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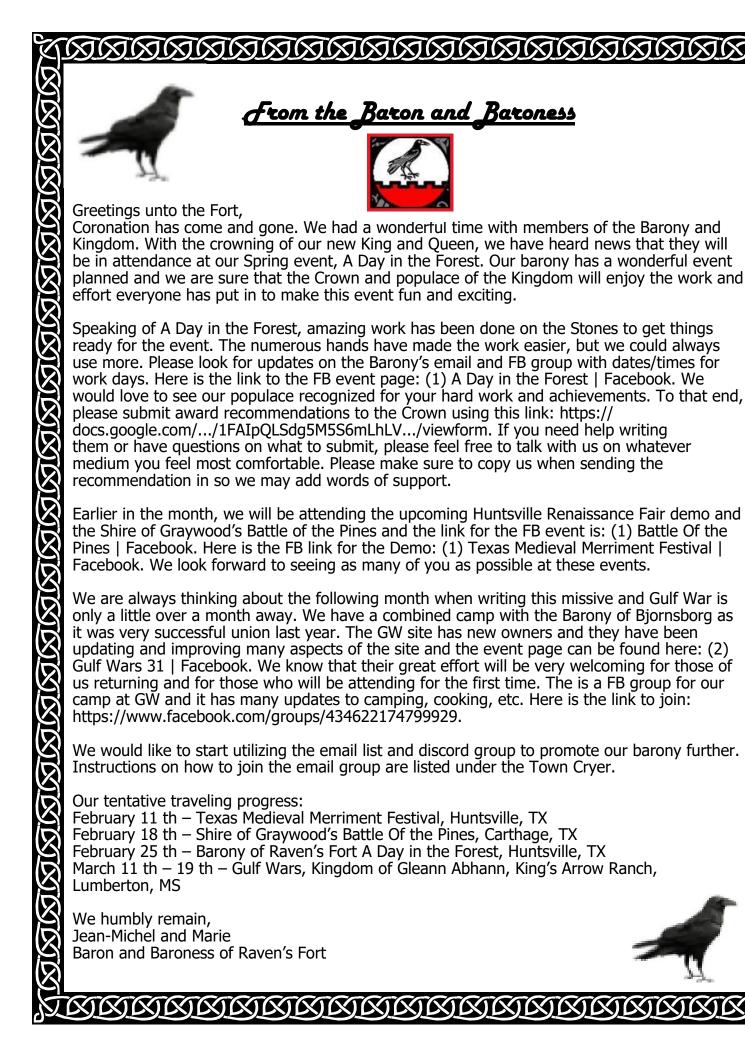
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From the Seneschal



Greetings unto the Barony from the Seneschal,

The February populace meeting will be on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 on Zoom due to an abundance of concern for everyone traveling in possibly icy conditions. The Zoom link has already been posted on the Fb page. The March populace meeting will be March 2 nd , 2023 at 7P at the C.A.T. Café (formerly known as The Buzzed Cup) 1012 University Ave (old Walker Co. jail) Huntsville, TX 77320. We are still seeking places to have our populace meeting each month. Since the end of the pandemic, we have held the meetings at the Goree Recreation Center, the Thoreau Woods Unitarian Universalist Church, McKenzie's BBQ, and Olive Garden. We really need your suggestions for locations to have the populace meeting, please contact me or the Baron or Baroness. Preferably, a location that does not have a site fee, and is available for at least a couple of hours.

There has also been discussion of holding baronial business meetings in person as well. Again, we are looking for potential locations as well as suggestions for when to have the baronial business meeting. So far, Sunday has been a popular suggestion. Please send either me, or the B&B your preferences and ideas.

The February business meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month, February 16 th, 2022 at 7P. This Business meeting will 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 always welcome to attend. It is time for the demo requested by the organizer of the Texas Medieval Merriment Festival, February 10 th -12 th, www.texasmedieval.com. HL Gisele de Bier (hospitaler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org) is the point of contact for anyone who has questions or wishes to participate. The site is just north of Huntsville. More details about the site will be shared at the populace meeting on Zoom, and on the event page on Fb.

