

Special points of interest:

- Gulf Wars Preparations are underway!
- There are several positions open at Corporate
- E-Newsletters are here!

February

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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to our wonderful populace of the Stargate!

Where has all the time gone? It seems like only yesterday we were prepping for BAM, and now here we are getting ready for Gulf Wars! We hope you all took some time out to enjoy your holidays in between!

Speaking of Gulf Wars—we would like to do a Baronial camp again like we did at BAM, complete with common area and kitchen tent, PLUS I hear that HL Alden has a shower trailer in the works! Please keep an eye on the email list and Facebook page for more info on meal plans, camp fees, chore sign ups, etc. And Remember: when you pre-register for War be sure to do it under: Ansteorra, Stargate so we can be sure to get enough land for everybody! We don't want to be squished in camp and we don't want to lose anybody to overflow camping, so if you can do it—pre-reg! Once you've done that, be sure to send your tenting info to our coastal land coordinator: HL Gavin MacGiollaRua (ldgavin@gmail.com) We look forward to camping with those of you who are able

War is Upon Us!

News has reached us by way of a messenger, that a landing party of Meridians tested our defenses along the coast southeast of Bordermarch. They also attempted to steal sheep and wheat from a small village.

There were only women, children and elders present, as the village men were off hunting.

Little did the invaders know that the some of the women were Amazonian, proficient with sword, arrow and horsewomen-ship

to join us at War!

Please note: EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO CAMP WITH STARGATE AT GULF WAR!

You do not have to participate in the meal plan, do camp chores, or pay fees in order to camp with the group. The meal plan, shower wagon, etc. are just bonus opportunities for those who want to participate.

Looking beyond War (is that even possible?) there are many exciting things in the works here in the Barony! We have the madrigal and woodworking guilds starting back up, scribal guild is gearing up for our spring events, Brenna is hosting a UFO (UnFinished Objects) gathering on Tuesday nights, and Aleassar (the regional drumming group) is trying out Wednesday night meetings to see if that day works better for more people.

But what about the fighting, you ask? We have that too! Stargate has Chivalric and Rapier practice on the 2nd and 4th Sundays starting at noon at Memorial Park. Gate's Edge holds practices 1st and 3rd Sundays at Meyer Park in Spring, and our neighbors in Loch Soilleir prac-

combat. The children, 'Keepers of the Nest', set the woods ablaze, denying the landing party any route of escape. Although elderly, many of the village rallied to the fight. Some with only rakes and hay forks. Some of the young and old, who were trained at the Lizards Keep, rose up with rapier blade. The roar of 'Thunder!' and what Swine brothers were with them unleashed missiles of fire which sank the invaders ship.

The warrior women of the village sent the invaders to their Meridian

gate on Tuesday nights at Centennial Park in Pearland. Wondering what to do with your fighting skills besides practicing? Come to events with us and share those skills with your friends!

Here is where we will be for the next few months and we look forward to seeing you there too!

☞ 2/4—Candlemas – Bryn Gwlad (Austin)

☞ 2/11—Kingdom A&S – Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK) just Simone

☞ 2/18—B.A.D. – Bjornsborg (Seguin Outdoor Learning Center)

☞ 3/11—3/18—GULF WARS!

☞ 3/31—Elfsea Defender – Elfsea (Camp Jim Braly in Waco)

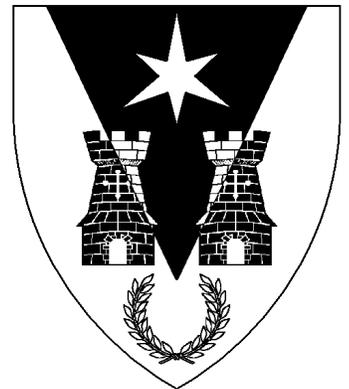
☞ 4/14—Stargate's event

☞ 4/21—Coronation – TBD

☞ 4/28—Queen's – TBD

☞ 5/1—Loch's event

Best Regards,
Robert and Simone



gods. None escaped to tell of our defenses. Perhaps the Lord of the Manner has other news, as he has ears everywhere. War is upon us.

Come early spring, we will end any attempt to take our lands, or enslave our children by a host of enemies. We will defeat those who threaten us, upon the fields of Gulf War!

Herald Report

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Greetings to the Populace of the Barony of Stargate.

