

# LATEBEARER

The time has come to once more gather with family and friends at Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel for a Black Forest Christmas. Their Excellencies Deirdre and Valia invite you to join them on the 11 day of December mxxvi.

## *The Barony of Wiesenfeuer*

Anno Societatis LI Being December 2016 CE

# A Statement from the Members of Wiesenfeuer

You may have heard about us from a friend, found us on a web search, saw our displays and demos at the Norman Medieval Fair or any number of local events or schools. Regardless of how you've found us, we're glad you did. The Barony of Wiesenfeuer is part of an organization called the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). It's an international organization dedicated to the researching and recreating the arts and skills of pre-17th century Europe. The "arts and skills" of Europe, and any people that Europeans had contact with, are far reaching in scope and depth. Arts include everything from making soap or butter, to making of instruments, woodworking, ... the list goes on. Anything that was made or done in the Middle Ages or Renaissance is fair game. Skills would include fighting, fencing, archery, thrown weapons, and all manner of games and talents played and practiced in six hundred years of history.

The SCA is a hands-on participation based way to learn about history. Hit your (armored) friends with rattan sticks, fence like a musketeer or pirate, or learn to shoot a bow like Robin Hood. Learn any number of arts and crafts from people that have developed skills and techniques for making and doing things the way they were centuries ago.

Beyond the competitions and projects, the royalty and ceremonies, the SCA is all about having fun. The Society is a great place to meet people with similar interests, make new friends, and be involved. So come out to an event, go to a meeting, or contact our hospitler at <http://wiesenfeuer.ansteorra.org>.

Welcome to Wiesenfeuer!!

## Personal Testimony from the Chronicler

You may pick up a newsletter printed in the past and see the words written above and wonder how true they are. You may wonder if these people are just a bunch of weird people running around playing at swords. I've been a member of this organization for 6 months now. These people are some of the best people you will ever meet. The people in it learn, share, and teach everything you can think of. They practice those skills that they learn. They invest time and energy into making those relationships that better everyone from the old to the new. You cannot really appreciate it until you see and then do. You can spend as much or as little time as you like participating, this will be the most exhausting and exciting hobby you will ever have. Welcome to our ever expanding world of friends.

Donnán Ó Néill  
October 2015

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# Missive from the Baronesses



Well the calendar says winter is almost here but the weather says otherwise!

The warmer temps made for a most excellent Axeman and BAM. Axeman brought in over a 100 toys for the Baroness Toy Drive, Namron won this year but we will get them next time! A great time was had by all at BAM and Congratulations to Centurion William Lindsay!

Valia and I would like to thank you one and all for a Spectacular Yule! So much fun! Thank you to every one for all your hard work at making this a most awesome event. Many more 'thank you's to come!

Now that Yule has passed us once more it's time to start thinking to next year and the events that need autocrats. First up Red Plains Baronial needs You! Red Plains will again be a joint venture including the Baronies of Eldern Hills, Northkeep and Namron. The autocrat for Wiesenfeuer would be working with the autocrats from each group. Eldern Hills is the sponsoring group this year. If you are interested in becoming an autocrat or helping out please let us and the Seneschal know.

We've also got demo's coming next year! On the 18th of February we will be going to Haldtre for the Second Medieval Arts and Craft at SWOSU. Last year was well attended and this year there are more activities planned. Watch for more information as we get closer.

Gulf War 2017 registration is open! If you pre-register and plan on camping with the Barony you need to make sure you put you are camping with Wiesenfeuer. If you would like to camp with the Barony please contact HE Aldric. The more folks who register with the Barony the more land we will be granted.

If you think someone deserves an award and not sure how to proceed please talk to any officer or send us and email. We will be happy to help.

Valia and I hope your holiday season is full of family and friends. Thank you to each and every one of you for an exciting year and we can't wait to see what the next one brings.

