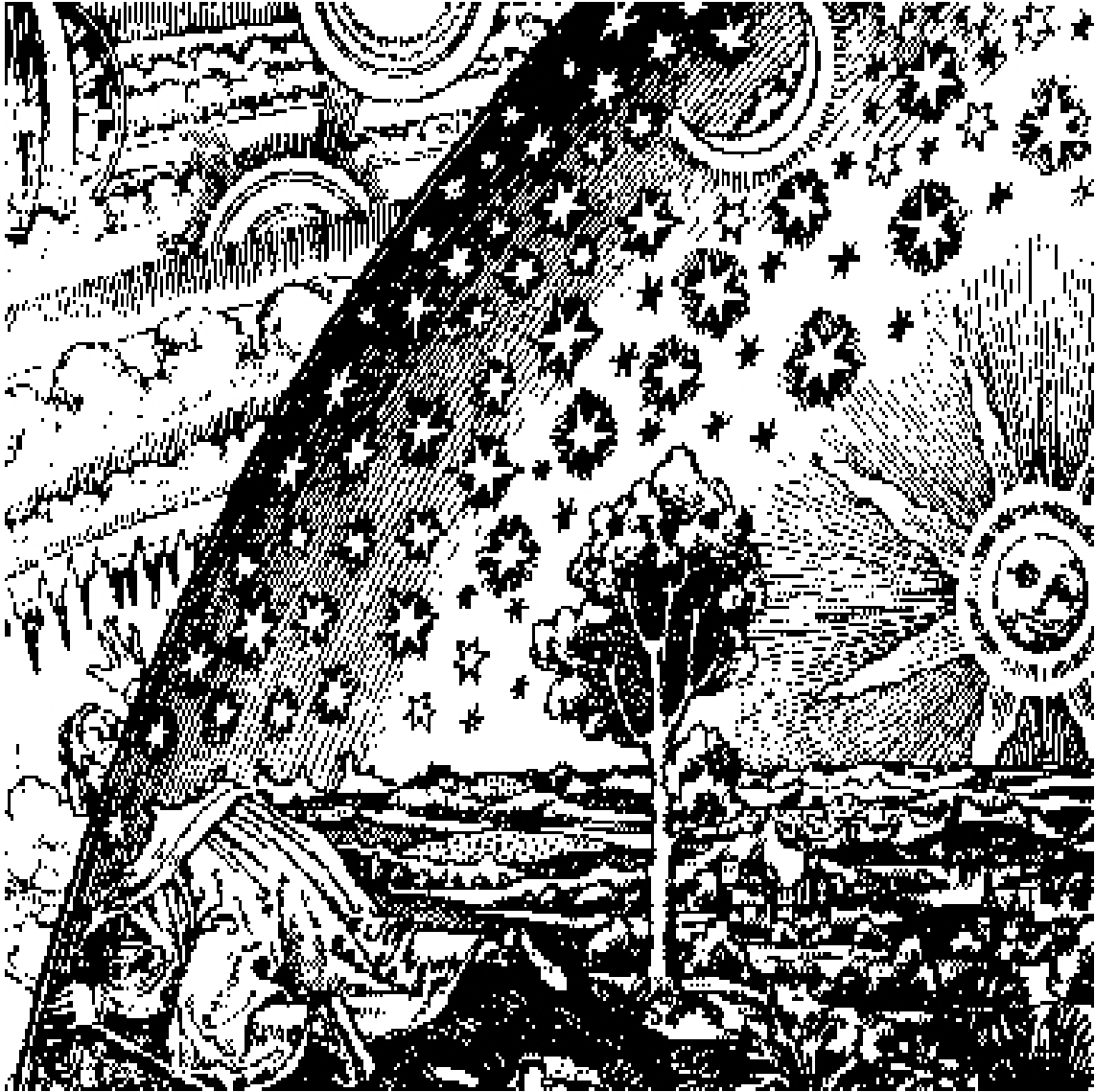


From the Tower



An astronomer peers into the celestial heavens

Barony of Southron Gaard

December AS XLV (2010)



Chronic Ramblings

Email Subscriptions for FTT are now available

Greetings all

This edition contains much important information about Canterbury Faire as will the next two. I do particularly want to draw your attention to the box on page 11 advertising for billets for before and after Canterbury Faire. If you have space and are able to put up one, two or more people then do contact Mistress Taddea. This is a wonderful opportunity to help out the Barony and to make some new SCAdian friends or be reacquainted with some old ones.

There are also some other ways of helping out the Barony scattered throughout this edition of From The Tower. You could contribute an article or one of the many possibilities listed on page 5 to From the Tower, you could enter the Baronial Arts and Science competition (also

page 5) or you could look to become the next Baronial Webwright (page 21). A Steward for Baronial Anniversary is also required (page 21). This is one of the most important events on the Southron Gaard calendar and it is a good idea to start planning your event now rather than at the last minute!

We all have many favourite memories of our time in the SCA but pause for a second and think about the myriad of people who made those good times possible. Now how you can help to create great SCA moments for others?

En servicio

Elisabetta Foscari

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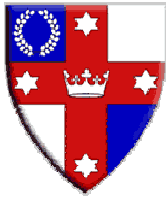
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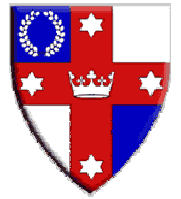
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Kingdom of Lochac



King & Queen: Edmund and Leonore
Prince and Princess: Gabriel and Constanzia

Please send award recommendations to crown@lochac.sca.org with a courtesy copy to bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org
 Additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: www.lochac.sca.org.



