

Barony of Namron Populace Meeting
6 February 2020

Their Excellencies Micolay and Uliana presided in the presence of Her Royal Highness Margherita de Mantua. Lord Ryan (“Captain”) Savage served as Herald.

Word Fame:

Master Vincenti spoke of the Sable Star Project at his house recently. 570 Sable Stars were completed, in addition to AoA circlets for donation to the Kingdom.

Her Excellency spoke of Lady Zahira de la Sara’s invitation to the Order of the Pelican. She is a long time friend of our Barony and we celebrate her recognition.

Mistress Vigdis recently received a Sable Sparrow for her armorial.

Lord Cornelius won the Dance Championship at Bryn Gwlad.

Mistress Vigdis shared news that all Winterkingdom teachers received Sable Sparrows.

A&S Show and Tell:

Upcoming Kingdom A&S was discussed. Mistress Vigdis explained that there can be considerable waiting time during judging, but that the event is very exciting. Classes are also offered during the day.

Lord Ronan focuses on a virtue each year. This year, his focus is Courage, as suggested by his Lady, and he is displaying his original fighter cartoons online. If a member of the Populace would like to be featured, contact him. His drawings can be seen on the Facebook Group, “A Day and Knight of a Squire” at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2630856010477363/>.

Captain Savage went to Waco to learn blacksmithing.

From the Officers:

Seneschal, Frú Kolfinna Egilsdóttir:

Archery Marshal application period closes tonight, 6 Feb. 2020, at 9:00 pm CST.

Treasurer application period closes 5 Mar. 2020, at 9:00 pm CST.

Future officer postings will include extended information about the duties of the office. Additionally, New Officer Training documents and checklists are in development. It is hoped that this will encourage gentles to try new roles within the SCA, and demystify the responsibilities of our officer positions.

Terms of Office were reviewed. An officer's initial warrant is for six months, extendable in six-month increments up to two years. Local officers who wish to remain in their position beyond two years will need permission from the Baronage. Not mentioned, but important: terms of office will be adjusted so that new officers step up at Round Table. This may decrease an individual's time in office from the 2-year limit.

Bids for Beltane Tavern close 6 February, following Populace.
Bids are currently open for Coronation Sideboard and Coronation Feast. Bids close for both on 5 March 2020, at 9:00 pm CST.

Two Special Projects groups were announced. Any member of the Populace may participate, and newcomers are encouraged. It is a great opportunity to learn about something out of the ordinary.

The first is a *Protocol Team*. They will create documents that explain matters such as how the presence of the Crown at an event changes activities like pavilion setup, how heraldry should be displayed, entourage best practices, etc.

The second team will focus on helpful *Lists for Prospective Event Stewards*. Topics would include how to obtain necessary information for submitting a bid, how to layout an event site for specific activities and accessibility, etc. This is not intended to replace existing classes on event stewardship, but as supplement to them.

Frú Kolfinna is available to answer questions, listen to grievances, and initiate investigations or mediations when necessary. Her email address is seneschal@namron.ansteorra.org and her phone number is 405-561-1153. She answers phone calls between 8 am and 9 pm for non-emergency issues. Emergency calls are answered 24 hours a day at events and are limited to injuries, criminal activities, natural disaster, or ANY time local authorities are called to respond at an event.

Herald, Her Ladyship Villana Palazolo:

The Herald is available to assist gentles with research, selection, and submission of both names and devices.

Anyone interested in learning about name or device heraldry is encouraged to contact her. She will answer all questions on these topics, or provide a referral to another resource when needed.

MoAS, Lady Ellyn O'Ronowe deGraye:

Upcoming Arts & Sciences classes are scheduled through June.

Next Monday, 10 February, Dvorianka Anastasiia Dmitrieva Sokolova will teach goldwork embroidery from 7:00-9:00 pm at West Wind Unitarian. There is a fee for take-home kits of \$30.

March Baroness Adena will teach Naålbinding.

April & May will be a 2-part class on tunic construction and decoration.

June's class will be a 3rd part to complete tunic projects, if necessary.

Class space and time is currently being sought by the Deputy Seneschal-Site Coordinator, Sigridr Vilhjalmsdottir, for both belly dance and courtly dance classes. Pottery classes are being discussed as a future offering.

Webminister, Lord Mani (Yancy) Alfsson:

Lord Yancy recently announced that he had placed a hidden “Easter Egg” somewhere on the Baronial website. Gentles who found the hidden image were given a small token during the Populace Meeting. Winners were: Lady Dyrfina, Lady Cailleach, Captain Savage, and Mistress Kyna.