Dee and Valia  
Baronesses of Wiesenfeuer  
Ladies of Haldtre and Myrgenfeld

WASSAIL WITH THE BARONY AT WIESENFEUER'S BLACK FOREST YULE REVEL  
THEIR EXCELLENCIES WIESENFEUER DEIRDRE LA SAIRIONA NI RAGHA ILLIGH & VALIA OF THE MISTS  
INVITE ONE AND ALL

TO JOIN THE BARONY IN CELEBRATING THE WARMTH OF A GERMAN WEIHNACHTEN SEASON

St. Augustine's of Canterbury Church 14700 N May Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 ¼ Site opens 9am- Closes 10pm

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Good gentles will enjoy a Black Forest Weihnachten & Christkindlsmarkt-Germany's traditional holiday fair, Edelweiss & Evergreens, Yule Logs, Boar's Head with procession, Scavenger Hunt, Wassail & Golden Angels, Father Christmas & Krampus, German decorations & foods. Baronial colors of Black, Gold, Red & Green mirror the greenery of the season & the German Flag.

BLACK FOREST ACTIVITIES:

Christkindlsmarkt-Christmas Market Stalls with treats & gifts for our guests, Father Christmas & Krampus, Scavenger Hunt, The Kissing Bush, Yule Log, Yule Candle, Yule Boar (Boar's Head Procession), Wassail, Yule Dolls and more.

CHAMPIONSHIP ACTIVITIES:

Our activities will have a traditional Medieval German Culture theme, utilizing any time period or Black Forest theme. Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion, Subletie Competition, Youth A&S and Subletie Competition, Table Decorating Contest.

SPECIAL DAY ACTIVITY:

Their Excellencies Wiesenfeuer & populace are very excited to have  
Her Highness Margherita de Mantua's Cut & Thrust Tourney  
as part of the day's activities!

Silent Auction, Insignia Competition, 3-6-9 Largesse Derby, Children's Activities, Scavenger Hunt, Scribal Table.

FEAST: Meat will be provided courtesy of the Barony of Wiesenfeuer, potluck for sides and desserts.

Please bring a potluck dish based on last name: A-M : sides N-R : breads S-Z : desserts

SIDEBOARD: A sideboard lunch will be provided courtesy of the Barony of Wiesenfeuer.

There are many fine lodging & eating establishments in close proximity should you need them.

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EVENT REGISTRATION:

Adult Registration: \$15 (includes a sideboard lunch & Feast meats provided by The Barony of Wiesenfeuer)

Adult Member Registration: \$10 (includes a sideboard lunch & Feast meats provided by The Barony of Wiesenfeuer)

Youth Registration: (17 & under) Free

Feast: Meat courtesy of the Barony of Wiesenfeuer, potluck for sides, breads and desserts.

Please make checks payable to: SCA Inc./ Barony of Wiesenfeuer.

Service animals only. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver [Form](#) from the parents.

There is no smoking inside the building please.

DIRECTIONS:

Make your best way to I-35 in North OKC. Just after John Kilpatrick Turnpike, exit for Memorial Rd, head West on Memorial until you reach May Ave (8.9 miles). Turn right, continue North on May Ave. The site will be on the right just before you reach NW 149th.

EVENT STEWARD

HL Jevon O'Deah

Diane Daugherty

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FEAST/POTLUCK STEWARD

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SIDEBOARD STEWARD

HE Dominique Michelle le Vesseur

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## Minister of A&S



Greetings Wiesenfeuer!

As we look back at the year, we see that our great barony has endured some challenges and enjoyed some triumphs. We had a couple classes cancelled at the last minute and we even got relocated once, and yet the dauntless people of Wiesenfeuer never missed a beat! We split our A&S night to also cover classes on service-related topics, and you responded enthusiastically. We completed a survey to learn how we can best meet the needs of the populace, and 46 of you responded in order to guide our future efforts. We thank you for sticking with us throughout the year, and we look forward to continuing to serve you throughout the coming year. At this time, we plan to continue meeting for both A&S and service classes at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month, at the Nature Center at Camp Dakani. This month (Dec 8th), Lady Isabelle de Calais will teach a class on Tudor garb for A&S, and in lieu of a service class, we will offer open project time for a bring-your-own-project and bring a snack pot luck post-Yule gathering. This is a good time to catch up on your projects which got moved to the back burner for Yule and get back into the swing of things. We look forward to seeing you all again on January 12th, when we will resume our dual-track classes with two great classes you won't want to miss!