Their Excellencies Speak

From the Ramparts of Foxe Lodge

Christopher and I would like to thank Our stewards for the number of excellent events held recently. It was Our great pleasure to attend Golden Flight - archery in abundance & new folk to inspire; and, although the weather was less than kind, all who attended enjoyed this two day event. The Peasant's Revel was yet another chance to get together for fun, frolic and food, and I saw numerous folk enjoying themselves. And, finally, We have St Jude's Tourney to look forward to. We are sure this will also be a fun event, no matter what the weather brings.

The festive season draws nigh and We know many of you are looking forward to the holiday period. At this time We are reminded, yet once again, that Canterbury Faire is but two weeks away!

At Canterbury Faire, Our most pleasant duty is to host Their Majesties and Our Baronial Cousins visiting from afar. Any good gentles out there who would like to assist in these duties, could you please let your names be known to Her Excellency.

The tasks are neither onerous nor long, and are an excellent way to get to know our visitors. Lady Elisabetta (Our Chamberlain) will be drawing up a roster of willing helpers so each person knows what is required of them. Even if you do not wish to be attached to a particular person, you can always volunteer to help prior to a Court or the Feast. We know Lady Elisabetta is always looking for help.

We do not have a large Court to call upon and most



of the time it falls to Our Chamberlain and a select few to do the majority of the work. Therefore, it would be extremely helpful to have a number of extra willing hands this Canterbury Faire, especially as Lady Elisabetta is unable to attend the full event.

We thank you for considering Our request, as any help is most appreciated.

Long live Their Majesties Edmund & Leonora!!!

Long live Gabriel & Constanzia, Prince and Princess of Lochac!!!

Long live Lochac!!!

Clare and Christopher

Baroness and Baron of Southron Gaard





Seneschal's Comments

Hello everyone,

This is another hastily written column, coming to you to from an out-of-period Victorian fete. Progress on it last night was much impeded by whisky drinking in a nice old house in Oamaru, which, like many things, is best done slowly, and consequently takes much time which some people might say was best spent in other ways.

As a result, there's not much in it. But you all know what you're doing, I'm sure! No one's sewn themselves to a garment in error before Canterbury Faire, or burned their house down making apple buns in haste. CF is not actually two weeks away, of course, more like two months, but once you've taken out the vile black hole of time that is work, some time for lying in the sun,

parties, seeing the relatives and entertaining the children, mowing the lawns and a bit more drinking, not much seems left over. So make those luggage lists. Check your armour straps and rivets. Discover half your tent pegs have evaporated when they're spread out on the back lawn rather than in Waipara. Air out that manky canvas and test that inflatable mattress on those Christmas guests to give yourself time to fix it. But you all know this, so I won't drone on about it.

And you all know to sort out your chores for CF with the stewards so that there's an even spread of volunteers throughout the week. This way, there won't be twenty bodies down to do breakfast on Tuesday, half of whom walk off because they're not

needed, and none to do Friday dinner. Trying to work this consideration into your schedules is going to complicate things, and increase the chances that you might miss out on something - some slots will be understaffed because they'll be close to or clashing with something lots of people want to do. But your meal plan cooks will love you for it.

And now, I'm off to play croquet. You may think this and the whisky drinking is frivolous. But I'll have you know I passed up a cake and madeira party this morning.

Your servant,

Oswyn Carolus

Seneschal of Southron Gaard

The Barony Online

Sometimes, a mere picture cannot do our Barony justice. If you have caught a remarkable feat at an event on video, send it to either web@sg.lochac.sca.org or chatelaine@sg.lochac.sca.org, so we can share it with the world on our new YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/user/SouthronGaard

Five things you may not know about the Baronial Arts and Sciences Competition

THL Amalie von Brisache

1. Entries can be made at any time throughout the year. Traditionally there is a rush of entries just prior to Baronial Anniversary, but this is not a requirement. Entries do not even need to be made or judged at an event. You do need to give the A&S officer enough time to muster up a specialist judge for your entry - there's no use in a bunch of garb weenies judging your period fishing equipment! - and then hold a judging session before (or during) BA. For this reason notification of entries close one month out from BA.
2. Extra points will be given for any classes taught or articles written in the previous year BUT you need to inform the A&S officer of these, don't assume they know!
3. You can enter as many items as you like. The scores from your top three items will be summed (along with points from classes or articles).
4. This should not need to be said, but you do not need to be a Laurel to enter the competition or to win it. The A&S champion has been a Laurel only once in the last 10 years.
5. It is perfectly acceptable to enter items in the competition that have been entered in or even won other competitions (for example a Kingdom A&S competition), just as long as they have not been entered in the Baronial competition before.

Enjoying From the Tower?

Then how about making it even better by contributing yourself?

There are many different ways you can contribute to From The Tower and not all require writing! You could:

- ◇ Contribute event photos
- ◇ Draw a period-style picture
- ◇ Make a Southron Gaard themed woodcut
- ◇ Share your favourite period recipe
- ◇ Write a poem
- ◇ Read a book from the Baronial Library and write a review of it
- ◇ Write an event report
- ◇ Write an article based on the amazing class you taught at Collegium

All contributions to be sent to chronicler@sg.lochac.sea.org

Canterbury Faire Martial Activities

Archery

Open Range

In addition to the shoots below, the archery range will be open for an hour after the Hunt, the Clout and Attack the Camp for anyone who wishes to have a go or get in a bit of practise at other times. Experienced archers will also be on hand to offer advice to any who would like it.

Have A Go

All gentles are invited to have a go at archery. There will be loaner gear on hand, and experienced archers to give advice and assistance. Children are welcome, but must be supervised by a parent or guardian while shooting.

Hunt

The King's Hunt, first shot at Crown Tournament in November 2009, will return this Canterbury Faire. A fine stag and two boars will make tempting targets for all archers.

