

From the Tower



Bridge Battle at Canterbury Faire

Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

... and we were shattered. As always, Canterbury Faire was fantastic, but left the populace tired beyond belief. Fortunately the other side effect of CF is often enthusiasm about the SCA in general. Now is the time to capitalise on that excitement and start all those projects you want completed by next Canterbury Fair, which looks to be even longer next year.

To ensure next years longer Faire is equally pleasant, do take the

time to look after your camping equipment now. Mouldy or bug-eaten tents have the ability to take the shine off any event, so why not take the opportunity to save yourself some stress next year.

I hope you enjoy this large issue of FT'T. Many people have taken the time to contribute to this issue and I hope you will take the time to appreciate their efforts.

Isabel María del Aguila

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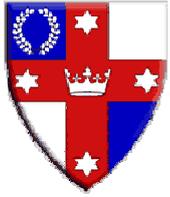
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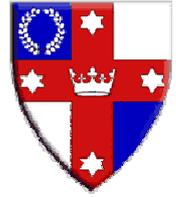
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Kingdom of Lochac



King: Berenger of Nancy
Queen: Bethan of Brockwood

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



Their Excellencies Speak

Canterbury Faire and its many joys and challenges are already fading into memory. Our thanks to an excellent stewarding crew and all those from within and without the Barony who contributed to its success.

One of the effects of both growth and competition for resources is longer and more careful planning for the Barony's major activities. It's no particular surprise that our Officers were asked this month to confirm CF dates for 2009, pencil them firmly for 2010 and provide an estimate for 2011!

Yet at the same time, we retain the luxury of being able to schedule simple events at relatively short notice, such as the March Muster that Lady Iuliana is running on Sunday March 2nd. This will be an opportunity for heavy and rapier combatants, dancers and musicians to take the field amidst picnicking, gentle conversation and an Arts and Sciences display.

On March 8th, the College of St Kessog begins its year's events with their First Feast. Much preparation has gone into recruiting and in planning for this event and it looks like it will be well attended from all parts of the Barony.

And on the following weekend, the Canton of Castelburn is holding their second St Patrick's Encampment, this time in the north Otago township of Herbert, handily placed between the Barony's main centres. For those who can make it, this should be a relaxing and enriching occasion.

With Festival happening shortly thereafter, it's not surprising that Southron Gaard's Baronial Anniversary won't be held until April. As in previous years, a call for letters of intent from would-be Baronial Champions has been made, and this year we have introduced a requirement that each Championship will only be awarded if there are three or more entrants. So please enter, in order to do

honour to yourself and to the contest itself!

With a two-day BA event and the opportunity to camp on-site, there should be plenty of time for both the Championships (including the first Rapier Championship to be contested in Southron Gaard) and the feasting, dancing and other entertainments Lady Emma has planned.

Beyond that is May Crown in Darton, the Shire's first Kingdom event, ably supported by several gentles from Southron Gaard and else-where. We hope to see several Crescent Isles contenders in the Crown Tournament, and can certainly look forward to fine displays of martial prowess in a fine setting. If you have not previously been to such a tournament, don't miss this one.

The Faire may have ended, but there is much to look forward to!

Bartholomew & Katherine

Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard



Seneschal's Comments

Firstly, congratulations to all members of the Barony for another incredibly successful Canterbury Faire! Once again this was the largest and busiest Faire ever. Special thanks must go out to the Stewards of the event, and their stewarding team, who did a fantastic job and put in a huge amount of effort. However, the success of Canterbury Faire relies on the whole Barony, and so I would like to extend a thank you to the whole Populace for making it such a great event. We received a huge amount of praise from visitors to the Barony, who all thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Due to overwhelming popularity, next year's Faire will be longer than ever, will several days of dedicated set-up at the start. This will allow us to set up encampments, build the fort, bring in horses and all the other

things that make CF special, in a much more relaxed time frame. (Of course the exact details and timetable for next year's Faire will still be under the control of the Steward.)

Lastly, this will be my last Seneschal column, and also sadly my last month in this Barony before I leave these shores to explore the world. I have spent seven years in this Barony and during this time I have seen it grow from strength to strength. The Barony is an incredible group, something we often take for granted. But numerous visitors have told us that the levels of dedication, enthusiasm, commitment, authenticity and fun in Southron Gaard are unlike anywhere else. We truly are blessed.

I have greatly enjoyed going to the many different events and

activities that our Barony has run over the last seven years. But to me the Barony is not the events or the activities that it runs, the Barony is the people, and the people are the Barony. It is the meeting of all the different people in the Barony over the last seven years that I have enjoyed the most. I consider myself lucky that I can call many of them my friends.

Above all else, it is the people of the Barony who I will miss the most when I leave. While I have no plans other than to explore the world and see where it takes me, I know that the Barony will always be home to me and that one day I will return.

Till we meet again,
Peregrine

Tui Lodge Kitchen at Canterbury Faire

To those who shared the facilities, worked with others using them and cleaned up after themselves, many heartfelt thanks.

It is always pleasing to see both old-timers and new-comers living up to the ideals of the SCA.

Sadly there were a couple of issues where people did not live up to the expectations we have of people in the society.

To those individuals we would ask that they remember to clean up promptly after cooking meals. Other people need to use the same pots and pans and bench space and do not have a spare half hour to clean up your leavings.

We would also point out that many of those who self-cater usually do so on a strict, pre-planned menu. The disappearance of a single item from the fridge/freezer may deprive them of a whole meal.

