



# THE PLUME

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## NEWS FROM BARON YANCY AND HERSIRKONA KOLFINNA

Greetings, Good Gentles of the Storm!

We are excitedly anticipating Protectorate and celebrating our first year as the Landed Nobility of the Barony of Namron. It has been such an honor to witness all of the incredible things you have accomplished this past year, and we look forward to everything yet to come!

We are grateful to the Missiles team who worked so hard to clear the field and prepare it for the upcoming season, and to the repair team who returned the Calm and Gwyneth pavilions to use. Thank you to Baroness Annabelle for teaching others to complete the repairs, further increasing the barony's talent pool.

Coronation approaches and will be a momentous occasion as a new Queen is crowned beneath an annular solar eclipse! Safe travels to all who will attend!

We will be hosting the Baronesses' Toy Tourney at Wiesenfeuer Yule in December. Start stocking up on new, unwrapped toys; full details will be posted very soon!

There is much to do in the SCA this fall, and we encourage you to seek out new opportunities, nurture friendships, and enjoy all that our society has to offer.

In Service to the Dream,  
Baron Yancy and Hersirkona Kolfinna



# OFFICER NEWS

## FROM THE SENESCHAL

Hi Namron,

It has been a great first month as your seneschal. The officer page on our website has been updated so if I have missed anything in the transition or if you need to talk, please feel free to email or call.

We need a Social Media Deputy so if you are interested or know anyone that is interested, please come talk to me.

Now let's have a wonderful Protectorate.

"it is advisable to play and spend good times." - Lorenza de' Medici

Yours In Service,  
Lady Isabella Coppola  
Seneschal, Barony of Namron



# OFFICER NEWS

## FROM THE SENESCHAL

The Barony is now accepting applications for Treasurer

Some responsibilities of the Treasurer include but are not limited to:

Oversight of all assets of the Barony

Keep everyone informed on the status of the Barony's assets

Prepare our financial reports monthly, quarterly, yearly and after events

Keep our ledgers updated and current

Lead the Barony's financial committee

Access to Microsoft Excel

Applications for this position will be accepted through December 15, 2023.

Kingdom officer application form: <https://ansteorra.org/seneschal/apply-for-an-office/> (<https://ansteorra.org/seneschal/apply-for-an-office/>)

Thank you.

Yours In Service,  
Lady Isabella Coppola  
Seneschal, Barony of Namron



## OFFICER NEWS

### FROM THE TARGET ARCHERY MARSHAL

Hello and Salutations from the office of The Throwing Weapons Marshall.

First order of business, after spending some time getting the range in order I'm happy to announce that practices should resume once again barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Last Month we went over spear throwers, this month we will touch on Throwing Sticks. I am using an article I read on exarc.net

### **A Gaulish Throwing Stick Discovery in Normandy: Study and Throwing Experimentations**



In 2010 archaeological excavations on the pre-Roman site of Urville Nacqueville, Normandy (France) discovered a shaped unknown wooden implement. This boomerang shaped wooden artefact, dated from 120 to 80 BC, has been found in an enclosure trench of a Gaulish village close to a ritual deposit of whalebones. The careful study of this implement, aside from archaeological and ethnological comparison, shows that it has probably been used more like a bird-hunting throwing stick. To test this hypothesis, experimental crafting and throwing of a replica has been conducted, aiming to get more information about its functionality from the various flying trajectories obtained.

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### FROM THE TARGET ARCHERY MARSHAL

#### **Archaeological Context**

This artefact was excavated from a rural district from an enclosure trench protecting a living area where three circular buildings stood. These buildings were of a British isle style. The stick was in a vertical position against the eastern external wall of this structure (Lefort 2010). The base of the artefact was sitting on a small structure made some

time after the main trench was filled. The particular position of the artefact implies that it was placed there on purpose rather than disposed of.

#### **Boomerangs and throwing sticks: How these terms are used in this article**

Since its appropriation by Europeans, the term 'boomerang' has been used to designate indistinctly all kinds of throwing sticks.

This language inaccuracy, caused by modern popularity of these objects, led many to disregard the existence of a larger and more diversified group of related objects, which actually included a very small percentage of returning projectiles (Hess 1975, 24). We tend nowadays, as we will do in this article, to designate only returning throwing sticks as boomerangs, in respect of their Aboriginal etymology (Thomas 2000).

We will give a general definition of a throwing stick as a piece of wood with a variable curved shape, having two or more shaped blades forming an ordinary angle between them. This wooden piece is thrown by hand in rotation around its centre of gravity.