In Service to the Dream,  
HL Wilhelm Meis  
Minister of Arts & Sciences, Barony of Wiesenfeuer  
Alicia Blackdragon, Deputy

## Minister of Children's Message

Hey I got in the email! So I guess I will send you something to put in newsletter.

Yule Planning is in final stages with lots of fun planned for the kids! For competitions will be doing Arts and Sciences and sublties in the morning, with bardic in the afternoon. We also have a couple classes available specifically for the teens. Come out and join us!

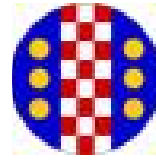
As the year closes we start looking toward the coming year. Plans for Medieval Faire and Baronional are already underway! I know I have several people ask what we need. The main thing that we are in need of is glass or wooden beads for largess making. These help us teach the children about largess and it also provides largess that the children can in-turn be given. We do this at many events and it has been a huge success and we would like to continue doing it!

I am looking for volunteer teachers for both our Sunday in the Park for next year as well as those interested in presenting classes to our teens. Message or call me if you are interested.

Lady Abigail Lylle



# Treasurer's Report



Greetings to the Barony.

As of November 25th, the Barony has a total of \$4633.14 in its account, with \$4298.70 being the Baronies money and \$334.44 belonging to the Cantons of the Barony.

Almost all the gate shifts for Yule are filed. If you wish to sign up, please ask to see what shifts are still available.

I have figured out how much each officer has spent from their budget. If you wish to know, please get with me. Remember that Baronial funds must be used for items to benefit the entire Barony. Any items purchased must go onto the the inventory and are the responsibility of the officer.

DEADLINE- no officer expenses will be reimbursed in December. Make sure that all expenses are submitted by November 28th.

All Yule expenses must be submitted by December 3rd.

NO CHECKS WILL BE WRITTEN AFTER DECEMBER 3rd.

We still have T-shirts and window stickers available. T-shirts are \$10 each and the window stickers are \$5 each.

YIS,  
Aubrey Ericsdatter

## Message from Wiesenfeuer Land-o-Crat

Greetings fair Barony,

Their Excellencies Wiesenfeuer have asked that I take on the responsibilities of being the "land-o-crat" for those going to Gulf Wars in 2017. We have a Facebook Group called "Wiesenfeuer goes to Gulf Wars", please feel free to search for this group and request to be added if you plan to camp with Wiesenfeuer at Gulf Wars. We will use this Facebook page to coordinate possible food stuffs, getting registered for Gulf Wars, etc.

I look forward to seeing as many as can attend.

In Service,  
HE Aldric de Kerr

## Officers Positions Open

Besides the Knife, Axe, and Spear Marshal which is currently open, there are several positions that are going to be open in the next year and many open deputy spots. One way you learn is by doing. We respectfully ask if there is a position you can help with to please ask to be a deputy to someone. Especially if you are thinking about becoming an officer in the future. Being a deputy is the best way to learn how. With that said below is the list of available spots. Please contact the appropriate officer, Seneschal, Baroness, or Baron if you are interested.

Please help out your Barony by turning in applications today!

### Baroness

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### Herald

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**OPEN for Application**



### Deputy Herald

Centurion Alexander Marcellus

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### Deputy Chronicler

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### Deputy Webminister

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### Knights Marshal

Lord Cadmus of Namu  
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### Deputy Knight Marshal

Skjöldúlfr Hildibjarnarson

### Rapier Marshal

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### Archery Marshal

Phaedra Valeriana Pavo  
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### Deputy Archery Marshal

Simon Gof

### Knife, Ax, & Spear Marshal

**open**

### Youth Combat

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### Hospitaler

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Heidemarie Brandes  
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### Deputy Hospitaler

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### Minister of A & S

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### Deputy Minister of A&S

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### Minister of Children

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### Deputy Minister of Children

