

# From The Tower



**Barony of Southron Gaard**

**March A.S. LI**

**(2017 C.E.)**



## Chronic Rumblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

In May my Lord Sigurd and I will be abroad sampling the delights of Andalucia and I will be unable to do much work on the June issue of From the Tower. This would be a wonderful opportunity for someone to do a single issue to see if they enjoyed it enough to take the Chronicler's seat when I step down later in the year, or not. If you'd like to give it a go please drop me a line at the email below.

With Baronial Anniversary looming this is the time to make your recommendations to their Excellencies for baronial awards. Past recipients are listed on the website at <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/barony/traditions.shtml> so please have a look at that first.

If you have an article, review, story, poetry or picture\* to contribute to our newsletter please send your contributions to the [chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org) email address by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

**Eleanora**

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# Kingdom of Lochac



King and Queen Ariston I and Lilavati I

Please send award recommendations to [crown@lochac.sca.org](mailto:crown@lochac.sca.org) with a courtesy copy to [B&B@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:B&B@sg.lochac.sca.org). Please check Lochac Cannon Lore for an individual's existing awards and information about awards, additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: [www.lochac.sca.org](http://www.lochac.sca.org).



## Their Excellencies Speak



Greetings all,

Following the record turnout at the last of Master Brian's monthly tournaments and recent practices, we are looking forward to March's tournament. We encourage you to bring something to share for a pot luck picnic lunch at these events. Period recipes are not essential, but if you bring a period dish then We would ask that you also bring the recipe so that others may add to their repertoire.

Her Excellency was delighted to attend the recent meeting of the Fibre guild. It is lovely to see the many skills practised by the populace of the Barony, and to have a chance to share them with other interested people. If anyone is at all interested in playing with string in any form, then We encourage you to come along to these meetings.

We are delighted to note that the Hamlet of Gildenwick will be having it's first (unofficial) event this month. Baron Richard will be attending that event and is pleased to hear that archery and other such pleasant pursuits will be taking place. We hope to see others take up such fine endeavours of heavy and rapier combat such that Our northern borders are strengthened.

Baronial Anniversary is also on the horizon, and we thank Lady Elena and THL Elisabetta for volunteering to steward this event. We are looking forward to see as many of the artisans, fighters, fencers and archers take the field and compete for the Baronial Championships as possible.

Letters of intent for competing in these championships, except for A&S, are required though may be submitted on the day. We particularly like seeing letters of intent done in styles appropriate to peoples' personas and will be rewarding such efforts.

Baronial Anniversary is also traditionally (but not exclusively) the event when service and endeavour is recognised with Baronial awards. We ask the populace to send us any recommendations they have for potential recipients of the Tour d'Or and Coeur Loyale.

Over the next few months you will hopefully see a number of fresh, new faces as we make efforts to recruit new members. We are planning some smaller events to showcase the various activities that we cover in the SCA and ask that if you see a new person at an event to make an effort to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

In Service to the Crown,

*Richard and Ginevra*

Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard

## From the Officers

### From the Seneschal

#### officer vacancies

Please note that all officers **must** be SCA members. If you are interested in a role please review the job outline at <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/docs/OfficerDescriptions.doc>



#### Southron Gaard Chatelaine wanted!

The barony needs a new Chatelaine. As Chatelaine you would be in charge of outreach and welcoming newcomers into the society. This is a great role for someone who wants to help people get a great first impression of the modern middle ages.

If you would like to apply for this role, please message the Baron and Baroness, or the Seneschal for further information.

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[BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org)

#### Captain of Archers wanted!

The barony is sadly bereft of a Captain of Archers. Would you like to organise the defence of the barony by encouraging and organising the practice of ranged combat in the barony? We are seeking an individual to assist the Knight Marshall with encouraging Archery within Southron Gaard and its hamlets.

Applications and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Knight Marshall, Master Brian di Caffa [marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org)

### special project deputies sought

#### Deputy Chatelaine - Hire Garb administration

Do you like clothes? Do you like cataloguing things? We need an individual to take charge of the barony hire garb for a few months and determine:

- 1) Exactly what the barony has
- 2) What extra we need for newcomers
- 3) What repairs are needed, or which things in the hire garb are not very useful.

Success in this position would have the barony with a stronger understanding of exactly what hire garb there is (Pictures of individual items, categorised lists, sizing), so we can better cater to newcomers and know what investment would best help.

