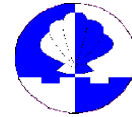




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Happy New Year!

Calender:

Fighter Practice

Sundays at 5:00 PM at [Veteran's Park, Arlington](#)
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at [Bedford Boys' Ranch](#)

Business Meeting Monday May 21 7:00 PM at the home of [Daniel and Sioban](#)

Elfsea Moot: June 25th at the Coors Distribution center.

A&S Meeting Tuesday June 19th 7:00 PM at the Home of Mistress Rosalia and Master Darius

Bardic Guild Monday May 11th at 7:00 at [Home of HL Elanor O'Ruarck](#)

Scribes and Illuminators Monday June 11th at 7:00 at [Home of HE Armand Dragonetti & HE Ameline duBois \(Baron and Baroness\)](#)

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Officer Reports

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Baron and Baroness

Greetings Elfsea!

Such excitement in the last few weeks.

Vivat! Dragonsfire Tor for once again hosting a fun filled day in pursuit of their new Guardians! Congratulations to the victors:

Chivalric Guardian: Master Airaklee Wolf

Rapier Guardian: Don Ingve of York

Archery Guardian: Lady Aisclyn of Glenwyrd Fen

Bardic Champion: Master Darius of the Bells

And our thanks to the event staff and numerous volunteers who contributed to make the day

special. Well done, one and all!

We also want to welcome our newest cousin, Baroness Katherine Cunningham, as she dons the baronial coronet of Steppes and congratulate her on a fun and successful Steppes Warlord. We know Steppes' future is bright with this fine lady in it's service.

Congratulations to our friend Sir Louie on his elevation to knighthood at Warlord, and to Elfsea's own Sior Tomas on claiming the Title of Steppes Warlord!!! Vivat!

This month features our annual Highland Games demo. And while we truly regret being unable to attend this year, we want to issue a tremendous "THANK YOU" to Their Excellencies Baron Airaklee and Baroness Ceinwen for presiding in our stead. We trust that you (all of you) will come out to assist our gracious friends and present Elfsea's many virtues to the patrons of Highland Games.

We trust most are aware that we are stepping down at Elfsea Defender. If you feel up to the task to serve in this capacity, we encourage you to make your intent known. If you are contemplating such service, but have questions, please feel free to contact us. Until then, we wanted share a few things we have found to be very helpful or deemed important to us:

STABLE MUNDANE LIFE- This includes:
Relative good health (both of yourselves and your close relatives) A stable financial situation
Dependable transportation - a trailer, SUV, mini van, pickup or similar vehicle is a bonus. The absence of any of these is a tremendous distraction and deterrence to giving your best to your hobby.

GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

Do people understand your point the first time around?

Do you understand theirs?

Do they know you understand theirs?

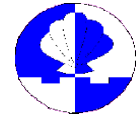
Would you be comfortable speaking to members of the media?

GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

For couples, we have observed that the position tends to accelerate (or reinforce) your existing



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relationship. If you squabble occasionally, you will likely squabble more. If you are very close, you will likely grow closer. (An extension of good communication skills)

We look forward to seeing who shall step up to the challenge!

OBJECTIVITY

Have you ever made an award recommendation for someone you do not care for personally? Will your friends be the primary beneficiaries of your gaining the position? (Officer opportunities, awards, etc.)

In the service of kingdom, crown and barony, we remain,

Armand & Ameline
Baron & Baroness of Elfsea

Nec Hostium Timete Nec Amicum Recusate
Fear No Enemy, Deny No Friend

VISIBILITY

Are you known outside the local area? Are you familiar with most of the populace and households?

Seneschal

KINGDOM LAW & CORPORA

As a high-profile representative, a good understanding of the rules and corporate structure is expected.

Greetings Good People of Elfsea, Dragonsfire Tor and The Canton of [Loch Ruadh](#),

SELF-ESTEEM / CONFIDENCE

How do you respond to criticism? When it is justified? When it is not? How thick is your skin?

WE NEED FIGHTERS!!! Come out to Highland Games Demo coming up the first weekend in June. Those dates are June 2nd and 3rd. We need chivalric and rapier fighters and also marshals. Call your friends, call your buddies, call those long lost people that used to come out and fight! This is an excellent opportunity to get in some practice and have a great time as well. And please don't forget any A & S display's you artsy people might be able to bring out too. Either active or static, we would love to have them. Also, we need Herald's to help bring in the crowd. A hot weather lunch will be provided to all those who volunteer so come out and spend a day with us, either Saturday or Sunday, or both if you can!

WARDROBE

A reasonable wardrobe and/or access to someone who can assist with it is a must.

