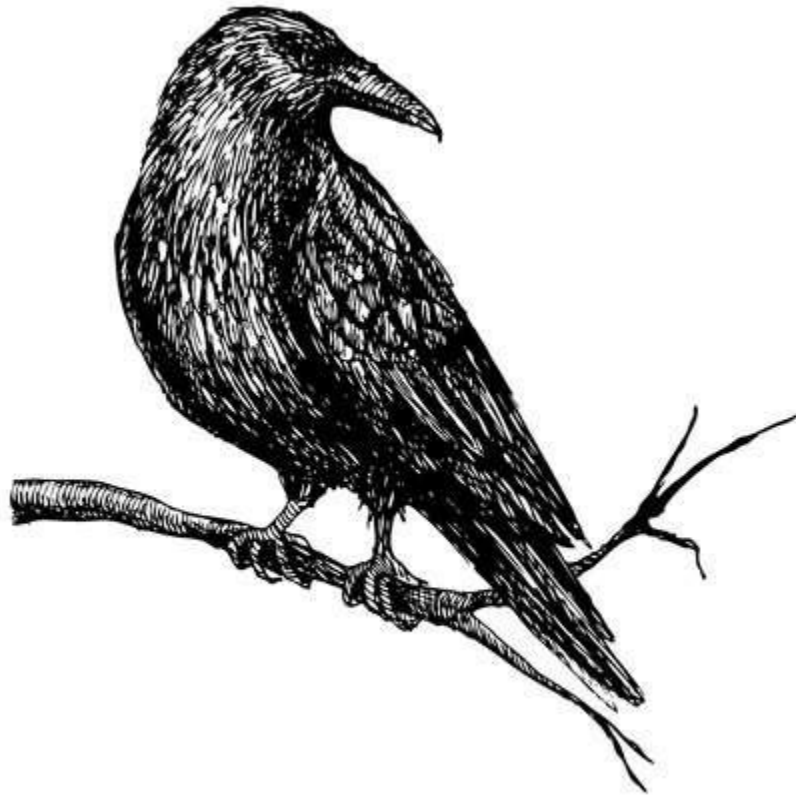


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November 2019

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Goings on in the Barony

- **Rapier** and **Chivalric** practices are posted on the calendar, website, and facebook. Due to the holidays, events, and the weather, things may change, so keep an eye out for any changes.
- We are looking at reinstating the cooking and sewing guilds. If interested and/or would like input on future plans/locations/etc., please let me (your chronicler) know.
- Guilds are alive and well in the Barony – though some are on temporary hiatus due to weather and summer-time conflicts. Please peruse the calendar to see current offerings, and if you have any questions let me (your chronicler) know and I will either try to answer them, or point you in the direction of someone who can!
- War College is right around the corner (February 14-16, 2020) and we are looking for an autocrat. If interested, please contact our local Seneschal.

Be on the lookout

- Our next meeting of the **Fiber Arts Guild** will be **Tuesday, December 10**. Be on the lookout for info.
- Raven's Fort Yule will be held **Saturday, December 14**.. Be on the lookout for info.
- Preparation for our next event, War College, will begin soon. War College is scheduled for **February 14-16, 2020**. Be on the lookout for ways to help.
- New guilds//old guilds will be active soon. Be on the lookout for them to resume.

Goings on in the Kingdom

The Kingdom calendar can be found at the following link: <https://ansteorra.org/events/>. Highlights for a very busy November include:

- NOV 8-10: Fall Queen's – Shadowlands – Rockdale, TX
- NOV 15-17: Bonwicke Fall Champions
- NOV 21-24: War of the Rams and Royal Lancer – Bordermarch – Colmesneil, TX
- DEC 7: Stargate Yule and Middle Eastern Dance Championship – Stargate –
- DEC 7: Dragonsfire Tor Yule – Dragonsfire Tor – Glen Rose, TX
- DEC 14: Wiesenfeuer Yule – Wiesenfeuer – Oklahoma City, OK

