

Quoth The Raven



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From the Baron and Baroness



Greeting to the Fort,

Raven's Fort had a good attendance last month at the Bjornsborg Investiture of HE Ivarr and HE Chritiana as Baron and Baroness. We congratulate them and wish them all the best. Their event was fantastic. Many great deeds were done and much wordfame and awards were given including one of our own, Centurion Thorgard.

Many great and amazing things have come forth in the last month. While we are no longer hosting Crown Tournament due to our location being unavailable, we have made it through another round of the plague healthy and prosperous. In person activities have resumed with mask requirements only for indoor activities. Feasts will also be allowed with a 50 person limit. This is wonderful news and we look forward to activities again.

Our deepest and heartfelt thanks go to all who have spent so much time and effort to repair the long years of damage done to the Stones. We are eternally grateful to Lord Stephan Dracos and HL Klar of the Misty Vale. They have poured their heart and souls into the Stones and the work they have done is amazing.

This month brings us to the long awaited Gulf Wars. As our populace ventures to foreign lands, we wish for safe travels and that everyone has fun. Remember that part of the fun requires some work volunteering. It only takes a small amount of time to assist in camp to make it flow a little easier. This allows everyone an opportunity to enjoy the classes, battles and other activities during the week.

We have much to talk about at Populace and we hope to see everyone in person or via the Zoom link so we can make plans.

We remain yours,
Jean-Michel and Marie
Baron and Baroness

From the Seneschal



Greetings unto the Barony of Raven's Fort,

In-person gathering restrictions have been lifted!! As of the writing of this letter, requirements for masks have been lowered as well. Currently, we are no longer required to have N95, KN95, or a KF94 mask for indoors, just a mask. Masks are no longer required outdoors. Social distancing at a 6' distance is still advisable. Additionally, feasts of up to 50 people are allowed at indoor events, with no restrictions on outdoor feasts. Water coolers are allowed to be provided by the event but individual drinking vessels only. No changes for food and drink entries in A&S. Please keep in mind that this **could** change. While we do not anticipate an increase in restrictions, changes will be posted on the Kingdom Fb page. If you are unsure of the current status, please don't hesitate to ask.

That brings us to the March Populace Meeting on March 3rd, the first Thursday of the month. The populace meeting will be an in-person meeting at the Goree Recreation Center, 7554 S Sam Houston Ave in Hunstville at 7P. I will be trying to provide a Zoom interface to the meeting, however, this may be problematic, and I cannot guarantee we will be able to have a Zoom link. Business meetings will still be on the third Thursday of the month at 7P. Currently, the Business meeting will still be hosted on Zoom, and the Zoom link will be posted to the Baronial Fb page.

As I had mentioned previously, Site Work Weekends will be starting up now that the in-person gathering restrictions have been lifted. HL Klar, Lord Stephan, and Lady Seneca have already been out, getting an **amazing** amount of work done at the site. Thank you all for getting it going, that is sometimes the most difficult part! They have posted some fabulous pictures of what they have accomplished on the Baronial Fb page. The Fb page will also be where upcoming work weekends will be posted. It would be fabulous to have Defender at the Stones if at all possible... work weekends will make that possible.

As you all know by now, we were not able to secure a site for us to host the Spring Crown Tourney on April 9th. However, that does not mean we

couldn't use that bid for the next Fall Crown Tourney, assuming that Lady Seneca and Lady Gisele are still interested in autocrating. Or we could even consider putting in a bid for a Coronation or other kingdom level event. If you know of a site that could host one of these events, bring it up to one of the officers.

