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# Lochac News

## From the Crown

### Basileus Ariston II and Konig Jochen I

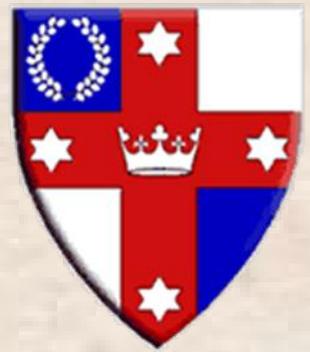
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[www.lochac.sca.org](http://www.lochac.sca.org)



# Baronial News

## From Their Excellencies

Greetings to the Populace of Southron Gaard

We very much enjoyed the SCA 60th Birthday party and the chorus of voices singing several versions of Happy Birthday to the SCA will stay with us for a long time. We have both been reflecting on the contribution that SCA has made to our world in its 60 years. Yes there is the social history research element where the SCA has provided many people with a forum where they can research period recipes or clothing or armour or illumination (etc, etc and etc) and therefore contributed to our academic understanding of the Middle Ages.



The SCA has also most importantly provided community and connection by providing a place to belong and a group of people who have become family. The SCA has enabled people to connect from all over the world to share common interests and camaraderie. I am sure many of you will have had the magic night at Faire where you have sat up under the stars to the small hours and talked about everything and anything! We feel, as we are sure many of you have, that the SCA has provided us with that feeling of home and a richness in how we live our lives!

We hope those who attended the Revel enjoyed it and thank you to Meisterin Christian and Baronesa Isabel Maria as my co-Stewards. The rooms looked beautiful and we were all very impressed by how so many helped clean up at the end which made it go very smoothly. TH Noble Vigdis cooked a splendiferous supper from Scappi.

At the recent Monthly Tournament we asked the populace to come up with suggestions for new tokens for monthly tournaments. Our supply is getting low and we would love to have tokens that promote and recognise the depth of talent we have in Southron Gaard. If you are interested in designing or creating such tokens please let us know!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Lady Noeleena, Her Excellency fondly remembers her super powers in organising the Canterbury Faire kitchen every year and judging from the comments on our post on Facebook many of you also have fond memories of her.

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This has been a very hard year for all of us so far. Please be kind to ourselves and kind to each other as this is what will get us through this difficult time. We are always here for any who need to talk. His Excellency makes a mean hot drink and Her Excellency has a lot of experience in supporting those who are finding life difficult.

We are very much looking forward to Yule and have greatly enjoyed all the previous events at Raincliff! We hope to see many of you there!

Yours in Service *Angus and Ioana*

Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard

## From their Excellencies' Seneschal

Yours in service to the Dream and the Barony

**ÞORVALÐR INN SÚÐREYSKÍ**

Southron Gaard Seneschal



## Officer Missives

### **introducing SCRIBAL SUNDAYS!**

Interested in the Scribal Arts? Then come and join us on Scribal Sundays at the Sturrocks Road Hall from 11.30am!

Come and try your hand at some Calligraphy and Illumination. Tables will be set up with materials and inspiration for you.

Talk with Melisande about the Lochac College of Scribes and the work they do. Practice and gain confidence to submit an example piece to the Guild to become a warranted Scribe and work on Award Scrolls celebrating members of the populace's contributions to our wonderful game.

When: Second Sunday of the month over Winter from 11.30am to 1pm

- 8th June
- 13th July

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- 10th August

I look forward to seeing you there!

Melisande. Scribal Warden - Southron Gaard

## LIBRARY

Greetings!

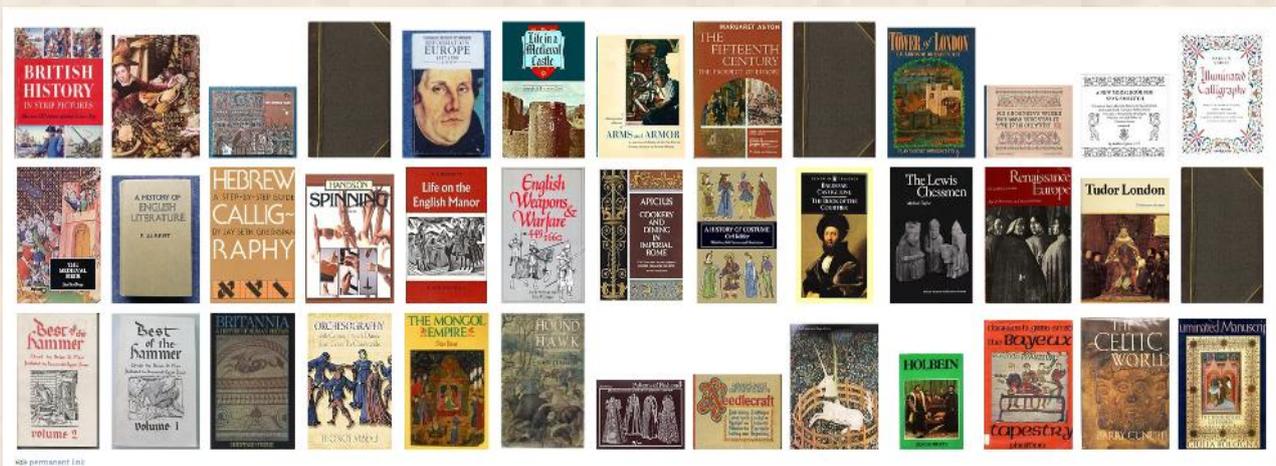
I hope you all took the opportunity to enjoy the selection of periodicals and photographs from the Baronial Library at the recent SCA 60th celebration.

