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Event Information

All SCA practices and meetings are free to attend

Steppes Regular Weetings

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

Steppes Business Weeting

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

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

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

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

Music Suild

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

Slaslyn Practice and Business Weeting

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

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Apcoming Events

Loch Suardian

May 3 to 5

16916 Brumbelow Rd

Needleville, TX

Facebook event

Mamron Beltane

May 3 to 5

1002 S Redlands Rd

Stillwater, OK

Facebook event

Queen's Ehampion

May 11

New Berlin Community Center

8815 FM-775

Seguin, TX 78155

Facebook event

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May 17 to 19

Will Rodgers Boy Scout Reservation

362369 East Highway 64,

Cleveland, OK 74020

Facebook event

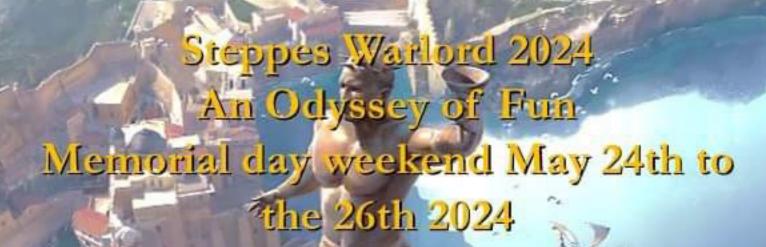
Steppes Warlord

May 24 to 27

117 East Gate,

Canton, TX 75103

Facebook event



What is BYOT?

BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL!

This event will host water sports of all kinds to help cool the populace Be prepared



STEPPES ARTISAN & Investiture

JULY 6, 2024 | 8 AM - 8 PM

REGISTRATION

Adult registration: \$25.00

Adult member registration: \$15.00

Minors 17 & under: 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.

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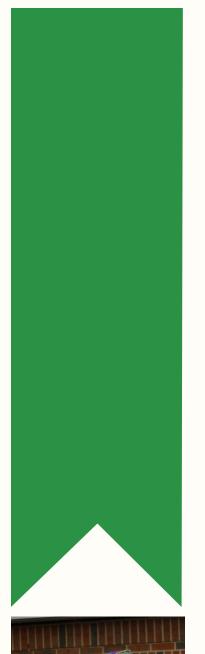
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Final Mewsletter Before Bao Sets Yeeted

Salutations!

The end is nigh! The last 4.25 years have been an amazing journey, but for us, we have reached our destination. The Steppes and Glaslyn have seen unprecedented growth under an era focused on making everyone feel like they belonged. We have added many new faces to our family and look forward to seeing that momentum continue even after we Steppes down!

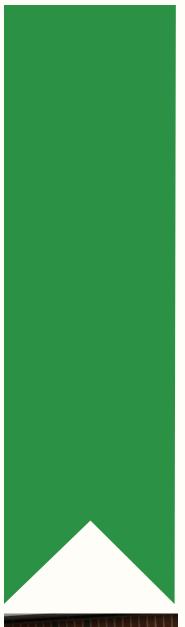


The big event on the horizon is Warlord: An Odyssey of Fun! There will be a little bit of everything there with 2 vigils, water sports, melees, tournaments, classes, vendors, bardic and much more! We look forward to seeing everyone there for all of the festivities!

Change is in the air. His Excellency will be stepping down at Warlord. Her Excellency will be stepping down at Steppes Artisan. Words are hard, and it is impossible to adequately describe the upcoming transition. They do say that a picture is worth a thousand words though!

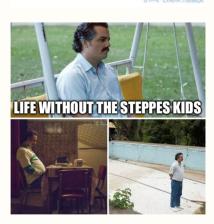




















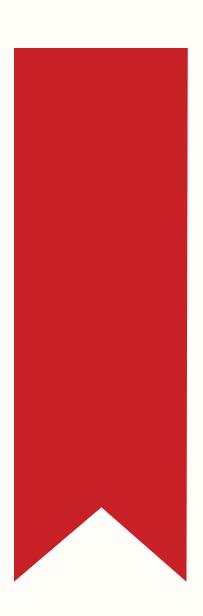
Though our time is past, the future looks bright for the Steppes and Glaslyn. We look forward to the good times continuing under the leadership of our successors! This is our home and we are proud of the space that all of us have made together.

