

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I offered to fill for our Chronicler whilst she has been out of the country. Thankfully, Eleanora was well prepared and provided me with a good plan and an easy template to follow, making this month's FTT somewhat less stressful than I had envisaged.

Still, it's been an interesting and a learning experience at the very least, so thank you for the opportunity.

I spent the evening of the May Crown tournament closely following the results via regular updates from those onsite, and as always, the anticipation built until we finally got word of the results. Congratulations to Lochac's new heirs! Long Live Steffan & Branwen, Crown Prince & Princess!

Looking forward, we have a Yule event coming to celebrate the solstice, and to provide good food, good cheer, and good company for all in attendance. It's looking like a great event, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

As always, If you have an article, review, story, poetry or picture* to contribute to our newsletter please send your contributions to the chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org email address by the 25th of each month.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

Elena

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Kingdom of Lochac



King and Queen Ariston I and Lilavati I

Please send award recommendations to crown@lochac.sca.org with a courtesy copy to B&B@sg.lochac.sca.org. Please check Lochac Cannon Lore for an individual's existing awards and information about awards, additional information can be found on the Kingdom website: www.lochac.sca.org.



Their Excellencies Speak



Greetings All,

By now news of the great deeds at May Crown Tourney have spread across the Kingdom, with Count Steffan Glaube and Countess Branwen vetch Lewis ap Thomas emerging victorious and being named Crown Prince and Princess. Congratulations to them both and may their reign be as filled with joy and pageantry as their last one was. We look forward to celebrating Their Coronation in Cluain with everyone.

Before they are crowned though, we have not one, but two events to look forward to. Master Brian's monthly tourney next weekend, hopefully with more rapier combatants this time to challenge Lord James; and Lords Kotek and Maximilian's Yule Feast, which looks to be both a relaxed event, and an educational one, with guild meetings and classes followed by a fine feast. Her Excellency would like to remind those of you working at the Pentathlon Challenge, that this would be an excellent time to teach a class. She would also love to see any projects portable enough to be brought along, and worked on in company.

Our Seneschal, THL Aveline will shortly be conducting a survey of the populace to gather your views on the state of the Barony. We look forward to seeing your feedback as it certainly helps us support everyone's endeavours. Of course, We encourage you to discuss with Us what you are doing and ideas you have at any time, and also invite you to contact THL Aveline if you have any ideas for projects or events.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

In Service to the Crown,

Richard and Ginevra

Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard

From the Officers

Seneschal's column

Greetings to you all,

While contemplating what to write for this first FTT column, I was looking over the previous editions for inspiration and was struck by the advertisements for officer roles that have persisted through the last few editions.

‘Speak not what your Barony can do for you, but rather what you can do for your Barony.’

Often, this is one of the messages communicated during the advertisement of officer vacancies, where tasks are simply listed off as responsibilities of the role in question. Today, however, I'd like to switch that message around, and encourage each of you to think how service to the Barony and wider SCA could help YOU to achieve your own goals, both within the SCA and mundanely. Whether acting as a Baronial Officer, a deputy, an event Steward, or in some other capacity, volunteer work is an excellent way to build skills, interpersonal connections, and experience.

From time to time, people comment to me that I do a lot of work for the Barony. I'd like to thank those kind people, but this is also a good time for me to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to do so. The work that I've undertaken for the SCA has allowed me to improve my people skills, learn how to budget, project/event manage, practice problem solving, and work both within and leading a team. These are valuable experiences that have been added to my mundane LinkedIn and CV. They are experiences I would never have been able to get within my workplace. So, thank you to you all. To all of you who have helped me to get to the point where I can help you.

Volunteer work has real, tangible benefits to the individual that are too rarely mentioned within our organisation. For those of you looking to build your CV, volunteer work can provide transferable skills, networking opportunities, and contact with people willing to act as referees, as well as building leadership capacity and budgeting skills. If you like meeting people, some roles have more social contact than others and can assist you with making contacts and building friendships.

Take a moment to consider, what would you like to achieve?

Shall we have a chat about that?

En Service,

Aveline Goupil

officer 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>

Reeve

After 3 years of exemplary service to the Barony in the role of Reeve, Lord James of Southron Gaard is looking to relinquish this role to another fine member of the populace.

The role of Reeve is a very important one to the Barony. As Reeve, you are the primary financial officer and will be working with a diverse group of people, including your fellow Baronial officers and event stewards to keep track of and report on the financial workings of the group. This is an excellent opportunity to practice your organisational and leadership skills by educating stewards on how to maintain good financial records for their events, as well as by providing guidance and advice to the Southron Gaard Council around financial aspects of the group.

