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*The Newsletter for the Barony of Ravens Fort
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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Wonderful Populace of Raven's Fort,

Greetings unto the Populace,

We hope that you all were able to escape flooding and damage from the storms created by Hurricane Harvey. If any of you need any help cleaning up storm damage, please let us know how We can help.

We have Defender of the Fort in 2 weeks! This weekend (September 8-10) is our final work weekend before the event. Please come help us get the site ready.

Our guilds and fighter practices are doing really well. We are so proud of all of you, and the way you all make the barony shine! Thank you All!

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Elrique and Sarah Róis

Baron and Baroness of Raven's Fort

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us,

Yours in Service,

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From the Knight Marshal

We will be holding Wednesday evening Chiv practices at Candy Cane Park - 1204 Candy Cane Lane, Conroe, TX 77301 - at 6:30 pm on the following days: Please check facebook for dates. Use the entrance closes to Steak House

We will be holding Sunday afternoon Chiv Practices at The Dragons Lair - 106 Tracy St, Huntsville, TX (for directions 972-561-0762) - at 2 pm on the following days: Watch facebook for date announcement.

Reminder - there is no official practices on the first Sunday of the month.

Due to the interest in Youth Combat – we will be having visitors from Shadowlands at the Wednesday night practices in Conroe, TX. If you have a youth who is interested in learning more or you like to know more and would be willing to become a YC Marshal, please come out.

On official August work weekend, we will hold Sunday practice at the Stones, so come out for the Kill and Grill August 26th and 27th! Bring your fighting gear and plenty of water as the sun will be beating down on us.

If you have any questions, please email me at marshal@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org or text me at 832-785-9183 please include your name so I will know who I am replying to.

In Service,

Lord Robert Otte

From the Rapier Marshal



Rain or shine Rapier practice will be announced on facebook. Rapier practices will be held Sundays at Emancipation Park located at 300 Martin Luther King Boulevard Huntsville, TX 77340 starting at 09:00 A.M. unless otherwise noted.

Please contact rapier@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org for questions, comments, or concerns.

You can also check on the Facebook group for any changes of day/time.

From the Seneschal



Greetings from the Seneschal of Raven's Fort, Volodymyr of the Black Isle,

This will hopefully be my last Quoth submission as Seneschal. I want to once again thank everyone that has served the Barony during the last two years. You have made my job an easy one. Reporting has been near flawless and when need arose, the Ravens of our Barony responded. Participation is up in fighting, A&S and service. Many thanks also to Baron Elrique for his sense of fair play and his leadership and to Baroness Sarah for her warm hospitality. Raven's Fort has once again become a favored destination. Team work is a wonderful thing.

Defender of the Fort looms only a couple of weeks away. A bit of good news is that the land owners have brush hogged most of The Stones site. There are a few places under the trees that I will cut with my smaller tractor and of course the List Field and around the Kitchen will need to be cut by mowers with lower blades. There will be some ground fall to carry to the bon-fire and some post to straighten, but the site is in good shape considering. There is only one more weekend before the event. Please come out and help to make Defender a success.

August was a rough month, but our Barony preservers and work on Defender continues. I would beg your understanding and help for our Autocrat. Her family lost multiple homes in the hurricane and that is enough to drive anyone to distraction. Please ask what you can do to make her job easier. Remember everyone that has suffered losses in your prayers and do what you can to help make their lives move forward smoothly.

I want to close by wishing my replacement the best of luck. I know you will support whoever is chosen the way you have supported me. Seneschal can be a rewarding job if you have no personal agendas of your own and you work to facilitate individual and group projects. The secret to success in the never-ending Grail Quest is service. It heals the heart and enriches the realm.

Still chasing "the dream",
Volodymyr of the Black Isle

Everyone is doing an exceptional job. Keep up the good work.

In service of Barony and Crown,
Volodymyr of the Black Isle



From the Herald

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From the Chronicler



Greetings unto the Populace,
Our newsletter is now monthly!!! I would like to request that all officers and guild leaders as well as anyone wishing to submit artwork, recipes, or interesting articles, please email them to chronicler@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org by the 25th of each month. If you are working on something but have not yet finished, please let the chronicler or deputy chronicler know on the 25th. Also, we will provide a paper copy upon request.

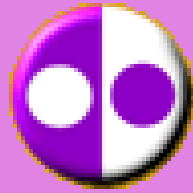
Yours, In Service, HL Calena di Rosa Nero.

