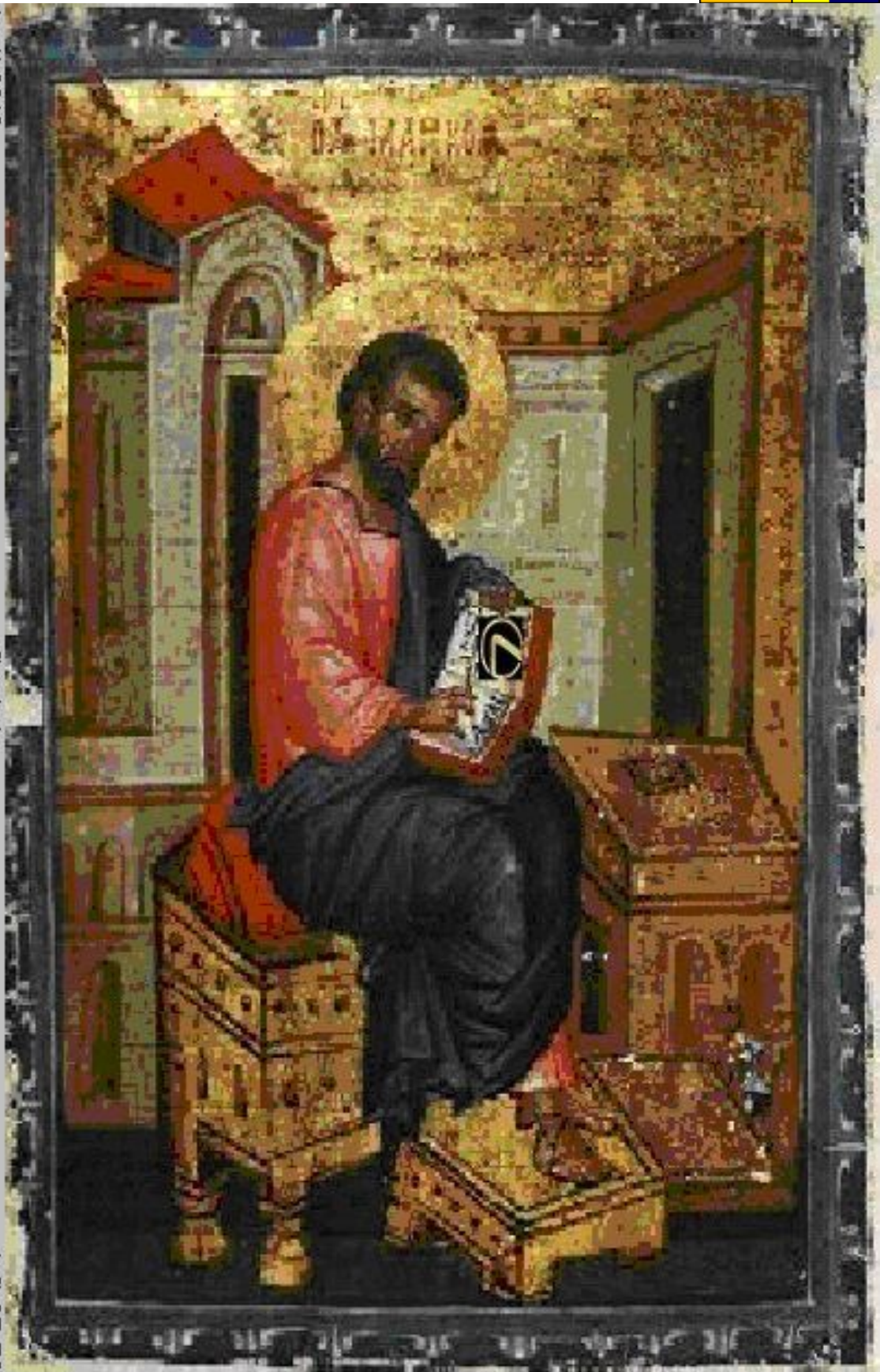


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Stellar Majesties

Welcome to a joyous spring,
Ansteorra!

Gulf Wars has come and
passed. Our kingdom is richer
for the memories, the
friendships, and the
experiences.

As we have traveled within and
for our kingdom, we have
spoken to new comers about
how each of us is a piece of the
Black Star battles fought, in the
observation of art, and in
service shared,

It is the people who made our
Gulf Wars special. Each of you
who contributed to Gulf Wars
made the memories we will
treasure for many years to
come.

