



The Steppes Letter

March 2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Archery practice	4 Fighter practice	5 A&S, fighter practice	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Library demo	14	15	16
Gulf Wars: No Practices						
17 Archery practice	18 Fighter practice	19 Newcomers academy, scribal, A&S, fighter practice	20 Financial committee meeting	21	22	23
24	25 Fighter practice	26 A&S, fighter practice, business meeting	27	28	29 FateCon Demo	30 Commander's Crucible
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 Events
  Glaslyn
  Steppes



Event Information

All SCA practices and meetings are free to attend

Steppes Regular Meetings

Tuesdays from 7 PM-9 PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Steppes Business Meeting

3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Archery

First & Third Sundays
2PM-5PM
Westlake Sports Center
601 Gross Rd, Mesquite, TX

Newcomers Academy

First Tuesday at 6:30 PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Culinary Guild

1st Wednesday 7PM
901 N US 75-Central Expy
1000, Plano, TX

Music Guild

First Tuesday from 7 PM-9 PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Glaslyn Practice and Business Meeting

Mondays 6 PM
North Lakes Park
2001 W. Windsor Dr., Denton, TX

Check us out!





Upcoming Events

Gulf Wars

March 9 to 17

[Website link](#)

Library Demo

March 13 from 10am to 12 pm

To participate please contact Ade at ade.eszes@gmail.com or aro_mich on discord

Commander's Crucible

March 29 to 31

Camp Arrowhead

Belton, TX

[Facebook event](#)

FateCon Demo

March 29 to 31

Arlington, TX

To participate please contact Ade at ade.eszes@gmail.com or aro_mich on discord

The Barony of the Steppes & Kingdom of Ansteorra present:

CORONATION

Of Sven IV and Antigone III and step down
of Sovereign Queen Nicollet

REGISTRATION:

- Member Registration: \$20
- Non-Member Registration: \$30
- Youth 0-17: Free

Make checks payable to SCA Inc - Barony of the Steppes

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

Sideboard lunch is included with registration!

SITE INFO:

- **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**
1210 W Beltline Rd.
Richardson, TX 75080
- Site Hours: 8 AM - 8 PM

From US-75, take exit 24 towards Belt Line. Turn Left onto Beltline then right onto Dover. Destination is on the right.

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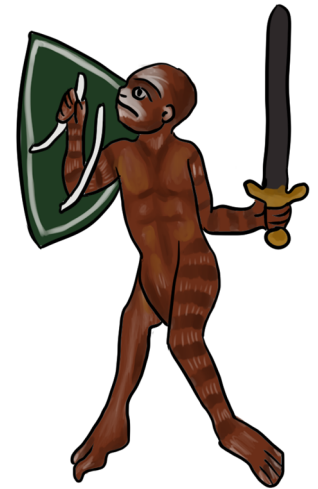
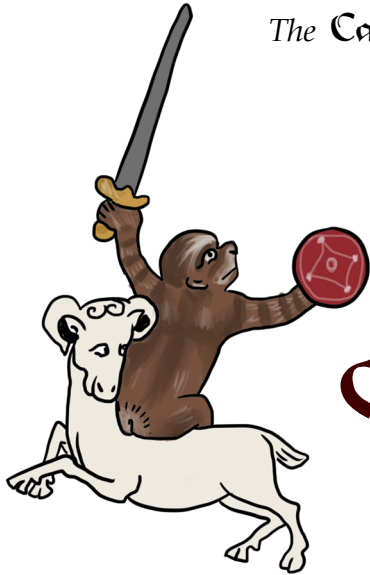
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The **Canton of Glaslyn** cordially invites one and all to join us
in battle, song, and merriment at

Defender of the flame



26-28 April, 2024
Friday 5pm - Sunday 12pm

Featuring **Chivalric, Rapier, Cut and Thrust, Archery, and Bardic**
competitions for the title of **Defender of the Flame**

The esteemed Ladies of Glaslyn will choose the most honorable combatant as
Keeper of the Flame

Brewer of the finest spirits will be named **Brewing Champion of Glaslyn**

Adult Event Registration: \$25, Member Discount Event Registration: \$15
Youth 17 and under are free!

