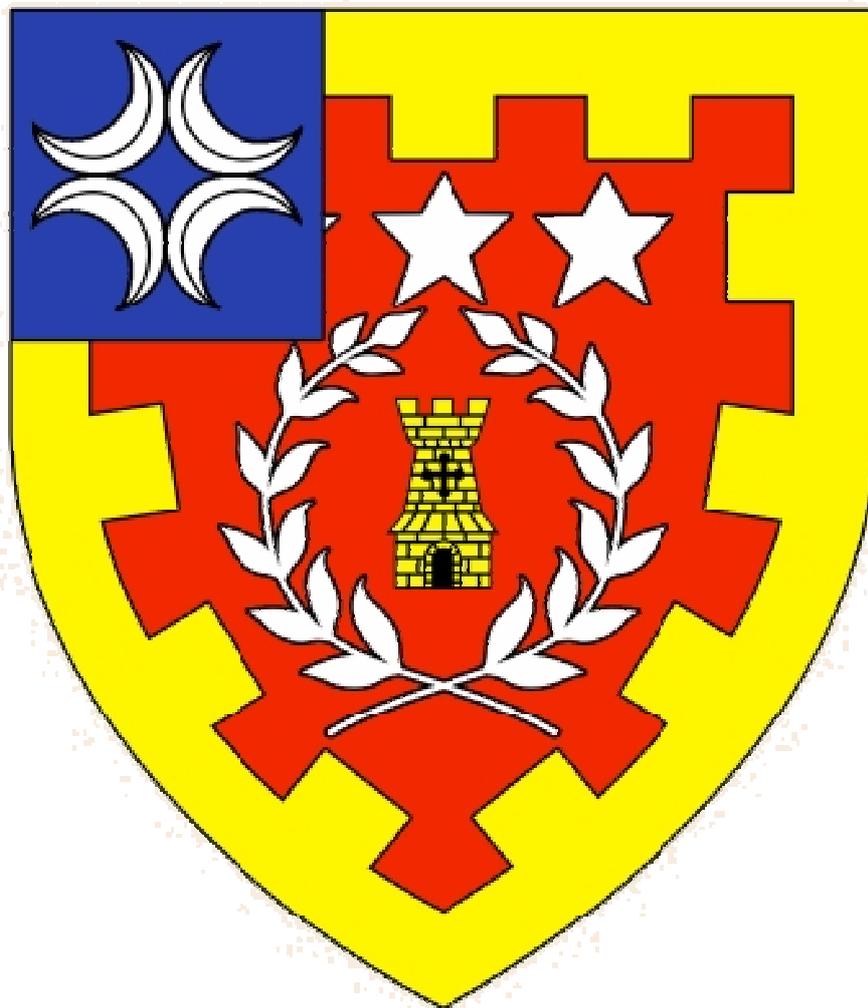


From the Tower

Baronial Succession Edition



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Seneschal's Comments

Welcome to this rather special extra issue of From the Tower. Brief it may perhaps be, but important for determining the future direction of our Barony, as we allow those gentles who have put their names forward to be our Baron and/or Baroness to introduce themselves, and say something about their plans for this high office, should they be honoured with selection.

This is no small commitment. The office of Territorial Coronet is, in many respects, one of the most difficult in the SCA, and one of the most important. At almost all times during their tenure, a B&B must inspire, show leadership, and be an example to others - they are almost always "in camera", and must carry these burdens for a lengthy period. The Crown, by comparison, only has to bear their role for six months at a time, a comparatively short period. Territorial coronets must think in years. To even consider nomination for this office, these candidates have thought long and hard about this commitment, and they are all to be commended for their willingness to make these sacrifices for the betterment of our Barony.

Because this position is so important, and because the B&B work so intimately with the populace of their Barony, it is important that the populace have a major say in who is chosen. Included in this issue is a polling form, for you to express your opinion of the candidates. Note that this is not a vote in the ordinary sense - you do not have to choose one particular set of candidates you prefer. You may, indeed, accept or reject any or all of these gentles, and express any opinion of your enthusiasm or misgivings, preferably with reasons for such, relevant to their suitability for the job.

