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If you are going to be late, you must inform the Chronicler before the

first of the month so that space may be reserved. Anything arriving after the first is subject to refusal and has no guarantee of being published.

Submissions shall consist of a [1] an electronic copy, [2] an event announcement checklist which has been signed off on by the Seneschal of your group, and [3] a release form for any artwork (including maps) in the submission. If your submission is missing any of the previous items it will potentially not be published if not resolved by midnight on the first.

Additionally, if you wish to publish the same ad in more than one issue of The Black Star, you must resubmit your paperwork and event announcement each month UNLESS you have indicated on the first Event Ad/Seneschal Checklist that you wish the ad to run for more than one month. The Chronicler will assume that any ad received will only be used in the month it is received, unless otherwise stated on the Checklist. This is as much for our protection as it is to ensure that only the most current event information is contained in this publication. You are asked to send a half page ad to run in any month prior to your event month.

In order for "lasting business" (for example, laws and awards) to take place at an event, there must be a COMPLETE ad in the Black Star issue for the month of the event (so an August event must be in the August Black Star, and would be due July 1), UNLESS the event is in the first ten days of the month. Then the complete ad may be in the previous month's Black Star.

PDF is the (much) preferred file format for electronic submissions. Any other format MUST be discussed with the Kingdom Chronicler for acceptability. But please, just send PDF. The Kingdom Chronicler can advise free software solutions for doing so for Windows users.

Ads, releases and checklists should be sent in electronic form via e-mail if at all possible. As with all communications, please send them to kingdom@chronicler.ansteorra.org.

Again, please see: <http://chronicler.ansteorra.org/> for detailed information on event announcement submissions.

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Reports from the Realm



Her Stellar Majesty

Greetings to Our Great Kingdom!

As the days may seem dark and cold, remember with hope that light will soon grow within our Stellar Lands and within our hearts. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone for their love and support during this time. I hope everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season!

I also look forward to Crown Tournament when our Royal Heirs will be found. I would charge all entrants to be your best selves that day, not just your deadliest. Let everyone be thier most honorable, chivalrous, and joyous. Remember, you fight for something of even greater value than a Kingdom Crown. You fight for your own honor and that of your consort.

I also look forward to Round Table. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about different officer positions. Our officers are very dedicated to doing their jobs well, and they would love to train interested individuals to follow in their footsteps.

In the midst of all of our training and preparation, let us not forget that the drums call us to War! Gulf Wars is coming soon! Everyone who is able should prepare themselves to best represent our homeland - Armored and Rapier fighters, Archery and Thrown Weapons, Equestrians, Cooks and Bards, and Artisans of every kind. Let us prepare to show the Known World the glory that is Ansteorra!

In Service to the Dream,
Nicollet, Sovereign Queen of Ansteorra



Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Ansteorra

As we start the New Year full of possibilities, hopes, dreams, goals, and we look forward to all that it can bring. The beautiful thing about this is that the more we help others to realize and achieve their goals and dreams the more that we all grow and benefit.

The Principality of Vindheim has a new set of Highness' and we are excited to see what their plans for the future of Vindheim are.

Crown Tournament is this month and the Kingdom of Ansteorra will have new heirs!

All across our great Kingdom groups are preparing for the spring season and so many wondrous events. All kinds of tourneys, contests, demos, and gatherings will be held and I hope to see every one of you at one of these spectacular events.

In February we will have Laurel's Prize Tourney where artisans are able to display a body of work and get to sit down with Laurels and talk about their art, where it is, where it is going, and how to make things even better.

In March is our beloved Gulf Wars! So much work has been done during this last year, I am really excited to see all of the new improvements.

As I settle into my new position as Kingdom Seneschal I would like to make sure that

everyone knows that I am here for you. I have had the honor of working with many great Seneschals in the past and from them I have learned a great deal. Please use your chain of command for everything official along with my official email address.

