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The
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Barony of Ravens Fort
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From the Baron and Baroness



Dearest Barony,

It is with both a somber and a gladdened heart that we write this missive to you, our beloved Barony.

After a long battle with a barrage of mundane obstacles, we've had to accept the reality that our continued service as Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort will ultimately slow or even hinder the forward momentum that we worked so diligently to set in motion. As a promise I personally made to King Sven I, once the time came upon us that this was the case, we would numbly ask our Sovereign's permission to pass along this honour to another and to step down as your representatives.

With that, we are happy to announce that we have Heirs!!!! I am so glad this decision didn't fall to me, and I did not envy Their Majesties in this daunting task. All candidates who stepped forward to serve in this capacity were absolutely amazing, and I'm honored to serve alongside each and every one of you.

We congratulate HL Jean-Michel de Meaux and HL Marie de Meaux on their selection to be the next Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort.

We are excited for the new opportunities this brings to our much loved Barony, are looking forward to our new and continuing roles, and are looking forward to the future as it unfolds.

For it is in joyful service we remain,

Elrique Netterville and Sarah Róis Netterville

Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort



The Town Crier

As has been previously announced, after many years of Service our Sable Winged Excellencies are stepping down. The cry for applicants was heard and we have heirs!

A large, stylized cursive word 'Congratulations!' is the central focus. It is surrounded by several five-pointed stars of varying sizes and orientations, some solid black and some light gray. A long, sweeping underline extends from the end of the word. The entire graphic is set against a background of a decorative, repeating knotwork border.

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Congratulations to HL Jean-Michel de Meaux and HL Marie de Meaux
-the next Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort.

Defender of the Fort & Baronial Investiture

Their Sable Winged Excellencies, Erique Falcone de Netterville and Sarah Rois Netterville cordially invite the Known World to the Barony of Raven's Fort's Fall Event, Defender of the Fort and Baronial Investiture of HL Jean-Michel de Meaux and HL Marie de Meaux.

September 17-19, 2021
Joe Pedigo Park
925 US-59, Livingston, TX 77351
Site fee: \$15 • Member discount: \$10 • Under 17: free

There will be Championships, Activities, Competitions, Merchants, Camping, and above all, FUN!

Pedigo Park is an amazing site that allows camping and has showers and flush toilets. Electricity is free but does require an RV adapter plug. Come out for the weekend and enjoy visiting old friends and making new ones.

Please note that no taverns nor feast will be offered, due to Covid restrictions, so remember to plan accordingly. Also remember, masks must be worn at all times when not eating and drinking. (Covid rules and restrictions will be updated as needed)

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, September 17, 2021

5pm - Site opens

9pm - Torchlight Tourney

Saturday, September 18, 2021

8am - Armor inspections

9:30am - Morning Court (Step-down/Step-up of Baron and Baroness)

After Morning Court-

- ✦ Rapier competition begins
- ✦ Chivalric competition begins
- ✦ Archery competition begins
- ✦ Thrown Weapons competition begins
- ✦ A&S set up
- ✦ Largess Derby set up
- ✦ Frugal Garb set up

1pm - Judging Largess Derby

2pm - Bardic competition

3pm - Judging A&S competition

5pm - Evening Court

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Noon - site closes

Note schedule is subject to change at the Crowns' leisure.

Championships

This year four Champions will be chosen at Defender, with the remainder to be chosen at our Spring Event. Please find details for each competition below.

Chivalric

From H.E. Brian du Val:

The tournament to choose the champion for the new Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort draws near!

Sir Ragnar has arranged a Swiss Five tourney for all those who wish to fight in the baronial championship. Bring all your toys and be prepared to have your prowess tested!

A special treat for those who want to travel early and fight in the dark, a torchlight tourney will be held Friday night. It will be in the style of a Holmgang (a type of Viking challenge tourney fought in a circle). It will start at 9:00pm or when we have enough fighters to hold it.

All fighters are encouraged to hydrate, stretch, practice and prepare for a great tourney.

