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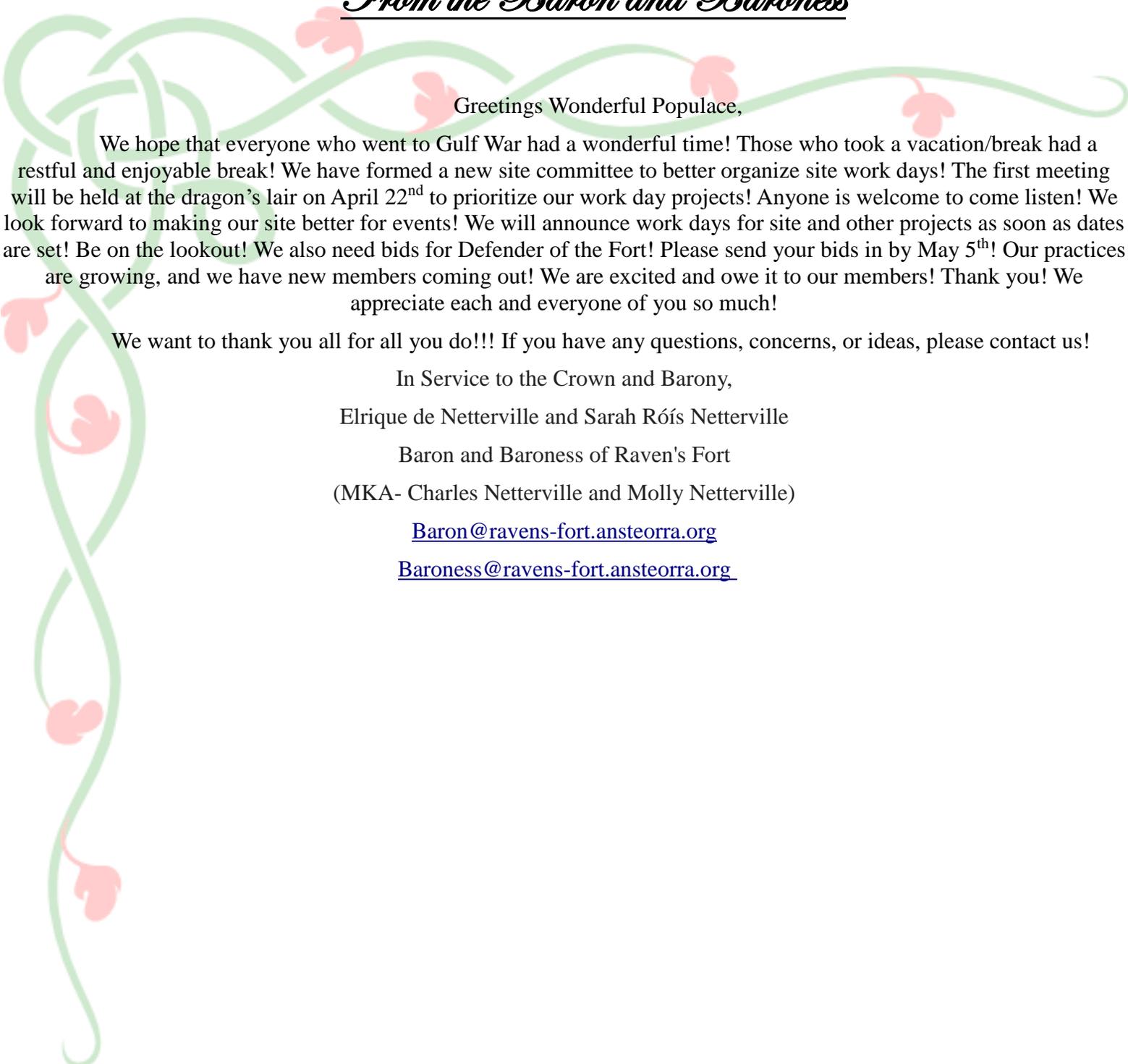
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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Wonderful Populace,

We hope that everyone who went to Gulf War had a wonderful time! Those who took a vacation/break had a restful and enjoyable break! We have formed a new site committee to better organize site work days! The first meeting will be held at the dragon's lair on April 22nd to prioritize our work day projects! Anyone is welcome to come listen! We look forward to making our site better for events! We will announce work days for site and other projects as soon as dates are set! Be on the lookout! We also need bids for Defender of the Fort! Please send your bids in by May 5th! Our practices are growing, and we have new members coming out! We are excited and owe it to our members! Thank you! We appreciate each and everyone of you so much!