In Service,

Margherita de Mantua (mka Vallie Copley)
Kingdom Seneschal



Kingdom Exchequer

Greetings,

We have a lot of events coming up, please remember to turn in your reports on time. I will have another open office on Jan 25th from 7 pm to 8 pm. I would love to see more people able to attend. I will post a link for it on the kingdom Facebook and in the kingdom exchequer page the day before. As always if you need help first try your regionals if they are unable to help, please reach out to me and we will see what we can do.
In Service of The Dream,

Lord Sean Mac Daniel
Chancellor of The Exchequer
Kingdom of Ansteorra



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Ansteorra,

It's a great new year and we are in Ball Season! If you don't know how to do the European dances, this is the best time to learn. Many of our groups have year round dance guilds and would love to see you come join the fun. There will also be some competitions at some of these events. So set a goal for next year. European dance is a lot of fun, great exercise and a great way to spend time with friends. If it were not for a good friend hauling me to Euro dance practice over 30 years ago, I would have never known about the SCA. So bring a friend. If you are interested in starting a dance guild in your area,

contact M Myfanway, our Kingdom Euro Dance Deputy. She can get you started with dance steps and music to start your group off on the right foot.

For those of you who would rather play music, now is the time to get involved. The music community tends to have bigger groups at this time of the year and they are always willing to teach new members. If you are interested contact our Music Deputy HL Sean Tabor and he can help you get a copy of the Pennsic Pile 2023 dance music or you can join the Ansteorra Musicians Collective on Facebook. This is a group where all the various ensembles around the kingdom get together to organize playing opportunities for balls, courts and sometimes just for some list side fun.

Have a great January and see you in February for Laurel's Prize.

In Service
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Magnifica Biatrichi Malatesta Canzionari di
Palermo, OL, KMOAS



Kingdom Hospitaler

Greetings Ansteorra!

I would like to welcome HL Morina O'Donovan to the hospitaler team as our new kingdom demo deputy. She will be helping to coordinate efforts across the kingdom and improve our processes and products for putting on demos. I would also like to thank HL Marianna for her many (more than expected) years of service as southern regional hospitaler. I appreciate you staying on to help out!

This is my second to last Black Star. If you are interested in applying for kingdom hospitaler (or hospitaler at any level, really) please reach out. I would love to speak with you about it.

Orazio
Kingdom Hospitaler



Happy New Year Ansteorra!

I hope everyone has had a joyous holiday season!

As we start the new year, the College of Heraldry has a few notices and changes to announce. I hope that everyone in the College and those who are interested in heraldry will make time to attend Round Table on the 20th. We've changed up the classes this time, so check the schedule. The Plenary Meeting will also have a Q&A session at the end with a discussion on the state of heraldry in Ansteorra and what all of us can do to help make it better, stronger, and more visible.

There will be a Heraldic Retreat on February 17th in the Barony of Bryn Gwlad. The Heraldic Retreat is a great place to learn the details of being a local heraldic officer. We will cover all that and more at this retreat. Thank you to Bryn Gwlad for hosting this very important event! Gulf Wars is just around the corner! If you are attending, please consider volunteering at Heraldry Point or teaching a Heraldic Class. Spread that Happy Herald Hienous-ness!! The College of Heraldry will host a monthly Heraldic Happy Hour every 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be on Google Meets. We'll talk about everything Heraldic and whatever else comes to mind. So if you're craving some heraldry and social time, please join us. The link will be posted in the Ansteorran Heraldic Consultation Group on FB the day of.

The College now has its own DEIB officer! Our DEIB Herald will be available to discuss and advise on DEIB matters for heralds as they execute their duties. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging are core values in the College. We have always strived to be a welcoming place for everyone, and having an official DEIB herald further cements the College's commitment to inclusion and equity for all. This position is

educational and advisory. I am excited to announce that Mushir Abd al-Mahdi Jamal ibn Hakim is the new DEIB Herald. I know he will do an excellent job!

Her Excellency Meadhbh inghean Rois has stepped aside as Bastion Herald. His Lordship Thomas de Groet is acting as her ER replacement until a permanent Bastion Herald can be found. I want to give my heartfelt thanks to Maedhbh for all her hard work, and dedication, and for going above and beyond to the heralds of Vindheim.

The office of Bastion Herald is now open for applications. This is the herald for the Principality of Vindheim. Please send applications to Star Principal. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2024.