The SCA is a society whose whole ethos is based around honour. With that in mind, it is intolerable that regularly cleaning other people's dishes is considered a fact of sharing a kitchen. Likewise, the concept that food going missing is simply part of having communal facilities is unacceptable.

If you didn't bring it, don't eat it

If you used it, clean it



Herald's Cry

Awards Given by the hands of Their Majesties, Berengar and Bethan, King and Queen of Lochac, during their visit to Canterbury Faire, in the lands of the Barony of Southron Gaard.

Mouse Guard:

Christopher of Southron Gaard

Order of the Golden Lily:

Androu le Greyn

Order of the Nock:

Darius j'Fa

Awards of Arms:

Emilio de Batista,
Eydis of St. Kessog,
Finnr of St. Kessog,
Maxmilian of Southron Gaard,
Elizabeth Braythwayte,
Melisand de Massard,
Raife de Massard,
Yseult Corista Verch Edenevet
Grace Kerr,
Maree de Cauty

Order of the Golden Tear:

Bernard Stirling,
Peregrine Flamstead

Order of the Rowan:

Peregrine Flamstead,
Emayn de Whytacre

Order of Prometheus:

Scottaidh MacUilliam

Order of the White Scarf:

William de Cameron

Order of the Rapier:

Martuccio Lorenzo Cavalcanti de
Medici

Order of the Pelican:

Bartholomew Baskin

Order of the Laurel:

Isabel María del Aguila

A new Order was also created, but it is of such a singular nature that modesty and want of the poetry for its rightful description prevent me from doing so.

Congratulations to all the distinguished recipients and thanks to all those who assisted me at the Faire - particularly Ysabella Vitale and Peregrine Flamstead.

Oswyn Carolus

Tour d'Or Herald



LEFT: Baron Bartholomew being brought forward for his Elevation to the Order of the Pelican



RIGHT: Lady Isabel Maria kneeling before Their Majesties during her Elevation to the Order of the Laurel



The Chatelaine Chats

Greetings to all,

When the position of Chatelaine of Southron Gaard became vacant I thought to myself “Bother, I like the sound of that one, but it’s just a bit too soon for me to take on an Officer position in the Barony – I don’t know enough yet!”. And yes – there certainly is a lot to learn! Culture, customs, people, background....the list goes on! It certainly can be daunting for a newcomer who has had no knowledge of or contact with the organization previously to turn up to an event/stuff night/practice, face a whole lot of total strangers and start to get involved!

But that’s exactly what my husband Raife and I have done, and without the group of friendly, welcoming and helpful faces that regularly took the time to chat with us and answer our myriad of questions at the first few events, and make us feel welcome and not total “fish out of water”, we certainly wouldn’t have the confidence to take on any such roles only 18 months into our involvement with the group.

I do still consider myself a relative newcomer, but that in itself I believe is an asset to the role of Chatelaine in its own way. I still clearly remember the “essential” questions I was asking of people in order for me to gather a basic understanding of ‘the way things work’ and “who does what” and “how do I find out more about that”. Hopefully that will aid me in making more newcomers feel informed and welcomed into the group as previous Chatelaines have done.

I’m certainly looking forward to the role and my motto will be “If I don’t know the answer to your question, I’ll certainly be able to find you someone who can answer it for you!” So populace beware – I’ll still be asking those pesky questions!

Yours In Service

Melisande de Massard

The **Canton of Castelburn's** annual

St Patrick's Weekend

This year, the event will run from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 March. It is being held at a lovely riverside campground at **Waianakarua**, 1hr north of Dunedin- and therefore 1hr less driving for any Christchurch gentles who feel like a southern jaunt!

The programme will have an Irish flavour and will include a riverside picnic, an Irish-themed quest, rapier instruction from Emilio di Batista, and the first performance of the Canton's puppet play of Dr Faustus, plus lots of feasting, dancing and celtic music from our piper.

We would love to see some of our fellow Scadians of Southron Gaard at the event, so do please consider coming down; you will be made most welcome!

There is information on the Canton webpage (castelburn@sca.org.nz).

You are also welcome to contact the steward, Ignatius, on (03) 453 1947 or at seneschal@castelburn.sca.org.nz

Wisdom from past Canterbury Faires

If a Huhu beetle gets wrapped up in your tent, it will valiantly try to eat its way out.

Fortunately, the SCAdian solution to most problems while camping, i.e. duct tape, makes an excellent patch (that lasts for years) on modern tents

A Canterbury Faire report:

The Steward's Tale

Day the First

Arrive on site with huge pile off stuff. Gavin is to set up gate while I move food for feast into training centre. Severe sleep deprivation induces extreme clumsiness. Result is smacking of left foot on concrete step and performance clown-style fall while clutching giant polystyrene box of meat. Rapid descent down onto main field is prevented by high speed impact on safety barrier. Experience acute pain, mistake for acute embarrassment.

Begin ~~boring~~ scintillating task of signing people in, directing to appropriate bunk rooms and trying to maintain supply of working pens despite populace's best efforts to pilfer. Cheerfully escape when Max arrives and happily takes over. Do rounds to inspect site, including Mong to scrutinize comestibles. Discover marquee already erected by enthusiastic volunteers.