**Open**

### Equestrian Contact

Lucais du Belier

### Baronial Champions

Chivalric – Sir Vladislav Strelec  
Rapier – Don Trevor MacRae  
Archery – Mistress Adena Terricsdottir  
Knife, Ax, and Spear – Fegrog  
Middle Eastern Dance – HE Alannah A'Becket  
Middle Eastern Drum – HE Donnchadh Beag Mac Griogair  
Arts and Sciences – HE Mistress Adalaide de Burbon  
Bardic – Arnulf Iron Skull

### The Firewatch

Ahlanna A'Becket  
Aldric de Kerr  
Godfrey of Del  
Rainah du Bois  
Skjoldulfr Hildabjarnarson  
HL Wilhelm Meis

### Ladies-in-waiting

Caterina Giovanni de Gilead  
Ermagerd de Tours  
Meabdh inghean Rois  
Lady Ainier of Patrin-Or  
Sainte du Bois  
Shanna Camber

**Weasels** (Baronial version of pages)  
Cainnear Lylle  
Steven

**Royal Liaison**  
Cadhla Ua Cellachain

### Youth Champions

Youth Archery – Adair ap Owen  
Youth Chivalric – Sheamus  
Adair ap Owen  
Youth Middle Eastern Drum – Lillian of Wiesenfeuer  
Youth Middle Eastern Dance – Cainnear Lylle  
Youth Bardic - Evangeline Blanchfleur  
Youth Arts and Sciences - Natalie Garrett & Cainear Lylle  
Youth Subtilties – Madeline Starling & Sarah

## Wiesenfeuer Meetings and Events

There are many activities within the Barony. Whether you are interested in Fighting, Arts and Sciences, or Just learning about the times and people we are striving to recreate, there is always something to do. Many Friendly members in our populace are willing to show their craft or help out with whatever you may have interest in.

See the calendar page and the meeting schedule list for the scheduling of practices, scribal nights, arts and science meetings, and other activities. Come out and join in the fun!

### Populace Meeting December 5th

Date: First non-holiday Monday of each month      Place: Ingrid's Kitchen<sup>1</sup>  
Time: 7pm

Populace Meeting is the business meeting for all members of the barony and other interested persons. Meeting include officer reports, policy statements, announcements, general pomp, circumstance, and fun.

### Officers Meeting December 19th

Date: Third Monday of each month      Place: TBD  
Time: 7pm

The officers meetings are held at 7pm on the third Monday of each month. Non officers may attend. There will be an open floor at the end of the meeting.

### Archery Practice TBA

Time: 2 - 4 PM      Place: Practice Field<sup>4</sup>

Target archery practice for the barony to practice. This is held as resources are available. Check facebook, mailing lists, and website for updates on times and dates.



# Arts and Sciences Meeting

December 8th

Date: Second Thursday  
Time: 7pm

Place: Dakani Nature Center<sup>2</sup>

This month we have a special guest speaker coming to talk about medieval forestry and bee keeping. Come learn about life in the middle ages.

## Chivalric Practice

December 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

Date: Wednesdays Time: 7pm Place: Sellers Community Center<sup>3</sup>

SCA heavy weapons fighting is based on the medieval ideal of the knight. All SCA combat is real and unchoreographed. The weapons are made of rattan. Loaner gear is available. a donation of \$2 per person per session is required.

## Scribal Meeting

December 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

Date: Tuesdays Time: 7pm-9pm Place: Natural Grocers<sup>5</sup> Check Facebook for locations

Open meeting for all geed gentles interested in learning about Calligraphy and Illumination (painting). We offer assistance in both techniques and the history of creating medieval manuscripts so those skills can improve the SCA experience for award recipients & champions of local competition. Loaner paints and brushes available. No fees are collected unless you want to take/keep the paint.

## Rapier Practice

December 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

Date: Tuesdays Time: 7pm Place: Sellers Community Center<sup>3</sup>

Practices are sometimes cancelled due to weather or overlapping activities. Light weapons combat is an SCA form of combat used toward the end of the Middle Ages. Loaner gear is available. A donation of \$2 per person per session is encouraged.

