

# From The Tower



**Barony of Southron Gaard**

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## Chronic Ramblings

And so we arrive in the middle of the year, with wintery frosts but glorious autumn leaves still about. The times of plague may be almost behind us, and perhaps in the near future we shall gather again. I know we have been discussing what shape future events may take, and plotting things for when things get closer to being the way they were. One thing that is pretty central to making our society go is the people, and from those people, the volunteers. Many hands make light work, and all that! There are many, many [roles that need filling](#), and with Canterbury Faire on the horizon once again, consider not just what your Barony can do for you, but what you can do for your Barony.

Yours in Service,

Agnes Graye



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**Kingdom of Lochac**  
**King Theuderic and**  
**Queen Engelin**



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**Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard**

Greetings to the Populace of Southron Gaard



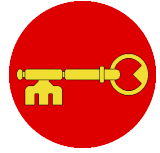
The beginning of a new month and the beginning of post lockdown easing of restrictions that are impacting our activities. While we are still in uncertain times, things are looking up. Please pay heed to the missives from the Crown and Seneschalate regarding events.

We are in great need of people to step up and take Officer roles. These are important roles to help our Barony run smoothly. We can provide support for anyone who is curious but not sure what the various roles require.

We look forward to the possibility of seeing you all in person again. Events will begin again eventually, and we are sure that they will be popular, enjoyable and inspiring. Keep safe, be well Yours in Service Baron Grim & Baroness Alexandra



## Southron Gaard Seneschal



Greeting to everyone this fine (almost) Winter morning

I'd like to start by including a missive from our Kingdom Seneschal which arrived for me today, and I have been asked to pass it along

*Greetings and good tidings to you all!*

*It has most definitely been a rollercoaster over the last few months!*

*I do have to joyous news of saying that in line with the easing of restrictions across the country, in person activities are able to resume from the 1st June.*

*To ensure we are able to maintain contact tracing, it is imperative that records of attendance are kept that include mundane name and membership number.*

*For non-members, you must keep a record of mundane name and either address or mobile number. This is important for record of attendance and contact if required.*

*If you are not feeling well, or experiencing signs of the virus, please DO NOT attend.*

*Regarding events and activities, there will be explicit consideration of risk and strategies to reduce transmission.*

There will be more info to come, but this is fantastic news! Huzzah!

My own thanks go out to our tireless Kingdom Seneschal, Countess Beatrice Maria Malatesta, for her work in managing the Kingdom through these trying times.

I look forward to seeing you all in the very near future!

Yours in Service

Elena





# Tales of Portents, Monsters and Pirates:

## The Baskin-Kerr Alternative Timeline Archives

### Sea Journal of Bart. Baskin

**April 1: Heading off, off heading, strange shores and a strange sail sighted...things look dire**

Altit. 19.48N

Satterdaye We anchored wtin site of Monte de Plata called thus by Chris Colon for the siluer fogge atop Drake and his men took iij pinnancis to awayte the Englyshe fleete / The bad blood betwixt the Capten and his coz & newes that the Spanish king had made offer of 20000 ducats for Drake ded or alive made the parting a relief.

Winde NW by N

Monndaie I fowned a leake in the Powder rowme whych was stoped by dint of pumpes ; Hawkyns told me onse the planks breached so farre as to let fishe swim in & owte ; surely he iestes / he is a harde man to know he and Drake bothe. They are both of manie virtus such as patiens in enduring labbores and greate discrecion in suddene dangers. / In other virtus they differ C Iohn hath mercie & is tru of worde; Sr ff is courteous & magnanimus. I wot they are both faulty in Ambition, but Sr F hath an insatiable desyre of honour, indeede beyond reason; he is infinit in promisis & too mucche pleased wt open Flatterie. Sr Iohn hath in him Rudenesse in behayviour and a large passing sparingnesse close to miserlie. They are both greate commandouris & hav risen thru their owne virtus & the Fortuyn of the Sea.



*Altit 18.48N St Dom*

Wedensdaye Santo Domingo is a goodlie town stronglie built ; Katherine hath spent muche time ashore butt I thowt it beste to ramayn aborde shippe being an Englisshman wtout Spanysh frinds. / I was pleased to weighe ancour about ij of the clock ; we contynued alonge the south side of the Islande and then turned owre shippe for Darién.