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences:



Yours in Service,
Ysmiralda Dagon

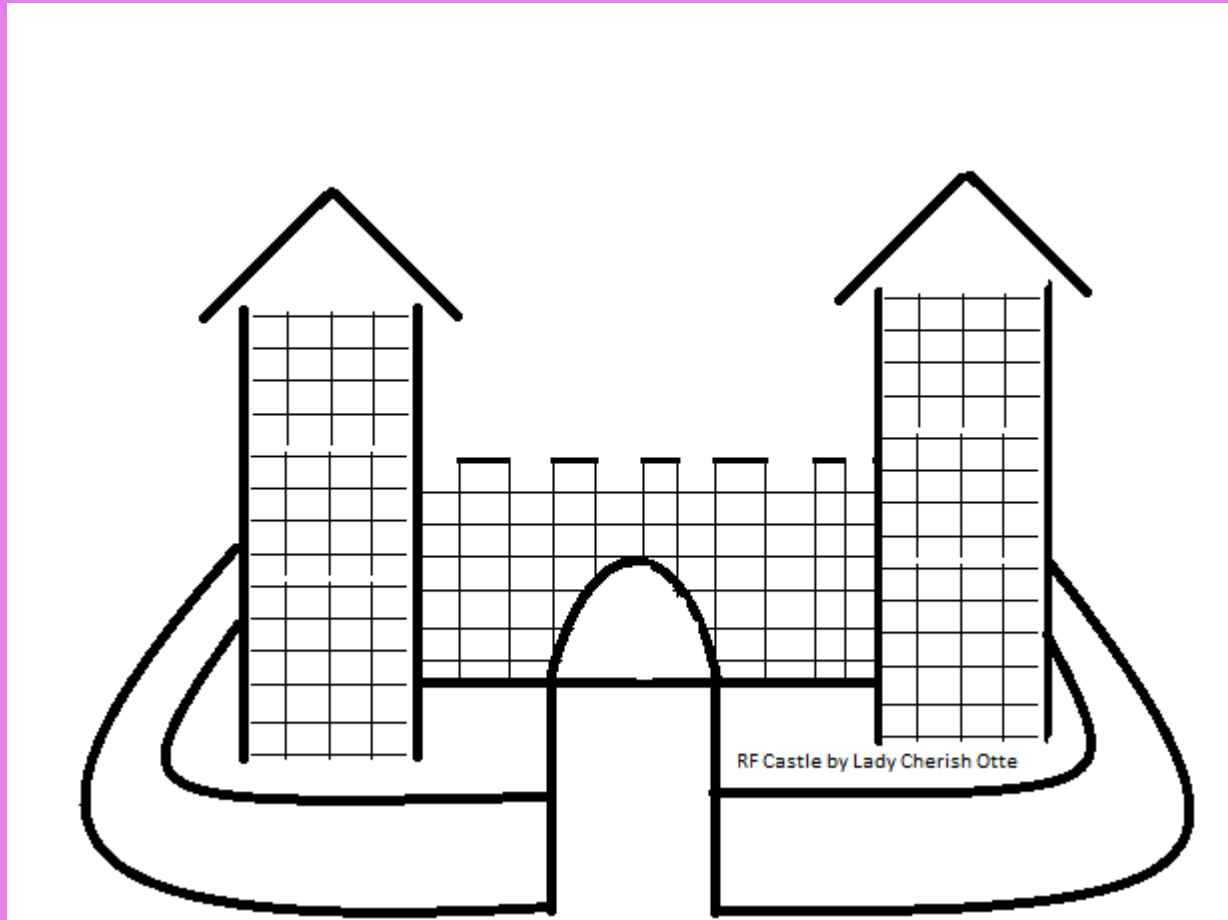
From The Minister of Children



Lady Angelica Catalina Veronica de Granada
Barony Raven's Fort Minister of Children

Kid's Corner:

Color Sheet designed by Lady Cherish Otte



Calendar of Events: **Defender of the Fort**

September 15 – 17, 2017

It is a time of peace in The Barony of Raven's Fort. Swords hang idle over fireplaces and Norse new comers wed with local Celtic nobility. Old grudges have been forgotten and the Arts flourish as they do in a place of harmony. In a celebration of unity, Their Sable Winged Excellencies, Baron Elrique and Baroness Sarah call for all to join them at The Stones of Raven's Fort for a festival of merriment and competitions to select their new Baronial Champions. Come share the sumptuous foods, exciting games and warm companionship.

Baronial Champion Representative selections will be made for:

- * Chivalric, Defender of the Fort * Rapier, Cavalier of the Fort * Ravensfort Bard * Bowman of the Fort
- * Artisan of the Fort * Baronial Brewer or Vintner of Fermented Spirits

Three age groups for non-adult competitions will be held in: * Bardic * Arts & Sciences * Rapier * Boffer
Our local Minister of Children will also be running non-competitive activities.

- A Saturday evening feast will delight your taste buds with a four- course meal including:**
- 1 * Salad (with Beets and Onions available on the side) * Bread with Honey, Herb or Plain Butter**
 - 2 * Hunter Stew (Chicken, Garlic, Rosemary, White Wine served on Spinach) * Barley / Wheat on side**
 - 3 * Smoked Pork Tenderloin * Roasted Carrots * Turnip Gratin**
 - 4 * Oat Cake * Apple Butter * Whipped Cream * Cold Sliced Apples**

After feast and Court join us around the Bon-fire for music, dancing, drumming, storytelling, libations, social intercourse, general revelry and of course a pilgrimage to the great Stone Circle on the hill.