Night Shoot

After the sun has set on the feast, all archers are invited to the range for a fun and challenging shoot.

Clout Shoot

They say that archers can't hit a fish in a barrel - this is your chance to prove them wrong. A set of barrels will be placed on the archery range, with chocolate fish to be awarded to those who get their arrows into the barrels.

Attack the Camp

Raise the alarm, ambush the scouts, attack the camp. Fun for all archers. A series of challenging and unusual shoots that will test all of an archer's skills.

Inter-baronial competition

The Barony of Southrn Gaard challenges all other baronies and shires within the kingdom of Lochac to a tournament on the archery range. (Format to be advised.)

Thorfyd's Arrow

This is the traditional Canterbury Faire archer's duel. Two brave fighters act as targets, representing each duelling archer. Two archers compete in each round, and when an archer hits their target the opposing archer is killed. This will be fought as a double elimination tournament. Thorfyd's Arrow will be presented to the winner of this event.

Contact Lord Geoffrey fitz William at archers@sg.lochac.sca.org for more details



Fencing

Grand Melee

All the combatants enter the lists and when lay on is called turn and find a person to fight. The loser leaves the list and winner then finds another person to fight and so on until one fighter remains. The winner of a round sits out the next until there are 4 (or 8 depending on numbers) winners who then fight a single elimination tourney to determine the overall winner. A great tourney for newcomers as there is a lot of fighting.

Baroness's Rapier Tourney

The premiere fencing tourney in the Crescent Isles. With a large field of combatants and a focus on courtesy the BRT is not to be missed. The format will be double elimination, best two of three in order to allow combatants to best display their prowess. Her Excellency invites you to attend:

Unto the populace of Lochac does Her Excellency Clare Fletcher of Maldon, Baroness of Southron Gaard, send greetings and a warm invitation. Be it known to all gallant fencers of the realm that on the second day of Canterbury Faire in Southron Gaard I, in company with my fellow Baronesses and other persons of good quality, host a Tournament of the Rapier.

While the combatants are welcome to ply the Baronesses with delicious tidbits -- as happens elsewhere in the Kingdom at such meets -- of greater delight would be to see the exponents of the Art of Defence displaying their considerable charm and

chivalric behaviour to the honour and enjoyment of all.

In joyful anticipation of days well spent in the company of those who would applaud wit, honour and chivalry, I remain Clare, Baroness Southron Gaard

Tavern Brawl

Often mad, usually silly and never dull, the popular Tavern Brawl returns this year with various melee scenarios in a Tavern setting. Previous years have included beer stealing, the riding of novelty horses and an 18 person knife fight.

Guild Testing

The Lochac Royal Guild of Defence often conducts grading bouts for their members who wish to advance their rank. In these bouts the candidates display their knowledge of period fencing techniques and are judged by higher ranking members.

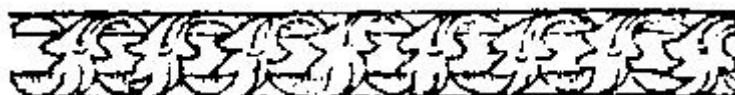
Cut & Thrust

C&T Rapier (where combatants are allowed to deliver percussive blows) returns after a successful debut last year. The tourney format will be Round Robin or Double elimination depending on numbers with bouts being fought best two of three.

Viking Raiders Melee

Defend the sheep! Viking raiders have sailed down the coast and are trying to steal your livestock. Protect them with your lives. A light-hearted tourney to finish off the fencing at faire.

Contact Lord Emilio de Battista at emd.franks@gmail.com for more details



Heavy Combat

Fighter Auction

Will be fought as a standard format, double elimination, best of 3. We believe it is important that fighters be allowed to showcase their skills in the standard forms of tournament combat.

Ragnarok Tournament

Each fighter is attempting to gather followers for Ragnarok. The tourney will begin as a grand melee. When a fighter is slain, they will leave the ring. If the fighter that killed them is slain, they may return and start fighting. This may occur multiple times. The winner therefore will be the fighter that has slain all other opponents without dying.

Two handed weapon Tournament

Greatswords, spears, pikes – any two handed weapon.

Unawarded Fighter Tourney

Standard format, best of 3, either double elimination or round robin depending on number. Only fighters with no heavy combat related fighting award may participate.

Gods and Monsters Pas d'Arms

The Passage of the Parthenon, where combatants fight creatures from mythology, always entertains with costumes and the quest for the special blow that will kill each God or Monster.

Contact Master Bernard Sterling at seneschal@darton.lochac.sca.org for more details.

Archery Challenge

To Our Noble Cousins, Emrys Tudor and Beatriz de Compostella, Baron and Baroness of Ildhafn, and to the Seneschals of the Shire of Darton and the Canton of Cluain:

May the earth tremble and the firmament shake, but long shall Our Tower stand! We shall not be movéd, nor shall Our determination wane. Be it known that We issue this challenge to all to meet Our stalwart, unshaken archers on the range at this Canterbury Faire!

Our archers are gentles of keen eye and unquivering courage, who long to find their equals in fellow bowmen further afield from Our fair lands. Therefore, We challenge You, Our Cousins and gentle kin, to meet Us upon the line, and so prove Your mettle!

A prize from Our hands will be bestowed upon the victorious group if any can be found willing and able to meet and best Our tenacious toxophilites!

Christopher and Clare
Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard

Canterbury Faire – Be Prepared

But Canterbury Faire is **ages** away... Yeah Right! Remember the great Lochac saying that “Festival is only two weeks away.” The same applies to Canterbury Faire. Before you know it it is the night before and you are wondering why your garb is only half finished, remembering that rip in the tent from last year and have not a clue where the pegs went. So to avoid this sticky situation read the guide below and be prepared!