We're exploring the role the Library plays in the Barony, which materials would best serve the populace, and how to make the Library more accessible. Please take a little time to complete this survey to help us learn how the Library can best serve you:

<https://tinyurl.com/ywfxexdz>

Sorting of the Library's Complete Anachronist collection continues! If you'd like to be involved in the current project of organising and updating the Barony's library, please email expressions of interest to [library@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:library@sg.lochac.sca.org).

YIS, Emma of Wolvercote.

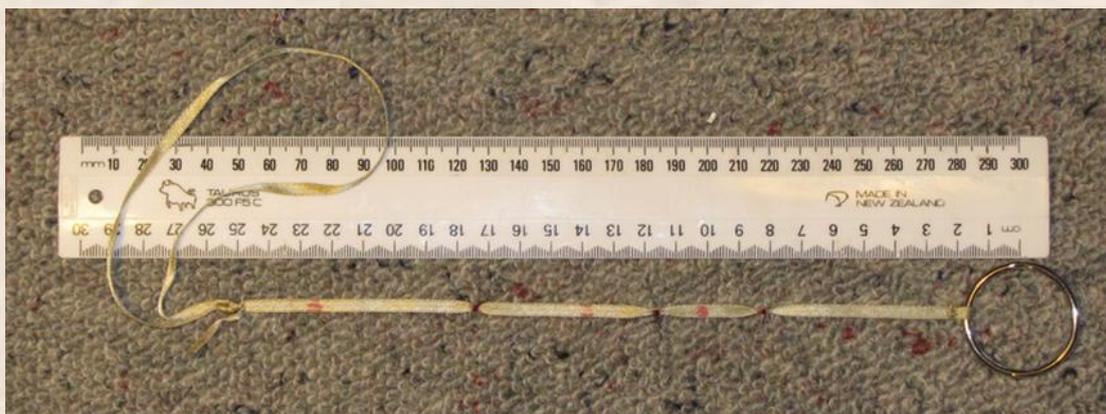


# Articles

## A Simple Metronome, Lawrens Wilyamson

I was originally provoked into writing this article the number of fellow musicians who, upon seeing this little device in action, exclaim "Cool!" or "What a good idea!" or variations of this.

"This little device" is a metronome which is compact, robust, completely passive, and which can be used unobtrusively in a performance setting. It is trivially simple. A small weight is attached to a length of thread or fine ribbon. The thread or ribbon is marked at intervals using knots or stitches. By grasping the thread/ribbon at the appropriate mark and allowing the weight to swing freely, the appropriate tempo can be derived from the period of swing.



Construction is obvious from the image. I have tried a more solid medallion as a weight but I think that the best results come from using a metal ring of 30-40mm diameter - the photo shows my current metronome using a rondel, which is rather apposite. My original unit used a medium weight linen thread, but the current version in the photo uses a 4mm ribbon. The ribbon looks smarter than the thread did, but the thread worked better. The ribbon is almost too heavy even when this thin. As well, the markings on the ribbon cannot be felt as easily as the knots in the original thread could be. The best of both worlds might be to ply some very light threads in (say) red, white and blue, and use that.

The magic is all in placing the knots, which can be done thus:

1. take a length of the thread of choice (300-400mm) and tie it to the weight.

2. working away from the weight, tie a nice bulky knot in the thread at the distances listed in the table below. Note that these distances apply between the centre of the weight and the knot.
3. Alternatively, find the good position for each knot by counting the swing rate directly with thread pinched in your fingers. Start from the fastest rate/shortest thread and work slower and longer after each knot is tied.
4. after all the knots are tied, form a loop of convenient size in the free end for general handling.

beats/min	Period (s)	Length (mm)
60	1.00	248
70	0.86	182
80	0.75	140
90	0.67	110
100	0.60	89
110	0.55	74

I used a figure-of-eight knot in the linen thread (as below) which worked well. As an extra feature, for quick identification, you could include some different coloured threads in some knots.