Solstice Herald, Southern Regional, is now open for applications through January 31. I want to thank Her Ladyship Caitilin inghean Rudhraighe ui Cheallaigh for her work in this office. It is much appreciated. Lord Liam m'Shemus MacSweeney will be acting Solstice. He will continue doing good things in this position.

Rowell Pursuivant is also open for applications until filled. This office is responsible for commenting on the Ansteorran LOIs in OSCAR every month. This is a non-warranted position. Major duties include working with the Submissions team to facilitate kingdom submissions with conflict, documentation, and link checks, as well as offering suggestions and other valuable commentary on submissions. For more details about the requirements and expectations of any open office, please contact Star Principal Herald.

After many years, Mistress Serena Lascelles has decided to retire from her position as Special Documents Deputy. Mistress Serena's countless hours of historical law research, Latin translations, and other rabbit holes created the Ansteorran Scroll Text and Award Constitutions we use and follow today. Her knowledge and

expertise will be greatly missed. This office will be absorbed into the duties of the Star Principal Herald until such time it is deemed necessary to reopen the office.

Until next time, I remain,
Annais de Montgomerie
Star Principal Herald



I hope this New Calendar year finds you well. I would like to thank those of you who have been sending in great event ads to the Black Star each month. People have been submitting ads in a timely manner, and that makes my job much easier.

Please continue to support your local Chroniclers by submitting content for them to include! Being a Chronicler is a collaborative effort. The more people who submit, art, poems, articles, and recipes help make the newsletters more interesting and fun!

I am still accepting applications for my office - Kingdom Chronicler. If people have questions about what is involved in any of these offices, please feel free to contact me.

Ever in Your Service,
Baroness Beatrix Funteyn
Kingdom Chronicler



Kingdom Minister of Children

To the Kingdom of Ansteorra,

As the Minister of Children, I am writing to you today to address the upcoming return of our youth from winter break and the potential challenges they may face in balancing their academic commitments with their participation in SCA events.

The start of the new year often brings a renewed

sense of energy and enthusiasm for SCA activities. However, it is also a time when our youth are faced with increased academic demands and pressure to succeed in school. This can create a difficult balancing act for many of our young members.

I believe that it is important for us as a kingdom to provide our youth with the support and resources they need to thrive in both their academic and SCA endeavors. We can do this by:

- Encouraging local groups to include youth activities in their event planning. This could include providing age-appropriate workshops, classes, and demonstrations, as well as creating opportunities for youth to participate in leadership roles.
- Offering guidance and support to parents and guardians on how to help their children manage their time and commitments effectively. This could include providing tips on creating a schedule, setting priorities, and communicating effectively with teachers and SCA leaders.
- Celebrating the achievements of our youth in both their academic and SCA pursuits. This could be done through public recognition, awards, and other forms of acknowledgement.

I also want to emphasize the importance of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all of our youth, regardless of their academic background or SCA experience. We should strive to make our events and activities accessible to all, and we should encourage our youth to pursue their interests and passions, regardless of what they are.

As we prepare for the upcoming SCA season, I encourage you to keep our youth in mind and to consider ways in which we can support them in balancing their academic and SCA commitments. By working together, we can ensure that our youth have the opportunity to thrive in both areas and to continue to grow and develop as members of our kingdom.

Yours In Service,
Baron Goldweard
Kingdom Minister of Children



Zodiacus Herald

Greetings!

My thanks to Hubert d'Aigues-Mortes, Donnchadh Beag mac Griogair, and Brian O'hUilliam for their court reports.

YIS
HL Estrill Swet
Zodiacus Herald

Eldern Hills Samhain (10/28/2023)

Bridgette of York	Award of Arms
Delesse de Beaumarchais	Pillar of Vindheim
Fionnghuala Ruadh inghean Ui Chonchobhair	Pillar of Vindheim
Gerhard Pfister	Iris of Merit
Hrafn of Eldern Hills	Brazier of Vindheim
Johnathan of York	Award of Arms
Rosemarie of Brad Leah	Sable Comet (Brad Leah)

Battle of the Brothers, A Tang Dynasty Event Shadowlands (11/04/2023)

