



The Steppes Letter

November 2024



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Greetings Steppes!

Another year, another survey! Please take the time to submit answers to this anonymous survey. This is intended to assist the officers and landed nobility in guiding decisions to help the barony become even better than it already is!

The survey will close November 15th.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbwsp12Xy-2rD-TQqd0b54fu26Bn413s5sqM9dMb9x25Fc-zw/viewform>



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!



1•04•2024 | 8 AM - 8 PM

BARONY OF THE STEPPES PRESENTS

TWELFTH NIGHT

REGISTRATION

Adult registration: \$20

Adult member registration: \$10

Minors 17 & under: Free

Feast (Pre Paid only): \$10

*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.*

ST LUKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

1210 W BELT LINE RD,
RICHARDSON, TX 75080

*From US-75, take exit 24 towards
Beltline Drive. Turn west onto Beltline.
The destination is 1.5 miles away, on
your right.*

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Words from the Baron and Baroness

Happy November!

What season is it? Sweater season? Pumpkin spice season? Or is it War of the Rams season? I think you know our answer! Let's get ready for War!

This year, we have a great plan for a group camp with Steppes, Glaslyn, and our good neighbors over in Elfsea. There will be a group meal, provided by Their Excellencies of Elfsea and us, and there will be a place for all of our folks to camp together and enjoy each other's company. If you are interested, please contact us and let us know. Also, don't forget to pre-register for War of the Rams and let them know you'll be camping with the Steppes and Elfsea camp.

It's also the season when we prepare for our big 12th Night event! This year, we're trying something new, and along with the usual ball and feast and murder mystery and games, we will be having a Cut and Thrust tournament to choose the premier C&T champion of the Steppes. We are so excited about this, and we hope you are too! It's going to be a lot of fun. We're also going to need a lot of volunteers. The event stewards, Domhildr Grimsdottir and Tabatha Saman, will be asking for volunteers very soon. We hope to see all of you there!

Sean and Esme

Baron and Baroness of the Steppes
Lord and Lady of Glaslyn





Words from Glaslyn

Greetings Steppes!

First and foremost, we hail the ascension of our new Crown, Their Majesties Jean-Paul and Gilyan, and hope for another prosperous reign for the kingdom. I would like to congratulate Glaslyn's own Lady Kobayashi no Hotaru on her selection as King's Champion for HRM Jean-Paul III. I know she will serve with distinction, and it marks another reign with the mantle of this honor kept in the Steppes!

Here I will also leave another reminder that my term as seneschal of the Canton of Glaslyn is reaching its end. 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!

I hope people enjoyed our four whole weeks of temperate weather as we enter the cold and dark times of the year. Yet dark or cold, Glaslyn will still practice! 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!

Hákon the Blacksmith
Seneschal, Canton of Glaslyn

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Seneschal

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Greetings Steppes Friends!

It is with sadness and a bit of excitement that I announce that this is my last missive as your seneschal. I accepted an opportunity to take a role within the society's corporate office to assist the society with positive growth similar to what we here in the Steppes have worked so very hard for over the last few years.

I would like to thank Centurion Margery, Centurion Aethylwyn, Duke Sven, and Domhildr for serving as deputy seneschals at various points during my tenure. Each of you have contributed to the success of this office in significant ways. I would also like to thank their excellencies Kat, Bao, Esme and Sean who have been absolutely wonderful to work with. Their support of the seneschal office and fostering a positive working relationship has made my time in this office much easier.

Our beloved barony is a uniquely incredible community. I know this because everytime anyone visits us from another barony or especially from out of kingdom it's emphatically mentioned. The work that we have done to create not only a healthy community, but pioneering new ideas on how to make our group more fun and successful has been noticed around the world. So thank you to all that have contributed to offering kindness and openness to all be they friend, stranger or even sometimes foe.

I am so incredibly proud of this barony and what we have accomplished. I look forward to seeing what the future brings us!

