

# From The Tower



## Barony of Southron Gaard

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(2017 C.E.)



## Chronic Ramblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

Well we've just passed the shortest day of the year and celebrated the mid-winter in our annual Yule event. Many of us are looking forward to Coronation in Cluain and there's lots of other exciting events coming up in this second part of the year which I hope to have detail of for the August issue. On that note please remember to send details of your event to the chronicler for publication by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month\*. I don't 'glean' information from council minutes for event notices because I can't be sure that they are final (although I will add tentative dates to the calendar).

Many thanks to Meisterin Cristian and Mistress Isabel-Maria for their article this month – even if you are not an event steward its worth reading to learn a bit more about what a medieval feast really was like. When the steward has gone just a bit further to create a medieval atmosphere it seems to inspire everyone – touches like the live music and yule goat at the feast last month make it just that bit more special.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

**Eleanora**

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Above: More photos from our trip

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# Kingdom of Lochac



King and Queen Ariston I and Lilavati I

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## Their Excellencies Speak



Greetings All,

We would like to extend our thanks to Lords Maximilian and James for their work as Seneschal and Reeve, and We are delighted to be able to thank the Honourable Lady Aveline, and Lady Lisa for taking on these roles. Serving the Barony as an officer, and particularly in a Greater Office is a significant responsibility and we thank anyone that takes on these burdens for the betterment of all. We know that THL Aveline has a number of projects and initiatives she is working on and we hope others will consider stepping forward to assist her with these if you are able. Running the Barony during quiet times is hard enough, and these are most certainly not quiet times.

We are pleased that the vast majority of officers regularly attend Council meetings, as do others that do not hold a council office. While it's sometimes not stated in officer handbooks among the duties of the office, participating in council meetings and hence the decision-making process of the group is a key function of all officers. The different backgrounds, interests and skills of the various officers contribute to better representation and a wider range of viewpoints and this helps to ensure that the consensuses... consensi ... decisions that council arrives at are well-debated. We thank everyone that participates in this manner.

We recently enjoyed the Yule event, highlights of which included the Flaming Goat, a variety of classes, and a delicious feast cooked by Lord Kotek. We would like to extend particular thanks to Lady Cecily, for taking pity on Her Excellency's lack of voice, and running the Pentathlon discussion. Also, We noted during Lord Nathaniel's class on Astronomy that We were remiss in a matter of protocol prior to Our investiture and neglected to consult a qualified Astrologer to determine the appropriate date and time of Our investiture to ensure a prosperous Barony. We therefore ask any suitably qualified (or indeed unqualified but enthusiastic) people to retrospectively study the stars and advise of the Barony's fates, so that We may prepare as best We are able.

We are delighted to note the number of events to look forward to during the rest of the year, including events in both Wildmoor and Gildenwick. November promises to be especially busy with potentially an event every weekend, starting with a Royal visit on the 4th and 5th, the Hororata Highland Games on the following weekend, the traditional Show Weekend camping event and then St Catherine's in Ildhafn for those with energy to travel. We hope you will support as many of these events as possible. We are also looking forward to the Firey Knights tournament hosted by Lord Raffe in August and congratulate Lord Maximilian on having his bid accepted for Canterbury Faire 2018. In Service to the Crown,

*Richard and Ginevra*

Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard



## From the Officers

### Seneschal's column

Good day,

Recently, Southron Gaard submitted its end of financial year report to SCANZ, and I'm pleased to be able to advise that the group has been enjoying a fruitful couple of years, with its events well attended and enjoyed by all.

As a minor side effect of this prosperity, it has been recently brought to my attention by our governing body (SCANZ) that a change will be needed in the way that we operate financially, being that Southron Gaard will need to register for GST. SCANZ, and the other groups in the Crescent Isles do not need to register.

Overall, this will have a minimal effect on the bulk of the populace. Changes to event prices should be nominal, especially for the larger events where the bulk of our suppliers are GST registered themselves. For some key officers, some work will need to be undertaken to document and/or tweak our existing processes but once that is done it should be largely smooth sailing. We have been looking at the possibility of using "real" financial software for a while, because it will make reports quicker and easier to produce. This will probably be the trigger for our taking action on that.