The knot placements as given give the corresponding tempo for each full swing (to and fro). For faster tempi, count the half swings, e.g., the third knot from the weight gives 90 bpm for full swings and 180 bpm for half swings (and 45 bpm for double swings, if necessary). With this construction, the actual period will be slightly shorter (faster) than the design figure, but with light thread/ribbon, the differences are not obvious. The lengths on my metronome in the photo differ from those in the table due to the effects of the ribbon's weight.

I find it convenient to select the tempo by lightly grasping the thread near the weight with one hand and pulling the weight with my other hand until the right mark is reached. With a knotted thread, this can be done by feel without actually looking at it, which can be handy for unobtrusively checking a tempo.

Similarly, to determine the tempo of a heard piece of music, start with the thread shorter (faster) than the tempo you are hearing, and progressively slide it longer until you have a match. With a little practice, this whole process can take no more than about 5 seconds.

Is it period? Possibly not. I am not aware of any examples of a period item being identified for this purpose. However, given the elementary nature of the device, it is possible that it would not be recognised for what it is.

By 1602, Galileo had determined that a freely swinging pendulum had a regular period, not very dependent on the amplitude of the swing<sup>[1]</sup>. The study that led to this was said by his student Vincenzo Viviani to be initially sparked by his observation of a swinging chandelier in the Pisa cathedral in 1587, so there is some possible overlap.

A physician friend Santorio Santorio used the principle to invent a “pulsilogium” for measuring patient’s pulse rates<sup>[2]</sup>, although Galileo did not publish the detailed relation between length and period until about 1607 as part of his study of falling objects.

So, it is not impossible that such a device could have been used in period, without any underlying theoretical basis, but just because it worked.

It is also moot to wonder as to just how necessary such a device is to a “real” musician, but I certainly find it handy, and perhaps you will too.

## End Notes

1. Letter from Galileo to Guidobaldo del Monte, 29 November 1602 (from Galileo’s *Opere*, Volume X, Carteggio 1574-1610, E-text version of a 1965 edition in Italian to be found at Liber Liber (<http://www.liberliber.it>))
2. From *The Galileo Project* by Rice University, Texas, at <http://galileo.rice.edu/sci/santorio.html>

(URLs were valid at May 2025)

**Addendum:** some years after writing the original article, I joined the Guild of the Silver Rondel as a Semibreve (musician). I made another version of the metronome with a rondel swung from a red and white ribbon as seen here.



Making the reef knots between white and red ribbon stay done up was a challenge, since the material was significantly polyester. I succeeded by heat sealing them with a flame and trimming the excess, as I went. Despite the ribbon being moderately heavy, this metronome works very well, since it is easy to hold the ribbon by the sealed knot for a clean swing.

Image attributions:

1. Simple metronome – my own work
  2. Figure-of-eight knot - from Wikipedia Commons
  3. Later metronome – also mine
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## Event Report: SCA 60<sup>th</sup> Year Rebel

Our revel to celebrate the 60th year of our Society began with a Baronial Court, where a new Baronial attendant (Nascia) was appointed, and a new member of the Order of the Tour D'Or (Christian Baier) was recognised.

Their Excellencies lead the Known World Pavan to open the dancing. The dances followed throughout the evening in three sets: Known World Galliard, Earl of Essex, Black Alman, Prenes en Gre, Ly Bens Distonys, Petit Rose, La Castellana, Dance de Cleves, Temperans, Rufty Tufty, Anello. Thank you to the Dance Masters, Enith and Lowrens, for organising the dances and practices, providing the wonderful live music, and leading the dancing.

Throughout the evening, many board and card games were played: Alquerque, The Game of Goose, Chess, Tables / Backgammon, Fox and



Geese, Nine Men's Morris, Gluckshaus, Terni Lapilli / Rota, Hare & Hounds; Alouette, Rentoy, Primero (Spanish), Cacho. Thank you to Isabel Maria for providing her games and instructions, and making some extra game boards at the last minute. Thanks also to Julia Fortunata for encouraging and teaching people to play games.



A delicious and bountiful supper was served throughout the evening, and included the following dishes: Twists, Royal tourte of ricotta, Small filled flans, Milk pies, Pies of kids quarters, Beef tongue on croutes, Stuffed eggs, Tourte of fresh fungi, tourte of dried

peas and legumes, Sliced meat, cheeses, crackers, fruits, and cordials. Thank you to Vigdis and her amazing kitchen crew Livia, Kotek, Lykos, James, Violet, Katerina, Ava, Elkie, Bjorn, and Perry for the fabulous and delicious supper, and thank you to Joana for providing the table wear, and Isabel Maria for decorating the supper table.



