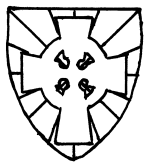


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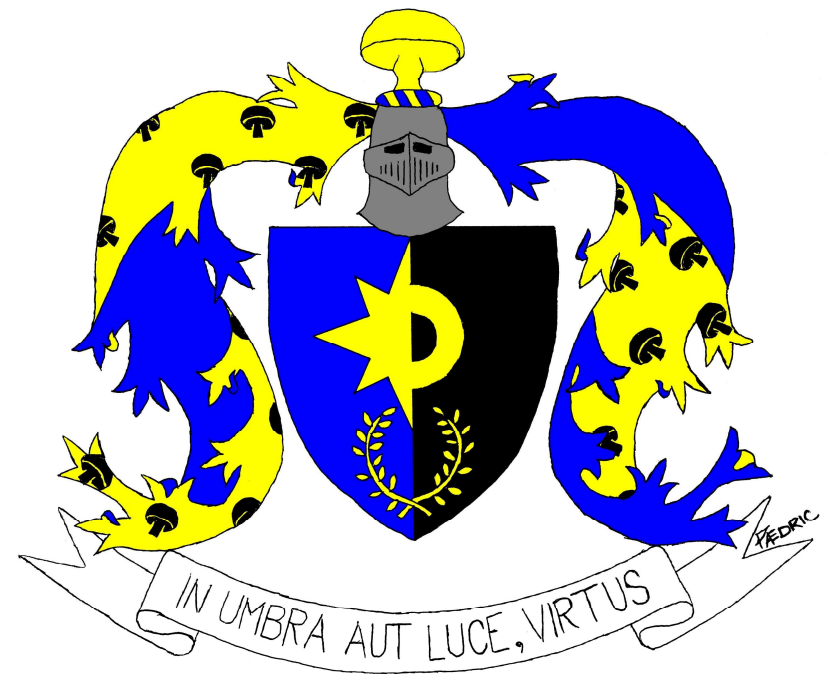
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6 – 8OPEN
10.....**Populace MeetingRudder T 507**
13 – 15.....Gulf War XVIII Gleann Abhann (Mississippi)
20 – 22 Gulf War XVIII Gleann Abhann (Mississippi)
27 – 29OPEN

April 2009 (AS XLIII)

3 – 5A Day In ... Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)
7**Populace MeetingMSC RM 145**
10 – 12**Defenders of the Rose Shadowlands/ Tir Medoin**
.....**(College Station/ Temple)**
Wiesenfeuer Baronial - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)
17 – 19Stargate Baronial – Stargate (Houston, TX)
Defender of the Flame – Glaslyn (Denton, TX)
24 – 26Lysts at Castleton – Multi-group Event (Austin, TX)
Champions of Bonwicke – Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact
Archery	Sun 1:00PM	Austin's Colony Park	Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Chivalric	Thur 7:30PM	TAMU Main Drill Field	Bastian jed.tressler@gmail.com
Rapier	Thur 7:00PM	TAMU Main Drill field	Diederick gesegnet@yahoo.com

Guilds

Guild	Time	Location	Contact
Cooking	2 nd Tues 7:00PM	Isabelot's House	Isabelot isabelotdeforess@gmail.com
Dance	Sun 6:30PM	See below	Kaitlyn Mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com
Musicians	Sun 5:30PM	See below	Brigid sarah.gray.88@gmail.com

Music/Dance Rooms

Sun Mar 8.....MSC 212
Sun Mar 29.....**CANCELLED**
Sun Apr 5.....MSC 212
Sun Apr 12.....**CANCELLED**
Sun Apr 19.....MSC 229
Sun Apr 26MSC 212

Help Wanted

I will not be able to attend Gulf War this year, but I would VERY MUCH like to hear what Happens there. To that end, I would like to hire any and everyone in the Shire as a **WAR CORRESPONDANT**. If I get ten or more usable submissions, this may become a monthly feature of TSK.

Anyone who submits a War Report will receive largesse and word fame. The top three submissions will receive one-of-a-kind framed illuminations. Deadline to be eligible for prizes will be April 25th. Early submissions before March 25th will receive **BONUS LARGESSE**. Prizes will be awarded at the May 5th populace meeting. Largesse will be given upon receipt.

