



The Steppes Letter

April 2024



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Fighter practice	2 A&S, fighter practice	3	4	5	6
					Elfsea Defender	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Coronation
8						
14	15 Fighter practice	16 Newcomers academy, scribal, A&S, fighter practice	17 Financial committee meeting	18	19	20
					Wiesenfeuer Baronial Stargate Baronial	
21 Archery practice	22 Fighter practice	23 A&S, fighter practice, business meeting	24	25	26	27
21					Defender of the Flame	
28	29 Fighter practice	30 A&S, fighter practice, business meeting				
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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

Elfsea Defender

April 5 to 7

1200 Meandering Rd

Ft Worth, TX

[Facebook event](#)

Stargate Baronial

April 19 to 21

925 US 59 Bypass North

Livingston TX

Coronation

April 13

1210 W Beltline Rd.

Richardson, TX 75080

[Facebook event](#)

Defender of the Flame

April 26 to 28

Lakeview Lodge Sid Richardson

Scout Ranch

[Facebook event](#)

Wiesenseur Baronial

April 19 to 21

362689 E Highway 64,

Cleveland, OK

[Facebook event](#)

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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"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE"

A STARGATE BARONIAL EVENT

APRIL 19-21, 2024

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY AND CHOOSE OUR NEXT BARONIAL CHAMPIONS.

ON SATURDAY, THEIR EXCELLENCIES WILL HOST **FOUR BARONIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

ARCHERY
CHIVALRIC

RAPIER
THROWN WEAPONS

SITE HOURS

SITE OPENS: 5PM FRI, APR 19
SITE CLOSSES: NOON SUN, APR 21

CAMPING WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. ON FRIDAY THERE WILL BE A **FREE TRAVELER'S FAIRE** WITH SOUP, BREAD, AND A BARDIC CIRCLE.

LOCATION

JOE PEDIGO PARK (925 U.S. 59 BYPASS NORTH, LIVINGSTON, TX 77351)

MAKE YOUR BEST WAY TO US 59 IN LIVINGSTON, TX. FROM THE SOUTH, EXIT 434D TOWARD PEDIGO PARK. FROM THE NORTH, EXIT 432B TOWARD PEDIGO PARK. MERGE ONTO US-59 LOOP, AND TURN RIGHT ONTO TRADE DAYS DR.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY INCLUDE YOUTH ACTIVITIES, A **YOUTH ARCHERY COMPETITION**, CLASSES, ARTS AND SCIENCES ACTIVITIES, **FEAST**, AND ANOTHER BARDIC CIRCLE. MORE CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

THIS IS A DRY SITE WITH LIMITED ELECTRICITY, RUNNING WATER, AND RESTROOMS. MERCHANTS ARE WELCOME (PLEASE NOTIFY THE EVENT STEWARD). LEASHED PETS WITH CURRENT RABIES VACCINES ARE WELCOME.

THE FEAST WILL BE LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE; PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FEAST, BUT OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE LIMITED; PLEASE EMAIL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

EVENT STEWARD

KATRINA OF COVENTRY
MKA: KATHY ELLIOTT
BARDKAT@GMAIL.COM
832 - 271 - 6182

FEAST STEWARD

MELODY MACGREGOR
MKA: MELODY SOICE
MELODY_SOICE@YAHOO.COM
713 - 412 - 2597 (TEXT)

EVENT REGISTRATION

ADULT REGISTRATION - \$25
ADULT MEMBER DISCOUNT - \$15
UNDER 18 - FREE
FEAST - \$10

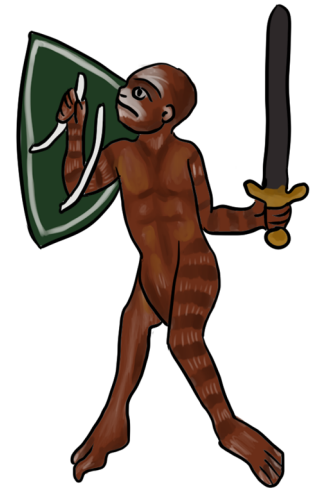
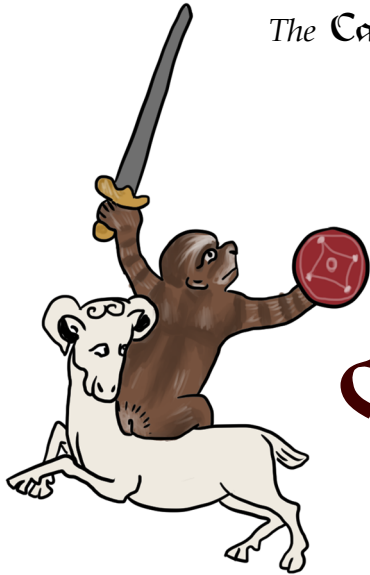
CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
SCA, INC. - BARONY OF STARGATE

WWW.ANSTEORRA.ORG/STARGATE/
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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.

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.

