

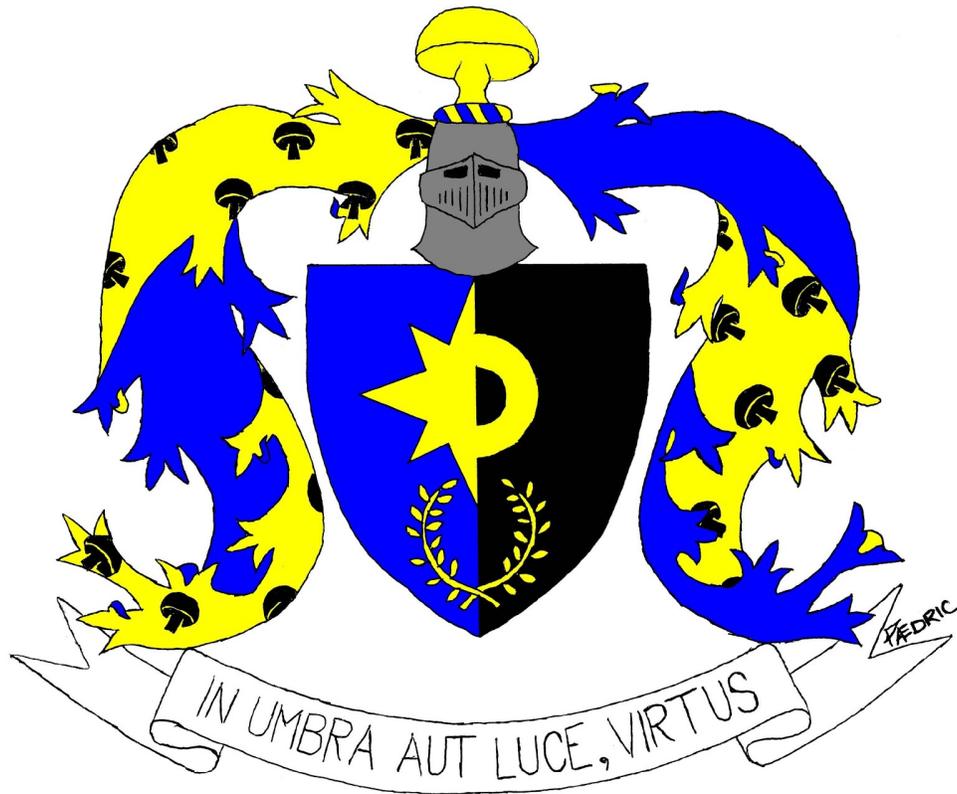


# The Shadow Knows



NewsLetter of the Shire of the Shadowlands  
Capital of Ansteorra

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## Offices: Open for Applications

Archery Marshal  
Minister of Arts and Sciences  
Webminister  
Deputy: Hospitaler  
Deputy: Rapier Marshal

# News This Month

It's time! Over the next month, the Shire will throw its efforts into recruiting fresh students to fill the ranks. Our results depend heavily on the enthusiasm and participation of our existing members. Please make plans to support the demos, the orientation meetings, and the newcomer-focused events that follow. Are you willing to facilitate one of these events, or do you have a class idea? Contact Lady Elsie!

Meanwhile, we're also throwing an event in November! What should our site tokens be? What classes and competitions can we run? Contact Mistress Kaitlyn with ideas and offers of help!

Populace meeting is back on the first Tuesday of the month, but the school-year location is not yet nailed down. Watch the Web. Archery practice has swapped back to 10:30 AM so as not to conflict with dance, and will not be happening in the second half of the month. Please note that no practices (chivalric, rapier, dance, or archery) will be happening on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> - we'll all need our energy for the Open House demo.



## Where in the Shire are the Shadowlanders?

To locate activities in the Shadowlands, visit [www.shadowlands.ansteorra.org](http://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

## Special Event

TAMU Open House Demo

**Sunday, September 2, 12-5 PM**

TAMU Memorial Student Center and Simpson Drill Field

[hospitaler@shadowlands.ansteorra.org](mailto:hospitaler@shadowlands.ansteorra.org)

At our yearly demo, we recruit students at the campus student organization fair. Talk to Lady Elsie and post at the Facebook event to coordinate what demo items to bring. Be ready for an afternoon of dancing, fighting, and pitching the SCA to starry-eyed students with as much enthusiasm as you can muster in the heat! Plan to bring sunscreen and lots of water. A potluck afterwards is being coordinated by HL Maggie Hallenberg. The Facebook event also has space to coordinate potluck food.

## Weekly happenings

Archery Practice

**Sunday, 10:30-12:30 (note time change)**

**No practice 8/19 through 9/2**

Austin's Colony Park, 200 Bullinger Creek Dr.,  
Bryan, TX

[Shadowlands.archery@gmail.com](mailto:Shadowlands.archery@gmail.com)

Come try target archery! Loaner equipment available. Bring water and wear closed-toed shoes.

Rapier Practice

Sunday 4 PM, Veterans' Park

**No practice 9/2**

Wednesday 7:30 PM, Bee Creek Park

[rapier@shadowlands.ansteorra.org](mailto:rapier@shadowlands.ansteorra.org)

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

Chivalric Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, City Park, 1900 Mistletoe  
Lane, Rockdale

[marshal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org](mailto:marshal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org)

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

Dance Practice

Sundays, 7:30 PM, TAMU All Faiths Chapel

**No practice 9/2**

Contact Kaitlyn

Learn period group dances! No modern dance experience required, nor particularly good coordination. Girls and guys welcome. Wear garb if you can!