A FAQ will be set up as soon as possible, to act as a fact-checked source for information for you, the populace, about this change. The Webwright and I are still working out how to set this up, but the aim is to have a place where you can post questions and have the answers to other people's questions visible to all. There will be no need for speculation, please, just ask! If we don't know the answer to your question, we'll say so, and then go find out the answer.

While the underlying reasons triggering the move to GST registration are complex, the largest factor has been the level of income generated by Canterbury Faire. The last two years have seen the event very well attended, which has, inevitably, increased the amount of income coming into the Barony. By income, I mean total incoming funds, not any excess income after expenditure which might be generated by events. Spending, and the amount of money that a group has in the bank are not factors in whether or not they are required to register for GST.

En Service,

Aveline Goupil



Medieval serving ware, Cloisters Museum, New York

## **officer vacancies**

**Hospitaller/Chatelaine:** welcome and support new members to the Society.

**Captain of Archers:** promote safe shooting and the sport of archery. Deputy to the Knight Marshal.

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> and contact the seneschal [seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@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](mailto:seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org), [BandB@sg.lochac.sca.org](mailto: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.

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## Arts and Sciences

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](mailto: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.



Or Nue embroidery, Cloisters Museum, New York

The Lochac Fibre Guild has an email list at <http://lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/fibreguild> and webpage at <http://fibre.lochac.sca.org/> which features a monthly "award cord" tutorial. The South Gaard 'branch' has a Yahoo group list at [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG\\_String/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG_String/info).



## Upcoming Events

### 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](mailto: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.

## **Nice Little Touches (for event stewarding)**

### **Meisterin Christian Baier & Mistress Isabel Maria**

This article is to give you a little historical background to a couple of hall decorating 'touches' we have used (most recently at Baronial Anniversary 2017).

Members of our household had volunteered to steward the event, so as is our custom we looked for ways to support them in that task. We decided that we'd like to tackle the hall decoration, as between our camping gear and event stewarding kits, we had enough "schmutter" (thanks to Baron Oswyn for the word "schmutter" meaning 'all that cool stuff in the background that enhances the period feel and atmosphere') such as curtains, chandeliers, candle lanterns, and so on readily available to dress the hall.

While it takes a fair bit of work to fully decorate a hall (and we'd like to extend our profound thanks to everyone who helped put up and take down the decorations), we believe it's worth the effort to try and capture the period ambience of the kind of world we strive to recreate in the SCA; in this case, a late period Italian noble's feast hall. We also appreciate the kind words of all those who enjoyed the hall dressings. The hall at Baronial Anniversary this year (Rimu Park) is a tough customer. No matter the decoration, it's hard to miss the underlying "airplane hangar" construction, and in summer the glazed roof lets in too much light for candles to be really effective. On the positive side there are plenty of structures from which to hang e.g. the chandeliers and banners, and the side alcoves can be curtained off to create more intimate areas. The hall was missing some tables this time so that did make the design a little more challenging than usual and meant we were not able to complete everything we had planned.

Period illuminations and paintings provide a rich source for researching information about decorations for feast halls. While it is important to treat, especially illuminations, with some caution, the frequent appearance of similar decorations and types of furniture, and in some cases their concordance with extant or later pieces, suggests there are some useful conclusions we can draw from such sources. A range of 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> century illustrations featuring feasting scenes can be found below. The two particular features of decoration we'd like to focus on in this article are the baldachin / baldequin and the "cupboard". We have used these before at feasts and events, and we'd like to share a little information about period examples, and suggestions for their recreation in the SCA.

### **The baldachin / baldequin**

The baldachin / baldequin was the canopy that hung over and behind Their Excellencies at the high table at Baronial Anniversary 2017. You may have seen this at other events, including for example hanging over Their Majesties at 12th Night Coronation Feast (Canterbury Faire) in 2016 (see below).





The baldachin / baldequin at the Feast at 12<sup>th</sup> Night / Canterbury Faire 2016.



The baldachin / baldequin at the Feast of Saint Percival in 2009.

In period a baldachin / baldequin (or canopy of state, or cloth of honour) was a ceremonial canopy that was placed over a throne or high table etc. as a symbol of authority and status of those who sat beneath. The canopy was most often made of fine fabric (for example see Figure 1 below; the name baldachin / baldequin is derived from the term for a particular luxurious type of fabric) but later could also be made of various more permanent materials. Canopies might also be mobile and carried above important personages during processions (as was the case for Baron Sigurd and Baroness Eleonora at their investiture as Baron and Baroness Southron Gaard).