Three Squirrels in a Cloak,

Baudoyn and Katerine

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





Words from Slaslyn

Greetings Steppes!

Sadly, Glaslyn's weather curse forced the cancellation of our Defender of the Flame event. While we were sad to cancel, we hope that everyone escaped the weekend's storms with minimal damage and injury.

We hope to reschedule it for later in the year weather and time permitting, and we'll try to keep everyone informed as soon as we are able to make any firm plans. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing our Steppes siblings this month at Warlord!

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 out!

Dákon the Blacksmíth

Seneschal, Canton of Glaslyn

Letter of Intent Esme and Sean

Greetings to Your Stellar Majesties of Ansteorra, Your Oaken Excellencies, and the Populace of the Barony of Steppes and Canton of Glaslyn!

We, Honorable Lord Sean Tabor, and Honorable Lady Esmeralda Malaspina submit our names to be considered for the honor of being the next Baron and Baroness of the Steppes.



HL Esme finds her joy in the SCA through service in the barony and in the kingdom. She has served as the local seneschal of Steppes and remains a member of the financial committee. She has also served as regional Seneschal for the Central Region. Esme has also served on the baronial entourage for the last two Steppes courts. She is currently serving as co-head of the Baronial Entourage. As entourage duty extends far beyond court work, this gives her a unique perspective on the duties of our landed nobles. As an experienced event steward, she is well-versed in the organization and running of an event from the bid until the last table goes back to storage. She has received multiple service awards, including the Ansteorran Star of Merit, and she is a member of the Order of the Oak of the Steppes.

Esme is also an artist. She organizes the instrumental and vocal music group in the Steppes. As Co-Kingdom Deputy of Music she helps musicians learn about SCA-period music. She continues her personal music studies by providing harp music during courts to enhance the pageantry and atmosphere of our courts and support our dancers in pit ensembles. Esme has a Sable Thistle for love of recorder playing.

Sean has been a lifelong member of the SCA, giving of his time in all aspects of SCA life, arts, martial activities and service. HL Sean's commitment to service has a long history. Starting in the society in the mid-1980s, he stewarded his first tournament for the Shire of Bonwicke. He continues to steward both baronial and kingdom events. He has also served as a great officer of state as Kingdom Chirurgeon. Though that office no longer exists, he continues to help with the wellness of the Kingdom. Through his efforts, the barony now has an indoor site for rapier, steel weapons and chivalric practice which has allowed these activities to grow without the vagaries of weather.

In the Barony of the Steppes, Sean has served as a marshal for several of the martial arts communities. As Rapier Marshal, he has been welcoming and teaching the rapier fighters of the barony, even after stepping down from that office. He continues to be a regular at fighter practice and continues to work with and teach new fighters as an Authorizing martial at large and Blade of Merit. He has two Sable Talons, one for Rapier and one for Thrown Weapons. He also serves the Archery and Thrown Weapons communities of the Steppes by serving as marshal at large for both communities. He continues to hone his martial skills and is currently the Kingdom Thrown Weapons Champion.

Letter of Intent Esme and Sean

He is also an artist and musician. Sean has been a part of the drumming community for many years in both Eastern and Western drumming styles and shares these arts often at court. He has presented classes at the Known World Dance Symposium. He currently serves as Kingdom Music Co- Deputy with Esme and is committed to teaching new musicians. He also holds an Iris of Merit and is also the current Middle Eastern Drumming champion of the Barony of Wiesenfeuer. He is also a member of the Order of the Oak.

As life partners of 30 years, we find we work well alongside each other. Our relationship has survived many storms and remained strong. As business owners of many years, we have resources to invest in our SCA life and the freedom to travel with our RV to Steppes events and to events around the Kingdom, and out to War of the Rams, Gulf Wars and someday (we hope!) Pennsic.