Name submissions - a few newcomers are starting their research into their name and device submissions and in the near future, those submissions should start their journey to being registered. We have some long time Stargate members working on getting their names submitted or finalizing their names and devices for future registration. We also have some transfers from another Barony working on a new names. One of the transfers' name submission passed through the College of Heralds commentary and decision period and has been forwarded to Laurel for further commentary and decision.

On an educational note, there are quite a few resources that you can check on that can help you with finding a name and document for your name submission. The

Google Books digitizing project has made finding resources more accessible for research.

Many older books that document many medieval subjects have been hard to access before because of their age, fragile nature and availability through Interlibrary loan. Many of these books that are in public domain, are now being digitized to preserve their contents. Many of the Universities in the United States and in Europe are working with the Google Project, including Harvard, Stanford, Cambridge, and Oxford, to name a few. Several resources date back to the 1600s.

Also the British Public Records Office, Royal Societies, and many Universities are digitizing their collections and making them available on line.

Google Books—
<http://books.google.com>

British History Online—
<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/>

The National Archives of the UK
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

These are just a few of the Resources on the Internet that can help you document your chosen name for your name submission.

Please feel free to contact me anytime about your name and device submission concerns. I would love to help you find your name and presence in the SCA. I can be found at most monthly

Stargate Business/Populace Meetings and at most of the events happening in Ansteorra.

Yours in Service,

Lady Caitilin inghean Ronain ui Cheallaigh

Scribal

hillaryg@yahoo.com



Greetings,

Welcome to 2012, guild meetings held the 1st and 3rd Sundays, from 5:30-8pm, at (HEB's) Central Market Community Room.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP! We will be working on our first progressive original scroll so you can learn how to create a scroll from scratch.

As always, we will continue Charter Painting! Let's help the kingdom build up their supplies of charters!

Bring your paint supplies or some loaner items will be provided.

Cheers,

Hillary

Central Market is located in Houston at: 3815 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027.

Food and drink available in the deli, but may not be brought into the store.

Scribes Guild Meetings

Sun Feb 5, 2012 5:30pm – 8pm
Central Market

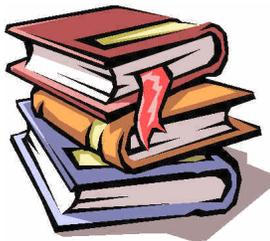
Sun Feb 19, 2012 5:30pm – 8pm
HEB Bunker Hill

Sun Mar 4, 2012 5:30pm – 8pm
Central Market

Sun Mar 18, 2012 5:30pm—8pm
Cancelled—Gulf Wars

Historian's Report

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Greetings to the Populace of Stargate!

February is upon and Winter is still with us The Kingdom schedule is bursting with events for all to partake—Kingdom A & S, Stargate Baronial Championships, the Big event—Gulf Wars, Coronation, Queen's Champion. If you go to any of these events, bring back your stories and photos to share with the Barony and with your Historian. Hint, hint.

Stargate's 40th Anniversary will

be held at the Stargate Baronial Championships.

The Barony of Stargate was the 1st Barony established in August of 1972 before Ansteorra became a Kingdom. Much of the history of Ansteorra had its first beginnings in our Barony.

Many Knights of Ansteorra had their start in Stargate as well a few Ladies who became Queens of Ansteorra. What stories that could be told about the early days of the Barony of Stargate.

Please if you have Artifacts, old Two Towers, Event Flyers or other memorabilia, please bring it to me for the Anniversary celebration. If you have stories to tell, please write them down and send them to me. Let us celebrate the Great history of our Barony.

Yours in Service,

Lady Caitilin inghean Ronain
ui Cheallaigh

Historian, Barony of Stargate

Stargate Madrigal Practice

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Stargate Madrigal is back up and running. We had a (re) organizational meeting and practice Sunday, January 22, with two sopranos, two soprano/altos, two alto/tenors, one tenor and one baritone/bass. Ihon will be the initial Guild Principal and Director. Practices will be on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 3:30 pm to 5-ish at Central Market to feed into, and hopefully draw from Scribes Guild (who meet there at 5:30 pm). Initial pieces were Sweet Kate and Come Again, both of which sounded surprisingly good for a first practice.

50th Year Bids

<http://sca.org/50Year/>

Bids for the 50th Year Anniversary Celebration are sought

The Society for Creative Anachronism is seeking bids for the 50th Year Anniversary Celebration of its founding in 1966.

This large scale, general focus, anniversary event will be open to general attendance and participation by both SCA members and nonmembers.



