

Quoth The Raven



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From the Baron and Baroness



Greetings Raven's Fort,

Gulf Wars has come and gone. For those that were unable to attend, you missed an amazing War! So many classes, fighting and food! Many thanks go to Lady Gisele for not only being the land agent, but putting together a wonderful meal plan. We appreciate everyone who processed with Marie during opening ceremonies. Our Barony was very well represented. Plans are already underway for next year's Gulf Wars! It truly was an enjoyable event.

Now that events are more prevalent and the restrictions have lifted, we look forward to attending Crown Tournament that will choose the Kingdom's new Heirs. We wish all entrants good luck. A Raven's Fort pavilion will be up with light refreshments and we hope to have our members attend.

Site work days continues and many have contributed their time and sweat to our Stones site. We hope to see more of you out, including ourselves, to continue this much needed and overdue work of our beloved Stones in preparation for Defender.

Speaking of Defender, it is rapidly approaching and we humbly request that all wishing to be the Event Steward to submit your bid. We would love to promote this event more as all our Champions will be chosen that weekend. We are very excited to see your proposals.

A reminder that our monthly populace meeting is now in person. Please join us at the Goree Clubhouse. Bring your ideas and suggestions. We look forward to seeing everyone and remember to stay safe.

We humbly remain,

Jean-Michel and Marie

Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort

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
seneschal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

From the Hospitaler



Greetings Ravens Fort!

This month's New Comers Academy will take place at the Stones of Ravens Fort! You've all heard tales from events past, now is your time to come and see it for yourselves! There will be plenty of folks there that day to answer your questions on camping a primitive site. The address is 189 Four Notch Road. Be aware the entrance comes up on you quickly. There is a tiny bridge just prior to the entrance on the left. Be also aware that the road is a bit rugged, go slow! Keep bearing to the left and you will find us. Bring a chair, a picnic, and something liquid! Hats and sunscreen are also great ads. Please call me if you run into an issue 713 853-6331

Hope you see you there!

In service
Gisele de Bier

Hospitaler

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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 are up and running 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 April will be on the calendar.
- This month's New Comers Academy will take place at the Stones of Ravens Fort! You've all heard tales from events past, now is your time to come and see it for yourselves! There will be plenty of folks there that day to answer your questions on camping a primitive site. The address is 189 Four Notch Road. Be aware the entrance comes up on you quickly. There is a tiny bridge just prior to the entrance on the left. Be also aware that the road is a bit rugged, go slow! Keep bearing to the left and you will find us. Bring a chair, a picnic, and something liquid! Hats and sunscreen are also great ads. Please call me if you run into an issue 713 853-6331e

Gisele de Bier
Baronial Hospitaler
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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...

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 Covid restrictions have been lifted by the Crown!

The next Regional Rapier practice will be June 4th in Nacogdoches. Stay tuned for carpooling and caravan plans.

Classes are coming to Populace. Please check with the Seneschal to be put on the schedule.

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

Site work days continue. Look to the calendar for dates for possible revel after working!

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.

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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. 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
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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 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 .

Goings on in the Kingdom

The Kingdom calendar can be found at <https://ansteorra.org/events/>. Highlights include:

- * 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

Goings on in the Barony

Due to a formatting issue, I was unable to present our normal calendar this month. Never fear, however, I have dates! In addition to the heavy and light fighting schedules mentioned above:

- * APRIL 3 – SITE WORKDAY
- * APRIL 7 – POPULACE
- * APRIL 17 – SITE WORKDAY
- * APRIL 23-24 – SITE WORK WEEKEND

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