*Spend remainder of day gossiping, eating and whining about heat.
Foot a little sore, but to be expected.*

Day the Second

Decide that, as friend Anna is in possession of Viking brooches, will wear Italian. Subsequently spend entire day meaning to put on sunscreen and instead get nasty burn. Anna and I watch various people riding well behaved horse and take turns playing with Max (the other one, the world's cutest baby).

Gavin and I decide to dress up for feast. At point where Gavin has snapped lace on his turn shoes and I am only in under-gown, we are asked to dine with Their Majesties. EEEK! Baron Arnfinn immediately arrives saying Adele needs some lists printed for the feasts. !!!!! Anna sews Gavin into shoes while Arnfinn is roped into acting as ladies maid. He does a good job. (Blonde elf fantasy moment is slightly spoiled by fact he has been working in the kitchens and smells faintly of vegetables. Also, original screenplay had best friend and boyfriend conspicuously absent.)

Feast is excellent! Enjoy it even more because didn't have to cook. Unfortunately am forced to attend barefoot because left foot won't fit in new shoes.

Day the Third

Broken sleep caused by painful sunburn, awake vowing to be more careful. Anna and I go to watch "Burning Roof" rapier tourney. Take special care to sit in shade. Forget that sun moves and get new burn, this time on back. Am unimpressed.

However, is Market Day thus must go shopping. Find Viking brooches for Anna, iced lemon cordial, nifty board game and more pearls. Good haul. Then head down to Pas d'Armes which is in nice shady marquee.

Large part of the ball spent mucking about in kitchen with Sir Inigo and Androu. Many sugar biscuits found to be defective and must be ~~consumed~~ disposed of safely. Dance one dance but mostly spent heading in wrong direction while poor partner tries to herd me.

Foot still hurts.

Day the Fourth

Rain, blessed rain. Feel that smug thrill known only to those in possession of sufficient wool clothing. Spend all day wandering about encouraging things to happen on time. Mud seeps into shoes and hair goes all droopy. Gavin and I attended class on chapbooks. Use new chapbook to start list of things we need for next year.

Crafty plan to wear another good gown for Half Circle Theatre goes out the window completely due to blistery sunburn and bone-shattering fatigue. Theatre survives move to hall and acoustics are really good. Only possible improvement would be addition of more acts, in particular a play.

Foot still not right.

Day the ...??...

Event has become total blur.

Was there wrestling and a pirate roundup?

Am certain they fired a melon from a trebuchet.

Once again plan to stay up late and don't. Gavin raids kitchen to fry bacon, eggs and bread we haven't found time to eat for breakfast since arriving on site. See first ever gnome jousting thanks to Ordo Cygni.

Foot really throbbing

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On the whole the event was loads of fun. There were moments when my patience as a steward were sorely tried but they were more than offset by the times I looked round me and saw lots of smiling people and realised it was all working. This is definitely an event when the more work you do ahead, the less you have to do at the event. Also a team of willing volunteers makes it all run so much smoother. I am looking forward to next year, when I will be doing as little as possible.

p.s. today I confirmed that my toe is actually broken, oddly it hurts way more now without the fun and distraction of CF than it did during the event.



A Canterbury Faire report:

The Battle of Blue Cheese Tavern: *FROMAGE & FRACAS*

Being a rapier melee in the Blue Cheese Tavern, known for short as 'Le Bar Clandestin Illicit'. The tavern where the customers are always angry for, as you can see, there are no chairs.

The Cheapside Bricklayers' Guild was in Paris for the village-a-side football championships and, sure enough, it didn't take long before they were antagonising the locals with comments like 'You look like a big one-eyed blowfly'. Swords were drawn and chaos ensued until the Cardinal's guard appeared, and with a cry of 'What's going on here then!', the forces of law killed everyone they could see.

Despite the deterrent of the death penalty with the only trial being that of combat, fighting broke out again when a fresh group of clientele assaulted the proprietor for selling bread and cheese so mouldy as to be green right through, and therefore 'not nourishing, but noxious to the eye, nose and stomach'. He had wisely collected all swords at the door. However, they were wrested from him by ruffians wielding pokers from the fireplace, daggers they had secreted about their persons and bricks left behind by the English. More bricks and mouldy loaves of bread and several wheels of cheese were also thrown by the rabble in the galleries and on the balconies, they being too poor even to possess swords and knives.

The unlucky proprietor was finally overwhelmed and the owners of the swords reclaimed their weapons. They then fell to fighting over whose was whose, uniting only to defend themselves against some of their fellows who to the surprise and alarm of the rest of those present had turned into zombies, no doubt due to eating the nasty cheese.



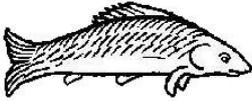
Patrons of "le Bar Cladestin Illicit"



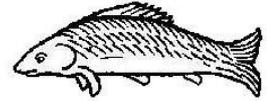
The surviving patrons vs the Cardinal's Men

Eventually word made it out to the Guard, who re-entered the establishment, killing anyone who was or might turn into a zombie, claiming a small barrel of brandy as a rightful prize for the hazards they had faced. This they returned to the premises however, demonstrating what we all already know from books: that the Cardinal's men are violent and not terribly smart.

Oswyn Carolus

*Canterbury Faire Recipes:***Tuna with Honey**

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**Fennel Salad**

For this year's feast at Canterbury Faire, I relied on Platina's *On Right Pleasure and Good Health* as a source.

