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*The Barony of
Wiesenfeuer*

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



What a year it has been! Ups and downs, beginnings and endings - it is time to start anew! First of all, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to everyone who worked so hard to make Yule a success. We had a huge turnout and the pot luck was awesome! Thank you to all who brought a dish to share, there were so many choices! I don't believe anyone went home hungry after all that. Congratulations to the members of the populace who were recognized by the Barony and Kingdom for all your hard work, each award given was well deserved and HE Valia and I were honored to be a part of it and are looking forward to Yule 2017 and everything before then. If you think there is someone who deserves an award please let us know! You can go online and submit an award recommendation at any time.

With Yule behind us we look forward to the next Red Plains Baronial. We have the Baronies of Northkeep and Namron coming to play with us this time around. The Barony of Eldern Hills will be hosting the event but Wiesenfeuer still needs an autocrat to work with the other groups to make this a Spectacular Event! If you are interested but not sure you can do it on your own speak up, there may be someone else who is thinking the same and may be looking for a partner.

This month we have a lot going on! There is a little something for everyone! Administrative, Arts and Science and Combat take your pick or try it all!

January 13-15th - Crown Tourney in the Shadowlands (College Station, TX).

January 21st - Round Table in Moonschadowe (Stillwater, OK). If you are interested in becoming an officer this is the event to go to. Come and learn about how the offices work. This is a FREE event and mundane attire is preferred.

January 27-29th Sable Soldier Project II in Terrell, TX. Classes held on all different styles of SCA Combat.

WinterKingdom in Northkeep (Tulsa, OK) Arts and Science classes galore!
Barony of Bonwicke's 25th Anniversary Celebration and Ball (Lubbock, TX)

Demo in February!

On February 18th starting at 10am and going to 5pm to be held at the SWOSU Memorial Student Union in Weatherford, OK. The demo is organized by the Canton of Haldtre and the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, and the College of Arts. Bring your arts to show or come out and teach a class meet new people and share the Dream!

We can't wait to see what this New Year will bring the Barony! Come along for the ride!

Yours in Service,
Dee and Valia
Baronesses of Wiesenfeuer
Ladies of Haldtre and Myrgenfeld



Treasurer's Report



Greetings to the Barony.

As of December 25th, the Barony has a total of \$4843.68 in its account, with \$4509.24 being the Barony's money and \$334.44 belonging to the Cantons of the Barony.

The End of Year Report will be published in the February newsletter.

Baronial Officers will be able to spend funds from their budget after January 1st. Remember that Barony funds must be used for items to benefit the entire Barony. Any items purchased must go onto the inventory and are the responsibility of the officer.

Any expense that is not a budgeted expense must be submitted to the financial committee. The financial committee meets after officers meeting each month.

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

YIS,

Aubrey Ericsson



Herald's Goodbye



Happy New Year, Wiesenfeuer!

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Baronial Herald these past two years. A good number of our populace have had new arms and/or badges (not to mention names!) registered in that time. I am happy to see many of those being put to good use, and would like to continue to encourage heraldic display!

When my successor -- who has yet to be named at the time of this writing -- takes over this office, please join me in welcoming and supporting that person in their service to our magnificent Barony.

In service,

-HL Grímólfur Einarsson
Candelaio Pursuivant



Chronicler's Report



It has been a fun year. I'm looking forward to seeing what this next year has to hold. I'd like to thank everyone that has given me a hand this year. However my life has been such a whirlwind and so many people have helped out recently I know I don't remember everyone. Personally we have had a ton of help from Liadan, Robert of Patrin Or, Lady Ainier of PatrinOr, Castellana de Andalusia, Randell Lee, and Sainte du Bois getting our space back in order and just generally supporting us in any endeavor we have tried. There has been many long hours put in the last few months by these awesome people.

I ask that as you go through this coming year, if you find anything you have done that would be interesting to others or projects you are learning about think about sharing them here and on the website. There are both new and older members that might like to learn about what is happening with all of us in our SCA lives. Just remember if you get it to me at the end of a month it probably won't be published until the newsletter for two months down the road (end of January means publishing in March most likely) as I need to check the information for releases.

Also on a side note by wonderful deputy has had to step down. Also my term is up in July. With the new baby I don't see me re-applying for this office for another term. So in August we will have a new chronicler. Think about if you think this office will fit and if you want to serve as a deputy let me know.

To all a wonderful year ahead,

Donnán Ó Néill

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, Senechal, Baroness, or Baron if you are interested.

Please help out your Barony by turning in applications today!

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Deputy Minister of Children

Open

Equestrian Contact

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OPEN for Application



Deputy Herald

Centurion Alexander Marcellus

Deputy Archery Marshal

Simon Gof

Knife, Ax, & Spear Marshal

Open

Youth Combat

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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 – Gwenllian Verch Madyn
Bardic – Arnulf Iron Skull

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 - Cainnear Lylle
Steven of Wiesenfeuer
Youth Arts and Sciences - Aeryn Mast
Youth Subtilties – Zellie

Weasels (Baronial version of pages)

Cainnear Lylle
Steven of Wiesenfeuer

Royal Liaison

Cadhla Ua Cellachain

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

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 January 2nd

Date: First non-holiday Monday of each month Place: Ingrid's Kitchen¹

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 January 16th

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 Field⁴

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

January 12th

Date: Second Thursday
Time: 7pm

Place: Dakani Nature Center²

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

January 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Date: Wednesdays Time: 7pm Place: Sellers Community Center³

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

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st

Date: Tuesdays Time: 7pm-9pm Place: Natural Grocers⁵ 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

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st

Date: Tuesdays Time: 7pm Place: Sellers Community Center³

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

January 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Date: Wednesdays Time: 7pm - 8pm Place: Sellers Community Center³

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!

¹ Ingrid's Kitchen, 3701 N Youngs Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK

² Dakani Nature Center, 3309 E. Hefner Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73131

³ Seller Community Center, 8301 S Villa Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

⁴ 5102 Woodhollow Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73121

⁵ 2120 SW 89th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73159

Myrgenfeld

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

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

Haldtre

Officers

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Activities

Haldtre Folkmoot occurs on the 1st 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: TBA

Arts & Sciences Night TBA

Ansteorra Kingdom Calendar

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](#)

March 2017 (A.S. LI)

- 10-19 Gulf Wars XXVI - Kingdom of Gleann Abhann
24-26 Commanders Crucible - Hellsgate (Ft. Hood, TX)

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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

