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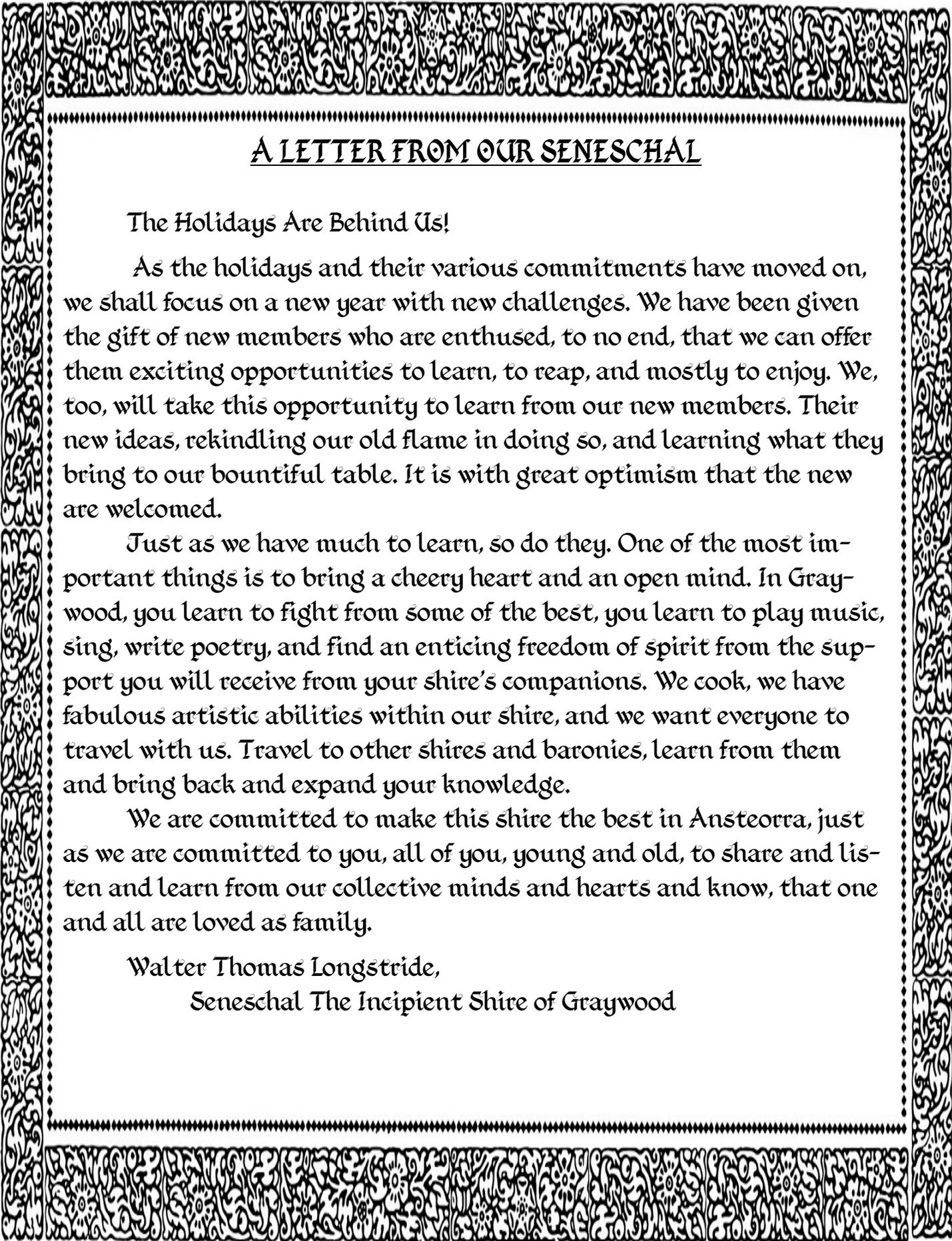
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A LETTER FROM OUR SENESCHAL

