

# THE CAT'S PAW

*Monthly Newsletter of the Shire of Ffynnon Gath, Ansteorra  
January 2008*

## General Information

Fighter Practice: Youth Combat Practice:	Sunday (barring major events, holidays, general laziness, or bad weather) at 2:00PM at the San Marcos Public Park on CM Allen Parkway, across from the Eskimo Hut. Knights Marshall: Sir Corwin von Xanten (512)847-6782
Financial Committee Meeting:	First Wednesday of every month. Check the Ffynnon Gath mailing list for this month's location. (7:15 PM)
Officers Meeting:	First Wednesday of every month. Check the Ffynnon Gath mailing list for this month's location. (7:15 PM)
Monthly Populace Meeting:	First Wednesday of every month. Check the Ffynnon Gath mailing list for this month's location. (7:30 PM)
For info or directions:	Seneschal HE Janais L'Ofevre at <b>512-392-8141</b>

## January 2008 (A.S. XLII)

- 4-6  [Elfsea and Steppes 12th Night](#) - Steppes (Dallas, TX)  
 [Bonwicke's 12th Night](#) - Bonwicke (Lubbock, TX)  
 [Out of Kingdom: Yule Revel - Barony of Western Seas \(Hawai'i\) Caid](#)
- 11-13    [Coronation](#) - Rosenfeld (Tyler, TX)
- 18-20  [King's Round Table](#) - Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX)  
**Unofficial Event: [The Day of War](#) - Lindenwood (McKinney, TX)**
- 25-27   [Queen's Champion](#) - Namron (Norman, OK)

## *Announcements from the Officers:*

### **From The Seneschal**

Greetings,

I am the person in charge of arranging the cook schedule/\$\$ for the feast wagon in the Ffynnon Gath camp at Gulf War.

Here is what we are going to do:

We will serve supper on Monday through Saturday nights - unless there is someplace else to go...I'll check the schedules. We do not cook any other meals. If you wish to use the trailer to make your own food for breakfast or lunch, you must CLEAN UP after yourself immediately.

If you want to make coffee in the mornings - that is fine, just clean up after yourself.

Each night the cooks are also responsible for getting a clean- up crew and cleaning up as soon as supper is over.

We will have to limit the number of people to 30-35. There are fewer people in camp earlier in the war.

If you wish to cook on one of the nights you must e-mail me privately at [hejanais@yahoo.com](mailto:hejanais@yahoo.com) and tell me what your menu will be and who you have lined up to help you out with the cooking and cleaning. Remember you need a well rounded meal with meat ,vegetables and maybe salad and a dessert if possible.

I will also collect and disperse the funds. I can collect \$\$ from everyone at the war, so please do not send me any checks. I figure we can do it for \$35.00 plus \$5.00 for the trailer maintainance and gas = \$40.00 per person. 5 and under free. 12 and under 1/2 price.

We would like to have food as medieval as possible. Or at least 'medievaesque', such as Sven's 'broiled dragon on flat bread'.:) Chickens are related to dragons and flat bread looks like a tortilla - right? Be creative. So please send me your menus and we will get this thing organized.

Also, If you wish to sign up for the suppers, please send me your name and arrival date. We are limiting it to 30-35.

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### **From The Knights Marshal**

Nothing to report.

### **From The Rapier Marshal**

Nothing to report.

### **From The Minister of Arts and Sciences**

Nothing to report.

### **From The Treasurer**

Nothing to report.

## **From The Hospitaler**

Nothing to report.

## **From The Historian**

January 27 is the 27th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 338 days remaining until the end of the year (339 in leap years).

### ~Events

98 - Trajan becomes Roman Emperor after the death of Nerva.

1142 - Wrongful execution of noted Song Dynasty General Yue Fei.

1186 - Henry VI, the son and heir of the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I, weds Constance of Sicily.

1343 - Pope Clement VI issues the Bull Unigenitus.

1593 - Vatican opens 7 year trial against scholar Giordano Bruno.

1606 - Gunpowder Plot: The trial of Guy Fawkes and other conspirators begins, and ending in their execution on January 31.

1695 - Mustafa II becomes the Ottoman sultan in Istanbul on the death of Ahmed II. Mustafa rules until his death in 1703.

### ~Births

1443 - Albert, Duke of Saxony (d. 1500)

1546 - Joachim Friedrich, Elector of Brandenburg (d. 1608)

1585 - Hendrick Avercamp, Dutch painter (d. 1634)

1603 - Harbottle Grimston, English politician (d. 1685)

1621 - Thomas Willis, English physician (d. 1675)

1662 - Richard Bentley, English classical scholar (d. 1742)

1687 - Balthasar Neumann, German architect (d. 1753)

### ~Deaths

98 - Nerva, Roman Emperor (b. 35)

1490 - Ashikaga Yoshimasa, Japanese shogun (b. 1435)

1629 - Hieronymus Praetorius, German composer (b. 1560)

1638 - Gonzalo de Céspedes y Meneses, Spanish novelist

1688 - Empress Dowager Xiaozhuang, grandmother of the Kangxi Emperor in Qing Dynasty China

Ulrich

Shire Historian

## *In the News:*

### Knight School-Bryn Gwlad Fighter Practice

It's time for the next class of Knight School. This session lessons will focus on melees. Tactics, commands, weapons forms and personal skills to take to the melee field.

Our facilitating faculty member will be Sir Gaston with stimulating studies being offered by many members of the Ansteorran chivalry.

Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the site of Bryn Gwlad's weekly practice, Patterson Park. <http://bryn-gwlad.ansteorra.org/whereweare.php>

We hope to see you there, Sir Giotto

## *In the News:*

### New Baron and Baroness selected for Bryn Gwlad

Greetings,

As you probably all know by now, Their Majesties have honored us by selecting us as the heirs to our beloved Baron. This will be a huge task, but we know that we can count on all of you to support the Barony as you have always done.

Our investiture will be at Candlemas, nine days from now. We invite all of you to come and enjoy the day, as it should be a great deal of fun. If you can, please support the theme of the event by coming as a Saxon or Viking or other visiting early-period persona. If not, you are still most welcome to participate.

We would very much like to hear from all of you as to your thoughts and ideas on the future of the Barony. There are some of you out there that we have not yet met, and we encourage you to come up and introduce yourselves.

We look forward to the privilege of serving this great Barony. Thank you to all who do so as well.

In service to the Barony and Kingdom,  
Avery and Gwenneth

## Articles:

### Note from the Chronicler:

*I want to hear from you! If you have an article or interesting bit of information you would like to have published in the Cat's Paw please contact me. My contact info is listed on our website at: <http://ffynnon-gath.ansteorra.org/>*