

# The Steppes Letter

January 2018



# Missive from our Excellencies

Greetings, loyal populace of the Steppes,

If you are reading this in the first week of the month, plans are in full swing for Twelfth Night, which promises to be a time of great music, dancing, fun, and pageantry. We very much hope you will attend and be part of this wonderful Barony tradition. Please come and talk with us during the day at Twelfth Night, so that we can meet as many people as possible.

We're so excited for 2018 to begin! Again, this year we will meet on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at Makerspace for a 2018 Populace goals and planning session. This is your Barony and you are important in deciding what we do. We will once again do rotating Populace events, Populace in the Park, activities (movies, museums, whatever the populace is interested in) and dining out opportunities.

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. If you will be unable to attend, please contribute your thoughts by emailing us at: [Baroness@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:Baroness@steppes.ansteorra.org) or [Baron@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:Baron@steppes.ansteorra.org).

And speaking of Gulf War... We will once again be camping next to Elfsea so those wanting to join the Elfsea meal plan will have that opportunity. Remember that electronic early registration closes on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Look for the postings with more detailed information.

Remember Gulf War is not the only place we have a Steppes Camp! A Steppes pavilion is available for members of our Barony at many other events throughout the Kingdom. If you are camping, come camp with us! Day tripping? Look for us. We will include our monthly travels in future newsletters and post them online as well.

We are so proud to be a part of a wonderful Barony, which is so richly endowed with dedicated workers.

Thank you for making our first year such a success. We are blessed to know every one of you!

Vivat Steppes  
Peter and Sarah



OUR OAKEN EXCELLENCIES

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# Words from our Seneschal

Greetings Mighty Oakwood,

I first would like to thank all those who came out to support our baronial champions at Tournament of Champions. For those of you who did not make it to the Tournament, you missed a great set of tournaments. Our Champions represented us well and the Baron and Baroness were most gracious escorts.

I hope your holiday season has been all you expected it to be and more! I want to extend a great big "Thank you!" to Master Duncan and Mistress Genevieve for hosting the Yule party. It was wonderful to see everyone there enjoying food and fellowship. Of course, there were plenty of shenanigans had by

everyone during the white elephant gift exchange!

Twelfth Night is well under way and looks to be a huge success. We have plenty for everyone to do with the Kingdom ME Dance competition, gaming, and a fundraising silent auction for an Ansteorran family in need. Plus, a scrumptious feast! We could still use help with the set-up on Friday, and we need at least 10 servers to sign up to serve and 4 more volunteers to help with the preparation of feast in the kitchen. It has been a wonderful year here in the Steppes. I have personally witnessed so much greatness from our Barony this past year. It brings tears of joy and sadness as I look back on 2017. I know that many of you will share my sentiments. For this I give you this blessing for your new year as we aim to have more tears of joy than sorrow for 2018:

I wish you to have a lucky new year filled with wealth and success in each endeavor and may you live a long life blessed with unity and happiness, to create your future to be as brilliant as embroidered clothe.

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 Ylverneau Seneschal,

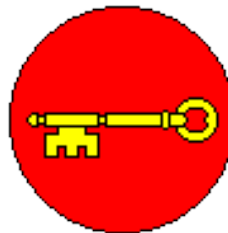
Barony of the Steppes



OUR SENESCHAL

HL Aurelia Ylverneau

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# Words from our Officers

Greeting Steppes!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season! We are just about ready for 12th night, and financially we are doing well. Thank you to everyone who had outstanding checks; we are required to get them all cleared before the end of the year and you all did it! The account stands, as of the end of November, at \$17,028.51. Please see the end of the newsletter for a copy of the financial policy and budget for 2017.

I hope you all have a good start to the new year!

Cristiana d'Avranches



EXCQUER

Lady Cristiana d'Avranches  
[excquer@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:excquer@steppes.ansteorra.org)

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

A Very Happy New Year to the populace of the Steppes

We've done it. The great Barony of the Steppes has not only survived another year, we have accomplished great things. I wish I could claim credit for the quality of our rapier instruction, but it is due to the expertise of many within our ever-growing White Scarf and MOD community who give selflessly to help those of us who strive to learn this art. Thanks for your dedication and the generous gift of your time. I won't name names. You know who you are.

Let me reiterate my thanks to those who have stepped up as unofficial deputies to help with marshaling duties over the past year. Let me know if you're interested in being an official deputy. I have had some inquiries about my job and what it entails. Let me just say two things that apply if you haven't been an officer yet. First, this isn't that hard to learn and perform and, second, it's time you stepped up and helped out. We all need to give back.