We want to thank you all for all you do!!! If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please contact us!

In Service to the Crown and Barony,

Elrique de Netterville and Sarah Róis Netterville

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From the Knight Marshal



Greetings from the Knight Marshal:

The fighter practices are not just for our fighters. We would like to invite the RF family to come hang out at the Park on Wednesday nights and to hang out at the Dragon's Lair on Sunday afternoons. If you want to bring your crafts, work on armour, or just to socialize...please come and show support to our fighters.

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: 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, & 4/25 (weather premitting)

We will be holding Sunday afternoon Chiv & Archery Practices as well as Armour's Guild at The Dragons Lair - [106 Tracy St, Huntsville, TX](#) (for directions 972-561-0762) - at 2 pm on the following days: 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, & 4/29.

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



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



April, 2018

Congratulations to Brian du Val (John Reuter) for becoming our new Herald. Be sure to check with him if you have submitted a name/device/badge or which to submit one or all.

We had 7 members of the Barony at Gulf Wars. HE Brian du Val brought the siege machine as well as being a merchant. Lord Robert Otte was on the battlefield and did quite well. Lord Kelley MacGregor put in many hours working Security. HL Grishka Kravtsovich and I were part of Merchants Row. Mistress Nerak visited with us in the shop. HE Jalali was seen for a moment as she was running an errand.

Some of the items that were brought up at Populace were possible improvements to the already existing structures. Putting in bids for future Kingdom events and requesting bids for Defender.

Hopefully this month the Baron, Baroness and I will be working on the Zip Code project. It has a six month deadline to get it to the Kingdom Seneschal. He would rather everyone got it to him sooner so the existing search page on www.ansteorra.org will show the correct group associated with each zip code.

All in all our Barony is doing great. Everyone keep up the good work and continue to work with each other.

HL Runa of the Thundering Herd
mka Sher Montgomery

From the Herald



Please welcome H.E. Brian du Val to the Herald's office!

From the Exchequer



Please welcome Lady Danielle Katherine LaFontaine to her position as reeve!

From the Hospitaler



If you or any newcomers need garb for an event, please have them contact me.

In Service,
Lady Ysenda de Gray

From the Chronicler



The Baroness (that is me) has been appointed to this position until such time that we get applications for this office.

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 to the Barony,
Sarah Róís Netterville
Baroness and Deputy/Interim Chronicler

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences:



Please send me what you are up to project wise whether baronial or personal by the 5th of each month!
This lets kingdom know what our great artisans in the barony are creating!

Yours in Service,
Lady Laurie de Gray

From The Minister of Children



If you have any questions or concerns, please email me.
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Kids' Corner:



Courtesy of www.coloring-pages-kids.com

Calendar of Events:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rapier Practice Emancipation Park***	2	3	4 Chivalric practice- 6:30PM Candy Cane park**	5 Populace/Business Meeting- Fire Station #1*	6	7 Brewer's Guild- Lizard Keep***** Norman Medieval Fair Elfen Defender
8 Archery practice 10am Chiv practice 2pm, A&S 12pm- all at Dragon's Lair***** Rapier Practice Emancipation Park***	9	10	11 Chivalric practice- 6:30PM Candy Cane park**	12	13	14 Coronation
15 Archery practice 10am Chiv practice 2pm, A&S 12pm- all at Dragon's Lair***** Rapier Practice Emancipation Park***	16	17	18 Chivalric practice- 6:30PM Candy Cane park**	19 - Social Gathering Van Thong's Restaurant*****	20	21 Shakespearean Festival Wissenfeuer Baronial and Royal Huntsman
22 Archery practice 10am Chiv practice 2pm, A&S 12pm- all at Dragon's Lair***** Rapier Practice Emancipation Park***	23	24	25 Chivalric practice- 6:30PM Candy Cane park**	26	27	28 Defender of the Flame
29 Archery practice 10am Chiv practice 2pm, A&S 12pm- all at Dragon's Lair***** Rapier Practice Emancipation Park***	30					

