



The Steppes Letter

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Event Information

All SCA practices and meetings are free to attend

Steppes Regular Meetings

Tuesdays from 6:30 PM-9:30 PM
St Luke's Lutheran Church
1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX

Thrown Weapons

2nd Tuesdays
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

Music Guild

Every other Tues. from 7 PM-9 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 and Business Meeting

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

Newcomers Academy

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

Check us out!



Words from the Baron and Baroness

Hello Steppes and Glaslyn!!

It's October, so it's finally Fall, right? And there is so much going on in the Kingdom in the next few months, and we're so looking forward to seeing all of you there. We just finished our Rapier Learney Tourney! We had a blast watching everyone. There was some great fighting, and some great examples of honor and panache out there. We can't wait to see all of you taking your skills out into the Kingdom and the Known World. Congratulations to our winner, Lord Andsvar Lorenzason! We are super proud of you!

It's not too early to start looking forward to War of the Rams/Bordermarch Autumn Melees in late November. We would like to have a group camp there, and we've been discussing combining that camp with Elfsea so we all have plenty of friends to hang out with while we're there. There will be more information on the social media channels. Let us know if you are interested in group camping and maybe having at least one potluck dinner together while we're all there.

Finally, we are still seeking bids for 12th Night! If you have questions about how to do that, please ask us or ask someone who has been the event steward for it before. It's a great event to start with as an event steward, and it's always a lot of fun!

Have a great Spooky Season!
Yours In Service,

Sean and Esme

Baron and Baroness of the Steppes
Lord and Lady of Glaslyn





Words from Glaslyn

Greetings Steppes!

A new month and a new reign approaches, and so does the end of my term as seneschal of the Canton of Glaslyn. The office of Seneschal of Glaslyn is open for applications. If you are interested in volunteering, please see our open positions page (<https://ansteorra.org/glaslyn/open-officer-positions/>) for instructions on applying!

The summer heat has finally begun to relent, and we have a whole month of temperate weather before we reset to standard time and have to practice in the dark! 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!

Þákon the Blacksmith
Seneschal, Canton of Glaslyn



Exchequer

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As of August 30, the bank balance is \$26,656.57.

We are currently reviewing officers' budgets and will be presenting the proposed 2025 budget to the Populace shortly. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

If you have any checks from the Barony that you have not cashed, please get with me. If you have any expenses you have incurred that you need reimbursement for, or need to request advancement of funds for budgeted expenses, please reach out. We'd like to get these things handled as soon as possible to ensure year end closeout goes smoothly.

My thanks to everyone who contributes to serve the Barony, Kingdom & Society. It is appreciated.

Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha



Chronicler

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Hello friends!

Thank you for bearing with me and my lack of time (grad school applications bonk). Just a reminder if anyone wants to submit an article I would love for that to happen! Just shoot it to chronicler@steppes.ansteorra.org

Also, if anyone wants to be my deputy let me know!

Yours in service,

Ade Eszes



Herald

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Two items of business that I'd like to share with you all:

Firstly, we had two acceptances within the Barony last month! They are as follows:
Decimus Cornelius Scaevus - New name
Rollo Svensson - New name change

Very exciting stuff!! If you'd like to get started with your own name/device submission process - please be sure to reach out to me at herald@steppes.ansteorra.org, or on Discord.

Secondly, please welcome Rollo Svensson as our new Oakenwald deputy! He's super excited to get started, and will be working with me on all aspects of book heraldry as they come up. So be sure to get those submission in, so I can put him to work! ;)

Yours in service,
Lady Wulfleda Foxe
Oakenwald Pursuivant



Chatelaine

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Hello Good Gentles,

September has been an amazing month with growth of newcomers and the return of newcomers who had to take time off. October brings an exciting and anticipated event, Coronation. We are seeing the end of one amazing reign and the start of another. If anyone has any questions about how the reigns and coronations happen and work, please let me know.

October's Newcomer's Academy this month will be October 1st going over garb in the SCA with Baron Peter, my goldkey deputy. Baron Peter is a Pelican who recently became active in the Steppes and has stepped up to become my goldkey deputy after Rai Lucky had to step down. Baron Peter has been an amazing mentor and deputy and I am excited to see how we are able to collaborate in the future.