Throughout the evening players answered 60 clues in a quiz to guess the SCA year. Thank you for Adelsea for helping with the quiz board, and thank you to Tory for the enthusiasm, and helping to turn the quiz into a team sport.

The evening finished with celebratory cakes, each blazoned with the insignia of one of the awarded peerages. Thank you to Vigdis for the cakes, Fleur for the beautiful cake decorations, and to Clarel for leading the birthday singing and cheers.



Thank you to my fellow stewarding team, Isabel Maria for providing the lighting, providing and helping with decoration and set up and clean up, for making the event booklet, and handling social media for the event; and to Joana for handling the bookings, contact with the site, payments, providing decorations, helping with set up and clean up.

Thank you to the set up crew, Angus, Oberon, Octavia, Thea, Ava for assisting with the set-up and decorating of the site. Thank you to Angus and Richard for the last minute emergency kitchen supplies, and to Angus for ensuring the stewarding and set up teams were fed. Thank you to Julia Fortunata for stapling the event booklets, and to Adelsea for running the gate table.

Thank you to everyone who helped restore and clean up the site; such energy and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated in assisting to close the event. Thanks especially to Richard for vacuuming; Bjorn and Isabel Maria for specialist floor cleaning; Isabel Maria for dumpster diving (to reclaim the recyclables that were not supposed to be left on site); and to the crew who returned the kitchen to sparkling clean.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event, for joining in with the various activities (games, dancing, singing, quiz); and thank you to those who brought games and activities to share. We hope you all had as much fun at the event as we did.



# Events

## Upcoming Events



### Monthly Tourneys

The June Monthly Tournaments shall be held on **Sunday, 1 June**.

This is a garbed event.

First tourney starts 11am at the Sturrocks Rd Scout hall, Redwood.

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## Midwinter Yule

The Hamlet of Hinterland Downs is proud to announce that we will once again host Yule over Matariki weekend this year.

**When:** 3 PM Thursday 19 June - 3 PM Sunday 22 June.

**Where:** Raincliff Youth Camp in inland South Canterbury,  
3788 Spur Rd, Pleasant Point 7974.

**Costs:** Full event: \$155/\$80 (adults/minors).

Full event (off-site accommodation) \$110/\$55 (adults/minors)

Day-trip rates, both with and without meal plan, and the Saturday night feast, are available. Inquire with the Steward, or refer to the booking form.

**Bookings:** <https://sg.lochac.sca.org/events/event-bookings/current-event-bookings-form/>

**Steward:** Lord Daud de Cochrane (David Marsden), email: [dmarsden85705@yahoo.com](mailto:dmarsden85705@yahoo.com)



## **event highlights**

Friday

9:30 AM **Opening Court**

1:30 PM **Falconry**: Timaru's Raptor Man will conduct a **falconry demonstration!** There will be an opportunity afterwards with the planned **Market** for you to have a **photo opportunity** holding one of the falcons (an additional \$5 cost as a donation to Timaru's Raptor Centre is requested for the latter).



2:30 PM **Market & photo Op**

6:00 PM **Pizza & Ale!** Baron Thorald has delved deep into his tomes of historical cookery, and discovered... medieval pizza! Hence dinner on Friday will be a "Pizza and Ale" repast.

7:00 PM **Ball** A frolicsome Ball to help you work off some of those carbs...

**Saturday**

6:00 PM **Spit-Roast Feast**: The feast on Saturday evening will be highlighted by a grand spit-roast, with m'Lord Johannes as pit boss for a beast which will be turning on the spit all day on the Saturday... Vegetarian alternatives will be available, alongside side dishes and dessert prepared by THL Vigdis.

**Sunday**

12:30 PM **Lunch & Closing Court**

**3:00 PM Site Closes**

All this, alongside fighting, archery, A&S, and shenanigans still to be plotted... We are still seeking good gentles to run various martial activities for this event, so if you have ideas do get in touch...

Yours In Service, Ld Daudi de Cochrane,  
*Yule Steward & Grand Vizier, Hinterland Downs*

# Day of Dance aka Un Ballo d'Oro e Rossa

(a Ball of Gold and Red)

DATE: Saturday 23 August 2025, from 10am.

SITE: The Village Community Centre @ Bryndwr, 190 Aorangi Road, Bryndwr (near Jellie Park).

COST:

Full event: \$42 adult, \$20 child.

Daytime only: \$22 adult, \$7 child.

Repast and Ball in the evening: \$20 adult, \$10 child.

Self catering people: use the daytime rate.

Non-members will have a \$5 surcharge as is now usual.

STEWARD: Lowrens Wilyamson, to be ably assisted by Lady Enith verch Gwilim for the dance, and the Noble Vigdis Svinahildasdottir for the lunch and repast.