I am not too particular as to what form submissions might take. Anything from a detailed AAR/Ops debrief from some of our military minded rapier fighters to a 2nd grade essay on "How I spent my Spring Break", (hello, Alex?) and everything in between. Songs, photo essays, sketches, all good. An account of the fighting, Chivalric or rapier, with enough detail to be worked into a bardic piece could get you a co-author credit (maybe someday...) A piece submitted in the form of a Norse Saga (think Beowulf) or iambic pentameter (like Shakespeare) or rhymed couplets in Middle English (Chaucer) and ... wow, I might be able to make you famous.

Specific topics that might be covered include:

Combat reports, especially great deeds performed by Shadowlanders on the field.

Awards, especially if given to Shadowlanders.

Outcome of the War Points. (Anyony want to bet it is a tie?)

A funny thing happened on the way to... (War, the listfield, merchant's Row, 5 corners, camp, etc)

Classes

Shopping

Anything else you might think is worth writing about.

Please note that these are just suggested topics, and your War report need not (and probably should not) cover all of them.

Y'all have fun at the War, but don't forget to let me know how much fun you had.

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The Shadow Notes

The Shire of the Shadowlands and *The Shadow Knows*, along with all of Ansteorra, mourn the passing of one of our own, Don Christoforo Antonio Passavanti, who started here in the Shadowlands some 20 years ago.

Congratulations to Conner McGillivray, winner of the Rapier Tiny Tourney at the Fall Ball. The not-so-tiny tourney had 17 entrants, more than some baronial championships.

Congratulations to Stephen Crowley, our former Queen's Champion, who commanded the winning team in the rapier melees at the Fall Ball.

I would love to see someone else's name besides mine in the Table of Contents. Submissions of art and articles cheerfully, nay, gratefully accepted. See the HELP WANTED ad on page 10.

There will be no guild meetings, fighter practices, or much of anything else between Fri. Mar 13 and Sun. Mar 22. Go to War!

Because of AggieCon, there will be no music or dance practice on Sun. Mar 29.

Cooking Guild will likely be making final preparations for War at the scheduled Cooking guild meeting Tues. Mar 10. Additional Cooking Guild meetings will be held after War to prepare for Defenders of the Rose. Please plan to come help the Roses feast steward, Lady Isabelot, prepare for this large feast.

Sir Rhodri is still out of town. In his absence, Lord Bastian, his deputy, is running chivalric practices.

Press the Unexpected

By Paedric



PRYESS THE UNEXPECTED SALUTES
 DON CHRISTOFORO ANTONIO PASSAVANTI
 1968 - 2009
 A BRIGHT NEW STAR IN THE
 CONSTELLATION OF HEROES

PAEDRIC

2/09

From the Seneschal

No report submitted

From the Treasurer

Everything seems to be going well. For those of you who bought supplies for the Ball, if it was a budgeted expense (decorations, certain food items) please hand in a Check Request Form to either Bastian or myself. If you will not be claiming reimbursement, please let us know. I would like to close out the budget for the Ball soon. Thank you.

Lady Catan

From the Web Minister

"Hello, everyone. I am still trying to find the time to upload pictures to Flickr; I'll let you know as soon as there are any pictures to go see. Other than that, there's not much going on. As always, if you have anything you want listed on the Calendar or the web site, let me know."

Lady Catan

From the Archery Marshal

Archery Practice is Sundays from 1:00 till we get tired (usually at least 2:00) at Austin Colony Park. The shire does not have a formal archery marshal at the moment (Im an at large, not a local) and if anybody would like to apply, the position is accepting applications. Loaner equipment is available, so please, come out and have some fun with us.

Lord Bastian

From the deputy Knight's Marshal

Chivalric Fighter practice is Thursday night, officially starting at 7:30, but most often I am there at 7:00 to start getting set up and suited up. We have 3 sets of loaner amour right now, so come out and give it a try. In March, there will be no practice the week of the 15th.

Lord Bastian

Shadowfire Outfitters

Equipping Shadowlanders for War since AS XXXVI

Since I will not be attending War this year, I have a good deal of equipment available if anybody wants to use it.

1. One large tent, suitable for 1 or 2 with lots of stuff, or 6 – 8 with a little stuff. Tent comes with ground cloth and (optional) rain tarp with support poles. Rain tarp is oversized and can provide ~ 6 ft. deep front porch. Total assembled size approx 25' x 20' with rain tarp, 18' x 12' without tarp. The tent is NOT very waterproof, I would recommend using the rain tarp.
2. One short cloak, red wool, very warm
3. One great cloak, reversible, red and blue corduroy.

The wool cloak, being wool, is naturally somewhat water-repellant, and will help retain warmth even if soaked through. The corduroy great cloak, not so much, although it could be scotch-garded before war to help it repel water.