See Terminology for more



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### FROM THE TARGET ARCHERY MARSHAL

#### **Different uses of throwing sticks**

Some throwing sticks are capable of reaching between 150-200 meters in range and can break the legs of a big mammal. The Tamils from Southern India were still using this kind of weapon in the nineteenth century to hunt hare and other mammals as large as deer (Hess 1975, 60). In North America, the Pueblos people used a similar object called a 'rabbit stick', which was presumably mainly used to hunt rabbit (Heizer 1942). This weapon was also used in ancient Greece under the designation 'lagobolon'. It is represented on several statues and vases. The other main use of the throwing stick is bird hunting. Well documented in Australia (Jones 1996), this hunting practice is also represented on tomb paintings showing the daily life of the elite in ancient Egyptian society. The scene is generally showing a marsh where the hunter is on a small papyrus boat and waving his throwing stick, followed by his servants.

The hunter is aiming directly at a flock of birds and often hit several birds at the same time (Thomas 1991). In Australia, and on other continents, throwing sticks were also used in conjunction with nets for bird, and even sometimes for big mammal hunting (Hess 1975. p 59). As for bird hunting, returning throwing sticks were mainly thrown over a flock of birds to imitate an attack from a bird of prey, and get the birds down to the ground to trap them with nets. Indeed, these were very light throwing sticks weighting generally less than 200 grams and with small wingspans ranging between 40-50 cm. Returning throwing sticks of this nature tended to be specialized in indirect aerial hunting and specially designed for hunting game. Some uses of throwing sticks for fishing in shallow water are recorded in northwest Australia

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### FROM THE TARGET ARCHERY MARSHAL

#### **Presence of throwing sticks in prehistoric Europe**

The oldest well-identified throwing stick in the world is dated from 23,000 BP, belonging to the upper Paleolithic period. This object, made of mammoth

ivory, was found in the Oblazowa cave in Poland (Valde-Nowak 2000) (Thomas 2000). About the Mesolithic period, an artefact dated from 6000 BP was recovered in peat land of Brabant in Denmark (Thomsen et al. 1902). For the Neolithic period, Egolzwil 4 site in Switzerland delivered three examples of throwing sticks dating from the middle Neolithic (Cortailod culture: 4500-3500 BC.) (Ramseyer 2000). Another example belonging to the final bronze period was discovered in Möringen, Germany.

In the same period, this throwing weapon was represented on the Nile hunting scene painting in the Nakht Theban tomb in Egypt dating from the XVIII dynasty. However, the most spectacular discovery of throwing sticks was made in the Tutankhamun Egyptian tomb: there were more than twenty of these decorated projectiles made of wood or ivory among the other treasures of the young pharaoh. Experiments with replicas have shown that some of these throwing sticks had returning capability (Thomas 1991).

Two returning throwing sticks found at Elbschottern

near Magdebourg (Evers 1994) in Germany and at Velsen in the Netherlands are dated respectively from 800-400 BC and 300 BC and are the only known examples from the Iron Age (Hess 1975).

This article goes quite in depth and is an excellent read. I highly suggest if this piqued your interest to give it a once over.

<https://exarc.net/issue-2015-3/ea/gaulish-throwing-stick-discovery-normandy-study-and-throwing-experimentations>

Hopefully this was insightful!

Lord Deinis O'Maille Throwing Weapons Marshall



## OFFICER NEWS

### FROM THE MINISTER OF CHILDREN

Greetings to our awesome populace!

I hope you're all doing fantastic! As I write this, I am finalizing plans for Protectorate and I wanted to give you an update on what's happening for our upcoming children's activities for the event. I am beyond thrilled to have the opportunity to spend some quality time with your little ones and make sure they have an absolute blast! We've got an amazing lineup of games to play, crafts to get creative with, and even an obstacle course that's sure to challenge them in the most exciting way possible.

By the way, I wanted to kindly remind you all that I would love to hear from our amazing families and get to know what your children are really into these days! To make it super easy, I've put together a short survey where you can share your thoughts and preferences here: <https://forms.gle/M8CXQnrVkWLE3vEN6>. Your feedback will truly help us plan some incredible activities for the future, so please take just a few minutes to fill it out.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or awesome suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me through Facebook or drop me an email at [moc@namron.ansteorra.org](mailto:moc@namron.ansteorra.org). I'm always here to lend an ear and help in any way I can!