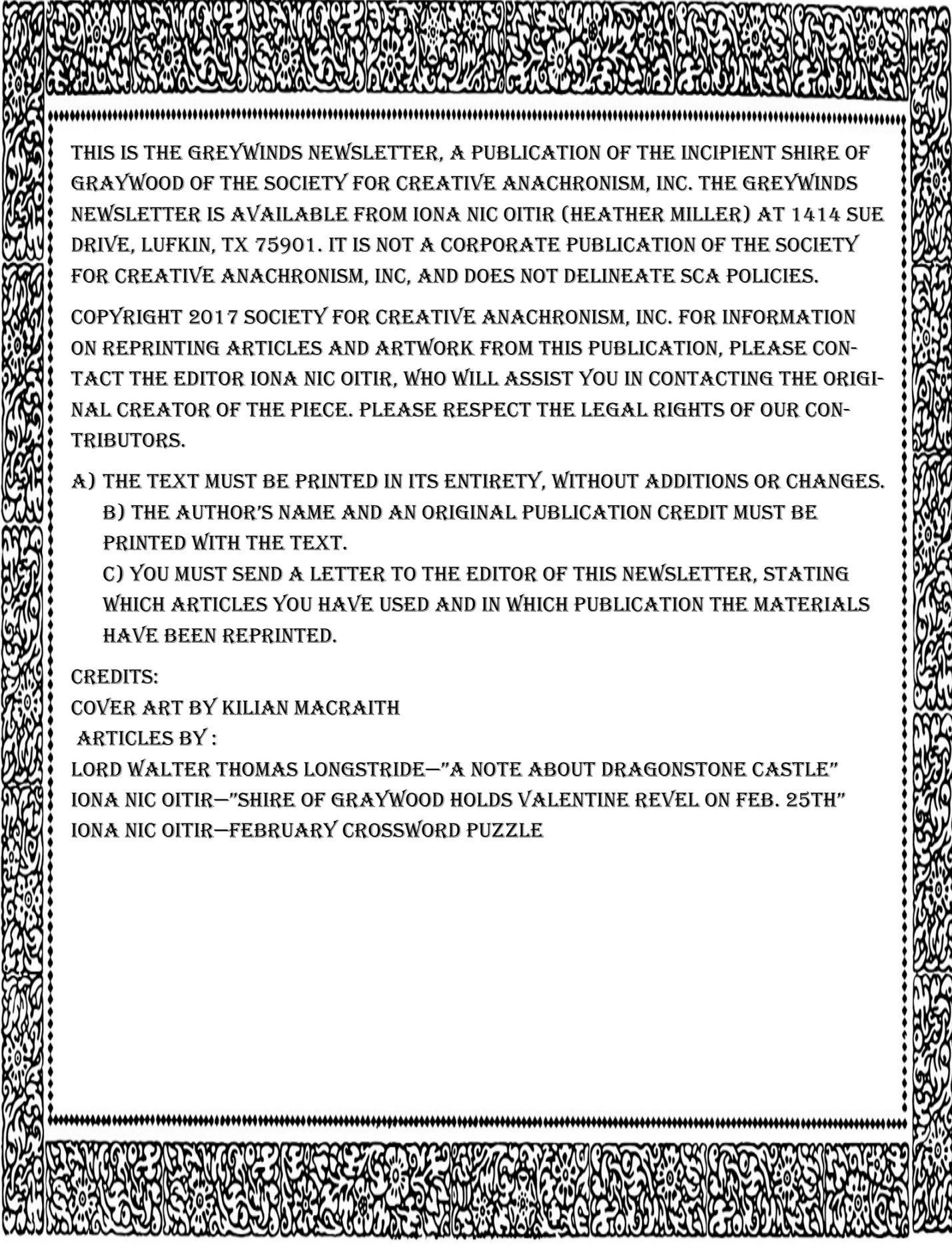
The Holidays Are Behind Us!

As the holidays and their various commitments have moved on, we shall focus on a new year with new challenges. We have been given the gift of new members who are enthused, to no end, that we can offer them exciting opportunities to learn, to reap, and mostly to enjoy. We, too, will take this opportunity to learn from our new members. Their new ideas, rekindling our old flame in doing so, and learning what they bring to our bountiful table. It is with great optimism that the new are welcomed.

Just as we have much to learn, so do they. One of the most important things is to bring a cheery heart and an open mind. In Graywood, you learn to fight from some of the best, you learn to play music, sing, write poetry, and find an enticing freedom of spirit from the support you will receive from your shire's companions. We cook, we have fabulous artistic abilities within our shire, and we want everyone to travel with us. Travel to other shires and baronies, learn from them and bring back and expand your knowledge.