The Crown is the ultimate arbiter of your input, but remember that they probably have little knowledge of the candidates personally - it is only through your opinions, thoughtfully expressed, that they can receive a complete picture of these candidates, and make the best decision. Whether you be new to the SCA or an "old-timer", high-born or low, your opinion is important! Polling is confidential - only myself and the Crown will see your form. You can use the polling form contained herein, or download it from the Baronial website, or ask me - I will probably be carrying forms around with me from now til October 31, when polling will close. If you have questions as to how this process works, just ask - I will do my best to answer, or find the answer if I don't know at the time.

And no matter who is chosen, I would urge you to give the new Coronets your full support and encouragement. It is only by the belief and confidence of their populace that the B&B can lead and inspire, to the benefit of us all. From the Tower, Long May She Stand!

Yours In Service,

David de Cochrane

(Seneschal & Poll co-ordinator)

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Baronial Selection Process

The following Baronial Selection Process is taken from The Charter for the Barony of Southron Gaard, which is available online at: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/docs/BaronyofSouthronGaardCharter.doc>

Requirements for Candidacy:

- A. Anyone may be nominated for the position of Baron or Baroness provided they intend during the term of their reign:
 1. To remain living with the territory of the Barony;
 2. To maintain a financial membership in the SCA (NZ) Inc, (they must be a member at the time of nomination) and in accordance with Kingdom Law at least one of them must be a subscribing member.
 3. To swear fealty to the Crown of Lochac and to remain in fealty during the entire term of their reign. They must re-affirm that fealty during each coronation ceremony of the Kingdom, either in person or by missive.
 4. To submit reports to the Crown as required by Kingdom Law. In lieu of that report, the Baron and Baroness may leave their office.
 5. To fulfill all other Kingdom and Society requirements of the position; and
 6. To the best of their ability, to maintain a high level of involvement in the society at all possible levels, both locally and further a field.
- B. Any nominee will have the option of running either as a part of a couple or pair, or individually (but not both).
- C. Candidates running as a pair may be a couple, or a partnership of friends. The main requirement is their ability to work together, and with the people of the Barony.
- D. If a single individual is chosen as Baron/ness, he or she will rule solo. No person who was not chosen by the Crown will reign. Thus, the partner or significant other of a solo Baroness X does not become Baron Z.

Submissions of candidacy:

People may nominate themselves as candidates or be nominated by others. Nominations must be confirmed with the nominee(s) before they can be considered official.

Selection process:

Selection will be made by the Crown. The preferences of the populace will be made known to Them by a combination of written submissions to Their Majesties and a Poll.

- A. Written submissions: The populace will be encouraged to write letters to the Crown, expressing their opinions and impressions of the candidates. These letters are preferably to be sent directly to the Crown by individuals. Alternatively, they may be sent to the person appointed to collect the poll forms, to be sent (unopened) on to the Crown with the poll.
- B. A Poll of the populace: A form will be made available which lists all of the Baronial candidates. Individuals will be asked to rank the candidates in order of preference. These forms will be returned to a central point, to be mailed (unopened) en masse to the Crown. They will then be tabulated and the results considered by the Crown. The Crown is by no means bound to consider the results of the poll as if it were an election – it is simply one source of information among the many available to Them. The poll will be tabulated and analysed according to the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system, which ranks candidates in order of preference, (most preferred to least preferred). The tabulated poll produces a compromise result, rather than a simple numerical majority. This method is designed to pinpoint the candidate(s) acceptable to the majority of the populace.

Christopher Foxe & Clare Fletcher of Maldon

Unto Their Royal Majesties of Lochac, Their Excellencies Southron Gaard, & the Populace of Southron Gaard, the Canton of Castelburn and the College of St Kessog

This day Lady Clare Fletcher of Maldon and Master Christopher Foxe send courteous greetings.

It is with much sadness we hear Their Excellencies have sought and received leave from Their Majesties to stand down. Their tireless effort, diligence and wise guidance has borne golden fruit indeed, and today Southron Gaard (Long May She Stand!) shines as a proud jewel in the Crown Kingdom of Lochac. Like Their Excellencies, we too believe that in order to lead, one must Serve. With this belief foremost in our hearts, we do recommend ourselves to you as candidates for the position of Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard.

We have given due and careful consideration to the various requirements this position demands and developed solutions to achieve the ends of the Barony in balance with our own personal lives. We pledge we shall remain, as always, Honest; Faithful to Lochac, Southron Gaard and the Populace; and, above all, Faithful to Our Word.