*Altit 8.04N*

Satterdaiee Went ashore for water and saw the burnd ruins of Santa Maria la Antigua del Darién lost sins the Spanyard Balboa was beheaded by his good father. C Hawkins sez the new citie of Panama lyes acrossse an isthmus but lx miles wide from the Carib to the Great South Seas whereine Lochac lies. And on a great peak midst Darién is a giante tree wt steps cutte to a Platforme hygh abov from whence these waters maie both beheld at onse ; Hawkins scoft at fals reports that Cortez spoke of this ; he sez it was Balboa

NW by W. Those comming from Panama to Nombre de Dios via the Camino Real passe alonge iij fresshe water rivirs, and when the waters run high men and mules carrying merchandis & gold & siller muste walk wette. In this lande large lakes are fed by rivers deepe enow to take a brigantine / It would be a canny investor who builds a canal betwixt the waters to aide dry transportacion.

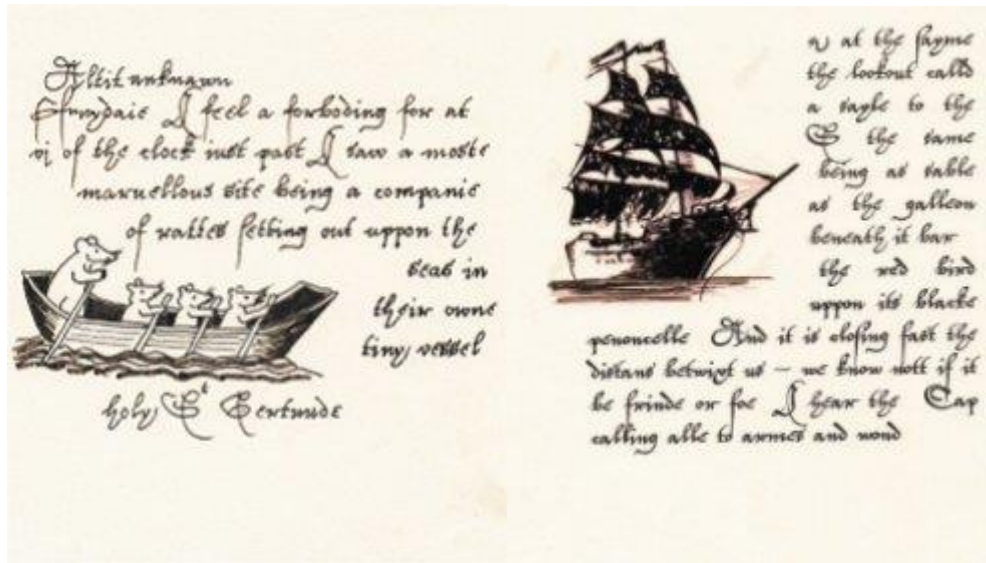
*Altit ??? Windes var*

Thursdaye I trow - we are subiect to Calmes & rayne & contynuall fogges & are not hable to take sonne or Starr & therefore uncertaine with what parte of Lande we fall. The Spanysh pilot fm St Dom hath proued a plague for he is uncertayn in his calling. We sayled alonge the coaste fore daies but being ignorant of the fors of current despite soundings and logges he sett no proper cours / After som daies wt stormes and contraire windes drining us W we fownde a baie wt showls to leeward ; the Cap made haste awaie cuttting the cable in the hawse and losing both ancor and cable to save our shippe. And then by greate persuacion of the pilot we ranne for some daies and knew not wot shift to mak for nombre de Dios but meseems we ouershot it by 20 leagues turning SW untill we culd go no further weste for showls and dowing the current comming fra the S culd not assay that cours neither. And in returning on our cours there was muche dispute oer the lie of the lande some calling on one lone hill as knowne and tothers saying it were folly to give ear to such praters.

*Altit unkawn*

Frydaie I feel a forboding for at vj of the clock iust past I saw a moste maruellous site being a companie of rattes setting out uppon the seas in their owne tiny vessel Holy St Gertrude





¶ at the sayme the lookout calld a sayle to the S the same being as sable as the galleon beneath it  
 bar the red bird uppon its blacke penoncelle And it is closing fast the distant betwixt us – we know  
 nott if it be frinde or foe I hear the Cap calling alle to armes and I wond...



#### A Special Puzzle for Scribes

Can you figure out the major difference between the journal entries, as pictured above, for the rowing rats and the sable ship?