As always, you can always come find me during practice, an event, through discord, or on facebook and ask any questions you have. My facebook and discord names are both Mhearai Hamelin so I can be easy to find.

Yours in Service,
Bhann Mhearai Saoirse Hamelin



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With the help of our Herald Lady Wulfleda, the Baronial Order of Precedence is now sortable and searchable! 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. See 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 at <https://ansteorra.org/steppes/about-the-barony/baronial-awards> or by selecting "About the Barony" -> "Baronial Awards" in the website menu.

Thank you to those who have provided new Steppes Letters for us to add to the archives! 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



Thrown Weapons

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

With cooler weather comes PUMPKIN SEASON! Yes, the October Thrown Weapons Range will feature distance pumpkin-carving — with axes, spears, and knives. I'll have some pumpkins out there, but you are encouraged to bring your own — the more, the merrier! Just remember to wear closed-toed shoes on the range.

Join us at the meet-up Tuesday, 8 October, 6:30 PM until we run out of pumpkins or we run out of time. We'll have lights on the range!

See ya on the range!

Yours in joyous service,

Lady Eadgyth Beornesdohtor



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Office is open.

In service,

Magnus Creppinson
Steppes Knight Marshal



Rapier Marshal

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The fall winter tournament season continues! In the final week of September we held a Rapier Tournament of Learning where combatants gained experience in participating in a tournament and volunteers learned the important roles of the Lyst, Heralds, and Marshals.

Our victor, Andsvar Lorenzson, showed both great skill and honor on the rapier field. In tradition with Anstoerran Rapier Champion expectations, he will coordinate and run the next Tournament of Learning.

Our Lyst Coordinator Domhildr and Herald Coordinator Duke Mahdi selected and guided several volunteers to learn about their respective roles and carry them out. Their work made this entire event possible.

Master Robin along with others provided gear and crash courses in various weapon styles for this competing. This has made our fighters all the more capable.

This coming October has a few tournaments to look forward to for those looking to test their metal. Namron Protectorate and Seawinds Defender.

I have been named as the Central Regional Commander for Rapier at Gulf Wars this coming March. In light of this we will look to organize practices to develop melee combat skills.

Your's in service,

Mathias Grünwalt
Rapier Marshal of the Steppes

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Steppes!!

As September closes and we open on the Spookiest Month of the Year let's look back on what we have achieved!! Two different Learney Tourneys that have inspired not just other baronies in our kingdom, but other baronies in the known world!!!

Our presence in our kingdom and online have grown immensely as we continue to show what we can do! Our cousins in Elfsea had a fabulous display at their Baronial College and the fighters of Glaslyn continue to muster their forces as Bam approaches ever closer!

Don't forget to tag Barony of the Steppes in your posts during events so we can see the fabulous things our populace is doing!!

Oak! SMASH!!!

**Goodwife Katherine Inghean
Ui Conghaile**

Social Media Officer



Greetings, my friends of the Steppes!

Our archery range, the Westlake archery range, is currently closed for construction.

We will still be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays this month, at an alternate location, but instead of shooting, we will have meetups or classes to cover topics outside of the range. If there is an archery subject you want to know more about, please let me know!

October practices will be October 6 and October 20.

Planning is still in progress, so check Facebook and Discord for more information.

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!

Yours in service,

Catalin Von Braunschweyg
Steppes Archery Marshal

Page of Shame



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Please feel free to poke fun/bully these folks
into sending me their newsletter articles

<3 Ade



Treebadours

We will be practicing this month on the 1st, 15th, and the 29th this month. We are preparing for Twelfth Night, Bryn Gwlad Fall Baronial, and other colder season events. We often play music out of the Pennsic Pile and sometimes out of a dance book. All instruments are welcome to join us. We are also working with the Oak-apella group for planning practice time for both groups on Tuesday nights. Please keep an eye out for future announcements from the Oak-apella coordinators.

Bhann Mhearai Hamelin

Culinary Guild of hestia

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



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