Rapier

Per our Rapier Marshall, Lemoine de Gascony:

The Defender of the Fort Rapier Tournament is going to be a standard Raven's Fort Challenge Tournament. You can challenge an opponent one time in each of the five rapier styles. For example, I could challenge an opponent once in each of the five rapier styles, and they, in turn, could challenge me once in each of the rapier styles means that we could fight a total of ten times, with ten points to be had. You are unlimited on the number of opponents that you challenge. The winner is the person with the most points at the end of the day.

A&S

Attention ladies and gentlemen –

It is that time of year - Defender. I know it's been a long 2 years for one person to hold a championship for arts and science and now I'm ready to pass it down to the next winner. I'm inviting you to join us at Raven Forts arts and science competition

The theme this year's Defender/Investiture is Viking! But do not fear, you do not have to follow that theme for your entry (but it would be GREAT if it did).

For entries in the arts and science competition please make sure that you have all your documentation kingdom level ready please. One entry per person! That is to make it fair for everyone else that decides to enter thank you. Please have your documentation typed out.

The only thing that I do ask is please make sure that you have your documentation is kingdom level. There will be no populists votes the votes will be coming from laurels and you're outgoing B&B and your new in coming B&B. Everyone is invited to participate I can't wait to see everybody's entries on September 18th 2021 at Raven's Fort Defender at Pedigo Park.

Sincerely Lady Elizabeth De Gray

Bardic

Defender of the Fort is coming! And with it, the Raven's Skald competition. The format for the Raven's Skald competition will be determined by their incoming Excellencies, but it will likely be one of the following formats:

1. Perform three pieces in at least two styles. (song, story, poetry, theater, juggling, puppet show, etc) At least one piece should be period, or in a period style, one piece should relate to Raven's Fort. Documentation strongly encouraged but not required.
2. Perform two pieces in different styles, one piece must relate to Raven's Fort. Documentation strongly encouraged but not required.
3. Perform two pieces, one period or in a period style, one relating to Raven's Fort. Documentation strongly encouraged but not required.

The final choice of format will depend on their Excellencies wishes.

There will also be a youth Skald (under 16) competition. It will be best piece, bonus points for period or SCA related, but if all you have is "Itsy Bitsy Spider" get up and sing anyway.

I would like to encourage all performers to compete to be the Premier Raven's Skald or youth Skald for their incoming Excellencies (their Nexcellencies, if you will.) Fabulous prizes and largess to be won.

In service,
HL Paedric OMullan
Raven Skald.

HINT: if you are prepared for the first format, you are prepared for all three.

Activities

In addition to competitions there will be activities for all ages this year at Defender.

Torchlight Tourney

A special treat for those who want to travel early and fight in the dark, a torchlight tourney will be held Friday night. It will be in the style of a Holmgang (a type of Viking challenge tourney fought in a circle). It will start at 9:00pm or when we have enough fighters to hold it. All fighters are encouraged to hydrate, stretch, practice and prepare for a great tourney.

Archery

Calling all archers - brush off the dust and come out to Defender for a fun shoot. Stretch your legs (and your arms), come visit and hone your skills in Raven's Fort. Though a Champion will not be determined until Spring, we are looking forward to having some (safe) fun on the Archery Field.

Thrown weapons

Thrown weapons will be at RFD! Come throw from the newest thrower to the seasoned pro. Spears, axes, and knives. Knife Tournament at 2pm. Youth welcome with parent present.

-Aki Seulf

Equestrian

Words from Lady Michelle Fraser and Magnus Bowbreaker

Equestrian activities at Defender of the Fort will be focused on mounted archery basics. We will be working on the steps to introduce our horses to this activity in a safe manner and working on our general horsemanship and riding skills to prepare for upcoming tournaments.

If there is interest from the general populace and time in the schedule, I will offer a meet and greet time with the horses and explain basic safety and how to interact with horses at events. This would take about 30 minutes to an hour depending of number of people. Children welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please do not bring pets into the equestrian area

All are welcome to come out and observe while we work on mounted archery skills and come meet our steeds.

Frugal Garb competition

At Defender of the Fort there will be a Frugal Garb competition to benefit the Barony of Raven's Fort. All entries will be donated to the Hospitaler's Chest. This competition will consist of a piece of garb made for less than \$25. This needs to be something to wear (not just an accessory). There is no theme - let your imagination run. The populace will Judge during the event, and there will be AMAZING prizes.

