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The Summer Newsletters will be short to give more focus to the redo of the NEWCOMER EDITION of our newsletter that comes out in September.

The chronicler requests new artwork for this newsletter.

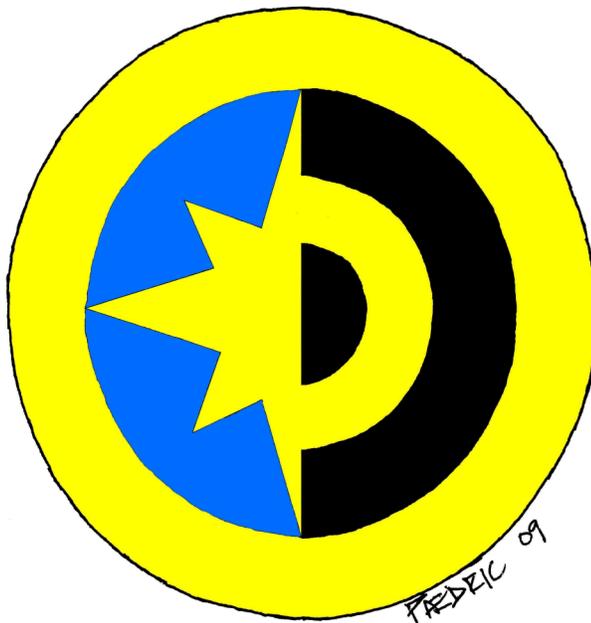
The Newcomer newsletter will be extra long.

It will be
ILLUMINATED.

It will be the first impression students receive of our group at the Newcomer's Meeting.

Let us show the many joys of the SCA!

Let us show the wonders of the Shire of the Shadowlands!



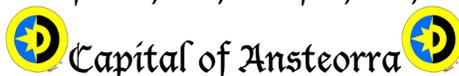
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LET US ALL COME TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS THE BEST NEWSLETTER EDITION EVER DONE ANYWHERE IN THE KNOWN WORLD!

VIVAT!

First Summer Edition

Newsletter for the Shire of the Shadowlands



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Shadowlands' Officers and what they do

Seneschal: Theophanes of the Shadowlands

[Modern name: Bryan Wagner]

The Seneschal acts as the local business manager for the group, helps facilitate answers to SCA questions, schedules Shire activities, and helps keep the group on course. Contact at: shadowlands.seneschal@gmail.com or 979-218-8870

Theophanes is his given name, but most know him as Tiffani. He is a citizen of the Byzantine Empire with interests in archery, food, and any other activity time permitting.

Knight Marshal: _____ OPEN _____

[Modern name:]

The Knight Marshal is in charge of the Chivalric activities for the shire. This includes heavy fighting, armor, and learning about chivalry, which is after all, one of the major reasons why anyone would choose to join our society, and guiding all fighters to develop good safety habits. Contact at:

Rapier Marshal: Lord Steven Paul Blakely (Staltus)

[Modern name: Steve Herring]

The Rapier Marshal's job is to ensure that fighters obey the safety rules of the Kingdom and are not presenting a danger to themselves or others. In light of that, it is recommended that everyone go to <http://rapier.ansteorra.org> and read the current Rapier Rules for Ansteorra. It is CRUCIAL that all the fighters make themselves intimately familiar with these rules. Fun must be done safely as possible! Contact at: Staltus@gmail.com

Lord Steven Paul Blakely, also called STALTUS, is an edgy blade, certainly sharp enough for the task of teaching the safe handling of pointy objects, who instructs all comers in the duck and thrust of rapier fighting. He is the proud holder of the Sable Thistle for Juggling, Sable Talon, and winner of Queens Rapier. Enjoy learning!

Archery Marshal: Kaitlyn McKenna

[Modern name: Robbin Foster]

The Archery Marshal supervises the safety of all official shire archery activities, as well as helping archers get started with archery. Marshal training is currently happening. If you are interested in target archery or combat archery, please contact shadowlands.archery@gmail.com. Loaner gear is available at practice.