Antigone York



Exchequer

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As of September 31, the bank balance is \$24,981.57.

The 2025 Budget for the Barony is available for review by the Populace. It is posted in the Financial Committee channel on the Baronial Discord. I am also happy to send a copy to anyone on request.

The 2025 Budget will be on the agenda for discussion and populace vote at the next business meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

If you have any checks from the Barony that you have not cashed, please get with me ASAP. 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 deeply appreciated.

Maegwynn inghean ui Murchadha



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Chatelaine

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Hello Good Gentles,

It's been an amazing and crazy year so far. We have grown more than we could have imagined and have seen a lot of change in our barony. I want to take a moment to thank all of you for being amazing members of our populace and making the Steppes such an amazing barony. Without all of our populace, we would not be who we are. We would not be able to do all of the fun things that we have done and can offer without you. To all members new, old, and anywhere in between, huzzah!

November will be another crazy and amazing month. War of the Rams is fast approaching and we will be going over What To Expect At Your First Event the first Tuesday of the month. I also want to take this time to explain why we call it BAM, which is something that can often be heard said by populace members. The event used to be called Boardermarch Autumnal Melees, BAM for short. The name was changed to War of the Rams as Gleann Abhann, our neighboring kingdom, attends this event and also uses a ram for their device. A lot of people still refer to it as BAM and it can be confusing to know what the difference between them is.

I am honored to continue to serve the barony as the Chatelaine and I look forward to seeing how this year ends and what next year brings.

Yours in Service,
Bhann Mhearai Saoirse Hamelin



Webminister

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Our thanks to Lady Roana for her contribution to our growing archives of Steppes Letters past! The project 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

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

Yours in joyous service,

Lady Eadgyth Beornesdohtor



Chivalric Marshal

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Office is open.

In service,

Magnus Creppinson
Steppes Knight Marshal



Chronicler

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Hello friends!

Unfortunately my mundane responsibilities make it so I cannot do my job as well. As a result, **my office is open**. Please let me know if you want to take up the office. We can have a double trouble couple of months if that makes things easier for you.

Yours in service,

Ade Eszes



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Mathias Grunwalt
Rapier Marshal



Herald

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Yours in service,

Lady Wulfleda Foxe
Oakenwald Pursuivant



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Steppes!!

As Spooky Season comes to a close, War is on the Horizon!!!! BaM, War of the Rams, Or less commonly known as Fred is in just a few weeks!!! A perfect opportunity for Fun, Shopping, and Social Content!!!

I hope everyone is gearing up and packing garb for both Hot and Cold weather because apparently the weather channel cannot always be trusted!!

And after BaM it's our own Baronies Fantastic Event Twelfth Night!!! Are you putting your fanciest garb together? We will have a photo area set up where people can have some lovely portraits taken!!

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.

The marshals will be attending Vindheim Missile Academy on November 3, so there will not be an archery meeting. If the range has reopened, there will be an archery meeting on November 17. Updates will be made on Facebook and Discord.

I hope to see some of you at either Missile Academy or War of the Rams!

We hope to return to the archery range soon; check Facebook and Discord for more information as it develops.

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





Treebadours

Hello Good Gentles,
We will be practicing on November 12th and 26th. We will be practicing out of the Pennsic Pile as we prepare for Twelfth Night and other winter events that there will be plenty of dancing at. Bring any and all instruments to come play with us. We welcome musicians of every level, even musicians that have never played an instrument before. If you want to play with us, come find us in the Atrium of the church!

Bhann Mhearai Hamelin

Culinary Guild of hestia

Greetings,

Autumn is upon us, and hopefully soon the cooler weather will arrive. The Culinary Guild will be dark for the months of November and December, due to multiple events including War of the Rams, Crown Tournament and Vindheim Coronet, not to mention the mundane Holiday Season which catches us all in it's whirlwind. We will meet in January after Steppes 12th Night.

Until then, please keep posting your ideas and recipes both on Discord and Facebook. January's meeting will host the " Soup Competition " we had planned originally for November. Details to come soon.

