The Steppes Letter

June 2024

Meetings

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

Glaslyn Practice

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

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Seneschal of Glaslyn

Hákon the Blacksmith <u>seneschal@glaslyn.ansteorra.org</u> Greetings Steppes! First, I hope all are well in the storms and weather of the past few weeks. Please reach out to us in Glaslyn if you are in the north of the Steppes and need any help cleaning up or fixing things! Weather aside, thank you Steppes for another enjoyable Warlord. It is always wonderful to see our Steppes siblings and visitors from far and

Exchequer

Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha exchequer@steppes.ansteorra.org As of April 30, the bank balance is \$24,552.73. We had a good turnout for Warlord - 327 adults and 31 children which is consistent with our predicted attendance. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and I want to thank everyone who volunteered for gate

shifts. A special thanks to Lady Astrid who made sure I had backup & company throughout. You made my first large event gate coordination a lot easier. We have a few events upcoming so be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities for gate and other support roles. As always,

I'm grateful to be part of such a vibrant community.

many hands make light work.

In service,

Lady Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha Exchequer, Barony of the Steppes wide. Congratulations to Centurion Redbad for being recognized with the Acorn of the Steppes, and to Kobayashi no Hotaru for her invitation to the Order of the Oak! Glaslyn appreciates their years of service. Myself, I am humbled to be presented with the Heart of the Oak by their Excellencies and will do my best to live up to the honor. Regarding their Excellencies, we wish good luck to Baron Bao as he begins his new journey, Baroness Katerine as she leads the barony alone until Artisan, and to Their Nextellencies Sean and Esme! Despite the Plague Times, the past few years have been fruitful for the Steppes, and I know that Lady Esme and HL Sean will add to the storied legacy of the Barony. 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! Hákon the Blacksmith Seneschal, Canton of Glaslyn

<u>Herald</u>

Wulfeda Foxe <u>herald@steppes.ansteorra.org</u>

Greetings, dear Steppes friends!

It's been a busy month at the Steppes and I hope everyone had a fantastic time at Warlord - I know I did! If attending the thrilling tournaments and Saturday's evening court inspired you to register your own name and/or device, please feel free to reach out! Whether you need help with research, artwork, bouncing ideas around, or just simply submitting your paperwork, I'm here to help.

Best, Lady Wulfleda Foxe

<u>Webminister</u>

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Social Media Officer

Katherine Inghean Ei Conghaile <u>social-media@steppes.ansteorra.org</u> To My FellowSteppes Kids!!

Minister of Arts and Sciences

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<u>Hospitaler</u>

Mhearai Hamelin hospitaler@steppes.ansteorra.org This month is looking like it will be a great month for the Steppes! We have Fan Expo coming up and we are very excited for this demo! We have a limited number of badges that can be given out so it won't be able to be an everyone demo. Please reach out to Ade Eszes with any questions and if you want to volunteer. On Tuesday, June 4th, we will have an Ask Me Anything Newcomer's Academy. This is a time when you can come ask any questions that you have about the SCA. If you're a longtime player or officer who would like to come answer questions our newcomers may have, please reach out and let me know.

With Artisan coming up and the investiture of our new Baron and Baroness, we will be having a Newcomer's Academy in July to go over what that is and what to expect during the investiture. Please come

Warlord has come and gone, and taken with it our Mighty Steppes Dad Baron Bao, MoD, Mr. President. The Step Down was filled with Happy Tears and Kazoos to see him off into his future endeavors as we continue his legacy of Acceptance and Dad Jokes. At Warlord we have also announced Our Next sitters of the Oaken Thrones Sean Tabor and Esmeralda Malaspina!!! Their Next-cellencys shall be stepping up at Steppes Artisan in about a months time, finally freeing Baroness Katerine from the throne. They will be welcomed with several new champions to the Steppes including our new Warlord Master John Drake!!

Be sure to tag the Barony of the Steppes as you post all of your Warlord photos and vids!!! Next Up will be Steppes Artisan, we can't wait to see everyone's fantastic works!!! Oak Smash!!

Goodwife Katherine Inghean Ui Conghaile SMO

Archery Marshal

Catalin Von Braunschweyg archery@steppes.ansteorra.org attend that meeting if you don't understand what an investiture is. We would love to help you be prepared for the amazing step down and step up that is happening. Warlord was an amazing event with a successful Newcomer's Camp. We had a large camp and a lot of sharing of resources. I will be looking at running another one next year so that we can have continued support of our newcomers. If you would like to be involved in that, please let me know.

Thrown Weapons Marshal

Eadgyth Beornesdohtor

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Unto the populace of the Barony of the Steppes, your Thrown Weapons Marshal sends greetings.

What a wonderful Warlord! When Steppes does something, we do it right — we even got storms for our re-creation of Odysseus' journey!

HL Sean Tabor and I built new, portable thrown weapons targets for the Barony, and they were tested out pretty thoroughly on the Warlord range, as more than 30 people came out to throw and complete over the weekend. Additionally, the Barony received spear targets and prototype targets to test out, courtesy of Lord Dennis and Lord Jonathan. Huzzah for their generosity! And huzzah for Arias Yanes, our new Steppes Sentinal — holder of the Greetings, my friends of the Steppes! Huge thanks to everyone involved in making Warlord spectacular, and a big thanks to everyone who participated in the archery events! We had 4 archery tournaments, including Steppes Archery Champion, a Novice tournament, Royal Hunter, and youth Royal Hunter. Aíbinn ingen Éremón is the new Steppes Archery Champion, and James of the Shadowlands won the Novice tournament. Archery practices are at the Westlake archery range (601 Gross Rd. Mesquite, TX 75149) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. As the weather gets hotter, please don't forget the sunscreen, water, and something with electrolytes. Safety on the range is our highest concern. (After that, fun!)

June practices are June 2 and June 16. July practices will be July 7 and July 21. 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 join us, and give it a try.

In Service, Catalin von Braunschweyg awesome pass-down spear, guard to Their Oaken Excellencies!

We'll be holding monthly thrown weapons practice during the Tuesday night meet-up at St Luke's — dates will be announced soon.

Stay hydrated — I look forward to seeing you on the range!

Yours in joyous service, Lady Eadgyth Beornesdohtor

Rapier Marshal

Mathias Grunwalt <u>rapier@steppes.ansteorra.org</u>

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<u>Chronicler</u>

Ade Eszes <u>chronicler@steppes.ansteorra.org</u> Apologies for the timing and state of this letter and I appreciate the populace's patience! Next month will be the usual. YIS, Ade

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