

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Rumblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

I would love to see your stuff in FTT – photographs*, original artwork, reviews, articles, poems, recipes etc. Please send your contributions to the chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org email address by the 25th of each month. I prefer text documents (.docx, .doc, .rtf etc.) where I can easily copy the text rather than PDFs.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

Eleanora

* Please ensure that you have permission to publish the photographs of anyone identifiable in your photos.

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Kingdom of Lochac



King Gilbert and Queen Bethony

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Additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: www.lochac.sca.org

Their Excellencies Speak

Greetings all,

For a traditionally quiet time of year, We have been very happy to note the number of activities recently. Her Excellency greatly enjoyed her time in Wildmoor, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the first Fimbulwinter. The highlight of the trip, aside from the chance to talk with the wonderful people in the Hamlet, was being able to present the new relic, the Luck of Wildmoor, to it's first holder. The Luck is a beautiful goblet made by Baroness Agnes, to be passed amongst the people of Wildmoor, to celebrate and commemorate the culinary arts, for one of the best signs of a prosperous hamlet is that everyone is well fed.

We have been happy to note the return of (medieval) Stuff Nights, and were pleased to attend the first of these. So many good books, and so many ideas being discussed. We look forward to next month's meeting.

We also look forward to the first of Master Brian's Tournament series - unfortunately postponed by rain last week, but a wonderful opportunity to try marshalling, heralding and lists, as well as keep in top form for fighting. Later in the month, there will also be the Collegium - an opportunity to learn and practice all those Arts and Sciences you always meant to explore, but haven't found the chance to do so yet. There is talk of a revel celebrating that most French invention, Creme Anglaise, being planned and we most certainly look forward to hearing more about that.

Of concern however are rumours of our neighbours making ready weapons of war. It is Our firm belief that Our Cousins in Ildhafn bear us no malice, though they would indeed have good reason to be covetous of Southron Gaard's treasures, and thus We will dispatch emissaries forthwith to treat with them and obtain assurances of their good will. It would be imprudent however not to look to Our own defences and thus We have charged Our Marshal to begin drawing up plans and making ready such siege engines and crews as may be necessary to deter any that might think to spoil the peace in these lands.

Brave warriors of Southron Gaard, sharpen your weapons and hone your skills in these coming months! Let not the cold of winter set upon you and slacken your industry! Only sorrow will follow if our Gaard be seen to be down.

In Service to the Crown,

Richard and Ginevra



Seneschal's Comments

Greetings all,

Another busy month for me, though admittedly mostly outside of the society. I did however have a great time at Fimbulwinter in the Hamlet of Wildmoor, it was great to get down there and see people, and celebrate 10 years since the first ever formal SCA event in Dunedin.

Otherwise in administration land, we accepted the budget for CF 2017 this month at Council, then again at a special session. I have great faith that THL Aveline Groupil is organising a fantastic event. We've also had more turnover in officer positions, and I'd like to again thank both the outgoing and incoming Baronial officers for their service. Without all of the various volunteer contributions the society receives, both formal official positions, and informal assistance, the game would not be able to exist. So thank you.

We still have a vacancy for the Captain of Archers. If you've got a drive to assist with Archery, then Master Brian di Caffa (The Baronial Knight Marshall) would love to hear from you. This goes for both volunteers for the captain of archers, and people who might help out.

We've got several demos coming up in the next few months that we're trying to organise as well. If you'd like to get your kit on and meet the public, please get in touch. (In particular the Antiques Arms and Armour faire is coming this July. I'll be chasing this in coming weeks, and more information will be out on the mailing list as soon as I have it available.)

Finally, there is a policy review underway for Section 5 of the Baronial Policy documents relating to Fuel Costs. Currently the Barony has a policy of never reimbursing fuel costs. It has been noted that this can add a financial barrier to getting volunteers for event stewarding or for baronial officers, and that we are in some ways treating those of our barony who have vehicles that can transport barony equipment and the willingness to do so unfairly. The IRD's position is that we can award mileage or actual costs to volunteers as a non-profit organisation, and this will be discussed further and potentially voted on at the July council meeting.

If you have feedback on this policy, please share it with the list, or contact me directly. We'll be discussing potential revisions to this policy at the July Council meeting. As usual, this will be available via go to meeting, or in person at the Upper Riccarton Library. Online meeting details will be published on the agenda document (linked below) closer to the date.