Merchants are more than welcome, as are Equestrians and their horses.

Horses must show written proof of negative Coggin's Test. Mammal pets are allowed on leashes with written proof of current rabies vaccination. Pet are not to be left unattended.

Please bring your own drinking water. The Stones of Raven's Fort is a primitive site with barrel water and Port-a-Cans. Campfires will be allowed if wet weather permits. Posted site rules will be enforced.

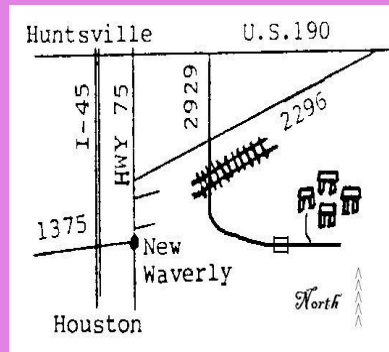
The site will open at 4 PM Friday and close at 1 PM Sunday. *Feast Fee is \$8.00 (limited to the first 100)

***Member Registration \$15 *Non-Member Registration \$20 *Age 5 to 17 Registration \$10 * Under age 5 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 a parent.

To get to The Stones of Raven's Fort

- take I-45 to Huntsville, Texas
- go east on U.S. 190 through town
- turn right onto FM 2929 south
- after crossing FM 2296 go 1.8 miles past the railroad tracks & a long curve
- immediately after crossing the low concrete bridge turn left into the gate of the V-Bar Ranch & The Stones site.
- No address, but GPS for neighbor is 161B Four Knotch Road – Huntsville 77340



Autocrat, Honorable Lady Calena di Rosa Nero, aka Kel Sorenson - 830-822- 1339 - ksorenson58@gmail.com

Feastocrat, Lady Eva Deverieux, aka Devia Jordan - 210-705-5380

The Stones of Raven's Fort Site Agent - Baron David Saint David - 936-295-9453

Vacant Offices Coming Open:

Coming open: Reeve, seneschal, and herald

Reeve drop dead date for new reeve is September. We must have someone in place.

Please shadow the reeve to learn this position if interested.

Seneschal is coming open in September as well. Please shadow the seneschal to learn this position if interested.

Due to mundane issues Lady Lynette Turner is stepping down as herald. If interested in this position, please take the appropriate steps.

To Apply for an Office:

To apply for an office, go to Ansteorra.org, and look under forms. Download and fill out The application for office. Write a letter of intent. Send these two items along with a copy of your blue card to the local B&B, local seneschal, local office in which you are applying (if an officer is currently in the position), regional officer (of same position you are applying), kingdom officer (of same position you are applying), and kingdom seneschal.

Extras:

For reeve- must send a copy of driver's license

For MOC- Must submit to background check and fingerprinting

Kingdom Calendar of Events:

September

Braggart's War—Fri Sep 1st – Mon Sep 4th – Royal Progress, Heirs Progress, PED, WS-circle, Centurion circle

Shadowlands: Texas A&M Student Organization Operation House Demo—Sun Sept 3rd 11am to 5pm

Baronial Polling for the Barony of the Eldern Hills—Tuesday Sep 5th 730pm to 9pm

Laurel's Prize Tourney—Sat Sep 9th—Royal Progress, Heirs Progress,

Laurel circle

Defender of the Fort, Huntsville, TX—Fri Sep 15th-Sun Sep 17th—PED, His Highness

Triumpe of the Eclipse, Cleveland, OK—Fri Sep 15th-Sun Sep 17th—PED, Royal Progress, MOD circle

War of Ages—Fri Sep 22nd-Sun Sep 24th—PED, Royal Progress, Her Highness

Fall Baronial Bryn Gwlad—Fri Sep 29th-Sun Oct 1st

October

Namron Protectorate – Fri Oct 6th – Sun 8th (Oklahoma)

A Pirate’s Ransom Avast, ye scurvy scoundrels and scalawags of Namron! You’ve been invaded by The Dark –PED, Crown, Heirs

Gates Edge Fall Event – Fri Oct 6th – Sun 8th- Gates Edge- PED

Coronation – Fri Oct 13th – Sun 15th – PED, Crown, Heirs

Bottles and Bards- Fri Oct 20th – Sun 22nd – This event is dedicted to brewing and bardic arts. There will be classes and challenges to learn and grow artisans. Longmire Lake, N County Road 3340, Stratford, OK 74872

Diamond Wars(Out of Kingdom Event)—Fri Oct 20th- Sun 22nd

Facebook event- Diamond Wars—Camp Couchdale, 301 Catherine Park Rd, Hot Springs, AR 71913

Chaos in Constantinople featuring Sable Shield II—Fri Oct 20th 5pm-Sun 22nd, 12pm-The year is 1054... the Place is Constantinople.. the beloved Empress Theodora is on her deathbed...--Graham Ranch, 13503 Raytel St., San Antonio, TX 78253-PED

Samhain—Fri Oct 27th-Sun 29th—Eldern Hills

Seawinds Defender—Fri Oct 27th-Sun 29th--PED