If you are interested, Please contact Baroness Ginevra, or the Seneschal

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[BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org)

## Deputy Webwright - CMS migration project

The infrastructure of the Southron Gaard website is currently slightly antiquated. We have the opportunity to move to a modern Content Management System, and need assistance from someone who is prepared to put in hours with the Webwright and Seneschal to migrate to either WordPress or Drupal (we have both available, if you have strong feelings, this can be your chance to set our website for the next decade).

Expressions of interest should be sent to Baroness Ginevra, or the Seneschal.

[seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org)

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## Arts and Sciences

### *stuff night*

**First Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9.30pm**

Location: Avic Hill Community Centre Activities Room at **395 Memorial Avenue, Burnside** in the front room of the facility.

Donations towards venue rental to lessen the direct cost to the Barony are welcomed, and a donation box will be available. A light supper will be provided.

**N.B. There will be no Stuff Night in January.**

### *arts on sunday*

Location: **Redwood Scout Hall, 20 Sturrocks Road**

Time: **Sundays, 11am**

The Hall is open and has power, water and loads of space so just bring whatever you're working on.

Have you ever wanted to run a class or A&S activity, but haven't before? Would you like to try? Do you sometimes teach but would like to trial a new class or do a dry run before teaching more widely? Have a neat idea for a Baronial project or activity? Now welcoming all applications to run fun classes or activities either on Sundays or for Stuff Night. Have a go!

Contact Lady Cecily de Montgomery on [arts@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:arts@sg.lochac.sca.org)

## *fibre guild*

Third Sunday of the Month at 11:00 am in the Redwood Scout Hall.

Next meeting will start at 10:00 am because we are going to have some fun with dyeing things yellow using onion skins and weld. We will be mordanting in Alum and tartaric acid (cream of tartar) so please wear suitable clothing. Please bring something smallish to dye and something yummy to share. We expect to finish sometime after 12:00.



The Lochac Fibre Guild has an email list at <http://lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/fibreguild> and webpage at <https://lochac.sca.org/fibre/> and the South Gaard 'branch' has a Yahoo group list at [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG\\_String/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG_String/info).

## ***Baronial arts and sciences championship***

The Baronial A&S Champion competition will run at Baronial Anniversary, under the patronage of the current Southron Gaard A&S Champion, Master Brian di Caffa.

It will be a general entry competition – no specified categories. Your entry should be a completed project, rather than a work in progress, and may have been entered in Arts competitions/displays (e.g. event competitions, Laurels' Prize Tourneys) before, but not previously as a Southron Gaard Baronial Championship entry. Entrants are not required to submit letters of intent, although any submitted to their Excellencies will surely be appreciated. We will welcome entries until and on the day of the competition on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, but would appreciate documentation or a summation of your entry being submitted to the A&S Officer by the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, if possible, to assist in finding appropriate specialist judges.

An entry will consist of your A&S item(s), and associated documentation. Documentation provides the judges with further information about your item, and shows your item in context. Documentation can be intimidating if you have not done it before, but in essence it is just the answers to the questions who, what, where, when, how and why?

Who are you? What did you make? Where is it from? When is it from? How did you make it? Why did you make it the way you did?

The judges will want to know what you based your item on – what research did you do? Where and when is the item from?

How was this item made in period? How did you make it? What processes and materials did you use?

Why did you make it the way you did? Did you use period methods and materials? In what ways did you compromise, and why?

It does not need to be lengthy (the judges do not want to read a thesis!). You should aim for informative but concise – no more than a couple of sheets, and you should include references to sources that support your argument or give context to your item.

You can find a lot of information and tips on writing SCA documentation online. The Southron Gaard A&S web pages offer some useful links, as do the Lochac A&S web pages. The competition will be judged by three judges using the Lochac Kingdom judging forms - you can find these on the Lochac A&S web page, and see the criteria.

At least three gentles must compete for an A&S Champion to be chosen.

I know we have a lot of talent in the Barony, and I hope to see many entries. I encourage everyone to think about entering - it is a useful experience to document your A&S, and to receive feedback, and you may become our next Baronial A&S Champion!