Tents

- Check now for rips so you have time to get them fixed
- Find your pegs and count them to make sure you have enough
- Check over all equipment for any signs of wear and tear
- If you are borrowing a tent have a practice run setting it up so you are not fighting with it on site and you can check at the same time that all necessary components are present.

Garb

- Many people start preparing their garb now which is never a bad idea
- Start by looking over what you already have and look anything in need of repair
- Now have a think about the conditions – make sure you have suitable garb for 30°C plus as well as a warm layer for nights.
- Plan what else you need and to go shopping!
- If you start sewing now hopefully you should be in less of a panic in January (if this works for anyone please let me know...)

Combat

- If you want to take part in archery, rapier or heavy fighting start preparing now!
- Have a good check over your gear and look for anything that needs repairing or replacement. If in doubt, ask a Marshal or the Baronial Officer for that area.
- Get authorised if you are not already!

Finally

- If you have not done so book now! The first price rise has been and gone so if you want a reasonably priced event get in quickly!
Bookings can be made online at www.sg.sca.org.nz/cf/index.shtml

Canterbury Faire Ball List

The Earl of Essex Measure

The Old Almain

The Black Almain

A Galliard

The Mixed Brawles of Champagne: Cassandra, Pinagay, Charlotte, La Guerre, Aridan

The Branle de la Montarde, for sets of four

Rostiboli Gioioso, for two or three

Amoroso

Presonera

Pizochara

La figlia de Guglielmino

Contentezza d'Amore

Chiara Stella

Contrapasso Nuovo

Pungente Dardo

Il Canario

Jenny Plucks Pears

Dargasson

Parson's Farewell

Ly Bens Distonys



String Day 2.0

Focusing on Dyeing, Fingerloop Braid and Weaving

If you'd like to teach or learn anything else, please let me know at smgratton@gmail.com. For more information about what we planned for last time, see http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SG_String/

Saturday 4th December, starting from 10am
50 Randall St (corner of North Parade)



Billets Wanted!



Do you have a spare room? Do you want some friendly guests for a few nights around Canterbury Faire? If so, let Mistress Taddea know!

This is a great chance to to help out in the organisation of CF and to make some new friends in the process.

If you are able to billet one, two or more people then email Mistress Taddea at

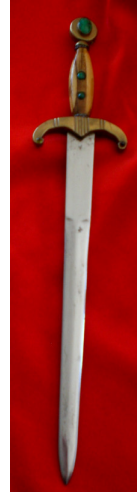
meredith.hart@xtra.co.nz



St Jude's Tournament

St Jude's Dagger has returned!

The tragic loss of the Dagger to the infidels
during the last Crusade
at the Siege of Hummus
struck deep in the heart of the Barony.



Sigh no more and Rejoice! To our great joy the dagger was rediscovered
in Saladin's gard-robe during the Battle of Baba-ganoush.

To celebrate the return of the dagger and to choose a new holder of this
most priceless relic a grand Tournament will be fought!

For the full story of St Jude, the dagger and the water-stopping devices
see www.sg.sca.org.nz/barony/traditions.shtml

RESCHEDULED DATE: 11 December 2011

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Scout Den, Riccarton Bush
(Off Ngahere St)

Cost: \$4 per member, \$6 for non-members

Sunshades are welcome!

No bookings required but could all fighters planning on contesting for this
sacred item please contact the Stewards at alan.welch@xtra.co.nz

Stewards: Lord Angus de Sommerville and Lady Elisabetta Foscari (mka
Alan and Josie Welch). Contact at alan.welch@xtra.co.nz

Canterbury Faire

January 29 to February 6 2011
Boy's Brigade Camp,
Darnley Street, Waipara, Canterbury, New Zealand

Come join us for feasting, fun and frolics
at Canterbury Faire,
hosted by the Barony of Southron Gaard

Tourneys and War
Arts and Sciences
Market

Fencing
Ball
Feast

Archery
Theatre
Equestrian



No mud, no dust, no venymous fauna!

Comfortable bunkrooms,
hot showers, shady tent
sites, optional meal plan, real
toilets, enjoyable medieval
pastimes from dawn 'til
dusk, and then some.

Bookings, Schedule & Directions

<http://sg.lochac.sca.org/cf>

Faire Stewards

Lord Raffe Demassard and Lord Emilio de Battista

cf@sg.lochac.sca.org

These are *provisional minutes* of the most recent council meeting. These minutes have been edited for space and have *not* been accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Send any corrections to the Baronial Seneschal.

Southron Gaard Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 November 2010

PRESENT: Oswyn (Carl), Agnes (Robyn), Elena (Niamh), Calach (Bevan), Chunegund (Joanna), Lucia (Betty), Geoffrey (Andrew), Angus (Alan), Elisabetta (Carl), Isolde (Christine), Vitale (Peter) (late arrival due to other commitments), Richard (Richard), Antonia (Colleen)

APOLOGIES: Amalie (Amy), Christopher (Dorian), Claire (Marion), Raffie (Shaun), Emilio (Ed)

MEETING OPENED: 7:34 pm

Many thanks to Lady Agnes for taking the minutes.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Elisabetta moved to accept. Elena seconded.