Plans for Defender are moving along nicely. Please don't forget to volunteer to work. We always need people for gate, loading at the shed and set-up and tear down. Please contact the autocrats to volunteer.

DEDICATION - (or Time & Endurance) Do you have the time? Do you keep up with most of the local e-lists? Do you attend weekly functions? (Fighter practices, guild meetings, etc.) Can you attend all Elfsea and Dragonsfire Tor events plus Coronations and Round Table events? Can you attend other group's titled events on occasion? Can you go to Gulf Wars? Can you do so for two or more years?

We have the following officer's positions open for bids; Rapier Marshal, Archery Marshal, and Minister of Children. Please consider one of these positions if you are interested in serving your Barony.

Changing leadership more frequently than every couple of years is too disruptive, in our opinion, and we strongly advise you to consider carefully if you question committing for this length of time.

We know the list above is not complete, therefore, we encourage you to seek out others who have served in the past for their own insights. It has been said before that the position of landed Baron & Baroness is one of the most challenging in the SCA. Also, that the job of Crown is akin to a sprint while Baron & Baroness in fief is a marathon. We appreciate the virtue of this analogy. So if you feel fit for a marathon we encourage you to make your intent known. And though most challenging, it is also quite rewarding.

Please remember, if you are interested in being considered for the positions of Baron and Baroness, you must have your letters of intent to the Crown before July 15th. Please check the website for more details. Letters from the candidates to the Barony will be posted in the August Tidings.



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I would like to hear from those individual's who might have ideas or opinions regarding the possibility of moving fighter practice. Please feel free to contact me directly at aislyn_glynwyrd_fen@hotmail.com or contact Sior Tomas at SiorTomas@gmail.com with your comments.

Thank you to our Canton of Dragonsfire Tor for a wonderful event! A great day of fighting and archery was had by all. The entertainment provided by the Bards was truly awe inspiring, particularly the Cry of the Banshee performed by our own Lady Rosmerryn Carew de Courcelles. It was wonderful to see such a plentiful verity of dishes provided at the potluck dinner, and all so very tasty! This was a great event thanks to the hard work of the autocrats; [Lady Elspeth de Stervlen](#) and [Lord Ravenger Wulvkin](#).

I hope you have all been following the thread on the Ansteorran List about the issues regarding the way the SCA will be handling the children's activities at events. The rules regarding the way the children's activities are run are going to be strictly enforced at all future events. Equally important is the rule that any unsupervised children (outside site and sound of their parents/guardians) will be returned to their parents. Please don't let yourself be put in that position! Should you have any questions regarding these requirements, please feel free to review the kingdom laws located at http://children.ansteorra.org/guidelines_for_officers.php or contact the Kingdom [Minister of Children, Adria Lorelle](#) at minister_children@ansteorra.org. I know we all consider the safety of our children of primary importance, let's do all we can to remember these rules at our upcoming events.

Yours In Service,

Ascelyn of Glentwrde
Seneschal

Treasurer's Report

We have money. The March reports are done (and everything balances). Life is good in Elfsea. Springfaire had additional costs due to the bad weather and it also reduced our gate, so we made \$18.75 on the event. Since Springfaire is supposed

to be a fun event (and it certainly was!) and not a money maker, this is not a problem.

The Finance Committee is discussing possible updates to our pavilions. If you have input, please contact one of the committee members. They are HE Armand (Baron), HE Amaline (Baroness), Master Caelin (Exchequer), Lady Aislyn (Seneschal), HL Fearghus (at large), and Sir Tomas (at large). The Baron and Baroness get one vote together. All meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. Going to the meetings is a good way to keep up with the financial aspects of the Barony and might help you get on the committee if you want that.

The job of the Finance Committee is to decide where the Barony wants to spend its money. Any potential spending over \$200 must still be approved by vote of the Elfsea membership - usually by a vote at Moot. We review and approve event budgets and decide who gets to autocrat events. We approve (or don't approve) non-budgeted expenditures of SCA money. We decide when assets are worn out and should be replaced. If this sounds exciting you are probably the kind of person we need on the committee. Hopefully, we can get you before the guys in the white coats do.

In service,
Caelin on Andrede
Elfsea Exchequer

Nautilus Pursuivant (Herald)

*ME tell herald me want gold.. her say
"Or" Me say or what?.. then her say "no just Or"*

Knights marshal

From your KM,

Thank you all for your patience with and support of my time thus far as K.M.
I have, until a few weeks ago, been without a deputy. While my term of service will not end for quite some time, I have need of a few good deputies. The good gentle who has volunteered does not to my knowledge wish to become K.M., so I would ask any one interested in learning about this position to contact me. As always, keep sharp, stay focused, and drink plenty of water, Texas is brutal during the summer months.
Yours in service,
Lord Lochlan Dunn



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Rapier Marshal

Greetings Elfsea, I regret to announce that it has nearly been two years and I am opening my office for bids.

