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From the Baron and Baroness



Greetings,

We hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and that we find all of you well.

Many exciting events are coming over the next few months. Stargate held Their Investiture and we had a strong showing from the Barony. Next up, Vindheim will be holding their premier Coronet Tourney in Oklahoma. If traveling to the Vindheim tournament, please be safe on the roads and follow the Covid policies for the Oklahoma territory of Ansteorra.

In January we will host Crown Tournament for the Kingdom, so look for upcoming gate shifts and other opportunities to volunteer. Lady Seneca will be the Event Steward and Lady Giselle is Co-Steward. We know they will do do fabulous job as they have been working on this bid since late September.

As the Kingdom moves slowly back to a normal schedule, we hope it allows all of us to enjoy activities and our friendships that we have built over the years. Please look to the local and Kingdom calendar for upcoming events.

Speaking of events, Gulf Wars is quickly approaching. Lady Giselle will be our Land Coordinator and we hope to see many of you there. As you make plans to attend, please let us know of any questions you may have or ways to make the Baronial camp shine. We, as a Barony, will need to coordinate many small details to meet the requirements for land at War and these will be posted soon.

At Populace, we opened a vote on how to proceed with Yule. The polling closed on Sunday, December 5th with an overwhelming majority voting to move the date and location to the Goree Clubhouse on January 22. Please see the FB event page for more information.

Additionally, we had secured the Goree Clubhouse for January 22nd for the next Regional Rapier practice between the Barony and the Shire of Graywood. This still looks good as the practice would be in the morning. We look forward to our turn hosting this practice as the last one was extremely fun and very well attended.

Please let us know if there are any activities or travel that we can support.

We look forward to a happy year.

Jean-Michel and Marie
Baron and Baroness

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences:



Season's Greetings from MoAS!

I hope everyone had a wonderful start to the holiday season. With Christmas and other gift giving events coming up, it's a great time for some skills to be used and shared!

Best wishes and a Happy New Year
Lady Kellenin

From The Web Minister



We now have a functional calendar! I'll be sharing the calendar to all officers that have emailed me (hint, hint) at some point in the next couple of days, so keep an eye on your email. The new address (www.ansteorra.org/ravensfort).

-Lady Stjarna

From the Hospitaler



Greetings Raven's Fort. We will be having a sewing day December 11, 2021 at Lady Seneca's house from 10 AM until 2 PM. All those who need garb can come look through what we have on hand, pick out fabric to make themselves an outfit, and SEW!! 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....

- We will be having a sewing day on the 2nd Saturday of December (the 11th) 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 are interested, need the address, or have any questions or concerns, please let me know at hospitaller@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org.
- We will be hosting Winter Crown this coming year. Winter Crown will be held the weekend of January 7th through 9th at Pedigo Park.
- We are gearing up for a Winter celebration. Voting is in, and our Yule Celebration (now a Winter Celebration) will be postponed until January 22nd, 2022.
- 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
5. Knight Marshall

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

On the Horizon

We have many events coming up for us to prepare for in the coming months, and so little time to prepare!

Winter Crown Tournament

We have been chosen to host Winter Crown Tournament to be held the weekend of January 7th – 9th, 2022 at Pedigo Park in Livingston. There will be wonderful volunteer opportunities as we prepare to show the Kingdom the greatness of our Barony. Be on the lookout for announcements and be sure to put it on your calendar!

Winter Celebration

Our annual Yule celebration has been postponed and is now a Winter Celebration, to be held January 22nd, 2022 at Goree Clubhouse. Mark your calendars and make arrangements to attend, as it looks to be a wonderful celebration of coming together as a Barony.

War College & Winter Championships

War College and our Winter Championships is right around the corner (February 18-20, 2022) and we are looking for an autocrat. If interested, please contact our local Seneschal:

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Gulf War

Gulf War is upon us....well, 3 months away, but planning is underway! The Gulf Wars registration site is up and running, and now has Ravens Fort on the drop down menu. Registering early will not only help their autocrats get an idea as to how many of us to expect, will aid/allow for camping sites to be distributed, AND you get an entry fee discount too!. Lady Gisele de Bier has volunteers to be our land steward – so once you register, please let her know so we can get a count of how many Raven's Forters will be camping.

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:

- ✦ 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
- ✦ JANUARY 1 – STEPPES 12TH NIGHT – Steppes
- ✦ JANUARY 7 – 9 – WINTER CROWN TOURNAMENT – Raven's Fort
- ✦ JANUARY 15 – WINTER ROUND TABLE
- ✦ JANUARY 21 – 23 – BONWICKE'S 30TH YEAR – Bonwicke
- ✦ JANUARY 29 – SABLE LEGIONNAIRE 2022 – Elfsea



Raven's Fort

December 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 POPULACE – VIA ZOOM	3	4
5 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK	6	7	8 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM - CONROE	9	10	11 NEWCOMER GARB DAY / SEWING GUILD MEETING– 10AM – LADY SENECA'S HOUSE
12 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK	13	14	15 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM - MADISONVILLE	16	17	18
19 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK	20	21	22 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM - CONROE	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Kids' Corner



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