This is where I'd normally plug our Tuesday night practices and give you the address but that's up in the air right now. We're looking at a few possibilities but we may be vagabonds for a while. Tuesday at 7:00 pm is still the time, but you'll have to watch for list emails or posts to FB for the place. If you're not already a member you may wish to join Steppes Rapier Practice and/or Barony of the Steppes FB groups.

Let's make 2018 the best year yet.

Yours in Service,  
Lord William Swindell  
Steppes Rapier Marshal



RAPIER MARSHAL  
Lord William Swindell  
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# Words from our Officers

Hello!

Heavy fighter practice is currently on pause while we find a new location. For now, we are sharing the location with the rapier fighter practice, so there should always be someone on site each week, even if you must 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

Please remember that this office is open for bids currently!



CHIVALRY MARSHAL  
Diderik von Schatten  
[marshal@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:marshal@steppes.ansteorra.org)

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](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!

As a friendly reminder, any new content for the newsletter must be submitted by our A&S meeting (2nd Thursday, 01/11) and any regular content by our Business meeting (3rd Thursday, 01/18)

Also, as a side note, remember to use our mailing list, [steppes@lists.ansteorra.org](mailto: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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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 alongside 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 14<sup>th</sup> @ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1333 Belt Line Rd, Garland, TX 75040 beginning at 7 pm. Contact [moas@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto: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

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 spring especially as we can now move to steel epees for our younger fighters. Loaner gear available!

In Service  
HL Alexandra Notte Claire



YOUTH MARSHAL  
HL Alexandra Notte-Claire  
[hospitaler@steppes.ansteorra.org](mailto:hospitaler@steppes.ansteorra.org)

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.

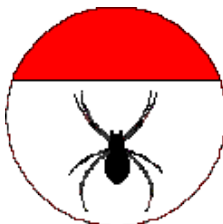
Hákon did the last update to the website and that let me deal with mundane life, and Ozar has been incredible patient with my response time.

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  
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# Words from Glaslyn

Greetings, Glaslyn!

Weather permitting, we will return to having Monday night fighter practices in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for our Facebook posts in case of inclement weather. Sable Soldier is coming up soon, so it's time to get back in the fighting spirit!

We hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in their finery at Steppes Twelfth Night!

In Service,  
Lady Alhdryð ceorlstrange



SENESCHAL OF THE CANTON OF  
GLASLYN

Lady Alhdryð Ceorlestrange  
(Caroline Clavell)

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# Non-guild announcements

## 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 Sunday of the month at 2421 San Paula, Dallas 75228, starting at 2:00PM, and the Vocal Music Group that meets at 302 Sweetgum Dr., Cedar Hill, TX on the third Sunday of the month also at 2:00PM. Both exclude meetings on major holidays or the weekend of local events, 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](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. 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.

# Da'ud Bob Movie Review: Black Death



I'll admit it – I had been putting off watching and reviewing this month's flick, partly because the poster, despite the poster showing Sean Bean, an actor I normally like, didn't really attract me, and partly because the plot sounded familiar enough that I may have already reviewed it. (Turns out that I hadn't; I was thinking of another movie about witches set in the Middle Ages, but that one had Nicolas Cage in it.) So after checking my listing of all of the movies I've reviewed over the years and not finding this title on it, I finally decided to "bite the bullet" and get this baby off of my "to be reviewed" list. So, I sat myself down in my big La-Z-Bubba recliner, queued it up, and hit "Play." And thus, it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you 2010's **Black Death**.

Starring Sean Bean as Ulrich, Eddie Redmayne as the novice monk Osmund, John Lynch as Wulfstan, Kimberly Nixon as Averill, Tim McInnerny as Hob, Carice van Houten as Langiva, Andy Nyman as

Dalywag, Emun Elliott as Swire, and David Warner as the Abbot, the blurb about this movie said: "During the first Bubonic Plague, a church-appointed knight investigates a woman rumored to bring the dead back to life - but may be tied to Satan." As the movie opens, we are told that the year is 1348. "The fumes of the dead are in the air like poison. The plague, crueler and more pitiless than war, descended upon us. A pestilence, that would leave half of our kingdom dead. Where did it come from? What carried its germ? The priests told us it was God's punishment. For what sin? What commandment must we break that could earn this? No, we knew the truth. This was not God's work, but devilry. Or witchcraft. But our task, to hunt down a demon, was God's cure." A novice monk volunteers for his own secret reasons to guide a band of grizzled knights to a small village in a great swamp where the plague has not touched, and where they are to determine if witchcraft is the cause of the village's seeming immunity.

