (BAM). Glaslyn fighters received much fame as fierce warriors. I also hear great tales being told of the Steppes contingency as well. It is a great pride to know that our barony is mighty indeed.

I want to remind everyone that we have the Christmas party is December 8. Bring a wrapped new or gently used gift for the Steppes White elephant. You never know what you will get, or have stolen!

Tournament of Champions will be held on December 9 in North Richland Hills. Join me and Their Excellencies in your best Black, Gold, and Green. Bring your banners, bring your shields, and bring your enthusiasm as we herald in our champions! This is a great time to show the kingdom that we are the best barony around!

Business Meeting for December is moved to A&S night and location at Gloria Dei church. (December 14)

We have Twelfth Night on January 6 at the Springlake Event Center in Farmers Branch. I hope to see everyone at Steppes Twelfth Night. Sir Mahdi has a magical Andalusian day of dance, music, revelry and scrumptious food prepared by HL Alianorra MacKkye. Remember to reserve your feast today! We also have the pleasure of hosting Their Majesties Middle Eastern dance Championship.

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 the autocrat if you can fill in one of these positions. Many hands make for light work. So please volunteer even an hour or two of your time, so that we can all have a fun filled day.

Then we have Roundtable being autocratted by our own Baron and Baroness to be held on January 20 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Denton.

Lastly we finish out the season with Sable Soldier III at the Rafter J Church in the land of Kyngescreke.

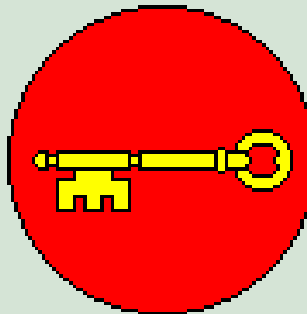
Remember:
We are a Mighty Oakwood,
We are a Barony,
We are Family,
WE ARE STEPPES!

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



Seneschal

HL Aurelia Yverneau
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Words from our Officers

Greetings, Steppes!

Things are still going well for the Steppes. The Steppes account was at \$20,767.79 at the end of October.

The financial committee has approved the 2018 Budget for the Steppes; it is located at the end of the newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via e-mail.

There is a position open on the Financial Committee (FC) for an at-large member of the populace. If you would like to apply to be on the financial committee, please fill out an Ansteorran Officer Application form (from the Ansteorran website) and send it to me and our seneschal. This position will remain open until the December business meeting, which will be held concurrent with A&S, due to the holidays. The populace will vote on the new FC member at that meeting.

As a reminder, Kyngescreke is going dormant for a while. They will close the accounts for the canton in December, and the Steppes will place the funds into a dedicated fund for them in the Steppes account.

We are still looking for a place to store our Baronial trailer; if you run across any likely places please let me, Dragos, or Aurelia know.

In Service,
Cristiana d'Avranches

Exchequer

Lady Cristiana d'Avranches

treasurer@steppes.ansteorra.org



Steppes Budget 2018

2018 Steppes budget

\$	5,240.00
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A&S Minister

A & S Night supplies	100
Printing	50
	<u>150</u>

Archery Marshal

Archery Supplies	200
Archery Lane Rental	500
	<u>700</u>

B&B

Populace in the Park food	200
Largesse & prizes	200
Gulf War Expenses, gifts, hospitality tent, favors	150
Baronial Regalia & Scrolls	500
	<u>1050</u>

Quartermaster

Storage Unit	1920
Storage Tubs & Supplies	200
Equipment Repairs	150
	<u>2270</u>

Chronicler

Printing	50
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Exchequer

Ink cartridges & Paper	100
postage	20
	<u>120</u>

Herald

Postage	10
Art supplies	20
Printing	50
	<u>80</u>

Hospitaler

Miscellaneous	100
Printing (flyers, cards)	100
	<u>200</u>

Knight Marshal

Rattan & Maintenance of Chivalric armor equipment	150
Printing	10
	<u>160</u>

Rapier Marshal

Printing	10
Maintenance of Rapier Equipment	150
	<u>160</u>

Seneschal

Ink cartridges & Paper	50
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Youth Marshal

Maintenance of Chivalric armor equipment	125
Maintenance of Rapier Equipment	125
	<u>250</u>

Reviewed and approved by:	SCA name	Legal Name and Signature	Date
Seneschal:			
Exchequer:			
Baron/Baroness:			
Committee Member:			
Committee Member:			

Words from our Officers

Seasons greetings to the populace of the Steppes

As we come to the end of yet another year, I'm reminded of what we all mean to each other and how we try to be there for each other both in our society and our mundane lives. Special thanks to those who have stepped up as unofficial deputies to help with marshaling duties and with rapier training for our group.

In a few short months, possibly July, my time as Steppes Rapier Marshal will come to an end. What is needed now is official deputies, one of whom would be willing to take over when my warrant is ended. There's plenty of time for you to learn the job.