*Cecily de Montgomery*  
Southron Gaard A&S

# An Introduction to Humoural Theory

by Agnes Graye and Robyn Winters

*Robyn: people ask what I'm studying, and I respond medieval medicine. And they say 'bloodletting, right' and I say 'not really...' and they say 'well what then?' and I say 'you're familiar with the theory of the four humours?' because I thought everyone was. And usually the answer is 'No'*

*So for the first of what will hopefully be a series of articles, Agnes and I are going explain this central aspect of medieval science and medicine, from both sides.*

Agnes: We can't really get into a discussion about medicine, or the plants that we can use to prepare remedies to restore health, without first understanding the Four Humours.

Galen acknowledges that “air, fire, earth and water” are the four physiological primaries “because none of them can be divided further into more forms”<sup>1</sup> and we call these the four elements. The human body, indeed everything else in this world, is made up of these four elements.

*Robyn: sound familiar? Modern science still works on a basis of elements being the building blocks that everything is made up of, we just have a lot more of them now and they're somewhat different!*

Agnes: Galen, commenting on Hippocrates, continues to discuss how these elements with their properties of wetness, dryness, cold and heat must combine to generate anything, and they must do so in balance. If one considers a plant growing, it needs at least earth, water and fire (from the sun) to grow.

*Robyn: Air is less obvious in this example, but we can probably agree no plant grows without it. The air element has a bit more to it, and we'll come back to that another time.*

Agnes: Going back to Galen again: “all things are generated from heat, coldness, dryness and wetness and for this reason these elements are common to all. Blood, phlegm, yellow bile and black bile are the particular elements of the nature of man... Each of them comes from the four primary elements which we call wetness, dryness, cold and heat, naming them after their qualities; the specific terms fire, water, air and earth are from their substance”<sup>2</sup>

So here we see the primary elements combining to form the four humours: blood, phlegm, yellow bile and black bile. These 'fluids' (vapours is more accurate but that's another discussion) are formed by the body, interact within it and form the basis for temperament, health or disease, pain, fertility... everything.

*Robyn: I find it easier to follow with a diagram:<sup>3</sup> Taking Yellow Bile as an example, you see it is based on the fire element, contains the properties of heat and dryness and gives rise the Choleric temperament, which Agnes is just getting to now.*



Agnes: Every physical body contains all four humours, which are needed to sustain life. And in each person, one of these humours is dominant. Before we can look at how to restore humoral balance in a sick person, we need to understand what *kind* of person we're dealing with. Keep in mind that while each temperament is associated with a stage of life, age is not a governing factor and, for instance, a child may be phlegmatic. I'll explain...

A Sanguine person, where the blood humour is dominant, will be cheerful, generous, amorous and irresponsible. They tend to have a ruddy complexion. The blood humour is governed by Air, is Hot and Wet, and is the element of infancy.

*Robyn: so very carefree, and can be likened to a happy child. This is the most common, and often regarded as the most acceptable, imbalance. Keep in mind that all things in moderation are fine: when a sanguine person has an excess of this humour, we see hysterical happiness, nymphomania and careless abandon, which might be considered less socially acceptable.*

Agnes: The other Hot humour, but with the dry property, is Choler. This is the temperament governed by fire, which is the element of youth. Choleric people tend to be easily angered and argumentative, but also full of energy and ambition.

*Robyn: I'm sure this is where we get our modern phrase hot-headed. Those with red hair where often considered choleric, but knowing so many red-heads, I couldn't possibly comment. Many children I know seem to have boundless energy, short tempers and no sense of limitations, and here we see the 'youth' aspect of the choleric personality. I remember it that way.*

Agnes: Moving on, the cold and dry humour is black bile and the Melancholic personality type. This is from the earth element, and is the humour associated with adulthood. While this personality type is seen as lazy and miserable, they can also be introspective, thoughtful and sentimental.

*Robyn: a scan of the literature will tell you that melancholic personalities are both gluttonous, lazy and **thin**. I'll let you figure that out. An excess of black bile was thought to be the cause of depression, but if you remember back to our sex-crazed sanguine type, you'll see that all these things are on a sliding scale. Melancholic does not mean depressed per se.*

Agnes: lastly we come to the phlegmatic personality. This springs from the element of water, which is cold and wet, and is associated with old age. These people may have a dull or pale complexion and seem cowardly, but like water they will also 'go with the flow' of any situation, are not easily angered.