Mundane skills wise, the holder of the role needs to be able to use a calculator and have basic Excel spread sheeting skills (able to check and write formulas), and to have an email account that they check regularly. None of the tools used require a specialised skill-set. A willingness to be diligent, and to ask for help when experiencing problems would be desirable. Otherwise, this role is a well supported one, with the group Seneschal, B&B, Kingdom Deputy Exchequer and SCANZ treasurer all avenues for support, advice or assistance when needed. It is also one that looks attractive on a mundane CV or as an extra-curricular activity on Linked In.

More information may be found on the role at

<http://southrongaard.sca.org.nz/docs/OfficerDescriptions.doc>. Submissions for this position will be open until Tuesday 6th June. Please remember to send submissions to seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org and cc BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org

Captain of Archers wanted!

Would you like to organise the defence of the barony by encouraging and organising the practice of ranged combat in the barony? We are seeking an individual to assist the Knight Marshall with encouraging Archery within Southron Gaard and its hamlets.

Applications should be addressed to the Knight Marshall, Master Brian di Caffa
marshal@sg.lochac.sca.org

Chatelaine wanted!

The barony needs a new Chatelaine. As Chatelaine you would be in charge of outreach and welcoming newcomers into the society. This is a great role for someone who wants to help people get a great first impression of the modern middle ages. The role also involves managing the loaner garb.

If you would like to apply for this role, please contact the Baron and Baroness, or the Seneschal for further information: seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org, BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org

special project deputies sought**Deputy Chatelaine - Hire Garb administration**

Do you like clothes? Do you like cataloguing things? We need an individual to take charge of the barony hire garb for a few months and determine:

- 1) Exactly what the barony has
- 2) What extra we need for newcomers
- 3) What repairs are needed, or which things in the hire garb are not very useful.

Success in this position would have the barony with a stronger understanding of exactly what hire garb there is (pictures of individual items, categorised lists, sizing), so we can better cater to newcomers and know what investment would best help.

If you are interested, please contact Baroness Ginevra, or the Seneschal
seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org, BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org

Deputy Webwright - CMS migration project

The infrastructure of the Southron Gaard website is currently slightly antiquated. We have the opportunity to move to a modern Content Management System, and need assistance from someone who is prepared to put in hours with the Webwright and Seneschal to migrate to either WordPress or Drupal (we have both available, if you have strong feelings, this can be your chance to set our website for the next decade).

Expressions of interest should be sent to Baroness Ginevra, or the Seneschal.

seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org, web@sg.lochac.sca.org



Arts and Sciences activities

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

stuff night

First Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9.30pm

Avice Hill Community Centre Activities Room at **395 Memorial Avenue, Burnside** in the front room.

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.

arts on sunday

Redwood Scout Hall, 20 Sturrocks Road

Sundays, 11am

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

fibre guild

Usually the third Sunday of the Month at 11:00 am in the Redwood Scout Hall. Bring what you're working on, any new resources to share etc. The June meeting will be focused on spinning with a spindle and will be held at Yule from just after 2pm.

The Lochac Fibre Guild has an email list at

<http://lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/fibreguild> and webpage at

<http://fibre.lochac.sca.org/> and the South Gaard 'branch' has a

Yahoo group list at

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG_String/info.



Change your world - Try a podcast

By Robyn Winters

A while ago I entered the modern world and got a Phone - and someone said they'd run out of 'History of the English' podcast episodes and did anyone have recommendations? And I was curious. So I got an app (Castbox, I love it, you can use the wifi at home and save for later) and subscribed to a few, and my world has never been the same - my commute in particular. So, for joy of writing a 'Thing for FTI' and because Agnes has taken Easter off, here follows a list of my favourite medieval podcasts. There are so many more! Go explore, you'll find one for you. Promise.

footnoting history - Because the Best stories are always in the footnotes

Covering all manner of items from history, not the medieval period, this series of typically short podcasts add colour and fascination to the stories you thought you knew. Ever heard about the great canon law forgery? Gift elephants? Amusements in medieval towns got me inspired to A&S Projects, and the numerous History of Dogs episodes and the Halloween episodes are just great entertainment.

The other day I listened to "British Royal Siblings" - the tales of the Spare, who in many cases, ended up the Heir. No really new information but thoroughly enjoyed it.

the history chicks - where any resemblance to a boring history class is purely coincidental

I'll let them sum it up themselves: Two women. Half the population. Several thousand years of history. About an hour. Go.

They choose women from history (for whatever reason) and tell their life and times, their successes and failures and their legacies in an easy conversational style. Basic facts, juicy details, exciting tales you can recount at dinner parties.

