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*The Newsletter for the
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From the Baron and Baroness



Greetings Raven's Fort,

Jean-Michel and Marie do send greetings to one and all. In our first missive as Baron and Baroness, we would like thank each and every one of you for the amazing work done at our Defender of the Fort/Investiture event. We recognize the teamwork, camaraderie and dedication it takes to make an event successful. Not only was it an amazing day for us personally, it was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Even more impressive as this was our first Baronial event in almost 2 years.

We are so grateful to one and all for your support to this barony and to the Kingdom. With the outstanding showing, it is evident that the barony's future is bright.

Speaking of the future, we have joined with the Shires of Graywood and Shadowlands and the Barony of Bordermarch for a regional rapier practice on October 9th at 11am at Pecan Park in Nacogdoches. This is the first of what we hope to be many on a rotating regional practice.

Additionally, we have already started planning for Raven's Fort Yule on December 18th to be held at Crane Meadows. We are appreciative of their generosity by allowing us to use their location. Look for future planning in the months to come.

War College in the Spring is still in need of bids. Please let us know if you have any questions on bid submission, etc. Thank you Lord Kelley for posting on the FB page links on bid submissions and autocrafting an event.

Open offices are available and we look forward to working with the current and new officers.

I'm closing, we want to encourage everyone to be safe as we move into the autumn part of the year.

We are,
Jean-Michel and Marie
Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort

The Raven's Chronicle

This September Raven's Fort was BUSY with activities including our yearly Defender of the Fort, Investiture of a new Baron and Baroness, guild meeting, and fighter practices – just to name a few. So, what happened this past month in Raven's Fort....

Congratulations to HE Jean-Michel de Meaux and HE Marie de Meaux – the new Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort.

Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishments recognized during morning and evening Court during this year's Defender of the Fort.

Raven's Fort Feather of Honor recipients:

Jalali of Salamis
Elizabeth Maria de Medici
Danielle Katherine La Fontaine

Order of the Raven's Wings recipients:

Danielle Katherine La Fontaine
Angelica Veronica de Granada
Nikolas de Nigrip
Jean-Michel de Meaux
Marie de Meaux
Elrique de Netterville
Sarah Rois de Netterville

Champions:

Chivalric - Glenr of Shadowlands
Rapier - Ulrich von Tolstat
A&S - Robin Carrot
Bardic - Ashildr inn Harfagri

Competitions:

Archery - Bryan Diezman
Thrown weapons/Knife - Alisoun de Lisle
Largess Derby - Owen Longstrider
Frugal Garb - Genevieve McCullum de Caen and Seneca of Raven's Fort



The Raven's Fort Town Crier



The remainder of the year a busy time in Raven's Fort with activities including get-togethers, guild meetings, a Yule celebration, and fighter practices – just to name a few. So, what IS going on in Raven's Fort....

- There is a Banner Day this month being held on Saturday October 9, 2021 – beginning at 10am at FyreKeep. If you are interested then contact Lady Seneca at seneca.of.ravensfort@gmail.com
- There is a Regional Rapier Practice to be held Saturday October 9, 2021 – at 11am at Pecan Park in Nacadoches.
- We are gearing up for our Yule celebration, to be held on December 18, 2021 at Crane Meadows. Be on the lookout for information coming soon.
- War College is right around the corner (February 18-20, 2022) and we are looking for an autocrat. If interested, please contact our local Seneschal:

Lord Kelly MacGregor
MKA- Kelley McMahan
seneschal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

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. Arts and Sciences
5. Minister of Children
6. Herald

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 martials may have.

Please remember that due to holidays, events, and the weather, dates and times may fluctuate so keep an eye out on our facebook page, website, and email lists 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 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.

Sunday Chivalric practice is on hiatus until December.

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:

OCTOBER 1 Madisonville

October 6 Conroe

November 3 Conroe

OCTOBER 8 Conroe

October 13 Madisonville

November 10 Madisonville

OCTOBER 15 Madisonville

October 20 Conroe

November 17 Conroe

OCTOBER 22 Conroe

October 27 Madisonville

November 24 no practice
Thanksgiving

OCTOBER 29 Madisonville

December 1 Madisonville

January 5 Madisonville

December 8 Conroe

January 12 Conroe

December 15 Madisonville

January 19 Madisonville

December 22 Conroe

January 26 Conroe

December 29 no practice
Christmas

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

H.E. Baron Brian du Val
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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 some ARE 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:

Minister of Arts and Sciences:

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Chronicler:

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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.