Largess Derby (for TRH and new B&B)

Greetings one and all,

Raven's Fort's Defender of the Fort and Baronial Investiture of HL Jean-Michel and HL Marie de Meaux is fast approaching. As part of event's activities, there will be a Largess Derby benefitting both Their Royal Highnesses, Floki and Elizabeth, and Ravens Fort's new Baron and Baroness, Jean-Michel and Marie.

The details are as follows:

- Minimum of six same/similar items
- Populace will vote for their favorites
- Entries will be split between Their Royal Highnesses and Their Excellencies
- Set up from 10A to 12P
- Populace votes from 12P to 1P

There will be a prize basket for the winner.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours in Service,
Fionna ni Cheallaigh, OL
loombreaker@gmail.com

Historian display

Are you interested in witnessing the history of the Barony? Who wore what, and when? What does the Baronial charter look like? Did he REALLY have that hair? Come over to peruse the historian display, which may answer those questions and much, much more!

Merchants

Calling All Merchants!

Our Grand Event, Defender of the Fort 2021 & Baronial Investiture of HL Jean-Michel and HL Marie de Meaux, is fast approaching. Everyone is welcome, but we especially encourage Merchants. No event would be complete without them.

My Name is David, and I will be your contact. If you are interested in merchanting, please send me the following information to the e-mail listed below: Legal Name, SCA Name, Business Name, Size of Footprint of Business, and a Brief Description of Your Wares.

We will do our best to give you all the space you have requested. Also, there are no additional fees or gift donations for Merchants this year.

As more information becomes available that affects Merchants, I will keep you informed. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
David Guarino Jr
David Emissario (SCA)
dba Bayou City Treasures
bayoucitytreasures@gmail.com

We hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, please email the autocrat (shelliecherry@hotmail.com), or the Baron, Baroness, or Seneschal!

The Ansteorran Advisor

This is where you can see what is happening in our Great Kingdom (and even beyond!). This is a great place to catch up on the news coming out of the Kingdom. A link to the Kingdom calendar will be included here, and a listing of upcoming official (and known “unofficial”) events, demos, podcasts, blogs, etc. will be given. If you know of something of interest (in or out of Kingdom) and would like it to be included, submit it and we will do our best to post it here.

Covid Response - updated 08.11.2021

Greetings Beloved Ansteorra,

We have immensely enjoyed seeing each other in person once again. Being able to recognize Our worthy populace in person, watching (and fighting with) honorable combatants on the field of glory, and enjoying revelry and fellowship with friends as we share in this Dream we all love has been wonderful. When events were shut down in March of 2020, that was an unprecedented event and We certainly could not have imagined such a shut down would last for well over a year.

It is Our sincere hope that another closure of in-person activities is not required in the future. However, We take the health, safety, and well-being of our participants very seriously. The global pandemic is experiencing another tremendous spike due to the Delta and other variants which are more contagious than the previous strain of the Coronavirus. Therefore, Ansteorra will be implementing certain restrictions on in-person activities in an effort to permit continued in-person activities and prevent another shut down. These restrictions are effective immediately.

First, due to the increased contagiousness of variants, even in the outdoors, Ansteorra will require all participants over the age of 2 to wear face coverings at all in-person SCA functions in accordance with CDC guidelines. Face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth except while briefly eating and drinking. Participants must remain stationary and socially distant while unmasked to eat or drink. Face coverings should be in accordance with CDC guidelines on masks. For more information, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/.../prevent.../about-face-coverings.html>.

Second, Ansteorra will reinstate the guidelines of the July 1 restrictions from the Board of Directors regarding food and drink. This means that there are no feasts and SCA entities may only provide food that is prepackaged. SCA entities may also provide single use, commercially sealed beverages. Individuals may provide and share food as they see fit, but do so at their own risk and must make clear that they are doing so as private individuals, not as an officially sponsored SCA activity. Special exceptions for A&S entries will be granted. Please contact the Kingdom Seneschal and Kingdom Minister of Arts & Science for information.

Third, youth activities are, sadly, prohibited at this time. When youth activities were reinstated, the spread of the virus was decreasing. Unfortunately, the

situation has deteriorated, and we must take steps to ensure the safety of all, especially the youngest among us.

