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From the Baron and Baroness



Greetings Raven's Fort,

We hope these words find you all well as Autumn begins to ascend upon us. Just as the seasons change, we see other changes as Kingdom modifies and amends policies to allow us to attend events again. Please be patient with all of our officers and staff from Kingdom down to the local levels as we all make the necessary adjustments.

With that, we are excited to see activity in the Barony rise now that we are able to gather more easily. Our new officers are working diligently to bring new ideas to our Populace while our seasoned officers are excited by the prospect of in person meetings.

On November 20th, we are co-hosting a regional rapier practice with the Shire of Graywood at Pecan Acres Park in Nacogdoches from 11am-3pm. Please find the FB event page here for more information. <https://facebook.com/events/s/graywood-and-ravens-fort-regio/277644664238152/>

Please start planning for our Yule revel on December 18th at Crane Meadows. Updates on this will be made as we get closer to the Baronial event. We have some exciting additions to this event including inviting our Graywood friends. Please find the FB event page here for more information. <https://fb.me/e/1oUfA4BET>

As all of you go forth to practices, meetings and events please remember to take care of yourself and those around you. Use your best judgment to ensure your health and welfare are foremost in the decisions you make. We hope to see all of you soon and in the years to come.

We remain,

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

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences:



Happy November to everyone! This is Lady Kellenin, your new MOAS for the Barony.

I've been seeing such fantastic crafts and artistry being worked on this month. I encourage anyone to let me know by the 5th of the month, so when I submit my report it shows kingdom how active and talented we are.

So, I'd like to try and offer a fun suggestion. Devices and/or Badges are a great project to work on. They can be researched and submitted and after it's approved, all yours! Imagine all the ways it could be used, such as a Viking hood or banner. I myself am going to work on some small fabric largesse bags for the Baron and Baroness with theirs.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at moas@ravensfort.ansteorra.org or Facebook Messenger. You can also text me at 832-381-0316.

In service,
Lady Kellenin de Lanwinnauch

From The Web Minister



I've been working with the Kingdom Webminister and now have access to the new Raven's Fort website, which I am working on updating now. The recent outage of the Kingdom website slowed progress, but it doesn't appear that we've lost any information, and I'm back to work migrating, updating, and refining our site to be more in line with our neighbors' sites. I expect to have a functional site in place very soon and, once that happens, we will be redirecting the old site for anyone that doesn't have the new address (www.ansteorra.org/ravensfort).

-Lady Stjarna

From the Hospitaler



Greetings Raven's Fort. We will be having a new comers day on the 3rd Sunday of November (the 21st) at Lady Seneca's house. From 10 AM until 2 PM, those who need garb can come look through what we have on hand and also pick out fabric to make themselves an outfit. If you need the address, or have any questions or concerns, please let me know at hospitaler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org.

From the Chronicler



Hello everyone!

Our newsletter is monthly, and 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@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org.

Yours in Service, Lady 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....

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- There is a Regional Rapier Practice to be held Saturday November 20, 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. This Year there will be lots of food (potluck – by sign up), contests (ie: best garb/best dressed and best dessert), A&S activities, and the opportunity to catch up and visit with friends in the Barony. Be on the lookout for more 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. Minister of Children
4. 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 Practices will be held in the following locations:

November 3 Conroe	December 1 Madisonville	January 5 Madisonville
November 10 Madisonville	December 8 Conroe	January 12 Conroe
November 17 Conroe	December 15 Madisonville	January 19 Madisonville
November 24 no practice Thanksgiving	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
MKA - John Reuter
marshal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org



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 discovery 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 contact our A&S Minister and me (your chronicler) at: moas@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org and chronicler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org .

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.

Ansteorra COVID Policy – Effective October 14, 2021

Last Updated 10/15/2021

The term “activity” applies to any official gathering hosted by the Kingdom of Ansteorra or a Group within the Kingdom.

General Rules for All In-person Activities

- Ansteorra does not require proof of vaccination or of a negative test result to attend an in-person activity. If a venue/site owner requires vaccine checks, we will abide by site rules.
- There is no limitation on the number of attendees for in-person activities
- All in-person events require a sign-in. We are required to gather modern name and some form of contact (email, phone number, address).
- 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>
- Feasts may not be held at this time.

Outdoor Activities

- Outdoor activities are allowed
- Masks are not required at outdoor activities
- Private encampments may set stricter rules for persons within their encampment

Indoor Activities

- Indoor activities are allowed
- Masks are required for all persons aged 3 and older. Masks must be properly worn except while eating and drinking. For more information, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Eating and Drinking at Any Activity Type

- Eating and drinking must be done while stationary and should be done while socially distanced

- There are to be no shared drinking vessels provided by the SCA. 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

- Youth activities are prohibited at this time.
- Youth may still participate at events and activities.
- Take-away children's activities are allowed.

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 <https://ansteorra.org/events/>. Highlights for the remainder of the year include:

- ✦ NOVEMBER 5-7 - Skorragnar'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
- ✦ DECEMBER 4 - Dragonsfire Tor's Yule Revel - Dragonsfire Tor
- ✦ DECEMBER 4 - STARGATE/LOCH SOILLIER YULE AND STARGATE INVESTITURE - Stargate - Anahuac, Texas
- ✦ DECEMBER 11 - PREMIER CORONET TOURNEY FOR VINDHEIM - Moonshadow - El Reno, Ok
- ✦ DECEMBER 17 - 19 - BARONY OF BJORNSBORG'S VALKYRFELT IV - Bjornsborg - Seguin, Texas
- ✦ DECEMBER 18 - WIESENFEUR YULE REVEL - Wiesenfeur



Raven's Fort

November 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM - CONROE	4 POPULACE – VIA ZOOM	5	6
7 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK	8	9	10 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM - MADISONVILLE	11	12	13
14 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK	15	16	17 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM - CONROE	18	19	20 REGIONAL RAPIER PRACTICE – 10AM – PECAN PARK - NACHADOCHES
21 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK NEWCOMER GARB DAY – 10AM – LADY SENECA'S HOUSE	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK	29	30				

Kids' Corner



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