

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Rumblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

November got off to a pretty hectic start with the Hororata Highland Games the first weekend and the Crusader's Return camp the following and now we're in the slippery slide into Christmas and very soon after Canterbury Faire. Not only a busy month but a stressful one for many with much shaking across the barony and then news of the loss of a gentleman of the society. All reminders to be grateful for what we have while we have it.

I got some nice news last week – FTT was nominated for best newsletter in the annual [William Blackfox award](#) and Lady Aveline's piece about her hunt event was also nominated for best article. Master William Blackfox was the author and illustrator of the cartoon *Warthaven*. I believe that its contributions from the populace that make FTT special – it's not just a list of officers and events but also chronicles our activities as they are happening, so...

if you have an article, review, story, poetry or picture* to contribute to your newsletter please send your contributions to the chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org email address by the 25th of this month which in this case is Christmas day. While I will be taking a break from the library it will be a short one so please don't leave sending your stuff too late.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

Eleanora

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Kingdom of Lochac



King ThorolfR I and Queen Halla I

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Their Excellencies Speak

Greetings all,

We would like to congratulate those who recently gained admittance into the Guild of the Silver Rondel, Herrin Chunegund Screivogelin and Jayne Boleyn, and to the rank of Silver Semibreve, Lord Lowrans Wilyamson. Also Lady Enith verch Gwylim, who earned the Silver Serif for technique and artistry. It was lovely to see how well represented Southron Gaard was amongst the best dancers and musicians in the Kingdom.

We also have many people to thank. Firstly, those who attended the working bee at the Canterbury Faire site to begin the earthworks for the new war field and especially Lord Raffe for organising the day and the digger. There will be another visit required in the coming weeks to stand up the fort and make some repairs but it should then be operational.

Next, thank those of you who represented the Barony at the Hororata Highland Games, from what we have heard, it was a very busy, but rewarding day.

And most recently, we thank those who joined us in celebrating the crusaders' return - especially Melissa and Nate for the excellent feast, and breakfasts. Her Excellency in particular was delighted to discover that Rose syrup is an excellent addition to pretty much everything. We also thank Baroness Agnes for the most enjoyable quest. We enjoyed the singing, dancing and theatre by all who participated, and found the plague greatly inspiring. We thank the other cooks, in particular the Honourable Lady Elisabetta, and Baroness Agnes, those who helped marshal the entertaining tourneys and games, those who took the chance to learn new arts, those who told stories, and danced, and sang, and in particular those who did dishes, and helped with set up and pack down. We had a lovely weekend, and hope you did too.

Its only two weeks now till Faire, so we wish you all luck in your preparations. If you, or your household, would like to host the King and Queen to a meal in your encampment, please let Us know. We have already had a number of volunteers for guards and ladies in waiting to attend Their Majesties during the event but if you would like to help with this you would be more than welcome. Please contact Us about this so that We may add you to the roster.

In Service to the Crown,
Richard and Ginevra
Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard

From the Officers

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>

wanted: chatelaine

The Barony needs you! If you would like to share your enthusiasm with the public, and welcome new people to the world of the Laurel Kingdoms, then please apply to be our next Chatelaine. The Chatelaine is the official greeter of the barony, and is there to help the public and new members get involved with the SCA. If you like meeting people, or supporting new people, this could be the role for you.

Applications will run for the next 2 weeks, closing on Wednesday the 16th of November. Please send applications to the Kingdom Hospitaller at: hospitaller@lochac.sca.org and CC seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org and BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org

wanted: 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

stuff night

First Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9.30pm

Location: Avic Hill Community Centre Activities Room at **395 Memorial Avenue, Burnside** 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. A light supper will be provided.

For December, Stuff Night will be on Tuesday the 6th, and will feature a Yule theme. There will be small gifts for attendees, and supper will be more festive. There will be no Stuff Night in January.

arts activity sundays

Location: **Redwood Scout Hall, 20 Sturrocks Road**

Time: **Sundays, 11am**

The Hall is open and has power, water and loads of space so just bring whatever you're working on.

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

From the Marshalate

Greetings all. Another set of tournaments and another month of combat, but seriously, the war season rolls on and we'll soon be fighting doughty folk from around the kingdom.

