

# The Thorny Truth



Shire of Rosenfeld

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## Meeting & Practice Information

**July 5:** **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) **Chivalric Fighter Practice Canceled due to Holiday**

**July 12:** **OFFICERS / POPULACE MEETINGS POSTPONED TO 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY DUE TO**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) **CONFLICT WITH CROWN TOURNAMENT ON SAME DATE**

**July 19:** **Rapier Fighter Practice**  
(3rd Sunday) **A&S Class: No Class scheduled this month**  
**Officer's Meeting 2:00 pm (Open to All)**  
**Populace Meeting 3:00 pm (Open to All)**

**Kilgore College Farm in Overton**

**See map at back of newsletter or click URL for web link:**

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No meetings or practices are scheduled during holiday weekends. Changes in meeting or practice dates will be posted to the Rosenfeld List so please check your email on applicable Sundays for updates.

For more information regarding meetings, please contact the Seneschal. For more information regarding fighter practices, please contact the Knight Marshal. Contact information is located at the front of this publication.

### Shire Website

<http://rosenfeld.ansteorra.org>

### Shire E-group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rosenfeld>

## Guild Information

The Shire of Rosenfeld currently has several active guilds. Please contact the following individuals for information regarding current projects:

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Information regarding the various guild meetings is now accessible on the Rosenfeld website.



## From the Seneschal

Greetings unto my fellow members of Rosenfeld,

Ansteorra's events were a little further away for us in June than usual but our artisans made the effort to attend them. A holiday shortened our regularly scheduled fighter practices but our chivalric and rapier fighters met together in the Longview Practice and also for impromptu individual instruction throughout the month. Vacations and work lessened attendance at the meetings but others came to Rosenfeld from SCA branches elsewhere.

July looks similar, but the proximity of events should see us travelling in larger numbers. The biggest event this month is Ansteorra's Thirtieth Anniversary (xXx) on the second weekend. Three full days of activities culminate with Crown Tourney on Sunday. Of similar importance on the administrative side of our non-profit status is Roundtable on the third weekend. Both events are within the Central Region. With a holiday on the first weekend and Crown Tourney on the following Sunday, all meetings and official practices will be held on the third Sunday, July 19. We will be using the indoor location of Kilgore College Farm in Overton. You should find directions elsewhere in the issue of 'The Thorny Truth'. Thank you, Lord Fergus, for procuring the location for us.

I would like to welcome Reyner de Arden as the newest Herald to the Shire of Rosenfeld. I would also like to welcome Adam, Seamus O'Hagan and Lord Edgar Dumas (aka Edgar McGregor) to our populace over the summer. Adam attended his first meeting and rapier practice in June. Seamus is visiting family over the summer and discovered the SCA while at school in Shadowlands. Lord Edgar moved here from the Kingdom of Outlands. He became a Companion of the Heart of the Scorpion of al-Barran in 2001 – "Given for being an example of chivalry, gentility, nobility and authenticity" – and an Award of Arms in 2004. Nice people all.

At Warlord, the Central Regional Seneschal asked me to encourage **everyone** to consider serving as Rosenfeld's Seneschal. Countess Margaret asked specifically for every group within the Shire to have at least one person apply for this newly vacant office. How many applications she receives depends on how we view ourselves. Please talk with one another about what you believe we are. Talk about how you think we got here. Talk about the direction you want Rosenfeld to take. Talk about how each of us can fill the roles of leader ("cat herders" as Lady Stephanie so visually put it), advisor (helping other members find "catnip") and follower (working while respecting each other's "balls of yarn") as our Shire and Kingdom need us.

I also urge everyone to attend the Seneschal's Warranting Class on July 18 -- whether you want to apply for Seneschal or not. I believe it's the best way to learn what the Society needs from **everyone** to function as an effective non-profit organization. Round Table has no site fees. It's also in the Metroplex this time, so car-pooling and day-tripping ensure we can attend both it and the Shire's scheduled Third Sunday activities.