Mistress (or Baroness) Kaitlyn McKenna is a 15th Century Burgundian lady trapped in marriage with an old Welsh knight. She is recognized in the Arts and Sciences by the Order of Laurel and in many officer positions, but especially as an Exchequer, by the Order of the Pelican. Her interests include costuming, weaving, fiber arts, dance, archery, and anything to do with the 15th century. Kaitlyn is a master instigator, inspiring and helping others to achieve their own goals. Look for a friendly lady with very nice garb. **Kaitlyn McKenna** participates in target and combat archery. She can help you make bow strings, bolts, arrows, leather chivalric armor, and general leather working.

Historian: TH Lord Paedric OMullan

[Modern name: Pat Mullins]

The historian keeps track of the old tales of past members, adventures and misadventures of the populace of the Shire of the Shadowlands. He keeps documents, photos and other items of interest so they can be placed on display to illustrate the long and honorable history of this Shire. Contact at: shadowlandshistorian@yahoo.com or 979-575-7834

TH Lord Paedric OMullan is a late Elizabethan street performer and sometime Shakespearean actor. He has, in the past, been a jester, but now he's unemployed, so he is nobody's fool. He usually wears some combination of red, blue, and/or yellow, the colors of his arms. Paedric is Historian for the Shire of the Shadowlands. His interests include (but are not limited to) Bardic (performance arts), Heraldry, calligraphy and illumination, pewter casting and drumming.

Minster of Arts and Sciences: _____ OPEN _____

The Shire of the Shadowlands does not currently have a Minster of Arts and Sciences; if you need assistance with Arts and Sciences please contact the Seneschal at: shadowlands.seneschal@gmail.com

Herald: _____ OPEN _____

The Shire of the Shadowlands does not currently have a branch herald; if you need assistance with heraldry please contact the Eclipse Herald (Southern Regional Herald) at: southern@herald.ansteorra.org

Hospitaler: _____ OPEN _____

Kaitlyn McKenna (acting hospitaler)

[Modern name: Robbin Foster]

The hospitaler is the keeper of the loaner garb and general go-to person for getting started. They greet newcomers and help them become oriented to and involved in the present middle ages. If someone needs to borrow garb or equipment for an event, the Hospitaler helps them to check out loaner items. Contact at: shadowlands.hospitaler@gmail.com or shadowlands.seneschal@gmail.com

Exchequer: Lady Isabelot de Forens

[Modern name: Anna Lichorad]

The Exchequer is the local treasurer. The Exchequer keeps the ledger of expenses up-to-date and in agreement with the bank statements, sends reports monthly, quarterly, and yearly to the Regional Exchequer, runs all financial committee meetings (typically after Populace meetings), and maintains an up-to-date inventory list including that which is available for loan. To borrow inventory (usually armor or garb) for an event, contact the Hospitaler and then the Exchequer to sign it out. Contact at: shadowlands.treasurer@gmail.com

Honorable Lady Isabelot de Forens is 13th century French lady from the Burgundy region of France. Her father died with no male heirs but was enlightened and left his lands to his only daughter to manage. She enjoys cooking, managing the household accounts, dance and shooting archery.

WEB Minister: Nina of the Lost Caverns

[Modern name: Kim Schrauders]

Manages our web presence. Contact at: vs.shadowlands@gmail.com

Chronicler: Anna Maleine

[Modern name: Ann Seeton]

Produces a newsletter each month to be handed out at the Populous meetings. Everyone is welcome to contribute to make our newsletter wonderful. Contact at: shadowlandschronicler@yahoo.com

Anna Maleine is late 10th century Byzantine; the daughter of a powerful Cappadocian family. She is living and studying in Constantinople during a time of peace and culture under the powerful Emperor Basil II (976-1025).

TAMU Advisor: Rhodri ap Gwythyr

[Modern name: Paul Foster]

The TAMU advisor is a member of the staff at TX A&M and makes possible the existence of this group on campus. Without this person, the local student body might never know the fun that can be had through the SCA.