Yours In Service
HL Hadassah Sarai bas Yossi



Creamy Chicken Pumpkin Soup

Courtsey of Hadassah

8 ounces Skinless Chicken Thighs (boneless, cut into 1-inch chunks, I prefer to use chicken breast over thighs)

add Kosher Salt (and freshly ground black pepper)

2 tablespoons Olive Oil

2 tablespoons Unsalted Butter

8 ounces Cremini Mushrooms (thinly sliced)

1 Onion (diced)

3 Carrots (peeled and diced)

2 ribs Celery (diced)

3 cloves Garlic (minced)

½ teaspoon Dried Thyme

¼ cup All-Purpose Flour

4 cups Chicken Stock

1 Bay Leaf

½ cup Half And Half (or more, as needed)

2 tablespoons Fresh Parsley Leaves (chopped)

** note, for a heartier soup you can also add 1 -2 cans of cooked Garbanza Beans (chickpeas) drained

Lightly Brown Chicken. Combine all ingredients in crockpot. (except the half and half) Cook on High for 2-3 hours until chicken is tender, then reduce heat to low for 4 hours. Add the half and Half and cook for 30 minutes before serving.

**Barony of the Steppes
Budget
for year 2025**

EVENTS

	12th Night	Warlord	Artisan
Attendance	130	340	135
Revenue	\$2,050.00	\$8,500.00	\$2,025.00
Expenses	\$2,310.00	\$5,100.00	\$1,215.00
Event Profit (Loss)	<u>-\$260.00</u>	<u>\$3,400.00</u>	<u>\$810.00</u>

REVENUE

Unrestricted Revenue	\$3,950.00
Restricted Revenue	
Fighter Practice Donation	\$1,650.00
Archery Practice Donation	\$300.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$5,900.00</u>

EXPENSE

FIXED COSTS

POPULACE

Archery Range	\$300.00
Fighter Practice	\$1,650.00
Discord Server	\$109.00

OVERHEAD

Storage	\$2,700.00
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VARIABLE COSTS

ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT/DURABLE GOODS

Rapier/Cut and Thrust Equipment	\$1,520.00
Armored Combat Equipment	\$820.00
Thrown W. Martial Equipment	\$82.00
Chamb. Water Cooler	\$90.00

ACTIVITY SUPPLIES

Scribal Supplies	\$150.00
Armored Combat Storage Bags	\$90.00
Office Supplies	\$274.00
Archery Martial Repair Supplies	\$200.00
Armored Combat Repair Supplies	\$100.00
Thrown W. Martial Supplies	\$35.00
Chamb. Storage Boxes/Racks	\$160.00
Postage/Shipping	\$50.00

POPULACE ACTIVITIES

Learney Tournaments Largesse	\$150.00
Regional practices with Elfsea	\$150.00

MARKETING

Business Cards	\$400.00
Stickers etc.	\$100.00
Bookmarks/Flyers	\$120.00

ONE TIME EXPENSE

None expected

TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$9,250.00</u>
NET Profit (Loss)	<u>-\$3,350.00</u>