*Robyn: like your grandparents, in an ideal world. Peaceful, calm, quiet.*

Agnes: Keep in mind every body is made up of all four humours, but one is dominant. In a state of health, all four humours are in balance as is correct for that person, but they can become out of balance as well, and that is when sickness occurs. It's important to determine what humour is dominant in a person before trying to restore balance to their humours – more heat may be needed for a choleric person, more cool for a melancholic.

*Robyn: What does she mean? That's for the next article. We'll see what causes an imbalance in the humours, and how we might look at trying to correct it. Once we've covered that, it's on to the plants we can use.*

<sup>1</sup>Galen *On Hippocrates On the Nature of Man* 5-9 translation  
from [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/~ucgajpd/medicina%20antiqua/tr\\_GNatHom.html](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/~ucgajpd/medicina%20antiqua/tr_GNatHom.html)

<sup>2</sup>Ibid 51-53

<sup>3</sup><http://www.improvementscience.net/blog/?p=2567>



## Events

### Baronial Anniversary

Good evening good gentles.

It's that time of year again. Once more we celebrate the anniversary of Southron Gaard becoming a Barony!

This year on Sat April 1st, please come and join us at Rimu Park for a Full day of tournaments, Baronial Championships, and a celebratory Feast to finish

Site will open at 9am, and the event will begin from 10am

The cost for such an Event? We've worked hard to keep costs down for your enjoyment!

**\$35 for members for the whole day (which includes the event, a light lunch and evening feast), (standard \$2 surcharge for non-members applies).**

Children under 12 are \$20 for the entire event (feast/lunch etc.)

If you wish to book, please email the steward on [kerst1@ihug.co.nz](mailto:kerst1@ihug.co.nz) with your mundane name **and** SCA name, and you will be sent details for payment to the Barony's bank account (please be aware I do not have constant access to the account while at work so will be managing booking in the evening and weekends)

### Bookings will close on Sun March 26th

Please note: If you book and then cancel after bookings close or do not attend, you will be expected to pay for the feast and lunch portion of the event as this will have been already budgeted for and the food pre-purchased.

(Please feel free to spread this to others outside of Southron Gaard who might be keen to visit for the event)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in service

*Elena Sophia di Luciano de Medici* (steward)

Date: Saturday 1 April, 9:00am

Location: Rimu Park Scout Camp, 581-611 Buchanans Rd, Templeton, Christchurch 7676

Cost: \$35 adults (+\$2 for non-SCA members), \$20 children under 12

Bookings: to [kerst1@ihug.co.nz](mailto:kerst1@ihug.co.nz), by Sunday 26 March.

## March Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
6	7 Stuff Night	8 Council Meeting	9	10	11	12 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 A&S: Fibre Guild Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
20	21	22	23 Southron Gaard anniversary date	24	25 FTT deadline	26 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
27	28	29	30	31		

### MARTIAL PRACTICES

#### Armoured Combat

**Sundays** 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

**Thursdays** 6-8pm in the park at the end of Jasmine Place, Wigram

#### Rapier

**Sundays** from noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

#### Archery

**Fine Sundays** at Northcote School grounds, meet at Redwood Scout Hall.

Email: [archers@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:archers@sg.lochac.sca.org)

### ARTS GATHERINGS

#### Arts & Sciences

**Sundays** from 11:00am at Redwood Scout Hall.

**Stuff Night:** first Tuesday of the month from 7pm at Avic Hill Community Centre. Topics or projects are announced on SG list and Facebook.

**Fibre Guild:** every third Sunday of the month, 11am at Redwood Scout Hall or as announced.

#### UCMRS Dance

**Mondays** 7pm -8:30pm in KF08. Kirkwood Village.

### ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

#### Council Meeting

**Second Wednesday** of the month, from 7:30pm. Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road or join online: details posted to the SG list.

*All welcome*

#### Baronial Open Home

Informal, un-garbed, social activity to allow people to chat about projects, the SCA and life in general, share a pot-luck meal and maybe watch a video.

## April Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 <b>Baronial Anniversary event</b>	2 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
3	4 <b>Stuff Night</b>	5	6	7	8	9 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
10	11	12 <b>Council meeting</b>	13	14	15	16 A&S: <b>Fibre Guild</b> Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
24	25 <b>FTT deadline</b>	26	27	28	29	30 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery

## Southron Gaard Regnum

Being a list of the current Baronial Officers and their official email addresses.