Can't wait to see all your smiling faces at our upcoming meetings and events! In the meantime, take good care of yourselves, and make sure to give your kiddos a big hug from me!

Warmest regards,

Lady Emma O'Ruairc  
Namron Minister of Children



# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## Activities

### Middle Eastern Drumming

November 14, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Class/practice is held in Blanchard. All experience levels are welcome! Please contact Baroness Dominique for address and additional details: [thunderdomi.as@gmail.com](mailto:thunderdomi.as@gmail.com)

### Middle Eastern Dance Class

November 7, 7pm-8:30pm. 2275 E. Sooner Rd. Blanchard, OK

Middle Eastern Dance class/Practice is held in Blanchard. All experience levels are welcome!

Please contact Baroness Dominique for additional details: [thunderdomi.as@gmail.com](mailto:thunderdomi.as@gmail.com)

### Youth Rapier Practice

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Southern Oaks Recreation Center, 6818 S Walker Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73109, USA  
Steel weapons combat is an SCA form of combat used toward the end of the Middle Ages. Loaner gear is available and youth ages 6-17 may attend. Possible changes and cancellations may happen due to severe weather. Updates are announced on the Baronial mailing list.

### Rapier (Fencing) Practice

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Southern Oaks Recreation Center, 6818 S Walker Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73109, USA  
Joint, indoor practice with the Barony of Wiesenfeuer.  
Steel weapons combat is an SCA form of combat used toward the end of the Middle Ages. Loaner gear is available.



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## Activities

Possible changes and cancellations may happen due to severe weather. Updates are announced on the Baronial mailing list (<http://lists.ansteorra.org/listinfo.cgi/namron-ansteorra.org>). Combat scenarios range from 1:1 tourney style up to 600 vs 600 war melees! Check out the event ad and/or website to see what type of fighting scenarios are being done at the event so you are ready. (Typically is 1:1 tourney style unless it is a war or melee event) For more information, contact the Baronial Rapier officer, whose information can be found on the officers page



Armored (Rattan) Combat Practice  
Wednesdays, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mayfair  
Event Center, 700 S Broadway Ave Moore,  
OK 73160

Armored (Rattan) Combat practice is held indoors every Wednesday, combined with the Barony of Wiesenfeuer.

Updates are announced on the Baronial mailing list (<http://lists.ansteorra.org/listinfo.cgi/namron-ansteorra.org>). For more information, contact the Baronial Knight's Marshal (Armored Combat) officer, whose information can be found on the officers page (<https://ansteorra.org/namron/officers/>).



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## Activities

### Monthly Populace Meeting

November 2, 2023 7:30 PM - 9 PM The Depot, 200 S Jones Ave, Norman, OK 73069.

Come join us to find out what exciting things are coming for the Barony of Namron!

### Target Archery & Thrown Weapons Practice

November 12, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 4200 E Franklin Rd, Norman, OK 73026, USA

Target Archery and Thrown Weapons Practice is BACK!

We have loaner equipment available, and trained Marshals to teach you if you're new! Please wear closed toe shoes, and tie back long hair. Youth ages 6+ are welcome to participate with a parent or guardian present.

Please check the Barony of Namron Facebook Group for updates in the event of inclement weather



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## Activities

### Arts and Science Class

October 16, 23, 30. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM 103 W Acres St, Norman, OK 73069, USA, Lowery Room in the Central Library

Open A&S will be held weekly on Mondays (except for holidays and immediately before and after any holidays) alongside any planned classes. Expect 1 class per month and 1 scribal night per month within these Mondays. Specific schedule pending. There will always be room for open A&S work alongside any planned classes and scribal nights. Come by and check it out. Find more up to date information on the class for this month on the Facebook page.

### Calligraphy and Illumination

September 17, 24, 31. 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM

Firestorm Ink (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/116467718388381>) is a Scribal Guild made up of members from both the Barony of Namron and the Barony of Wiesenfeuer who focus on creating the best quality of workmanship when it comes to Baronial, Principality and Kingdom wide scrolls and charters. Members participate in various levels of painting, design, white-working, and creating originals that are awarded to deserving participants within the SCA. All works are historically based and researched to assure their accuracy in not only the style, but the colors utilized to create such a beautiful document.

Meetings are held virtually except the first Tuesday of the month.