The Society, Ansteorra and Rosenfeld await your response.

Support and Flourish,  
Tostig  
Acting Seneschal, Rosenfeld

Rosenfeld is currently taking applications for the office of Seneschal. The application form may be found on the Ansteorran Seneschal's web site. If you are interested in being considered, please send copies of the form, a sheet describing your qualifications (both modern and SCA) and your proof of membership directly to Countess Margaret ny Connor who is the current Central Regional Seneschal, as well as to HL Tostig. All Seneschals in Ansteorra must take the Seneschal class and the Exchequer class, both of which will be taught at the upcoming Round Table. Application for this office will close as of July 31, 2009.



## From the Chronicler

Unto Rosenfeld, I send Good Greetings:

Ansteorra celebrates her 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month in Canton, Texas. Lots of activities and competitions and a perfect opportunity for our newbies to experience the SCA fairly close to home. Welcome to Adam and Lord Edgar! Glad you've come out to play!

Again, anyone interested in submitting original artwork or articles for publication, please do not hesitate to contact me. Note: <http://www.ansteorra.org/publications/forms/PubPerm.pdf> is the link to the form for permission to publish.

Fríðr



## From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings! July will be a busy month with 30<sup>th</sup> Year. There are several different A&S contests going on and more are announced every day. Please try to display something in at least one of them. We want to make sure Rosenfeld is well represented artistically.

If you have some A&S activity: display or compete, judge, donate scrolls, largesse, teach a class, or otherwise do something with A&S, please let me know. I do a monthly report listing all our accomplishments for the month and would love to include your item.

As always, if you are interested in something to do with an art or science and need help, please ask. If I do not know the answer, I will ask someone who does.

Lady Stephanie Lilburn

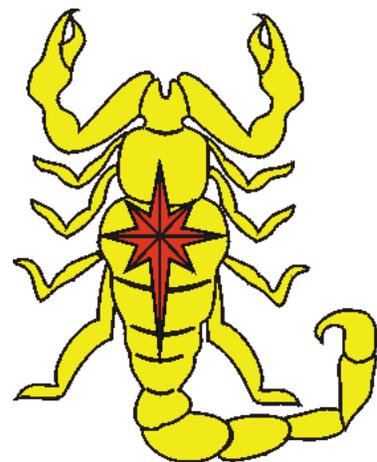


## Heraldically Speaking...

### Take the challenge!

Can you name what Order uses this badge / insignia to recognize members of their populace who display the attributes of chivalry, gentility, nobility and authenticity? (Hint: The Order is specific to the Kingdom of The Outlands). Arden, you and our newest member, Lord Edgar, are not allowed to play!! The answer will be provided in next month's newsletter.

Badge/Insignia: (Fieldless) On a scorpion Or, a compass star gules





## From the Rapier Marshal

If you did not attend Her Majesty's Queen's Champion Tournament you missed a wonderful event with an exceptional list. Looking forward, we will have the opportunity to fight at XXX year in Canton later this month.

We have had a renewed interest in rapier fighting the last couple of weeks with two new fighters showing interest in fighting with us. Welcome to Adam and Edgar; it is also good to see some of our college students back and wanting to fight.

We will have practice in Overton on the third Sunday of July in conjunction with the populace meeting.

Wherever you go, stay hydrated. The worst thing that can happen to a fighter is dehydration.

See you at Practice.

In Service  
Rhiannon



## Three Queens II: In the Name of the Rose

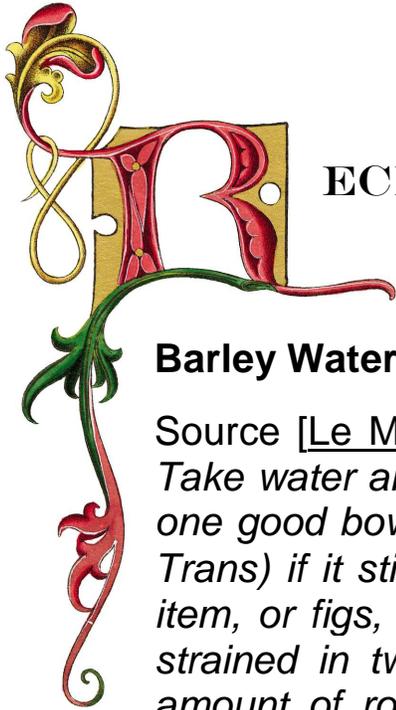
Greetings Rosenfeld!