Of particular interest here are the baldachin / baldequin fabric canopies used in feast halls. A number of period illustrations featuring a range of styles of baldachin / baldequin can be seen at the end of this article. These canopies were placed over the highest ranking person(s) at the high table, and comprised a 'roof', and 'wall(s)' that usually fell behind the thrones or chairs. The roof often, but not always, had a 'valence' around the edge (for example, Figure 2). These canopies most often appear to be made of fabric, and can be decorated with heraldic elements (heraldic colours or motifs) such as those in Figures 2 and 7 below. How the canopy was suspended is not always clear from the illustrations; some appear to be suspended from above (for example, Figures 1 and 3), others appear to be free-standing with supports that are not visible (for example Figures 2, 6 and 8). In a smaller number of illustrations an architectural framework frames or supports the canopy (for example Figures 5 and 10).

Our baldachin / baldequin is made from a blue brocade fabric (originally made for a Caidan royal visit), and we later added a (white) trim similar to those in Figures 2 and 8 below which gave the canopy more visual definition and made the blue fabric "pop". The canopy is now also decorated with heraldic motifs (white stars) as we modified it for use for Lochac Royalty. Baron Oswyn painted a beautiful Lochac 'achievement of arms' for 12th Night Coronation in 2016, which can be optionally attached to the back drapery. The canopy is a very simple design: the roof of the canopy is braced and the whole thing is suspended from the roof (or similar structures) of the feast hall by cords. The back drape reaches to the floor and can be optionally weighted, tied down or braced. We have experimented with a more free-standing baldachin / baldequin, but have yet to come up with an easily portable and erectable design; the canopy really also needs to be suspended from a roof (in the very least as a safety measure in our shaky city) and few halls here have the means to do this safely and conveniently. We have plans to make another hopefully more elaborate Southron Gaard baldachin / baldequin if we are able to find appropriate fabric. The (SCA) Kingdom of Aethelmearc

recently received a new baldequin in brocade with a heraldic decoration:

<https://aethelmearcgazette.com/2017/04/30/court-reports-last-court-of-marcus-and-margerite-and-coronation-of-timothy-and-gabrielle/>

The baldachin / baldequin helps bring the focus of attention in the room to the high table, and marks out and orients the room to the Royals or the Baron and Baroness. A sumptuous fabric and / or heraldic decoration can enhance the display. The canopy also has the advantage of reducing breezes on the back of the thrones, delineating “Royal Presence”, and hiding all manner of poor hall architecture (or modern decoration) as well as practical bits and pieces behind the throne.

## The “cupboard”

The "cupboard" we refer to here is the table or cabinet-top display of fine plates and other metal vessels (which I will refer to here as “fine plate”) that stood by the door at Baronial Anniversary. You will have seen several of these that we have done before at previous events. See below for two event photographs.



The “cupboard” at a previous Baronial Anniversary.



The “cupboard” at Baronial Anniversary 2017.

The period names for this and similar types of furniture are somewhat unclear. Looking at illustrations of period feasts it's possible to see a number of different types of shelving or cupboards in feast halls; for example a cupboard with doors (usually described as an ambry), a cupboard from upon which it appears wine was served, the cupboard / table display of fine plate, open shelving units of various kinds, etc. Our focus is on this display of fine plate.

These “cupboards” do not appear to have a functional aspect at the feast; food or drink is not served from them as we might serve from a ‘buffet’ today. The display of wealth and status through the display of expensive metal ware (which is not used for feast service but is only for display) is the key to this piece. These pieces of furniture have a number configurations and structures throughout time and space, but common elements include a cloth covering the cupboard or shelves (for example Figures 1, 8, 10) and placed upon that a tiered display of fine plate (gold or silver (or perhaps even pewter) plates, dishes and other vessels; for example, Figures 1,2 8-12). Some “cupboards” even have a little wooden or fabric canopy over the top (for example Figures 2 and 8). A number of period illustrations featuring a range of styles of the cupboard display can be seen at the end of this article.