We are committed to make this shire the best in Ansteorra, just as we are committed to you, all of you, young and old, to share and listen and learn from our collective minds and hearts and know, that one and all are loved as family.

Walter Thomas Longstride,
Seneschal The Incipient Shire of Graywood



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SHIRE OF GRAYWOOD HOLDS
VALENTINE REVEL ON FEB. 25TH

By Iona Nic Oitir

Come February 25th, the shire of Graywood will hold its annual Valentine Revel. Last year, members of the shire contributed creations of all designs to the Arts & Science competition. Voting took place through the afternoon, and the evening concluded with a potluck meal, songs and poems, and an award to Ean MacRaith for his handcrafted glass-stained box.

This year, we will also hold a fighter's tournament to see who will be our Warchief of the year. The competition is usually held at our Yule Revel, but was rained out. The decision was made to move it to the Valentine Revel. Those who wish to compete need to be in armor and ready at the Barn in Nacogdoches by 2PM. They must be in SCA approved armor, and must be a current member of the SCA.

If anyone would like to enter the Arts & Science competition, the rules are as follows:

1. The item must be hand-crafted by you.
2. It must be period related to pre-17th century European.
3. There must be a documentation over the item, explaining what it is and how you created it.

Judging will be done via beads in a cup. The cup with the most beads will be concluded the winner of the year. Last year saw great designs of weapons, poems, head pieces, and more. The day will conclude with the potluck dinner at 6 PM, inside the Barn. It's wise to bring a plate, a cup, a small serving to add to the dinner, and a chair for yourself. There will be singing, poetry, and stories through the day, and will end with the tournament winner and Arts & Science winner.

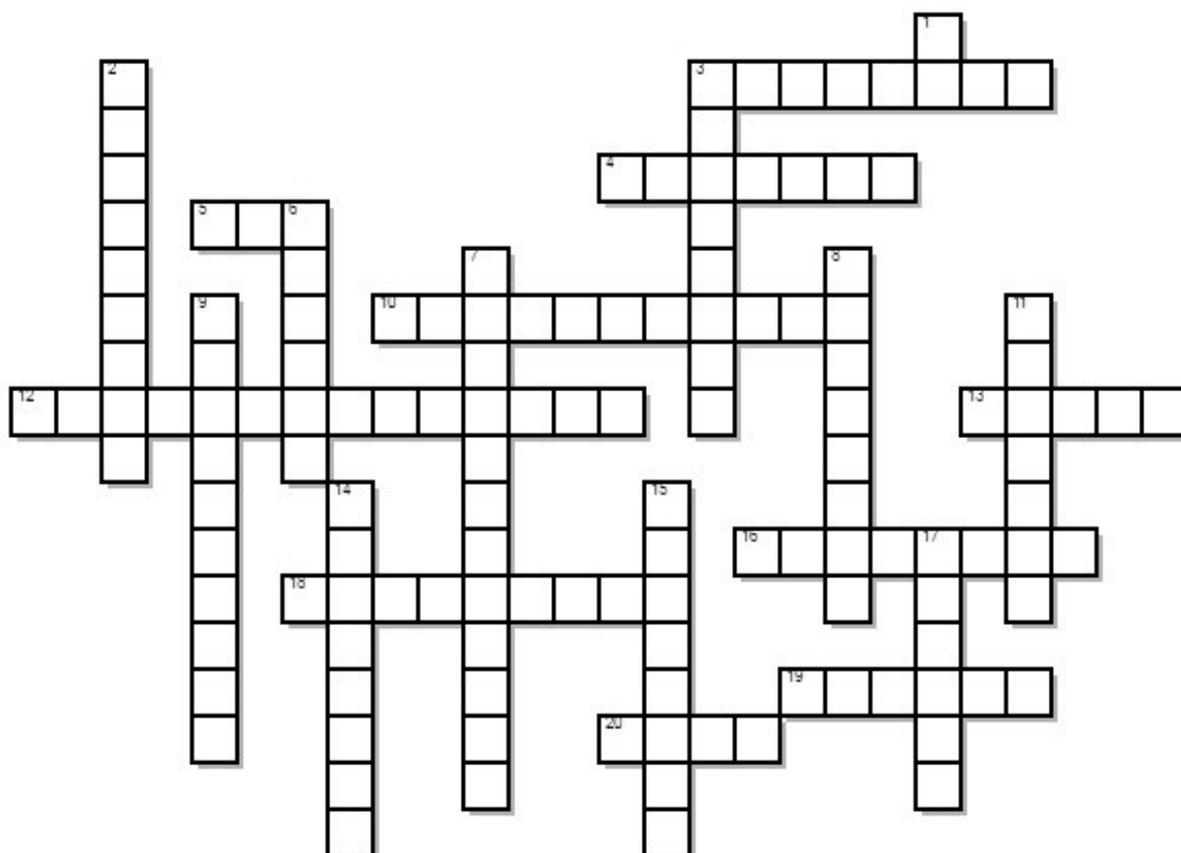
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