Any or all of these items are available for rent, for the low, low price of one (1) event report for any or all (see Help Wanted Ad on page 10) and one (1) Gulf War souvenir per item.

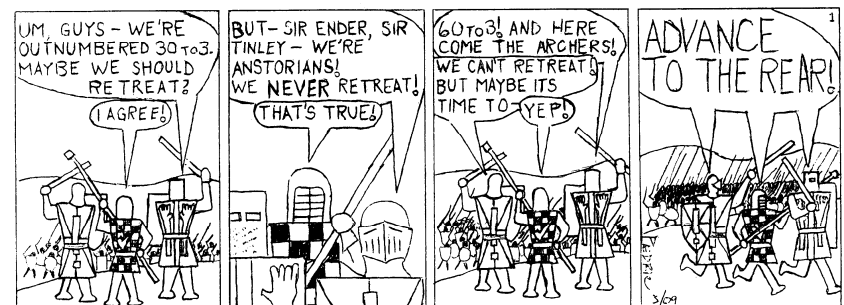
Of course, I would expect all borrowed items to be returned in a condition similar to that in which they were loaned... otherwise, there will be cash involved.

I also have other camping equipment, garb, and accessories which may be available on an as needed basis. If you need to borrow a belt, pouch, mug, camp stove, or anything along those lines give me a call, 979-492-9959, and I'll see what I can do.

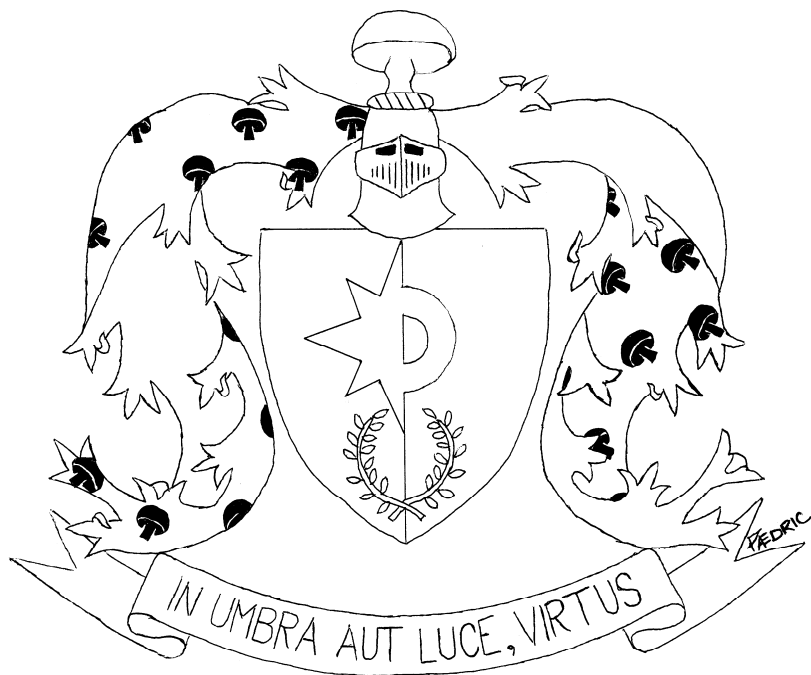
Paedric

Press the Unexpected

By Paedric



The Shire of the Shadowlands New Achievement of Arms



This is the NEW, registerable, soon to be official Achievement of Arms of the Shire of the Shadowlands, as voted on at the February populace meeting. Downloadable full color and line drawing versions are available at the Shadowlandssca yahoogroups page

Please note that this drawing is not THE official Achievement, but is my depiction of the Achievement. If you do not like my art, or if you would like the Achievement drawn in a different time period or regional style, please feel free to do so, making sure to use the elements listed below. It consists of the Shire arms, surmounted by a visored helm affronty (facing forward). The Crest is a mushroom Or (yellow), the mantling is Or semy of mushrooms sable (yellow with black mushrooms) and azure (blue). The torse, (that stripy thing between the helm and the crest) is Or and azure (yellow and blue). The motto is Latin, "In Umbra aut Luce, Virtus" which translates to "In Shadow or Light, Honor."

From the Chronicler

I'm BAAAAACK! That's right, after a break of almost 10 years, I'm back as the Chronicler of the Shire of the Shadowlands and Editor of *The Shadow Knows*. You may notice a new feature in this edition, a cartoon called "Pryess the Unexpected." Y'all are the chosen few. The REST of the kingdom will have to wait until April for the debut of "Pryess the Unexpected".