In the time of Marcus Paulo the Mongol empire was starting to fragment, and neighbouring Khans would sometimes sort their issues quite violently, so travel through the empire was not so peaceful as it had been. We need to prepare for small skirmishes through to taking fortresses, and of course, killing the opposing side until none are left standing.

Congratulations to His Excellency for victory in the Pas d'Arms and archery at Crusader's return event early in November. Fighting blindfolded was a first for me, but it is important to become skilled in a range of fighting styles and single or group combat. The first heavy action at Faire will be a Pas d'Arms, so get the spiffy gear ready for that. First Sunday in December will be a target archery tournament.



Contact and non-contact combatants should be aware that projectile weapons are legal again and should be made from either rattan or Siloflex equivalent. These can weight up to 907g and can be used for both thrusting and throwing, and in non-meshed scenarios, so potentially very versatile. Could people please scrounge any old swords, weight them, and then stick high profile thrusting tips on them (or axe heads if you are enthused) and see how well they can be thrown while wearing gauntlets?

Yours in Service,
Brian di Caffa

Canterbury Faire a.s.li

-The Travels of Marco Polo

Follow in the steps of Marco Polo and journey to distant lands, or your own backyard, as the case may be. Join the Barony of Southron Gaard at the renowned Canterbury Faire, for full details and bookings see the website <http://sg.lochac.sca.org/cf/>

Dates: Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd January, 2017.
The first Saturday and Sunday and the final Sunday are set-up/pack-up days, scheduled activities don't commence until late on Sunday 15th.

Location: Waipara Boys Brigade Camp, 137
Darnley Rd, Waipara, New Zealand

Steward: Aveline Goupil, cf@sg.lochac.sca.org

Bookings close 6th January 2017.



Pricing

| | Full Event 4th Oct - 4th December 2016 | Full Event 5th December - 6th January 2017 | Day Trip (per day) |
|------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Adult (16 +) | \$150.00 | \$160.00 | \$25.00 |
| Child (5-15) | \$75.00 | \$80.00 | \$18.00 |
| Children under 5 | Free | | |

Please add \$2.00 to all adult prices for non-members.

Food

| | Meal Plan | Feast | Feast alternative |
|-------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| Adult | \$80.00 | \$22.00 | \$13.00 |
| Child | \$45.00 | \$15.00 | \$ 8.00 |

Sundries

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Shuttles | \$25.00 per person, each way |
| Bunk surcharge (flat fee) | \$25.00 |
| Tent Hire | \$35.00 |
| Mattresses | \$15.00 |

In memoriam: The Honourable Lord

Lughaidh Ónuachd Óharaích mac Ónghuís Óhuíbh



Failte Uille! I am a minor noble from the Western Isles of Scotland. I was a loyal supporter of King MacBeth 'til his overthrow in 1057 by Malcom Canmore and his English cronies. Driven into exile I now wander through many lands acknowledging no king, learning what I may and trying my hand at various trades. I have some skill as a sculptor and mason and with the new-fangled Roman fad for over-sized cathedrals I can usually find some work. I am very much drawn to Spain where the Moslem kings ride themselves on their religious tolerance.

Lughaid's entry on the Southron Gaard populace page.



Lughaidh and Siobhan at Arts Centre Demo



Sigurd and Lughaidh stir the pot at Southron Summer Encampment 2

“Ethelind and I are reminded of his skill and generosity, as he donated and gifted many of his carvings to people within the SCA. We both have items made by his hand and remember well how much Mistress Cara Michelle du Valier appreciated the beautiful Pelican medallion we delivered to her for him.

We also remember his oratory skill, including the debate between Lughaidh and (I think) Sir Callum at the Millennium Event at Rimu Park.”

Baron Richard d'Allier

The Ballad of the Aggro Kid and Speedy Bourbon

To the tune of Ghost Riders in the Sky, honouring Sir Aggro Agwesi and Adrien de Saint Bourbon

From out the West came riding
All on a Lammas-E'en
An earnest Knight from Lochac
All clad in turtle green
And upon his noble brow he wore a shining lid
The Flower of the Outback
They call the Aggro Kid.