## Youth Combat

December 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

Date: Wednesdays Time: 7pm - 8pm Place: Sellers Community Center<sup>3</sup>

Youth combat is for boys and girls are 6 to 15 years. They fight with foam-padded weapons. There are 3 age divisions within the program; 6-9 years, 10-12 years, and 13-15 years. The armor requirements and the strength of blows allowed increase as a child progresses through the levels.

### Beginning Equipment for Youth Combat:

Each new youth fighter should wear long pants, a long-sleeve shirt, closed-toe shoes, lightweight gloves, and groin protection. A parent or an adult designated by the parent needs to be present throughout the practice.

There is some loaner armor but anything you can provide yourself is helpful. Armor requirements vary by age but all ages will need a helmet with face guard (such as a hockey or lacrosse helmet) and a gorget (medium-weight leather with ½ inch closed-cell padding). Knee and elbow pads are required for the older kids and helpful for the younger. The full armor and weapon requirements and rules for combat may be found in the Complete Participants Handbook. This is available on the Kingdom Earl Marshal's website at <http://marshal.ansteorra.org/armored>. Of course feel free to contact your friendly local marshal with any questions!

<sup>1</sup> Ingrid's Kitchen, 3701 N Youngs Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK

<sup>2</sup> Dakani Nature Center, 3309 E. Hefner Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73131

<sup>3</sup> Sella Community Center, 8301 S Villa Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

<sup>4</sup> 5102 Woodhollow Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73121

<sup>5</sup> 2120 SW 89th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

## Myrgenfeld

Populace - 1st Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Guthrie public Library  
Arts & Sciences - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 PM at Finn's house in Edmond  
Bardic Guild - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:30 PM at Finn's house in Edmond

Sunday Celebration - The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2 PM at Highland Park. This includes chivalric, rapier, and youth practice as well as other populace activities.

## Haldtre

### Officers

Seneschal – Julian de Clare (Rhonda Schmidt), seneschal@haldtre.ansteorra.org, 580-660-1822

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Deputy Seneschal - Rebekah Aley

Treasurer - Sigridur Dalghard, Treasurer@haldtre.ansteorra.org

Deputy Treasurer - Rebekah Aley

Knights Marshal - Lykos Lakedaimonios, marshal@haldtre.ansteorra.org

Chronicler – Kizzy, chronicler@haldtre.ansteorra.org, 870-397-3647, 580-339-6281

### Activities

**Haldtre Folkmoot** occurs on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

Meet at Town Hall, 200 Hwy. 44, Foss, OK 73647.

Wearing period garb is encouraged.

**Chivalric Practice:** Dec 12, 2016 at 12:30 PM at Ackley Park in Elk City

**Arts & Sciences Night** held Dec 20, 2016 at 7 PM at Foss Town Hall

Haldtre Christmas party at 6:30 pm on Dec 20, 2016 at the Foss Town Hall. Please bring snack foods to share, and, if you wish to play Dirty Santa, bring a gift suitable for use in the SCA to exchange - \$15 price limit

# Ansteorra Kingdom Calendar

## December 2016 (A.S. LI)

- 3 **YULE Barony of Wiesenfeuer**
- 2-4 Yule - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, Tx)
- 9-11 Tournament of Champions & Stargate Yule (Houston, TX)

## January 2017 (A.S. LI)

- 6-8 Steppes Twelfth Night (Dallas, TX)
- 13-15 Crown Tournament - Shadowlands (College Station, TX)
- 20-22 Roundtable - Kingdom of Ansteorra (Stillwater, OK)
- 27-29 Sable Soldier Project II - Chivalry of Ansteorra  
Winterkingdom - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)  
Barony of Bonwicke's 25th Anniversary Celebration and Ball (Lubbock, TX)
- 31 **Heraldic and Scribal Symposium Bids Due**  
**Kingdom A&S Bids Due**  
**Spring Coronation Bids Due**  
**Spring Queen's Champion Bids Due**  
**King's College Bids Due**