If you wish to lead a dance session in some particular dance, or if you want to see some musical stream happening as well, or if you have some other fine suggestion, please contact the steward at [scotaidhmacu@gmail.com](mailto:scotaidhmacu@gmail.com), and we'll go from there.

Bookings will open in June.

## Regular Meetings & Practices

Note that meetings and practices are **not events** and therefore do not require garb.

Central Southron Gaard holds many of these activities on **Sunday mornings** at the Redwood Scout Hall and adjoining park at **20 Sturrocks Rd, Redwood**.

Meeting announcements will be posted to the Southron Gaard email lists – see

<https://sg.lochac.sca.org/documents-and-policy/mailling-lists/>



<b>Council Meetings</b>	<b>Martial Practices</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Sciences</b>
<p>First Wednesday of each month, from 7:30pm at the Upper Riccarton Library. Details, agenda etc. posted to the SG list.</p> <p>All welcome</p>	<p><b>Armoured Combat</b> Sundays 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.</p> <p><b>Rapier</b> Sundays from 10:30am-noon at Redwood Scout Hall.</p> <p><b>Archery</b> Fine Sundays at Northcote School grounds, meet at Redwood Scout Hall.</p>	<p>Sundays from at Redwood Scout Hall.</p> <p><b>Dance</b> Every <b>second and fourth</b> Sunday of the month, 10am at the Redwood Scout Hall unless stated otherwise.</p> <p><b>Fibre Guild</b> Every <b>third</b> Sunday of the month, 11am at Redwood Scout Hall or as announced.</p> <p><b>Co-fraternity of Cooks and Consumers</b> Every <b>fourth</b> Sunday of the month, 11am at the Redwood Scout Hall or as announced.</p>

## **fibre guild**

Fibre Guild is a Community of Practice where support each other in learning and developing new skills by sharing our knowledge. We have no membership or explicit structure, all are welcome.

**Sunday 15 June: Tassels** – the perfect way to finish a purse, hat, or many other things.

Bonus session: at Yule we will be having a session on **Buttons!**

We will be attempting to share our Christchurch meeting with others around the Barony.

Contact [hindins@gmail.com](mailto:hindins@gmail.com) or check the website for the Zoom link & details:

<https://sites.google.com/view/sg-fibre-guild/home>

## **Follow Southron Gaard**

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<https://www.facebook.com/SouthronGaard>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLLbUKNKMs06a0zKCcCwLXA>

# Regnum

The current Baronial Officers and their official email addresses:

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Librarian	Emma of Wolvercote	library@sg.lochac.sca.org
Scribe Warden	Melisande de Massard	scribes@sg.lochac.sca.org

\* Officer changeover process underway. Vacant offices: Constable & Youth  
Please email the seneschal

# Hamlets

## **Frostheath**

Southland &  
Invercargill  
Contact: Ysemay

## **Gildenwick**

Nelson & Environs  
Contact: Baldwin  
Semi-regular get  
together.

## **Hinterland Downs**

South Canterbury  
Contact: Daud  
Meets on 2nd Sat each  
month.

## **Wildmoor**

Dunedin & Environs  
Contact: Csperka

# Council Business

## Draft Minutes

Minutes for Southron Gaard Council Meeting for Wednesday 7th May 2025

7.00pm-8.29pm

Location: Community Room, Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road, Riccarton, Christchurch / online via Zoom

Present: Thorin, Thomas, Adelsea, James, Eleanora, Ellen, Lowrens, Simon, Amabilia, Isabella, Ealasaid

Apologies received: Rosanella, Adrienne, Joana, Angus, Bjorn,

### 1. Acceptance of previous (Apr) minutes circulated (sgannounce)

Moved to accept the minutes: Amabilia

Seconded: Eleanora

Abst: Isabella, Lowrens

Nay: N/A

Minutes passed

### 2. Actions review from last meeting

In Progress Actions as at 7/5/202	Date created	Allocated to	Progress
CF Container - sort and tidy - Post-CF 2025 the container was tidy, but still need to sort very old stuff that hasn't moved in a long time.	09/03/22	Bjorn / Thorald	In progress
Review SG YouTube accounts and see if one can be removed/deleted	07/08/24	Isabel Maria / Lowrens	In progress
Set up a small working group to start on the promotional video proposal Adrienne emailed Raffe 19/3/25 re. footage shot at Fiery Knights 2024?	07/08/24	Raffe	Being followed up
Replacements for Baronial Knives Check which knives we have to confirm gaps so we can place an order Potential connection for purchase through Kitchen Things	08/01/25	Financial Committee	In progress

(Raffe)			
Add the Tourney app subscription to event proposal budget template.	05/03/25	Thorbjorn	In progress
Investigate further printing options for Demo/Display Table Covers	05/03/25	Amabilia	In progress
Discussion regarding 'In Memoriam' Ellen and Lowrens to discuss options separately	07/05/25	Lowrens/Ellen	In progress

### 3. Reeves Report

Reeve's Report - Rosanella

Apologies for not being able to attend the April meeting.