Tuna with honey

Platina writes:

Season fresh tuna with ground pepper, cinnamon, and coriander, onion cooked and cut up, vinegar, honey, and oil. (X.2)

That's not much information to go on-- nothing about how the tuna should be cooked, the proper level of doneness, or how the ingredients should be combined, so I concentrated creating the best tuna dish I could from the available stated ingredients.

My Redaction:

- 2 good sized tuna steaks (say, 400g in total)
- a good pinch each of pepper, cinnamon and salt
- 1 tsp whole coriander seeds
- 2tbsp honey
- 2tbsp olive oil, plus more for frying
- 2tsp red wine vinegar
- 1 small white onion

Toast the coriander seeds until they are slightly browned, then crack them in a mortar. Combine the coriander, oil, vinegar, and honey and mix thoroughly. Slice and sauté the onion until just translucent, and set aside. Sprinkle the tuna steaks with salt, pepper and cinnamon, then sear on both sides in a fairly hot pan. (If you like the tuna well done, you can lower the heat and cook more slowly). Cut the cooked tuna into 1cm thick slices and arrange nicely on a plate. Garnish with red onion and spoon the sauce over.

Fennel Salad

Platina mentions that fennel is eaten both raw and cooked, but doesn't give any specific instructions for preparing it. He does, however, mention quite a few other vegetables that are served in salads, and he nearly always recommends they be dressed with oil, vinegar, and salt.

My Redaction:

- florence fennel
- olive oil
- white wine or white balsamic vinegar
- salt to taste

Slice the fennel very thinly. Dress with roughly equal quantities of oil and vinegar, plus as much salt as you like. Toss well and serve.

Adèle de Maisieres

Cuppe Perilous

During the course of martial activities at Canterbury Faire, the *Cuppe Perilous* was passed from the hands of its inaugural holder, *Sir Inigo Missiglia*, to those of *Lord Deodonaan*.

We congratulate Lord Deodonaan on his feat of arms that earned him the honour of holding the *Cuppe Perilous*

Rules for the defence of the Cuppe Perilous

- Every single heavy combat fight between the current cuppe holder and another Crescent Islander in a major tournament is a defence for the cuppe holder.
- In a defence, the cuppe transfers to the winner of the final fight between defender and challenger.
- Cuppe must be defended or relinquished at Canterbury Fair and St Catherine's and all local major tournaments.
- Cuppe tourneys shall be any "large" heavy tourney in the home barony/shire of the current cuppe holder plus at least one designated tourney at St Catherine's and Canterbury Faire.
- Each group is to determine what constitutes a large tourney. (Perhaps certain key tourneys through the year, plus any other tourney over a certain size)
- The cuppe holder may at their discretion declare any other tourney to be a cuppe tourney.
- Provided fair notice is given, any visiting fighter can challenge for the cuppe and make a smaller tourney a cuppe tourney.
- Cuppe must be defended or relinquished all cuppe tournaments.
- If cuppe is to be relinquished, the current holder may nominate who is to hold it at the start of the tourney.
- If a group does not hold a cuppe tourney for 3 months, the cuppe is surrendered to the first Crescent Isles group to do so.
- The cuppe shall only be contested between inhabitants of the Crescent Isles of Eastern Lochac.
- When contested the cuppe is provisionally held by the winner of whichever is the final fight of any bout against the current holder. I.e. in a best of 3 you could lose the first two but win the third and hold the cuppe.
- The provisional holder shall progress as it will throughout the tourney to be displayed by the wearing of an included tassel.
- Whosoever holds the tassel at the end of the tourney shall enjoy the use of the cuppe until the next defence tourney.

The cuppe holder may well not be the overall winner of the tourney

Use and display of the cuppe is very much encouraged



Southron Gaard's

Baronial Anniversary



The Barony of Southron Gaard is celebrating its twelfth Anniversary with two days of festivities. As well as feasting and dancing there will be contests of arms, strength, skill and knowledge across both days to choose Champions for the coming year from amongst the populace.

You are invited to day-trip, camp or bunk at Hibburt Park in order to participate in the contests or celebrations that mark another year of the Barony of Southron Gaard.

EVENT TIMETABLE:

Saturday, 19 April		Sunday, 20 April	
10:00	Site Opens	9:00	Breakfast (Ordo Cygni style)
12:00	Pot-Luck Lunch	10:00	Rapier Championship Tourney
13:00	Archery Championship Tourney		Arts and Sciences Championship Judging
14:00	Dance Class	12:00	Champions' Court
16:00	Heavy Championship Tourney	13:00	Feast
18:30	Repast (with singing, dancing and live music)	17:00	Site Closes

Due to the size of the site hall, there are limited numbers for the repast, so be in quick!

For those wishing to camp onsite overnight, there are both dormitory style bunks and tenting spaces available. The site fee for camping includes a breakfast of bacon, eggs and pancakes on Sunday morning.

Pricing:

	Adult	Child (under 13)
Day Visitors (byo food)	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.50
Saturday Repast	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
Sunday Feast	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
Camping (2 days + 'bunk & breakfast')	\$12.00	\$ 9.00
Whole Weekend (camping + feast & repast)	\$32.00	\$19.00

* Non-members add an event membership of \$2.00 *

Dates: April 19 and 20, 2008
Site: Hibburt Park, 103 Heyders Road, Spencerville
Steward: Lady Emma of Wolvercote (Nicola Rooney, manus@paradise.gen.nz)



Please inform the Event Steward of any health issues or dietary requirements on booking



This event is brought to you by the letters S and G, and the number 12

Baronial Champions Arise!