Our current Council minute documents are:

Accepted MAY minutes -

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1q69VtB8hh_AwZHtoPT8c8YXLH9Fg9si2pXp_gTK07Hw

Provisional JUNE minutes - [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-DFYNI06aY_p4_txHskPjB7KyaFsZgEfbqbnrfHfis)

[DFYNI06aY_p4_txHskPjB7KyaFsZgEfbqbnrfHfis](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-DFYNI06aY_p4_txHskPjB7KyaFsZgEfbqbnrfHfis)

Upcoming JULY Council Agenda -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fTcRzQucfIE3k1qrqctBW5jU32jIH0MqBews6ShuRXs/edit>

Yours in Service,

Maximilian von Monsterber

SG Baronial Seneschal

Vacancies

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

captain of archers

We are currently without a Captain of Archers and the Knight Marshal, Brian di Caffa, is looking for either a replacement, or a couple of line marshals who will turn up this last week each month to run archery tournaments. Targets can be made available any Sunday for interested archers if there is a line marshal present, and it is easy to become an authorised line marshal.

If you wish to apply for Captain of Archers email your application to: archer@lochac.sca.org with copies to seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org & bandb@sg.lochac.sca.org.

Arts and Sciences

July Stuff Night

The theme for July is UFOs. Bring along your Unfinished Object projects, and have a go towards finishing them - work on them, try and work out why you put them aside or discuss progress with others. Or feel free to just bring any project, and craft socially with other members of the Barony. A light supper will be provided.

Tuesday July 12th from 7pm to 9.30pm.

Location: Avice Hill Community Centre Activities Room at 395 Memorial Avenue, Burnside.

We are in the front room of the facility.

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

Have you ever wanted to run a class or A&S activity, but haven't before? Would you like to try? Do you sometimes teach but would like to trial a new class or do a dry run before teaching more widely? Have a neat idea for a Baronial project or activity?

Now welcoming all applications to run fun classes or activities either on Sundays or for Stuff Night. Have a go! Contact Lady Cecily de Montgomery on arts@sg.lochac.sca.org

Southron Gaard Collegium

A collegium is to be held on Saturday July 30, 9am to 5pm at St Marks Church, 101 Opawa Rd, Christchurch. This is an SCA event and as such medieval garb is required.

event fees

\$15 which includes tea/coffee and lunch (soup, bread, pie*),

\$10 without lunch,

Children under 12 no charge,

Non-members add \$2

*Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Dairy Free etc. options by arrangement – please advise on booking.

Email Agnes at ivorie@ihug.co.nz to book.

classes so far:

- 16th C domestic embroidery AND / OR Early period embroidery
- Family papers, or how to add depth to your persona and guidance to
- Your A&S projects through the use of letters, bills, wills and deeds.
- Hair styling (and how to do it)
- Turkish coffee (practical)
- Agnes talks about plague
- Court etiquette / protocols / the deal with the toasts / terms of address
- Cooking your first feast (or meal) in the SCA in NZ, for culinary curious beginners
- A practical session to get some heraldry going for those who don't yet have it

classes no-one is currently running but someone might

like to:

- How to write recommendation letters
- Dolls / toys / games
- Neat foods to bring to SCAdian potlucks (practical or not)
- How to turn your feast chest into a chilly-bin (or to turn your chilly bin into a period-looking item)
- Calligraphy / illumination
- Pouches and other accessories
- Pageantry and how to make your stuff look cool
- Sotelties (history of, creation of, how to spell it and why...)
- Jewellery
- Something for the fighters / fencers / archers
- ...that class you've been wondering about doing

Resources of the Month: Duolingo

By *herrin chunegund screivogelin*

I've found that, when researching my persona, knowing the modern language (in my case, German) means that you can access more information on, well, everything. For example, here is the English page for Henry the Lion of Saxony: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_the_Lion

And here is the same entry in German: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_der_Löwe
Just a tad more information available.



duolingo

Duolingo <https://www.duolingo.com/> is a language learning tool that you can get on your phone and on the internet. Currently, it only covers European languages, but this could change in the future – it uses feedback from its users to change the classes. It is also 'gameified' – it gives you experience points and “lingots” to encourage you to keep learning, and coming back day after day to keep your practising streak going. The lingots are useful for buying proficiency tests and extra interesting skills like “How to Flirt”. You can see the progress of your friends as well.

I've tried both the Russian and German lessons. Russian I am a complete beginner at this year, so I went through all the lessons from the start. I noticed that, while the internet version has a set of notes on the skill page underneath the lessons, the app does not, meaning that I mostly used it for revision and testing out of skills in German. These notes are accessible during the lessons under “Tips and notes”. You can click on any word in a lesson and it will give you a translation, and new words are highlighted. It's easy enough for people who haven't learned a language before, and if you get stuck on the finer points of the language, there are forums linked on each question. It'll even romanise foreign alphabets if you like.