We understand this is an inconvenience and certainly we take no joy in these restrictions. However, We believe these are necessary steps to protect Our populace and still have in-person gatherings. Ansteorra is the greatest Kingdom in the Known World. We are a Kingdom of heroes. We ask that all Ansteorrans join us in protecting each other. That is what heroes do. That is what Ansteorrans do.

In Service to Ansteorra and Her People,
Jason & Magherita III, King and Queen of Ansteorra
Floki & Elizabeth, Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Ansteorra
Brian O'hUilliam, Seneschal of Ansteorra

Goings on in the Kingdom

The Kingdom calendar can be found at the following link:
<https://ansteorra.org/events/>. Highlights for September and October include:

- SEPTEMBER 17-19 – DEFENDER OF THE FORT – RAVEN'S FORT
- SEPTEMBER 24-26 – CORONATION AND ROSENFELD 30TH YEAR/WAR COLLEGE – ROSENFELD
- OCTOBER 15-17 – BARONY OF BJORNSBORG'S VALKYRFELT IV – BJORNSBORG
- OCTOBER 22-24 – BONWICKE'S CHAMPIONS 2021 – BONWICKE
- OCTOBER 22-24 – NAMRON PROTECTORATE – NAMRON
- OCTOBER 22-24 – COASTAL GRAND BARONIAL
- OCTOBER 29-31 – ELDERN HILLS – SAMHAIN – ELDERN HILLS

PLEASE NOTE

- OCTOBER 2-10 – GULF WAR IS CANCELLED



The Raven's Chronicle and Town Crier

This fall Raven's Fort is BUSY with activities including our yearly Defender of the Fort, Investiture of a new Baron and Baroness, guilds meeting, and fighter practices – just to name a few. So, what IS going on in Raven's Fort....

Offices Coming Open

We have offices coming open. If you are interested in helping the Barony, either through leadership or service, please consider applying. For information on the office, what to expect, job duties, etc. please contact the office holder or peruse the Kingdom officer page for details. The following offices are open for application:

1. Seneschal
2. Chronicler
3. Hospitaler
4. Webminister

And remember, each office flourishes with a deputy. If you are interested in learning the ins-and-outs of an office, but are wary of taking the reins, I would encourage you to contact the office holder and let them know your willingness to help. (Their email can be found in the "Officer's Section" of the Quoth).

To Apply for an Office

1. Go to ansteorra.org, 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

Cum negotio deficere (aka Bows, Blows, and Throws)

"When negotiations fail, our fighters come to bear".

This is where you will find the latest information on when and where to find our fighters/fighter practices, what is going on with martial activities, and any announcements our martial arts may have. Please remember that due to holidays, events, and the weather, dates and times may fluctuate so keep an eye out for changes.

Remember to bring a chair, something to drink, and your mask. (Loaner gear is available).

If you are not a fighter, join us anyway - there will be lots to see, friends, and fun - so bring your projects, chairs, and (most importantly) yourself to visit and reconnect with folks you haven't seen in a while and to meet new ones.

Rapier Practice

Rapier Practice has resumed after our lockdown hiatus and is going strong. If you are interested in learning the basics or are a seasoned fighter, come out and play!. Location and times are detailed below, and will also be available on the calendar, website, and facebook.

Each Sunday practices will be held at Emancipation Park 300 MLK JR Blvd, Huntsville, Texas, at 9am.

Each Wednesday practices will be held at Candy Cane Park, 1508 N HWY 45, Conroe, Texas, on the Highway 45 side of the park, beginning at approximately 6:30pm.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact our Rapier Marshall at:

H. L. Lemoine de Gascogne
MKA- L.D. Beers
rapier@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

Chivalric (Heavy) Fighter Practice

Chivalric (Heavy) Fighter Practice has resumed in earnest. Location and times are detailed below, and will also be available on the calendar, website, and facebook.

The First and Third Sundays of the month, practice will be held in Huntsville beginning in October. The First Sunday of each month will be held at Dragon's Lair, 106 Tracy St. Huntsville, Texas The Third Sunday of each month will be held at FyreKeep, 135 Pine Ridge Lane, Huntsville. Sunday practices will begin at approximately 9am.