- FEBRUARY 5TH**—FIGHTER PRACTICE @
2:00 PM at PECAN PARK
NACOGDOCHES, TX
- FEBRUARY 9TH**—DO SOMETHING NIGHT
@ 7:00 PM at THE BARN
HUNTINGTON, TX
- FEBRUARY 16TH**— BARDIC NIGHT @ 7:00 PM
at THE BARN
HUNTINGTON, TX
- FEBRUARY 19TH**—FIGHTER PRACTICE @
2:00 PM at THE BARN
HUNTINGTON, TX
- FEBRUARY 23RD**—MOVIE NIGHT @ 7:00 PM
at THE BARN
HUNTINGTON, TX
- FEBRUARY 25TH**—VALENTINE REVEL at
THE BARN
HUNTINGTON, TX
FIGHTING COMMENCES
@ 2:00 PM
POT LUCK COMMENCES
@ 6:00 PM

As the warm weather has turned to cold, an earnest attempt has been made by several to complete the home of our shire's meetings and functions. Dragonstone Castle is nearly complete, and I want to thank everyone in the shire for assisting in keeping our place relatively clean and for being so courteous as we go through our remodeling. If you know me, you'll understand that nothing's ever really completed, just finished dreams on the stepping stones of the shire. Just to go over the areas of interest to our shire, we have two study tables with many books and other learning material along with a vast array of digital books to peak your interest and answer questions. There are some 500 books the shire's Kindle, which is available for review during any SCA and the Belmont Armory hours. We will also make an effort to place an Amazon Dot within the study area so as to afford you an opportunity to expand on searches and make them easier. Don Shea has donated many tapes and books, going back many years within the shire and Ansteorra. Dance, music, and heraldry are prominent in the various information he has submitted, along with a multi-media machine to play these at your leisure. We do have a single pair of earphones for those interested in listening in quiet. More earphones are sought. They must be the kind that fit on the ears, not in them. A TV, a game machine, and a various A/V pieces have been offered to enhance the system. They are the property of Belmont Armory, but we encourage its use during non-business hours by the shire. We hope folks liked our first official movie night, Robin Hood with Russell Crowe. It will be followed by our new monthly children's night, featuring educational and child friendly cartoons and shows. We are very excited about this long sought advancement, and to that end, we are really excited that our youth will have a friendly place to watch, enjoy, and learn. Much of our initial focus on the indoor activities was for those who are interested in learning the skills of throwing weapons. There will be a place to practice once we have approval from the marshal regarding throwing weapons. You'll also note there's a practice lane for indoor archery. Never again will inclement weather detract us from practicing with our longbows. These events will require official approval from the marshal. We will be seeking those authorizations soon. Lastly, we have found a way to work in our shire's artistic canvas painting. We will have a full 4 X 8 sheet to use as a drawing board to transfer our pictures onto canvas. This should make things easier and more convenient for us all, as there is much to do in this area. We haven't wanted to allow anyone to take pictures of the inside before, as we want this area to surprise all, and so we thank you for your understanding. We now welcome you to take as many pictures of Dragonstone and get them out to your SCA friends. Let them know what we can do. A special thanks goes to Mariah, John, Butch, Tina, and my wife, Emma, for making this dream come to life. Can't wait, can't happen soon enough. Sincerely, Walter Thomas Longstride, Seneschal of the Incipient Shire of Graywood