Recommendations? They're all good, but I have admittedly been mostly cherry-picking Tudor history. Dive in to the women relevant to your interests / persona

medieval Death trip - a podcast exploring the wit and weirdness of medieval texts.

If you listen to the introduction it explains the title.

The show sums itself up as: "On Medieval Death Trip, we feature a selected medieval text (often historical, occasionally literary) that touches on the odd, the gruesome, the unexpected, and similarly curious incidents,

images, or ideas. In addition to presenting the text itself, each episode features commentary and musings upon that text."¹

This one is somewhat more scholarly than the previous, but again adds colour to what can sometimes seem a very grey period of history. Listening to the writings (and then the dissection of them) enables me to slide into a medieval mind-set and leave my modern lack-of-belief behind. Episodes are mostly self-contained, but this is a good one to start from the beginning.

medieval archives: illuminating the dark ages for the digital world

I've only started this one recently so have a lot of catching up to do, but I was hooked after the first episode (Thomas Beckett) when this went from a story of the archbishop who was killed by the king to the story of his life, everything leading up to the event, the event in contemporary detail, the after effects and how he has appeared in modern representations. The Black Prince followed, and a few others, and playing in my headphones soon: mad monarchs, Richard III and medieval diseases. There's 74 episodes so far, you'll find something for you as well.

For the more scholarly there's the In Our Time series (academic experts discuss people and events) and for the not-very-scholarly-at-all the Myths and Legends Podcast does come great episodes on Viking and Greek Lore (and others). Renaissance History is still waiting for a chance to tell me all their tales, and History of English ended up taking a backseat to the others...

And that's just the *medieval* ones I listen to! Go, try a Podcast, change your world.



Upcoming Events

Southron Gaard Yule

Rimu Park Scout Camp 581-611 Buchanans Rd, Templeton, Christchurch 7676

From 1pm Saturday June 17th, an afternoon of A&S classes, guild meetings (and tasting), a market (4:30pm), the Court of Richard and Ginevra of Southron Gaard, then a lavish evening feast (seating at 6pm).

Followed by a night of revelry, lounging, a yuletide bonfire and fine company. In side hall alcove sleeping available for those who wish to stay the night, and plenty of camp space (must vacate site by 10am Sunday).

BOOKINGS CLOSE STRICTLY Midnight 11th of June. Due to site space restrictions and kitchen capacity, there is a cap of 58 feast tickets. Off-board available.

costs

ADULT	including Feast (Full Rate)	\$36
ADULT	including Feast (Community Services Card/Gold Card/Student Rate)	\$31
ADULT	Non Catered	\$16
CHILD	including Feast	\$20
CHILD	Non Catered	\$12
CHILD	Under 5	Free

Book online at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffRCyGe2G79fGMjE8va1ldy5bPTP4hsGJvXEcd9sIswCmWcQ/viewform>

Contact: Maximilan von Monsterburg; confusion.tempest@gmail.com

guild meetings at yule

There will be a Brewers Guild Tasting at this event – details to be announced.

There will be a Fibre Guild session just after 2:00 where we will be teaching and practising our spinning on a spindle (not a wheel).

The Custard Guild meeting at Yule will be around 3 pm, and the theme is eggnogs, possets*, and caudles*, in other words, alcoholic custardy drinks to ward off the mid-afternoon tummy rumbles and the winter chill! We will experiment with cooking a posset and see how it goes! There will be a heat source for reheating your own concoction, if you wish. There will be no championships this Guild Meeting.

Mid-winter Coronation: "In The Winter Garden"



Come and witness the pageantry and spectacle of Mid-Winter Coronation against the stunning backdrop of Hamilton Gardens. See history in the making and pay homage as our new sovereigns are crowned King and Queen of Lochac. Enjoy 2 days filled with Royal Courts, Tournaments, Arts and Sciences and of course, Feasting!

22nd and 23rd of July, 2017. Hamilton Gardens Hungerford Crescent, Hamilton 3216

	Adult (14yrs+)	Child (5 to 13yrs)
Full Event – fully catered including feast)	\$85*	\$50*

Information and bookings are located on the Canton of Cluain website: <http://cluain.lochac.sca.org/> or emailing the stewards at steward@cluain.lochac.sca.org For other pricing options and booking form please go to the website.

tentative schedule

Saturday 9am:	Gather at Pavilion (Tea and coffee available)
10am	Final court of outgoing royalty progresses through a series of gardens, ending at the amphitheatre for divestiture and then investiture of new royals.
1pm	Lunch in the Pavilion (A&S display and competition entries on show)
2pm	A&S vignettes occurring in various suitable gardens at different time Fencing Tourney (Governor's lawn or inside if wet) Peerage meetings (Laurels and Pelicans)
6pm	Feast and First Court of new King and Queen in the Pavilion. Entertainments.