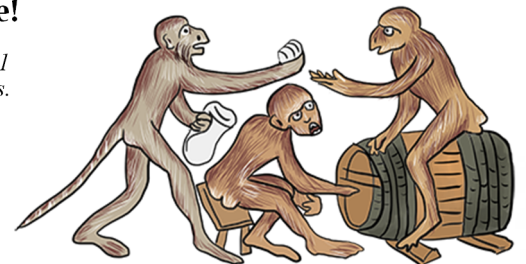
Merchants are welcome! Site is wet in period containers only. Please bring service animals only. Please do not disturb livestock or local fauna.

Event Stewards:

Alhdryð ceorlstrang • mka Caroline Clavell • 817-729-2508 • alhdryth@gmail.com

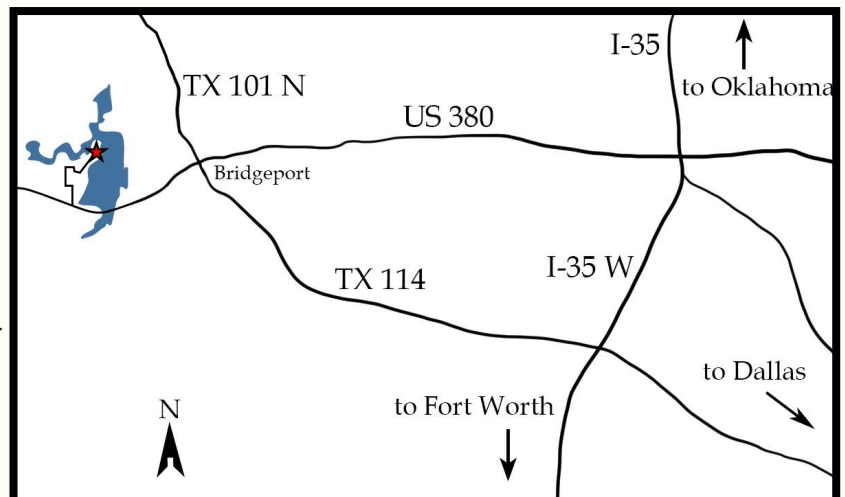
Åsa in Blinda • mka Allison Phillips • f.sterling00@gmail.com

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!

We are looking forward to the upcoming events! Glaslyn Defender, Coronation, and Warlord are all shaping up to be simply amazing! The reality is, we are particularly excited about Warlord: An Odyssey of Fun! We will have our normal slate of fabulous activities that we have annually, but with a twist!

The Rapier Champion will have a slight format change. We want to involve the Roses more, so after each round of the tournament, we will present a Rose to each fighter that we wish to move on to the next round. After the final bout, we will give the final Rose to one of the combatants and they will become the new Steppes Rapier Champion!

For the Bardic Champion, we want to add an air of mystery! All the performers will be dressed in period costumes that conceal their identities. We will have fun guessing who the performers are under their masks! After each round we'll have a popular vote and the person with the least votes will have to reveal themselves. This goes on until we get a winner!

For the Steppes Archer, we will have a series of challenges for the competitors who we will split up into teams. They will vie against each other for rewards and immunity from being voted out of the competition by their peers. It'll be a competition of balance where you need to be skillful enough to win immunity, and build connections and strategize with your competitors to remain in the game. We look forward to seeing our archers Outwit, Outplay, and Outlast. The Steppes Sentinel will have a difficult task. Challengers will be throwing at various things on the range. But they will have to throw at the right objects sitting out in the sun, because some of the objects will actually be cake. The person that guesses the most accurately will become the next Sentinel!

We think that the Chivalric community gets a bad wrap. We want our Warlord to be well rounded. We won't watch any of the fighting, and instead when we get to the final 2 we will talk to them through a wall and try to build a connection with our potential Warlord. We will choose one, sight unseen, and then spend a day with them to see if they could meet our requirements as Warlord. At court we will call them up and decide whether or not they can be our Warlord or if it would be best to go our separate ways. We are looking forward to exploring these new methods for picking champions in the Steppes! Hopefully we will see many of you soon at our upcoming events! Happy April 1st! We are looking forward to sweeps week so that Steppes Warlord will bring in those Emmy Nominations.

Keeping it Real,

Baudoyne and Katerine

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



Words from Glaslyn

Greetings Steppes!

Gulf Wars has come and gone, and despite setbacks on the heavy field, Phoenix and Ironwood acquitted themselves well. Glaslyn's own Kobayashi no Hotaru and Clauß Fuchs von Nurenberg were awarded the Sable Falcon on the field for their efforts! Congratulations to them, and to all of Steppes who also received honors during the war. Another year's anticipation awaits before we cross those fields again, but we look forward to it!