Bjornsborg Academy of Defense

<http://www.luridmusestudios.com/SCA/BaronialWeb/BAD/>

Come one come all to the 5th running of the Bjornsborg Academy of Defense. A lot of history has been made in the ten years of this tournament and we're not done yet. Fun, merriment and fighting for all. You like challenges? We got it. You like persona play? We got it. You like melee? We got it. This tourney has something for every rapier lover.

In addition to the tourney HRH Elizabeta will be having her princess's tea during the lunch break so come out and introduce yourself to your future queen and make her day something special.

You can find all the info you need at the following website or check your blackstar.

It should be quite a day for all.

Don Pieter Rausch

Event steward

Site opens 5pm Feb 17th and closes 12pm Feb 19th

Sequin Outdoor Learning Center



Aleasar Drumming Practice

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Starting February 1st, 2012, Aleasar Drumming Practice (Dancers welcome) has moved to 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday nights, at Dietrich and Gwen's house, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Interested parties may call or email Herr Dietrich for directions. No calls after 9:00pm, please.

Due to a conflict, there will be no practice on February 29th, Leap Day.



(There are 5 Wednesdays in February this year! This can only happen in a Leap Year when February starts on a Wednesday!) ;-)

Chronicler's Report

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our great barony in the act of Chronicler. It is with great respect for the Dream that I take over this position. I hope that you enjoy reading it, as much as I enjoyed putting it together.



This will always remain YOUR newsletter. As such it needs YOUR input. Articles, pictures, drawings, they all have a place here. If you are working on a project and wish to share it with the populace please email me. I'll find a way to put it in.

In our Society, we are entering into the busy season for many of us. We are coming into the time where we reacquaint ourselves with long lost friends. We journey back, and remember the impact that have had on our lives. We tell stories, memories, and live the Dream. And if you are willing, these ideas will travel throughout our lands.

Yours in Service to the Dream,
Adelaisa d'Ascalon

Hospitaler—First Event Preparation

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"It is perfectly all right to let people at the event know you are a newcomer and have them tell you more about what you see or what you taste at a feast...Most SCAers are more than willing to speak with you about these things."

Greetings to the Barony!

Newcomers, if you will be attending any events in the future and do not yet have any idea what kind of garb (period clothing) to wear and need to borrow some, please notify me at least 2 weeks in advance of the event. I have a large collection of clean loaner garb in styles & sizes to fit women, men & children. Just send me an e-mail or better yet, phone me with your clothing size(s) and the name and date of the event. In that way, I can determine what you will need. We can discuss a date, time & place for us to meet, you can look over the garb, choose what you want to wear and fill in the loaner garb agreement document. If you will be taking guests with you to an event, they can borrow loaner garb as well.

Please notify me with any questions you have concerning any SCA topic, if I do not know the answer, I will find someone who does and you'll have the opportunity to learn more about the SCA through others.

Some basic tips for going to events: Look over the Stargate web page or the Ansteorra web page and choose an event that interests you. Take time to carefully look over the details noted on the event flier. Does the event include a feast? If so, you will need to bring a set of feastgear for each person in your party, that will be dining at the feast. Feastgear consists of the following items: flatware (fork, knife, spoon), tankard or mug for beverages, plate, bowl, cloth napkin, table cloth and a plastic bag large enough to contain the dirty feastware items for the trip home as frequently there is no place to wash your dishes at events. Feastgear is NOT provided at events. A large basket or wooden box makes a good container to tote your feastgear in, toss the tablecloth atop the filled basket to keep the feastgear clean before the meal.

Does the event flier state that lunch is offered? If not, you may want to bring some food for lunch if lunch is not being offered. Bring easy, no fuss food like: crackers, cheese, Summer sausage, olives, fresh fruit and pastries, bottled water or juice.

Is alcohol consumption permitted at the event? If the flier has some wording like: The site is DRY, that means NO alcohol is permitted at the event site. If it says: The site is WET, then alcohol is permitted in period containers only, you are permitted to bring whatever you usually drink but the original containers must be disguised in a period manner like a cloth wrapping to conceal the bottle or the contents poured into a decanter or decorative bottle and consumed from period mugs or drinkware. Bring a lightweight folding chair for each person in your party, you might be outdoors and want a comfy seat on the grass and during court proceedings. Many events do not provide chairs at all. A warm cloak or small fleece throw makes a good wrap in case the weather is chilly. Choose a plain fleece throw, no logos or modern designs decorating it, please.