Another nice feature is that skills have a strength bar that fades over time, so you are reminded to keep going back over each skill. Tedious, yes, but that is how language is learned. Some languages have speaking and listening tests that can be turned off and on, depending your preference. They all have someone reading the lesson aloud, and will remind you to turn up your volume if you haven't got it on!

I know German from high school, so it took a while (the 8th of 9 checkpoints) to get to the point of learning new things. This was greatly helped by being able to test out of skills one by one, or large groups of them depending on where the checkpoints were. You are meant to be able do one proficiency test at the start, and it finds your level, but I didn't find this useful because I am terrible at remembering the gender of nouns, for which it revoked all my points. It doesn't penalise you for punctuation though, with the exception of capitals on German nouns, which I think is a pity. It will give you the answer straight after you've entered yours, and there are no time limits.

Duolingo's a good tool. I find it especially useful for whiling away time at bus stops and waiting rooms. I think that if you made it through all the lessons and learned them well, you would be able to slowly read an article with a dictionary to hand. This is no mean feat – it's about the equivalent of a high school education!

July Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
11	12 Stuff Night See ad above	13 Council meeting	14	15	16	17 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery Open Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
25 FTT deadline	26	27	28	29	30 Collegium See ad above	31 Tournament See ad below

MARTIAL PRACTICES

Armoured Combat

Sundays 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

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

Rapier

Sundays from noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

Archery

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

Email: archers@sg.lochac.sca.org

ARTS GATHERINGS

Arts & Sciences

Sundays from 11:00am at Redwood Scout Hall.

Stuff Night: one Tuesday a month at Avice Hill Community Centre

Topics or projects to be announced on SG list and Facebook.

UCMRS Dance

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

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

Council Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month, from 7:30pm. Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road.

Or join online: details posted to the SG list.

All welcome

Baronial Open Home

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

August Calendar

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

Winter Season of Tournaments

Greetings Good Gentles,

I would like to announce regular heavy tournaments on the **last Sunday** of each month at the Redwood Scout Hall, Sturrocks Rd. This will occur at or close to 11am after a bit of the usual heavy training.

A tournament requires three or more authorised fighters (or authorising under a marshal's supervision) and at least one marshal. Heralds, chirurgeons, list keepers, a second marshal to tap poles with the other marshal, and cheering crowds in garb are all desirable.

The first of these monthly tournaments will be July 31st.

Master Brian di Caffa

Southron Gaard Regnum

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

Baronial officers

Baron & Baroness:	Richard d'Allier & Ginevra di Serafino Visconti	BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org
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Arts & Sciences:	Agnes ðe kyrii*	arts@sg.lochac.sca.org
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Constable:	Raffe de Massard	constable@sg.lochac.sca.org
Crescents Officer	Csperka	crescents@sg.lochac.sca.org
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Web scribe:	Ginevra de Serafino Visconti	web@sg.lochac.sca.org
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Captain of Rapier:	James of Southron Gaard	rapier@sg.lochac.sca.org
Lists Officer:	Melisande de Massard	lists@sg.lochac.sca.org

* Seeking replacement: see vacancies page for details.

wildmoor hamlet: otago

nelson hamlet

Fiora Vespucci (mundanely Fiona)

HeraldRadish@gmail.com

Other SCANZ Groups

WELLINGTON

Shire of Darton

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

AUCKLAND

Barony of Ildhafn

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

HAMILTON

Canton of Cluain

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

SCA (NZ) Inc. Membership

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

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

www.sca.org.nz

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

A SCA(NZ) Inc. membership form is included on the final page of this newsletter, or can be accessed on the SCA(NZ) website.

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



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) **	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Membership + posted print Pegasus	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105
Replacement for lost card	<input type="checkbox"/> \$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): _____

Payment information:

- Please do not post cash. Sorry, we are unable to accept credit card payments.
- **Paying by cheque:** make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc.
- **Paying by Internet Banking:** make the payment to SCA (NZ) Inc, account number 38-9010-0099412-00. Place your surname in the reference field, then print out and attach the receipt page to this form once your payment has gone through. Failure to attach proof of payment can delay your membership being processed by as much as a month – so please don't forget!

If you have queries about this form or your membership, please feel free to contact the Registrar, Elizabeth Kent, at registrar@sca.org.nz. For urgent matters, phone the Registrar at (03) 960 0452 between the hours of 9am-9pm.

Information you provide on this form will be kept on file by the SCA (NZ) Registry according to the Privacy Act 1993, and may be shared with Kingdom Officers and affiliated SCA corporations as needed. If you believe we hold incorrect information, contact the Registrar directly for a copy of your details. Use this form to update your information by ticking the box labelled 'Change of information'.

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