Our goals for Southron Gaard are the goals of her people. We will endeavour to support each individual in the pursuit of his or her own interests. We will continue to facilitate the existing goodwill and co-operation between Southron Gaard and her satellite groups whilst respecting the individual character of each. We wish also to build consensus so that, together, Southron Gaard may further grow in wealth and experience.

And, above all else, We will ceaselessly strive to make Southron Gaard a fun and welcoming home for one and all.

Christopher Foxe (formerly known as Matsuyama Yoshitoshi) is a Member of the Order of the Dolphin (Caid) and a Companion of the Order of the Pelican. He has been a member of the SCA for twenty years and been active in a variety of local offices, being Seneschal, Tour d'Or Herald, Captain of Archers and Chronicler. During a recent brief re-location to Wellington, he acted as Shire of Darton Herald.

Dorian Davis is semi retired and holds an Honours Degree in History. He has worked extensively in the Publishing Industry as well as Public Relations/Fundraising for several charitable organisations, and is a capable, efficient administrator at both a macro and micro management level. Dorian's natural enthusiasm is tempered with sound common sense and objectivity.

Clare Fletcher has been a member of the SCA for seven years. In that time she has served as Illuminator; enjoys participating in Arts and Sciences and Archery; and takes a great interest in all forms of combat.

Marion Davis's career has always focused upon people. She holds a Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning and is passionate about helping others find their potential. Marion's leadership, perception and organizational skills will aid her immensely in this role. Along side this, she is creative and enthusiastic, and has good common sense.

We thank you for your consideration.

Christopher Foxe, Clare Fletcher of Maldon

Please feel free to contact us at:

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Southron Gaard Baronial Succession – Polling Form

Legal Name:

Phone Number:

SCA Name:

SCA Group:

Age if under 18:

SCANZ Member? Yes / No

If Yes:

Membership No:

Membership Type:

Other pertinent details about yourself (Optional):

Please provide the following information to assist the Crown to determine the most appropriate choices for your next Baron and Baroness. Please mark 'No' for any candidates that you could not support. Please give reasons for 'yes' and 'no' choices.

Candidates	Support Y/N	Commentary	Preference 1 (most preferred) to 5 (least preferred)
<p>Master Christopher Foxe (Pel) & Lady Clare Fletcher of Maldon (Dorian & Marion Davis)</p>			

Any other comments (additional paper may be folded within this ballot if required):

Signature:

Date:

The information on this form is confidential and is only seen by the Crown. It will be destroyed after the selection has been made.

Notes

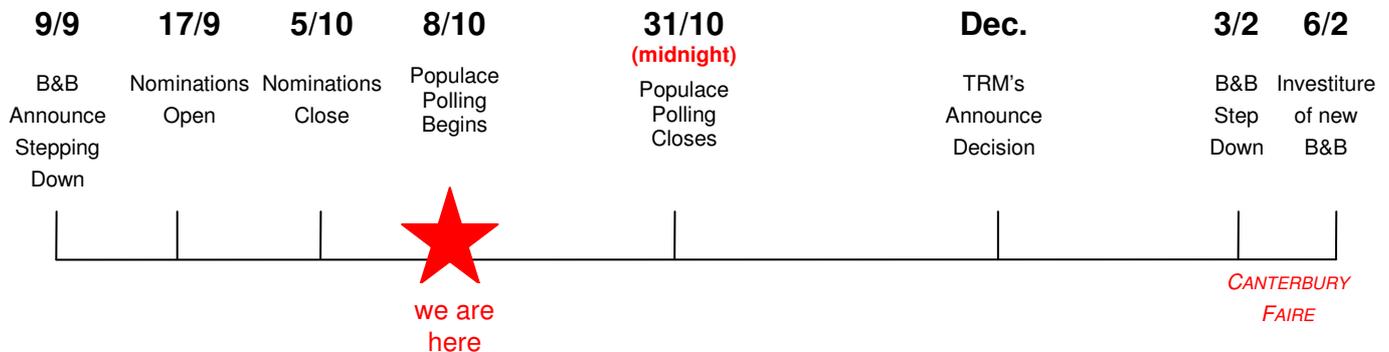
- 1. Support Y/N** – Please indicate if you could support these candidates even if they are not your preferred candidates. This information helps determine if any candidates are ‘substantively opposed by the populace’.
- 2. Commentary** – Please provide info on what you think the candidates will bring to the role. Also let us know if you have any concerns about their candidacy. If you need more space, please attach another sheet of paper.
- 3. Preference 1 to 5** – Please indicate your preferences, you may equally preference candidates if you wish. 1 is most preferred to 5 which is least preferred.

