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Happy New Year! I hope you've enjoyed the holiday season!!

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Kingdom Events

[Kingdom Events and Meetings](#) for the Month of January

January 4, 2024 7 PM (19:00)	Public Sherwood Forest Faire Demo Planning Meeting Virtual An open online planning meeting for the Sherwood Demo for all who are interested and/or wish to be involved. Google Meet info: Video call link: https://meet.google.com/hcx-kszr-mun Or dial: (US) 1 336-566-3125 PIN: 562 086 180#
January 6, 2024	Steppes 12th Night Hosted by the Barony of the Steppes
January 11, 2024	Kingdom Seneschal Open Office Hours Virtual Meeting Monthly Open Office Hours hosted by the Kingdom Seneschal of Ansteorra. Anyone is welcome to join and ask questions. Join the Meeting using this link: https://meet.google.com/chw-hchn-xkf Note: if you don't have a google account or don't want to use one, open the above link in a Safe Mode or Incognito tab and you'll be prompted to type in your name
January 12 - 13, 2024	Winter Crown Tournament Hosted by the Baronies of Loch Soilleir & Raven's Fort.

	Pedigo Park, Livingston, Texas – 925 US Highway 59, Livingston 77351
January 15, 2024	<p>Hospitaler Open Office Hours</p> <p>Virtual Meeting</p> <p>Opportunity for hospitalers (both official and unofficial) to collaborate, plan, and celebrate successes. Any monthly focuses for the meetings to be announced via the kingdom page.</p> <p>Google Meet Joining Info:</p> <p>Hospitaler Sync and Office Hours Time zone: America/Chicago Video call link: https://meet.google.com/owq-hvaf-jcq Or dial: (US) +1 402-759-9114 PIN: 274 596 995#</p>
January 20, 2024	<p>Winter Round Table</p> <p>Virtual Event</p> <p>To join the meetings and classes, visit https://ansteorra.org/events/round-table</p> <p>From the event webpage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand the “Schedule” tab (or download the PDF) 2. Find your class or meeting on the schedule 3. Click the “Join Room ...” link for your class (please don’t join meetings early) 4. Make sure to fill out the Event Feedback Survey when you’re done
January 27, 2024	<p>Northkeep Winterkingdom</p> <p>Hosted by the Barony of Northkeep</p> <p>400 W. New Orleans, Broken Arrow, OK 74011</p>

[Baronial Meetings and Events](#) for the Month of January

Monday, January 22, 2024	Next Business Meeting Time: 7 PM Location: Zoom
Every Tuesday	Fighter Practice/Populace in the Park 7pm Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park, 7000 Ardath St, Austin, TX 78757

In addition to the meetings and events listed above, Bryn Gwlad's Guilds will be quite active. Check out the [Baronial Calendar](#) for the various in-person and virtual meetings available this month.

You can also connect with your beloved Baronial family through our Virtual populace on the [Baronial Discord](#).

Getting to Know Our Populace

In this segment, we will welcome members of our beloved Barony, ask them a few questions, and get to know them.

Name: [Myfanwy Ferch Eifion](#)

Hold an office currently? If so, what is it and what do you do?

European Dance Deputy for Ansteorra MoAS - I encourage and assist with getting European dance to happen across the kingdom.

How long have you been in the SCA and how did you get started?

32 years - My first event was helping Collegium Turris Animarum with the demos at Texas Renaissance Festival. I had a couple of reasons to join the SCA: 1) Many of my friends were doing it, and most specifically my boyfriend. 2) I went to another organization that was more fantastical based and I found that I wanted something more historical.

What activities do you enjoy the most in the SCA?

Dancing, Coordinating lists, helping things run more efficiently, visiting with friends.

What sparked your interest in those activities?

Dancing - Pug took me to my first dance practice. I thought he was crazy. I had a good time

Everything else - I don't complain about how a job is being done unless I'm willing to hold the job and see if I can make it better. I have learned that sometimes I can and sometimes I fail horribly.

What is your favorite event to attend and why?

Out of kingdom - Pennsic. I love the dancing, the classes, the shopping, the opportunities, and friends across the world.

In Kingdom - Candlemas. I love it for some for some of the reasons above but also I love that Bryn Gwlad has adapted this event to be relevant to the different seasons of the Society.

Have you had a 'magical moment' in the SCA? A moment when the mundane world seemed to disappear and you found yourself feeling transported to another time. Can you tell us about that experience, if you've had one?

So, there was a time at Bryn Gwlad baronial where I was playing one of the heads of the houses that were hosting the event. That day, not only did the rapier fighters truly make me feel like a lady of an important house of Italy, but the sense of needing to give back to those who were giving me so much truly made me feel that I was a part of this ethereal dream. In addition, that day changed me so much as far as how I look at the SCA.

Candlemas

A Most Illustrious Wedding

The Barony of Bryn Gwlad and its new and incipient landed nobility invite you to a day of classes, competitions, dancing, feasting, and fun!



