

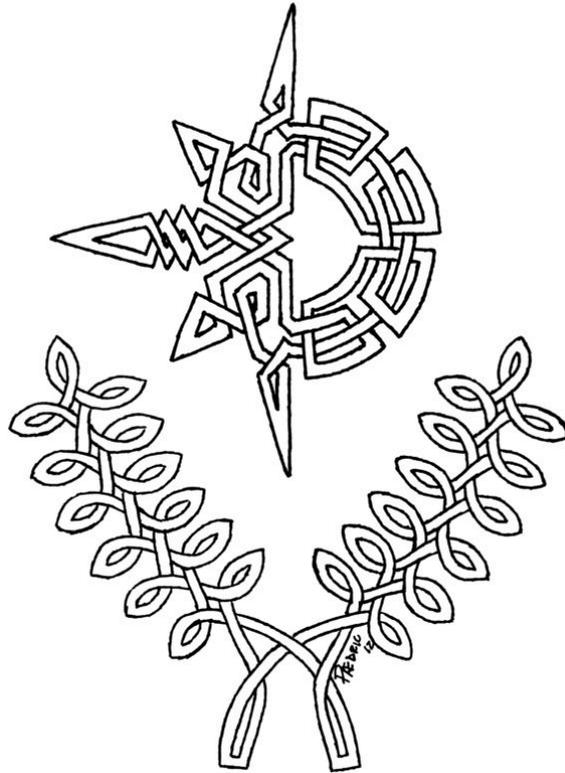


The Shadow Knows



Newsletter of the Shire of the Shadowlands
Capital of Ansteorra

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April 2018



Offices: Open for Applications

Seneschal
Chronicler
Archery Marshal
Minister of Arts and Sciences
Webminister
Deputy: Hospitaller
Deputy: Rapier Marshal

News This Month

War has come and gone and the weather is warming up. Be sure to stay hydrated at outdoor events. As in the last months, a number of officer positions are open for applications.

A workshop on advanced illumination techniques is tentatively planned for the 28th, but the date is not yet set in stone. Keep an eye on the Web.

In a shocking turn of events, the straw target butts at the archery range were *burned down!* Current intelligence says the city of Bryan does plan to replace them, but the timeline is uncertain. For now, Mikki the Unaccountably Nameless has graciously volunteered her pasture and round bale.

Shire Goes To: A Shakespearean Festival

April 20-22, Belville, TX

Join the baronies of Stargate and Loch Soilleir to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday! Participants will test their skill in chivalric and rapier combat as well as archery. Several classes are also planned, focused on performance and scribal arts with a side of cooking! A "tavern-style" lunch feast will be provided, and dinner will be a potluck.



Where in the Shire are the Shadowlanders?

To locate activities in the Shadowlands, visit www.shadowlands.ansteorra.org. On the home page, under the heading "Map," click the link (shockingly also titled MAP). This will open up a customized Google map, with "pins" for many Shadowlanders' homes. Use the list on the left to find the location you're looking for. You can also add your own marker: click on the appropriate button at the top of the page.

What is a "Shire Goes To" Event?

These are events that many Shadowlanders will likely attend. They are usually nearby, and are preapproved for the use of loaner equipment of all types. Depending on the event, Shadowlands may also set up a group space. Contact Lady Elsie, the Hospitaler, if you have questions.

**For the most current information on all activities, always check the Shire calendar at:
<http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org/index.php#calendar>**



Activities in the Shire

Monthly Happenings

Populace Meeting

1st Tuesday, 7 PM
 Room 1034, Emerging Technologies Building, TAMU campus
seneschal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

This is the monthly meeting where decisions and plans are made. Those who show up have input into what we do during the month.

Performing and Scribal Arts

2nd and 4th Fridays, 7-9 PM
 1202 Holik Drive, College Station
[Contact Paedric](#)

Come illuminate pre-printed award scrolls while enjoying bardic entertainment! Charter painting supplies provided. Bring a song or story to share, or just bring yourself!

Rough Hewn Guild

Not currently scheduled – watch the Web
 Josef and Morina’s House
[Contact Joe](#)

Blacksmithing and woodworking join forces at Rough Hewn Guild! Come play with hot metal playdough or make the shavings fly. Wear natural fiber clothing (especially shoes).

Special Event: Illumination Workshop: Layering and Shading with Gouache

Tentative date: Saturday April 28

[Contact Paedric](#)

Date not yet firm. Watch the Web. Come learn advanced illumination techniques that can be applied to award charters and elsewhere. Take your art to the next level!