April will be a busy month. We
look forward to seeing as many
of you as possible as Spring
dawns upon our kingdom.

TRM Owen and Genevria

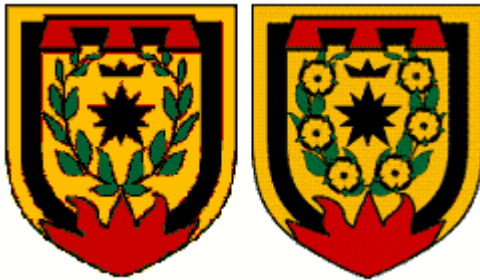
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You Know You're in the SCA When...

- You choose your language courses in college based on what your persona would have spoken.
- You slip and address a coworker as Milord or Milady.
- People don't assume that you're going in for surgery when you say, "This weekend, I'm going to get my knees fixed".
- Your hobby takes more of your time than your job.
- You start to wear your hair the way your persona might have worn his/hers.
- You sign a check, using calligraphy.
- You name your pets after obscure historical figures.

Jeff Evarts, (2010) You Know You're in the SCA When (1992-2007), Retrieved from <http://riventree.com/jeff/sca/ykyitscaw.html#YKYITSCAW>



Stellar Highnesses

Alright! Well Gulf Wars just plain kicked butt!!! Our purses are sagging, but Our spirits are high, and We now head into what is hopefully a spring of such beauty and warmth as to make Us forget this cold, cold winter.

Did We mention cold? And wet?

Moving on!

While We continue to prey for the good health of our King and Queen, We are gleefully anticipating Our coronation. Through the timely assistance of Sir Burke, a site of uncommon grandeur has been secured for Our coronation. Although the trek from the far reaches of our kingdom may be long, We hope that many will make it to see this hallowed temple that We are being allowed to share for this wondrous ceremony. On a business related note, it will be likely that We will want to have a very short meeting with all of the polling orders at Our coronation to discuss proxy policies and circle schedules.

Finally, His Highness wants to announce that the Cup du Charny competition begins at Elfsea Defender. Parameters of the competition have already been published on the Ansteorran list and on Our website (<http://coronet.ansteorra.org>). We hope that this is a fun endeavor for

all involved, and look forward to see who proves up to Charny's words.

Once again, here's Our planned event attendance:

Elfsea Defender, to watch stalwart fighters vie to protect their Excellencies of Elfsea, and to listen to counsel from many and all.

Lysts at Castelton, to see the King's Lancer decided at one of the most picturesque sites imaginable.

Eldern XXXII, to see who is the next to wield the most awesome AXE in the kingdom.

Castellan, to see who has the qualities of the Renaissance Man, and become Northkeep's next Castellan.

Coronation, natch. Who's got the chops to be His Highness' champion? **AND** meet Her Highness' expectations?

Queen's Champion, Who thinks they are worthy enough to get hang out with Her Highness for 6 months... without getting hurt by His Highness?

Steppes Warlord, to watch the grandest armored and rapier tournaments that this kingdom has to offer, and invest Duncan and Genvieve as the tenth Baron and Baroness of the Steppes.

TRH Jean Paul et Gilyan Dauphin et Dauphine Ansteorra

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Hail unto the populace!

If you are in a guild, practice, or have any scheduled get-together, please check the newsletter to make sure the information given for it is correct or that it is being placed in. If you need to update the information, please let me know.

OFFICERS: Please double check your information on the Seawinds Officers page and update me if it is incorrect. Please do not hesitate in sending me items you might wish to have published.

Poetry, artwork, stories or tales from past events, it would be great to include stories from around the Kingdom, one of the Baronies or Shire, so if you know something someone has done that is worth noting, please send it in!

Submission Deadline: 20th of each month for the upcoming issue. Please submit either a legible hardcopy or electronic MS Word File to me at miguelcastile@yahoo.com. This address is set up for Sandscrit submissions only for easy record keeping. I am trying to send out The Sandscrit news letter by the first week of each new month after I have received word from their Stellar Majesties and their Highnesses.

Remember to turn in a permission form. To print form (located at: <http://www.ansteorra.org/publications/forms/>) for each of your submissions and feel free to send me any ideas you might have. They are truly welcomed.