From the BOD: Dated: September 25, 2021

The SCA Board of Directors aims to balance getting Society participants back to doing the things we love with measures that support Kingdoms in protecting all that people have worked so hard for. Our COVIDSafe Resolutions provide a flexible, risk-based framework that allows Kingdoms in the United States and Canada to put in place a core set of requirements that event organizers and attendees must adhere to, based on their current environment and public health directions and advice.

As more information becomes available, the Board reviews and updates its resolutions in line with its responsibility to act diligently, with due care, and in good faith. This is never more important than with issues related to the health and safety of our fellow participants. In line with this approach, based on changing circumstances and updated expert advice, on September 25, 2021, the Board has resolved the following:

Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status Or Negative COVID Test

In addition to the existing policy allowing Kingdoms to establish a mask policy, Kingdom Seneschals in consultation with the Crown shall have the discretion to implement the following policy requiring proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of an event start time from all event attendees:

1. Events are any activities defined in Corpora II.A, Society Events Defined.
2. Proof of being fully vaccinated must be in form of a government issued card (original or photograph) or an electronic record.
3. Proof of negative covid test must be issued from a licensed medical provider and presented in such paper form or electronic form that the event staff can verify its authenticity. Letterhead from a medical provider or an email address clearly identifying the medical provider as the sender of an electronic record shall constitute authentic proof.
4. All persons over the age of 18 must present government issued photo identification along with the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test. Parents and guardians of minors must present their own identification along with proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test for all minors attending an event in their care.
5. Proof of vaccine or a negative test shall not be required for children under 12. Children that are aged 3 through 11 shall wear a mask.
6. In addition to the normal sanctions process, anyone challenging event staff regarding the enforcement of this COVID policy shall be denied entry to or be immediately removed from the event.
7. The Kingdom must have one person at a time checking the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test at an event. The event organizer, or their designee, shall maintain a list of names and times of the person(s) conducting the check at the entrance. Once the entrance is closed at the event, said person(s) will sign a statement at the bottom of the list of names and times, which reads: "I have monitored the event entrance at the times noted above, and I have verified that each person entering the event during that time to have shown me proper identification, along with either proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the start of the event." The event organizer, or their designee, shall forward the signed statement to the Kingdom Seneschal, or their designee, who shall maintain such records in accordance with the standards for retention of waivers.
8. Kingdom Seneschals shall notify the Society Seneschal where local, state, provincial, or national law supersedes this policy.
9. This policy shall not apply to Lochac and Drachenwald.

Covid Response – updated 09/02/2021

General Rules

- **Ansteorra does not permit indoor events at this time.** Local activities may be held indoors if SCA participation is limited to 25 or fewer. Social distancing must be maintained at all times and properly work masks are required.
- **All participants over the age of 2 must wear face coverings at all in-person SCA functions in accordance with CDC guidelines.** This includes both indoors and outdoors. 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/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.
- **The SCA is not checking vaccine status.** If a venue/site owner requires vaccine checks, we will abide by site rules.
- **The following signage must be displayed prominently and preferably in multiple places at all in-person SCA functions.** <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/052021EventSign.pdf>
- **All in-person events require a sign-in.** We are required to gather modern name and some form of contact (email, phone number, address). Included is a proposed form for gathering this information.
- **Feasts may not be held at this time.**
- **No SCA branch may provide food in a buffet or family style.** Individually wrapped food items may be provided.
- **There are to be no shared drinking vessels.** This would include a water cooler with a spigot where individuals put their mugs or reusable cups to the spigot. Water coolers with single use cups are acceptable.
- **Individuals may share food, but this will NOT be SCA sponsored and that must be clearly stated.**
- **Youth activities are prohibited at this time.**

Rules for Food and Beverage A&S Entries

- Food and beverage entries must pre-register with the coordinator of the A&S/brewing competition.