A. I'm rather pleased no-one got this. If you look at the two images above, the one on the left has my handwritten script; the one on the right is typeset in an electronic secretary hand. Admittedly I didn't provide the clearest of images, but it's pleasing how close the two look. And as for why I'm using a computer font, check out the [backstage tour here](#).



**Question of the Day**

Bartholomew's patron saint is Saint Jerome - check out [his arms](#) to figure out why. So why is he calling on St Gertrude?

A. Like St Jerome, Bartholomew has a fondness for sleeping lions. As for St Gertrude of Nevilles, if you do a web-search for her, she comes up commonly as the patron saint of cats -- an accolade bestowed by the Met in 1980 or thereabouts. She was originally invoked for protection against mice and rats, depicted having rodents running up her cloak or sitting at her feet or tiptoeing along her distaff.

Perhaps most appropriately for our current times, St Gertrude is also the patron saint of those suffering from pestilence, specially fevers. Another relevant story recounts a ship being attacked by a large sea monster -- the passengers called on the intervention of St Gertrude and the monster disappeared. In remembrance, medieval Germans would toast each other with St Gertrude's Cup or "Gertrudenminte" before the start of travel.

My favourite story is that St Gertrude, well-known for her hospitality, hosts the first night of the dead in Purgatory or those on their way to Heaven; it is a Teutonic tradition that such souls are represented by mice. Her hospitable reputation as a founder of hostels for travellers makes it only fit and proper that she shares her Feast Day of March 17 with another saint with a convivial reputation.

So do you have a patron saint - who and why?

katherine shares St Jerome with Bartholomew. Check out [Durer's engraving of Jerome in his study](#) -- a pointy-eared dog, books, a nice scribal set-up, letters archived on the wall. I heartily approve. My other patron saints: St Barbara (she of the tower), St Dominic (a doggy person, and patron of scientists and bookbinders), and St Thomas of Canterbury. I might have to add St Gertrude to the list, even if just for the rodential iconography.

**Further Comments**

If Ye Olde Englysshe text is doing your head in (as one reader has reported), try reading it out aloud. And if you think you're having troubles with this nice clear expandable font, you should try reading the penned secretary hand with all its special ligatures (ie the joined-together lettering for grouped letters such as sh or st or sp etc), superscripts and abbreviations.

Get your eye in for period text forms by trying out the tutorials or guides kindly provided by the likes of [Scottish Handwriting.com](#); or [the National Archives Palaeography tutorials](#); Elisabeth Leedham-Green's [Early Modern Handwriting course](#); a handy PDF (pun intended) on [Elizabethan Handwriting for Beginners](#); Rycote's [Tudor and Stuart handwriting exercises](#) : the Folger's guide for [Reading Secretary Hand \(PDF\)](#).

The reference to who sighted simultaneously the waters of the Caribbean and Pacific from a peak in Darien -- Cortez or Balboa -- refers to the poem by John Keats [On First Looking into Chapman's Homer](#):

Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes  
He stared at the Pacific—and all his men  
Look'd at each other with a wild surmise—  
Silent, upon a peak in Darien

Keats mixed up his discoverers, whether deliberately to match the poem's meter or accidentally remains an argument for poetical debate to this day.

**References**

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## Situations vacant

### Southron Gaard needs a New Chatelaine

Chatelaines serve as a contact point for newcomers to our group who are interested in the Society. For this reason we consider this role to be critically important to the growth of our Barony. The Chatelaine also arranges use of loaner garb and equipment so that the newcomer can begin participating as soon as possible.

Requires: - Current SCA membership

- Outgoing and approachable demeanour
- Confidence in interactions with newcomers
- Arranging resources to help newcomers immerse themselves in the SCA swiftly
- Sound knowledge of The SCA as a whole, and local conventions and activities.

Workload: Most work is done prior to events, organising use of equipment and garb, making introductions etc. First contact for newcomers.

Good gentles of Southron Gaard,

Have you ever wanted to make your mark on the archery field both literally and figuratively?  
Now is your chance!

The Captain's post is soon to be vacant and his seat with the comfortable cushions is still warm if you are quick.

You will need a few basic skills, make an arrow, make a bow string, be a member and be a TAM.

Advantages

1. good at chatting to people
2. Have a vehicle
3. A good imagination for new things to shoot.