**\* Seeking replacement:** see vacancies page for details.

Baron & Baroness: Richard d'Allier &  
Ginevra di Serafino Visconti  
Seneschal: Maximilian von Monsterbrg  
Tour d'Or Herald: Lady Fiora Vespucci  
Reeve: James of Southron Gaard  
Knight Marshal: Brian di Caffa  
Arts & Sciences: Cecily Montgomery  
Chronicler: Eleanora van den Bogaerde  
Chatelaine: **Vacant\***  
Chirurgion: Leonhart Hunt  
Constable: Raffe de Massard  
Crescents Officer: Cspërka  
Librarian: Ginevra di Serafino Visconti  
Quartermaster: Raffe de Massard  
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## willomoor hamlet: otago

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## nelson hamlet

*Fiora Vespucci* (Fiona) [HeraldRadish@gmail.com](mailto:HeraldRadish@gmail.com)

## other scanz groups

Auckland – **Barony of Ildhafn**  
<http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org>

Hamilton - **Canton of Cluain**  
<http://cluain.lochac.sca.org>

Wellington - **Shire of Darton**  
<http://darton.lochac.sca.org>

## Rules of the game part III

One of the interesting things about the rules of our game is that they exist in layers: the local group may have policies and traditions, the Kingdom has its own Laws and also tradition, then we have the national incorporated Society's rules, SCA Inc Corpora, and of course over all that our national laws. These below come from the [SCA NZ Inc's Rules](#) Part II, Rules

### 1 Name

a. The name of the Society is "The Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Incorporated".

### 2 Objects and Purposes

- a. This Society is a non-profit educational, sporting and recreational Society whose purposes include:
- b. conducting and promoting research into pre-17th century Western culture and life; and
- c. presenting activities and events which recreate the environment of said era, such as, but not limited to, tournaments, jousts, feasts, fairs, dances, classes; and
- d. actively pursuing and encouraging the recruitment of new members into the Society; and
- e. undertaking such activities as may be reasonably expected in a society of this nature.

### 3 Affiliated Bodies

- a. The Society shall be affiliated with the SCA Ltd and the SCA. It is subject to all of the rules and regulations as embodied in the Organisational Handbook save and except those which are replaced by these Rules, which conflict with New Zealand law, or which are deemed by the Committee to be contrary to the interests of the members of the Society.
- b. Where policy decisions are received from outside of New Zealand that may run contrary to New Zealand law or the interests of the membership they need not be implemented but instead shall be immediately referred to the committee for a decision. The committee shall examine the policy and either implement the policy, or notify the SCA Ltd and the SCA of problems with the policy and seek to implement a relevant alternative where possible.
- c. The committee may enter into affiliation agreements with SCA colleges under the auspices of a New Zealand student union, under such mutually agreeable criteria as determined by the committee.

<http://www.sca.org.nz/sites/sca.org.nz/files/docs/rules/SCANZ%20Rule%20Changes%20November%202015%20%282%29.pdf>

## Southron Gaard Council Meeting Minutes – 8/2/2017

Meeting Opened:

Present: Brian, Raffé, Gideon, Maximilian, Elena, Richard, James, Fiora, Eleanora, Ginevra, Aveline.