Each Wednesday we will be practicing in Madisonville OR Conroe, beginning at approximately 6:30pm. Conroe practices will be held at Candy Cane Park, 1508 N

HWY 45, Conroe, Texas, on the Highway 45 side of the park. Madisonville practices will be held at Sir Geoffrey's estate, 416 W Collard St, Madisonville, Texas.

Wednesday Practice locations:

September 1 Madisonville

September 8 Conroe

September 15
Madisonville

September 22 Conroe

September 29
Madisonville

October 6 Conroe

October 13 Madisonville

October 20 Conroe

October 27 Madisonville

November 3 Conroe

November 10 Madisonville

November 17 Conroe

November 24 no practice
Thanksgiving

December 1 Madisonville

December 8 Conroe

December 15 Madisonville

December 22 Conroe

December 29 no practice
Christmas

January 5 Madisonville

January 12 Conroe

January 19 Madisonville

January 26 Conroe

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact our Knight's Marshall at:

H.E. Baron Brian du Val
MKA – John Reuter
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Cobbler's Corner

Where do we cobble things together? In our Guilds. Guilds are alive and well in the Barony – kind of - as they are either on temporary hiatus due to Covid-19 precautions or are being held in safety. To discover what is happening, please peruse the calendar, Facebook, and the Kingdom Instagram and YouTube channels to see current offerings. 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! We are looking at reinstating the cooking and sewing guilds as well as others very soon..

If interested and/or would like input on future plans/locations/etc, or would like to add a guild to the calendar., please let me (your chronicler) or our A&S Minister know at:

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Raven's Fort

September 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			<p>1 CHIVALRIC PRATICE – MADISONVILLE – 6:30PM</p> <p>RAPIER PRACTICE – CANDY CANE PARK – 6:30PM</p>	<p>2 POPULACE – VIA ZOOM</p>	3	4
<p>5 RAPIER PRACTICE – EMANCIPATION PARK – 9AM</p>	6	7	<p>8 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – CANDY CANE PARK – 6:30PM</p> <p>RAPIER PRACTICE – CANDY CANE PARK – 6:30PM</p>	9	10	11
<p>12 RAPIER PRACTICE – EMANCIPATION PARK – 9AM</p>	13	14	<p>15 CHIVALRIC PRATICE – MADISONVILLE – 6:30PM</p> <p>RAPIER PRACTICE – CANDY CANE PARK –</p>	16	<p>17 RAVEN'S FORT EVENT – DEFENDER OF THE FORT AND INVESTITURE</p>	<p>18 RAVEN'S FORT EVENT – DEFENDER OF THE FORT AND INVESTITURE</p>
<p>19 RAVEN'S FORT EVENT – DEFENDER OF THE FORT AND INVESTITURE</p>	20	21	<p>22 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – CANDY CANE PARK – 6:30PM</p> <p>RAPIER PRACTICE – CANDY CANE PARK – 6:30PM</p>	23	24	25
<p>26 RAPIER PRACTICE – EMANCIPATION PARK – 9AM</p>	27	28	<p>29 CHIVALRIC PRATICE – MADISONVILLE – 6:30PM</p> <p>RAPIER PRACTICE – CANDY CANE PARK –</p>	30		

Kids' Corner



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A Note From the Chronicler



Hello everyone! As you can see MAJOR changes are coming. So brush off those articles, forward me those pictures of A&S projects you are working on, and let me know if you are planning any virtual or (regulation compliant) in person classes/meetings/get togethers.

For those who have sent in articles, etc over the last couple of months for inclusion, never fear, they will be featured in future editions of the Quoth.. But please remember, just because you post something (eg: a picture) on facebook, that does NOT mean I will automatically put it in the Quoth – you have to give me permission first!

Now, for the business part:

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.

As with any project, changes are inevitable – and welcome. So please, if you have any questions, suggestions, calendar items, submissions or releases, send them to me, your Chronicler. If you would like your own section, have questions as to what is/is not permitted for inclusion, please let me know.

I hope you enjoy the changes to come, and remember if you have any suggestions, let me know!

Yours in Service,
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