The position comes with two whole weeks of training if you are interested and have some holes in the skill set. Let enthusiasm be your guiding star.

Apply to the Seneschal in writing with your references.

Good luck!



## ***Knight Marshal***

### Role

The Knight Marshal is responsible for coordinating all authorised combat forms within the Barony (including Heavy fighting, Rapier, Combat and Target Archery, and Equestrian though not all forms may be active at a given time, and any may be handled through deputies). This includes coordinating and encouraging regular practices, encouraging and teaching newcomers to each fighting form, helping with the creation and marshalling of tournaments and war combat at events, assisting in the upkeep and construction of equipment and encouraging others to become warranted marshals.

### Requires

A current SCA membership, and an enthusiasm for one or more of the combat forms involved, though actual ability is optional. The Marshal should be familiar with the relevant rule sets and Kingdom Officers, and possess an eye for potential safety issues – one or more current Marshal authorisations is desirable. It is not required to store or transport equipment required to run practices and tournaments but the Marshal should be aware of the state and status of all Baronial Marshallate property, whether in storage or out on loan. Reliable internet access is highly recommended for maintaining contact with marshallate activities and events around the kingdom.

### Workload

Apart from filing reports, handling other Marshallate paperwork as required by the Kingdom Earl Marshal and attending Baronial Council meetings (about 4 hours a month in total), no specific part of the Knight Marshal's workload is mandatory. But it is very desirable that a Knight Marshal actively encourage and support relevant training sessions and equipment workshops, as well as generally be available to stewards to act as field marshal or marshal-in-charge at events where possible.

### Reporting Channel

The Knight Marshal is required to report to the Baronial Council monthly, and the Kingdom Earl Marshal quarterly. Copies of these reports are sent to the Baronial Seneschal and the Baron & Baroness.

### Resources

SCA Marshallate Web pages: <http://www.sca.org/officers/marshal/> Kingdom of Lochac Combat Handbook (along with other marshallate info): <http://lochac.sca.org/marshal/>

Please contact at [marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org) or [seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org) if you have questions about the role.

## Tour d'Or Herald

### Role:

Quite simply, your job is to coordinate the smooth running of heraldic activities in your group. There are a few essentials.

Whenever your group runs an event, it's your job to make sure there's a duty herald or two, and if there's a tourney, you need to organise a field herald or several - which will often be the same people. If Royalty come visiting then you must be prepared to run Their court, or find someone who can.

You shouldn't rely on the Seneschal, Steward or Autocrat to tell you a herald is needed. You should keep your eye on the event calendar and ask what heraldic services they'll need. This doesn't mean you have to do everything yourself - feel free to delegate. But it does mean you have to make sure it gets done.

You should also make yourself available to offer advice on names, devices and badges ("book" heraldry). If you don't know the answer to a question - and since you're probably new to the office this is quite possible - then you should refer them to someone who does know, such as the other group Heralds or the Crux Australis Principal Herald. You will be the main overseer for Heraldic submissions originating from your group.

### Requires:

- Current SCA membership
- Loud, clear speaking voice
- No fear of public speaking
- Organisation (so Courts run smoothly)
- Basic knowledge of Heraldry.

### Workload:

Most work is done at events, running courts, making announcements etc.

At large events, you can be quite busy. Between events, most work is paperwork to do with Heraldic submissions ~ 1-2 hours a week.

### Reporting Channel:

Monthly reports are made to the Baronial Council. Quarterly reports are made to the Crux Australis Herald.

### Resources:

There are several online discussion lists, and you should be on the Lochac ones at least. The web also has lots of good information about book and voice heraldry. There are also many good books on Heraldry.

Official society Herald site: <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/>

Lochac Heraldry site (includes submission forms and forums): <http://lochac.sca.org/herald/>

Please direct questions to [herald@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:herald@sg.lochac.sca.org) or [seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org)

# June Calendar

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

## Armoured Combat

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

## Rapier

**Sundays** from 2pm at Redwood Scout Hall.

## Archery

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

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

## Tourney days

**First Sunday** of the month as announced

## Arts & Sciences

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

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

## Council Meetings

**First Wednesday** of the month, from 7:30pm – details, agenda etc. are posted to the SG list.

*All welcome*





## July Calendar

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

## Southron Gaard Regnum

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

\* **Seeking replacement:** see vacancies page or contact the seneschal for details.