Accounts	Opening Balance 31/03	Closing Balance 30/04	Profit
Main	\$28855.31	\$29209.99	354.68
FAT	\$4253.24	\$4263.03	9.79

See attached Xero profit/loss report for details (which combines data from all SG accounts)

For discussion:

I was recently alerted to money in the old SG Westpac accounts. I do not have access to these accounts and can only see some details via Xero. Despite most of the two old account balances being transferred to the new SG and FAT accounts, we are still occasionally receiving event payments into the old accounts, and there appears to be an automatic payment to Redwood still coming out of the old account.

From Xero, the balances in each accounts appear to currently be:

- Main \$133.15
- FAT \$270.00

With Council's permission I would like to seek advice from the Deputy Exchequer/SCANZ

Treasurer on closing these two accounts.

#### Doomsday Report

Attached is the Doomsday Report for the last year, which is a P/L report from Xero. Please note the Barony sustained a loss of \$7533.46. While some of this will be recovered through sales for of items purchased for resale like the plastic armour, there were substantial losses from events such last year's Coronation event along with unexpected costs such as repairs to pavilions damaged at Fiery Nights. As a result of this, along with increases in our fixed expenditures (Redwood, Storage, Cognito etc) I recommend undertaking a project to create an operational budget for the Barony. This is a project I can work on, with guidance from the Financial committee.

Notification:

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SCANZ membership fee increase from 1 May 2025:

Category	Old Rate	New Rate
Event Memberships	\$2 per event	\$5 per event
1 Yr Membership	\$15	\$30
3 Yr Membership	\$30	\$60

The event membership change does not affect events which have begun receiving income but will need to be adjusted on any upcoming event proposals.

Deputy Reeve

Thank you to Mistress Adrienne for agreeing to become my deputy when she completes her term as Seneschal Deputy.

Activities

- Doomsday and quarterly report has been sent to the appropriate parties
- Correspondence with event stewards has occurred
- Cognito upgrade has been paid, awaiting access
- Redwood April account paid
- GST return is due 7 May, and I am working with the Deputy Exchequer on this
- Discussion ongoing with Deputy Exchequer regarding event membership and Kingdom levy payments

## B&B Report - Joana and Angus

Apologies for council from us this month. It is my sister's last night in NZ before going home

Correspondence with:

- TRMs and Their Highnesses
- A&S officer
- Chronicler
- Seneschal and financial committee
- Lord Daudid regarding Yule
- Thorbjorn regarding A&S Champion for the reign
- Captain of Archers re format of archery tournament at the monthly
- Mistress Elizabet regarding offer of silk painting workshop

This month we have:

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- - attended Monthly Tournament
- - attended an in person SG financial committee meeting
- - attended most monthly gatherings including holding a drop in session the weekend after Mistress Rohesia passed
- - asked the populace to think about designing and making new tokens for the monthly tournaments

We will be:

- - attended the 60th birthday party
- - submitting a bid for BA 2026 at the next council meeting
- - sending a fealty scroll over to Coronation via a courier

## Seneschal's Report - Thorald

Correspondence:

- B & B
- Finance Committee
- SCANZ Treasurer
- Scanz Committee
- Jade (Rolleston Library)
- Plimmer (colony)
- Various populace members

Worked with the Finance Committee on a few issues that have popped up, actions assigned and results due in the next few months

SCANZ have announced to the Seneschals and Reeve and increase in the Event Membership. This is now \$5. SG would have been also having to collect GST on top of this, at a cost of 75c per event membership. Long term, this would not have been sustainable. A discussion was had with SCANZ Treasurer, followed by SCANZ Committee, and the resolution was that the \$5 is the GST inclusive amount, we are to send 15% (65c) to the IRD, and 4.35 to SCANZ.

## Hospitaller's Report - Ellen

My deputies and I are all still getting on well. Lady Clarel and I try to make sure at least one of us is at all central SG events, and we try to spot the new people and talk to them. We are getting some from demos, and some from friends-of-friends.

The Hamlet of Wildmoor is trying to pick up pace, the Hamlet of Hinterland Downs and the Hamlet of Gildenwick continue strongly, doing their own thing and also travelling to some of the bigger Baronial events. I believe their main new member source is friends-of-friends. Things seem quiet in the Hamlet of Frostheath.

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We are getting some emails contacts. Either they hit the web contacts form, or from the demos emails sign-up sheet.

Goals for next quarter

Begin writing a newcomer's corner for our Baronial Newsletter, and keep the content to transplant onto our website. I aim to roster that out to my deputies.