Make certain to bring along a copy of the event flier, directions & map or GPS unit so you will be able to locate the site of an event you will be attending. Nothing ruins a trip to an event when the driver has no idea where they are heading to and they either get lost on the way or give up and go home. Toss in a notebook and pens, you might want to take notes during a class offered at the event or write down contact information of persons you've met.

Please turn off or silence your electronic devices at the event, remember, we all love "period ambiance", having a cell phone ring in the middle of court would be so embarrassing, oops!

Upon arrival at an event, locate the table, sometimes referred to as "Gate or Troll", where you will pay your entrance/site fee and there you can choose to pay for feast, if the event is offering feast and you will be staying till evening to enjoy it. You do not have to dine on feast, it is your choice. Some members bring their own dinner items and partake right in the feast area at the same time the event's feast is being served. Many times there are no restaurants of any kind anywhere near some sites so take that into consideration. After taking care of your fees, ask one of

the persons working at the table to introduce you to the hosting group's Hospitaler or Gold Key person. They would be a good contact person to help you feel right "at home" at the event. Many times they have someone they can pair you up with and they might be your "official" guide for the day and through them, you will meet others. If you are unsure what to do, take a moment and see what others are doing. Greeting any person with a courteous bow from the waist and a cheery "M'lord" to men or "M'lady" to women is the way SCAers generally greet each other. It is perfectly all right to let people at the event know you are a newcomer and have them tell you more about what you see (maybe armored combat), what you hear (possibly madrigal singing) or what you taste at a feast (yummy genuine gingerbread). Most SCAers are more than willing to speak with you about these things.

One of the most important things for all SCAers, those who have been in SCA for a period of time or for newcomers is to understand if you hear someone state loudly or even yell the word "HOLD!". Everyone, I mean everyone must stop immediately what they are doing and look around them. The word "HOLD!" means there is a potentially or currently alarming/dangerous situation taking place and all must be made aware of it so safe measures can be taken. Example: A horse has escaped from its' rider and is galloping through a camp full of tents/pavilions. Or a toddler is running onto a battlefield full of adults clad in armor, engaged in a fierce battle and the child will be injured. So practice using and getting used to the word "HOLD!" Teach your children the SCA-related meaning of "HOLD!" Safety is very important in the SCA, if we keep alert, we can all help each other be safe.

Thank you for reading this section!

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(Leave a message & I will return your call)

WAR IS UPON US!

Volunteer Point

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Gulf Wars XXI approaches quickly!

With over 3500 people expected on site and 40 departments, Gulf Wars runs by volunteers. Please take the time to volunteer for at least a single shift (4-6 hours) over the course of the week. Last year, there were over 11,000 volunteer hours (which included some departmental shortages). If every person volunteered a single shift, then we would not have any shortages in the entire war.

What does volunteering get you? A lot more than you think.

For each volunteer:

Every 2 hrs earned - Raffle Ticket*

Every 10 hrs earned - Pewter feather token

Every 15 hrs earned - Prize from Above & Beyond Table (stocked daily until prizes are gone)

First 20 hrs earned - Limited edition pewter feather (instead of small pewter feather)

Every 50 hrs worked - Volunteer Point pin

Every 100 hrs worked - Volunteer Point necklace

*Raffle tickets count for a war point as well as Volunteer Point

raffle on Saturday. The side with the most tickets will be awarded a war point.

For your group:

Also, the hours you work at Gulf Wars are recorded and tallied. Part of the profits from Gulf Wars are divided among these hours. These monies are eligible to go to any group with an SCA bank account. In previous years, this can amount to a significant amount.

For your kingdom:

The kingdom with the highest number of volunteer hours will have their banner flown over Volunteer Point next year. This

is based on location of volunteer and not location of group receiving monies.

At least one shift per attendee makes the war run smoother. We have volunteer opportunities that range from seeing the war from a golf cart to administration. Somewhere in the war, we need you.

If you have specific questions about volunteer opportunities at Gulf Wars, please contact the Volunteer Point Coordinator at volunteerpoint@gulfwars.org.

THL Kendra Dey

Volunteer Point Coordinator

Gulf Wars XXI

Gulf Wars Classes

<http://tiny.cc/qzlwq>

Unto all in the Known World planning to attend Gulf Wars in March: Please volunteer to teach a class, conduct a demo, host a meeting, etc. at Gulf Wars. The online class/learning event submission form can be found here: <http://tiny.cc/qzlwq>

While our print deadline for the GW Class booklet has passed, instructional areas around Gulf Wars will continue to accept classes as schedule permits up through the beginning of war.