Weekly Happenings

Archery Practice

Sunday, 2-4 PM (Time change possible)
303 Creekside Dr., Bryan (Note new location)
Shadowlands.archery@gmail.com

Come try target archery! Loaner equipment available. Bring water. Thrown Weapons may also happen during this time. Closed-toed shoes are required for thrown weapons.

Rapier Practice

Wednesday evenings, 7:30 PM, Bee Creek Park
 AND Sunday 3 PM, TAMU Lot 65
rapier@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Come learn late-period light combat techniques. Loaner equipment is available. Bring water, men wear a cup; wear long sleeves, pants, socks that cover ankles, and close-toed shoes.

Chivalric Practice

Thursdays, 6 PM, City Park, 1900 Mistletoe Lane, Rockdale
 AND Sunday 3 PM, TAMU Lot 65
marshal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Come learn armored combat! Bring water, men wear a cup, wear closed-toed shoes; long sleeves and pants strongly encouraged.

Kaitlyn’s Krafting Komer

Monday evenings, 7:30 PM
 Mistress Kaitlyn’s House
[Contact Kaitlyn](#)

Open project night. Bring something to work on, or come without and try your hand at whatever we’re doing. Amusing shows and corresponding peanut gallery provided for your entertainment.

Shadowlands' Officers

Seneschal: Honorable Lady Isabelot de Forens

[Modern name: Anna Lichorad]

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: seneschal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Honorable Lady Isabelot de Forens is 13th century French lady from Burgundy. 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.

Knight Marshal: Lord Edric Haldyn

The Knight Marshal is in charge of the Chivalric activities for the shire. This includes heavy fighting, armor, developing safe habits while fighting, and learning about chivalry (which is after all, one of the major reasons why anyone would choose to join our society). Contact at marshal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Rapier Marshal: Don Stephen Blakeley (Staltus)

[Modern name: Steve Herring]

The Rapier Marshal over-sees all aspects of Rapier fighting. This includes helping each participant develop or acquire his or her own gear (he also carries the loaner gear to practices for new participants). The Rapier Marshal's job is also 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, 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

Don Stephen Blakeley, also called STALTUS, is an edgy blade, certainly sharp enough for the task of teaching the safe handling of pointy objects; Lord Stephen 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 from this fine swordsman!

Historian: Honorable Lord Paedric O'Mullan

[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 979-575-0670

Honorable Lord Paedric O'Mullan 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 and holder of a Star of Merit. His interests include (but are not limited to) Bardic (performance arts), Heraldry, calligraphy and illumination, pewter casting and drumming.

Archery Marshal: Mistress Kaitlyn McKenna

[Modern name: Robbin Foster]

The Archery Marshal supervises the safety of all official shire archery activities, as well as helping new 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 bowstrings, bolts, arrows, leather chivalric armor, and general leather working.

Exchequer: Lady Morina O'Donovan

[Modern name: Renee Bolduk]

The Exchequer is treasurer and 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 Hospitaller and then the Exchequer to sign it out. Contact at: treasurer@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Lady Morina O'Donovan is an Irishwoman from the mid 14th century. She enjoys music, dance, cooking, garbing, and various other fibers arts. She also has a strong interest in Japanese arts, particularly early period.

Hospitaller: Lady Elsie Hooper

[Modern name: Shanna Obit]

The Hospitaller 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. The Hospitaller helps them to check out loaner items. Contact at: shadowlands.hospitaller@gmail.com or seneschal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Lady Elsie Hooper is from England during the 16th century. She inherited her family's lands and arms when they all were taken by the plague while she was away at court. Upon returning home she took up rapier so she could protect her family's lands. She also enjoys embroidery, sewing and helping others.

Webminister: Lady Asta of the Shadowlands

[Modern name: Samantha Hoepner]

The Webminister manages the Shire's web presence, including the website at: <http://shadowlands.ansteorra.org> and the Yahoo Group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/shadowlandssca>. If you have any problems or suggestions relating to either of these tools, please let me know. Contact at: webminister@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Samantha is a TAMU student who graciously stepped up to take over the Webminister office. Her fabulous art skills have given archery some excellent targets over the past few years, especially the Eye of Sauron. When not shooting the Eye of Sauron, she also hosts charter painting at her apartment.

Chronicler: Lady Miriel atte Linde

[Modern name: Kelsey McCleskey]

Produces a newsletter each month to be handed out at the Populace meetings. Everyone is welcome to contribute to make our newsletter wonderful. Contact at: chronicler@shadowlands.ansteorra.org

Lady Miriel likes to spin. Her hands are always busy as a good woman's ought to be. In a crowd she stands out for her lap is full of wool and yarn, and her face wears a smile as bright as the white feathers of a dove fluttering in a sunlit morning.