Good points: The ox cart. The chain mail aventails and hauberks. Germany, where the movie was filmed, is a very pretty country.

Bad points: Ulric doesn't seem much like a Knight Hospitaller (a member of the Order of the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, to give them their full name), yet he wears a black cloak with a large white cross on the left breast, as they did. Sharpening a sword with a rock. (Not a sharpening stone, a rock!) Sleeping in their armor. No mosquitoes ... in a swamp. Wind chimes made of cow horns. (No, really!) Langiva "the necromancer."

Zero breasts. Four gallons of blood. 58 dead bodies. Dagger fu. Spiked mace fu. Axe fu. Sword fu. Fire fu. Ox cart rolls. Head rolls. Arms and legs roll. Gratuitous rats. Gratuitous dirt. Gratuitous flagellants. Gratuitous up-close violence. Gratuitous drugged wine. Gratuitous swamp. Gratuitous fog. Academy Award nominations to Tim McInnerny as Hob for his response to one knight's boast that he will soon be having his way in the afterlife with Hob's deceased mother, "My mother's alive, and does not relish the company of soldiers;" to Carice van Houten as Langiva for "People need miracles, and they worship the miracle workers;" to Eddie Redmayne as Osmund for his observation that "I believe hunting necromancers and demons serves men more than it serves God;" and finally to Emun Elliott as Swire for his statement during a discussion among the knights about where the pestilence came from, "I say from France, where all foul things emerge." A 94 on the Vomit Meter. One star. Da'ud Bob says, "I keep trying to figure out what the point of the movie is, but it continues to elude me. Check it out!"

# January 2018

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# Calendar Details

- ❖ **Mondays 6:45 PM**— Glaslyn Chivalry Practice at North Lakes Park 2001 W. Windsor Dr. Denton, TX
- ❖ **Thursday 11, 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
- ❖ **Sunday 21. 2:00 PM** – Vocal guild meeting at 302 Sweetgum Dr., Cedar Hill, TX
- ❖ **Thursday 28, 6:00 PM**—Scribal Meeting at 3168 Catamore Ln, Dallas
- ❖ **01/16 – Steppes 12th Night** - Springlake Event Center, 2280 Springlake Rd #100, Farmers Branch, TX 75234,
- ❖ **01/12 – 01/14 – Winter Crown Tournament** - Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 N Rockford Rd, Ardmore, OK 73401, USA
- ❖ **01/20 – Winter Round Table** - Trinity United Methodist Church, Denton TX, 633 Hobson Ln, Denton, TX 76205, USA
- ❖ **01/27 – Winterkingdom** - Creek County Fairgrounds, 17808 OK-66, Kellyville, OK 74039,
- ❖ **01/27 – Sable Soldier III** - Rafter J Cowboy Church, 10701 Co Rd 305, Terrell, TX

# 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: Once a 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: Once a month**—2:00 PM at 302 Sweetgum Dr., Cedar Hill, TX. 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.

## **Glaslyn**

**Mondays 6:45pm – 10:00pm (Except Christmas Eve and New Year's 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.

## 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 and events 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	Deadline
Knight Marshal	Feb 27
Webminister	Feb 27
Ministry of Children	Until Filled
Archery Marshal	Until Filled

## 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	Deadline
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## Baronial and Kingdom Event bids:

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

Event	Deadline
Kingdom A&S 2019	January 31
Spring Coronation	January 31
Spring Queen's Champion	January 31
King's College	January 31



# Financial Policy Barony of the Steppes 2017

## 1. General

a. All provisions of the Financial Policies of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. and the Kingdom of Ansteorra shall be applicable to this Financial Policy of the Barony of the Steppes.

b. Society and Kingdom Financial Policy shall take precedence except where this Financial Policy of the Barony of the Steppes specifies more stringent requirements than shown in the Society and Kingdom Financial Policies.

## 2. Financial Reporting

a. Monthly/Quarterly reports will be submitted to the Central Regional Exchequer by the last day of the month following the report month (e.g. February monthly report is due by March 31) and copies sent to the Central Regional Exchequer.

b. The Landed Nobility of the Steppes, Seneschal, and members of the Financial Committee shall receive a copy of the Exchequer's monthly report by email or hard copy within 30 days of filing. A copy of the report shall be available for any member of the populace to review upon request. Current balances of the barony's checking and savings accounts shall be published at least quarterly in the baronial newsletter.

c. The Annual Report (Domesday report) shall be submitted to the Central Regional Exchequer and Kingdom Domesday Deputy by the date specified by the deputy with copies provided to the Seneschal and Landed Nobility of the Steppes.

d. The baronial Financial Policy shall be reviewed by the officers at the October Business Meeting, submitted for approval by the populace at the November Business Meeting and submitted to the Central Regional Exchequer by November 30th of each year.