While you ponder your willingness to fill this position, don't forget our regular Tuesday night practices at T.C. Marsh Middle School. For more information, please feel free to call me at (214) 773-5415. Watch the list emails and unofficial Facebook pages for cancellations which usually come at the end of the year while the school is closed between semesters.

Yours In Service,
Lord William Swindell
Steppes Rapier Marshal



Rapier Marshal

Lord William Swindell

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Steppes,

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 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

[Herald
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Hello!

Heavy fighter practice is undergoing an overhaul! We are now 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 are 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



Knight Marshal

Diderik von Schatten

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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!.

As a friendly reminder, any new content for the newsletter must be submitted by our A&S meeting (2nd Thursday, 12/14) and any regular content by our Business meeting (3rd Thursday, 12/21)

Also, as a side note, remember to use our mailing list steppes@lists.ansteorra.org for any official announcements. You can subscribe at <http://www.ansteorra.org/social.php>. If you have any problems, send me a message to get it solved.

In Service

Lady Safiya Spizega

Chronicler of the Steppes



Chronicler

Lady Safiya Spizega

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I would like to have loaner garb available at all events, but I NEED some deputies willing to help with that. I'm also looking for deputies to help me shepherd newcomers and help acclimate them at their first few events. We've had inquiries during the business meeting at Half Price Books, at Archery Practice and at Populace in the Park in Carrollton, even while at the Perth Street shopping field trip.

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Claire



Hospitaler

HL Alexandra Notte Claire

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Words from our Officers

Greetings Good People of The Steppes,

Please remember that the office for Archery Marshall is open for applications. Applications will be accepted until the October Business meeting. Please send copies of the application to the Seneschal, and Kingdom Missal Marshal. The Baron and Baroness would also like courtesy copies as well.



Archery Marshal

(Office Open)

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Greetings from the Office of Minister of Arts and Sciences!

Vashti's Dance Guild of the Steppes will be meeting in December - date to be announced at a later time

As is Steppes tradition, the business meeting will be held along side the A&S nights, so there will be basic repair work to get ready for events, and somewhat quiet items happening alongside such as Charter Painting for Steppes 12th night. The second Thursday of the month falls on Dec 14th @ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1333 Belt Line Rd, Garland, TX 75040 beginning at 7 pm. Contact moas@steppes.ansteorra.org for further information.

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Minister of Arts and Sciences, Barony of the Steppes



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Words from our Officers

Hi Steppes,

First, I want to welcome and public thank both Hákon the Blacksmith, Webminister of Glaslyn, and Ozar Svennson for jumping in the position of Deputy for the Steppes Webminister.

Hákon did the last update to the website and that let me deal with mundane life, and Ozar has been incredible patient with my response time.

So kudos to both of them.

I hope to have better news for the next month.

Thank you all for your patience.

Yours in Service
Santiago el Rojo



Webminister

Santiago el Rojo

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Greeting Steppes,

Youth Boffer has not had much interest lately as many of our youth have aged up or are extremely busy. Loaner gear still available as needed. Always looking for new youth to get involved and new parents to authorize as marshals. There's lots of great events coming up this fall, don't miss out!

Youth Rapier is practicing on Tuesday nights at the same time as adults. Practice is sometimes overwhelmed with youth and sometimes we have none. I expect we may see more as we get into fall, especially as we can now move to steel epees for our younger fighters. Loaner gear available!

In Service

HL Alexandra Notte Clare



Youth Combat Marshal
HL Alexandra Notte Clare

Deputy Youth Combat Marshal
Viscount Galen of Bristol

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Words from our Cantons



Greetings!

By all accounts, Glaslyn had a wonderful time at BAM! Congrats to all our fighters for giving their best during the melees!

We've had some unseasonably warm weather this past month, but that just means it's nice for fighter practice. We have marshals and loaner gear for Heavy and Light combat, so by all means come out and fight with us!

If any one is or knows an authorizing combat archery marshal in the area, please send them our way! We have several people interested in joining the fight from afar.

Lady Alhdryð ceorlstrange

**Seneschal of the Canton of
Glaslyn**

Lady Alhdryð Ceorlestrange
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Greetings Kyngescreke



**Seneschal of the Canton of
Kyngescreke**

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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"

Steppes Music and Vocal non Guild

The Steppes Music Guild has two established 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 302 Sweetgum Dr., 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 or other activities when applicable. Since there's a minimum number of folks needed to have an effective music group, please contact the appropriate person if interested in attending. 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. The instrumental group also tries to provide a musical presence at all Steppes events, so if you're unable to make the guild meetings but want to join in at an event contact either one of the folks referenced above to get the music sources used by the guild. And if you're interested in learning the courtly grace of music the guild has folks who can teach lessons.