We are privileged to call many past Barons and Baronesses of the Steppes and other baronies friends. This affords us the opportunity to collaborate and learn from others' experiences on the baronial throne. We take immense pride that we have been a part of the barony's incredible growth during the years since the pandemic. We are proud to be part of a barony that has not only grown in numbers but in diversity of people that call Steppes their home.

Our greatest desire is to see the barony's growth and prosperity continue. We regard our newcomers as our guests, to be welcomed and cherished. Our existing populace is our strength. We want all to be listened to and encouraged to shine. We want to see the inclusive policies of our predecessors continue so we can remain a safe place for all who gather here. We believe that our predecessors have done an amazing job at this, and we hope to follow in their footsteps, which have led the Steppes into prosperity.

Thank you for considering us for your leadership. We will work to be worthy of our titles in all that we do. If we are the chosen candidates, we will do our best to represent and promote the barony everywhere we go and help steward it farther into the future.

In Service,

Sean and Esme

Letter of Intent Nadassah and Torquil

Unto Their Most Gracious Stellar Majesties Sven Randullsson IV and Antigone of York III and Her Grace, Margherita de Mantua, Seneschal of the Great Kingdom of Ansteorra, do we The Honorable Lord Torquil mac Seamus and his lady wife, The Honorable Lady Hadassah Sarai bas Yossi send our greetings.

We wish to state our intentions as candidates for the Oaken Thrones of the Barony of the Steppes. Should you and the Populace find us worthy, we understand this is a commitment of three to five years. We solemnly vow to undertake this commitment ,and to dedicate ourselves with all of our hearts not only to the welfare and prosperity of the Barony and it's Canton, but to serve each member no matter their status to the fullest of our abilities.

We furthermore pledge to promote the growth of the Steppes, and to assist in bringing about necessary change while still preserving our heritage and glorious traditions of the Barony. To this end we also present you with brief Society Resumes, with the knowledge you may and will have further questions to ask.

TH Hadassah Sarai bas Yossi Began in the SCA in 1978 in the Barony of Altavia, Kingdom of Caid
Founding member, Barony of Dun Or, Kingdom of Caid.
Protege to Her Grace, Duchess Lorissa Alwynne Clarewood

Awards:

Award of Arms 4/16/1996 (Caid) Tower of Dun Or 10/16/2004 (augmented) (Caid) Compass Rose. 5/26/07 (Ansteorra) Dolphin of Caid (service) ((Caid) 4/20/13 Caidan Crescent (order, service) (Caid) 1/5/19 Signum Regna (Caid) 1/5/19), 7/19 L'Antilope d'Or (culinary arts, Dun Or) (Caid) 12/7/19 Forest Light of the Steppes (arts) Ansteorra 5/2022 Acorn of the Steppes (service) Ansteorra 12/2022 Sable Crane Ansteorra 1/6/2024 Sable Sparrow Ansteorra 2/3/24, 4/13/2024 Ursus Amicus, Bjornsburg 2/24/2024 Golden Star of Ansteorra 4/13/2024

Offices held:

1994-1996 Co- Chatelaine (Hospitaller) Barony of Dun Or 1996-1998 Minister of Children Barony of Dun Or 2000-2005 Minister of Children Barony of Dun Or 2005-2008 Minister of Children Barony of Steppes 2010-2012 Chatelaine Barony of Dun Or 2012-2014 Deputy Chronicler Barony of Dun Or 2015/2016 Deputy to Kingdom Chatelaine for Great Western War 2020-2022 Central Regional Chronicler Ansteorra 2021-2023- Minister of Arts and Sciences Barony of the Steppes 2023-Present-Deputy Kingdom MoAS for Jewish Cultural Studies

Entourage Agrippa /Dawid, Adam /Steina, Wilhelm/Tsyra, Alexander/Tahira Nicolette III Event and Feast stewardship for multiple events over the last 45 years.

Teaching both cooking and various fine arts, including pottery, cooking, needlework, scribal and other arts. Currently she also runs the Culinary Guild of Hestia in Steppes. All of HL Haddassah's efforts over 45 years in the Society from the arts participated in to work on entourage has been service oriented.

Letter of Intent Nadassah and Torquil

HL Torquil mac Seamus began in the SCA in 1993 in The Barony of Dun Or, Kingdom of Caid.