## 3. Financial Committee

a. The Financial Committee shall consist of: 1) Landed Nobility of the Steppes (who have only one combined vote); 2) Seneschal; and 3) Exchequer. There will be two other local members at-large. These two positions shall be announced and opened for bids.

b. Applications shall be considered and voted on by the populace at the Business Meeting.

c. No two Financial Committee members shall share the same address or have a close familial relationship (with the exception being the Landed Nobility of the Steppes).

d. At-large members elected shall serve a term not to exceed two years.

e. The committee shall meet once per month and also for a specified purpose or emergency action if requested by a member. Items to be reviewed can be sent out and discussed by e-mail in advance of a meeting.

f. Financial Committee members that miss more than two scheduled committee meetings shall be reviewed in absentia at any official meeting of the officers to determine if removal from the Financial Committee is warranted. Lack of communication can be grounds for dismissal.

g. Vacancies shall be announced at the monthly Business Meeting and published in the newsletter. Vacancies shall be filled within 30 days of the position being vacated.

h. Financial Committee members shall be paid members of the SCA.

i. All members of the Financial Committee shall either have attended a treasurer's financial policy class within the past year, or attend a treasurer's policy class at the next available opportunity such as Round Table or King's College.

## 4. Budget

- a. Each officer shall list anticipated expenses for that office for the coming year and submit them to the Exchequer for review by the Financial Committee prior to September Business meeting. If no budget is presented, the Financial Committee shall assign a budget to that office.
- b. The Barony's yearly budget shall be presented to the populace at the October Business meeting and submitted to the Central Region Exchequer by November 30th.
- c. An acting officer can request access to spend the budgeted funds for said office, after review by Financial Committee.

## **5. Expenditures**

- a. Non-budgeted expenses shall be reviewed and discussed at the Business Meeting. They shall then be reviewed and approved by the Financial Committee prior to the funds being spent.
- b. Receipts for pre-approved out-of-pocket, non-event expenses shall be submitted within two populace meetings (approximately 60 days) from the date of purchase or the expenses may not be reimbursed. Exceptions may be made with Financial Committee approval.
- c. All expenditures (budgeted and unbudgeted) require the advance completion of either the Check Advance or Check Request form. Budgeted expenditures require approval of the Exchequer and unbudgeted expenditures require approval of a simple majority of the Financial Committee.
- d. Fully documented receipts shall be provided to support all expenses. This rule applies to anyone expecting reimbursements.
- e. Any single capital expenditure exceeding the value of \$500 shall be proposed and advertised in at least one issue of the Barony of the Steppes Newsletter prior to the business meeting at which the expenditure will be decided upon. The full populace present at the business meeting shall have opportunity to make comments prior to the decision. The decision shall be made by the Financial Committee.
- f. With the unanimous approval of the Financial Committee, any single capital expenditure exceeding the value of \$500 may be made without advertisement in the Newsletter if a decision must be made prior to such a time as would allow typical procedure for high-dollar capital expenditures.

## **6. Cash Receipts**

- a. Gate receipts shall be deposited into the baronial account within five business days of the end of the event.
- b. All other receipts shall be deposited no later than 14 calendar days after receipt.

## **7. Event Bid Process and Gate Policies**

- a. All bids shall contain the following information, and shall adhere to Baronial, Kingdom and Society laws.
  - i. Basic budget for the event to include, but not limited to site rental costs, porta-johns, prizes, printing, site tokens, feast/food, and miscellaneous expenses.
  - ii. Autocrat's résumé, SCA or mundane. A brief note about history or qualifications shall suffice.
  - iii. Contract or quote from the site.
  - iv. Basic idea of theme, contests, etc. for event. These are in addition to any Baronial Championships being decided.
  - v. Family Max charge for the event.
  - vi. Individuals who will receive complimentary admission to the event.