Fire Station #1*
1987 Veterans
Memorial Pkwy
Huntsville, Tx

Candy Cane park**,
(driveway before)
1506 Interstate 45 N,
Conroe, TX

Dragon's Lair*****
108 Tracy St.
Huntsville, Tx

88 Grand Buffet*****
315 Sawdust Rd.
Spring, Tx

Van Thong
Restaurant
2114 W Davis St.
Conroe, Tx

Emancipation Park***
300 Martin Luther
King Blvd,
Huntsville, Tx

Lizard Keep*****
1810 Ave P,
Huntsville, Tx

Please check
Barony of
Raven's Fort
Facebook page
for any changes!

Vacant Offices Coming Open:

The office of Chronieler is open for applications.

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

Early period swallowtail belts
(How to make and wear)

By Brian du Val
(Mka) John A. Reuter

Swallowtail belts were used up to the 14th Cent. Through out Western to Central Europe the split-knotted style belt was popular and easy to make. The Romans and their auxiliaries used them. The Normans, Vikings and Saxons were known to use them. Norman's wearing swallowtail belts.

(1200's) Speculum Virginium (virgin mirror) Kestner-Museum Hannover

"Meeting on the Turret Stairs"
(1864) by Frederic William Burton,
illustrating the classic Swallowtail belt.
Photograph: courtesy National Gallery of Ireland.

The Swallowtail belt is a simple utilitarian belt that uses no rivets or metal to fasten it.

To make one you will need the following:

A strap of 8oz - 10oz leather 24 inches bigger than your waist measurement. 1 1/2 - 2 inches wide.

A 1/4 inch (ish) hole punch.

A sharp Razor knife.

A mallet to strike the hole punch

A 24 inch metal ruler

A metal straight edge or the ruler above.

A leather edger (optional)

First, measure your waist. That will be the length from the end to the place the split starts. The tip of the belt will have two slots made by punching two sets of parallel holes like an equal sign (=). Use the hole punch to make the holes on either side of the slot to be made. One inch is a generous measurement.

Cut a line on one side of the holes and then the other side, making a wide slot.

They should look like this:

From the two slots, measure the length of your waist. This point the belt will be split to the end of the belt. I give 18 to 24 inches for adjustment for armor and court wear. The split can be just a cut, but for comfort I make my slits like this:

Measure your waist for court wear and the armor will fit just fine. I also cut an angle on the split tips at a 30' angle about an inch long to help them fit into the slots on the other end.

Edging the belt is an option. I like to edge all my leather work so it is comfortable and no sharp edges to bite you.

Now you can place your belt on you waist placing the tips of the swallowtail through the slots. The leather has a skin side and a suede side. The suede side should be facing each other and the skin side up and down. Pull them through and make them tight to comfort.

Take the top one and make a six inch loop, pinching it between your finger and thumb like so: thumb on top.

Changing hands while holding the loop between your index finger and thumb, bring the bottom strap around like this:

Wrap the bottom one around twice, then pinch it with the same fingers:

Keep the second one tight around the first!

Through the two wraps you just made slide the tip under them and pull it tight.

The knot should lock and look like the pictures below:

Some call this a “double Windsor” tie knot.
It is similar, but only if you imagine your neck where the loop is.

To undo the belt just pull the bottom “loop” strap down and the belt will unravel itself. Pull hard if you tied it right:

Swallowtail belts can be rough cut, and the tips made square, round or shield shaped if you wish. As said earlier, edging is an option.
Tooling is always a good way to add artwork to your leather project.

I hope you enjoyed this tutorial and found it helpful.

Feel free to share this for educational purposes. If you have any questions or replies please contact me.

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