Baronial Anniversary is approaching and, with it, an opportunity for you to become a Baronial Champion, whether in the Arts, Heavy, Archery, Crossbow or Rapier Championships. For those wishing to participate in any of the four martial Championships, please start drafting your letters of intent!

These may be scrawled on a nearby bit of slate, or calligraphised in your most elegant hand, but the key requirement is that they leave no doubt in the mind of the reader or listener of your firm intent and undoubted capability to wrest the Championship from all other contenders.

Your letter will be read -- an your script be legible -- when you are introduced to the populace before the tourney, and we hope to exhibit them (those which are small enough to carry through the door) at the Baronial Anniversary Feast.

Either send through the posts (before April 17) to:

Baronial Champions
PO Box 19-760
Christchurch

...or have your courier, pack-train or sloop-of-war deliver them to The Hermitage or, failing that, to the event not less than 30 minutes before lists close.

You will find the text of some excellent examples of letters of intent at:

<http://sg.sca.org.nz/traditions.htm#intent>

Note: in order to do honour to each Baronial Championship, a Champion will only be declared if there were three or more entrants. With fewer, a contest may proceed at the discretion of the steward and those involved, but without determining a Champion.

Questions? Contact the Baron:

BandB@sg.sca.org.nz

March Muster

Heavy Tourney
Rapier Tourney
A&S Display
Dancing

Sunday the 2nd of March
Barrington Park
from 10am

Event Timetable:

10:00 am	Site and lists open
11:30 am	Heavy Tourney
1:00 pm	Dancing (after the tourney) - Brush off the Southron Gaard Seven and more
Later	Rapier Tourney to follow
5:00pm	Site Closes

Remember, your last chance to display Renaissance Challenge work before Baronial Anniversary.

Event Steward: Iuliana Mogleri Francesco Morosini

Feast Cook Required

Due to unforeseen circumstances:

Baronial Anniversary
Sunday Feast
needs a cook

If the thought of
showcasing your cooking
talents appeals,
this is your opportunity

Interested parties should
contact the event steward:
Lady Emma of Wolvercote
(manus@paradise.gen.nz)
to discover just how easy and
stress-free it could be

Mind Your Manners

Too often people join the SCA and have not the opportunity, before attending events, to become aware of the high esteem in which we hold honour and fine manners, let alone become accustomed to our many and varied traditions. It has also been noted that, with the declining importance of such in the modern world, even gentles of long-standing within the Society can begin to let vital issues of etiquette slip. Thus is created "Mind Your Manners", a column to address matters of etiquette and fine manners.

Why should I have to bow to anyone?

Within the SCA we are attempting to re-create many aspects of pre-seventeenth century culture and society. One of the many important concepts we strive for is the sense of structure and strata in the general population, as well as the formality that a sense of a tiered populace engenders.

Unlike most tiered populations in the real world (and throughout history), our places within the SCA class system are earned. When you bow to a gentle in the SCA you are not abasing yourself to a twit who owes their title to a happy accident of birth or an expensive marriage, but are instead acknowledging someone who has been recognised for their efforts and endeavours within the Society.

It is worth remembering that anyone can be recognised for their efforts and endeavours within the Society. If you continue to participate in the SCA it is likely that you will end up on the receiving end of such acknowledgements.

Why do people curtsey to the Thrones when there isn't anyone sitting in them?

Gentles of the society acknowledge the Thrones when they cross in front of them. It is a gesture of respect to the Crown and the Kingdom.

The Thrones, like the Crowns and the Crown (i.e. King and Queen) are representations of the Kingdom. However, unlike people and headwear they are generally quite immobile. Thus the populace can easily express their respect to Crown and Kingdom by curtseying or bowing to the Thrones while going about their business.

If you watch carefully, you will also see people acknowledging the King and Queen when they enter Their presence or cross Their path or line of site. It is all about demonstrating your personal respect for your Kingdom.

Similarly, as territorial Barons and Baronesses are representatives of Their Majesties, the populace will also curtsey or bow when passing in front of Baronial thrones.

Reserved Seating

There are two schools of thought on this issue – the concept of first in first served versus squatter's rights. Both have their valid points, however, it is generally considered thoroughly impolite to move or use another person's belongings without permission.

To that end, if seats have been brought and placed for Court or to view a tourney etc, do not sit in them, and do not move them out of the way. Find out who owns the seats and speak to them before doing anything. The owners may be setting up Court or fighting in the tourney and looking forward to sitting down once they are done. Conversely, they may have forgotten where their chairs are and be quite embarrassed to have inconvenienced you.

If someone does inform you that you are in their seat (for we all commit small faux pas on occasion), do apologise and move off. Expecting them to relocate or permit you to keep their seat is horribly unchivalrous and unbecoming of a gentle of the Society.

Should you (or a friend) find yourself wondering what to do, why we do something or how to respond to a situation, send your query to the chronicler (at chronicler@sg.sca.org.nz). Your concern will be discussed (in strictest confidence) with Peers and gentles of high standing in the barony before a response is published in this column.