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Burgkirche_Fenster_Maximilian.JPG

February 3rd, 2024 at the Georgetown Community Center

445 E Morrow St, Georgetown, TX 78626

8am to 10pm

Adult Event Registration: \$25

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$20

Minors: free

Students (with school ID): \$6 (free with membership) Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents. **Feast: \$10**

Make checks payable to: {SCA Inc./Bryn Gwlad}

Looking for More Information?

Review the Candlemas Website for more details! <https://ansteorra.org/bryn-gwlad/events/candlemas/>

Please contact the event steward with any further inquiries Orazio d'Assisi, MKA Ricky Fink

210-391-6247

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The year is 1494 and the wealthiest bride in Europe is about to become the queen of Germany and future Empress of Rome. Come re-live the wedding of Bianca Maria Sforza of Milan and “the last knight in Europe,” King Maximilian I of Austria and Germany. An event “all those who were present agreed that they had never seen so magnificent a spectacle,

and... an extraordinary display of pomp. The Nuncio of his Holiness the Pope said the same thing, as well as the Ambassador of France, who declared that, although he had been present at the Coronations of the Pope and of his own King and Queen, he had never seen anything more splendid.” ([As told in a letter from Beatrix Sfortia Vicemoes Estensis Duchissa Bri](#))

A Day of Activities, A Night of Fun

- Investiture of new nobility
- Baronial Championships
 - A&S
 - Cut and Thrust
 - Bardic
 - Brewing
- Youth Activities
 - Games
 - Table catapult battles
- Populace Luncheon
- Desserts and Subtleties Challenge
- Late 15th Century Garb Runway Competition ● A full day of classes
- A sumptuous late century feast and ball

Directions to Site

From Houston

Take 290 W towards Austin and turn north onto I-35

From College Station and Huntsville

Take 79 W towards Austin and turn north onto I-35

From San Antonio

Take I-35 N towards Austin

From DFW

Take I-35 S towards Austin

All directions once on I-35

Take exit 262

Head east on Williams Dr. (right from the south, left from the north) Turn Left onto N Austin Ave

Turn Right on Chamber Way

Turn Left on Morrow Street

Site is on the left

The Ansteorran College of Heraldry and
the Barony of Bryn Gwlad welcome ALL to a

Southern'ish Heraldic Retreat

Saturday ~ February 17, 2024

RockPointe Church - Liberty Hill Campus 170 County Road 214 in Liberty Hill 78642

*** The site is Disability friendly - Handicap parking is available at the front of the church ***

*** This site is dry - Service animals only - A "Quiet" space will be available ***

Site open from 8AM to 6PM

Please join us for a full day of comprehensive and personal development heraldic classes designed for **EVERYONE!**
Bring your laptop and leave your garb behind because this is an intensive, classroom and workshop experience!

- If you are a local Herald and feel like you're missing info sometimes, this retreat is for you.
- If you are a local Herald and would like to sharpen your current skills, this retreat is for you.
- If you are interested in learning how to be a local Herald, this retreat is for you.
- If you know someone who wants to become a local Herald, this retreat is for them.
- If you are a new member, with no heraldic experience, you should be able to walk in the door in the morning and walk out at the end of the day as a viable officer candidate.

Site Registration:

Adult Registration (18 and up) \$25

Adult Member Discount Registration \$20

Youth 17 and under are FREE

Lunch* provided with your registration!

Event Steward: Sigrun Svienungsdottir I Biarka (Starla York)

sigrunibiarka@gmail.com (830) 220-4030

Gate - Elizabeth Fraser (Julie Sullivan) neremic@yahoo.com

Please make checks payable to SCA Inc./Barony of Bryn Gwlad

For more information, please visit the *Barony of Bryn Gwlad* Facebook page and/or website!

* Lunch will be a Sandwich Board with Ham and turkey, cheese, and fixings, also Chips.

There will be Gluten free sandwich options plus tea and water.

Luncheon Steward - Valgard of York (Timothy York) valgardofyork@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS: GPS: 30.6714, -97.9127

From the North:

Take your best route to W. State Hwy 29 in Liberty Hill

Turn **LEFT** onto County Road 214

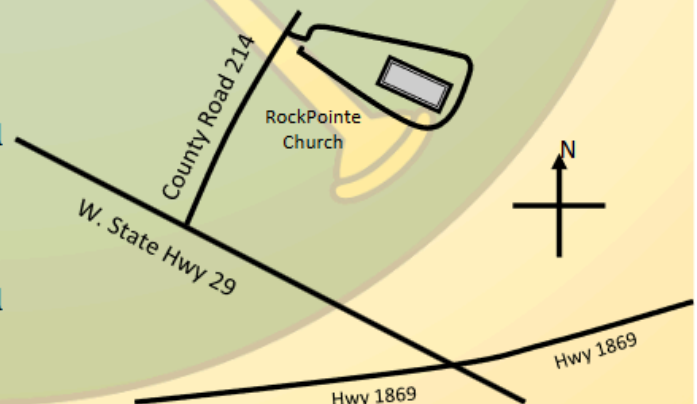
RockPointe Church will be on your right.

From the South:

Take your best route to W. State Hwy 29 in Liberty Hill

Turn **RIGHT** onto County Road 214

RockPointe Church will be on your right.



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