The January 15th submission deadline on the web site guaranteed class listings in the booklet.

Classes submitted after that date *may* make it in the booklet if you ACT NOW.

We do plan to publish an addendum flyer with all classes that did not make it into the booklet, but this will contain limited information, and likely reach fewer folks. Having your class IN the class booklet is

likely to get you more students than the addendum, which is likely to get you WAY more students than on-site advertising. Also - earlier gives you more possibilities for scheduling. So submit your classes NOW NOW NOW! :)

Mistress Solveig Eiriksdottir

Siege Engine/Archery

Greetings All missile enthusiasts!

This year, Gulf War has something special for our siege teams - A Siege Engine Target Competition!! That's right, Saturday near the fort, we'll be having a target shoot for fun between teams wishing to compete. Thanks to Karl, for all of his hard work to help

organize this! So, one more reason to bring machines to war!!!

For our archers, you will be glad to know that the scenarios call for archers in different battles from Wed - Sat. There's the Combat Archer battle, Open Field, Ravine and the Fort battles.

I'm looking forward to seeing the skies darken with all of our missile weapons!

Centurion Wayland

Missile Commander



Stargate Camp

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Greetings Stargate,

I trust many of you are working on projects, and planning ahead. I have volunteered to step up as Camp Kitchen and Shower Coordinator for Stargate this year. This may be something of a new concept for many of you, who have camped with Stargate in the past, but if you camped with us at BAM back in November, you know that that was a trial run for GW.

After consulting with Their Excellencies, they would like to offer a similar camp plan that was made available at BAM. It should be noted that this camp effort is VOLUNTARY. You don't have to join. You are welcome to camp with Stargate and make other meal/shower arrangements for yourself if you'd like. That said, some of the details are as follows:

COMMON AREA PAVILION

The plan is to set up a common area pavilion for everyone in Stargate camp to utilize. We ask that you keep your personal effects cleaned up in this space. Chairs may be left in this area, but if you leave your chair here, please do so

with the offer to let anyone use it in your absence. Simple courtesy applies if someone would like to sit in their chair if it is occupied.

KITCHEN/MEAL PLAN

There will be a kitchen set up for anyone joining the group meal plan. We will need volunteers to coordinate meals (breakfast and dinner), cook's helpers, and clean up roles. There will be some common-use equipment made available for cooks (which will be detailed later). There will also be some standard food items available to everyone on the meal plan (i.e. yogurt, bananas, drink mixes/teas/coffee). A meal price of \$5.00 per person, per meal will apply. Volunteers for cooking a meal should plan to budget \$4.00 per person per meal. The \$1.00 difference will go towards the purchase of general consumables (propane, plasticware, foils, chafing pans, etc.) that will be made available for common use.

CAMP SHOWER

I am currently working on building a camp shower trailer. It will have a water reservoir, electric pump, and on demand propane

water heater that should provide water not only to the shower, but potentially the kitchen too! The trailer is 4x8, and I'm planning to split it in half to have a wet area and dry area. To help cover the cost of propane and maintenance, I am going to ask for \$5.00 per person for the week. This is independent of the Meal Plan, so you're welcome to do one, or the other, or both.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

I will be sending out (and bringing to Populace) a schedule for people to sign-up for volunteering to cook and help around camp. We would like to ask that everyone who participates in the meal plan to please sign up to help out with cooking, cleaning, trash take-away, and common area clean-up. By everyone's efforts, we can have a great group camp!

In service,

Alden, Camp Kitchen/Shower Coordinator

The Main Schedule for Gulf Wars XXI is now up on their website - <http://www.gulfwars.org/schedules/main-schedule-online.html>

Check it out and pass it on to other lists.

Gulf Wars BBQ Championship

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Do you cook a mean shoulder? Got the best wings around? Love your lovely smoked salmon? Are you a Rib Master? Burger-meister? Prove it!!

This Sanctioned event will be held in conjunction with the Gleann Abhann Social on Tuesday night, one of the premier

events at Gulf Wars!

NO meats or foods may be prepared off site and entered; all cooking is to be done on site. Marinades, Sauces and Rubs may be prepared off site and brought separately.