Southron Gaard Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th January

PRESENT: Peregrine (Roland), Emayn (Karen), Scotaidh (Scott), Bartholomew (Peter), Katherine (Vicki), Alexandro (Ross), Daud (David), Emilio (Ed), Vitale (Peter), Raife (Shaun), Melisane (Anne-Marie), Terese (Meredith), Kotek (Sam), Mathilda (Charlene), Veronica (Cat), Dan, Thorald (Bill), James, Darius (Damon), Elise (Clare), Osywn (Carl), Isabel Maria (Miriam)

APOLOGIES: Bjorn (Nigel)

MEETING OPENED: 7:34PM

LAST MEETINGS MINUTES: Accepted

OFFICER REPORTS:

SENESCHAL: Quite month (due to Christmas and holidays etc). Selected Melisande de Massard as Southron Gaard Chatelaine. Received applications for the positions of Chronicler and Constable. Did some small bits of banking. Advertised the position of Seneschal in FTT.

Correspondance with: Kingdom Officers, B&B and applicants regarding officer positions. Canterbury Faire Stewards. Several newcomers interested in the SCA

CHATELAINE: Attended Twelfth Night Tourney. First event as Chatelaine and spoke to half a dozen interested onlookers - handed out cards. Mostly just stopping by out of curiosity, but one father and young son from Russia very interested and unaware of us so gave him flyer and pointed him to the website etc. He is quite likely to follow up. Need a supply of introduction cards please and flyers..... I understand the Hand Book is being searched for by Therese..- Hire Garb: Following up on requests for CF. Pricing more storage boxes at present and will need to purchase approx 4 more large ones.

REEVE:	Current Account	\$11,357.57,
	FTT	\$44.25,
	Clearing Account	\$5,530.62

These are the account balances as it stands after the depositing today. There are still cheques to clear, so the Clearing account balance is actually higher, especially with on CF cheque which was AUD950.00. Other than that it has been a quiet month. In other news, I am seeking a Replacement effective Yule, as it will then be my 2 years up. I have really enjoyed being

reeve, but I think it is a bit too much work for me at the moment with my life the way it is at the moment.

HERALD: Attended and heralded small Court at Twelfth Night Tournament. Bjorn Svartsson was admitted to the order of the Tour d'Or. Will pass this on to go into February's FTT. Received incomplete documentation for a submission, so will be able to send it off to Benedict. Am starting to write up Courts for Canterbury Faire to minimise pain of process on site. Engage in correspondence with Chronicler for FTT.

MARSHAL: Practices going well. Getting a few more people authorized in the leadup to CF. No major issues

CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS: Practices continue. Preparing CF scenarios. Combat practice this Sunday

A&S: Not much to report. Continuation of sunshade projects next stuff night.

CHRONICLER: Stepped up at 12th Night tourney, 6th January 2008. Awaiting chronicler records and resources etc. January issue of FTT published online, 1st January 2008. Various correspondence regarding officially taking office (B&B and Herald) and the January issue (B&B, Seneschal, Herald, Martial, Rapier group). Next issue will be published a day or two early due to Canterbury Faire.

WEBWRIGHT: Added Steel Embassy and Camping Advice pages to CF subsite. Updated calendar, FTT online. Updated Festival page and sought Festival shuttle info from stewards. Seeking a replacement, please contact chronicler@sg.sca.org.nz to apply

CHIRURGEON: Nothing to report.

CONSTABLE: Stepped up, nothing to report

QUARTERMASTER: Not much to report. Had a look for 3 more plastic bins. Plastic Box seem expensive so will look at another couple of places. Planning on taking all inventory up to CF and then can do a good check when it all gets packed up at the end.

B&B: Attended singing, Fighters Practice, Stuff Night. Sourced materials and info for Baronial Sunshades. Took part in Radio NZ recording. Held Court at Twelfth Night Tourney, stepped up new Chronicler, Constable and Chatelaine.

Corresponded with: TRHs concerning CF schedule, CF stewards, Kingdom Seneschal re: slow officer confirmations

EVENT REPORTS:

CANTERBURY FAIRE:

One under 18yr old has booked. They have been informed that they will be the responsibility of their elder sister. Everyone is once again reminded to take all their bottles away with them to be recycled. Only changes to the timetable to be heralded. Hours of the day will be tolled on the bell. Gate tent still at CF site.

BARONIAL ANNIVERSARY '08:

Steward still needed for this event. Been advertised in FTI, more ads to go out on list.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

VERONICAS KITCHEN: Lady Veronica proposed to the Barony that they float the capital advance for Veronica's kitchen for CF, in exchange that the profit will go to a good cause (ie kingdom travel fund). Capital required is around \$1800, expected profit around \$200 - \$300. She would be responsible for all risk. Discussion that as the Barony saw Veronica's Kitchen as a great service to CF, that they would underwrite the money, with profits still going to Veronica as she would be

PAGES TENT: Darius has access to 20ft canvas tent to use as Pages tent. He can transport it out to site.

NEWCOMER RESOURCES: Reminder from Baroness Katherine about SCA standards for CF, including things like hiding beverage containers, expectation of garb, driving cars through site. Expectation on everyone to talk quietly to people who may need it. Please tell steward/constable/seneschal if you have no success after talking to offenders.

SUNSHADE MAKING: Bjorn sourcing poles and ropes for completion of sunshade project. Emayn to organise and supervise.

SCANZ MEETING: There will be a SCANZ meeting at Canterbury Faire for anyone wishing to discuss SCANZ matters.

GENERAL CF DISCUSSION: Query if a SCANZ rep could sell memberships at the CF market. Scotaidh to check. Cat requires baronial tables for pages tent. Food going out to site in Vanessa's horse truck. Require day and night stewards. Hera volunteered for some day stewarding. Darius for night security. Require more donations for CF fighter auction tourney. Call for people to help organise children's craft kits/activities.