While gentles searched the website, several issues were discovered and reported to the Webminister. He requests that members of the Populace visit the website and continue to provide feedback and make suggestions as he works to improve the site. Suggestions and correction requests can be submitted by email at webminister@namron.ansteorra.org or by the form located at: <https://ansteorra.org/namron/contact-us/website-change-request/>

Minister of Children, Lady Dýrfinna Mikaelisdottír:

Youth activities are being planned for the Medieval Fair demo, Coronation, and Beltane. Lady Dýrfinna has two Deputy candidates, but requests additional volunteers in order to best serve our youth. She hopes to have activities available at events for three different age groups. Gentles interested in teaching or providing support services at an event should contact her at moc@namron.ansteorra.org.

Chronicler, Bantiarna Cailleach Dhé inghean Uí Chaerbhaill:

Updates to release policy were announced at the January Round Table to ensure compliance with Copyright Law. Photographer, model AND equipment owner releases are required for all photographs used in official SCA publications. Please contact Bantiarna Cailleach with questions or for assistance with providing the correct forms. Her email address is chronicler@namron.ansteorra.org.

Digital release forms are available at: <http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/library.html#forms>

Treasurer, Lord Oddr Marsson:

Lord Oddr recently stepped up as Interim Treasurer. He will fill this role until the application period closes and a Treasurer is appointed.

Thrown Weapons Deputy Marshal, Lord Ryan (“Captain”) Savage:

Weather has not been conducive for practice recently, but the Thrown Weapons is working on a secret project to reveal at Beltane.

Hospitaller, Lady Ophelia Warde, read by Her Excellency Uliana:

The Hospitaler Team is currently CLOSED due to illness. They are hoping to add some larger size tunics to the Gold Key loaner garb collection. Any gentle with tunics to donate, or who is willing to sew one or more is encouraged to contact Lady Ophelia. Her email address is hospitaler@namron.ansteorra.org.

The Hospitaler Team will be distributing drinking vessels to newcomers at Beltane, and request donations.

The next Hospitaler Team Meeting will be held 27 February 2020, at 7:00 pm, at the Moore Library, 225 S Howard Ave, Moore, OK 73160.

From Their Excellencies Micolay and Uliana:

The Spring event season is kicking off with numerous events in the next few weeks. February events include:

- **Kingdom Arts & Sciences**, 8 February 2020, 8:00 am- 8:00 pm, at the Burkburnett Community Center, 735 Davy Dr, Burkburnett, TX 76354.
- The Barony of Raven's Fort will be hosting their **8th Annual War College**, 14-16 February 2020, at Pedigo Ball Park, 925 Highway 59 Loop N, Livingston, TX 77351.
- The Province of Mooneschadowe will host its annual **Provincial Games** on 15 February 2020, at the Payne County Expo Center, 4518 Expo Cir E, Stillwater, OK 74075.
- The Barony of Bjornsborg will host the **Bjornsborg Feuding Families** event, with rapier competitions, on 22 February 2020, at the Saint Hedwig American Legion, 14290 FM 1346, St. Hedwig, TX 78152. A White Scarf Circle is scheduled.
- The Barony of Eldern Hills will debut their **Fire & Ice** event, featuring the hard sciences, 28 February- 1 March 2020, at Camp Graham Ball, 12442 FM 368, Holliday, TX 76366.
- The Shire of Emerald Keep will host **Sable Legionnaire** on behalf of The Orders of Defense and the White Scarf, for a full day of rapier classes and practices for all experience levels. There is no registration; the event will be 29 February 2020, at Rafter J Cowboy Church, 10701 County Road 305, Terrell, TX 75160.
- *Out of Kingdom*: The Kingdom of Calontir will host its annual **Winter War Maneuvers**, 29 February 2020, at Speedway Village, 345 Speedway Circle, Lincoln, NE 68502. A contingent from Namron attends. Please contact His Excellency Micolay if you are interested in sharing rides and/or hotel rooms to attend. He can be reached at baron@namron.ansteorra.org.

Reminder that the **Order of the Heart of the Sable Storm Meeting** has been rescheduled for Sunday, 9 February 2020, at 4:00 pm, at the Norman Public Library- Central, 103 W Acres St, Norman, OK 73069.

The Gulf Wars pre-registration deadline is 15 February 2020.

Upcoming events hosted by the Barony of Namron are the Medieval Fair demo, the Coronation of Jason and Margherita III, and Beltane.

Her Excellency Uliana expressed her delight at the high level of participation in our Barony, particularly the number of officer applications and bids received from members of our Populace.

From Her Royal Highness Margherita de Mantua:

- Her Highness expressed her happiness with the large attendance at Populace.
- She is looking forward to a busy reign and appreciates the outpouring of support and volunteer offers from our Populace.
- She is also looking forward to Coronation, and to see what the event stewards have in store for the event.
- The Wiesenfeuer Baronial and Baronial Investiture will be 17-19 April, 2020, at Will Rogers Boy Scout Reservation, 362369 OK-99, Cleveland, OK 74020.
- The Royal Huntsman dates and location will be announced soon.
- Lord Matteo de Genua will offer the last opportunity for Siege Engine Authorizations before Gulf Wars on 23 February 2020, at Lake Overholser, 9398-9000 S Overholser Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73127.