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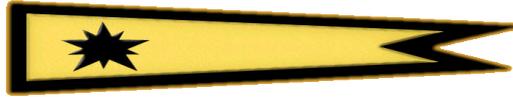


ACROSS

- 3 Last year's Gulf Wars weathery debacle was named -
 4 Song by Heather Dale - Mordred's (blank)
 5 Abbreviation for the society
 10 War of the Rams is hosted by -
 12 February 25th celebration
 13 Cry of cheer when someone is awarded
 16 Shire of Graywood has this emblem on its banner
 18 Our kingdom
 19 Frequently used wood for weapons
 20 Our new Arts and Science Minister's persona

DOWN

- 1 Father MacRaith
 2 Tyler's group
 3 March's week long battle
 6 The Persian Rabbit Fighter
 7 Alas my love, you do me wrong to cast me off discourteously
 8 (Blank) O'Shae
 9 Our seneschal's surname
 11 It was a gypsy with a song and a -
 14 Kilian's favorite weapon is named
 15 We are the Shire of (Blank)
 17 Don't let his nickname fool you, he's swift and mean



ANSTEORRAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2017

- 10-12 Kingdom A&S
Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)
17-19 War College
Raven's Fort (Huntsville, TX)

MARCH 2017

- 10-19 Out of Kingdom—
Gulf Wars XXVI
Kingdom of Glenn Abhann
24-26 Commanders Crucible
Hellsgate (Fort Hood, TX)

APRIL 2017

- 7-9 Coronation & King Champion
Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)
14-16 Wisenfeuer Baronial
Wisenfeuer
(Oklahoma City, OK)
14-16 Coastal Grand Baronials
Stargate (Houston, TX)
21-23 Defender of the Flame
Glaslyn (Denton, TX)
21-23 A Duel at Dusk
Bjornsborg (San Antonio, TX)
28-30 Elfsea Defender
Elfsea (Ft. Worth, TX)
28-30 Namron Beltane
Namron (Norman, OK)

MAY 2017

- 5-7 Squires and Cadets
Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)
5-7 Myrgenfeld Cooking
Collegium and Prize Tourney
Myrgenfeld (Guthrie, OK)
12-14 Queen's Champion
Fynnon Gath (San Marcos, TX)

- 19-21 Castellan
Northkeep (Tulsa, OK)
19-21 Guardian of the Tor
Dragonsfire Tor
(Stephenville, TX)
26-28 Steppes Warlord
Steppes (Dallas, TX)
30 Summer Crown Tournament
Bids Due
30 Summer Round Table
Bids Due

JUNE 2017

- 7-9 Crown Tournament
Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
30 Summer Crown Tournament
Bids Due

JULY 2017

- 7-9 Crown Tournament
Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
31 Fall Coronation/King's
Champion Bids Due
31 Fall Queen's Champion
Bids Due

July 28th-August 13th

Out of Kingdom:

Pennsic XLVI
Kingdom of Aethelmarc

AUGUST 2017

- 11-13 A Mid-Summer's Dance
Haldtre (Clinton, OK)
18-20 Steppes Artisan
Steppes (Dallas, TX)
25-27 Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame
Glaslyn (Denton, TX)
31 Laurel's Prize Tourney/

- Fall Arts Bids Due
31 Fall Royal Lancer Bids Due
31 Fall Royal Huntsman
Bids Due
31 Kingdom Middle Eastern
Dance Bids Due
31 Eisteddfod Bids Due

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 1-3 The Braggart's War
Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)
1-3 Lock Bardic and A&S
Champion
Loch Soilleir (Clear Lake, TX)
8-10 Laurel's Prize Tourney—TBD
15-17 Triumphe of the Eclipse
Mooneschadowe
(Stillwater, OK)

OCTOBER 2017

- 6-8 Namron Protectorate
Namron (Norman, OK)
13-15 Coronation—TBD
20-22 Bjornsborg Fall Event—TBD
27-29 Samhain
Eldern Hills (Lawton, OK)
27-29 Seawinds Defender
Seawinds (Corpus Christi, TX)

NOVEMBER 2017

- 3-5 Fall Baronial
Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)
3-5 Shadowlands Fall Event
Shadowlands
(College Station, TX)
10-12 Queen's Champion—TBD
17-19 War of the Rams
Bordermarch (Beaumont, TX)