Baron & Baroness:	Grim of Thornby and Alexandra de Santiago	<a href="mailto:BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org">BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
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Reeve	Lowrens Williamson	<a href="mailto:reeve@sg.lochac.sca.org">reeve@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Tour d'Or Herald*	Seeking replacement*	<a href="mailto:herald@sg.lochac.sca.org">herald@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Chatelaine*	Currently Vacant	<a href="mailto:chatelaine@sg.lochac.sca.org">chatelaine@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Quartermaster	Currently Vacant	<a href="mailto:quartermaster@sg.lochac.sca.org">quartermaster@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Knight Marshal*	Seeking replacement*	<a href="mailto:marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org">marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Captain of Archers*	Seeking replacement*	<a href="mailto:archers@sg.lochac.sca.org">archers@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Captain of Rapier	James of Southron Gaard	<a href="mailto:rapier@sg.lochac.sca.org">rapier@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Lists Officer	Melisande de Massard	<a href="mailto:lists@sg.lochac.sca.org">lists@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Arts & Sciences	Gisle Akelsdattir	<a href="mailto:arts@sg.lochac.sca.org">arts@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Chronicler*	Seeking replacement*	<a href="mailto:chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org">chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Librarian	Jayne Bolyn	<a href="mailto:library@sg.lochac.sca.org">library@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Web scribe	Seeking replacement*	<a href="mailto:web@sg.lochac.sca.org">web@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Chirurgion (first aid) *	Seeking replacement*	<a href="mailto:chirurgion@sg.lochac.sca.org">chirurgion@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Constable (safety)	Callum MacLeod	<a href="mailto:constable@sg.lochac.sca.org">constable@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Youth	Currently Vacant	<a href="mailto:youth@sg.lochac.sca.org">youth@sg.lochac.sca.org</a>
Historian	Currently Vacant	

**Hamlet of Wildmoor - Otago**

**Hamlet of Gildentwick - Nelson**

## **SCA (NZ) Inc. Membership**

There are two different types of membership available to event participants in New Zealand.

### **Subscribing Membership**

Grants full rights of participation in the SCA (including voting, entering Crown Tournaments, holding office and affiliate membership with overseas branches). Subscribing membership also includes a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter which is an electronic newsletter (PDF).

1 Year with E-Pegasus*	\$ 15.00
3 Years with E-Pegasus	\$ 30.00

An updated SCA (NZ) Inc. membership form will shortly be included in future issues of this newsletter, or can be accessed on the SCA (NZ) website. <https://registry.sca.org.nz/RegistryMenu.php>

### **Event Membership**

For all non-members aged 18 years or over attending an event. Event membership lasts for the duration of that event only and is not sufficient to hold office or fight in Crown Tournament etc.  
If the event has a cost, and it is not held by a College, the levy will be charged.

Per event    \$ 2.00

For further information visit the official SCA(NZ) Inc. website at:

**[www.sca.org.nz](http://www.sca.org.nz)**

### ***Other SCANZ Groups***

Auckland	<b>Barony of Ildhafn</b>	<a href="http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org">http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org</a>
Hamilton	<b>Canton of Cluain</b>	<a href="http://cluain.lochac.sca.org">http://cluain.lochac.sca.org</a>
Wellington	<b>Shire of Darton</b>	<a href="http://darton.lochac.sca.org">http://darton.lochac.sca.org</a>

# Southron Gaard Council Provisional Minutes

Meeting Minutes for 6th of May 2020.

Present: Adrienne, Grim, Alexandra, Ratbot, Elena, Kotek, Gisle, Lowrens, James, Jayne, Ellen.

Apologies: Elisabetta, Agnes.

1. Last month's minutes- Motion to accept last month's meeting minutes by Lowrens,

Seconded by Grim. Nays 0, Abstentions 6, Yes 3

Motion still passes

2) Funding Requests- None

3) Event Proposals- None

4) Event Reports- None

5) Officer Reports:

B & B: No event attended, some correspondence with Kingdom about Covid response.

Nothing else to report

Reeve: A quiet month in April.

\* Main Account: \$23748 at 1 April, and \$22716 at 30 April. No incoming monies. Outgoings were transfer of one misdirected SCANZ subscription (\$30) and CF2020 Event Membership payment (\$126) to SCANZ (per se) and CF2020 Kingdom Levies (\$877) to SCANZ (as Kingdom).