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

Make checks payable to SCA, Inc. / Canton of Glaslyn.

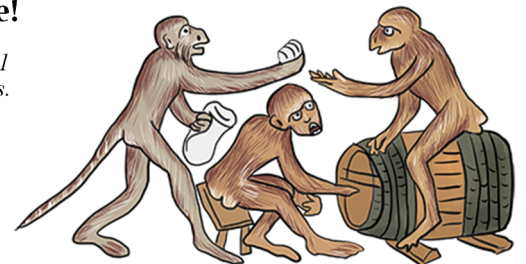
Merchants are welcome! Site is wet in period containers only. Please bring service animals only. Please do not disturb livestock or local fauna.

Event Stewards:

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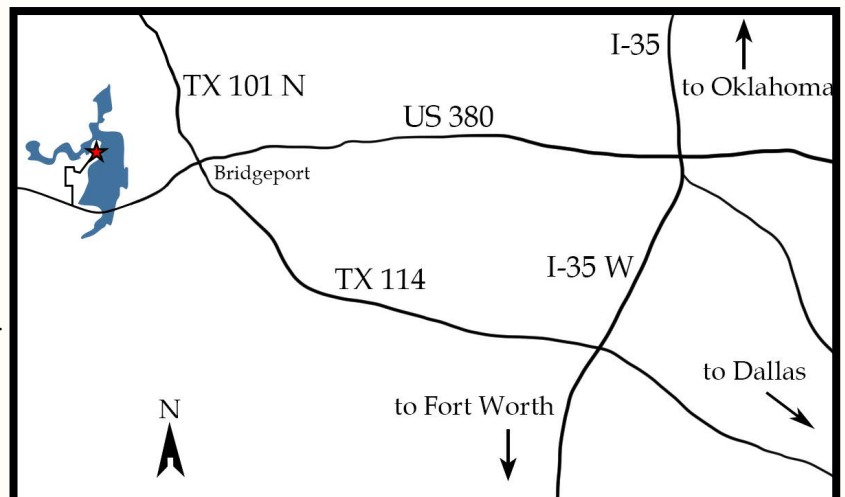
Åsa in Blinda • mka Allison Phillips • f.sterling00@gmail.com

Website: glaslyn.ansteorra.org/defender



Sid Richardson Scout Ranch Lakeview Lodge

- From US 380 west of Runaway Bay/Lake Bridgeport, turn north onto Jasper Creek Rd/CR 1700.
- Once in the camp follow signs for Lakeview Lodge.
- Detailed maps and directions available on the event page.



Words from the Baron and Baroness

Salutations!

War, what is it good for? Well there's shopping, camping, battles, parties, classes, tournaments, and a whole bunch of other things. The month for Gulf Wars has arrived and we are sure everyone that is going is frantically trying to make preparations for this journey to Gleann Ahlbann! While a contingent of us are going out of kingdom, the barony is still busy preparing for a few upcoming demos. Check the Discord for more information about FateCon, the McKinney Library demo, and FanExpo.

Also looking on the horizon are several events we are looking forward to, with Coronation being hosted by the Steppes, Glaslyn Defender, and Steppes Warlord. We all like to stay busy and there are a lot of things that are being worked on concurrently in addition to all the activities offered at our weekly Meet up! Check out our social media to stay up to date with the latest information!

In service,

Baudoyne and Katherine

Lord and Lady of Glaslyn,
Baron and Baroness of the Steppes





Words from Glaslyn

Greetings Steppes!

War approaches! Glaslyn has been preparing for Gulf Wars, and Phoenix Company looks forward to taking the field alongside our Ironwood siblings. However, due to all of our marshals attending the war, we will not have our regular practice on Monday, March 11th.

Additionally, next month is our annual Defender of the Flame tournament! Featuring Chivalric, Rapier, Cut and Thrust, Archery, and Bardic competitions for the title of Defender of the Flame! Additionally, the brewer of the finest spirits will be named Brewing Champion of Glaslyn, and the esteemed Ladies of Glaslyn will choose the most honorable combatant to be this year's Keeper of the Flame. We welcome you all to join us April 26-28 at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch for this event.