MEETING CLOSED 8:15PM.

Coming Events Near & Far

First Feast

College of St Kessog,
8 March 2008

A whole day of activities including feasting, fighting and dancing as well as a class on clothing and a Baronial Court

<http://kessogs.sca.org.nz>

Crown Tourney

Shire of Darton,
9-11 May 2008

“Enjoy a weekend of festivities centred around our finest fighters competing for their consorts to be the next Crown of Lochac.”

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

Mid-Winter Coronation

Barony of Aneala,
4-6 July 2008

“This is a weekend camping event with Feast, Tourney and lots of Court!”

More information is available at:

Fimbulwinter Encampment

Join the southern populace for a relaxed camping event at the very end of winter

College of St Kessog

29-31 August 2008

<http://kessogs.sca.org.nz>

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  MARCH MUSTER	3	4 Mini Ball Rapier Practice	5	6 Carousing Night	7	8 FIRST FEAST (St Kessog)
9 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	10	11 Council Meeting Dance Practice Rapier Practice	12	13 Southern Swans Practice	14	15 ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND (Castelburn)
16 ST PATRICK'S Fighters', Rapier & Archery Pracs	17	18 Stuff Night Dance Practice Rapier Practice	19	20 Southern Swans Practice	21 <i>FTT submission deadline</i>	22
23 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	24	25 Seamsters Dance Practice Rapier Practice	26	27 Southern Swans Practice	28	29
30 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	31					

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MARTIAL PRACTICES

Fighters' Practice — Sundays from 10am corner of Lincoln Street and Stanmore Road. (Unofficial)

Fighters' Practice — Wednesdays from 6pm at Riccarton Bush (Unofficial)

Rapier Practice — Sundays from noon behind the library in Barrington Park, or nearby (Unofficial)

Rapier Practice — Tuesdays from 7:30pm. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson Streets. Gold coin 1st & 4th tues.

Archery — on fine Sundays from 1pm at Kirkwood Intermediate School

ARTS GATHERINGS

Stuff Night — from 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson streets. Topics or projects to be announced on SG list.

Dance — from 8:15pm every Tuesday. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson streets.

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:

Music Group — currently taking a break

Mini-Ball — from 7:30, first Tuesday of the month. (Garb optional, bring potluck nibbles and a gold coin)

Carousing Night — from 7:30pm on first Thursday of the month. Location to be advised on SG list each month

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

Council Meeting — from 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Methodist Hall, corner Clarence and Nelson streets. **All**

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mini Ball Rapier Practice	2	3 Carousing Night	4	5
6 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	7	8 Council Meeting Dance Practice Rapier Practice	9	10 Southern Swans Practice	11	12
13 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	14	15 Stuff Night Dance Practice Rapier Practice	16	17 Southern Swans Practice	18	19  BARONIAL ANNIVERSARY
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27 Fighters' Practice Rapier Practice Archery Practice	28	29 Dance Practice Rapier Practice	30	May 1 Carousing Night	May 2	May 3

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Southron Gaard Regnum

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

Baron & Baroness:	Bartholomew Baskin and katherine kerr	BandB@sg.sca.org.nz
Seneschal:	Peregrine Flamstead	seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz
Tour d'Or Herald:	Oswyn Carolus	herald@sg.sca.org.nz
Reeve:	Thorald Inn Sudreyski	reeve@sg.sca.org.nz
Knight Marshal:	Vitale Guistiniani	marshal@sg.sca.org.nz
Arts & Sciences:	Emayn de Whitaker	arts@sg.sca.org.nz
Chronicler:	Isabel María del Aguila	chronicler@sg.sca.org.nz
Chatelaine:	Melisande de Massard (<i>Newcomers Officer</i>)	chatelaine@sg.sca.org.nz
Quartermaster:	Raife de Massard	quartermaster@sg.sca.org.nz
Constable:	Bjorn Svartsson	constable@sg.sca.org.nz
Chirurgion:	Kotek Torzhoskoi	chirurgion@sg.sca.org.nz
Webscribe:	Bartholomew Baskin	web@sg.sca.org.nz
Captain of Archers:	Dauid di Cochrane	archers@sg.sca.org.nz
Captain of Rapier:	Martuccio Lorenzo Cavalcanti de Medici	rapier@sg.sca.org.nz

SCA Groups in NZ

(see group websites for contacts
& most recent details)

OTAGO

College of St Kessog

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

Saturday: Arts & Sciences
Archery Practice
Boffer Practice

Canton of Castelburn

<http://castelburn.sca.org.nz>

Sunday: Sewing
Friday: Arts & Sciences

WELLINGTON

Shire of Darton

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

Sunday: Fighters' Practice
Wednesday: Arts & Sciences

AUCKLAND

Barony of Ildhafn

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

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

College of St Dionysius

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

Sunday: Herbs & Sewing
Wednesday: Weekly Meeting

HAMILTON

Canton of Cluain

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

Thursday: Fighters' Practice

SCA (New Zealand) Inc.

Membership of SCANZ

(Membership form on final page of FTT)

Subscribing Membership (with paper newsletter) NZ\$40
Subscribing Membership (with e-newsletter) NZ\$20
Both grant membership of the SCA and a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter. Member can hold kingdom or branch office.

Family Membership NZ\$20
Grants membership of the SCA, but no subscription to Pegasus. Must reside at the same address as a full subscribing member and purchase membership at the same time. Member can hold kingdom or branch office.