Gavin MacIain	Sable Comet (Shadowlands)
Gerold Screivogel	Sable Thistle (Chainmail)
Iðunn Arnardottir	Sable Thistle (Lampworking)
Lavinia le Chandeler	Award of Arms
Merewen Wyllt	Sable Comet (Shadowlands)
Sieghart Mueller	Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Throstr Ulfriksson	Sable Comet (Shadowlands)

Queen's Champion (11/11/2023) (Kingdom)

Anastasiia Dmitrieva Sokolova	Blade of Merit
Brendan Isaacson	Guardian o/t Queen's Hope (junior)
Brendan McEwen	Queen's Champion
Diego Fortuna de Almería	Queen's Blade of Honor
Dietrich Kragssen	Queen's Rapier
Elise de Rouen	Guardian o/t Queen's

Jacques de Saint Amour	Hope (senior)
Rande Robertson	Queen's Rapier
Sean Tabor	Sable Crane
Talon of Bonwicke	Blade of Merit
Taly Toledano	Queen's Rapier
Thora Vargr	Sable Crane
Veronica du Sanguine	Blade of Merit
	White Scarf

War of the Rams (Bordermarch) (11/17/2023)

Elizabeth of Bordermarch	Award of Arms
Eva Blackpool	Award of Arms
Fastrada the Furious	Silent Trumpet
Freya the Wanderer	Award of Arms
Liam Shemus MacSweeny	Silent Trumpet
Lothar the Easily Amused	Silent Trumpet
Steffan Ennis	Award of Arms
Sven Torsgard	Award of Arms
Theodektes of Sparta	Award of Arms

War of the Rams (Bordermarch) (11/18/2023)

Castellana de Andalusia	Tenne Horse Company (DEI education)
Dominique Michelle le Vasseur	Tenne Horse Company (Decoration)
Donnchadh Beag mac Griogair	Sanguine Horse Company (Combat Archery)
Elric Dracwine	Tenne Horse Company (Decoration)
Gilyan Alienora of Clonmacnoise	Sanguine Horse Company (Combat Archery)
Gilyan Alienora of Clonmacnoise	Bastion of Vindheim
Godric Dalamar	Sanguine Horse Company (Armored Combat)
Lyra of Wiesenfeuer	Sinople Horse Company (Performance Arts)
Marcus of the Eldern Hills	Thunderbolt of Vindheim
Micauley Morison	Thunderbolt of Vindheim
Saebjorn Haroldson	Thunderbolt of Vindheim
Veronica du Sanguine	Sanguine Horse Company (Rapier Combat)
Vincenti da Murano	Sinople Horse Company (Metal Arts)
fini	

Barony of the Steppes

Twelfth Night

A Tale as Old as Time



JANUARY 6, 2024

8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

ST LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1210 W Belt Line Rd,
Richardson, TX 75080

*From US-75, take exit 24 towards Belt Line. Turn Left onto Beltline
then right onto Dover. Destination is on the right.*

ADULT REGISTRATION: \$25.00

ADULT MEMBER REGISTRATION: \$20.00

MINORS 17 & UNDER: FREE

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc./ Barony of the Steppes

*Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend
with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver
from the parents.*



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MORE
INFO

or visit steppes.ansteorra.org

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THE COAST INVITES YOU TO JOIN
HER ROYAL MAJESTY NICOLLET
FOR THE SELECTION OF THE
HEIRS TO THE STELLAR THRONE

ANSTEORRA'S WINTER CROWN TOURNAMENT

JANUARY 12-13, 2024

Pedigo Park, Livingston, Texas - 925 US Highway 59, Livingston 77351
Hosted by the Baronies of Loch Soilleir & Raven's Fort,
with a Luncheon provided by the Shire of Seawinds

**SITE IS OPEN FROM 5PM FRIDAY
UNTIL 8PM SATURDAY
GATE: 8AM-2PM SATURDAY**

- PayPal pre-registration available.
- Site allows camping and has showers & flush toilets.
- Electricity is free (bring an RV adapter plug) for those who need it.
- Site is dry.
- Leashed pets with proof of rabies shots are also welcome on site.

Website: for more information on location & lodging options, please see
<https://ansteorra.org/loch-soilleir/winter-crown-tournament-2024>

Adult Registration: \$20.00
Adult Member Registration: \$15.00
Registration for 17 and under: Free!
Please make checks payable to:
SCA, Inc., Barony of Raven's Fort

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21 year or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.