The date for our spring event is almost here. We only have a few site workdays left! Site workdays are on Sundays starting early (8A-ish). We don't have much time left to get the site in shape for A Day in the Forest. We have hit the need for all hands on deck to get everything done. A short list of what needs to be accomplished is: clean out the kitchen, tree removal from the bardic area, fallen limb removal, posts for the rapier field (need to be treated wood 4"x4"x8'), list posts painted, mowing and discing the list fields and archery fields. If you have tools like mowers, trimmers, pick axes, hoes, and pitchforks, please bring them. We will need to treat for ants and poison ivy. Please pay attention to the site workdays on Fb for what is needed from one week to the next as well as potential weather related cancellations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Their Excellencies.

Currently, the only open office is the baronial Minister of Children. If you are unsure about taking an office, you might speak to the current holder of that office, and 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



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From the Seneschal



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.

In Service to the Barony of Raven's Fort,

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

From the Webminister



Our Baronial website is now very close to finished! If anyone has any suggestions or sees any problems with the site, please let me know at webminister@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org. Also, if anyone is interested in learning more about maintaining the site, I am looking for a deputy. Experience with Wordpress is helpful, but by no means required.

Lady Stjarna Svinsdottir Raven's Fort Webminister webminister@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

From the <u>f</u>xchequer



Hi Everyone.

Lady Elizabeta Maria dei Medici, your friendly neighborhood Exchequer here. I want to remind everyone that I need budgets for your offices ASAP.

Also, my term of 2 years is over today as of this writing. I will stay in until we get another Exchequer. However, I'm going to be starting to write my Dissertation soon, and I REALLY need someone else in the office. I will be happy to stay on as deputy, but I'm just going to be really busy in the VERY near future.

Thanks Everyone! LadiElizabeta Maria dei Medicici MKA Maria Bulgarelli treasurer@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org



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From the Knight Marshal



Greetings,

February the 1st, and 15th we will be holding fighter practice at Catherine and Geoffrey's Estate in Madisonville. Starting time is 6:30pm. Please remember to stretch & hydrate. We will fight until we are all tired.

February the 8th and 22nd we will be holding fighter practice at Candy Cane Park in Conroe. Starting time is 6:30 pm. Please remember to stretch & hydrate. We will fight until we are all tired.

All are welcome,

Lord Eogan Hua Beollain MKA- Terrance Bowlin marshal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org



Greetings,

I am excited to announce that official Target Archery Practices in Raven's Fort have begun!

Practices are currently scheduled for 7pm on the First, Third, and Fifth Wednesday of every month in Madisonville (same time/location as Chivalric practice). We will begin adding practices two Sundays a month a little later in the Spring. In the meantime, be on the lookout for "special events", including additional practices, demos, and events.

When coming out, don't forget to bring a chair, water (to stay hydrated), and snacks or a lunch. We have a limited amount of loaner gear at this time (we are working on that!), but we invite everyone to come out to learn, shoot, and visit.

Raven's Fort will be hosting our Spring Event, A Day in the Forest on Saturday, February 25 th at the Stones. There will be archery components for both adults and children. This will be a great opportunity to meet or reconnect with fellow archers, learn the basics or brush up your skills, and just have fun!

Please remember that due to holidays, events, and the weather, practice dates and times may fluctuate so keep an eye out on our facebook page, website, and email lists for changes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at seneca.of.ravensfort@gmail.com.

Yours, In Service

HL Seneca of Raven's Fort mka Stephanie Allsup archery@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org



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From the Rapier Marshal



Greetings, Rapier practice every Wednesday at Candy Cane Park starting around 6:30pm. Please join us.

YIS, HE Chrystal Ariana MacRuari mka Roberta Allen rapier@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org

From the Hospitaler



Greetings from your Hospitaller!