Carrying about a large purpose-built wooden cupboard is impractical for SCA events, and even our nicest halls have not had furniture that could lend itself to this treatment. We have therefore used a variety of tables, cupboards, boxes and shelf combinations to construct our cupboards, often cobbled together

underneath with clips and tape. The unexpected lack of tables at Baronial Anniversary meant we had to be a little inventive in our construction this year. Baron Richard was also kind enough to make a wooden table top unit for this purpose. Fine cloths (we have used white linen, brocades, and carpet rugs) can add richness to the display, as well as hide an underlying non-period structure. The "plate" comes from our personal feast and camping gear collections; sometimes we use silver tones, sometimes gold tones, and sometimes both. Some of the plates are in pretty rough condition, yet look good at a distance and under candle light. While other items aren't generally seen on "cupboards" in period illustrations, we've used small items that work with the theme of the event, and also candles to help light and bring sparkle to the plate in halls where otherwise we have insufficient period lighting to illuminate such a display. The "cupboard" is completely decorative and non-functional, but it is a large, strikingly non-modern, decorative element that takes reasonably minimal effort and brings period ambience to your hall.

Both these decorative traditions persist even today in some royal palaces. Note Figure 13 below from a recent state banquet at Buckingham Palace where a baldachin / baldequin hangs over the thrones, and cupboards displaying golden plate are placed on either side of the hall.



Figure 1. Italy, 15thC.

Canopy has elaborate brocade at the back and the front drop is trimmed with a fringe(?). Cupboard with cloth and silver / pewter vessels, on the right.



Figure 2. French, 15thC.

Heraldic fabric back trimmed in red with red fringed canopy. Cupboard with canopy on the right.



Figure 3. English (?), 16thC.

Elaborately dagged and tasseled baldachin, with



Figure 4. Italian, 15<sup>th</sup>.

The baldachin has a tasseled (?) roof, and in this case sides rather than a back, perhaps to take advantage of



back dropped suspended (?) to allow the heat of the fire through to the high table in winter.



Figure 5. France, early 15th C.  
The baldequin has an architectural frame with various fabric drapery.

the heat from the fire. Cupboard (with fabric canopy?) on the left.



Figure 6. French, 1420.  
A brocade baldequin with a particoloured fringe.



Figure 7. French, 14<sup>th</sup> C.  
Three separate hangings with French heraldic motifs.



Figure 8. French 15thC.  
Red baldequin with green trim and fringe. Cupboard on the left (with its own built-in canopy).



Figure 9. Florence, 1460.  
The cupboard 'shelves' are hollow 'boxes', and the front and wall behind are covered with draped cloths. A mixture of dishes and jugs are placed on the board.



Figure 10. French, 15thC.  
Cupboard in the middle background, the cabinet covered in a white cloth with vessels also on 'shelves' above. Architectural 'canopy' over the table on the left.





Figure 11. Florence, mid 15thC.  
The cupboard is covered in the same cloth as the feast table, and contains tiers of plates and jugs.



Figure 12. Antwerp, 1523.  
The cupboard in back left is covered in a white cloth with tiers of plate and jugs.



Figure 13. Recent state banquet at Buckingham Palace with baldachin / baldequin over the thrones and the cupboards displaying golden plates etc. on both sides of the hall.

We'd like to encourage other stewards to take the opportunity to do a little research and find similar interesting period (decorative) ideas for enhancing their events. We'd also like to encourage the populace to contribute to the period ambience of events; by bringing personal banners, dressing or decorating their tables, bringing candles and other lighting, and so on. There are a number of categories in the Baronial Arts and Sciences Challenge that would provide some excellent scope for researching and recreating such items. For more period examples, you might see our Pinterest pages <https://nz.pinterest.com/amberherthe/> (especially those on Table Settings, Tableware, Houses & Houseware, Lighting, and Wall Hangings and Decorations) for illustrations, ideas and inspiration.

## 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

### 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](mailto: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.

## August Calendar

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

## 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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# Southron Gaard Council Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 7:30 – 8:30pm

**Physical Meeting Location:** Richard's work: 35 Sir William Pickering Drive, Burnside

**Online meeting:** <https://go.blizz.com/join/m95972064>

Meeting ID: m95-972-064

**Attended:** Richard Goodwin (Richard), Shaun Gilmore (Raffe), Lisa Butler, Will Howard (Max), Sandra Wheeler (Aveline), Bill Dabbs (Thorald), Beth Kent (Ginevra), James Piesse (James), Brian Kwan (Brian), Cat Milligan (Cecily) (late)

**Apologies:** Simone (Eleanora), Fiona, Cecily (late)

## 1) Provisional minutes from May 2017 meeting

- Moved to accept (Will), Richard seconded. All in favour –accepted.

