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From the Baron and Baroness



We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas/Hanukkah/Yule and New year!

Upcoming events for January are Crown Tourney, which we have the honor of hosting January 6-8. On January 15th, the Kingdom will host an online Round Table where warranting for offices occurs. Additionally we have regional practices for chivalric and rapier when we hold our Winter Celebration on January 22nd at the Goree Recreational Center. With a rise in the Omicron variant of the Covid virus, we ask that everyone take extra precautions for safety. Please respect those wishing to mask, remain socially distant and limiting physical contact. We will continue to look to the Kingdom for updated policies on Covid precautions.

Raven's Fort will have a camp at Gulf Wars in March and Lady Giselle is our Land Coordinator/Camp Mom. A Facebook group page has been created to better coordinate tent space, meal plans, etc. We encourage attendance if you are able as it is a wonderful way to strengthen friendships and support to our Kingdom.

The upcoming year shows much promise and opportunities for our Barony. As always, please let us know if there is any activities or travel that we can support.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Jean-Michel and Marie
Baron and Baroness

From the Seneschal



Greetings unto the Barony of Raven's Fort,

The Southern Regional Seneschal has selected me to be the new Seneschal for the Barony. I am honored and humbled to be able to serve our great Barony. If anyone has any questions or concerns, I hope you feel comfortable speaking with me about them.

I know that Ledy Seneca is on a deadline for the Quoth, so I will try to keep this short. The Crown has currently mandated no in-person activities until at least January 16th. The numbers are being looked at on a week by week basis to determine when the restrictions may be lifted. I will be keeping the Baronial Fb group and mailing list updated with any news as I receive it. If you are not able to find the information you seek, please reach out to me and I will do my best to assist you.

Currently, the Crown Tournament bid by Lady Seneca and Lady Gisele has been postponed. TENTATIVELY, the event **may be** rescheduled for February 18th - 20th. This is not assured and will depend on how the numbers trend. Again, please stay tuned to the Baronial Fb group and mailing list for any updates.

The Barony will be moving back to having a Business Meeting the 3rd Thursday of every month. This month's meeting is just after the current mandated restrictions are set to expire. As such, we are planning to have an in-person Business Meeting at the Conroe Public Library at 7PM. Should the restrictions be continued, the Business Meeting will take place on Zoom. Once again, please stay tuned to the Baronial Fb group and mailing list for any updates.

In Service to the Baron of Raven's Fort,
HE Fionna ni Cheallaigh, OL
Seneschal

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at:
seneschal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

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 virtual sewing day January 8th, 10 AM until 2 PM. Join us and work on your next project, visit, and learn new things. 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



We would like to welcome and congratulate H.E. Fiona Ni Cheallaigh – our new Seneschal.

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 Virtual Sewing Guild/Stitch and Bitch on the 2nd Saturday of January (the 8th) via zoom.. Come join us from 10 AM until 2 PM, and visit, work on projects, and visit.

Topic: Raven's Fort online Sewing Guild

Time: Jan 8, 2022 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84029257947?pwd=Z1laUVp0L0tRTDArckVxYWYyaTRUZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 2925 7947

Passcode: raven

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,84029257947#,,,,*768012# US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 840 2925 7947

Passcode: 768012

- Winter Crown has been postponed. Once we have more information, we will update you.
- We are gearing up for a Winter celebration. Yule Celebration (now a Winter Celebration) will be held at Goree Clubhouse on January 22nd, 2022. Be on the lookout for more information.

Open Offices

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. Chronicler
2. Minister of Children
3. Herald
4. 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 had been chosen to host Winter Crown Tournament, but unfortunately it was postponed due to new Covid regulations. We are hoping that it will be rescheduled soon. 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 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.

Gulf War

Gulf War is upon us....well, 2 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. Additionally we have a FaceBook page has been developed for coordination. It can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/434622174799929/?ref=share>

Defender of the Fort

Planning for Defender of the Fort, held the third weekend of September, is underway and we are looking for an autocrat. If interested, please contact our local Seneschal:

HE Fionna ni Cheallaigh,
seneschal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

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 on our facebook page, website, and email lists for changes.

AT THIS TIME, DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE, AND TO PROTECT BOTH OURSELVES AND OUR LOVED ONES, ALL LOCAL IN-PERSON EVENTS AND GUILDS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. Word has come down from the Kingdom that these restrictions will not be lifted until January 16, 2022. At that time Kingdom will update the policy. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled on the calendar, website, and Facebook for changes, online, or zoom events.

Rapier Practice

Subject to the above missive, 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

Locations and times for Chivalric Practice are detailed below, and will also be available on the calendar, website, and facebook.

Sunday Chivalric practice is on hiatus at this time.

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:

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
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.

From the Ansteorra facebook page:

Greetings Ansteorra,

This Dream we all share is an amazing part of all of our lives. Many people dedicate time and energy to the SCA. The SCA is truly a wonderful hobby. Hobbies, however, are optional things we do for fun. Safety should not be unreasonably risked for our hobbies. With that in mind, we cannot, in good conscience, ask people to put their health at risk for this hobby.

Due to the increased spread of the coronavirus, Ansteorra will suspend all in-person activities until January 16, 2022. We hope by that time the post-holiday spike will have eased. We will reassess at that time. This includes local practices, meetings, guilds, and demos.

Unfortunately, this means that Crown Tournament is postponed until further notice. We thank Raven's Fort for their efforts with this event and hope to return to the Sable Winged lands in the near future.

Floki, King

Elizabeth, Queen

Brian, Outgoing Seneschal

Myfanwy, Incoming Seneschal

Goings on in the Kingdom

The Kingdom calendar can be found at <https://ansteorra.org/events/>. Highlights for the remainder of the year include:

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



Raven's Fort

January 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1
2	3	4	5	6 POPULACE – 7PM – VIA ZOOM	7	8 VIRTUAL SEWING GUILD MTG – 10AM – VIA ZOOM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM	20	21	22 RAVEN'S FORT WINTER CELEBRATOIN
23 RAPIER PRACTICE – 9AM - MLK PARK	24	25	26 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE – 6PM	27	28	29

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