1. Landed Nobility of the Steppes
2. Current Crown plus one entourage
3. Current Consort plus one entourage
4. Current Heirs plus one entourage each
5. Current Steppes Warlord plus their Consort of Love and Beauty
6. Current Steppes Rapier Champion plus their Consort of Grace and Honor
7. Current Steppes Archer
8. Current Steppes Bard
9. Current Steppes Artisan
10. One event Steward
11. One feast Steward

b. The Financial Committee shall determine the financial viability of all event bids with attached budgets.

c. All viable bids shall be presented to populace at Business Meeting for discussion. Bids are to be presented by the person submitting the bid.

d. The Financial Committee shall vote to approve the bid.

e. A list of people to receive complimentary admission shall be provided to gate that lists both SCA and legal names. Anyone not on the comp list shall be approved by the Financial Committee no later than two weeks prior to the event.

f. Requests for reimbursements for event purchases shall be approved by the event autocrat and turned in to the Exchequer within 5 days after the event in order for the event report to be prepared and submitted within 10 days as required by Society Financial Policy.

g. Joint events shall be subject to all group financial policies, with baronial representation. Event bids for joint events must include a breakdown of agreed upon group contributions, responsibilities, and profit/loss split. All Financial Committees involved shall approve and sign the bid.

## **8. Assets**

a. The baronial physical assets shall be stored in an approved storage facility under the supervision of the Quartermaster, the Exchequer, and the Seneschal. An inventory of all baronial property shall be conducted not less than once a year and a copy of the inventory listing shall be signed by the Financial Committee and forwarded to the Central Regional Exchequer by November 30th of each year.

b. A copy of the inventory shall be provided to anyone who requests a copy.

## **9. Designated Funds**

a. When a Designated Fund is set up, a primary purpose shall be established by the donor or by the Financial Committee. The final destination of all Designated Funds is the Baronial General Fund.

b. Designated Funds may be transferred to the General Fund only if there has been no activity for a reasonable period of time and the transfer has the unanimous approval of the Financial Committee

## **10. Miscellaneous**

a. The Barony shall loan funds or property to SCA, Inc., and its subsidiaries only. Prior to lending or borrowing funds or baronial property (including wall hangings), the Barony shall have, in writing, an agreement with the borrower detailing the method of return, repayment, liability, and profit disbursement.

#### **10. Guilds**

a. Formation of a guild shall comply with Kingdom of Ansteorra policies regarding such.

b. For guild operations, the appropriate officer's budget shall be utilized for guild purchases, with the approval of said officer. If the amount requested exceeds \$50, it shall be decided upon separately by the Financial Committee.

c. Inventory of guild holdings shall be done as necessary, not to exceed an interval of 2 years.

#### **11. Trailer**

a. All trailers owned by the Barony of the Steppes are to be used for storing and transporting baronial property to and from SCA functions. Trailers owned by the barony shall not be used for strictly personal purposes by members of the barony.

b. Anyone towing a trailer owned by the Barony of the Steppes shall be a member in good standing, and tows the trailer at their own risk.

c. Agreements to store and tow the trailer shall be made in writing in advance between the member storing or towing the trailer for each trip and the barony. Each agreement shall include specifications of timeframes and calculation for any expense reimbursement. Each trip shall be considered round-trip, and the member towing the trailer is responsible for its return at the end of the trip, unless otherwise specified in the agreement.

d. Trailers shall always be loaded in compliance with the trailer's maximum gross trailer weight rating, maximum tongue weight rating, and load balancing instructions. Trailers shall be attached to a towing vehicle rated for that type of trailer. Trailers shall be attached using all legally required attachments and restraints and working electrical connections.

e. If there is available capacity in the trailer after the baronial property is loaded, and there is a desire to transport additional personal property in the trailer, it is allowable that additional personal property owned by baronial members is placed in the trailer. Any personal property is loaded into the trailer at the property owner's risk.

## 2017 Steppes budget

**TOTAL: \$5,525.00**

A&S Minister 450

A & S Night supplies 100

Printing 50

Scribal Supplies & projector 300

Archery Marshal 600

Archery Supplies 100

Archery Lane Rental 500

B&B 1,050

Populace in the Park food 200

largesse & prizes 200

Gulf War Expenses 150

Baronial Regalia 500

Chamberlain 2220

Storage Unit 1920

Storage Tubs & Supplies 150

Equipment Repairs 150

Chronicler 150

Printing 150

Exchequer 155

Ink cartridges & Paper 150

postage 5

Herald 80

Postage 10

Art supplies	20
Printing	50
<u>Hospitaler</u>	<u>200</u>
Fabric for loaner garb	100
Printing (flyers, cards)	100
<u>Knight Marshal</u>	<u>160</u>
Rattan & Maintenance	150
Printing	10
<u>Rapier Marshal</u>	<u>160</u>
Printing	10
Maintenance	150
<u>Seneschal</u>	<u>50</u>
Ink cartridges & Paper	50
<u>Youth Marshal</u>	<u>250</u>
Maintenance of Chivalric	125
Maintenance of Rapier	125

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