Contact at: sir.rhodri@gmail.com

Sir Rhodri ap Gwythyr is an old Welsh Knight who has been in the SCA many years, done many brave deeds, and is a reliable source of answers if you are interested in Chivalry!

TAMU Student President: Anastasia

[Modern name:]

The TAMU SCA President is in charge of getting rooms for the SCA to use on campus. The President is a contact person for students and the other student officers. This is an important position and looks good on a resume! Contact at:

Anastasia is a fine upstanding young women of the middle ages with a spirit of service to her fellows. Please welcome her as our TAMU Student President.

Thanks and Credits

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Shadow Notes

Be a Social Shire

Movie and Project Night may be moving to another day to avoid a conflict with Brewing. Check the calendar!

AWARDS

Let it be known that unless someone recommends another person for an award, the crown is unlikely to know that a wonderful helpful person has gone unrecognized.

Think about those persons whose actions make the SCA special for you. List them in the WordFame section. We are a volunteer driven activity and these persons who work to make things happen, from the volunteer at gate and BOB Squad, to the monthly efforts of project night, cooking, leatherworking, Rapier, Chivalric or Archery, all of these volunteers are important. Together we make the SCA what is for all of us.

Plan to Participate

1st Tuesday of the month is Populace; if you want to influence the way the shire operates, this is the meeting you must not miss! For summer meeting locations, see the Shire calendar.

Archery in May is Tuesdays and Sundays at 10:30AM. Tuesdays ONLY in June, also 10:30AM. July and August are still being discussed. Input welcome!

OPEN POSITIONS

Hospitaler
Knight Marshal

Remember, the SCA is a volunteer run organization. Together, each doing one part, we can build something truly wonderful. Participation is the key and everyone can find a tiny role to play. Those who can do more, please consider taking on one of the open positions above.

**Another round of activities is coming.
Be a social shire. Plan to participate!**

WORDFAME

HERE WE HAVE A PLACE IN WHICH TO RECORD THE COMMON CHIVALRY OF OUR SHIRE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND IN THE NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF WHAT THEY DID. -CHRONICLER

Once again goes our thanks to our marshals and marshals in training.

For all of those persons who have stepped up to fill offices and help to make all the activities of the shire happen—especially those who are not mentioned often enough—

THANK YOU ALL!

King's College is the Next Shire Goes To Event!

OFFICER'S REPORTS

From the Senechal

Howdy,

I would like to add a note that both the WebMinister and Hospitaler positions are open and accepting applications.

Thanks,
--Theophanes

From the Historian

In April, many from the Shadowlands travelled to Stargate/Loch Solleir Co-Baronials. It was there that Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna became the Archery Champion of Loch Solleir.

In Service,
TH Lord Pædric OMullan

From the Archery Marshal

Greetings to the Shire from your Archery Marshal,

Practices continue on Sunday and Tuesday at 10:30am. June will be Tuesdays only. As always, the Shire needs more marshals. If you are interested in training to be an archery marshal, please let me know. The kingdom manual is a good place to start and can be found at <http://marshal.ansteorra.org/archery/>.

In Service,
kaitlyn
Kaitlyn McKenna, OL, OP

From the Chronicler

Greetings Good Gentles,

This newsletter, like most of the best fun in the SCA, is a collaborative effort. This is my **Chronicler's Report for May** as I will not be there for the meeting. I am brainstorming for our September NEWCOMER'S EDITION!

Individuals:

This year I am asking everyone in the Shire to consider what is most essential for the new students.

- What is too old and needs redone?
- What funny story could you tell? (100 words, give or take 50)
- Who are you in the SCA? & What is essential to your persona?
- What do you love most about the Shire, Ansteorra, and the SCA?

ALL who have arms, or device, do we want to add the images to the Officers Listings and to the Who Is Who?