Speaking of bids for events, we are approximately 6 months from Defender of the Fort, and we need bids for the event! If you want to put in a bid, but aren't sure what to do or how to start... we are here to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

The barony also has a number of offices that need officers. If you are unsure about taking an office, you might speak to the current holder of that office. Ask if they could use a deputy. Ask what you might be able to help them with. While you do not have to be a paid member to be a deputy, you do need to be a paid member to actually hold an office. Applications can be found on the kingdom webpage, and need to be sent to the current holder of the office, the regional office holder, Their Excellencies Jean-Michel and Marie, and I would appreciate a copy too. Having a SCA membership will also let you avoid paying the non-member surcharge for any events you attend.

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



Greetings Ravens Fort!

We will not be doing a New Comers Academy in March. Gulf War is a very labor intensive endeavor. I will hold a sewing day March 27th in my home at 2019 Roanwood, Houston, 77090 from 10 ~ 2 PM. I have 3 sewing machines and a serger, also a cutting table so this will be the

perfect opportunity to start something new to wear for the upcoming Crown Tournament in April! Hope to see you there!

Love all, serve all,

Gisele de Bier

Hospitaler

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 **27th** of each month, 9pm. If you are working on something but have not yet finished, please let me know by the 27th 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



This is a busy time in Raven's Fort with activities including get-togethers, guild meetings. fighter practices – just to name a few. So, what IS going on in Raven's Fort....

- Site Work Weekends will be starting up now that the in-person gathering restrictions have been lifted. Come out and assist in getting our wonderful site in shape for upcoming events. Any and all assistance is helpful! The dates for March and April will be on the calendar.
- We will not be doing a New Comers Academy in March. Gulf War is a very labor intensive endeavor. I will hold a sewing day March 27th in my home at 2019 Roanwood, Houston, 77090 from 10 ~ 2 PM. I have 3 sewing machines and a serger, also a cutting table so this will be the

Gisele de Bier

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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!

Gulf War

Gulf War is upon us! 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 Ravens 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

Spill the Tea with Maria (notes from the Baroness)

I heard a rumor that official site work days will be scheduled when we return from Gulf Wars.

Since we are not hosting Crown Tournament in April, we would love to try and put together a bid for Coronation...

Classes coming to Populace...what do you want to see me teach? Attend Populace to hear the list.

Bids are still need for Defender and we would love to see it hosted at the Stones. All Championships will be moved back to Defender.

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.

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 MARCH 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 Pracíce

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. These practices are subject to covid-restrictions in place.

Each Wednesday we will be practicing in Madisonville OR Conroe, beginning at approximately 6:30pm.

Madisonville practices will be held at Sir Geoffrey's estate, 416 W Collard St, Madisonville, Texas on the **first, third, and fifth** Wednesday of the Month.

Conroe practices will be held at Candy Cane Park, 1508 N HWY 45, Conroe, Texas, on the Highway 45 side of the park on the **second and fourth** Wednesday of the Month.

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 MARCH 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 include:

- * MARCH 12 – 20 – GULF WAR (OUT OF KINGDOM)
- * MARCH 25-27 – HELLSDATE – COMMANDERS CRUCIBLE
- * APRIL 1-2 – ELFSEA DEFENDER: PEARL AND RUBY ANNIVERSARY
- * APRIL 9 – CROWN TOURNAMENT
- * APRIL 16 – STARGATE BARONIAL
- * APRIL 16 – WIESENFEUR BARONIAL
- * APRIL 22-24 – GLASLYN'S DEFENDER OF THE FLAME
- * APRIL 29 – MAY 1 -BELTANE



Raven's Fort

March 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 POPULACE – IN PERSON – GOREE RECREATIONAL FACILITY	4	5
6 9AM – RAPIER PRACTICE	7	8	9 6:30PM – CHIVALRIC PRATICE	10	11	12
13 9AM – RAPIER PRACTICE	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9AM – RAPIER PRACTICE	21	22	23 6:30PM – CHIVARIC PRATICE	24 OFFICER MEETING – VIA ZOOM	25	26
27 9AM – RAPIER PRACTICE 10AM - SEWING GUILD	28	29	30 6:30PM – CHIVALRIC PRACTICE	31		

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