Revise the pamphlets - I printed 250, and they had wonky margins, and some textual errors. Grrr. Deputised to Lady Thalia.

Have the post-demo email list used across all demos. And keep on using the mini-flyer 'what on in the next two months' at demos. Which means updating it, but that's not too hard.

Modify some loaner garb skirts to fit more sizes, confer with Baroness Eleanora about the fate of half-made things, fabric stash, and items not good for general loaner garb. She has those for now. I intend to visit her in the next couple of weeks.

Make sure all Chatelaines have tokens. We are partway there, now have to unite the keys with some fabric backgrounds

## Chronicler's Report - Eleanora

May FtT posted on time, attempted to schedule but the server clock is off so was a bit later than expected.

Have started documenting processes. I have heard rumour of a wiki for such things and will stand by ready to migrate content as needed.

I had considered doing a In Memorium page or pages but was away and then sick last month and then it got caught up in a spiral of anxiety about it...

Could we consider creating a SOP for such things? It would be helpful for me to know what, if anything, the group wants to do. Sadly we have had enough losses in the last year that we need to consider protocol but it shouldn't be set by the Chronicler.

## Knight Marshal - James

Quarterly report completed. Buy better tape. Otherwise, no updates

## Captain of Rapier - Thomas

No updates

## Captain of Archer's Report - Simon

In this last month, I have run three practices and one monthly tournament and submitted a quarterly report. We are still attracting new archers having a go at practice.

We had a smaller than usual turnout for the May monthly tournament as I advertised beforehand that the grounds were soggy, so much so that wading boots and digging implements may be required.

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The tournament was to design an archery tournament with four entries being received. Lady Ellen suggested a hat shoot, bring a hat you don't mind being shot as the entry fee. Niki Martiz suggested a duck shoot, Damon suggested a 350 BCE reproduction of the pitch pot, (top marks for historical accuracy), Lilly suggested messing with muscle memory and perception. This is the order the judges voted, with Simon, Eivie, Her Excellency Joanna de Bairros and Lady Vigdis Svínahildardóttir being today's judges):

Lady Ellen 1st place and I intend to implement this at CF

Niki 2nd place a good idea for a monthly tournament

Darius 3rd place a good idea for when monthly tournament is rained out.

Lilly, three huzzahs for the fallen.

All of these are worthy tournaments though some safety concerns arise from Lilly's idea.

We have 36 working loaner arrows for target archery, 11 working loaner combat blunts, 7 working loaner bows.

I reported several near misses to the Lochac Kingdom Archery Marshal in the quarterly report, both of which made it into my notebook which will be in my handover to the next Captain of Archers.

For the clout shoot I had set markers up at 20 yards, 40 yards and 50 yards with the goal to land your arrow within 10 yards of the marker. It soon became apparent that the archers wanted a further range and we have clearance for 70 yards at this site with the correct safety distance beyond and clear views of the area.

## Webscribe's Report - Lowrens

Comms with B&B re In Memoriam page, Chroniclers present and past re storage of FTT archive.

Preparing In Memoriam draft page for selective review (sensitive material).

General mail list moderation.

Quarterly report went to Kingdom Webwright in early April.

## A&S Officer Report - Amabilia

Correspondence

- Library - Lady Emma
- Yule 2025 - Daid and Tove from Hinterland Downs
- General - Quarterly Reporting to Kingdom, Potential "Winter Series"/Activity
- B&B, Baronial Champions (past and present), BA steward, Yule steward. Quarterly report completed

Encouraging report of utilising A&S across kingdom

Championship well contested

Will dive into Library discussion in the coming months, regarding digitalisation and responses

May begin a new winter series – no details yet

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### Activities

- Musicians & Dance 13th & 27th - as always well attended
- A&S General Space/Coffee/Show & Tell 11am – theme - help and resources for patterning garments
- Fibre Guild Cancelled due to Easter
- Co Fraternity of Cooks & Consumers 27th - well attended for "cut the cheese"

### Other

Table clothes, please push another month, still sourcing options

## Chirurgion - Adelsea

No updates.

Money towards first aid kits noted

## Herald - Isabella

Things are going well, everything is getting smoother and more polished in court, so that's good and I've only had a query for one submission from Sir Callum for a household name of "the order of the member" that is not able to be done sadly.

## Quartermaster - Bjorn

Not present, no report provided

### Vacant Offices:

- Constable
- Youth Officer

## 5. Hamlet Activities

- a. Gildenwick - Baldwin – Nothing reported
  - b. Wildmoor - Thalia – Nothing reported
  - c. Frostheath - Ysemay – Nothing reported
  - d. Hinterland Downs - Halfdan/David – Nothing reported
- Halfdan stepping down in lieu of David

## 6. Funding Requests

None received

## 7. Event Proposals

Event planning calendar available here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WPBJnZ1bZ2qeOogBehV8JumVaHDvdqLkaBHm3eP8Wu4/edit?usp=sharing>

### Day of Dance - 23 August 2025 – Lowrens

Lowrens – Day of Dance: Red and gold hall. Village community centre at Redwood

Classes all day, with breaks, break for repast, ball in the evening.