February finds us with a demo on the $11^{\mbox{th}}$! Come on out and teach a little bit about your favorite things to make!

Our own event on the 25th will take the place of our newcomers meeting as we'll be playing in the forest!

Hope to see you both places, let me know if you need any help with garb! We've have LOTS of loaner garb as well as some free garb!

YIS HL Gisele de Bier Hospitaler hospitaler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org









Greetings! Come one, Come all to the spectacular Day in the Forest in February!

Have you witnessed the goodness of others? Let their goodness be known to Their Excellencies so that they would also know of the good works done by their populace, within their lands, and for their populace! Give Their Excellencies an opportunity to recognize such goodness and speak their name in court and witness the splendor of recognition for these acts.

Ever wanted to speak and have the crowd hush to hear your every word? Have no fear, I have need of you, most wonderful and awesome populace! I am wounded and cannot fly around as much as I would like. Please let me know if you are willing/able to perform voice herald duties at the Day in the Forest. Volunteer for duty shouts and field (as needed) and let your voice be known! For beginners, quick tips and guidance will be given (even if you decide to not take up voice heraldry). Unsure? You will not know if you like it unless you try it!

There will be upcoming classes for heraldry (again, I am currently wounded and my wings are clipped!) more to be announced soon!

If you desire for heraldic arms or name drawing/research, please let me know. We can together make them happen!

YIS H.E. Meash White Herald herald@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org



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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, and to ensure that the Barony is receiving information timely (ie – so you can know what is going on BEFORE it happens instead of after) 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 20th of each month.

If you are interested in submitting photos, articles, or other creative works releases are REQUIRED. You may find the releases as follows:

- Photographer Release for the person who TOOK the photo

 <u>http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleasePhotographerFillable.pdf</u>
- 2. Model Release for the **recognizable** people IN the photo
 - <u>http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseModelFillable.pdf</u>
- 3. Creative Release for art, articles, and other creative works
 - <u>http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/ReleaseCreativeFillable.pdf</u>

I will also be requesting the calendar be updated 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, Viscountess Catherine of Wessex, OP Barony of Raven's Fort Chronicler chronicler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org





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Their Sable Winged Excellencies, Jean-Michel and Marie de Meaux and the Barony of Raven's Fort cordially invite the Known World to A Day in the Forest February 24th – 26th, 2023

Site Location & Directions

The Stones of Raven's Fort near Huntsville, TX GPS: N30.65278333,W95.440075

Directions: Take your best route to Huntsville, TX. On **EAST Hwy 190(1.2 miles EAST** of Huntsville city limits) turn **SOUTH** onto **FM 2929** (aka Four Notch Road) drive **4 miles** to intersection with FM 2296...drive straight through onto white gravel road. Go **1.3 miles** and **cross concrete bridge**. Take immediate **LEFT** through **RED GATE** onto site. Watch for **SCA signs!**

Reminder: The Stones of Ravens Fort is a Primitive Site.

Site Registration

Adult Registration - \$15 Adult Member Discount Registration - \$10 Child & Youth Registration (0-17) – Free Feast - \$5 Reservations required via Paypal: <u>https://tinyurl.com/RFforest2023</u>

> Make checks payable to: SCA Inc., Barony of Raven's Fort

Site opens 5PM Friday, Feb. 24th and closes at 12PM Sunday, Feb. 26th.

Camping Event - Merchants Welcome

Activities:

Archery, rapier, heavy and thrown weapons with a focus on melee scenarios. A&S classes, a scavenger hunt, and a Robin Hood costume contest.

A feast will be available for \$5, limited to 50. Reservations should be prepaid via Paypal (link to be posted in on the Facebook event ad, <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/2614173308719400</u>.