Firestorm Ink meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Natural Grocers: 2120 SW 89th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73159 from 6:45 to 8:15pm

### Monthly Business Meeting.

November 2, 2023 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Natural Grocers, 1918 W Main St, Norman, OK 73069, USA

The Barony of Namron Business Meeting will be held in the conference room at the rear of Natural Grocers in Norman. All members of the populace are welcome.

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## Kingdom Events

BJORNSBORG'S FALL EVENT: QUEST FOR THE GRAIL  
OCTOBER 20 - 22. 220 FM 466, Seguin, TX 78155

WYLDEWODE NORTHERN BORDER SKIRMISHES  
OCTOBER 20 - 22  
17373 W 929 Road, Park Hill, OK

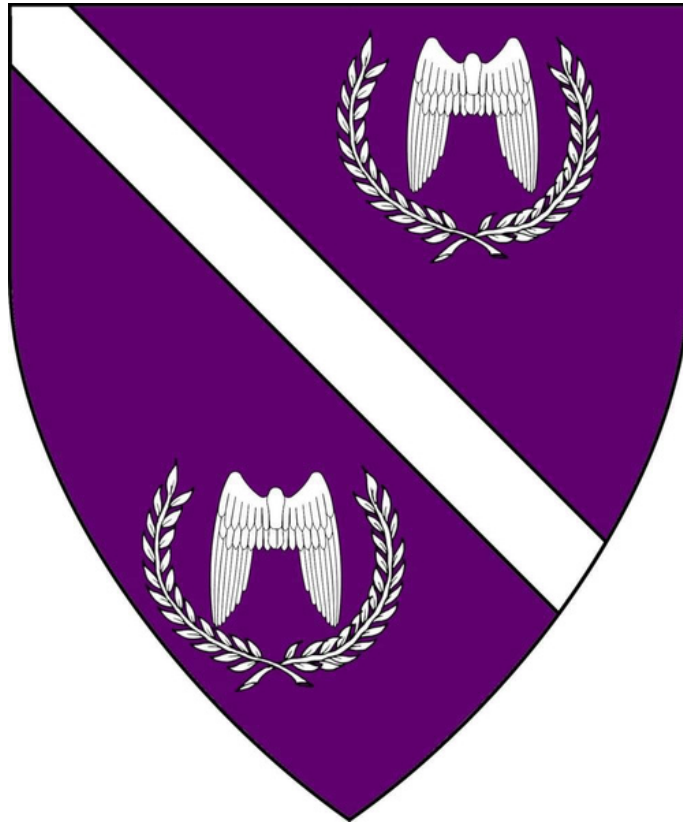
ELDERN HILLS - SAMHAIN  
OCTOBER 27 - 29  
12442 FM 368, Holliday, TX 76366

SEAWINDS DEFENDER 2023 - MYTHS AND LEGENDS  
October 27, 5 PM  
820 Wildcat Dr. Portland TX, 78374



# SKORRAGAROR

## Canton News



Wonderful news in October and cooler weather. Officers meeting on the 17 of October. (Time and place to be declared). I will be stepping down from my office November 30, 2023. We are accepting applications for seneschal deadline October 30, 2023. Contact Vindheim seneschal to apply. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fagr Sigling zum Getraamt.  
Ritterbaron Wilhelm von Buch.  
Seneschal Skorragardr