Thanks in Advance,
Lord Miguel Castile

We're on the web! <http://www.seawinds.org/>





Getting the Story right...

For the March issue, **Gulf War History Notes** compiled by: THBaroness Barbara Sterling, Gleann Abhann Historian were published. I found out after it was published that there is one important correction on the history of the fort and how it was built. I thought it was worth passing along as it has already been sent to THBaroness Barbara Sterling.

"The original fort with lag bolts and gate was first used at Gulf War III."

The original fort was built using construction methods first adopted by Barony Bordermarch in 1983. It would be a complete truth to say "The original fort with lag bolts and gate was first used at Gulf War III, using construction methods pioneered by Barony Bordermarch in 1982." Or some such, giving credit where credit is due.

Duke Charles Inman McMoore contacted His Excellency Count Sir Simonn of Amber Isle for details in 1992 on "how to's" and he provided all construction information and "how to's" to enable them to build the fort. He even advised that there were several things they should not do, allowing the builders to in site they could follow if they decided to listen. They decided to go a different way and the castle was built. Since the castle at Pensic War was an expansion of the Gulf War castle, no one clued them in on some construction "not to do's" which resulted in the long walls of the Pensic Castle leaning dangerously and having to be rebuilt.

The long and the short of it is this... the Gulf War castle followed the original Bordermarch design, which was the first "wooden fighting castle in the Known World."

Side Note: This information was communicated to THB Barbara Sterling concerning this data which she can verify that the Bordermarch castle predated Gulf War's by many years. This is just one more of the many roots that the Gulf Wars and Gleann Abhann have with Ansteorra.



Trying to keep up?

- Lord Alexius became HL Centurion Alexius at Gulf War 2010.
- Calena got a crane at the Amazon meeting at Gulf War.
- Congrats to Stoffel van de Keere for becoming a Father.
- Chronicler's position was filled with a warrant.
- Micheal's Craft Store for A&S with AriManna.
- A request was made for a thin leather book and new Heralds tabard.
- Stargate/Loch held their baronial.
- A request was made for all officers to update the website info.
- Wayland of Durloch became Stargate's newest Baronial Chivalric Champion.
- The Order of Precedence for the Shire of Seawinds was updated.
- Event Steward bids for Defender started for Labor Day weekend.
- Bordermarch had their Baronials.
- We welcomed Teresa and her family as new members.
- Helgar led a great demo on the morning news.

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Upcoming Events

April 2010 (A.S. XLIV)

- 2-4 Elfsea Defender- Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX) *PED*
9-11 Lysts at Castleton - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
Wiesenfeuer Baronials - Wiesenfeuer (Oklahoma City, OK)
16-18 Stargate Baronials - Stargate (Houston, TX) *PED*
Eldern XXXII - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
23-25 Champions of Bonwicke - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX) *PED*
Bordermarch Baronials - Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)
Defender of the Flame - Glaslyn (Denton, TX)

May 2010 (A.S. XLV)

- Laurel's Prize Tourney/Fall Arts Bids Due
30-2 Loch Guardian - Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX) *PED*
Beltane - Namron (Norman, OK)
Guardian of the Tor XIX - Dragonsfire Tor (Stephenville, TX)
7-9 Castellan - Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
Unofficial Event: Roaring Thunder's Nasty One Tourney XXII - Roaring
Thunder (TBA)
14-16 Coronation/King's Champion - Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
21-23 Queen's Champion - TBD
28-30 Steppes Warlord - Steppes (Dallas, TX) *PED*
Memorial Day Weekend

June 2010 (A.S. XLV)

- 11-13 Out of Kingdom: War of the Lilies (11th - 20th) - Calontir (Smithville, MO)
Out of Kingdom: Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium -
Dragon's Mist (Forest Grove, OR)
18-20 Lady of the Lake - Adlersruhe (Amarillo, TX)
Out of Kingdom: War of the Lilies (11th - 20th) - Calontir (Smithville, MO)
25-27 King's College - Stargate (Houston, TX)

Local Events for March

- 02 Fighter practice at the Water Gardens
A&S work shop at Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History
09 Populace Meeting at the Water Gardens
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16 Fighter practice at the Water Gardens
23 Fighter practice at the Water Gardens
A&S work shop at Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History
30 Fighter practice at the Water Gardens

Officers Meeting

TBA 7:00pm at 6701 Everhart #303



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