\* FAT Account: \$2920 in account, with no movements this month. No progress with gazetting FAT information on the baronial website. Current FAT allocations are (still):

\* \$433.50 gift to the Shire of Adora. I am working with the Adora reeve to make this happen.

\* \$718.90 to the Hamlet of Gildenwick or event support and equipment purchases.

For the April-March financial year just ended:

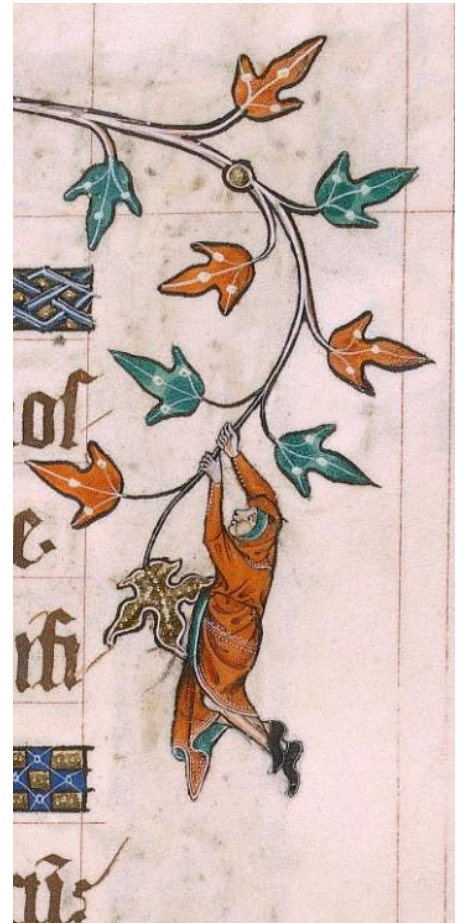
The October-March GST return has been lodged, for a small refund, giving a total of \$550 GST paid.

The Domesday report for the Barony has been lodged with the Exchequer. Summarising this, we received \$63422 and spent \$62290, giving a surplus of \$1132. We remain in a comfortable financial position. There are some residual event monies to be resolved from last year, but nothing that will cause us concern.

In service, Lowrens

Herald: Chased Rocket about a submission aside from that all quiet.

Knight Marshall: Nothing to report



Captain of Rapier: Nothing to report, not looking for a replacement

Arts and Sciences- ongoing online classes happening, dance video also being produced- hope to see everyone in it!

Webscribe:added 'Online Resources & Community' page and updated several times

- other minor web & email maintenance

Hamlet Reports: None received

Business arising: Ellen of Whytely's proposal of running a poll for the populace regarding the use of Baronial funds.

Discussion around keeping the poll short and simple. One yes/no answer, one tick what you'd prefer type of answer and a text box.

Motion to put out poll regarding the use of baronial funds proposed by Ratbot

Seconded by Ellen,

Nays-1, Abstentions 0, Yes-5

Adrienne will set up a test poll and send it out to folks to stress test it

Katherine Kerr sent in a letter with 3 main points

1st about doing low key events for the rest of the year.

Discussion- Ratbot who had talked to Raffie who was thinking of hosting a small event at his place.

James- we could do a bit more at the monthly tournament when that is up and running.

2nd suggestion was about a discount but that will be looked into further once the poll is done

3rd suggestion- reinstating tallage of \$500 for Crown to encourage them to visit here if/when that is possible

Kotek: it's up to the steward of Canterbury Faire.

Elena: can reinstate it and annually revise it

But for now we'll leave it til further on the year when we know more about what is happening with regards to Australia

If there is anyone willing to take up an Officer role, but is currently in Straitened Circumstances and thus without SCA membership, I would be very pleased to sponsor up to three three-year memberships to help out (send me your bank details once the role is confirmed).

Also contact the Seneschal if interested in the officer roles.

Kotek: any luck on the FAT policy?

Elena: Thanks for reminding me, will look at it next meeting

Discussion about CF 2021:

Ratbot: we could run CF without the aim of making a profit



Yes/fine by most people

Should we add the unwaged/student option for fees again?

Would probably need to change the booking form which will consult Bartholomew over.

James: perhaps we could also be a bit flexible with the 'requirement to pay' part of the confirmation, set up a monthly reminder? Also would encourage people to book early which would help with calculating costs.

Elena- should discuss this more with the steward of the event when we have a bid

No other business.