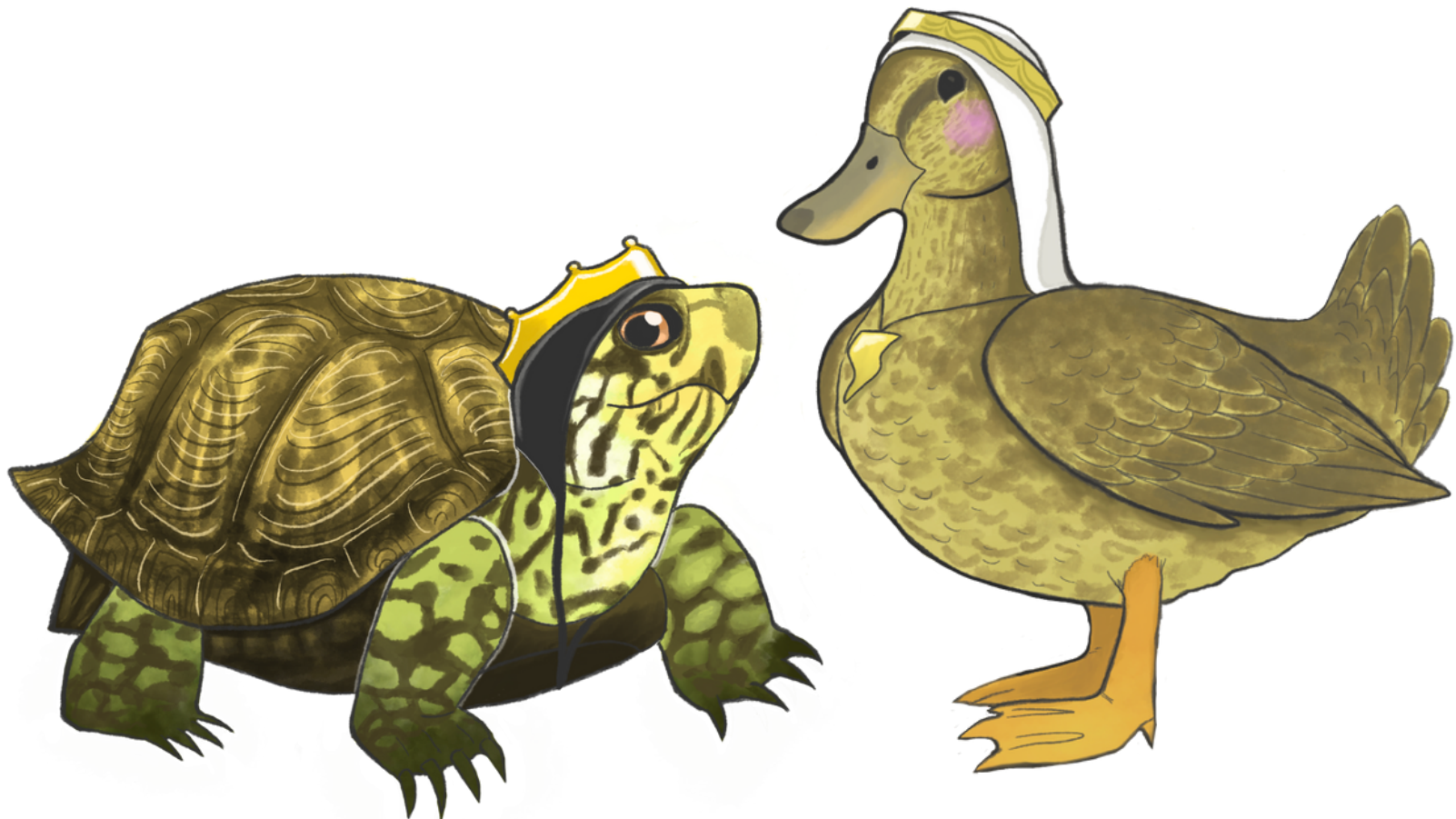
# BIDS AND REGISTRATIONS

Throne Bids: The Barony of Namron is accepting bids for a matching pair of Baronial thrones. The thrones should pack flat for transport, be unique in design, and have some sort of visual representation of Namron.

Please send your bids, with design proposal and cost estimate, to the following:

treasurer@namron.ansteorra.org  
seneschal@namron.ansteorra.org  
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Thank you!





# BARONIAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Social Media Officer

Youth Armored  
Combat Marshal



Diversity, Equity, and  
Inclusion Officer

Youth Rapier Marshal



Historian

Siege Weapons Marshal



Silent Heraldry  
Coordinator

Equestrian Marshal



The above officer positions are available. If you would like to take the lead in promoting these activities in our Barony, please complete the application at:

<https://ansteorra.org/seneschal/apply-for-an-office/>

# BARONIAL WISH LIST



Simple drawstring bags for storing rolled banners, black or gold (2) 10"x54"; (3) 10"x24"; (1) 8"x45" when laid flat

Painted PVC tubes for banner transport

Namron belt sashes

Feast gear for newcomers (dinner plates, bowls, utensils, mugs/goblets; break-resistant materials are welcomed for our younger members)

Table runners to hang from back to front at Their Excellencies' place settings; gold with baronial arms on the front section preferred (Don't sew, but would like to help with this? Donations of durable and washable fabric would be a great boon!)

Hard-shell knee and elbow pads for Youth Armored Combat

Four embroidered napkins for baronial feast gear

Largesse (matching sets of 12 are especially useful, but all largesse is wonderful)

## Embroidered Memorial Banner Project

We have a list of names. Next, we need someone/s to research devices. This is a daunting task, so multiple participants would be ideal. Once that is completed (as much as it's possible), we will be in need of artisans to embroider the devices.

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