Directions: Make your best way to Livingston Site is west of hwy 59, between 146 & 190
From 59N: exit 434D, follow 59 Loop S, around and under the freeway
From 59S: exit 434B
Turn right on Pedigo Pkwy, stay right at the baseball fields

Event Stewards

HG Saereid Sigmunddottir - Nanette Lee
Panikō of Loch Soilleir - Kris Prodoehl
Lorence Castellon - Jacob Bonn
loch.lees2@gmail.com, 713-515-4017



Ansteorra would like to invite you to
Kingdom Round Table

January 20th, 2024
8am to 6pm



Come learn what it takes to be an officer and run this kingdom. Officer discussions, warranting class, and other training will happen throughout the day. After a day of classes, listen to the state of the Kingdom and reports from the Great Officers.

Round Table will be held virtually using [Google Classroom](#) for meetings and classes. Full details and schedule can be found on the web page: <https://ansteorra.org/round-table>

Event Coordinators

Margherita de Mantua
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Kira Langsjoen

kingdom@webminister.ansteorra.org

903-216-3320

<https://ansteorra.org/events/round-table>

The Barony of Northkeep

invites one and all to:

WINTERKINGDOM COLLEGIUM: WHEN IN ROME...

Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:00am—9:00pm

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
400 W. New Orleans St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Event Registration:

Adult Event Registration: \$20

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15

Youth 13-17: \$5

Youth 12 and under: Free

Feast: \$15

Make checks payable to SCA Inc/Northkeep

Event Stewards:

Lord William O'Harra (Will Snider)

580-284-1931 (text preferred)

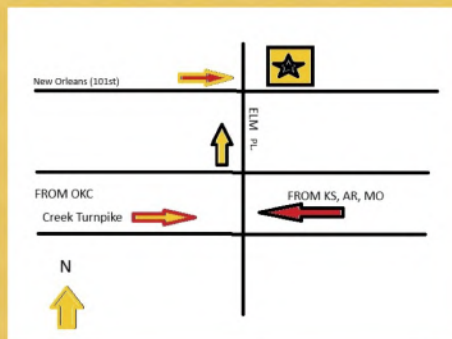
Lady Kiah of Northkeep (Kiah Snider)

580-713-3098 (text preferred)

northkeep.winterkingdom@gmail.com

Featuring a myriad of classes, a Soup Sideboard (included with site registration), Vindheim Bake-off & bake sale, Silent Auction, and much, much more!

See the website at <https://ansteorra.org/northkeep/activities/events/winterkingdom/winterkingdom-collegium-when-in-rome/> for the latest details.



Directions

Take your best route to Tulsa

Take the Creek Turnpike toward Broken Arrow, and continue until the S. Elm Place exit. Take the exit and turn north onto S 161st E Ave/S Elm Pl.

Go 1.7 miles, then turn right onto E 101st St/W New Orleans St.

0.2 miles later, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church will be on your left.

*Site is dry.

*Service animals only.

*Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

Candlemas

A Most Illustrious Wedding

The Barony of Bryn Gwlad and its new and incipient landed nobility invite you to a day of classes, competitions, dancing, feasting, and fun!



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Burgkirche_Fenster_Maximilian.JPG

February 3rd, 2024 at the Georgetown Community Center

445 E Morrow St, Georgetown, TX 78626

8am to 10pm

Adult Event Registration: \$25

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$20

Minors: free

Students (with school ID): \$6 (free with membership)

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

Feast: \$10

Make checks payable to: {SCA Inc./Bryn Gwlad}

Looking for More Information?

Review the Candlemas Website for more details!