Things are progressing smoothly on our journey to October's Three Queens. We are beginning to see some interest from merchants with one confirmed, our "Queens" are recruiting heavily, ambiance preparations are coming along, and we expect to have our fighting scenarios worked out by the end of the month. Life is good!

Again, we would like to thank those individuals who have volunteered to manage certain areas of Three Queens and those who plan to assist with the many tasks associated with our event. Again, please feel free to contact us should you have any ideas you'd like to share.

**In Service,**

**Lady Sarah**  
**Duchess Julia**



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

by Mistress Rhiannon

### Barley Water

Source [Le Ménagier de Paris, J. Hinson (trans.)]: *Sweet Tisane. Take water and boil it, then add for each sixth of a gallon of water one good bowl of barley, and it does not (or it does not matter? - Trans) if it still has its hulls, and get two paris' worth of licorice, item, or figs, and boil it all until the barley bubbles; then let it be strained in two or three cloths, and put in each goblet a large amount of rock-sugar. This barley is good to feed to poultry to fatten them. Note that good licorice is the youngest, and when cut is a lively greenish colour, and if it is old it is more insipid and dead, and dry.*

- 1/4 cup pearl barley
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 cups boiling water
- Peel and juice from 1 lemon

Combine all ingredients, cover, and let sit until cold. Strain before serving.

Recipes for barley water appear more often in medieval medical texts than in cookbooks as a cure for indigestion and other ills. Either way it is a light and pleasant non-alcoholic drink which you can modify for a slightly different flavor as you desire. Licorice root, rose water, anise seed, and figs are among the numerous flavorings that can be added to barley water for medicinal or flavor changes of the base recipe.

## DETAILS OF A 15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY MONUMENT

by  
HL Fridhur Haralds

I am privileged to have in my possession an extraordinary brass rubbing of a 15<sup>th</sup> century Flemish monument. The photo below depicts this brass rubbing which was taken from a replica in Westminster Abbey, London, England. The monument memorializes Sister Marguerite de Scornay who was abbess of the Abbey of Nivelles, Belgium from 1443 to 1462 AD. The photo represents only a fragment of the much larger original that was destroyed when the Church of St. Gertrude was bombed during the Second World War in 1940. Most of the brass monuments were destroyed or badly damaged during that bombing.

Sister Marguerite is shown kneeling in the immediate center of the monument clad in the habit, veil, and wimple of her order. A banner issues from her mouth with the Latin words "Jhesu ciriste fui dei sunu mice michi peccatrici" which translates as the prayer "Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner." To the left of Sister Marguerite is the Virgin Mary, crowned and enthroned with the Christ Child upon her lap.

Directly behind the abbess is the figure of her patron saint, Margaret of Antioch. Fashionably attired in 15<sup>th</sup> century garb, the saint is readily identifiable by the dragon at her feet. Note that the illiterate populace of the Middle Ages could easily identify saints and other biblical figures by their associated symbols which were portrayed in the paintings, carvings, stained glass, and elaborately embroidered vestments and altar cloths of the church. Legend accounts that St. Margaret, who was an early Christian martyr, was the daughter of Theodosius - a chief priest of one of the pagan cults in Antioch. Margaret's nurse was a Christian and Margaret became one as well. According to legend, Margaret's father was much angered by his daughter's apostasy and sent her to live as a shepherdess. The Roman Governor Olybrius saw Margaret and fell in love with her. The saint refused to marry Olybrius, being devoted to the life of a Christian, and was subsequently imprisoned and tortured for her beliefs which were illegal in Rome at the time. While imprisoned, she prayed to be shown the enemy responsible and Satan, in the guise of a dragon, appeared in her cell. Variations of St. Margaret's encounter with the dragon include her signing the cross and the beast vanishing; and another rendition where the dragon actually swallows the saint, the cross she bears growing until it splits the dragon apart, and Margaret emerging unscathed.