Genna

Archery Marshal

Office Vacant

Minster of Arts and Sciences

Greetings!

I hope May was a productive month for all the artisans. It's time to get ready for the hot months of Summer. Break out your linens and chitons! Perfect for Warlord.

It's also time to gear up for King's College and the Fiber College in June. Or join the lucky few who will be traveling to Known World Dance Symposium in Seattle. I encourage everyone to go get messy at King's College. It is being hosted outside this year, so a different type of class will be offered. Or if Fibers call to you, travel to Bjornsborg on June 16 for a day of classes dedicated solely to those arts.

In May, Mistress Stella shared with Elfsea her knowledge and resources for leatherworking. I never realized how little shoes styles have truly change over the last several millennium.

In June, Mistress Rosalia has offered to show people how to warp & work on a floor loom. Oh, to have the space! This will be on June 19 at her house. Watch for more information on the list.

As always, I'm looking for teachers. July 17 & Aug. 21 are open class dates. Please contact me if you are willing to teach or host A&S night.

In Service to the Arts,
[Lady Hanna von Dahl](#)

Chronicler

With only minor hiccups involved in the electronic production of the tidings we will soon begin archiving it on the Website.

Send submissions to me at

masterdarius@earthlink.net, or contact me if you need assistance in transferring any articles or artwork into digital format. A standard release for publication is required for all articles and artwork it may be found at

<http://www.ansteorra.org/publications/forms/PubPerm.pdf>

In Faith
Darius of the Bells, OL

Hospitilar

Greetings All,
April was a fairly productive month in the Hospitilar's Corner. I held my first newcomer's revel and met with 7 newcomer's. Most were teen's and came to the conclusion that our game was too expensive for them. I am not sure how they came to that conclusion, they only stayed for about 15 mins. The other was Josh and he has expressed an interest in The Arts of Fighting. I have sent him the info on acquiring a fighter's handbook as well as his own copy of the Known world Handbook. The new Doomsday is progressing well and I will try to have that completed by the June Moot. I am curious as to how the populace feels about this office printing up some handouts/ brochures to leave in area bookstores, college campuses, and other type venues. The demo at the Highland games is coming up and I would like to know if anyone is interested in helping out. It is the first weekend in June. I think that about covers my report.
YIS
Adelaide

Virtual Scribe

Tapity tapity tap tap ... glug glug glug.. Hmm lap top better with beer

Minster of Children

Accepting Applications

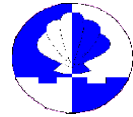
Chamberlain

Demo Coordinator



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The Texas Scottish Highland Games are coming up very soon (June 1-3, 2007, the weekend after Steppes Warlord). Passes for all those who have told me they are able to work are available.

All we ask is a couple or hours of your time for this. Ask anyone who has been there – and see if you really want to miss it.

We will need help setting up on Friday, June 1, starting at 12 noon at the shed. Please let me know if you are willing to help and to be of service to your Barony.

We will need the following:

- Arts and Sciences static demo displays
- Arts and Sciences dynamic displays (spinning, weaving, gaming, music and bardic are excellent choices)
- Fighters (both Heavy and Light) to bring in the crowds
- Heralds to tell the mundanes what is going on
- Bards, games, dancers, and musicians to entertain us all
- Water-bearers to get us healthy
- At least 2 (two) large pavilions to provide shade

There will be food and drinks for all who participate.

In Service to Our Great Barony, Baron and Baroness,
 Lord Ceatta
 Elfsea Demo Coordinator
 aliquantulus ferment nunquam vulnero quisquam
 (a little ferment never hurt anyone)
 Ceatta@flash.net

Historian

My office has received a beautiful hand made book with a Leather Appliqué cover. However it is yet blank and needs filling

Please send any pictures you are willing to share and stories of the war and our events, please submit Pictures on disk or prints no e-mail.

In Service
 Rosalia di Bellavita
 Historian

Chirurgeon

DFT Guardian of the Tor went well, no injuries were reported by the event CIC. Summer is arriving, remember to hydrate before the event, as well as during. Also, remember to check your armor status. Check all padding and straps and make sure all is well. Proper armor can keep injuries from happening.

See you all at Warlord!!

Gerhart Wolfgang der Rote
 Baronial Chirurgeon

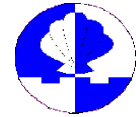
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This Space for Rent, see swamp trolls for use and easy payment plans



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