From Gulf Wars Coordinators:

- Baroness Caterina Giovanni announced that the link for meal plan payment is available at: <https://form.jotform.com/dpupek/namron-gw-meal-plan>. She also requested volunteers to assist with cooking and cleanup. Attendees can choose individual meals.
- Her Highness Margherita is the Land Coordinator for the Barony of Namron and reminds attendees to provide their tent sizes, both with and without ropes, and whether you are using a period or modern tent. Please include the location of your tent door/entry flaps. You must be pre-registered to camp with Namron. Her email address for this information is vallie.copley@gmail.com.
- Baron Donnchadh Beag Mac Griogair announced that the new shower tent has arrived, and a workday will be needed soon to prepare the tent poles.
- Lady Rebekah Aleyn is the Kingdom of Ansteorra Gulf Wars Liaison, and is coordinating the activities under the BFT. She emphasized that coffee will be available each morning, as well as hot water for tea and hot chocolate. A Period Games night will be at the BFT on Tuesday night at War, and the Barony of Loch Sollier will be hosting Wednesday's Ansteorran Chili Night. For other uses of the BFT, please submit your request to Lady Rebekah, who can be reached for this purpose at gulfwars@seneschal.ansteorra.org.
- Her Ladyship Calena di Rosa Nero, who hails from the Shire of Rosenfeld, attended our Populace Meeting as part of her travels, and we welcomed her. She spoke on behalf of the Gulf Wars Land Coordinator, emphasizing that very little open camping is available, so it is important to pre-register with a group to ensure space. A new handicap parking area has been added next to the handicap-accessible encampment. She announced that this year's Gulf Wars theme is "The Year of the Volunteer." HL Calena is running the traffic and parking functions this year and requests that attendees volunteer at least an

hour of time, if possible. These volunteer hours will be awarded double points during the first three days of war.

- Master Tadgh is the Barony of Namron Camp Coordinator this year. Camp fees to cover costs for showers, propane, etc., are as follows: Under age 5, no fee. Ages 5-17, \$5 per person. Ages 18 and up, \$10 per person. This is a one-time fee for the entire week.
- Baron Donnchadh currently serves as the Gulf Wars Exchequer, and invites interested attendees to volunteer for Gate positions. He offers a climate-controlled workspace and flushing toilets as incentive. Cashiers must be at least 18 years of age and a paid member of the SCA. Other positions are also available.

From the Event Stewards:

The Coronation of Jason and Margherita III will be hosted by the Barony of Namron, and held on 11 April 2020, at the Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 N Rockford Rd, Ardmore, OK 73401. The Event Stewards are Boiarynia Koia Karasova and Lady Rebekah Aleyn.

- Planned activities include the King's Hope Youth Tournament, a sideboard luncheon and evening feast, and a Largesse Derby.
- Volunteers are needed for waterbearing, Ministry of Children activities, and gate. A gate coordinator is also needed. Application requirements for that position will be posted on the Namron email list and on Facebook, 7 February 2020.
- The event stewards remind all attendees that the Ardmore Convention Center is a VERY DRY site.
- Norse decorations appropriate for a splendid event are requested.
- Mistress Kyna requested a small dedicated space for the popular Baby Dome.
- Boiarynia Koia can be reached for this purpose at koiakarasova@gmail.com, and Lady Rebekah can be reached for this purpose at djallen22@gmail.com.

The Annual Demo at the Medieval Fair in Norman will be 3-5 April 2020, at Reaves Park, 2501 Jenkins Ave, Norman, OK 73072. The Event Stewards are Lady Josseline diMichele and Her Ladyship Brangwyn Steward.

- Setup and Teardown Coordinators are needed.
- All area coordinators need to ensure adequate staffing for their area.
- A Planning Meeting will be held 28 February 2020. More details to come.

Beltane will be held 1-3 May 2020, at Camp DaKaNi, 3309 E Hefner Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73131. The Event Steward is Bantiarna Cailleach Dhé inghean Uí Chaerbhail.

- All coordinator positions have been filled.
- This year's theme is the Roman festival of Floralia, inspiring the addition of two activities: a Flower Arrangement Contest and a Mock Gladiator Fun Tournament.

- By request of His Excellency Micolay, the Cookie Contest will return. Period recipes are not required. The traditional Beltane activities will all be offered, including the Maypole Dance, Celtic Games, and Spang Hewing. Various classes will be offered, as well.
- The Minister of Children is planning youth activities.

From the Populace:

Master Tadgh brought Medieval foods for the Populace to sample: rutabaga au gratin, and ham with figs.