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From the Baron and Baroness



Greetings Raven's Fort,

We had a wonderful attendance at Crown Tournament last month and enjoyed watching one of our own compete. The Baronial pavilion and refreshments were appreciated by the barony and visitors. Congratulations to our new Prince Creppin and Princess Toryn, the new Heirs of Ansteorra.

May 7th, the Baronies of Stargate and Loch are hosting Co-Baronials at Pedigo Park. We will be attending and hope to see everyone there to support our neighboring Baronies. It looks to be a wonderful event.

May 14th is Red Tape, so please attend this virtual/free event for obtaining and/or renewing your warrants. This is also a wonderful way to find out more information on an office you are interested in holding.

The last weekend of May 27-29th is Steppes Warlord. We will be attending. However, we will be staying at the Best Western due to the heat. This is a great event to attend with 3 elevations scheduled.

Site work days are still going strong as we work on over 2 years worth of repairs that were not done due to The Plague restrictions. Many continue to contribute their time, sweat and energy to returning the site to a usable state. We need you, ALL of you, to help in this endeavor. Even if you are limited on how and what you can help with, you are needed. Please come support the Barony and our beloved Stones as we prepare for Defender.

Did we mention Defender? Because it is fast approaching and we are in need of an Event Steward. Please submit your bids to the Baronial Seneschal and Baron/Baroness. These bids are now overdue. This will be our first event to hold all Championships at one time. We remain very excited to see your proposals.

A reminder that our monthly populace meeting is now in person. Please join us at the Goree Clubhouse the first Thursday of each month. Bring your ideas, suggestions and questions. Remember that this month, we will be holding a pot luck Taco theme for Cinco de Mayo.

We humbly remain,

Jean-Michel and Marie

Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort

From the Geneschal



Greetings unto the Barony of Raven's Fort,

The May Populace Meeting will be on May 5th, the first Thursday of the month. Since the meeting falls on Cinco de Mayo, the meeting will also be a potluck, the baronial Fb page has the details and sign up for people to let it be known what they will be bringing. The populace meeting will be an in-person meeting at the Goree Recreation Center, 7554 S Sam Houston Ave in Huntsville at 7P.

The business meeting will be held 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. While the business meeting is primarily for the officers, everyone is welcome to attend.

Site Work Weekends are happening. April 30th-May 1st was a camping site work weekend. Please continue to check Fb for details about the work days/weekends, and what tools may be needed for that weekend's work. The next camping site work weekend is May 21st and May 22nd. A great big Thank You to HE Brian du Val for making the arrangements, there will be a porta potty provided for the camping site work weekends. As the weather is warming up, the bugs will be out and you will need to stay hydrated, please plan appropriately.

The goal of all the work being done out at the site is be able to hold Defender of the Fort there in September. We are in need of someone to put in a bid for Defender. If we don't get a bid, we will not be able to have Defender.

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 paid SCA membership will also let you avoid paying the non-member surcharge for any events you attend.

While I am speaking about offices, a new office has been created, the Social Media Deputy. I would like to say a huge thank you to Lady Gisele de Bier for volunteering to be the Social Media Deputy. This is a new office, without a lot of details or specifics about the duties of the office, and Lady Gisele stepped right up to this challenge. If you are curious or would like to assist Lady Gisele, please speak with

her or me. I do know that Roundtable on May 14th will have meetings and classes for this new office.

Last but not least, June 4th there will be a regional rapier practice from 11AM to 3PM in the Shire of Greywood at Pecan Acres Park, 826 Starr Ave, Nacogdoches, TX 75961

In Service to the Baron of Raven's Fort,
HE Fionna ni Cheallaigh, OL
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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 have 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 next date coming up in May will be a work weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd - the site will be open for camping at 8am and will close around 1pm. It is expected to be hot, so please remember to bring a chair and water to remain hydrated throughout the day. If interested in having a potluck or bbq while out there, let us know!

Workdays that are scheduled are as follows:

- MAY 21 TO MAY 22 – 8AM MAY 21 TO 1PM TO MAY 22
- JUNE 12 – 8 AM TO NOON
- JUNE 26 – 8AM TO NOON
- JULY 10 – 8AM TO NOON
- JULY 24 – 8AM TO NOON
- AUG 14 – 8AM TO NOON
- AUG 28 – 8AM TO NOON
- SEPT 4 – 8AM TO NOON
- SEPT 11 – 8AM TO NOON

- NewComer's Academy has been suspended temporarily.

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
5. Rapier 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! Be on the lookout for more information.

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 Marie (notes from the Baroness)

I heard a rumor that we have a new Prince and Princess. Vivat Prince Creppin and Princess Toryn, the new Heirs of Ansteorra!!

Regional practice will be June 4th for both Rapier and Chivalric at Pecan Acres Park in Nacogdoches. Stay tuned for carpooling and caravan plans...

Did you know that the Ansteorra Longship Company will be serving up their delicious omelet breakfast at Steppes Warlord?! Just another reason to attend May 27-29 at Canton Trade Days.

Work, work, work....play, play play! The more work that gets done at site, the more fun and play we can have later at Defender! So, come out to the work weekends and lend a hand. Raven's Fort needs YOU! Yes, you and you and you!! Even you!

Don't forget that bids are needed for Defender. While it has been expressed that the desire is to host it at the Stones, ALL bids are welcome!! Remember, this year all Championships will be determined at Defender.

Need more tea, Auntie Arwyen's Quince green tea is my absolute favorite. Ad not paid by Auntie Arwyen's, but completely supported by your local Baroness.

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 MAY 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 Pracice

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 Gascogny
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

Goings on in the Kingdom

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

- * MAY 6-7 – COASTAL CO-BARONIALS – BARONY OF STARGATE & BARONY OF LOCH SOILLEIR
- * MAY 14 – SUMMER ROUND TABLE – VIA GOOGLE MEETS
- * MAY 20-22 – NORTHKEEP CASTELLAN – BARONY OF NORTHKEEP
- * MAY 28-MAY 30 – STEPPES WARLORD – BARONY OF THE STEPPES



Raven's Fort

May 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 RAPIER PRACTICE - HUNTSVILLE	2	3	4 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - MADISONVILLE	5 MAY POPULACE - GOREE RECREATION CENTER	6	7
8 RAPIER PRACTICE - HUNTSVILLE	9	10	11 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - CONROE	12	13	14
15 RAPIER PRACTICE - HUNTSVILLE	16	17	18 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - MADISONVILLE	19	20	21 SITE WORK WEEKEND - THE STONES
22 RAPIER PRACTICE - HUNTSVILLE SITE WORK WEEKEND - THE STONES	23	24	25 CHIVALRIC PRACTICE - CONROE	26	27	28
29 RAPIER PRACTICE - HUNTSVILLE	30	31				

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