## February 2017 (A.S. LI)

- 3-5 Candlemas - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)  
Provincial Games - Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
- 10-12 Kingdom A&S - Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)
- 17-19 War College - Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)
- 28 **Spring Royal Huntsman Bids Due**  
**Spring Royal Lancer Bids Due**

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# Recruitment & Retention

## The Ultimate Guide

Recruitment and Retention is everyone's job! Every participant in this fabulous game needs to recruit and retain. Towards this end, the first thing that everyone playing SCA needs to do is stop spending so much time on the negative parts of the SCA. We need to remember why we are playing this game we need to make our own fun. Everyone has 10 positive stories about the SCA for every one negative story. Yet people tend to focus on the negative. This is poisonous for both recruitment and retention. I am looking at recruitment into the SCA as marketing the SCA, with marketing; you are more successful if you target your marketing to the audience who is already predisposed to the SCA. Everyone who plays SCA has some fundamental things that we all have in common. For example most people who play SCA have played roleplaying games and or collect comic books so putting a come check the SCA out sign at a Gaming shop is a good idea. Like a good story the marketing needs to be tailored to the audience. Here are some of the tools I use, and my thoughts on how best to use them.

### Recruitment ideas:

#### Demos:

Need a pre planning meeting treat them like a mini event, make sure everyone who is coming understands this is our best foot forward good impression time. Tailor your layout and people placement to best work off of the abilities those who attend. You would not put the shy introvert at the front handing out business cards etc.

#### Recruitment posters:

They should be placed in libraries, bookstores, game shops, liquor stores and any place the group meets at. (This one should have when the group meets on it at that location). They should look really nice and be catching to the eye. They should have enough information that after looking at the poster they can make contact with someone in the group.

#### Business cards:

Great for SCA players who enjoy walking up and talking to anyone, small easy to carry every extrovert in the group should have some. They should look nice and have enough information on them to make contact with the group simple. They can be given out anywhere. They should have a blank space on them so the person handing it out can put their contact info on it. This small gesture helps establish the connections to keep people interested in our game.

#### Bookmarks:

If you buy books at a book store place a book mark in the next one on the shelf.

If you are at a Library you can leave a stack of them at the checkout desk.

When you buy your favorite beer put one in the next six pack of beer, on the shelf.

They should look nice and have a way to contact the local group easily.

These can also be used in other locations like craft stores, liquor stores, and gaming supply stores.

Give 10 to each member of the populace and tell them to give them all away before the next meeting.

You can also tailor the bookmark for where you are planning on having it placed.

### Flyers:

Great for demos, needs to look good and have a ton of information with each section having links to send people to.

### Raffle item:

Best used at demos and monthly activities. Have a small nice SCA thing that people have to fill out a contact information sheet to earn a raffle ticket for the nice SCA thing. (Pouch, cloth belt, feast gear etc etc etc) to get the ticket their contact info needs to be legible. At the end of the demo draw a ticket match it to the contact sheet send the winner the prizes as well as a coupon, everyone else send them a letter that says sorry you did not win the SCA thing but here is a coupon. Now the coupon is for a free something i.e. please come to this activity we will make you a tunic or a dress, come to this activity and you get a pouch but have them RSVP. The person that they need to contact should be on the coupon. This will give the people running the activity an idea of what to expect. The letter that goes out should invite them to the next thing on your group's calendar and list what else is going on that month. Every activity creates a raffle opportunity.

### Contact List:

Usually gets name address phone email and interests usually used at a Demo. Before anyone puts info on a contact list an email that thanks them for the interest, and inviting them to the meeting and listing the different activities. It needs to be ready to send before the demo even happens. If you have a three day demo then when the demo shuts down on day 1 an email goes out to anyone on the contact list. Day 2 ends send out the same email to those people who filled out the contact list on day 2. Then on day 3 after the demo is done send out the email to the day 3 people. After the demo have a team split the contact list into activities and send a second email directed at the activities they have shown interest in.

### Meeting places:

Public neutral locations are best for meetings and group activities. Libraries, hobby stores all have places to hold A&S classes and meetings. The benefits to this are a neutral location that will help advertise your class and give you the opportunity to also recruit new members. Also it shows you are part of the community which will help if you are trying to use a community center or a park. When the meeting is over have a restaurant that everyone goes to afterwards, this helps with group comradery and spirit de corps.