Feast:

Starter: Salat, Breads, Egredouncye (pork, beef broth, onion and herbs/spices pottage/stew) Sides: Ris Engoule (Rice in beef stock), Sweet stuffed eggs Main Dish: Roast Pork, Lombard Chicken Pasties (chicken & bacon hand pies) Dessert: Honey Crispels (fried pastry basted w/ honey)

Site Rules:

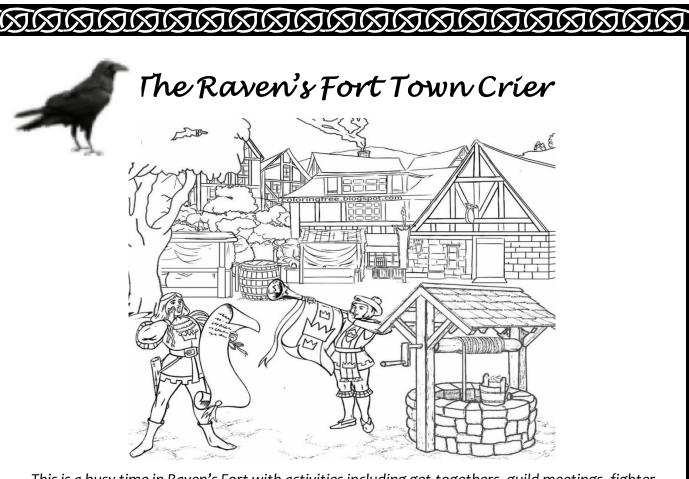
All minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a Signed and Notarized Minor Event Waver Form from the parents. Pets are welcome. Dogs must be current on vaccinations, be on a leash and not unattended. Site is discretely wet. **Beverages in period containers only**.

Event Steward:

Feast Steward:

HL Eireann Hviturhrafn mka Erin Harrison

forestwoman@gmail.com (830) 837-0071 Lady Aveline bitt Belrose mka Shannon Harrison



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 Days will continue after deer season. Come out and assist in getting our wonderful site in shape for upcoming events. Any and all assistance is helpful! We will be posting sign-up sheets for specific needs, so watch our facebook page for updates. But remember, any and all help is needed and appreciated, so even if you do not sign up, please come out! 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: TBD (after deer season)

In order to keep the QUOTE current and out prior to the next month, Please have your submission to the Chronicler by the 20th of each month.

If you are not part of our Raven's Fort email list, and wish to be, please email our Seneschal at <u>seneschal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org</u>.

In an effort to promote and communicate more within the Barony, we would like to start utilizing the email list again.

Please use this link to sign up for the email list: http://lists.ansteorra.org/listinfo.cgi/ravensfort-ansteorra.org

Instructions on how to join discord will be coming out soon!

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Populace and Officer Meetings

Raven's Fort will be holding their monthly populace meetings at 7pm on the first Thursday of the Month.

Our next Populace Meeting will be held on **Thursday February 2nd at 7pm at The** C.A.T. Café (formerly known as he Buzzed Cup) 1012 University Ave (old Walker Co. jail) Huntsville, TX 77320.

Our February Officer Meeting will be held Thursday, Feb 16th at 7pm. Please look for the Zoom invite from the Seneschal.

We hope to see everyone there.

A Day in the Forest February 24 th to 26 th , 2023

The working title for the event is A Day in the Forest, with an Robin Hood-ish event theme. As the event is shortly before Gulf War, the idea is to have a lot of melee and cooperative scenarios, archery, siege weapons, and thrown weapons. We already have a feast steward, but, we need an event steward ASAP, and ideas! If you have a fun idea for some activity at the event, we are willing to listen to any ideas you have. If you are unsure about autocratting an event, please don't hesitate to talk to their Excellencies Jean-Michel and Marie, or the seneschal and any number of other people with any questions you may have. We are here to help.



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:

Minister of Children



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





Cum negotio deficere 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.

Rapier Practice

Rapier practice has started back up at the Conroe Practice

Archery Practice

Archery practice has started back up at the Madisonville Practice

Chivalric (Heavy) Fighter Pracice

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 covidrestrictions in place.