OFFICER REPORTS

BARON AND BARONESS (Christopher and Clare): Correspondence In: cc'd Monthly Reports: Arts & Sciences; Captain of Archers; Chatelaine; Chronicler; Lists & Rapier. Reeve Application: member of populace, Seneschal: Survey; cc'd info re: LOTS, Lady Amalie: Baronial A&S Championship Rules, Lord Raife: CF Booking, Lady Elisabetta: St Judes. Correspondence Out: Lady Elisabetta: St Judes, Lady Amalie: Baronial A&S Championship Rules, Seneschal: Survey, Lord Raife: CF Booking Business Arising: LOTS: It is Our opinion that whilst LOTS is a great idea, the financial burden on SG's budget is still too prohibitive. Attended: Golden Flight; Her Excellency: Peasant Revel

SENESCHAL (Oswyn) Correspondence with: Kingdom Seneschal, Ildhafn Seneschal, Cluain now ex-Seneschal, B&B regarding LOTS, and the two-yearly 'survey of feelings' i.e., formerly the 'confidence' poll, not so much a strict black and white confidence poll for the B and B as an opportunity for the populace to express their feelings about the direction of the group, and how the B and B are doing, and stuff. This to be done in January, and possibly initiated in December, so as to all be wrapped up by CF. Regarding events, and LOTS CF event stewards, and Mistress Roheisia regarding replacing the lock on the CF storage container. I believe she bought one to replace the one broken by

jobs and took it out during the last working bee. (since discovered was not the case - whoops - Carl) Have sent off another request to Lily Panapa for a copy of the story they aired on the SCA. No response as yet.

MARSHAL (Raffie) Fighters practice continues each Sunday with reasonable turnout most weeks 5-7 fighters. Lots of interest from passersby. Tycho has recommenced Thursday evening practice (my thanks) and been working on different weapons types.

CHATELAINE (Chunegund) Received back garb from two of the Golden Flight attendees, one kept his to wear to the Peasant's Revel. I lent out a further two outfits for the Peasant's Revel, one to a returner. I did a tally of all the garb, at the Kingdom Hospitaller's request, the details are attached. He has also requested that we do a full inventory of all the garb. To do this, I would like to get a quantity of labels to give each item its own number. I'll need some volunteers for sewing these onto the garb, but I hope to find some way of making them with either iron on transfers or pre printed labels. I'll see if I can get some quotes by next month. I also pulled out about two boxes of garb that is either dirty or needs some repair. One newcomer has turned up to Stuff Night and will be attending Seamsters, all going well. She's been to a few events in Canada, so already knows a bit about the SCA. Emailed St Kessog Chatelaine, as apparently he is meant to be sending his twice yearly reports to me. No reply as yet.

CHRONICLER (Elisabetta): FTT was put on website and emailed to subscribers on 31 October. Deadline for the December FTT is 19 November at 5pm. Correspondence - Seneschal and B&B re column, Peasant Revel stewards re ads, CF stewards regarding CF advertising campaign

CONSTABLE (Agnes): Attended peasants revel: law and order was maintained. No lost property collected from this or previous events in the last month.

ARTS AND SCIENCE OFFICER (Amalie): A

quiet month. Discussed discrepancy between official Baronial A&S championship rules and the reality of how it has been judged in the past (According to rules score is sum of best 3 items from a single person, but in fact only the score from the best item has been considered). We will be following the rules more closely in future. Seamsters was at Mistress Taddea's last month and will be at Lady Isolde's next week. Stuff night last week was a fabric swap n sell supervised by Mistress Antonia. Chunegund needs a break from organising dance so I am doing that leading up to CF (at which point we'll reassess)... except for last week and next week when Chunegund is in charge because I am away.

LISTS (Emilio): Nothing to report

RAPIER (Emilio): Numbers have not picked up on Sunday so will be canvassing the local fencers to see if there are things that would entice them to practice. Sir Sigurd has generously agreed to assist with gorget-making workshops in the lead up to CF, details coming soon. CF Rapier scenarios have been planned.

CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS (Geoffrey): Practises are becoming more frequent with improved weather. Have had two newbies attend. Both new Baronial loaner bows have been useful. Started two sets of 6 arrows at Golden Flight - completed both sets with the assistance of lord Darius. Spent \$50 before Golden Flight on materials for those arrows - have receipt, and require cheque. Would like further \$70 for additional arrows before C.F. - as full and final use of all archery auction funds. Any remainder to be released to general funds. Sent quarterly report. Correspondance with Emilio re. Canterbury Faire archery. Begun acquiring people to run individual archery activities.

WEBWRIGHT (Antonia): Gave verbal report of tasks performed and to be undertaken before stepping down early next year. Updates all updated. correspondence - re A&S information on website. St. Kessog site needs fiddling. Calendar - possibly use different software? Discussions with Eleonora as to what might work well. Event page updates. For the future - plan to step down after BA. Ongoing work for CF. Sort out calendar, get baronial minutes onto website. A&S stuff up to date. Update site documentation. Sort out/update/document St. Kessog handbook re photos in the baronial website gallery.

Antonia - Initiated discussion about contents of the baronial website picture gallery in the context of

privacy laws. Presently, they may require consent from every person in the picture if it taken at a private venue before it can be publicly shown. There was debate regarding what a public place is. Oswyn - Seneschal should obtain the relevant legislation? (Most recent and present chronicler have been applying these cautious policies to selection for the gallery and FITT - making selection a more time-consuming and difficult process. As Antonia said, if it is the law, we don't really have a choice). Further discussion of getting more material on the baronial you tube account.

Reports not received before the meeting are at the end of the minutes (see below).

EVENT REPORTS

PEASANT REVEL: (Calach and Darius): 18 attended \$95 profit. (further details - documentation submitted to Seneschal) Thanks to Elise, Vitale, Katherine for their assistance with set up, games, and the quiz. And congratulations to the first-time stewards, Calach and Darius.

YULE (Maheshti) - no final report. Steward out of the country at present.

ROMAN EVENT (Kotek) withdrawn due to other commitments.