## 2) Business Arising

### • Confirmation of new seneschal/president (Sandra Wheeler).

Moved (Richard) that we accept kingdom recommendation for Sandra. Seconded (James). Abstain – Sandra. All else in favour – motion passed.

- **Bow Purchase** – Bought 1 more since last council. 20 pound ones – haven't found any suitable.
- **Sword Purchase** - \$35 for 2 single sword sticks. Jon Anderson to provide. Need fibre tape – Raffe to provide.
- **Fibreglass rod Purchase** – Been purchased – at James's house. Reimbursement request to come.
- **Proposed second storage container at CF site** - Raffe talked to Darton and Ildhafn. Calculated a cubic metre rate of around 50-75 cents. Both groups keen, awaiting confirmation. Max has spoken to David McClagan. SCANZ may be happy to contribute to purchase price. Purchase Price roughly \$1800-\$1900 + \$350 transport. Should be good for 15yrs. 20ft B grade. 40ft would be too hard to move. Berengar (Oz) may also be keen to use space for gear. Raffe to contact him after Darton/Ildhafn confirm. Site charges \$365 per annum. SCANZ to give more feedback next month.
- **Baronial Serving Ware – Katherine**  
Had a discussion with the Baroness regarding required items -- have had a small amount of feedback from others. Based on that I have asked for a firm quote for the following:
  - 25 x 28cm dinner plates
  - 25 x 23cm deep plate/bowl
  - 25 x 25.5cm large salad bowls
  - 40 x 15cm bowls
  - 25 x 9cm ramekins
  - 25 x 11cm rice bowls
  - 40 medium-large serving spoons
  - (CF had 14 tables of eight plus High Table at the last feast. Could bump the 25s to 30 depending on the final costings so as to readily allow for double plating.)
  - Soft estimate puts the above as likely to be in around AUD\$1600 for the order.
  - Have asked for a quote on shipping -- they would use DHL or Aussie Post and pass on at cost.
  - Have also asked for an estimate on volume/weight of the above order so we can source our own estimate

- It may be possible for Bart and I to pick up the order and bring it across the Tasman in October; waiting on the volume estimate to see if that would be cost-effective (\$60-120 for excess baggage).

### 3) Officer reports

- **B&B** (Richard and Ginevera)
  - General correspondence
  - Event for TRM's in October.
  - Have been regularly attending stuff (practices, tourneys, A&S)
- **Seneschal** (Aveline)
  - Great Spend Questionnaire
  - Was made an admin on the SGAnnounce list and the SG facebook page.
  - Advertised for Reeve position. Candidate is now in commentary period.
  - Researched and selected online meeting tool
  - Contacted Christchurch libraries and tried to find a physical venue – was unable to find one that didn't require a physical key pickup and cash payment
  - Email conversation with Raffé re the Arms Faire demo and proposed event
  - Email conversation with their Excellencies about fealty at Yule.
  - Set up the Google drive as a repository for SG meeting information. Tried setting up a google group to push info to officers, not working well and reviewing options.
  - Conversations with Max regarding CF 2018 and the site ovens
  - Discussed and reviewed baronial survey questions with Webwright
  - Researching recruitment and engagement
  - \$1200 has been approved for pre-event costs for Yule.
  - Baronial financial reporting issues – report and action plan. Need to submit reports to Kingdom by tomorrow. Action plan to be discussed in general business.
- **Reeve**
  - Opening Balance 25,879.13 + 2,840.80
  - Closing Balance 25,579.92 + 2,840.80
  - Money in for Yule 2017, BA2017, interest
  - Money out for BA2017, Loaner rapiers
  - Significant correspondence with Reeve reporting hierarchy about 2016-2017 report. All sorted now. CF 2016 Gate takings not matching account. Report details being worked through with Svartr.
- **Herald** – Lady Sigrith to be deputy. Working on submissions. Re-proposing Golden Urchin as CF award – but holding email until committee sorted.
- **Chirurgeon** - No injuries to report. An issue arose regarding reporting injuries at events not being passed to the chirurgeon, this has been resolved.
  - I have made a recommendation to the Lochac Chirurgeonate after researching concussion tools used in modern contact sports to implement the SCAT3 concussion evaluation test <http://bjsm.bmj.com/content/bjsports/47/5/259.full.pdf> for assessment of concussion or suspected concussions
  - There is also a simpler guide for people who don't have medical training, [http://cdn.agilitycms.com/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/Safety/Concussion/Downloads/pocket\\_concussion\\_recognition\\_tool\\_e.pdf](http://cdn.agilitycms.com/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/Safety/Concussion/Downloads/pocket_concussion_recognition_tool_e.pdf)
  - I am also concerned by the lack of volunteers for first aid at events, last Cfaire we did not have enough volunteers to adequately "staff" a roster, if anyone has any ideas regarding increasing volunteer rates for first aid please email me, leonharthunt@gmail.com. I am aware First aid certification is an issue, and am exploring the possibility of running a certification "class" more to come on this after I get replies for certification services (st johns, red cross etc.) to find out cost/feasibility of running a class, I would then like to request expressions of interest from the populace of getting certified (this could also be part or fully subsidised as it directly benefits the group) but this will be a discussion for a later date when I have pricing/costs sorted out.