The Grand Prize is for the contestant with the most points for

the day. The Royal's Choice Award is for the single favorite food item entered. Prizes will be awarded for each winner in each category.

All foods will be served at the Social.

Early Camping

I talked to Larry at King's Arrow Ranch this past weekend, and he has changed his mind about the early early on. He will offer the same deal that he did last year.

You can arrive anytime between March 3rd and March 7th. It doesn't matter what day you

arrive, the fee will be an extra \$35 per person paid directly to Larry. As always, you must be pre-registered to take advantage of this offer.

We take over the site on Thursday morning, March 8th, at 7:00 A.M.. Once we take over, you

are stuck on site unless you are staff. You can leave, but if you do, you will not be allowed back on site until the war opens on Sunday morning.

Master Stephan of Durham, Autocrat, Gulf Wars XXI

Kingdom E-Newsletters

<http://www.newsletter.sca.org>

Available Now! Opt for E-Newsletters

Do you know if your current kingdom newsletter is in your garage with the armor, in the glove compartment with the site tokens, or in your feast basket? Sign up by January 31, 2012, to be one of the first to go solely electronic and have your kingdom newsletter as close as your computer! Go to <http://www.sca.org/members/optout.cgi> to opt out of paper newsletters, no matter where you are in your membership cycle, and receive your newsletters electronically at

[http://newsletter.sca.org/](http://newsletter.sca.org) beginning with the March 2012 issue.

If you choose the electronic-only option, you will have access to all kingdom newsletters, not just your kingdom of residence. Although no refunds or discounts for either production or postage costs will be forthcoming, we do thank you profusely!

The adoption of e-newsletters is a part of the long-term solution to rising costs. Signing up now helps save the Society money immediately. All Sustaining and International members will have access to the newsletter website, whether or not they

currently receive paper copies, so discontinuing paper newsletters is not a requirement for having access to the online versions. To continue receiving paper newsletters through the balance of your current membership cycle, no action is needed.

If you have questions, please check out the updated FAQ at <http://sca.org/BOD/announcements/E-NewsFAQs.pdf> or contact the Publications Manager at pubmanager@sca.org. If you have comments, please e-mail them to comments@sca.org.

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THE BEST OF Tournaments Illuminated

Nominations are now being accepted for The Best of Tournaments Illuminated, a special 68-page publication planned to be available for purchase in the fall of 2012. If you have read an article that was particularly helpful or insightful, now is the time to nominate that work for inclusion.

Articles can have been published in Tournaments Illuminated any time since its inception, and you may nominate as many articles as you would like. An updated listing of articles can be found at www.sca.org/ti/topic.html. Most columns (book reviews, museum listings, etc.) will not be included, but feel free to nominate humor pieces, poetry, artwork, etc.

Should you happen to have the contact information for the original contributor, we would appreciate it if you could share it with us.

Nominations will be accepted through March 1, 2012, and may be e-mailed to pubmanager@sca.org, or mailed to Dar'C O'Neal, 22333 Harbor Ridge Ln. #5, Torrance, CA 90502.

Same Gender Consort Proposal

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When responding to the "Same-Gender Consort Proposal" please address your responses to comments@lists.sca.org. Also—Please remember to use the title "Same-Gender Consort Proposal" in the Subject line.

At the Oct 2011 Board meeting, in response to a formal request from An Tir and a substantial amount of related correspondence from our membership, we committed to crafting proposed language to allow

same-gender consorts at the Crown/Coronet List level to send out for commentary. This topic is clearly emotionally charged for many people, whether for or against the change. We do not have clear direction from a majority of participants based on either the Census data or the correspondence received to date.

The Board therefore solicits commentary on the following potential language change to its governing documents in hopes

of eliciting commentary and direction from the membership:

Current language:

Each competitor in a Royal Lists must be fighting for a consort of the opposite gender.

Proposed Language:

Each competitor in a Royal Lists must be fighting for a consort of the opposite gender. Crowns may permit entry into the Royal Lists by same-gender couples.

Comments on this proposal are due by April 1, 2012.

Society Webminister

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The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is seeking candidates for the position of Society Webminister.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

- Supervision and warranting of kingdom webministers.
- Oversight of kingdom websites for content and compliance.
- Assist kingdom webministers in developing and enforcing kingdom-level guidelines for local SCA group websites.
- Act as subject matter expert and resource regarding issues related to websites at the kingdom and local levels including technology, copyright and privacy-related issues.
- Maintain communications with kingdom webministers to ensure

both timely reporting from kingdoms and distribution of policies to kingdoms.