CANTERBURY FAIRE: (Raffe and Emilio): Bookings going well with 151 booked so far - this is quite an increase over this time last year. All positions have now been filled (thanks to everyone for volunteering) and we are concentrating on publicity and spreading the word as far afield as possible (including US Kingdoms). A working Bee will be held on Sat 27th at Waipara site to install hanging "lines" in the halls for our banners, ropes up the rugby posts (to use for flags) and earthworks in the 1/2 circle theatre area. Everyone welcome.

GENERAL BUSINESS

DEMOS - what follow up do we do for those who put down contact details? Chunegund - said that Raffe has followed up on the Arms and Militaria show list. Oswyn - thinks Seneschal should check up and make sure the people who gave contact details get contacted, and see if they turn up to anything. (Not meaning by this that he has to check up on whether people have done the work, just that he should know what the outcomes are, and could do it himself if others too busy.) Discussion: what is the

best method of contact - phone/email/letter. Phone too intrusive? Antonia - if they put their phone number down, they shouldn't be offended to be called. Antonia - on contact list sheets, we can put a tick box for the preferred method of contact. This agreed to as a Good Idea.

Chunegund - Christmas parade might be a good opportunity for us to show our finery. Council agrees. Chunegund to look at getting us in next year - too late this year.

LOTS - Kingdom Seneschal wants us to revisit the issue. Funding subsidies now available from Kingdom for people intending to go. Discussion - Kingdom Seneschal has said in discussion of Council's attitude to LOTS that it/the group has a 'money-obsessed culture' and has lost the people-oriented focus it had while he and Katherine Kerr were B and B. Oswyn - Council should not take this personally, as the KS had also said that the Seneschal and Baron and Baroness were the primary drivers of a group's culture, in which case it is primarily the Seneschal's responsibility. Invited officers to speak up if they think the group's focus or direction does need correcting/changing, or if they have had reservations about actions taken/proposed this year. Stressed this is important to address before we continue in our work as Council, or before he continues as Seneschal. Offered to leave the room to make discussion more open if this would help. Antonia - we haven't had the funds we've had in the past, our glass has been 'a bit less full', so we've had to be careful. Chunegund, Angus agreed. Lucia - costs of venues have gone up, as have costs of food for catering events. Oswyn - we need reserves to pay for the outgoings that will be coming from CF, for instance. We cannot rely on having enough money paid up front from attendees as a given. Richard - we have about \$5 k in the bank? Ginevra and others in informal discussions about what the minimum level of funds put by the barony should have - estimates between \$4 and \$8 k. Richard - asked about the holding account. Felt that it shouldn't be considered part of our available funds. Also said it's not fair to say we've been being miserly. Antonia - income from CF has been down a bit lately. Richard - it's not as if we haven't been doing things to save money. Antonia - we've been being more careful about covering costs, and we may be more flush next year. Chunegund - LOTS has come at short notice, and at a bad time of year for people to organise leave if they're not already going to Coronation. Richard - moves to 'reject this characterisation of the group'. Angus - seconded.

Motion carried.

Chunegund - back to the main discussion: general interest has been low. No one prepared to go without a subsidy from Southron Gaard. Myrun, Seneschal of St. Kessog's, prepared to go without Council funding. Kingdom offering a 1:1 split for costs - a dollar to match every dollar local groups offer prospective LOTS attendees. Oswyn - suggest a three way split - the attendee, kingdom and barony each pay a third of the transport costs. Accommodation to be billeting by local group (Politarchopolis) and theoretically free. Food costs to be met by the attendee. Cost of air tickets to Canberra discussed. Approx. \$800 (return?) according to a check on prices late October. Richard - lack of detail in the LOTS schedule makes him wary of voting funds to subsidise attendees to LOTS. Said that it wouldn't be acceptable in the real/commercial world - you'd have to have a more detail to get your proposal accepted. Carl - read out the available information on the LOTS schedule. Isolde - expressed concern at the 'negative tone' of the meeting. Said that she was going to LOTS, and had accepted kingdom funding to go, because as a Kingdom officer she felt she should go. Said has been to conferences where the programme was not really shaped/finalised prior to its beginning. Vitale - felt that LOTS was perhaps more aimed at groups not as smoothly functioning as Southron Gaard - that it might be useful for groups whose officers needed basic advice on budgeting, reporting, and playing well together. Richard - said that, listening to the schedule, LOTS sounds like it could be a talkfest, but that there may be benefits to it. Oswyn - like the Seneschal's lunches, could be a revelation for some, but be somewhat less to others. Isolde - LOTS an opportunity to network and get to know other officers. Agnes agrees. Oswyn - agrees that networking and face to face meeting can be a way of widening circle of friends and acquaintances, even just to spread the burden of vexing local problems by talking to others at a greater remove.

Consensus that with money being available from Kingdom, going to LOTS more of a viable proposition. Consensus that the impression was at last Council, in the absence of further information, that it could be a lot more expensive than it will be now for the barony to send someone. Richard and Antonia said it would have been good to have this information about funding from Kingdom much earlier.

Discussion with Ildhafn Seneschal suggests they were going to offer up to \$150 per head for each officer being prepared to go. Carl asked Council 'Are

we agreed in principle that sending someone going to LOTs up to (say) \$200 for travel costs, with the understanding they will furnish Council with a report on the event, is a good idea', to which there was a general mumble of assent.