Associate Membership NZ\$20
Grants membership of the SCA without subscription to Pegasus. Member can hold branch office only.

Event Membership NZ\$2 per event
For all non-members attending an event, membership lasts for the duration of the event.

**For further information
check the SCANZ website at:**

www.sca.org.nz

Other Medieval & Renaissance Groups

University of Canterbury Medieval and Renaissance Society (UCMRS)

Arts and Sciences classes:

6:30pm, Wednesday. UCSA International Room, 90 Ilam Road

Weapons Practice:

2:00pm, Saturday (weather permitting) Spreydon School sports field,
corner Curletts & Lincoln Road
8:00-10:00pm, Wednesday, UCSA Ballroom, 90 Ilam Road

Archery: alongside Saturday Weapons Practice

Dance Classes:

Monday, Bryndwr Baptist Church, corner Aorangi and Clyde Roads.
7:00pm, beginners / general class, 8:30pm, Intermediate class

Officer Vacancies

Comprehensive position outlines for each office are available on the Barony of Southron Gaard Website. Visit <http://sg.sca.org.nz/docs/OfficerDescriptions.doc> for details.

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.

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

Email your application to the
Baronial Chronicler
chronicler@sg.sca.org.nz

with copies to
the Baronial Seneschal
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz
and the Baron and Baroness
bandb@sg.sca.org.nz

Application Received

Baronial **REEVE**

Applications for the position of Baronial Reeve are now open and will close on March 31. The Reeve is in charge of all the financial and accounting administration of the Barony.

Anyone interested in the position should write a brief application, including their full contact details and experience relevant to the position, and send it to the:

Kingdom Exchequer
exchequer@sca.org.au

with copies to the:
Baronial Reeve reeve@sg.sca.org.nz
Baronial Seneschal
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz
SCANZ treasurer
treasurer@sca.org.nz
and the Baron and Baroness
b&b@sg.sca.org.nz

Baronial **Deputy HERALD**

Interested in Book Heraldry? Want to assist with Voice Heraldry? This is your chance!

The Tour d'Or Herald is looking for a deputy who is willing to help with heraldic submissions (i.e. assisting people with their names and devices / arms) as well as heralding at events

If you are interested in taking this role please review the job outline for the Herald on the Southron Gaard website given above.

Email your application to:
herald@sg.sca.org.nz
with copies to
seneschal@sg.sca.org.nz and
bandb@sg.sca.org.nz

Events Needing Stewards

The Barony of Southron Gaard is renowned for fabulous events, and such events take lots of preparation. For more information on stewarding and bidding for events, see the Baronial Website: <http://sg.sca.org.nz>

Spring Tourney

The first opportunity to blow the cobwebs off armour after winter, this low effort event is a great starter if you haven't stewarded an event before.

Spring Tourney normally consists of a Heavy Tourney and Quarter Day Court.

Timing: early Sept. 2008

Canterbury Faire

The premiere SCA camping event in New Zealand, CF traditionally offers a smorgasbord of activities.

Take advantage of your current enthusiasm and start planning next year's *even longer* Faire!

Timing: February 2009

How About a:

Ball - Winter is the season...

Collegium - learn new stuff

Feast - fine food and fine clothes

Revel - less formal than a feast

Tourney - heavy and / or rapier

Archery Contest - target or clout

Camping Event - tents or bunks

Take the opportunity to run the kind of event you want to attend



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

New Membership Renewal Replacement card Change of information

About you:

Membership number: _____

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Post code: _____ City: _____

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Occupation: _____ Are you under 18?

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

Email address: _____

Do you wish to receive correspondence from SCA NZ Inc, solely to this email address?

Society Name: _____

College (where applicable) : _____

Subscribing memberships

- Membership + Pegasus \$ 45
 Membership + EPegasus \$ 20
 Family membership \$20

Other

- Associate membership \$ 20
 Replacement card \$ 5

(Family memberships are available only to those at the same address as a holder of a full membership. They receive no kingdom newsletter themselves. Associate memberships do not include a kingdom newsletter subscription, and do not entitle you to hold kingdom office or fight for Crown. In order to purchase a subscribing membership with EPegasus, you must register a valid email address. You must also log on to the website <http://www.sca.org.au/registry> and follow the directions for electronic subscription.)

I declare that the information given is true and correct:

Signed: _____ (please use legal name)

All information must be correctly filled out for your membership to be processed. The information you give 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, you can contact the registrar directly on the address above for a copy of your details. You can use this form to update your information, by ticking the box titled 'change of information' at the top.

Subscriptions other than Pegasus are NOT available through SCANZ. If you wish to subscribe to other kingdom newsletters, Compleat Anachronist or Tournaments Illuminated, you need to contact the US registry directly.

Payment information:

Fill in one form per person. If you have queries, you can contact the registrar at registrar@sca.org.nz. Please do not post cash. Make cheques payable to Society for Creative Anachronism (NZ) Inc. Credit card payments can not be accepted at this time.

If you want to make a direct transfer by internet banking, the Society for Creative Anachronism NZ Inc account number is 06-0582-0264080-00. Put your surname in the comment field and print out the receipt page you get once the transfer has gone through. Attach that to your membership form when you send it in. If you do not, your membership will be processed only when the monthly bank statement is received.

Send this form with payment to:

SCA Registrar, M Forest, 179 Pembroke Road, Wilton, 6012 Wellington. Ph 04-976 0220.