The central figures of the plate are set against a tessellated floor amidst a rich backdrop of foliage and griffins. In each corner of the plate appears the symbol of one of the four Evangelists: the man with wings (not an angel) of St. Matthew, the winged lion of St. Mark, the winged ox of St. Luke, and the eagle of St. John. The Evangelists' symbols are depicted with wings as in the Book of Revelation.

Shields presumably bearing the arms of Sister Marguerite's family appear on the left side of the monument and at center top these arms are impaled. Two additional shields line the right side - the upper with a bend and the lower shield with a chevron. The plate measures approximately 19 ½ inches by 32 ¼ inches in its entirety.



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### Chronicler

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### Rapier Marshal

Taking applications

### Hospitaler

Taking applications

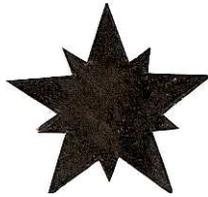
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July's  
Officer and  
Populace Meeting  
on 7/19/09  
will be held at  
Kilgore College  
Demonstration  
Farm

Directions: From Tyler go East on Hwy 31 (Front Street) to Hwy 850. Turn right on Hwy 850, continue to Overton (about 20 miles). In Overton, pass Brookshires on left, cross railroad tracks, turn left immediately after tracks at stop light. Take second right and go 1.5 miles on Hwy 135 to Farm. Entrance is on left, big brick sign "Kilgore College Demonstration Farm."



## Kingdom of Ansteorra Event Planner

### July 2009 (A.S. XLIV)

- 3-5 Out of Kingdom: Known World Dance Symposium - Kingdom of Ealdormere  
(Hamilton, Ontario, Canada) Note: Event begins on Thursday Fourth of July Weekend
- 9-12 Ansteorran 30th Year Celebration and Crown Tournament - Kingdom Sponsored Event (Canton, TX) Note: Event begins on Thursday
- 17-19 King's Round Table - Steppes (Arlington, TX)
- 24-26 Westgate Winter Collegium - Westgate (Houston, TX)  
Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XXXVIII
- 31-2 Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XXXVIII

### August 2009 (A.S. XLIV)

- 7-9 Out of Kingdom: Pennsic XXXVIII
- 14-16 Steppes Artisan/Elfsea Baronial College - Multigroup Event (Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX)
- 21-23 Open
- 28-30 Jägermeister - Ffynnon Gath (San Marcos, TX)

### September 2009 (A.S. XLIV)

- 4-7 Gothic War XVIII - Multigroup Event (Lubbock/San Angelo, TX)  
Out of Kingdom: Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium - Barony of the Lonely Tower, Calontir (Ohama, Nebraska)  
Labor Day Weekend
- 11-13 Laurel's Prize - Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)  
Grand Assembly of Archers - Multigroup Event (Norman/Oklahoma City, OK)
- 18-20 Defender of the Fort - Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX) \*PED\*  
Triumpe of the Eclipse IV - Mooneschadowe (Stillwater, OK)
- 25-27 Unofficial Event: Lawton International Fest Demo - Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)

# JULY 2009 – SHIRE of ROSENFELD ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Wknd CHIVALRIC Practice Canceled</b>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Officers / Populace Meeting Rescheduled</b>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Officers / Populace Mtg RAPIER Practice Kilgore College Farm (see map)</b>				<b>Scribal Night 7:00 pm</b>		<b>Sewing Saturday 11:00 am</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Note: All activities are subject to change due to weather, etc. Please stay in touch on Rosenfeld's e-group for updated information.