### officer reports

#### BARON & BARONESS

- Helped out at working bee at BB camp for war field.
- Correspondence with TRM's chamberlain prior to Faire to make arrangements. All went pretty smoothly. Created roster for attendants during Faire. Thanks to Lord Philippe, Lady Juliana, THL Elizabetta, Lord Thorald, Baroness Alexandra and Master Brian for volunteering their time. Would like to have more people next year to help spread the load. Thanks to Haus Amberherthe for hosting TRMs for a meal at Faire.
- Various emails re restocking first aid kits with Lord Leonhart and Glenn. Requested a needs analysis so that we could fully understand what issues we typically (and atypically) face.
- Ran New Year's Day BBQ at Redwood Scout hall. Very well attended (25~ people?). Really great that everyone came, and brought food for a nice casual summer get-together. (Note this was in lieu of standard Baronial open home which was roughly due). Will continue Baronial open homes this year as they have been very successful.
- Discussions regarding ways to honour members of the society that have passed away recently. Discussions ongoing, but will initially be adding this to our traditional toast at formal events.
- Participated in working bee to sort out container (also very well attended. Thanks to Raffé for providing lunch). Sorted out Children's tent poles.
- Made some replacement feet for the list field as a number had been broken over the years. Need some red paint.
- Attended Canterbury Faire and had 4 courts. Received a number of recommendation from the populace (some cc'd to us and come just to us which we passed on to Crown).
- Discussions with other B&Bs regarding Kingdom and Baronial awards - some ideas forming on this. Asked Sir Sebastian to consider potential designs for a Baronial Cypher.
- Discussions with Sir Rowland regarding 12 week new fighter program. Will continue discussions and see about implementing as we have 3 new fighters right now (Chunegund, Anna and Sunny) and hope to get more with recruitment efforts.
- Discussed recruitment options with various people. Suggest getting ads up at Canterbury Uni, Ara Polytech and Lincoln University. Would like to talk to UCMRS regarding possibility of joint effort on Clubs Day.
- Have almost completed bookcase for Baronial Library. Will deliver once painted. No cost to Barony.
- Discussed offer of space for a cupboard with Steve McManus (Redwood Scouts). They are happy for us to use the space. Suggest building a lockable cupboard for storing loaner armour primarily and other sundries.
- Also discussed Omaka site as it's back in operation. Have emailed Omaka committee to try to arrange a visit. Steve indicated the scouts are keen to improve their facilities to make them attractive to other users. (No response from Omaka as of 31/1). Rimu Park is also apparently slated for some upgrades to kitchen and shower facilities (timeframe unknown).
- Sent FtT column to chronicler
- Had a number of post-Faire discussions with people re issues with the site

#### SENESCHAL

Busy month with Canterbury Faire necessitating some involvement. Was very happy to be part of the well run stewarding team, and event seemed to go well. Waiting for report to know true financial position of Faire, but so far happy with trends.

Due to a failure to renew library room booking, have lost the recurring booking for Riccarton library on second Wednesday of month. Riccarton Library can offer an alternate day of month, but would like to revisit potential hosting options for Council meeting to see if there are any locations more suitable to barony purposes. (Easier for those in the barony without transport to get to, and/or in a location which might encourage pre/post meeting socialising.)

#### REEVE

Opening Balance: \$63,000, closing balance: \$27,400. Most big CF expenses paid for. Many others still pending in my inbox.

#### Captain of Rapier

Rapier at CF was well attended, including the Have A Go. No reported injuries at the event. The first weekend practice after Faire has good attendance as well. Will soon be putting in a bid to purchase new Baronial rapiers once prices have been gotten. There are a group of young teens in Nelson who are interested in learning.

#### HERALD

Lots of submissions this month - so far:

- 2 names
- 2 badges (from Darton)
- 3 devices



- 1 permission to conflict

I am working on three more devices and names, some of which are from outside the barony.

Next on the list is the Hamlet of Gildenwick name and badge submissions, for which I now have all the documentation thanks to the wonderful Krae Glas herald.

### Feedback from CF regarding the proposed badges

The populace overwhelmingly didn't like the argent bordure on the new Tour d'Or badge, so I propose we change it back to Or. There's still a noticeable difference from the proposed new populace badge.

People were very much in favour for the hedgehog badge, but less so for a children's award (clever canting aside). There was a suggestion that we should, much like Rowany does, have an award for service to our Barony's major event (i.e. CF), and that this badge would be an ideal candidate for this award. Given the amount of people from outside the barony who expressed a desire to obtain our new golden hedgehog, this seems like a good way to drum up some more volunteers for Faire!



Finally, some members of the populace feel that we have so far prioritised giving our baronial awards to people outside the barony. There has been a suggestion that we create an award specifically for people outside SG who do service to our barony (similar to Ildhafn's Freedom of the City) and that from here on, we recognise those within our Barony with the Tour d'Or and Coeur Loyal. I am personally for this proposition and have a badge or two in mind, but would like some suggestions as to the name of this new award.

One suggestion was the Clés de la Tour - Keys to the Tower

### CHRONICLER

FTT came out on time (yay!). I am going to advertise for a deputy who can prepare June's issue as I will be away for all of May, this might be a good opportunity for someone who think that they might like to give it a go prior to my stepping down later this year. I would like an article from every officer about their office: what they're responsible for, how they can help the populace and event stewards, any current projects - it would be appropriate for the seneschal to lead in this. In response to our baron and baroness' focus on the culinary arts this year I would like lots of food articles please.