One day event, catered lunch

- \$42 – members (+\$5 for none)
- \$22 – full day
- \$20 – Ball

No first aid requested on the day

Moved to accept the event: Lowrens

Seconded: Isabella

Abst: Simon

Nay: N/A

Motion passed

### Fiery knights IV - 6 September 2025 – Raffe

Budget sent

**Postpone movement to next meeting**

### CF 2026 event bid discussion – Thorbjorn

**Postpone movement to next meeting**

## 8. Event/Demo Reports and Updates

### Selwyn Library Te Ara Ātea demo - 12 April 2025 – Thorald

Big thanks from Te Ara Atea staff, loved to have us, happy to have us back.

### Fete of St Francis - 5 October 2024 - Daid - confirming final event report

Moved to accept: Thorald

2nd: Amabilia

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Abst: N/A

Nay: N/A

Motion passed

## Canterbury Faire 2025 – Amabilia

Few payments to tidy (\$500 variable)

Estimated \$8000 profit. Noted CF 2025 functioned at bare bones. One off, not to be taken as standard

Averaged 216 people per day (booked & signed in), 72 day trips. Break-even: 171.5 adults

Site happy with our treatment. Noted a resounding success.

### **Postpone movement to next meeting**

## Baronial Anniversary 2025 - Thorin/Amabilia

Ran smoothly, security was prompt and noted that we left the site in excellent condition.

Note to provide own cooking tools (knives, frying pans, etc) in the future as none is provided by site.

Two payments TBC (+ 1 enquiry to confirm payment)

Estimated 70ish booked attendees, 4 day trip attendees, 6 under-16.

Feast budget was \$100 over, lunch budget about \$100 under, budget balanced out.

Budget to be submitted for next month.

## SCA 60th New Year Games Revel - 17 May 2025 - Christian, Isabel Maria, & Joana

Booking closes 10<sup>th</sup> May

## Hinterland Downs Yule 19-22 June 2025 – David

On track

## 9. General Business

### Short film request from Ara student – Ellen

Discussion regarding possible promotional video, perhaps contribute to current Fiery Knights action item of same nature.

Ellen/Thorald/Isabella happy to make contact

### CF subcommittee report – James

The CF Subcommittee has been meeting regularly to discuss the

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documentation and things which need more attention at Canterbury Faire.

We have created and begun populating a wiki with the guidance documents written so far.

[https://cfwiki.fullmesh.co.nz/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://cfwiki.fullmesh.co.nz/index.php/Main_Page)

We would appreciate any feedback or offers of assistance with this.

The page is publicly viewable but only Subcommittee members have the ability to edit it.

Documents that have been uploaded so far are:

- Meal Plan (SCA Provided)
- Tournament Combat
- War Combat
- Fighter Auction Tournament
- Archery
- Scheduling

Documents that are being worked on are:

- Newcomers Tour
- Alcohol and tastings
- First aid
- List keeping
- Fire
- Health and safety plans
- Booking form

Feedback requested for currently updated items.

Contribution requested for currently unwritten items. Current members writing about fighting items, as they are more familiar with it..

Closed: 8.29pm

## Decisions Roster

Decision details	Date created	Moved/ Seconded	Notes
To accept the Day of the Dance event proposal	07/05/25	Moved: Lowrens  Seconded: Isabella	Passed

To accept the final event report for Fete of St Francis	07/05/25	Moved: Thorald  Seconded: Amabilia	Passed
That the Barony approve a spend of up to \$700 for paint & supplies for SG Waipara container maintenance	5/2/2025	Moved: Thorald  Seconded: Thorbjorn	Passed
That the Barony approve the Baronial Anniversary event bid as presented for 29th March (with a backup date of 22nd March pending confirmation from the venue), pending final budget sign off of the event budget by the Financial Committee.	5/2/2025	Moved: Thorald  Seconded: Angus	Passed
That the proposed event bid for the SCA 60th New Year Games Revel be approved as presented.	5/2/2025	Moved: Amabilia  Seconded: Adrienne	Passed
That the Gildenwick Yule 2024 event report be accepted as presented	8/1/2025	Moved: Adrienne  Seconded: Joana	Passed
That the Collegium 2024 event report be accepted as presented	8/1/2025	Moved: Adrienne  Seconded: Thorbjorn	Passed
That the Day of Dance 2024 event report be accepted as presented	8/1/2025	Moved: Adrienne  Seconded: Angus	Passed

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