From the Baron and Baroness



Greetings Populace of Raven's Fort,

Now that I've been able to get some sleep and had coffee, I'm reflecting over what has been a most incredible experience not soon to be forgotten – Ansteorra's 40th Year. The outpouring of accolades for the tavern (The Raven's Hearth) have been beyond generous and humbling to say the least. I want to thank Their Royal Majesties Vladislav Strelec [Jerrod Davis](#) and [Margaret Ny Connor](#) for allowing us to serve their populace, and for putting their faith in us. It was a profound honor to serve you and we're looking forward to the time when we can do so once again. I'd also like to thank our amazing autocrats H.L. Lillias MacGuffin [Meggan Joels Cividanes](#), and H.L. Liliana Barnes [Tabitha Manners](#) who for months have been bending over backwards to make sure we had everything we needed to make the tavern and the commemorative steins a resounding success. Without your support and the support of your fantastically awesome staff this would never have become a reality. Next I'd like to thank everybody who supported us throughout the event by coming in and eating with us. Without you, the event would have been pretty dull indeed. I hope everything you got was enjoyable and we'll see you again. Many of the messages I've gotten have been direct compliments to me and 'my' tavern. In all fairness, I can take credit for the smoked beef and the dream, but truth be told, I had very little to do with the overall operations during the event. If you'll indulge me just a moment, I'd like to introduce you to the good and merry gentles who made this endeavor possible. It should be noted that these gentles are all members (or former members) of the Barony of Ravens Fort and travelled up for the sole purpose of helping to make this dream a reality. First is the first on crew. They beat me to site, helped with setup, worked through the logistics of layout and flow, cooked, cleaned, served, and everything else imaginable. In no particular order they are; H.E. Brian DuVal John Reuter Norman Armoury, Ld. Stephan Dracos Steve Conrad, H.L. Klar of the Misty Vale [Reilann Syrwind](#), Ld. Egan [Terrence Bowlin](#), and Ly. Seneca of Raven's Fort [Stephanie Allsup](#). Next comes my partner in crime. Ld. Kelley McGregor [Kelley McMahan](#) who helped me shop, load the trailers, put the finishing touches on the drink station, helped with some pewter casting and striking some coins I was working on, and then rode 8 hours to site with me. (putting up with me for that long is worthy of accolades in and of itself) H.E. Chrystal Ariana MacRuari [RJ Allen](#), Ly. Cherish Otte [Cherish A. Robinson-Smetek](#), Mi'lady Chasity, and H.E. Devin Phelan O'Donnabhain David Brown all made themselves invaluable throughout the event filling in whatever holes needed filling and ensuring a smooth operation any time someone walked through the door. Mi'Lord [Viðarr Ulfriksson](#), Mi'Lady [Ingríðr Ulfsoðttir](#), and Mi'lady Jasmine all came through regularly to make sure we hadn't killed one another and fill in anywhere they could. They also threw all their energies into teardown when it was needed the most since I can honestly say I had just about reached the end of my physical abilities. One more important wheel in this incredible machine is none other than my co-conspirator. When I came up with the ludicrous idea of a tavern at 40th, she supported me. When I told her I wanted rock walls for the tavern, she looked at me sideways and then supported me. When I came to her with dreams of building a drink station out of oak barrels, she not only supported me but helped locate resources and helped with the design. When I told her about my idea of the commemorative steins, she said; "You want to spend HOW MUCH???" and then stood by me even when it looked like I had made a monumental mistake and we were about to go into extreme debt over the decision. She is my rock and my inspiration. She's my best

friend and one of the reasons it's so easy for me to smile. My joy. My Baroness. H.E. Sarah Rois Netterville [Molly Maddox Netterville](#). I know I spent a lot of time with my head down through the event. If I have overlooked your contributions, please speak up. It's important to me that you receive the recognition that you so richly deserve.

For it is in joyful service I remain,

H.E. Elrique DeNetterville CSM, ORW, OSTB.

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In Service to the Crown and Barony,

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Elrique de Netterville and Sarah Róis Netterville

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From the Seneschal



If you have any questions or concerns, please email me.
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From the Exchequer



Greetings unto the Populous of Raven's Fort,

While it has been a privilege to serve as the Exchequer for Raven's Fort for the past 2 years the office of the exchequer will need to be filled as of January 2020 when my warrant will be up. Applications are now being accepted.

In Service,
Lady Danielle Katherine LaFontaine
Exchequer, Raven's Fort
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From the Knight Marshal



Unto the populace of Raven's Fort.

It is not often that I write to you in our newsletter. I do believe that I should indeed write more than I do, because we all need to know what activities are happening in our fair Barony.

On this eve of my second report as your Armored Combat Marshal, I have briefly looked back at the activity level of our fighter practices. Our Sunday afternoon practice at the Dragons Lair (Draco and Klar's) and our Wednesday's evening Practice at Candy Cane Park have a deep contrast in comparison to each other. When the days are warmer people tend to not want to be outside as much. The cooler afternoon temperatures tend to draw more people. A public venue with access to a clean restroom is good but a house with air conditioning with other activities is always a welcome location. You see, we have a balance of positive things at each location. The negative things are that a practice at someone's residence is not viewable to the public eye, whereas the public venue at a park has its limit of comforts. When it is warm and having to adjust your needs or if you cannot take the heat or have allergies. Both venues require us to travel, bring our armor, weapons, cool beverages and portable chairs.