### QUARTERMASTER

- Organised working Bee up to CF site to erect the SG Baronial tower and earthworks - my thanks to a great many people who assisted on the day.
- Moved all Baronial gear to CF site the weekend before - my thanks to Lord Bjorn and Rory Demassard for their time as it's about a 5 hour return trip.
- Helped with set up for CF (to many things to list) and pack out.
- Liaised with site over various issues regarding toilets, stairs, burst water pipes and seemed to end up having to fix many of them myself. Have opened discussions with the camp manager regarding our various issues and now arranging a meeting to discuss etc.
- Also ran a leather belt selling stall - eventually after a few issues with the strap cutter and made \$100 to off-set loaner armour funding.
- Took all loaner armour to CF and presented on "have a go heavy" day which was very successful. Also managed to get 2 of our new loaner shields up and running for use.
- Just need to wrap with leather edging and paint and they will be 100%. Sir Rowland brought me over a steel boss for the loaner round shield so can also get this finished now.
- The new war field, although still a work in progress, seemed to go well and are taking on board comments and suggestions to help make it better. A couple of working bees will be needed this year for the next big improvement.
- Gave a hand and direction to Rory Demassard in the making of 4 new boffer shields.

### CONSTABLE

- Organised lost property display and about 1/3 was claimed during the event. Ran lost property auction at Friday night market and gathered around \$140 for the Baronies coffers for everything left over. Had volunteers patrolling the car park during the event but no issues during the evenings. We had a few unofficial visitors during the day times but all seemed ok to leave when advised of it being a private event.
- Have a small number of Lost Property items and will collect more on my visit to CF site this coming weekend.

### KNIGHT MARSHALL/CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS

Canterbury Faire wars and heavy tourneys were well attended and no major injuries. Thanks to Sir Rat and Sir Vitale for assistance with Marshalling and preparation. One scar split open from a combat arrow, a fat lip from bent visor bars, and a scratch on a nose from a helmet moving around when hit. Siege weapons battle didn't happen as fighters got tired in the morning, though the trebuchet was played with during that time slot. Need to continue developing siege weapons and other projectile weapons. The new tall fort was popular. Fighter auction tourney raised \$750 approximately. The ransom tourney was popular from the fighters' perspective, but didn't attract the same crowd attendance as the previous Gods and Monsters.

I didn't get a formal report from the target archery activities, but they all happened.

February monthly tourneys went fine with 6 heavy fighters; round robin best of three. Sir Vitale won with Baron Richard a close second. A target archery tourney was held due to insufficient combat archers. The target foam has deteriorated substantially during CF presumably due to lots of use and needs to be replaced, and we need some more target faces. 8 entrants and it was close finish with Baron Richard winning

and Lord Darius second. Some arrows bounced or punched right through the centre of the targets and were scored lower. Seems like an increasing number of spectators at the monthly tourneys.

Ana and Chunegund have got most of their heavy armour together, while Sunny is using loaner armour. Mat will turn 18 in a few months but has parental permission for combat. Unfortunately Mat and Sunny both use the same smaller size loaner armour. Mat has a younger brother age 13 who would be suitable for boffer fighting if we want to keep the interest of this family, and if there are other youths in the Barony who would like to do boffer.

## CAPTAIN OF RAPIER

CF rapier was well attended, particularly the have a go day. No injuries reported to me.

Practice after CF was very well attended by lots of people who said they had been meaning to come along for a while.

*Will be putting in a proposal for purchase of loaner swords at next council*

Will be getting in contact with Gildenwick about youth rapier as several teenagers there are keen to have a go. Will likely be there for 2 weekends in March.

## hamlet reports.

### Gildenwick

Camp is happening March 3.

### WILDMOOR

**Hamlet of Wildmoor – Meeting 12 – 1.30pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017**

**Venue: Residence of Nigel and Natalia Yates, Corstorphine, Dunedin.**

**Attended:** Hercules (Nigel), Abi, Mielikko (Dan), Edith (Tasha), Csperka (Natalia), Aveline (Sandra), Owen, Rhys, Damian.

On Waitangi day 2017, the Hamlet of Wildmoor held a largely informal meeting and BBQ at Hercule's and Csperka's residence, in order to do some planning for the group for the year ahead. The following is the result of our deliberations:

#### Head Person

Aveline asked if anyone in the group objected to her taking on the Head Person role for this year. There were no objections. Aveline will update anything that needs updating information wise re this.