- Report quarterly to the Publications Manager.

Qualifications:

- Experience as a SCA webminister; kingdom webminister experience highly desired
- Moderate to expert knowledge of web technologies (e.g. HTML, CSS, PHP, Java, ASP, web hosting, domain names)
- Moderate Microsoft Word proficiency
- Thorough knowledge of webminister policies and procedures
- Professional verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to effectively communicate and work with all webministers and officers

- Dependable email and phone access

The Society Webminister is appointed by the Board but will report directly to the Publications Manager. The Society Webminister is warranted for a three-year term of service.

Hard copies of resumes (both professional and SCA related, including offices held and honors) must be sent to the attention of The Board of Directors, SCA, Inc., P.O. Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036-0789. Electronic courtesy copies should also be sent to resumes@sca.org and webminister@sca.org.

Resumes must be received by September 1, 2012.

Compleat Anachronist Art Director

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The Compleat Anachronist is a monograph series, published four times a year, with each 56- to 60-page issue focusing on one topic.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

- Production of publication following graphic standards.
- Actively participate with the editor to resolve any publication production challenges.
- Provide printer with artwork in press-quality, booklet format PDF.

Qualifications:

- Access to and experience with

InDesign

- Professional experience in production, art direction or desktop publishing and prior experience as a SCA chronicler desirable
 - Excellent written and oral communication skills
 - Ability to prioritize tasks and meet quarterly deadlines
 - 20-35 hours per issue for production and proofing
 - Dependable email and phone access
- The Compleat Anachronist Art Director is appointed by the Board but will report directly to the Compleat

Anachronist Editor. The position is warranted for a three-year term of service, and a small stipend is issued upon the completion of each issue.

Hard copies of resumes (both professional and SCA related, including offices held and honors) must be sent to the attention of The Board of Directors, SCA, Inc., P.O. Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036-0789. Electronic courtesy copies should also be sent to resumes@sca.org and webminister@sca.org.

Resumes must be received by September 1, 2012.

Pennsic Changes

<http://groups.google.com/group/rec.org.sca/msg/387e57c253713eb1>

It has been announced that the East and the Midrealm will ally against Atlantia and Aethelmearc at Pennsic this year.

As for the East and the Middle being allies, I find this written:

“Just to correct a persistent bit of SCA mythology ...The origi-

nal excuse for Pennsic was not that the East and the Middle were fighting over Pittsburgh--the Barony Marche of the debatable lands didn't exist at the time. The original excuse was that we were fighting over whose banner would go first

when we invaded the West.

"David/Cariadoc"

So perhaps they have merely combined to put down the pretensions of younger kingdoms of less precedence, or perhaps have set their plans to invade the West.

February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Candlemas - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
5 Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 p	6 Business/Populace Mtgs. 7:00/7:45 pm Coffee & dessert @ IHOP (after meeting)	7 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	8	9 West Houston Lunch Bunch	10	11 Kingdom A&S Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
12 Practice in the Park (Chivalric & Rapier) 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	13	14 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	15	16	17 Ejorhsborg Academy of Defense - Ejorhsborg (San Antonio, TX)	18 Ejorhsborg Academy of Defense - Ejorhsborg (San Antonio, TX)
19 Gate's Edge Armored Combat Practice 3:00 pm Stargate Scribes Guild 5:30 p	20 President's Day	21 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	22	23	24	25 Bonwicke's Artisan and XXX Anniversary - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
26 Practice in the Park (Chivalric & Rapier) 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	27	28 Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice 7:30 pm	29			

- Stargate Business/Populace Meetings, 7:00 pm for Business, 7:45 pm for Populace, at Hope Episcopal Church, 1613 W. 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018
- Coffee & Dessert after Populace Meeting, at IHOP, 13388 Northwest Fwy (just west of Hollister)
- Every Tuesday night—Stargate/Loch Soilleir Chivalric & Rapier Practice, 7:30 pm, at Centennial Park, 3219 McLean Rd., Pearland, TX 77584
- Stargate Scribes Guild, 5:30 pm, at Central Market Community Room, 3815 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77027
- Practice in the Park, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Memorial Park, Houston, TX
- Fourth Sunday Arts, 2:00-5:00 pm, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 5900 Pine-mont Dr., Houston, TX 77092

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