- Brian says about \$250 for a 2 day, level 2 course. Sandra not sure we want to run one for ourselves (minimum number too high). More info next meeting.
- **Constable- (Raffe)** – pretty quiet
- **Chronicler- (Simone)** Not a lot to report as I have been away. It was lovely having Niamh (Lady Elena) collate information. I believe that my warrant is up in November so will begin advertising for a replacement in the August issue.
- **Quartermaster (Raffe)**
  - Discussions with Bart & Katherine regarding additional new container
  - Discussions with Ildhafn and Darton seneschals about possible use of space in same
  - Research and costing for new "Gas List field" (similar to GNW)
  - Discussions with Prince Steffan, Sir Lorcan, Duke Gabs, Sir Sigurd, Lord John regarding manufacturer of pipes
  - Discussion with Lady Angele regarding safety and use
  - Discussion with Lord James and Lord Bjorn with regard to potential use by Rapier and Archery
  - If Gas list field approved, I have a bid for a new event to be held annually - Firey Knights - to be presented at council meeting
  - Co-ordinate the loan of gear to Lord Max for upcoming Yule
  - Facilitated the return of Baronial gear from BA stewards
  - Volunteer to run a set up team at upcoming Coronation and co-ordinate sending up of Baronial banners
  - Have a request from Antique Arms Faire Steward if we would be interested in tables and fighting demos. Will be the same weekend as Crown so open for discussion (at council) if we can undertake. (Discussed, but no one likely to be available – Raffe to apologise)
  - Discussions with Waipara camp manager and various individuals regarding a CF bid - decided against this year as a number of other projects still under way
  - Moved large red fold out umbrella from container at my place to Waipara as not used in Chch but could be handy on archery field. Brought back some additional items from storage container. Found a hole in roof of container and have made a temp patch – will fix properly in the next month or so.
  - Discussed sending banners to Cluain for Midwinter. 2 large plastic boxes.
- **Knight Marshall: (Brian)**
  - Usually 4 heavy fighters at training. Anna is close to authorising, Ursula, Sunny and Chunegund turn up occasionally and make use of the loaner gear. Ran an enclosed visor tourney for the monthly tourney, with 4 entrants: Baron Richard (winner with Baroness as consort), Brian, James, Nate. Iuliana ran lists. Richard was Marshal with Brian and Nate as deputy marshals. The visors reminded us why people often took them off in wars.
  - Purchased a second Robin Hood bow after confirmation that it is exactly 30lbs at 28inches and suitable for combat. Archery was cancelled for the last week of May and first of June due to rain, including the proposed Yule arrow tournament. The first two weeks of May there were 5-6 archers. TAM cycled between Ursula, Darius and Brian. Yule arrow will be deferred to next week, at Yule itself if further delayed, or the day after Yule.
  - Scouts will be using the hall from 1pm for the next few months preparing for a show, so heavy combat will need to be wrapping up around midday to make way for rapier. We should be able to return archery gear to the cupboard later in the afternoon during the Scout rehearsals.
  - Thinking about combat archery targets for practice, and kitting people out with arrows.
- **Captain of Rapier (James)** - rapier practice now starting at 12, finishing at 1. Chatted to scouts to find out who we should talk to. Not very constructive about starting at 1pm. Richard to talk to Steve to clarify.
- **Arts and Sciences (Cecily)**
  - Have got the A&S Challenge blog up and running at [southrongaardarts.blogspot.com](http://southrongaardarts.blogspot.com)
  - Sent my quarterly report to Kingdom A&S last month.