SCA Student officers and advisors at TX A&M

TAMU Advisor: Sir 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 (or Baron) 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! He is also a Knight, Pelican, Baron, and Lion.

TAMU Student President/Seneschal: Yen-Ging Guo

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!

TAMU Student Treasurer: Edith Everly

[Modern name: Zinnia Crouch]

The TAMU SCA Treasurer is in charge of handling the money for the on campus group. It is an essential office and looks good on a resume!



From the Officers

From the Chronicler:

Last month, the Shadow unexpectedly went online-only, because the printer claimed it was copyrighted material. Well, it is. By us. Good job, printing people. We'll find out if a repeat performance happens!

In service,

Miriell

From the Historian:

In March, many from the Shadowlands, both old and new, attended Gulf Wars XXVII.

In service,

Paedric



This Month In History: April

April 2

Happy Birthday to... In 0742 Emperor Charlemagne

On this day... In 1250 The 7th Crusade surrenders to the Muslims

April 3

On this day... In 1279 Kublai Khan defeats the Sung Chinese in a battle at sea

April 4

On this day...

In 0527 Justinian crowned co-Emperor of the East

In 1581 Queen Elizabeth dines on board the "Pelican," the ship in which Sir Francis Drake circumnavigated the World, and, after dinner, Knights him

April 8

On this day...

In 0563 Birth of the Buddah (BCE)

April 16

On this day... In 0074 Romans enter Masada

April 19

On this day... In 1529 A Protestation against a decree of the Diet of the German Empire was published, from which event came the term "Protestants"

April 20

Happy Birthday to... In 0121 Marcus Aurelius

On this day... In 1559 Elizabeth I declared "Supreme Governor" of the Church of England

April 21

On this day... In 0247 Rome celebrates its Thousandth Anniversary

April 23

Happy Birthday to... In 1564 William Shakespeare, playwright

On this day... In 1016 Death of Aethelred, "the Redeless," King of England

April 24

On this day...

In 1066 Halley's Comet appears over Europe

In 1519 Envoys of Montezuma II attend the first Easter Mass in Central America

April 25

Happy Birthday to... In 1599 Oliver Cromwell

On this day...

In 1283 Castell-y-Bere, last independent Welsh stronghold, falls to England

In 1324 An entry in the Jornal de la Chambre of King Edward II shows pence a day paid to one "Robyn Hod" for service to the King

In 1382 Nicholas Flamel is said to have made gold thru Alchemical means

April 26

On this day... In 1569 Elizabeth I, Queen of England, issues a Licence for Sunday Sports

Calendar of Events

(from the Ansterorran calendar)

April 2018 (AS LII)

6-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elfsea Defender – Elfsea (Godley, TX) – PED RP • SCA demo at the Norman Medieval Fair – Norman, OK
13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation – Mooneschadowe (Ardmore, OK) – RP, HP, PED
20-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Shakespearean Festival – Stargate (Belville, TX) – PED • Wiesenfeuer Baronial – Wiesenfeuer (Jones, OK) – PED, RP
27-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glaslyn Defender of the Flame – Glaslyn (Bridgeport, TX) – PED, RP

May 2018 (AS LIII)

4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revolt of the Comunerros: Loch and Stargate Co-Baronial – Loch Soilleir (Winnie, TX) – PED, RP • Namron Beltane – Namron (Oklahoma City, OK)
11-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen’s Champion – Brad Leah (Burkburnett, TX) – RP, PED
18-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castellan - TBD – PED, QP • Guardian of the Tor – Dragonsfire Tor (TBD) – PED, RP
25-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steppes Warlord – Steppes (TBD) – PED, QP

June 2018 (AS LIII)

1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myrgenfeld Collegium – Myrgenfeld (TBD)
8-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King’s College – TBD - PED
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonwicke Artisans – Bonwicke (TBD)
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom Fiber Arts Symposium – Duncan, OK

July 2018 (AS LIII)

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steppes Artisan – Steppes (TBD)
13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown Tournament – TBD – RP, HP, PED
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Roundtable – TBD – RP, HP, PED
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Eastern Culture Symposium – Athens, TX

August 2018 (AS LIII)

25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serpent’s Symposium – Loch Soilleir (TBD)
31-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Braggart’s War – Chico, TX - PED



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