Would you be willing to help Paedric with the illuminations for the Newcomer Edition? (contact TH Lord Paedric (our Historian)); there will be illuminations to help color, and scan for this newsletter.

Materials:

I would like to use a light cardstock for the front and back covers to better carry the illuminations. Light weight (65lb) will cost \$10.79 per 100 sheet package which would allow for front and back covers. Could this be tentatively approved with a final vote in June?

Do we want to change our paper from the usual, to something else? I need feedback and time to plan, price and acquire!

Columns:

For History, I plan for a THIS MONTH IN THE MIDDLE AGES, but I also want to include SHIRE HISTORY.

I would like to include a WHO IS WHO section with specific persons flagged; flagged as persons who will field specific categories of questions. The reason for this is to cover Hospitaler more thoroughly by spreading it out.

Major Contributors will also be a section (I will likely use the WORDFAME column for this) TH Lord Paedric OMullen, for example, will be listed as having developed the illuminations, with all his assistants listed as well.

This will be an extra long newsletter, packed with information.

In Service,
Anna Maleine

Calendar of Events

(From the Kingdom Calendar)

MAY 2014 (A.S. XLIX)

2-4	Loch Soilleir Baronial Championship - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX) *PED*
	Beltane - Namron (Norman, OK) KP, AdO
9-11	Queen's Champion - - Steppes (Dallas, TX) RP, WSC
16-18	Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK) *PED*
	Guardian of the Tor - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX) *PED*
23-25	Steppes Warlord - Steppes (Dallas, TX) *PED* RP, CSSC
30-1	Eldern Baronial - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)

JUNE 2014 (A.S. XLIX)

6-8	Grand Assembly of Archers - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK) & Namron (Norman, OK)
13-15	King's College - Hellsgate (Ft. Hood, TX) RP, LC
	Out of Kingdom: Lilies War (13th -22nd)
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27-29	

JULY 2014 (A.S. XLIX)

4-6	
11-13	Crown Tournament - TBD RP, CC
18-20	Heraldic & Scribal Symposium - Steppes (Dallas, TX)
25-27	Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XLIII (25th-10th)

Populace Meetings

May, June, July Populace Meetings TBD

Practices

Practice	Time	Location	Contact	
<u>Archery</u>	Sun & Tues 10:30am	Austin's Colony Park	Mistress Kaitlyn	shadowlands.archery@gmail.com
<u>Chivalric</u>	Thurs. 7:30PM	Bee Creek Park	Sir Rhodri	sir_rhodri@gmail.com
<u>Intermediate Chivalric</u>	3rd & 5th Sun. 1pm	Sir Rhodri's house	Sir Rhodri	sir_rhodri@gmail.com
<u>Rapier</u>	Thurs. 7:30PM	Bee Creek Park	Lord Saltus	Staltus@gmail.com

Guilds and Activities

Name	Time	Location	Contact	
<u>Brewers</u>	2 nd & 4 th Tues, 7pm	Joe & Marina's	Lord Josef	cj2308@yahoo.com
<u>Blacksmithing</u>	On Hiatus	TBA	Lord Josef	cj2308@yahoo.com
<u>Cooking</u>	3 rd Wed. 7 PM	Isabelot's House	HL Isabelot	isabelotdeforens@gmail.com
<u>Dance</u>	4 th Sun	Shannahan's	Mistress Kaitlyn	mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com
<u>Fiber arts/SCA 101</u>	3 rd Tues 7:00	Ringer Library	Mistress Kaitlyn	mistresskaitlyn@gmail.com
<u>Leatherworking/Armoring</u>	2 nd Mon 7:30	Sir Rhodri's house	Sir Rhodri	sir_rhodri@gmail.com
<u>Movie and Project night</u>	4 th Tuesdays 7:00PM	Nina & Demere's	Nina of the Lost Caverns	nina@oakenstaff.org
<u>Bardic</u>	5 th Tuesdays 7PM	Sweet Eugene's deck	Anna Maleine	shadowlandschronicler@yahoo.com

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