Oswyn - suggested Amalie might be a candidate. Chunegund unable to get leave, and Ginevra unable to go, so Myrun and Amalie our best choices. Amalie out of the country, and Myrun sounded more enthusiastic - Amalie saying she wasn't keen on it, but was curious given that the KS was so keen on it - so Council agrees that Myrun should be offered the money first Carl to offer \$200 for travel costs to Myrun ASAP. Richard asked if we were going to be relaxing our attitude towards trying to maintain a hard deck/minimum. Carl said that LOTS was a special case, i.e. we had been asked specifically to revisit it, particularly in the light of new information regarding subsidies.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ARROWS Geoffrey would like the last of the Archer Auction funds made available to refund him for arrow purchases. This had been agreed on at previous Council meetings, i.e. that archery auction funds could be released for archery purchases, e.g. arrows, blunts and bows.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.40

I would like to also add that I think the negativity at the meeting was towards courses of action rather than between people. The tone of the meeting was friendly and light-hearted, leavened with a bit of mickey-taking, which has been excluded from the minutes for the sake of brevity. (Carl/Oswyn)

REEVE'S REPORT (Ginevra)

Holding account: \$3,225.16

Clearing account: \$10,458.95

Includes:

CF 10 Fighters Auction, \$738

CF 10 Bardic Auction, \$310

I would like to thank the people who've submitted applications for this position.

QUARTERMASTER (Angus): Not too much activity this month. Didn't have to do anything for the Peasants Revel. 2 receipts to be reimbursed for.



Support Southron Gaard



Our Barony is one with a long and proud tradition. Be part of this tradition and support the Barony by contributing to more than just event attendance statistics.

- ♦ Hold an office
- ♦ Steward an event
- ♦ Contribute to FTT
- ♦ Take part in one or more of the Baronial Championship Tournaments
- ♦ Become a Deputy Officer
- ♦ Help someone else make an event happen
- ♦ Teach a class at Stuff Night

Help ensure the Barony stands tall and strong while developing a greater personal understanding of all aspects of the Society for Creative Anachronism and Barony of Southron Gaard.

“Long May She Stand”

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Fight Practice*	3	4  String Day
5 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	6	7 Dance Practice	8	9 Fight Practice* Southern Swans N.E. Dance	10	11  St Jude's Tourney
12 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	13	14 Stuff Night	15	16 Fight Practice* Southern Swans N.E. Dance	17 FTT submission deadline	18
19 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	20	21 Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	27	28 Dance Practice	29	30	31	Jan 1

Coming Events

Near & Far



January Coronation

Barony of Politarchopolis,
15-16th January 2011

Keep an eye on the website for more
details

<http://lochac.sca.org/politarchopolis>



Canterbury Faire

Barony of Southron Gaard
29th January – 6th February

Southern Gaard's premier
event. A week of fighting,
feasting and revelling.

<http://sg.lochac.sca.org/cf/index.shtml>



Festival

Barony of Rowany
21-26th April 2011

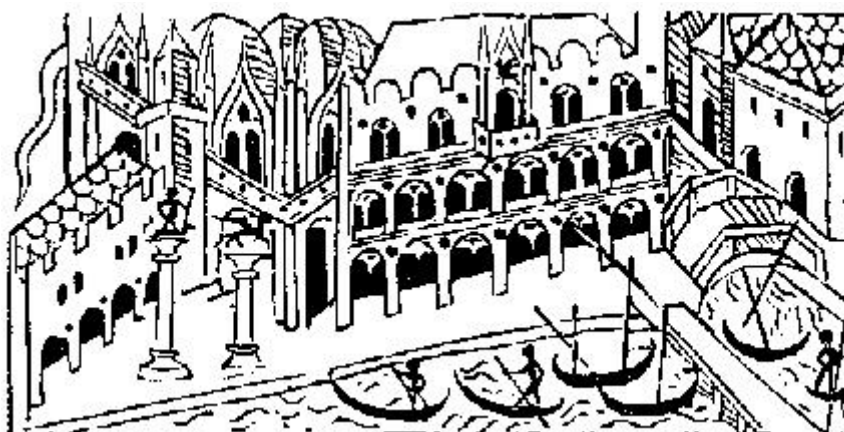
Lochac's biggest camping event

Keep an eye on

<http://rowany.lochac.sca.org/festival/news/>

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	3	4 Stuff Night	5	6 Fight Practice* Southern Swans N.E. Dance	7	8
9 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	10	11 Dance Practice	12	13 Fight Practice* Southern Swans N.E. Dance	14  LOTS (POLIT.)	15  CORONATION (POLIT.)
16 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	17	18 Council Meeting	19	20	21 FTT submission deadline	22
23 Fight Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	24	25 Dance Practice	26	27	28	29  Canterbury Faire
30  Canterbury Faire	31  Canterbury Faire	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5



MARTIAL PRACTICES

Heavy Fighters' Practice* Sundays from 10am–noon at Jellie Park or Showbiz if wet

Fighters' Practice.* — Thursday from 6–8pm off Jasmine Place, Wigram

Rapier Practice* — Sundays from noon at Jellie Park from 12–2

Rapier Practice* — 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - in hiatus

Archery* — on fine Sundays from 2pm at Kirkwood Intermediate, (use Kirkwood Avenue entrance).

Email: archers@sg.lochac.sca.org

ARTS GATHERINGS

Stuff Night — from 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Riccarton Community Centre (opposite corner of Clarence and Dixon St). Topics or projects to be announced on SG list.

Dance — from 7:30pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Riccarton Community Centre (opposite corner of Clarence and Dixon St).

Seamsters Guild — from 7:30pm on fourth Tuesday of the month. Location to be advised on SG list each month.

Southern Swans (Singing Practice) — from 7:30 every Thursday. Location to be advised on SG list each week.

Email: singing@sg.lochac.sca.org

Near Eastern Dance Practice — from 6:30pm Thursdays. Gold Coin. Watch the list for more

ORGANISATIONAL MEETING

Council Meeting — from 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Upper Riccarton Community Centre (71 Main South Road)

All welcome.