### Mini Events:

We have a full Kingdom Event Calendar; however when you are brand new to the SCA the idea of driving several hours out to the middle of nowhere and spending X amount of money may be intimidating. However if you have a mini one day event with a little bit of everything ( A&S, fighting rapier and chivalric, archery, knife, ax and spear) have a feast and songs and stories. You get the chance to train newer established members on how events run and how to do a feast and the newest members get a small taste of the magic that is an SCA event.

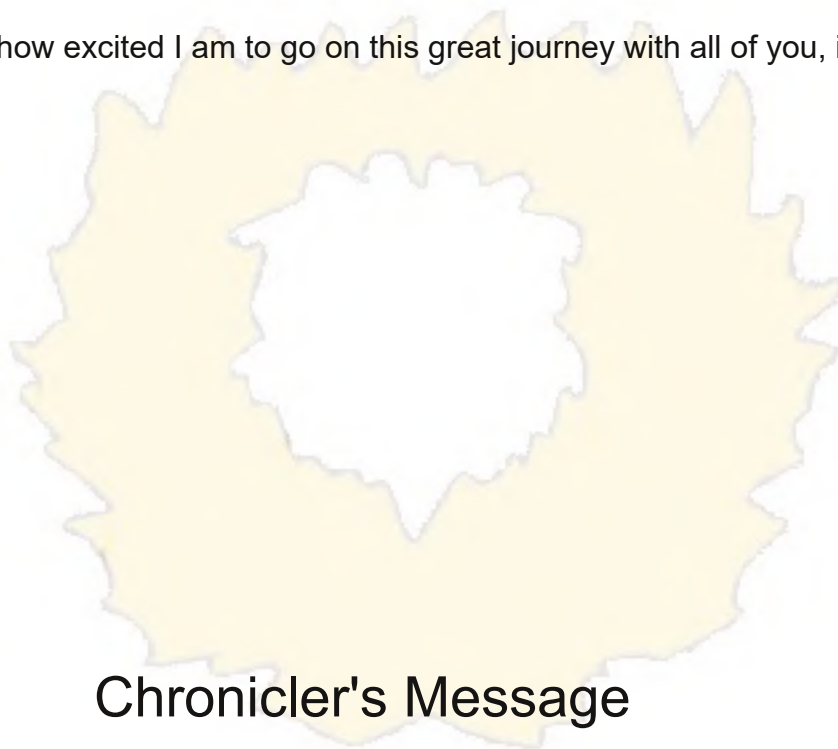
### Retention:

Everyone who leaves the SCA has a reason for doing so, but the main reason people stay is because of the relationships. So one of the best ways to retain members is to nurture those relationships, keep in contact with the people you have made connections with, call email and visit, check on them, make sure they know they are missed, and invite them to activities. If you go to a

meeting and you don't see someone that you expected to see, check on them it is really easy to lose SCA participants because they feel they have lost that connection. Finally we must make our own fun this awesome hobby is time and resource expensive make sure you are having fun while you do it, because if we are all having fun then we will attract the people who are looking for the good time that is the SCA.

I cannot stress enough how excited I am to go on this great journey with all of you, it will be awesome!

Iarll Owen ap Aeddán  
Marchog of Ansteorra



## Chronicler's Message

It has been an exciting year for me this year. I am happy to have shared it with my friends. We have tried some different ideas with the newsletter. I hope people have liked what we have done.

As you know I have a child on the way. This is going to mean a little more craziness or a lot more structure getting the newsletter out on time for most of the rest of my tenure as chronicler. That is up in July.

By May 1st, at the latest, my office will be open for applications. If you are thinking about trying your hand out as a chronicler come see me anytime. Sainte would also be a good resource to answer questions as well.

There is currently other positions open as well. If you have ever thought about any of these positions you can contact the current officer with any questions about it.

Have a great Yule and a wonderful new year.

Donnán Ó Néill  
Chronicler