Brewing lessons invitation

Greetings Steppes!

On December 10th, I will be starting a Riesling Ice Wine Pymment and my equipment is open to whoever wants to start a batch of mead of their own. Not just mead, but beer, cider, and wine.

Seeing as how the 4th Sunday of the month of December is Christmas Eve, there will not be a second workshop for the month of December. Come January, we will be back at the regular schedule with a Braggot (I have wonderful plans, if I can pull them off) and a White Wine. Next year, we will see Vinegars, pickling, and probably even some cheeses.

To the Ladies of Glaslyn, thank you for naming me your Defender of the Flame for Brewing, I hope that I have done you proud thus far.

Please contact me if you are going to be showing up and for which workshop.

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Denton, Tx

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I hope to see you here!

Guðbrandr Njalsson

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.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: The Sword of Destiny



I'll admit it – I had my doubts about this one. I mean, it was billed as a sequel to the original movie which came out in 2000, and that was a great movie to see, but sequels, well, frequently just never come up to the quality, story, and acting of the original. So it had that going against it from the start. Then, it was done by Netflix, a company that hasn't always had the best reputation for the films they make. (They are getting better, but it's still sometimes a bit of a crapshoot as to whether you'll get something really worth seeing or something that you'll forget by the next day.) And only one of the actors in the original signed on to reprise their earlier role, so there was that. But I just knew that, despite all of my misgivings, I'd have to review this one for you. So I prepared myself as best I could, sat myself down in front of the big-screen HDTV, called up the Netflix queue, and pressed the Play button on the remote. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you the 2016 Netflix Original Film Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: Sword of Destiny.

Starring Michelle Yeoh reprising her role from the original as Yu Shu Lien, Donnie Yen as Meng Sizhao / Silent Wolf, Harry Shum, Jr. as Wei Fang, Natashs Liu Bordizzo as Snow Vase, Jason Scott Lee as Hades Dai, Eugenia Yuan as the Blind Enchantress, Rogen Uyan as Iron Crow, Juju Chan as Silver Dart Shi, Chris Pang as Flying Blade, Woon Young Park as Thunder Fist, Darryl Quon as Turtle Ma, Veronica Ngo as Mantis, and Andrew Stehlin as Black Tiger, this sequel to 2000's Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon could be viewed as CT, HD: The Next Generation or Twenty (well, okay, eighteen) Years Later or something similar. It does, however, relate to the original better when you understand that CT, HD was based on Book 4 of the Crane - Iron Pentalogy, a set of five books written by Chinese author Wang Dulu, one of the "Four Great Writers of the Northern School." Sword of Destiny is based on the fifth book, Iron Knight, Silver Vase. In this movie, Yu Shu Lien, still mourning the death of Li Mu Bai at the end of Crouching Tiger, returns to safeguard his sword, the Green Destiny. Hades Dai, an underground warlord, sends his lieutenants to steal the sword, with which he plans to dominate the Martial World (because it will make him invincible, don't you know). A mysterious young swordswoman and the hero with a past, Silent Wolf, comes to Shu Lien's aid, together with a disparate band of warriors who still believe in the Iron Way of honor.

Good points: The paper lanterns. The very quiet "ninja" fight between two people trying to steal the sword without waking up anyone in the place or causing an alarm. The cinematography. The floating paper lanterns. Much of the fight choreography.

Bad points: Lots o' physics- and gravity-defying wire work. The wire work is not as smooth, or graceful, as in the original movie. Some of the coincidences which help to drive the plot seem just a little bit too contrived to be convincing.

Zero breasts. Two gallons of blood. 62 dead bodies. Spear fu. Sword fu. Nunchaku fu. King fu. Ax fu. Knife fu. Dart fu. Dagger fu. Ladle fu. Ice fu. Bird claw on a stick fu. Three-pronged pitchfork fu. Mace fu. Cart rolls. Fighters roll. Gratuitous snake amulet. Gratuitous plate twirling. Gratuitous big honking sword. Academy Award nomination to Darryl Quon as Turtle Ma for being one of the most instantly likeable characters in the movie, "famous ... in this tavern" (while everyone else in the little band of warriors helping Lone Wolf, a group immediately reminiscent of The Seven Samurai, was famous in this province or renowned in that city). A 62 on the Vomit Meter. 3½ stars. Da'ud Bob says, "It's reminiscent of a Shakespearean tragedy; almost everyone dies by the end of the film. But it's quite a ride to get there. Check it out!"