Southron Gaard Regnum

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

Baron & Baroness:	Christopher Foxe & Clare Fletcher of Maldon
Seneschal:	Oswyn Carolus
Tour d'Or Herald:	Callum McLeod
Reeve:	Ginevra Isabella di Serafina Visconti (<i>Replacement sought</i>)
Knight Marshal:	Raffe de Massard
Arts & Sciences:	Amalie von Brisache
Chronicler:	Elisabetta Foscari
Chatelaine:	Chunegund Screivogelin
Quartermaster:	Angus de Sommerville
Constable:	Agnes de Kyri
Webscribe:	Antonia di Benedetto Calvo (<i>Replacement sought</i>)
Captain of Archers:	Geoffrey Fitzwilliam
Captain of Rapier:	Emilio di Battista
Lists Officer:	Emilio di Battista

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Officer Vacancies

Baronial WEBWRIGHT

The Southron Gaard Webwright is responsible for maintaining the Baronial website and image gallery, and assisting those maintaining the St Kessog and Castelburn websites as requires.

This officer is a deputy of the Baronial Chronicler

If you are interested in taking this role please review the job outline on the baronial website: <http://sg.lochac.sca.org>

Email your application to:
chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org

with copies to
seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org and bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org

SCA Mailing Lists

Keep up to date with SCAdian happenings throughout Lochac and augment your participation with email:

Southron Gaard Announcements (SGannounce), Southron Gaard Discussions (SGdiscuss) and the NZ-wide email list (Althing) can all be accessed from: <http://sca.org.nz/mailman/listinfo>

Lochac Announcements (Lochac-Announce) and Lochac Discussion i.e. the Shambles (Lochac) can be accessed from: <http://www.lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/>

Steward Wanted!

Baronial Anniversary is traditionally one of the jewels in the Baronial Coronet.

The event has tournaments to establish the Baronial Champions for the year, a Baronial Court and a celebratory feast to finish.

Timing: on or near 23 March

BID NOW to give yourself plenty of planning time.

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 in either electronic or paper form.

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

1 Year with Pegasus \$ 45.00
3 years with Pegasus \$105.00

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

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

www.sca.org.nz

SCA Groups in New Zealand

(see websites for more details)

OTAGO

College of St Kessog

<http://kessog.lochac.sca.org>

Saturday: Arts & Sciences
Archery Practice
Boffer Practice

WELLINGTON

Shire of Darton

<http://darton.lochac.sca.org>

Sunday: Fight Practice
Wednesday: Arts & Sciences

College of St Aemigdius

<http://aemigdius.lochac.sca.org>

Monday: Arts & Sciences
Thursday: Fight Practice

AUCKLAND

Barony of Ildhafn

<http://ildhafn.lochac.sca.org>

Sunday: Fight Practice
Fencing
Monday: Arts & Sciences
Wednesday: Fencing Theory
Thursday: Dancing
Saturday: Archery Practice

College of St Dionysius

<http://stdionysius.lochac.sca.org>

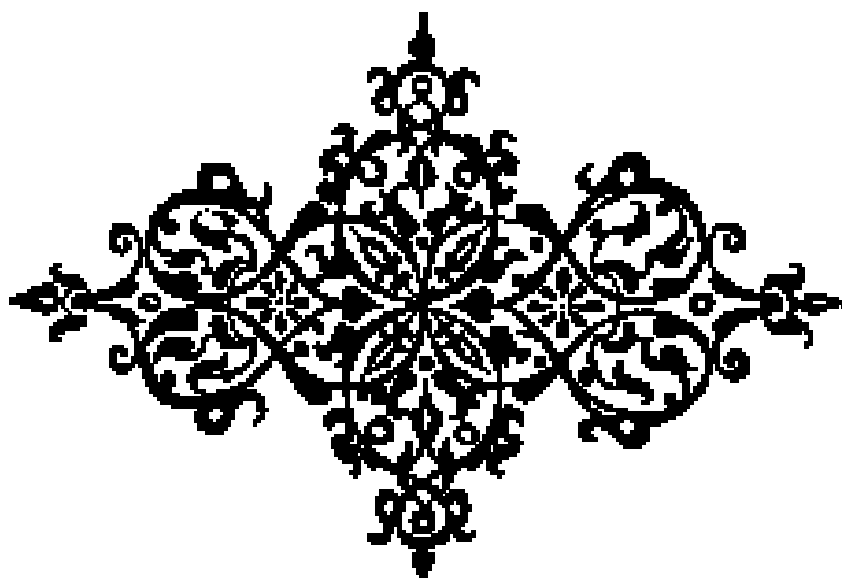
Sunday: Herbs & Sewing
Wednesday: Weekly Meeting

HAMILTON

Canton of Cluain

<http://cluain.lochac.sca.org>

Thursday: Fight Practice





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

If you prefer, you can use the online membership form linked from <http://sca.org.nz/membership.php>

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Replacement card ☐ Change of information

Please print clearly.

All information must be legible and filled out correctly for your membership to be processed. Please fill out one form per person.

Today's Date: _____ Membership number: _____

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Postal Address: _____ Suburb: _____

City: _____ Post code: _____ Occupation*: _____

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

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email: _____ Tick if under 18: ☐

Tick if you prefer to receive all future communications from us via post rather than via email: ☐

Society Name (if any): _____

Group name (closest geographical Barony, Shire, etc.): _____

Membership type and duration:

1 year

3 years

Membership + e-Pegasus (PDF)**

☐ \$15

☐ \$30

Membership + posted print Pegasus

☐ \$40

☐ \$105

Replacement for lost card

☐ \$5

** To receive e-Pegasus, you must provide a valid email address. You will be emailed directions to access your electronic subscription.

Payment Method: ☐ Cheque Enclosed ☐ Internet Banking

I declare that the information given is true and correct:

Signed (please use legal name): _____

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