That being said, I have seen that our Sunday practice have less attendance than our Wednesday practice. I believe this is mainly due to the heat of the day and people relaxing with their families or returning from events. Other factors that have its effect are communication and social media. We have a Baronial calendar that we post our activities on, a social media page that we post messages on and individual texting circles that we use to communicate our gatherings with. Encouragement and inclusive atmosphere effect the level of participation we have. I have found that being positive and welcoming has a great influence on our interaction with the public and their interest into who we are and what we do. We pass out our "greeting cards" when people stop and talk to us. Draco and Klar have always welcomed an opened their house for activities. Their Excellencies Enrique and Sarah have hosted many gatherings at their home also. These locations offer a more personal touch to our activities, but we do not publish our home addresses for the world to see. Whereas a public location is a neutral and common place to meet people.

Practices are our main recruiting venue. People see us, judge us and either like what they see or dismiss us as not their thing to do.

That being said, we have more and more people attending our Wednesday evening practices. Some are curious and stop and ask about us, some have started participating and returning every Wednesday. I have invited other fighting clubs to come out and visit with us. This has made us a more visible and different activity than in the past. HEMA (Historical European Marshal Arts), ACL (Armored Combat League) and a few Viking Re-enactor members have come out to practice. I have spoken to the current Earl Marshal about this participation, and he approves of this. The SCA Marshals handbook rules are followed. No steel fighting is conducted while our practice is being held. We use "soft kit" weapons to teach new fighters basic shot mechanics to help them learn how to strike. Learning foot work and body movement is important for new

fighters. It is a fun work out too.

“The SCA is a fun place to do things.”

That is what it is supposed to be, so let’s keep having fun.

I am in search of a deputy to help with Sunday practices. I have a job on the weekends during the months of November and November and will not be able to be at Sunday’s practices during that time. Wednesday practices will continue as scheduled. Any questions or concerns can be sent to me via my email or private message.

YIS,

Brian du Val , marshal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

From the Rapier Marshal



Here is a simple reminder for Rapier Practice. As a rule of thumb the last Sunday of Each month rapier practice will be held at Kasmiersky Park located at 889 Old Magnolia Rd, Conroe, TX 77304 starting at 09:30 A.M. all other Sundays of the month rapier practice will be held at Emancipation Park located at 300 Martin Luther King Boulevard Huntsville, TX 77340. It should be noted that the address for Emancipation Park will take you to the old Boys and Girls Club building. When you are coming down Martin Luther King Boulevard you need to keep an eye out for the park entrance

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact: rapier@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org.

You can also check on the Facebook group for any changes of day/time.

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences



Please send me what you are up to project wise whether baronial or personal by the 5th of each month! This lets kingdom know what our great artisans in the barony are creating!

Yours in Service,
Lady Laurie de Gray

From the Chronicler



Hello everyone! I am still getting a feel for our newsletter, The Quoth, and am looking forward to working with everyone to make it something amazing. If you have any suggestions (for example: topics you would like added, issues you would like to see discussed), please let me know.

As many of you know, our newsletter is monthly, and will be available for disbursement by the first of each month. It will be available online, via our website and (unofficial) facebook page, email (let me know if you need added to the Raven's Fort email list), or a paper copy can be sent upon request.

In order to make it as dynamic and informative as possible, I am requesting that all officers and guild leaders, as well as anyone wishing to submit artwork, recipes, or interesting articles, to have their submissions in by the 25th of each month, 9pm. If you are working on something but have not yet finished, please let me know by the 25th and I will try to make it happen!

If you are interested in submitting photos, articles, or other creative works releases are REQUIRED. You may find the releases as follows:

1. Photographer Release – for the person who TOOK the photo
 - <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf>
2. Model Release – for the **recognizable** people IN the photo
 - <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf>
3. Creative Release – for art, articles, and other creative works
 - <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf>

I will also be updating the calendar (semi-monthly on the website and monthly within The Quoth). If you have any proposed calendar items (SCA related, of course), please be sure to submit the request timely, as it may take a few days to be reflected on the calendar.

Any questions, suggestions, calendar items, submissions or releases, can be sent to chronicler@ravensfort.ansteorra.org.

Yours in Service,
Lady Seneca of Raven's Fort'

From the Hospitaler



If you or any newcomers need loaner garb for an event, please have them contact me.
In Service,
Lady Ysenda de Gray

From the Herald



If you need name, device, or badge assistance please, email
H. E. Brian du Val at herald@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

From The Minister of Children



If you have any questions or concerns, please email me.
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Offices Coming Open

- ✦ The positions of Minister of Arts and Sciences is open for applications.

To Apply for an Office

1. Go to [ansteorra.org](https://ansteorra.org/forms/), and look under forms.-- <https://ansteorra.org/forms/>
2. In the "NAME" box, type application
3. Download and fill out the application for office.
4. Write a letter of intent.
5. Send these two items (email is fine) along with a copy of your blue card to the following:
 - local B&B
 - local seneschal
 - local office in which you are applying
 - regional officer of position you are applying
 - kingdom officer of position you are applying
 - kingdom seneschal.
6. Remember:
 - For reeve, you must send a copy of driver's license
 - You must be a member of the SCA to hold office

Kids' Corner



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