Each 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday we will be practicing in Madisonville

OR the 2nd and 4th Wednesday Conroe, beginning at 6:30pm.

Madisonville practices will be held at HE Sir Geoffrey's and HE Catherine of Wessex's house, 416 W Collard St, Madisonville, Texas

Conroe practices will be held at Candy Cane Park, 1508 N HWY 45, Conroe, Texas,

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact our Knight's Marshall at:

Lord Eogan Hua Beollain MKA- Terrance Bowlin marshal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org







Cobbler'sCorner

Where do we cobble things together In our Guilds. Guilds are alive and well in the Barony – kind of we are working to bring things back after Covid-19 and the extremely hot summer we just had. Please continue to stay tuned to discover 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, possible at the same time as the Madisonville fighter practice. 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 or me (your chronicler) at: <u>moas@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org</u> and/or <u>chronicler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org</u>.

The Ansteorran Advisor

Goings on in the Kingdom

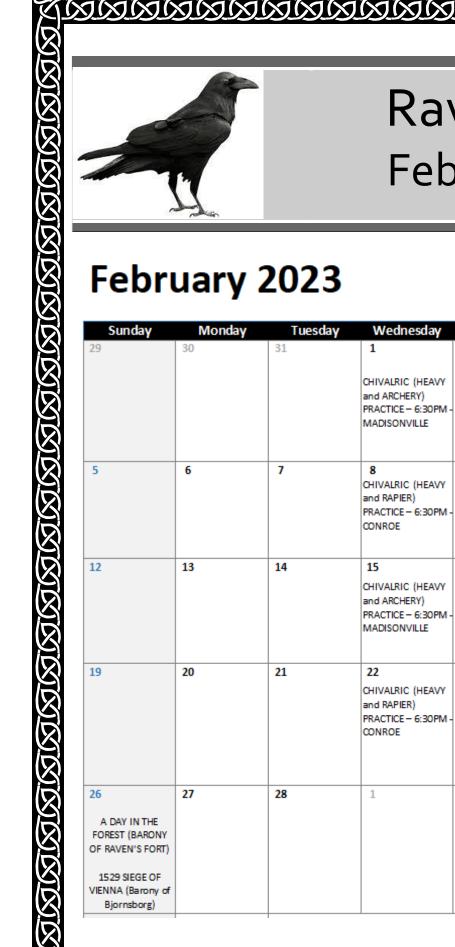
The Kingdom calendar can be found at <u>https://ansteorra.org/events/</u>. Highlights include:

FEBRUARY 2023	
FEBRUARY 04 -	MOONESCHADOWE'S PROVINCIAL GAMES
FEBRUARY 11 -	LAUREL'S PRIZE TOURNAMENT
FEBRUARY 18 -	BRYN GWLAD'S CANDLEMAS
FEBRUARY 18 -	GRAYWOOD'S BATTLE OF THE PINES
FEBRUARY 24-26 -	A DAY IN THE FOREST (BARONY OF RAVEN'S FORT)
FEBRUARY 24-26 -	1529 SIEGE OF VIENNA (BARONY OF BJORNSBORG'S SPRING EVENT

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MARCH 11-19 -	GULF WARS
MARCH 24-26 -	HELLSGATE - COMMANDERS CRUCIBLE
MARCH 31-02 -	ELFSEA DEFENDER
MARCH 31-02 -	DEMO NORMA MEDIEVAL FAIR

MARCH 2023

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Barony of Raven's Fort Our Champions from the 35th Defender of the Fort

Chivalric	Lord Edric Haldyn
Rapier	Don Lorenzo Baglioni d'Aosta
Archery	Lady Tanne Haldyn
Thrown Weapons	Lord Aki Seulf
ass	Centurian Muge Ebugen
Bardic	Lord Dietrich Kragssen
Equestrian	Lord Magnus Bowbreaker



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