As always, visitors from near and far are welcome to our combined practice and populace nights Monday evenings at Northlakes Park in Denton. Keep an eye on our website and Discord to make sure we aren't rained or frozen out!

Þákon the Blacksmith

Seneschal, Canton of Glaslyn



Seneschal

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Steppes Friends,

No missive this month.

YIS,

Lady Æthelwynne Stíðmódu

(MKA Shayna Miller)



Minister of Arts and Sciences

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Greetings Steppes!

No missive this month.

YIS,

Wilhelm Von Bruck

Minister of Arts and Sciences



Exchequer

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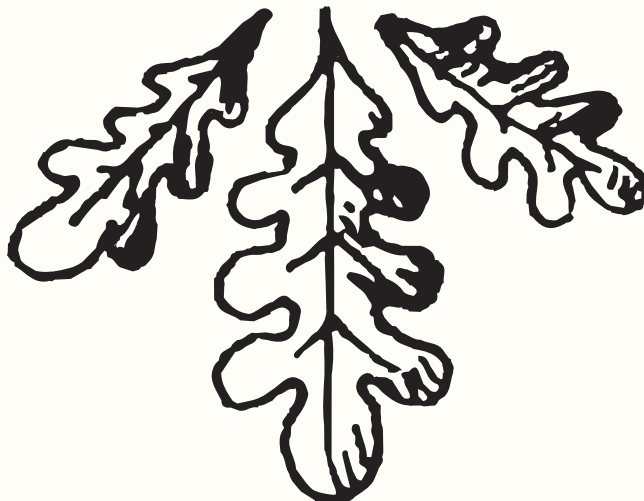
As of January 31, the bank balance is
\$21,149.47.

Centurion Margery coordinated a (hot chocolate?) fundraiser at 12th night to fund armored combat necessities, and it raised \$147 so we thank her and everyone who participated for the work and contribution!

I am looking for a deputy to train to back up the Exchequer role. You would need to be a paid member, organized, and detail-oriented with ready access to the internet. Everything else, we'll teach you. :) Please email exchequer@steppes.ansteorra.org if you're interested.

In Service,

Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha





Archery Marshal

Catalin Von Braunschweyg
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Greetings, my friends of the Steppes!

There has been lots of enthusiasm for archery lately! We have had many new archers this month, and wonderful weather at the last practice! We'd love to welcome more new or returning archers to the range!

I hope to see you at the Westlake archery range (601 Gross Rd. Mesquite, TX 75149) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. March practices will be March 3 and March 17.

If you have questions about archery, please look for me on the Steppes Facebook or Discord, or seek me out at a Tuesday practice. I'm happy to help!

Archery practice is free, and we have loaner equipment available, so come out and join us, and give it a try.

Yours in service,

Catalin Von Braunschweyg

Steppes Archery Marshal



Chronicler

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Greetings Steppes friends,

Thank you for your participation in my survey! The updates will be slow moving, but coming soon! As always, please let me know if you have an article to contribute.

if you are interested in participating in the FateCon Demo or the McKinney Library demo please let me know!

Yours in service,

Ade Eszes



Herald

Wulfeda Foxe
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Greetings, dear Steppes friends!

I am Wulfeda Foxe, and I will be stepping up as Oakenwald now that our wonderful Elionora inghean Uí Cheallaigh has completed her service in the role. I am so excited to serve the barony as your local herald - and I will do my best to live up to her example.

I became interested in the field of heraldry when I started designing my own device a few months ago. I found the process of designing an emblem to represent myself following all the heraldic rules and guidelines to be really fun - and strangely, I thought the restrictions made it easier to be creative. When I saw the role of Oakenwald open up, I decided I really wanted to explore the field further (including the name/history and voice aspects), all the while, having an opportunity to serve the barony I've grown to love so much.

Over the past month (and part of January), we have received 2 local name submission, and 3 device submissions - and it's been so exciting to see what people have come up with, and help them get their submission processes started! If you've been thinking about getting a name and/or device registered, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the Oakenwald email address. I am happy to help, and to gain more opportunities to learn and expand my knowledge!