On the home front, April brings 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

Æthelwynne Stíðmódu
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Steppes Friends,



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



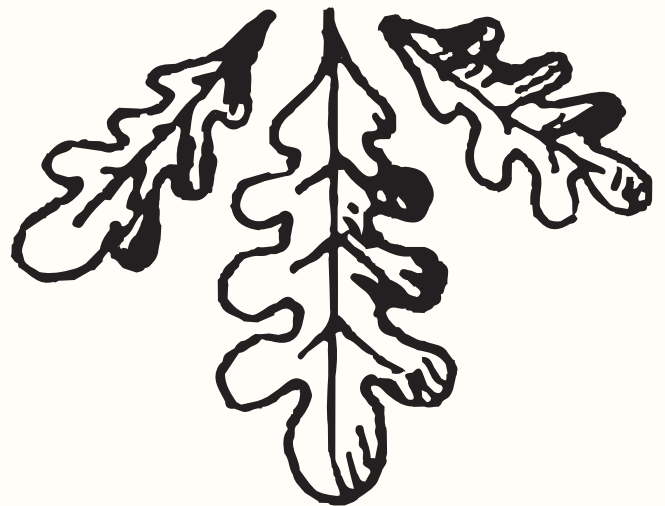
Exchequer

Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha
exchequer@steppes.ansteorra.org

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!

Weather has been lovely, and we've been having lots of fun out on the archery range!

Archery practices are at the Westlake archery range (601 Gross Rd. Mesquite, TX 75149) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Don't forget your sunscreen, and wear closed-toed shoes.

This month we have cancelled the April 7 practice because of Elfsea Defender.

An April practice will be held April 21. May dates are May 5 and May 19.

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!

We have loaner equipment available, and there is no cost to participate, so come out and join us, and give it a try..

Yours in service,

Catalin Von Braunschweyg
Steppes Archery Marshal



Chronicler

Ade Eszes
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Greetings Steppes friends,

Thank you all so much for your demo assistance! I will keep you posted about upcoming demos (fingers crossed for FanExpo).

Please send me any newsletter articles you have written or are interested in writing. It doesn't have to be perfect!

Yours in service,

Ade Eszes



Herald

Wulfeda Foxe
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Greetings, dear Steppes friends!

I hope everyone is recovering well from an exciting and fun-filled Gulf Wars! As the name implies, the event is full of fighting; but did you know there are also tons of classes for the arts and sciences, including Heraldry? While there, I was able to shadow some experienced Book Heralds who consulted attendees on their proposed names and devices. It was really fun and insightful to watch the experts in action! If heraldry is an interest of yours, I highly recommend looking out for these opportunities at future events.

As always, if you're considering registering a name or device, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

Yours in service,
Lady Wulfeda Foxe
Oakenwald Pursuivant



Rapier Marshal

Mathias Grunwalt
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Ayo stabbity stab stab ants frfr



Missive courtesy of Baron Bao

Mathias Grunwalt

Rapier Marshal



Chivalric Marshal

Centurion Magnus Creppinson
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March has come and gone and with it the passing of Gulf Wars. As we return we continue our training, and with the ever growing size of the fighting community, the fun also continues. For those new out there will be a armoring day on April the 20th, talk to myself (Magnus) or Margery about it to start getting folks set up with their own armor.

As always we will be continuing our regularly scheduled program every Tuesday night. If there are any specific styles or weapons (long-sword, spear, ect) people are wanting to try, please let us know so we can accommodate.

See everyone Tuesday night!

Magnus Creppinson

Steppes Knight Marshal



Webminister

Hákon the Blacksmith
webminister@steppes.ansteorra.org

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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Hello Mighty Steppes!

Our people have returned from War and already hit the ground running with an Especially Successful Display at FateCon!!! From Panels to Demos The Steppes Showed up and people NOTICED!!!

Next will be our Cousins to the North doing the annual Norman Medfaire, those in Elfsea hosting Defender, and then Coronation right here in the Steppes at St. Luke's!!!

So many activities ripe for Social Media Content Creation!!! I hope to see everyone posting with #MySCA and #BaronyoftheSteppes!!!

As always please please let us know if you have any photos or videos you would like to be shared to the Steppes Socials!! You can reach us on Discord, Facebook or Email!

In Service,

Katherine Inghean Uí Conghaile

Deputy Social Media Officer

Greetings!

We have continued seeing growth for our membership and we are so happy to see so many new faces. As we grow, we are hoping to expand the loner garb to include more sizes. A loner garb sewing day is in the works. If you'd like to join us, please reach out!

Newcomer's Academy this month will be April 2nd going over what the SCA is with Centurion Margery Heron! Loner garb will be available that night to see and check out for Elfsea Defender April 5th-7th and for Coronation April 13th.

We are also now growing a loner camping gear section of our Gold Key. If you have any camping gear you no longer need, please consider donating it. It helps newcomers and members who may not have tents, chairs, etc. attend camping events like Warlord.

At Warlord there will be a newcomer's camp, so please keep an eye out for future updates.

YIS,
Bhann Mhearai Saoirse Hamelin
Hospitaler





Eulinary Guild of bestia

Please consult the [Facebook](#) for more information

Music Group

Greetings!

The Steppes Musicians will be practicing on April 9th and 23rd. For coronation we are currently learning Agincourt Carol. If you'd like to join us for this performance please reach out so we can get you the music!

Bhann Mhearai Hamelin and
Lady Esmeralda Malaspina



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