Please return the SEALED polling form to:

*Southron Gaard Baronial Succession
c/o David Marsden
1/80 Bishop St
St Albans
Christchurch 8014*

Polling forms MUST be returned and received by the 31st of October 2008.

Baronial Succession Timeline



SCA (New Zealand) Inc.

Membership

It is noted in the Baronial Charter that the Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard are required “to maintain a financial membership in the SCA(NZ) Inc, (they must be a member at the time of nomination) and in accordance with Kingdom Law at least one of them must be a subscribing member”. With that requirement in mind, following are the yearly membership costs for SCA(NZ) Inc.:

Subscribing Membership (with paper newsletter) NZ\$45
Subscribing Membership (with e-newsletter) NZ\$20

Both grant membership of the SCA and a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter. Member can hold kingdom or branch office.

Family Membership NZ\$20

Family membership grants membership of the SCA, but no subscription to Pegasus. Must reside at the same address as a full subscribing member and purchase membership at the same time. Member can hold kingdom or branch office.

Associate Membership NZ\$20

Associate membership grants membership of the SCA without subscription to Pegasus. Member can hold branch office only.

Event Membership NZ\$2 per event

For all non-members attending an event, membership lasts for the duration of the event. Event membership is not sufficient to hold office.

For further information:

check the SCA(NZ) Inc. website at: www.sca.org.nz or view the membership form on the back page



Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Inc. Membership application

New Membership Renewal Replacement card Change of information

Please print.

All information must be legible and filled out correctly for your membership to be processed.

Today's Date: _____ Membership number: _____
First Name: _____ Family Name: _____
Postal Address: _____ Suburb: _____
City: _____ Post code: _____ Occupation*: _____
Telephone number (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____
Email: _____ Are you under 18?
Do you prefer to receive all future communications from SCANZ, Inc. via email? Yes No
Society Name (if any): _____
Group name (closest geographical Barony, Shire, etc.): _____

Subscribing memberships:

- Membership + Pegasus \$ 45
 Membership + e-Pegasus \$ 20**
 Family membership \$ 20***

Other:

- Associate membership \$ 20***
 Replacement card \$ 5

*We are **required** to collect and keep your occupation on file by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

**In order to purchase a subscribing membership with e-Pegasus, you must register a valid email address. Once your membership has been processed, you must then log on to the website <http://www.sca.org.au/registry> and follow the directions for electronic subscription.

***Family memberships are available only to those at the same address as a holder of a full membership. They receive no kingdom newsletter themselves. Associate memberships do not include a kingdom newsletter subscription, and do not entitle you to hold kingdom office or fight for Crown.

Payment Method: Check Enclosed Internet Banking

I declare that the information given is true and correct:

Signed (please use legal name): _____

Payment information:

- Fill in one form per person.
- Please do not post cash.
- Make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc. Credit card payments can not be accepted at this time.
- For direct transfer by internet banking, the Society for Creative Anachronism NZ Inc account number is 06-0582-0264080-00. Place your surname in the comment field, print out and attach the receipt page once your payment has gone through. Failure to attach proof of payment will delay your membership being processed by as much as a month – so please don't forget!

If you have queries about this form or your membership, please feel free to contact the registrar, Melissa Muckart, at registrar@sca.org.nz. For urgent matters, the registrar can be contacted via phone at (04) 976-6214 between the hours of 9am-9pm.

The information you give on this form will be kept on file by the SCA(NZ) registry according to the Privacy Act 1993, and may be shared with kingdom officers and affiliated SCA corporations as needed. If you believe we hold incorrect information, contact the registrar directly on the address above for a copy of your details. You can use this form to update your information, by ticking the box titled 'change of information' at the top.

Subscriptions other than Pegasus are NOT available through SCANZ. Contact the US registry directly to subscribe to Compleat Anachronist, Toumaments Illuminated or other kingdom newsletters.

Send this form with payment to:

SCANZ Registrar, MB Muckart, 56 Beazley Avenue, Paparangi, Wellington, 6037.