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Music Guild Meeting	4 Glaslyn Fighter practice	5 Chivalric Practice Rapier Practice	6		7 Steppes Christmas party	8 Tournament of Champions 9
10 Vocal Music Guild Meeting	11 Glaslyn Fighter practice	12 Chivalric Practice Rapier Practice	13	14 A&S Night Business Meeting	15	16
17 Music Guild Meeting	18 Glaslyn Fighter practice	19 Chivalric Practice Rapier Practice	20	21	22	23
24 Vocal Music Guild Meeting	25 Glaslyn Fighter practice	26 Chivalric Practice Rapier Practice	27	28	29	30
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Details of the calendar are provided in the next page

December 2017 (Cont...)

- ◆ **Mondays 6:45 PM—Glaslyn Chivalry Practice** at North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX
- ◆ **Sundays 2:00 PM—Instrumental Music Guild Meeting** at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas .(1st and 3d)
- ◆ **Sundays 2:00 PM—Vocal Music Guild Meeting** at 302 Sweetgum Dr., Cedar Hill, TX. (2nd and 4th)
- ◆ **Tuesdays 7 PM—Rapier Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Tuesdays 6:30 PM—Chivalric Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Thursday 14, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 14, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **Thursday 28, 6:00 PM—Scribal Meeting** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas
- ◆ **12/8—Steppes Christmas Party** at 17919 Meadowchase Way Dallas,Tx 75287
- ◆ **12/9—Tournament of Champions** at 9001 Boulevard 26, North Richland Hills, Texas 76180

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 Seneschal 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 seafax@gypsyheir.com for more specific directions.

Early Vocal Music Guild Meeting: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month—2:00 PM at 302 Sweetgum Dr., Cedar Hill, TX. Please contact seafax@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.

Kyngescreke

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
Archery Marshal	Sept 21

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 [Ansteorra Website](#).

Office	Closing Date

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 12th Night 2019	December 1st
Steppes Warlord 2018	December 1st

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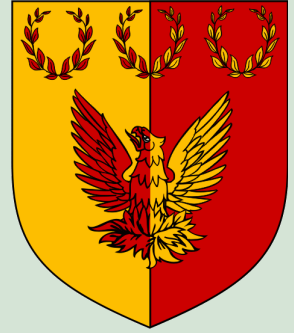


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August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	1 Rapier Practice	2	3	4	5 Kyngescreke Birthday Party!
6 Archery Practice Instrumental Music Guild Meeting	7 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	8 Rapier Practice	9	10 A&S Night	11	12
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27 Vocal Music Guild Meeting	28 Glaslyn Chivalry Practice	29 Rapier Practice	30	31	1 Braggart's War	2 Braggart's War

- ◆ **Sundays 2 PM—Archery Practice** at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, Mesquite 75149 (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- ◆ **Mondays 6:45 PM—Glaslyn Chivalry Practice** at North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX
- ◆ **Sundays 2:00 PM—Instrumental Music Guild Meeting** at 2421 San Paula ave, 75228, Dallas .(1st and 3d)
- ◆ **Sundays 2:00 PM—Vocal Music Guild Meeting** at 128 North Roberts in Cedar Hill . (2dn and 4th)
- ◆ **Tuesdays 7 PM—Rapier Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Tuesdays 6:30 PM—Chivalric Practice** at 3838 Crown Shore, Dallas 75244
- ◆ **Thursday 4, 7 PM—Kyngescreke Populace Meeting** at Kaufman County Library.
- ◆ **Thursday 10, 7 PM—A&S Night** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1333 Beltline Road Garland, TX
- ◆ **Thursday 18, 7 PM—Business Meeting** at Half Price Books. 5803 Northwest Hwy, Dallas
- ◆ **Thursday 24, 6:00 PM—Scribal Meeting** at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas
- ◆ Saturday 5. 4 PM—**Kyngescreke Birthday party!** At 1134 Whispering Glen, Rockwall , TX
- ◆ **Saturday 19, 9 AM—Steppes Artisan** at 128 Roberts Rd. in Cedar Hill, Texas
- ◆ **Saturday 26, 9 AM—Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame** at 633 Hobson Ln, Denton, Texas
- ◆ **9/1—9 /3— Braggart's War** at Private Road 1706, Bridgeport, Texas 76426 (Sid Richardson Scout's Ranch)

June 2017—Cont.

- ◆ **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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- ◆ **Thursday 1, 7 PM—Kyngescreke Populace Meeting** at Kaufman County Library .
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **06/17—Populace goes out** at Perth Street
- ◆ **06/10—King's College** at Greenville Ave. Allen Texas 750
- ◆ **06/16—06/18—Known World Dance and Music Symposium** at 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD 21093. Baltimore, Maryland
- ◆ **06/16—06/18—Ansteorra Heraldic and Scribal Symposium** at 102 S McIver St, Madisonville, TX 77864-1913
- ◆ **06/23—06/25—Bonwicke Artisans** at 135 E Twohig Ave, San Angelo, Texas 76903
- ◆ **06/23—06/25—Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium** at 501 E. Hill Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37915