- Held a Stuff Night for June, painting banners - personal banners and a chair cover were painted. No donations.
- I will be looking for a new Baronial librarian this month - announcements forthcoming.
- **Webscribe:** (Ginevra) Have consulted with The Wonderful Fiora about CMS migration. Regnum and some other pages updated on current site.  
Mailing list issues (all of them) resolved by politely asking Master William de Cameron for help.  
Became administrator for the Facebook group.

#### 4) Hamlet reports

- **Gildenwick**  
New family moved there (Thorald). Planning to do Stuff nights at Thorold's house, Sunday afternoons fortnightly or monthly.
- **Wildmoor**
  - Whilst there have been no meet-ups last month, progress has been made on the banner project, with 7 now being made up and another 5 in progress. It would be good to have these completed and on display by September's event.
  - Also, Lady Fiora has been in contact about the Wildmoor badge and is now actively working on this submission.

#### 5) Event Reports

- **BA** – Financial report finalised last council meeting
- **Yule** – Half of food purchased, reimbursements/advance requested. Money/receipts will be done next week. 68 bookings including 3 children. Feast sold out. Some extra day trippers expected. Looking at about 30 staying overnight. Might have been bigger if the kitchen space was bigger. Oven space is planned, but can bring group ovens if needed.

#### 6) Event Proposals

- **Arms Faire demo July** – not this year due to date conflict with Coronation.
- **Firey Knights – 12<sup>th</sup> August (Raffe).**
  - Looking to replicated GNW Fire Tourney. Cost for gas fitting materials about \$600. 6.5m x 13m with 6 uprights. 2.2m vertical for torches. 100mm off the ground, flames every 100mm. Vertical secured by waratah. Modular so can reconfigure for different purposes. Uses 9kg gas bottle. Fencers interested for rapier tourney. Has spoken to Angele re feasibility for using at different locations/times of year. Ok if wind < 11 knots. Has help for putting it together and spoken to people that made GNW one about details. Needs double list field to maintain distance and people to manage it. Proposing event in August at his property.
  - Sandra – Email conversation with THL Angele re this, Angele suggested gas fitter to inspect. Need fire extinguishers (we have them).
  - Cecily – are we stepping on GNW fire tourney schtick? Raffe – Lorcan came up with it for GNW and they are fine with it.
  - Moved to approve \$600 for costs to make “fancy illumination thing” as per Raffe's proposal. Lisa seconds. 1 abstain (Cecily), all others in favour. Motion carries. Discussion about “medievalness” of system.
  - Event proposal: 12<sup>th</sup> August proposed, but flexible (and suggest running annually) at Raffe's property (Mandeville). Starting 2:30pm for martial activities and court. Spit roast (venison donated by Raffe). Tourney once sun down. Fire archery and trebuchet. Bonfire possible. Adults \$25, Children (\$10). 40 people expected. Total revenue: \$1000. Food \$400, spit roast machine \$140. Gas \$175. \$212.50 profit budgeted.
  - Aveline suggests date later in August. Raffe ok with that. James says FencingFest is first weekend of August (5<sup>th</sup>). Darton Anniversary is 25-27 August. Settled on 12<sup>th</sup> August.
  - Moved to accept the bid (James). Richard seconded. In favour: all. None against/abstain.