Awards:

Award of Arms 4/16/1996 (Caid) Tower of Dun Or 10/16/2004 (augmented) (Caid) Dolphin of Caid (service) ((Caid) 10/06/2012 Harp Argent (arts) (Caid) 4/2013 Caidan Crescent (order, service) (Caid) 4/15/17 Signum Regna (Caid) 1/5/19), 7/19 L'Antilope d'Or (pottery, Dun Or) (Caid) 04/16/16 Acorn of the Steppes (service) Ansteorra 12/2022 Ursus Amicus, Bjornsburg 2/24/2024

Offices held:

1994-1996 Co- Chatelaine (Hospitaller) Barony of Dun Or 1996-1998 Constable Barony of Dun Or 2000 -2004 Chronicler Barony of Dun Or 2000 -2004 Deputy Minister of Children Dun Or 2005-2008 Deputy Minister of Children Barony of Steppes 2005 - 2007 Chronicler Barony of the Steppes 2007 - 2009 Quartermaster Barony of the Steppes 2012-2014 Chronicler Barony of Dun Or 2012-2014 Constable Barony of Dun Or Entourage Agrippa /Dawid, Adam /Steina Event and Feast stewardship for multiple events over the last 30 years.

Teaching both cooking and pottery. All of HL Torquil's efforts over 30 years in the Society from the arts participated in has been service oriented.

Yours In Service to Crown, Kingdom and Barony

Donorable Lord Torquil mac Seamus and Donorable Lady Badassah Sarai bas Yossi



Steppes Friends,

The year is flying by and our warm weather events are already upon us! Steppes Warlord is coming up Memorial Day Weekend at the Canton Civic Center. We will be having chiv/rapier, a&s classes, archery, youth events, and much more! Make sure to check out the event page for more info. It's a fantastic event, you won't want to miss it!

On another note, our Tuesday practices lately have had more and more newcomers every week, it is amazing to see how fast our Barony has grown in such a short amount of time. It's a joy to see so many people trying out all the things we have to offer here in the SCA!

YIS,

Lady Æthelwynne Stíðmódu

(MKA Shayna Miller)



Exchequer

Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha exchequer@steppes.ansteorra.org

As of March 31, the bank balance is \$20,772.73.

We had a fantastic turnout for Coronation, with 243 adults and 28 children pre-registered or at gate. Our total profit to be split between Kingdom and the Barony was \$3,125.70.

The gate shifts for Warlord will be going up for sign-up soon, this is important volunteer service to help our event run smoothly. Please consider volunteering, this is a great opportunity for newcomers to get to know people - training will be provided! (The only position that requires membership is the cash box.)

In Service.

Daegwynn inghean ui Durchadha



Greetings Steppes!

No missive this month.

YIS.

Wilhelm Ion Bruck

Minister of Arts and Sciences





Greetings, my friends of the Steppes!

Join us on the archery range for lots of fun and great company! We're hoping for sunny days (but not too hot!)

Also, be sure to find us at Warlord to participate in the archery events! We will have tournaments for Steppes Archery Champion, a Novice tournament, Royal Hunter, and youth Royal Hunter.

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.

May practices are May 5 and May 19. June practices will be June 2 and June 16.

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 give it a try. Yours in service.

Eatalin IIon Braunschwevg

Steppes Archery Marshal



Greetings Steppes friends,

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

Yours in service.



Greetings, Steppes friends!

It has been so encouraging to see so many new faces at the Steppes this month! My warmest welcome to all of you; I am your local Herald and am here to help you with all your name and device (aka coat of arms) questions!

Here in the SCA, we have the option to construct a persona. In this process, you may choose the medieval time-period your persona is from, the region, a historically plausible name, and a device to represent you. It's just a small part of the game, and is nothing you have to rush into! However, it is a fun way to explore history and be creative. If you have any questions, or want to get started with the submission process, please reach out to me at herald@steppes.ansteorra.org!

Yours in service.

Lady Wulfeda Foxe

Oakenwald Pursuivant

Ilde Eszes



Greetings!