Now men have said that he's thick-skinned
But he's no rhino-hide
To call it light when he's hit hard
Would be beneath his pride
If you face him in the eric on him my ducats bid
That Terror in a half-shell
They call the Aggro Kid.

There came a fleet-foot Archer
Out for Glory and for Fame
Of such fiery spirit was he
That Bourbon was his name
Questing for adventure with his Desperado friends
They came raiding down to Canterbury
All the way from Rio Thames.

Now these two men came face to face
On dark and bloody ground
Where Battle raged and broadswords sang
and bodies strewed the ground
Bourbon let rip with a shaft and through the air it sped
And struck the targ of the man
They call the Aggro Kid.

The Kid eyeballed the Archer
And hefted up his mace
And with a cry to chill the blood
He began to chase
Young Bourbon who like a rabbit
Through the bushes ran
Only to turn and fire the shot
They call the Parthian.

Neither would give up the chase
Till he had tasted blood
Or he himself then Vanquished
lay face down in the mud
But came the cry that stopped it all
And to the Fight put paid:
My Lords, the Mangy Mongol
Is open now for trade.

Hey nonny no
Hey nonny ney
The mangy Mongol
Is open now for trade!

Lughaid Cnuachd-Daraich Mac Oenguis-Dhuibh

"When I had surgery, Lughaid came to see me almost every day in hospital, and brought me a stack of Fortean Times magazines to read, as well as Mary Gray chocolates and other wee treats. He also drove me home to Birdlings Flat when my hospital stay ended, because I wasn't allowed to drive, and to get groceries. He was one of the kindest, as well as most interesting, people I've ever known."

Baroness Sinech.



Lughaid with a young Dickon.

"When we were Baron and Baroness there wasn't a Crown for whom he didn't volunteer to make gifts."
"I have this lovely memory of him tearing his hair out trying to find something suitable and clean enough to wear to Crown encampment at Thirty year celebrations"
Baron Sigurd Hardrada

some of Lughaid's artworks

Lughaid, the celtic renaissance gentleman

Much has already been said of Lughaid's generosity and much more could be said but what I remember him for best was the excellent way that he played the game. Lughaid contributed so much to Southron Gaard, not just by being ever helpful and generous with his time and remarkable workmanship but for always bringing a certain spirit to the event just with his presence. He knew how to make an entrance and had poise which he leant to his role as herald. He knew when (and how) to be courtly and when not and had a care for his presentation. He was endlessly interesting and interested and had one of those enquiring minds, which unlike my own, actually managed to retain much of what it took in which meant that he could talk to you about it for a very long time but he also had the gift of listening so that a conversation with him was actually that. Memories that stand out to me:

- He went to 30 year Anniversary with us and offered to go and pick up the t-shirts. Sigurd and I had gone cheap and just ordered Black and White ones but there had been an error in printing those and the Caidan arms, our kingdoms', were wrong. So Lughaid paid the difference to get us coloured ones. I still have mine.
- Quite unbidden he made me a bone carving of my badge, the black panther, as you can see here.
- Many of the Compleat Anachronists in the baronial library are there because he paid for a subscription and then, having read them, donated them to the library.
- For the new millennium event, held at Rimu park, he wrote to every kingdom to arrange to have their banners flown to meet the new millennium, as pictured below.



I've just realised that he might have been a bit camera shy as I went through many old photos and found very few of him and here he seems to be hiding at the back.

December Calendar

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

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: first Tuesday of the month from 7pm at Avic Hill Community Centre. Topics or projects are 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, un-garbed, social activity to allow people to chat about projects, the SCA and life in general, share a pot-luck meal and maybe watch a video.

January Calendar

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 30 | 31 | | | | | 1 |
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| 23 | 24 | 25 FTT deadline | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery |

Southron Gaard Regnum

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

*** Seeking replacement:** see vacancies page for details.

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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 |

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Aveline Goupil (Sandra Wheeler) wheeles76@gmail.com

nelson hamlet

Fiora Vespucci (Fiona) HeraldRadish@gmail.com

other scanz groups

Auckland – Barony of Ildhafn

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

Hamilton - Canton of Cluain

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

Wellington - Shire of Darton

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

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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: _____

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*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.): _____

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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