<https://ansteorra.org/bryn-gwlad/events/candlemas/>

Please contact the event steward with any further inquiries

Orazio d'Assisi, MKA Ricky Fink

210-391-6247

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The year is 1494 and the wealthiest bride in Europe is about to become the queen of Germany and future Empress of Rome. Come re-live the wedding of Bianca Maria Sforza of Milan and “the last knight in Europe,” King Maximilian I of Austria and Germany. An event “all those who were present agreed that they had never seen so magnificent a spectacle, and... an extraordinary display of pomp. The Nuncio of his Holiness the Pope said the same thing, as well as the Ambassador of France, who declared that, although he had been present at the Coronations of the Pope and of his own King and Queen, he had never seen anything more splendid.” ([As told in a letter from Beatrix Sfortia Vicemoes Estensis Duchissa Bri](#))

A Day of Activities, A Night of Fun

- Investiture of new nobility
- Baronial Championships
 - A&S
 - Cut and Thrust
 - Bardic
 - Brewing
- Youth Activities
 - Games
 - Table catapult battles
- Populace Luncheon
- Desserts and Subtleties Challenge
- Late 15th Century Garb Runway Competition
- A full day of classes
- A sumptuous late century feast and ball

Directions to Site

From Houston

Take 290 W towards Austin and turn north onto I-35

From College Station and Huntsville

Take 79 W towards Austin and turn north onto I-35

From San Antonio

Take I-35 N towards Austin

From DFW

Take I-35 S towards Austin

All directions once on I-35

Take exit 262

Head east on Williams Dr. (right from the south, left from the north)

Turn Left onto N Austin Ave

Turn Right on Chamber Way

Turn Left on Morrow Street

Site is on the left

FEBRUARY 17 IN THE SHIRE OF GRAYWOOD
BATTLE OF THE PINES
AND KINGDOM THROWN WEAPONS



featuring competitions in
RAPIER · CHIVALRIC · ARCHERY · BARDIC · A & S · THROWN WEAPONS

<https://ansteorra.org/graywood/battle-of-the-pines/>

Adult Registration: \$20 · Adult Member Discount Registration: \$15 · Feast: \$10
Age 17 and Under Registration: Free

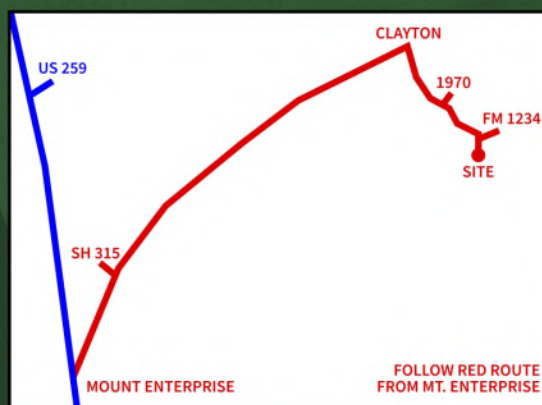
Lake Murvaul RV Park
638 County Road 1234
Carthage, Texas 75633
Gate: 8:00am -12:00 pm
Event closes at 8:00 pm

Event Steward:
Alfred Bjornson
Mike Brisnehan
mike55520@gmail.com
720-451-2613

Ulrich von Tolstat
ulrichvt80@gmail.com

Beverages must be in containers
Animals must be leashed

Make Checks Payable to SCA inc. / Graywood



From Mt. Enterprise, TX, go North (East) on 315. Go South on 1970 (turn right). Then, turn right on 1234. Turn left on 1839, parking in lot on the right across from event building. Look for SCA signs.

FACEBOOK.COM/GRAYWOODSHIRE

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The Ansteorran College of Heralds and
the Barony of Bryn Gwlad welcome ALL to a

Southern'ish Heraldic Retreat

Saturday ~ February 17, 2024

RockPointe Church - Liberty Hill Campus 170 County Road 214 in Liberty Hill 78642

*** The site is Disability friendly - Handicap parking is available at the front of the church ***

*** This site is dry - Service animals only - A "Quiet" space will be available ***

Site open from 8AM to 6PM

Please join us for a full day of comprehensive and personal development heraldic classes designed for EVERYONE!
Bring your laptop and leave your garb behind because this is an intensive, classroom and workshop experience!

- If you are a local Herald and feel like you're missing info sometimes, this retreat is for you.
- If you are a local Herald and would like to sharpen your current skills, this retreat is for you.
- If you are interested in learning how to be a local Herald, this retreat is for you.
- If you know someone who wants to become a local Herald, this retreat is for them.
- If you are a new member, with no heraldic experience, you should be able to walk in the door in the morning and walk out at the end of the day as a viable officer candidate.