Sunday 9am	Gather at Pavilion (Tea, coffee, buns)
10am	Queen's Champion Tourney (Governor's Lawn or inside if wet)
1pm	Lunch, Peerage meetings (Chivalry + Order of Defence)
2pm	Final Court
3pm	Site closes.

June 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 Yule	18 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
19	20	21	22	23	24 FTT deadline	25 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
26	27	28	29	30		

MARTIAL PRACTICES

Armoured Combat

Sundays 10am–noon at Redwood Scout Hall.

Rapier

Sundays from 2pm at Redwood Scout Hall.

Archery

Fine Sundays at Northcote School grounds, meet at Redwood Scout Hall.
archers@sg.lochac.sca.org

Tourney days

First Sunday of the month as announced

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.

Fibre Guild: every third Sunday of the month, 11am at Redwood Scout Hall or as announced.

UCMRS Dance

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

ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS

Council Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month, from 7:30pm.
 NB June's meeting will be entirely online – details posted to the SG list.

All welcome

Baronial Open Homes

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.

July Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1	2 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
3	4 Stuff night	5	6	7	8	9 A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
10	11	12 Council Meeting	13	14	15	16 A&S: Fibre Guild Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
17	18	19	20	21	22 Coronation in Cluain	23 Coronation in Cluain A&S Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
24	25 FTT submissions due	26	27	28	29	30

Southron Gaard Regnum

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

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

Baron & Baroness: Richard d'Allier &
Ginevra di Serafino Visconti
Seneschal: Aveline Goupil
Tour d'Or Herald: Fiora Vespucci
Reeve: James of Southron Gaard *
Knight Marshal: Brian di Caffa
Arts & Sciences: Cecily Montgomery
Chronicler: Eleanora van den Bogaerde
Chatelaine: **Vacant***
Chirurgion: Leonhart Hunt
Constable: Raffe de Massard
Crescents Officer: Csperka
Librarian: Ginevra di Serafino Visconti
Quartermaster: Raffe de Massard
Web scribe: Ginevra de Serafino Visconti
Captain of Archers: **Vacant***
Captain of Rapier: James of Southron Gaard
Lists Officer: Melisande de Massard

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constable@sg.lochac.sca.org

crescents@sg.lochac.sca.org

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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>

SCA (NZ) Inc. Membership

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

Subscribing Membership

Grants full rights of participation in the SCA (including voting, entering Crown Tournaments, holding office and affiliate membership with overseas branches). Subscribing membership also includes a subscription to Pegasus, the Lochac Kingdom Newsletter 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

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

www.sca.org.nz

Barony of Southron Gaard – meeting minutes Wednesday 10th May 2017.

Physical Venue: 35 Sir William Pickering Drive, Burnside, also online via **GotoMeeting**.

Present: Maximillian von Monsterberg, Richard d'Allier, Elena Sophia Luciano de Medici, James of Southron Gaard, Kotek Torzhokskoi, Aveline Goupil (online), Ginevra Isabella di Serafino Visconti (online), Fiora Vespucci (online), Brian di Caffa.

Apologies: Eleonora van den Bogaerde

Meeting opened: 7.37pm

1. Provisional Minutes from March Meeting

James voted to accept the minutes from the March meeting, seconded by Elena. Motion carried.

2. Officer reports

Seneschal (Vacant):

Reeve (James of Southron Gaard): There were some small changes of a couple of hundred dollars in the final Canterbury Faire and Baronial Anniversary event reports, with money still coming in and out for those events. The reeve will need to start looking for a replacement soon, as he stepped up over 2 years ago, at CF 2015. Reeves quarterly report was submitted on time.

Balances for May:

Opening Balance \$28,840.95

Closing Balance \$28,663.93

Herald (Fiora Vespucci):

- Stepped up as Astrolabe
- Working with Darton seneschal to fix device in Lochac Roll of Arms
- Submitted Darton populace badge
- Still working on fixing SG award name and badge association in O&A
- 5 devices in the pipeline (mostly Darton... okay, mostly the Forests)

Chatalaine (Vacant):

Chirurgeon (Leonhart Hunt): Nothing to report, no incidents, no expenditures, nothing reported to chirurgeonate.

Chronicler (Eleonora van den Bogaerde): No report received.

Quartermaster and Constable (Raffe de Massard): No report received.