#### Activities

Damian and Aveline have offered to host an archery session once a month on their property on Blackhead Rd. This will be on the last Saturday of the month, time YTBD but will be regularly that time once set. Notices will go out about this shortly. This will need to be an unofficial practice as we currently have no archery marshals authorised.

The Wildmoor archery gear is currently with Aveline, as she took it to Faire. Some repairs need to be made and Aveline will undertake to put in a funding request to Southron Gaard in time for the March council meeting (not the upcoming Feb one).

For other activities, Csperka offered to host a bi-weekly Stuff night at her residence, on a Thursday evening. This will likely be after 7.30pm and starting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. There was interest in having a number of slots to look at the following activities:

- Garb making
- Music
- Woodwork
- Illumination/calligraphy
- Banner and Gonfalon making
- Textiles (tablet weaving, spinning etc).

Aveline will produce an outline for activities for the next couple of months for feedback from the group.

Edith expressed an interest in doing more campfire cooking, we'll need to sort a venue for that.

#### Heraldry

There was general enthusiasm to get on with the process of registering the Wildmoor badge.

#### Recruiting

Everyone acknowledged that recruiting needs to start again. Suggestions included posters at the Uni, bookmarks (such as were produced for St Kessog several years back, Aveline still has that design), and word-of-mouth.

#### Events

After some discussion, it was decided that we would look to run an event on the Labour Day long weekend, probably with an archery tournament out on Aveline and Damian's land with a feast to follow, perhaps at Hercule's and Csperka's place which is nearby. We will need to get some archery marshals authorised before we can have a tournament (monthly practice will be unofficial). Edith would like to run the feast and the rest of the event will need to be put together in order to put in an event bid/advertise with Southron Gaard.

## Event Reports

Canterbury Faire: WIP.

New Years BBQ went well.

Crusaders?? Report awaiting financials.

Baronial Anniversary Proposal:

April 1st at Omaka Scout Camp which has recently reopened, Elizabetta to cook feast, has large, well equipped kitchen, we only need to bring utensils. One large hall, would be good for A&S, maybe for the feast. Second hall fest venue, has good rafted ceilings to hang things from, only problem is it is carpeted. May need a soilage fee. Price quoted in person is \$4pp, but their website say \$5. Will try to hold them to \$4. If more than 20 attendees, the hall hire is free. Budgeted for 35 people, \$35 per adult inc. lunch, site hire, and feast. \$1130 revenue,

\$1050 cost. Will not accept booking without deposit being paid. Potential issues are the different prices quoted. Potential soilage of the carpet in the hall. Site access is through 5 gates, will need to sort security/access with site management.

Raffe moved to accept, Richard seconded. No objections, Max and James signed off.

### General Business

- a. Redwood Scout Hall has offered space for a storage cabinet. Richard will organise something to store armor and other things.
- b. Uni clubs day is 21st/22nd Feb, UCMRS are happy for us to help out. We can share signup lists. Richard and James will organise with UCMRS.
- c. Wanted: Deputy Chatelaine for Hire Garb inventory project.
- d. Wanted: deputy webright to help with CMS migration.
- e. Wanted: Deputy Chronicler (May/June issues)
- f. Gideon is the new Deputy Seneschal
- g. Consensus was that Wednesday night suit best for Council meetings, so Max will look for an alternate venue to suit.
- h. Minutes need to be available 1-2 weeks after each meeting, and the next meeting's agenda posted before the first of each month to ensure they can be posted in FTT. Once we have the new website, minutes can be posted there, until then they can remain in FTT.
- i. The archery targets are broken after Faire, and need replacement. Brian will look into prices and if they come to less than \$50 will purchase. One of the Barony's bows is also damaged, and the takedown recurve bow is nearing breaking. Brian will also get prices for new bows.
- j. Will advertise for people to run events.
- k. Richard will look into potential projects to present for Caid's 40th anniversary.
- l. Unanimous decision to spend up to \$50 on new combo lock.
- m. Once the event report for CF is in, will discuss purchasing canvas to make more sunshades.
- n. Populace didn't like the argent bordure on the new Tour d'Or badge, change it back to Or. Not much support for the hedgehog bad as a children's award, but could be used as an award for service to Canterbury Faire.
- o. Richard was talking to a member of the populace about Crown/B&B offering comps for feast at events. The council don't like the idea, and there already exists a policy that covers this. Richard will bring to discuss.

Meeting Closed: 9.30pm

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