Site Registration:

Adult Registration (18 and up) \$25

Adult Member Discount Registration \$20

Youth 17 and under are FREE

Lunch* provided with your registration!

Event Steward: Sigrun Svienungsdottir I Biarka (Starla York)

sigrunibiarka@gmail.com (830) 220-4030

Gate - Elizabeth Fraser (Julie Sullivan) neremic@yahoo.com

Please makes checks payable to SCA Inc./Barony of Bryn Gwlad

For more information, please visit the *Barony of Bryn Gwlad* Facebook page and/or website!

*Lunch will be a Sandwich Board with Ham and turkey, cheese, and fixings, also Chips.

There will be Gluten free sandwich options plus tea and water.

Luncheon Steward - Valgard of York (Timothy York) valgardofyork@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS: GPS: 30.6714, -97.9127

From the North:

Take your best route to W. State Hwy 29 in Liberty Hill

Turn LEFT onto County Road 214

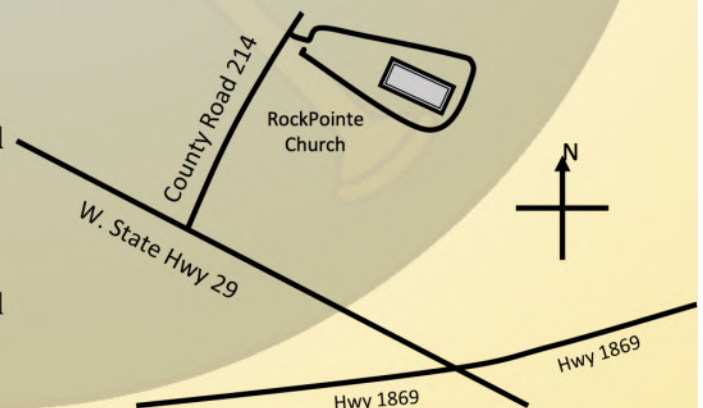
RockPointe Church will be on your right.

From the South:

Take your best route to W. State Hwy 29 in Liberty Hill

Turn RIGHT onto County Road 214

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Kingdom Calendar



January 2024

6.....	STEPPE TWELFTH NIGHT
13.....	WINTER CROWN TOURNAMENT
20.....	WINTER ROUND TABLE
27.....	NORTHKEEP WINTERKINGDOM

RP - Royal Presence, HP - Heir's Presence, KP - King's Presence, QP - Queen's Presence, Pc—Prince's Presence, Ps—Princess' Presence, CC - Chivalric Circle, LC - Laurel's Circle, PC -Pelican's Circle, WSC - White Scarf Circle, CSSC - Centurion's Circle, AdO - Arc d'Or Circle, GL - Golden Lancer Circle, GTT- Golden Ticket Tournament, *PED* - Perpetual Event Date.

Royal Presence and Circle Scheduling for informational purposes only, and is subject to change without notice.

February 2024

3.....	MARATA MIDWINTER MELEES
3.....	BRYN GWLAD CANDLEMAS
10.....	LAUREL'S PRIZE TOURNAMENT
17.....	GRAYWOOD - BATTLE OF THE PINES
17.....	HERALDS RETREAT
23.....	BJORNSBORG - BATTLE OF THE BEASTS
23-25.....	RAVENSFORT VIKING RAIDS

This is the official complete Calendar of Events for the Kingdom of Ansteorra as of November 7th 2023. Only those events listed above, whose times and locations have been published in this newsletter, may be the site of activities where actions of long-term significance may take place. Other events of local or limited interest are published in both this publication and official branch newsletters. For changes or deletions, please contact the Deputy Kingdom Seneschal for Calendar Requests (see Deputy Kingdom Officer listings).

Board of Directors Quarterly Meetings 2024

January 28 (Virtual)

April 21 (Virtual)

July 21 (Virtual)

October 20 (Virtual)

March 2024

9-17.....	GULF WARS (OUT OF KINGDOM)
29-31.....	HELLSGATE -COMMANDER'S CRUCIBLE

All agenda items must be submitted by the first of the month before the meeting.