Knight Marshall (Brian di Caffa): Raffe's new storage cupboard at fighter practise has been very useful- and is quite full. Heavy loaner armour and much of the archery gear is stored in it. I will be obtaining a PVC pipe to store the bows safely, and have added a loop to the Baronial arrow sheaf so that it can hang safely in the

cupboard. Boffer weapons are also stored at practise and occasionally used by the adults and children. I have cardboard to stiffen the foam targets. New heavy combatants are Sunny, Anna, Chunegund, Ursula at various stages of armour and readiness for authorisation. Some of these people doing target archery as well.

BA had a heavy, target archery and rapier tourney. Four entrants in the heavy with Sir Ratbot the new Champion. Cealleach ran the target archery and retained his title.

In May the new tokens were awarded for the victors and also their consorts if present. Baron Richard inspired by Baroness Ginevra were victorious in the Heavy. Lord Darius won the long distance shoot. Planning a heavy tourney next month with fighters wearing closed visors with eye slots, and Ceallach as keeper of the Yule arrow is running the archery tourney. Still attempting to encourage combat archery.

Etienne reported a concussion from fighter practise and hasn't attended since- report submitted to the Earl Marshal. Sir Ratbod has measured padding thickness of the fighters' helmets to ensure compliance.

Have purchased a Robinhood fibreglass bow for \$75 including postage. It works fine but is over 30lbs as expected so not suitable for combat. Bought two 57' strings for the green Bear fibreglass bow from Aliexpress for \$13.23 and they are nice. No commercial strings advertised online that fit the small black bow in Wildmoor, and custom ones cost a fair bit. I recommended using 3mm black venetian/poly cord from the local hardware store which will be fine on this low poundage bow.

I managed to break the linen-backed ash bow that had been retired due to a large dent near the handle, but I have epoxied the crack in the left-handed take-down bow so that should be serviceable once I make it pretty again.

Bear Titan recurve bow @ 29lbs is \$115 (archerywarehouse.co.nz) and I recommend that we purchase one (or more) of those for the Barony. There are a few options for less than 20lb bows at around \$70 each.

Captain of Rapier (James of Southron Gaard): Have had increased attendance since CF (4-8), slightly dropped off around Easter/Anzac long weekends (2-5).

It was decided by discussion that we would move back to the Redwood Scout Den on Sundays for the following reasons

- Weather. As an outdoor venue practices at Barrington Park were heavily weather dependent and coming into winter that was going to present a problem
- The people who live around Barrington Park who said that location/travel was an issue were not coming along to practice
- A good number of the people attending practice live on the north side of town or further
- So that we could be more sociable and join in on the other practices

Captain of Archers (Vacant):

Webwright (Ginevra Isabella di Serafino Visconti): The A&S officer has a wonderful new blog that she approves of for the A&S. Otherwise it has been business as usual, fixing, moderating etc. The URL hasn't come out yet but will within the next couple of days from the meeting.

Fiora then reminded that she'd offered to help with the CMS migration, via chat message.

Arts & Sciences (Cecily de Montgomery): Blog going live is exciting. Richard advised that she had encouraging feedback for the pentathlon and people are making things. Max will paste the report into the meeting when he gets it.

Hamlet reports

Gildenwick (Fiora Vespucci): Sent out Lady Cecily's email regarding the A&S challenge; there is some interest in the hamlet so I will hold a craft evening sometime soon where we can talk about projects/work on them together.

Max advised that he has asked Gildenwick to put together a proposal for required equipment.

Wildmoor (Aveline Goupil): Wildmoor has been quiet over the last month, however a banner making/painting project is in the works and will be started this coming Saturday 13th May.

Baron & Baroness (Richard and Ginevra): Richard advised that there had been an interesting B&B meeting at Rowany festival, including suggestions for changes/a roster approach for future Crown events. The assembled B&Bs at Rowany instead suggested an expression of interest instead, as some groups are better suited to some events than others e.g. weather reasons. There was also discussion as to why groups weren't bidding for Crown events. Some of the discussion was on how revenue for the kingdom works with regards to Crown events, with suggestions that less emphasis be made on the event having to make money for the Kingdom coffers.

Southron Gaard has put in an expression of interest for May Crown 2018, this is not binding. Both of their Excellencies agree that Twelfth Night is hard for the Barony to do, even when it's combined with Canterbury Faire. November Crown would likely be too close to Canterbury Faire and take the focus off of our primary event. So May Crown or Winter Coronation might be better for us. Lots of interest in July Coronations.