- The activity coordinator must pre-arrange volunteer judges. Judges must voluntarily consent to sample the items. If no judges are able or willing to judge the item, then it may not be entered into the competition.
- Only the judges may try food or drink during the competition. This may include local landed nobility or royalty if they are part of the judging process. However, food and beverage items are not permitted to be sampled by the populace at large, even for populace choice competitions.
- All food and beverage items must be served in/on single use containers. If a judge needs a second sample, they must use a new plate or cup.
- Only one person may serve food or beverages, limiting the contact of the serving items.
- Distancing should be maintained while unmasked.

Goings on in the Kingdom

The Kingdom calendar can be found at the following link:

<https://ansteorra.org/events/>. Highlights for OCTOBER and NOVEMBER include:

- OCTOBER 15-17 – Barony of Bjornsborg’s Valkyrfelt IV – Seguin, Texas
- OCTOBER 22 – 24 – Coastal Grand Baronial – Colmsneil, Texas
- OCTOBER 23 – Namron Protectorate – Ardmore, Oklahoma
- OCTOBER 29-31 – Eldern Hills Samhain
- NOVEMBER 5-7 - Skorragardr’s Axeman XVI: Celebration of Einherjar – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- NOVEMBER 6 – Agardian Fjord Day – Hosted by Shadowlands and Bryn Gwlad – Deanville, Texas
- NOVEMBER 13 – Fall Queen’s Tournament



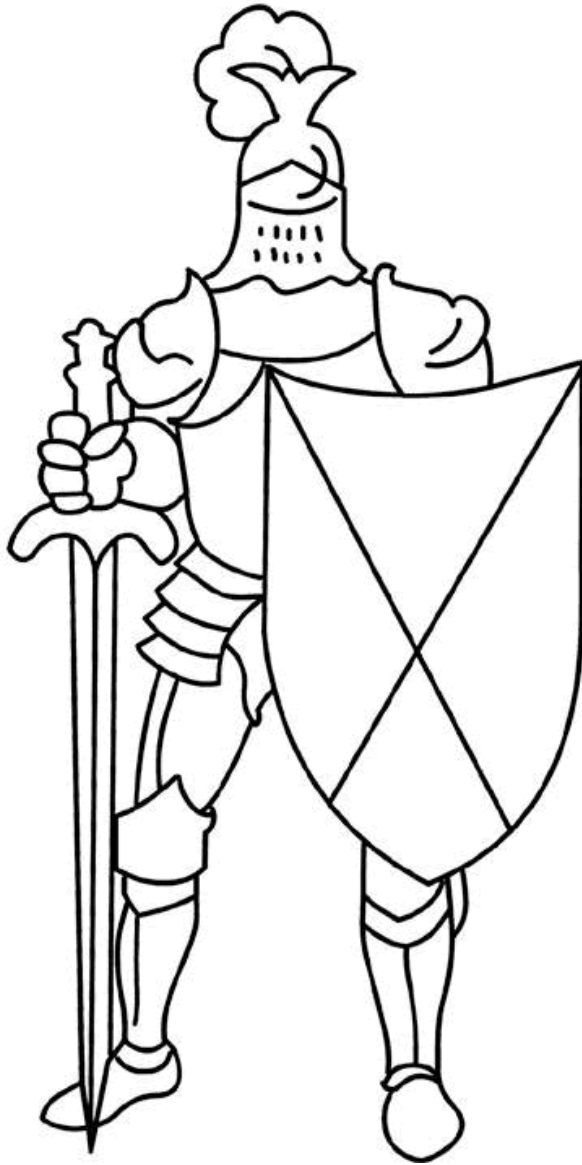


Raven's Fort

October 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3 RAPIER PRACTICE - 9AM - MLK PARK - HUNTSVILLE, TX	4	5	6 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - 6:30PM - MADISONVILLE	7 POPULACE - VIA ZOOM - 7PM	8	9 BANNER DAY - FYREKEEP - 10AM REGIONAL RAPIER FIGHTER PRACTICE - 11AM - NACHADOCHES
10 RAPIER PRACTICE - 9AM - MLK PARK - HUNTSVILLE, TX	11	12	13 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - 6:30PM - CONROE	14	15	16
17 RAPIER PRACTICE - 9AM - MLK PARK - HUNTSVILLE, TX	18	19	20 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - 6:30PM - MADISONVILLE	21	22	23
24 RAPIER PRACTICE - 9AM - MLK PARK - HUNTSVILLE, TX	25	26	27 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - 6:30PM - CONROE	28	29	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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