After my last stint as chronicler, (two years of begging, then pleading, for submissions,) I am going to try something new... BRIBERY! See the help wanted ad on page 10.

I would like to thank Lord Bastian and Lady Catan for their computer assistance, and all the officers who submitted reports for submitting reports.

Lord Paedric

From the Minister of arts and Sciences

We have had a slow start to the semester, mainly because of room issues for music and dance. Music and Dance are taking place every Sunday evening in the MSC. Check the yahoo group and the website for room and time information. Cooking is happening every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Isabelot's house. If you need directions, ask on the list. There is interest in having a scribal guild. At populace, Mondays sounded like a good day for those interested. Those interested need to post to the list and discuss when and where this is going to happen. On another note, drumming might restart in conjunction with music guild. More details hopefully will be discussed on the list.

Brigid

From the Historian

Now that I, er, the Chronicler, that is, has his hands on the shire Chronicler's files, including the collection of back issues, I am going to start writing a narrative history of the Shire of the Shadowlands. I know not all the information I want is going to be in the old issues, but it will at least give me a starting point. If anyone has information on the Shire's origin, name, device, first slate of officers, first event, etc., I would really appreciate it if you could send that information along to me. I am hoping to have at least a concise edition ready by Ansteorra's 30th Year Celebration this summer, with a more expanded version to follow at a later date. Thank you in advance for all the useful information I am sure y'all will be sending me.

Lord Paedric

From the Herald

No report submitted

From the Rapier Marshal

Greetings Shadowlanders!

All practitioners of the art of defense and anyone interested in learning about it should join us for our weekly fighter practice at 7:00 on Thursday evenings at Simpson Drill Field behind Texas A&M University's Memorial Student Center. Visitor parking can be found in the University Center garage on the other side of the MSC. We are currently averaging about fifteen participants per rapier practice, so come join the fun!

Please note that there will be no rapier practice on March 19th because many of us will be attending Gulf Wars.

Additionally, my office is open for applications through Saturday, May 2nd. In order to apply, you must fill out the application for office (<http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/ApplicationJan08.pdf>) and send it along with a copy of your SCA membership card and your fighter authorization card to the Southern Regional Rapier Marshal and the local Seneschal. I would greatly appreciate it if you would also send me a courtesy copy. You MUST be an authorized rapier marshal in order to apply. If you are not an authorized marshal and would like to become one, please contact me.

Be safe, have fun, and I'll see you on the field!

Lord Diederik Andrieszen
Shadowlands Rapier Marshal

From the Hospitaller

No Report submitted

Poetry Corner

I know this piece has been published in this space before, but, what the heck, it is topical, and I don't need a consent form to publish it. If anyone is interested, "Ave Ansteorrae" was written to be sung to the Cistercian chant *Pange Lingua*. It also works to the Gregorian chant version (slightly more complex) or the Cistercian (and probably Gregorian) chant *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*. It also can be sung to the folk song "My Darling Clementine" by repeating the first and fourth lines of music with the fifth and sixth lines of text. (see below)

Ave Ansteorrae

By Lord Paedric O'Mullan

Sing my tongue now of the glory Of the Ansteorran Star, Kingdom famed in song and story, Feared in battle from afar. Blackstar warriors make ye ready Arm yourselves, prepare for War!	Hail the Ansteorran archers Raining death down from on high! Justly feared throughout the Knowne World Foemen run but still they die! You will bravely join the battle, Let your arrows fill the sky!
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Hail the Crown of Ansteorra, Rulers of this glorious land! Unicus et singularis, Plant your banner in the sand. Lead us on the field to vict'ry, Time for battle is at hand!	Hail the Ansteorran ladies, Source of honor in our hearts 'nspire us to great deeds in battle, That is where chivalry starts! Bind our wounds and heal our bruises Soothe us with the gentler arts!
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Hail the Knights of Ansteorra, Wearers of the belt and chain; Learned in the courtly graces, Experts at inflicting pain! You are bold and fearsome warriors Fighting for your kingdom's gain!	Sing my tongue now of the glory Of the Ansteorran Star, Kingdom famed in song and story, Feared in battle from afar. Blackstar warriors make ye ready Arm yourselves, prepare for War!
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Hail the Ansteorran fighters With the broadsword and rapier! Strike the body with your weapons, At the heart you strike with fear! Fight for honor and for glory, And the Crown you hold so dear!	Oh my darlin', oh my darlin' Oh my darlin' Clementine You are lost and gone forever Dreadful sorry clementine Oh my darlin', oh my darlin', Dreadful sorry, Clementine
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