If we go ahead with a bid for May 2018 it will need to be done very soon. Groups should be looking to do a kingdom event every 2-3 years. Also some talk about whether the schedule of events can be relaxed somewhat, as it is more rigid in Lochac than it is in some other kingdoms.

Other interesting discussions at the B&Bs' meeting were on recruitment and retention, and on identifying the problems, this remains an ongoing discussion. Most other groups are also having trouble finding Chatelaines, they can get people to be Hospitallars but not Chatelaines.

Max added to this, that at the seneschal meeting at Festival the same proposal around Kingdom events was made. A part of this may be to change the way that the Kingdom is funded, less emphasis on the Crown events making profits means alternate funding is required. This could be done by 'taxing' the groups, and there may be a future requirement for groups to establish money/allocate their funds internally to facilitate this.

The bidding stuff wasn't as contentious at the seneschals' meeting, the Kingdom Seneschal was happy with Southron Gaard not bidding for Twelfth Night as a separate event from CF. He also talked about relaxing the date requirements around Crown events as something that he'd like to do. The KS understood that Southron Gaard might only want to bid for Twelfth Night if the relaxed dates etc. came about, and it was a simplified matter of some extra courts etc.

Max also advised that Duchess Constanzia Moralez y de Zamora is the new Kingdom Procurator General, and she was excited about the bamboo ware plates that Mistress Katherine has put in a request for. The

B&Bs and Pelicans were pretty excited too. Much enthusiasm. If we wanted to go ahead with that purchase, we might be able to get a full container into Australia and then on-ship it to NZ/SG.

Richard asked if that was something that her Grace would want to take the lead on, Max hadn't asked that of her at the event. Richard said that the role Constanzia was in was to help groups to spend their money and on improving communication about that etc. There was quite a lot of interest in the bamboo ware by the end of festival. Max thinks there's a good chance we can share costs, perhaps with Ildhafn as they quite liked them.

Ginevra expressed support for the bamboo ware. Looked good, light and easily lifted.

Aveline asked if some photos could go on Facebook. James said he'd put some up as the items were currently with him. The bamboo ware looks and feels like ceramic until you feel how light they are. It has survived drop tests.

3) Event Reports

Provisional report on Baronial Anniversary 2017:

The event opened at 9 am, and all were offsite by 11pm. The stewards and helpers went back the next day to get the rest of the gear. Everyone who had booked showed up, with one surprise day tripper. Everyone has now paid and all inbound money is in and has been passed to the Reeve.

56 adults for the day, 55 for the feast. No children. The only problem was a lack of serving spoons, they went and bought some from the warehouse for \$40. Now need to discuss if these spoons should be part of the event costs or be moved into SG general costs. Notes to future stewards as there are new contacts at the Scouts and they seem to be more on the ball about paying of bills, they want things paid on time. James said that this should apply to all Scout groups from now on as the Scouts have centralised their accounts department. Richard wondered if that was applying to the weekly hall hire. James said no invoice had arrived for that yet. Richard reminded Elena that the quantity of tables was now insufficient on site, there were only 6 or 8 large ones. Recommendations from the hall decorators were that we should consider bringing tables from the Baronial stores when using this site in future.

4) Event Proposals

Yule 2017 (Maximillian and Kotek): To be held at Rimu park on the 17th June. Crew arrive onsite at 10am and the site is booked until 10am the next day. Will have a bonfire, market, Brewers guild meeting, some A&S classes if people want to teach, Court, feast, and possibly dancing and singing later in the evening. People can stay on site if they wish, but they have to be out by 10am Sunday. No lunch or breakfast supplied as part of the event. Still looking for some people to help out, and run classes or guild meetings or entertainment during the feast.

Two budgets were presented to the Council, one with a 5% contingency and one with a 10%. Richard asked about the concession rate listed on the budgets, and whether it would apply to students as well as members with Gold cards? Max said it could. Richard advised he would contact the University students he has a list of. Some baronies also offer Centrelink concessions, for thought.

James asked what was going to burn, as there were not budget entries for those. Kotek advised that they had some plans and fuel would be free. Kotek will be bringing quite a lot of things to burn, probably based upon pallets. Possibly in interesting shapes.

Brian pointed out there was no combat planned for the event. Kotek advised that there could be if Brian or someone else was willing to organise it, though their intention was more collegia based. Ginevra mentioned that one of the Pentathlon challenges was about teaching and to use that for promotional purposes. There was discussion on how long the class needed to be. Richard said more than ½ hr. Ginevra said a ½ hr class having people stand up and talk on what they were keen on for 5 minutes would be countable for the organiser.