Officer/Deputy	Activity	Equipment, Service, Supplies, Mileage, or Subscription?	Line Item Name	Description	Estimated Cost
Seneschal	Office Supplies	Supplies	Office Supplies	Paper, ink, copying etc.	50.00
Archery Marshal	Archery Repairs	Supplies	Archery Martial Repair Supplies	Supplies such as fletches, tape, jig	200.00
Archery Marshal	Practice Site	Location	Archery practice site	Archery lane rentals	300.00
Archery Marshal	Office Supplies	Supplies	Office Supplies	Office supplies such as paper, printer ink, copy costs etc.	50.00
Social Media	Discord Server	Subscription	Discord	Nitro server boost for Discord	109.00
Knight Marshal	Armored Combat	Equipment	Armored Combat Equipment - Gorget	Winter Tree Crafts Gorgets XS, S, M, L, XL @75 per unit	375.00
Knight Marshal	Armored Combat	Equipment	Armored Combat Equipment - Demis	Duke Sven or Max demis S, M, L @75 per pair	225.00
Knight Marshal	Armored Combat	Equipment	Armored Combat Equipment - Gloves	New mechanic gloves S, M, Lx2, XLx2, 2XLx2 @25 per pair	200.00
Knight Marshal	Armored Combat	Equipment	Leather punch tool	Leather punch tool for armor repairs etc.	20.00
Knight Marshal	Armored Combat	Supplies	Loaner gear maintenance	Rivets, lacing, leather straps etc.	100.00
Knight Marshal	Armored Combat	Storage	Storage for armored combat equipment	Canvas Bags x2 - new and/or replacing old	90.00
Scribal	Scribal	Supplies	Charter Photocopies	Photocopies of charter onto scribal papers	50.00
Scribal	Scribal	Supplies	Paint, Brushes and Pens	Paint, brushes and pens for charter scrolls	100.00
Scribal	Scribal	Supplies	Office Supplies	Office supplies such as paper, printer ink, copy costs etc.	50.00
Baroness	Learney Tournaments	Supplies	Prizes and largess	Prizes and largess for Learney tournaments	150.00
Baroness	Regional practices with Elfsea	Supplies	Food and supplies	Budget for food and supplies	150.00
Rapier Marshal	Office Supplies	Supplies	Office Supplies	Office supplies such as paper, printer ink, copy costs etc.	50.00
Rapier Marshal	Cut N Thrust	Equipment	Elbow/Knees/Back of head protection	Basic protection gear required in addition to Rapier standards for	200.00
Rapier Marshal	Cut N Thrust	Equipment	Single Handed Swords	2 Swords for Cut n Thrust	450.00
Rapier Marshal	Rapier	Equipment	Economy Rapier	1 Additional Rapier to ensure loaner gear is sufficient for rapier	320.00
Rapier Marshal	Rapier/Cut n Thrust	Equipment	Gorget	Additional gorgets to ensure loaner gear is sufficient for rapier r	150.00
Rapier Marshal	Rapier	Equipment	War/Melee Shields	Large wooden shields for rapier melee activities	200.00
Rapier Marshal	Rapier	Equipment	Fencing Masks	3 Masks to replace a several aging/unuseable/questionable masks	200.00
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Thrown Weapons	Supplies	Prizes	Prizes for TWV Champion	15.00
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Office Supplies	Supplies	Office Supplies	Mobile File Box, Clipboard	24.00
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Thrown Weapons	Supplies	Target Supplies	Target-making supplies	20.00
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Thrown Weapons	Equipment	Axes	3 throwing axes	50.00
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Thrown Weapons	Equipment	Range Equipment	100' reel tape measure	13.00
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Thrown Weapons	Equipment	Range Equipment	100' glo safety rope	7.00
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Thrown Weapons	Equipment	Puck File	Axe Sharpening stone	12.00
Chamberlain	Storage Unit	Storage	Storage Unit	Storage unit for baronial inventory.	2,700.00
Chamberlain	Storage	Storage	Storage Boxes	New totes and/or replace old broken ones x3	60.00
Chamberlain	Storage	Storage	Storage Racks	4-shelf wire rack (x2)	100.00
Chamberlain	Populace	Equipment	Water Cooler	5 Gallon Portable Sports Cooler x2	90.00
Exchequer	Postage/Shipping	Supplies	Postage/Shipping	Postage or shipping for check request reimbursements	50.00
Exchequer	Office Supplies	Supplies	Office Supplies	Office supplies such as paper, printer ink, copy costs etc.	50.00
Chatelaine	None	None	None	None	-
Minister of Children	None	None	None	None	-
Webminister	None	None	None	None	-
Chronicler	None	None	None	None	-
Herald	None	None	None	None	-
Historian	None	None	None	None	-

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