# MONTHLY happenings

Populace Meeting

First Tuesday of the month (note date change)

TBA - Watch the Web

[seneschal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org](mailto: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, as well as into critical planning decisions for our upcoming event!



## REPORT FROM THE FIELD: IN SEARCH OF PERIOD COOKWARE

*By Lady Anna Maleine*

I, Anna Maleine, was admiring the shapes of the pots hung over fires in manuscripts, and found myself wondering about pots, so I asked, and Robert de Tyr shared with me pictures of his amazing cooking set-up, and inspired me to go looking. I must have started something, or else we have a LOT of immigrants from South Africa because there are now a LOT of potjie pots (example: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B003ZUSC9S/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_dp\\_ViDCBb4H7TM9W?pldnSite=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B003ZUSC9S/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_dp_ViDCBb4H7TM9W?pldnSite=1)) on amazon.

I purchased three, two with legs, one without legs, two sizes, and three brands! This way I can discover the qualities, and then purchase two more larger pots as well. I've a hook for grabbing the lid, and plans to keep adding to this ambitious endeavor. I want a moveable fire pit and some way to hang the pots.



# Shadowlands' Officers

## Seneschal: Honorable Lady Isabelot de Forens

[MODERN NAME: ANNA [chorad]]

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](mailto: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 Eðric halðyn

[MODERN NAME: JONATHAN [ockwood]]

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Pædric 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](mailto:shadowlandshistorian@yahoo.com) or 979-575-0670

Honorable Lord Pædric 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. Pædric 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](mailto: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 Boldak]

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](mailto: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](mailto:shadowlands.hospitaller@gmail.com) or [seneschal@shadowlands.ansteorra.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: Eys von Lübeck

[MODERN NAME: YEN-TING 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:

This month, there is little to report in the newsletter, except that Lady Anna Maleine graciously sent in a report on the purchase of some pots that are similar to period cookware. Thank you for this tip!

This is the last of the summer electronic newsletters. Next month, hard copies return with a bang, with our usual September newcomers' edition (the cover art of which never fails to amaze me).

I must also correct an error: last month, the cover of our newsletter mistakenly proclaimed it to be the August edition, rather than the July! THIS month has reclaimed its rightful place as the August issue. The chronicler pleads exhaustion last month!

In service,

Miriell

### From the Historian:

In July, it was hot.

In service,

Paedric



# Calendar of Events

## (from the ANSTERORRAN calendar)

### August 2018 (AS LIII)

4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kingdom Heraldic and Scribal Symposium – Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)</li> </ul>
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame – Glaslyn (Denton, TX)</li> <li>Serpent’s Symposium – Loch Soilleir (Houston, TX)</li> </ul>
31-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Braggart’s War – Bonwicke, Elfsea, and Steppes (Chico, TX) – PED, RP</li> <li>Shadowlands Texas A&amp;M Student Organization Demo – Shadowlands (College Station, TX)</li> </ul>

### September 2018 (AS LIII)

8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laurel’s Prize Tourney – Hellsgate (Temple, TX) - QP</li> </ul>
14-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triumphe of the Eclipse – Moonschadowe (TBD) – PED, RP</li> <li>Defender of the Fort and Royal Lancer – Raven’s Fort (Huntsville, TX) – PED</li> </ul>
21-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three Centurions – Rosenfeld (TBD) – PED, RP</li> </ul>
28-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>War of Ages – Ffynnon Gath (TBD) – PED, RP</li> <li>Elfsea Baronial College – Elfsea (Ft Worth, TX)</li> </ul>

### October 2018 (AS LIII)

5-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Namron Protectorate – Namron (Holliday, TX) – PED, RP</li> <li>Gate’s Edge Fall Event – Gate’s Edge (TBD) - PED</li> </ul>
12-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coronation – TBD (TBD) – PED, RP, HP</li> </ul>
19-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Border Skirmishes – Incipient Canton of Wyldewood (Park Hill, OK)</li> <li>Bjornsborg Fall Event – Bjornsborg (TBD) – PED</li> </ul>
26-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Samhain – Eldern Hills (TBD) – PED</li> <li>Seawinds Defender and Bryn Gwlad Fall Baronial Joint Event – Seawinds and Bryn Gwlad (TBD) - PED</li> </ul>

### November 2018 (AS LIII)

2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passion for Peerless Pursuits – Shadowlands (TBD) – PED</li> <li>Bonwicke Champions and Fall Baronial – Bonwicke (TBD)</li> <li>Axeman XIV – Skorragardhr (TBD) - PED</li> </ul>
9-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queen’s Champion – TBD (TBD) – RP, PED</li> </ul>
16-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>War of the Rams – Bordermarch (Colmesneil, TX) – PED</li> </ul>

### December 2018 (AS LIII)

30-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dragonsfire Tor Yule Revel – Dragonsfire Tor (TBD)</li> <li>Stargate Yule – Stargate (TBD)</li> </ul>
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Tourney on St. Drostan’s Day – TBD (Weatherford, TX)</li> <li>Wiesenfeuer Yule Revel – Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)</li> </ul>

### January 2019 (AS LIII)

12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crown Tournament – Winter – TBD (TBD) – RP, HP, PED</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter Roundtable – TBD (TBD) – RP, HP, PED</li> </ul>
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winterkingdom – Northkeep (TBD)</li> </ul>

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