There was a scribbled note on the paper copies about kitchen hands who were only paying the site fee and kingdom levy. After some discussion it was decided to just charge these people the non-catered rate, as per the electronic budget copies.

James moved to accept the 5% contingency budget, Richard seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Canterbury Faire 2018**

Max asked for expressions of interest, though he had intended to put in a bid as well. Richard advised that Raffe was looking at putting in a bid as well.

Richard suggested a deadline for bids of June. James said we definitely need a preliminary budget and plan by that time. Aveline asked for the bid information to be sent well before the council meeting so it could be reviewed, James said he'd like it first.

Max will leave Aveline to advertise around about CF bid deadlines. Max said he'd be interested in chatting to Raffe. Richard said he won't be back for a month.

6) **Proposed expenditure:**

Bows: – Have purchased a Robinhood fibreglass bow for \$75 including postage. It works fine but is over 30lbs as expected so not suitable for combat. Bear Titan recurve bow @ 29lbs is \$115 (archerywarehouse.co.nz) and I recommend that we purchase one (or more) of those for the Barony. There are a few options for less than 20lb bows at around \$70 each if these are wanted.

Richard moved that we buy one Titan Recurve at \$115 and one of the Robinhood bows at \$75 plus delivery. Seconded by James. Motion carried.

Swords: There is a need for more rattan swords, as two were snapped at the last heavy practice as they were rotten. Should we get some more off of Ratbod? Richard asked about hilts, and asked if we should try to get another plastic hilt. James said we have a basket hilt already, and the rattan was needing to be replaced.

James moved to buy two more sticks at up \$30 each from Ratbod. Richard seconded. Brian will take care of the arrangements. Motion carried.

Fibreglass rods for making rapiers: James advised that he would like to get fibreglass rods and accruements for starter rapiers, he advised that \$200 of fibreglass rods would make 5 swords, and it would cost about \$50 for the rest of the materials required by the swords.

Moved by James, seconded by Max. Motion carried.

Second storage container at the Canterbury Faire site: Proposal to the council from Master Bartholomew That the SG Council offer to the Shire of Darton and Barony of Ildhafn a 50% subsidy on the cost of buying and relocating a second storage container for the CF site, subject to these conditions:

- A. Their Councils agree among themselves to fund the other 50% in whatever proportion they see fit, plus the annual site rental for the container and any other associated and subsequent costs (e.g. fitting out) - with all required payments being managed by them and made directly, i.e. not through Southron Gaard.
- B. Their Councils provide for the use of the space in the container by their groups' members as they see fit.
- C. For as long as spare space is available, their Councils also agree to establish and operate a service allowing for storage of items and equipment by other (non-Southron Gaard) travellers to CF.

== Proposal TWO

Subject to Proposal ONE being adopted and subsequently accepted and acted upon by the other groups:

- A. That from the close of CF 2018, the existing container be reserved for the use of the Barony of Southron Gaard and its members.
- B. That a secure and well labelled "donation" box be fastened just inside the door of the container.
- C. That a published list of suggested donation amounts for different types and sizes of storage be displayed next to the donations box, and that other notices (event information etc.) mention the donation system to maximise its effectiveness.
- D. That each year the CF event steward shall clear the donation box at a convenient time near the close of CF and report the tally as part of the event's income.

Comments from Master Bartholomew via Email:

* The first proposal indirectly grows the infrastructure of CF and significantly lessens the hassle experienced by those travelling to the event from the North Island groups and very likely also from further afield. It also removes from SG officers the burden of managing casual gear deposits from travellers outside the group.

* The second proposal takes advantage of the reduced demand on SG's container to make it clear that SG members wanting to develop and store infrastructure for CF - including those travelling from the hamlets - can still store their gear there. At the same time, it eliminates the work-intensive and inconsistently-applied charging system first introduced back in 2007 and replaces it with one that leaves the onus clearly on those using the container for private storage to contribute towards its rental cost.

<end email>

Richard advised he would want to see quotes for the container before the Council moves on the proposal. He did mention on the SCANZ list about this and would like to see if SCANZ wished to participate in the proposal in some fashion.

There was some discussion about the donation box in the container, and there was some concern about the use of this method of payment. Aveline advised that she wasn't happy about having cash/honesty box in the container, as funds have gone missing from other boxes at Canterbury Faire before. Richard suggested a line on the CF booking form with a suggested donation amount. More discussion needed on this topic.

Max moved that to accept proposal 1 in principal pending confirmation of costs. Kotek seconded. Motion was then withdrawn.

James: Motion to formally approach Darton, Ildhafn and SCANZ with the proposal and the cost sharing to be agreed between the parties. To be done before next council meeting. Seconded by Richard. All in favour. Motion Carried.