We have had so much excitement happen in this last month and we have more coming up this month! The Hospitaller Office is open to applications until May 12th. If you are interested, please go to the Ansteorra website and fill out the application.

With Warlord coming quickly and the amazing growth we've had, we will be having two Newcomer's Academies this month! We will have a Newcomer's Academy going over Garb and one to go over What to Expect at your First Event! These will be May 7th and 14th at 6:30pm at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church. Regular Practice will follow.

I will also be hosting a Newcomer's camp at Warlord. This is open to newcomers and seasoned players alike. We want to make sure our newcomers are able to camp with other people and feel the most comfortable. We will have a grill. If you could bring food to share such as snacks, hot dogs, etc. it would be greatly appreciated.

If you need any Gold Key items, please email me ahead of the event you need it for. We want to lessen the amount of times the totes are brought down from the 4th floor apartment they're housed in as much as possible. There is a tent and will be some camping chairs added to the Gold Key as well, so please reach out if you need to borrow them.

On May 7th we will be having a New-comer's Giveaway Night! If you have anything that you need to destash or are someone in need of fabric, garb, feast gear, etc. please bring it out! It's a great way to destash when you have anything you no longer need.

I would like to give a personal shout out to Rai Lucky for always being ready to help with Gold Key and for being impromptu staff for Coronation!

YIS, Bhann Dhearaí Saoirse Damelin Hospitaler



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,

Bákon the Blacksmith

Webminister

Social Wedia Officer

Katherine Inghean Ui Conghalie social-media@steppes.ansteorra.org

Steppes!

As we head in to the Merry Month of May grab your flower crowns to welcome in the heat of summer! (yay)

Coronation went Beautifully as we thanked Duchess Nicolette for her Service and Crowned Sven and Antigone! The Sventigoning is not just coming, it's here. And bringing us right into our next Big Event, Steppes Warlord and Royal Hunt!!

With the theme being Odyssey (or 'Beach' as Mr. President of the SCA Baron Baudoyn de Lafayette, WSA, OD calls it) it's time to bring out your Coolest Chiton, your Sauciest Stola, or your most Terrific Tunica!!! Photo ops galore will be present and you'd better tag #BaronyoftheSteppes on all socials! If you snag a truly memeable moment please send it to me via the Barony SMO email or on Discord

Much Adoration!

Ratherine Inghean Eli Eonghaile Social Media Officer





No missive this month

Dathias SrunwaltRapier Marshal



Ebivalric Marbal

Centurion Magnus Creppinson marshal@steppes.ansteorra.org

Another month by with another new wave of new fighters! This month we've seen the further increase of interest in heavy fighting with even more enthusiastic people.

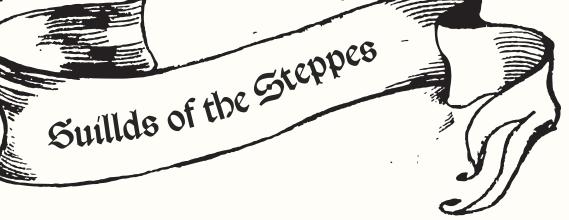
We will be implementing a new, hopefully more streamline way to get people armored at practice with less crowding, so be looking for that. We will also be doing armoring days a slight bit different, to help with organization and efficiency, so look for that coming up as well.

For next month we have Warlord, our Premier combat event coming up. Please talk to myself or Scavus about preparing for that if needed.

Otherwise our regularly scheduled training and fighting will continue every Tuesday night.

In service,

Dagnus EreppinsonSteppes Knight Marshal



Music Group

Hello everyone!

It's been a wonderful year so far for our music group! We are practicing some dance music and possibly some vocal music. If you are interested in any of the things we do, please stop by and join us for some merriment! We are willing to teach new musicians! Our practices will be May 7th and May 21st!

Honorable Lady Esme and I are looking forward to the future of the Music Group and what new interests the group gains. We hope to have many new faces join our practices. Large shout out to Rai Lucky for running Music Practice on his own and doing such a wonderful job! We are so lucky to have him (pun intended).

Bhann Mhearai Hamelin and Lady Esmeralda Malaspina

Eulinary Suild of Destia

Please consult the Facebook for more information



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