- **Wildmoor Rustic Feast**
  - Small feast planned 16 September. Income \$235. Small loss of \$45 budgeted. Possible game (meat) able to be supplied. Event at Smallbore Rifle club. Nice hall. \$50. Moved to accept (Richard), Seconded James. In favour – all. Sandra abstains. Motion carried.
- **Sat Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – Royal visit – Event steward sought**
  - Steffan and Branwen likely to be here for Ildhafn step up. Possible suggestion of a ball? Cecily is planning A&S cooking event in school holidays (not for Crown, just mentioning it). Sword Symposium is in Wellington that weekend. Need to confirm plans with Steffan.
- **Canterbury Faire 2018 <https://goo.gl/tj63fB>**
  - Boys Brigade not planning maintenance on ovens – could be a serious problem. Neither of the ovens working at the end of CF 2017. Issue with the only oven that was previously reliable. Max will get info together and send to Raffie so he can discuss with site. Feast size will be limited based on kitchen capacity. Meal plan coordinator lined up. May need to look at hiring equipment. Max will provide costings next month.
  - Taddea and Antonia happy to feast cook. Feast budget just copied from last year. Looking for cook for alternate feast.
  - Budget presented. Fees largely the same. Cheap rate for first time Faire-goers. Three major changes: no current shuttle plan as looking for commercial operators to replace volunteer shuttles. Ball supper budget doubled. Soup kitchen budget doubled (noted it has been lean in recent years). Budgeting 3 comps for steward (including co steward (tbc) and meal plan coordinator. Pewter tokens (fire ants) budgeted for \$700 (either from Steve Worthington or Sebastian).
  - Marquee hire – suggest 2 marquees as last year's configuration didn't work. Discussed idea of not having a marquee. Strong opposition to this. More space required and better use (fighters to use sunshades). More space for Artisans suggested.
  - Budgeted profit \$3900 (excluding possible extra marquee hire).
  - Motion to accept bid (Cecily), Seconded James. Max abstains. All others in favour. Motion carried.

## 7) General Business

- **Proposal to give Lisa Butler access to Baronial bank account as Acting Reeve (Treasurer) prior to final confirmation.**  
Moved (Richard). Seconded (Max) – Lisa abstains. All in favour – motion carried.
- **Proposed purchase of bins for hire garb (Ginevra)**  
Up to 5 required to replace breakages. Cecily suggests buying Systema ones (on special). Ginevra to get quotes for next council.
- **Permission sought to take some SG banners to Hamilton (Cluain) for Coronation event. (Ginevra)**  
(discussed previously and accepted)
- **Proposed split of Chatelaine role into Chatelaine (loaner garb) and Hospitaller (recruitment/engagement)**  
Deferred discussion to next council.
- **Proposed purchase/subscription for Blizz meeting software (Aveline).**  
Free version is limited to 10 people and no recording. Proposed purchasing 12 month subscription for \$168 USD. Cecily questioned the purchase of this product.  
Moved by Sandra, Seconded (Thorald). Lisa, Max abstains. Opposed: none. Motion carries.
- **Discussion re Seneschals Report topics.**
  - **Bad debts from CF 2016** – a number of payments still outstanding, including some whole event payments. 2 people didn't attend so site fees ok. 2 families attended but did not pay.  
Asking for permission to write off approx. \$1200 of bad debts for accounting. We can recover and account for them separately later.  
Moved to write off these CF 2016 debts (Sandra), seconded (James).

Discussion about sending letters to confirm and inform people about policy and chase them up. Problem now is that it's very late to chase up debts. All in favour. Motion carried.

- **Policy re bad debt (discuss)** - Policy was discussed some time ago. Should be in minutes in FTT.

Sandra to look. WE can't prevent people from attending event if they pay, but we can refuse booking without payment.

- **Creation of a committee for Canterbury Faire analogous to the Rowany Festival committee**

1. Due to problems with CF 2016 financial reporting we need to improve procedures. Max assisted Isabel Maria based on the figures she had which didn't include gate. Ginevra and James reconstructed report from Gate. Other complications including burnout didn't help. Proposing an oversight committee along the lines of Rowany festival.
2. Richard speaks to this. Suggests committee needs to provide framework for stewards to step into (budget). Max agrees, points out that SCANZ may be planning on making changes related to GST limits. (We are close to GST registration threshold which we would like to avoid). Cecily is pro-committee, wants to know more about appointment process. Sandra to write discussion document including appointment process. Cecily comments that committee would need to report frequently and transparently. Committee needs to balance innovation and consistency.

These are confirmed as true and complete minutes of the Southron Gaard committee on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

William Howard  
Outgoing Group President

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