Max will approach the other NZ groups, as an interested party. James will have a look at some quotes Richard said this matter was on the list with SCANZ, their meeting is on this coming Sunday or Monday.

Baronial serving ware (bamboo ware):

Proposal received from Mistress Katherine Kerr via email:

Hopefully you've seen the email commentary I posted about the potential to replace the baronial serve ware with something more robust, a lot lighter and matched to our needs. If not, here's a precis to help consideration at May Council.

Problem: our baronial serve ware is chipped, cracked, mismatched and very heavy, being a collection of mixed modern white crockery with some other random accompanying items; it's very hard to lift when packed away, requires mouse-attracting kitchen towel wrapping. This makes it awkward to transport and maintain. It is problematic for platers and servers in terms of amounts, type and weight of items, and requires a sustained kitchen dishwashing crew to do the main CF feast due to the need to turn-around the serve ware.

Potential solution: replace the crockery with a lighter, more robust alternative; ideally with a more period look to it as well. Bambooware is very lightweight, very robust (not brittle), stain-resistant, dishwasher safe (and easy to wash manually) and will hold foods from -20C to +120C (NOT for use in the microwave or oven, but it seems fairly rare for anyone to cook in the current serve ware). It comes in a range of shapes and sizes: plates from 36-19cm; bowls from ramekins to big deep salad bowls; pitchers; spoons etc. And a range of colours, including acceptable kaolin, stoneware and terracotta variants; this would allow us to reserve a specific colour for allergy/etc. foods at feasts and on meal plan. It stacks well without needing padding and, because it's so light, you can fit a lot into one of the storage boxes and still lift it.

Examples:

<http://www.ecoimpact.com.au/solidcolour>

<http://www.vitality4life.co.nz/living-eco-dining-dinnerware-set/>

Hopefully the three examples I purchased privately will come home with Max and be shown around at Council, practice, Yule, where-ever so people have a chance to look at it. Initial reports suggest that any of the three colours/finishes would be acceptable on a Scadian table.

I have contacted a number of potential suppliers and identified one which has a good range of product shapes and can source other items, who is prepared to offer trade prices with a further discount once we can provide a confirmed order.

Proposal: I would like Council to consider if it is willing to authorise me to continue the discussions with the aim of placing a order, the entire order including GST, freight and associated costs to be no more than \$3,000.

This would be to cover something along these lines:

- 40 x 25 or 28cm dinner plates OR 20 flat plates and 20 deep plates (i.e. with raised edges)
- 20 side plates 15-20cm
- 25 25cm/3.5litre large bowls
- 20 15cm/1.5litre bowls
- 40 small ramekins/sauce/rice bowls, 200-300ml

- 8 jugs/pitchers 1.5-2.5 litre
- 40 medium-large serving spoons

The aim would be to have this order fulfilled before CF at the latest.

Given the significant surplus made by CF and the Kingdom Seneschal's injunctions for groups to use funds for suitable purchases/services, I believe now would be a good time to upgrade the Barony's tableware.

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the May meeting to speak to this proposal, but I hope that Council will look on it with favour as an appropriate purchase which will make life easier at many SCA events to come.

In service to the Barony,

katherine kerr

<end email>

(Max read out the proposal). This material can't go in the oven but otherwise is great. The samples have been shown around a fighters practice, all seem to be keen on them. Some destructive testing to occur to one.

Richard asked if we need more serving spoons now that more were purchased at BA. Kotek said that spoons are always useful and he supports katherine's opinion on the purchases. Richard said he'd prefer deeper plates over the flat plates. More discussion.

James moved to accept the proposal. Kotek seconded. Motion carried.

7) General Business

Comps policy, continuing from the March meeting (Richard): The Council proposed the recommended changes to the policy via screen share. Aveline brought up a question around Crown tourneys, would refunds be supplied for the new prince and princess? Richard advised that the intention would be not to supply comps in that situation (i.e. refunds).

Aveline asked about having a way that a steward can nominate an individual apart from steward, (e.g. meal plan coordinator) as a comp, perhaps within the steward's preliminary budget. The current wording did not allow for this. After some discussion, the wording was revised so that a steward may have that option, but it would need to be approved by Council along with the pre-event budget.

Max moved to accept. James seconded the policy as on the screen. All passed, motion carried.

New Seneschal Proposed: Aveline Goupil, also known as Sandra Wheeler, has been proposed as the new Seneschal of Southron Gaard. Commentary on this appointment is currently open, if you wish to do so.

Meeting closed 9.01 pm.



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