Yours in service,

Wulfeda Foxe

Oakenwald Pursuivant



Rapier Marshal

Mathias Grunwalt
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No missive this month.

Mathias Grunwalt
Rapier Marshal



Chivalric Marshal

Centurion Magnus Creppinson
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February has come and gone and it was an amazing month full of new faces getting into armor. We also had Dominus Scaevus step of as Steppes Deputy Knight Marshal.

Now we look forward to Gulf Wars! We will not be having practice the week of Gulf, but we will the week before. The week after is TBD. As always looking forward to seeing everyone out at practice!

Magnus Creppinson
Steppes Knight Marshal



Webminister

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Did you know the Steppes has its own Order of Precedence listing Steppes awards? You can check it out on the website at <https://ansteorra.org/steppes/op> or by selecting "About the Barony" -> "Steppes Order of Precedence" in the main menu. Check out the full list of holders of the Steppes awards: Boar's Tusk, Forest Light, Grice's Track T'Anthony, Acorn, Order of the Oak, Heart of the Oak, even the now-closed order of the Tread of the Steppes. Wondering what some of those are? You can learn about the Steppes' baronial awards [here](#) or by selecting "About the Barony" -> "Baronial Awards" in the website menu.

The project to scrub old Steppes Letters continues, and you can view the archives of decades past on our website under the 'Newsletter' tab in the main menu. We're always looking for more of our history, so if you happen to have any physical copies of the Steppes Letter from before 1985 or between 1999 and 2006, we would love to borrow them! We'll just need them for a short while to scan them and then they will be returned to you.

As always, make sure you keep an eye on the front page of the website and our Social Media for any announcements, and sync to our calendar using the button on the Calendar of Events page.

If you see an event that needs updating, have something that needs adding to the calendar, or if you find any other errors or issues with our website, feel free to let me know at webminister@steppes.ansteorra.org!

Yours in service,

Hákon the Blacksmith
Webminister



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Greetings populace of the Steppes,

Our current SMO will be stepping down soon, as such the office is now open for applications. To be an officer you must be a paid member of the SCA (commonly referred to as holding a blue card). You can find the officer application at: <https://ansteorra.org/seneschal/apply-for-an-office/>

Please email a copy of your membership card with application to the following individuals:

Kingdom Social Media Officer
social-media@senesch.ansteorra.org
Baron Baudoyne de Lafayette
baron@steppes.ansteorra.org
Baroness Katerine le Roux d'Anjou
baroness@steppes.ansteorra.org
Lady Æthelwynne Stídmódu
seneschal@steppes.ansteorra.org

Applications are due no later than midnight March 31, 2025. If you have any questions about the position feel free to contact me via email or on facebook messenger.

In Service,

Centurion Margery Heron

Social Media Officer

Hello Wonderful Populace!

February was an amazing month for the Steppes. It has been a quiet month with the weather which we are eternally grateful for. We had a great Newcomer's Academy going over safety during practice and events!

We also had a Gold Key Deputy step up to help with loaner garb, Rai Lucky! Our next Newcomer's Academy will go over garb! Speaking of garb, I would like to create a catalogue of the Gold Key garb so that people can see what our loaner garb looks like when worn and how it can be styled.

If you would like to be part of this catalog please reach out so we can get a release on file and get this coordinated. We have another exciting announcement about the Gold Key as well! There is now a mundane loaner tent which can be checked out for camping events! We are also looking for donations of camping gear for the Gold Key so newcomers can attend wars and other camping events.

YIS,
Bhann Mhearai Saoirse Hamelin
Hospitaler





Eulinary Guild of bestia

The next meeting will be March 16 at 10 am. Please consult the [Facebook](#) for more information

Music Group

Hello everyone!

The Steppes Music Group has been revamped and is full of new and exciting people. Esme Malaspina is leading us into the musical fray!

We are currently working on a more permanent name, so watch out for that change. We are currently practicing the Pennsic Pile and looking for more vocal pieces as we had a blast learning Gaudete for 12th Night!

Our March Practices will be 3/5 and 3/19 at Saint Lukes Lutheran Church during combined practice. We look forward to new faces and welcome musicians both new and experienced!

Mhearai Saoirse Hamelin



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