

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

Welcome to another From The Tower.

This one's a bit pared down I'm afraid – I guess that everyone is flat out preparing for a very busy November. I've not been very productive either with matters far too mundane to bother you all with taking up all my spare time. I'd love to say that they were property related but sadly not even that interesting. However spring is really truly here, there's a great calendar of events coming together and I hope that, like mine, your hearts are lifting with the warmer weather.

This should be my penultimate issue so as soon as I put it to bed I will be starting on the next one. Please try to get your submissions in to me by the 25th and if you are interested in picking up the chronicler's parchment and quill please get in touch with our seneschal and Kingdom chronicler.

Yours, in service to Southron Gaard,

Eleanora

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Kingdom of Lochac



King and Queen Steffan II and Branwen II

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Their Excellencies Speak



Greetings All,

We are happy to announce that this month saw the first of the Rapier Tourneys at the Monthly Tournaments. We congratulate Lord Edmund Strangeways on his fine victory, and thank all those who participated.

We would also extend congratulations to Lady Edith Winter, on her admission to the Custard Guild. We were honoured to be able to assist in the judging of her entry, which followed after a most delicious repast, whilst We were in Wildmoor. We thank all those who contributed to the enjoyment of Our time there, particularly those who joined us in dance, or played games with Her Excellency.

The month of November approaches apace and while many of us will be looking towards January and Canterbury Faire, We encourage you to focus on more imminent matters. Their Royal Majesties will be joining us for a Tournament and Ball in the Central Barony, stewarded by Her Excellency, on the 4th and then for a Rose Tourney in the Hamlet of Gildenwick, hosted by Lord Thorald, on the 5th. With Their Majesties in attendance, there is an excellent opportunity to write letters of recommendation for those who you believe deserving, and have them recognised.

The next weekend sees the Hororata Highland Games, and The Honorable Lord Hadrian, Our Chatelain, has undertaken to organise the demonstration this year. The feedback we get from the organisers of the event is always positive and as a result we continue to be invited back which affords us an ongoing opportunity for promotion. We ask that anyone that would be willing to assist in promoting the group, whether it be as a fighter, demonstrator of an art of science, a meeter and greeter or simply a fetcher and carrier please make themselves known to THLord Hadrian as soon as possible.

Also in November We invite you all to join Us on Show Weekend for a camping event. This will be held at the beautiful Omaka campsite and celebrate the signing of the Magna Carta. If you would like to volunteer to help with running an aspect of this, please contact His Excellency.

In Service to the Crown,

Richard and Ginevra

Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard

From the Officers

Seneschal's column

Greetings All,

Processes, policies and procedures. You may have just skipped onto the next section of FTT (which I'm sure is most interesting and informative) but I'm hoping that you're still with me. These things have all been very much on my mind since I stepped into the role of Seneschal, because we're all volunteers, our time is precious, and I've been thinking that there are times when there's a bit too much wheel reinventing and subsequently too little wheel making (one of the big walking spinning wheels, perhaps).

A good process or policy isn't there to hedge us around with rules and make the game less fun. They are there to help us save time, improve efficiency (i.e. even more time to make stuff!); provide transparency to the populace, our reporting uplines and potentially mundane agencies; and empower those tasked with undertaking officer, stewarding, or other roles within the group. They can also be very helpful to those people who would like to get more involved in the group as a part of familiarising themselves with how the Barony operates. I'm sure that there have been times when each of you has wondered about *insert topic here* and gone looking for information on the website for it. I hope that you found it, but for some topics I know that you will not have. Then you probably had to go and ask people, and you may have had several different answers, ended up confused, and wished you hadn't even thought of *topic* in the first place.

The thing is, writing this stuff isn't all that fun for most of us. And things manage to happen whether we have appropriate documentation or not... most of the time. Other things, however, take longer or can be more stressful to arrange than they need to be. A recent example (now on the list of Things That Need Doing Soon) is the Fighter Auction Tourney funds. Putting some documentation and structure around this will make it easier for people to both request funds (save time, consistent answers) and also for the populace to see what's being done with it, and how much is available (improve transparency). I hope that we can agree that these would be Good Things.

Some help to identify the gaps in our documentation, write, and review would be greatly appreciated by myself and the officer team. It's a big job, and that sort of job is made easier by many hands. Please get in touch if you'd like to assist.

En Service,
Aveline Goupil

Vacancies

Please note: SCA membership is required for all officers. Membership information is available at www.sca.org.nz.

chronicler

Almost two years ago I offered to fill in as chronicler, then finding that I quite enjoyed the role decided to fill it for a term. Now this opportunity is available to YOU.

Requires: SCA membership, good grasp of English, working in a desktop publishing application, and time management. Contact me at chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org if you'd like to find out if this might suit you.

Please send your application/enquiry to the Kingdom Chronicler chronicler@lochac.sca.org and CC the Southron Gaard seneschal at seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org by Sat 30th Sep 2017.

chirurgion

The Chirurgion is responsible for providing and/or rostering first aid at events, receives reports on any injuries received at events/practices and follows up on these reports, ensures the Baronial first aid kits are stocked and undertakes quarterly reporting to the Kingdom Chirurgion.

Requires: SCA membership, a desire to help out, current first aid certificate. If you wish to apply for this role but do not hold a current first aid certificate, you will need to be willing to attend a suitable course. Financial assistance may be possible to gain the certificate, please enquire.

Please send your application/enquiry to the Seneschal at seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org by Sat 30th Sep 2017.

Arts and Sciences

stuff night

First Tuesday of each month from 7pm to 9.30pm

Avic 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

Sundays, 11am

Redwood Scout Hall, 20 Sturrocks Road

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

fibre guild

The Southron Gaard fibre guild is open to **everyone** that has an interest in making and playing with fibre: spinners, dyers, weavers, braiders and the like. Our meetings are usually the third Sunday of the Month at 11:00 am in the Redwood Scout Hall (above). Bring what you're working on, any new resources to share etc.

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 Southron Gaard 'branch' also has a Yahoo group list at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SG_String/info.

Knight Marshal

Greetings all,

Plans for wars and tourneys are starting to shape up for Canterbury Faire, and the campaign season approaches with tourneys coming up throughout our Great Barony. There will be a great weapons Pas d'Arms held early on at CF and so I call on the heavy combatants to prepare for this in single combat tourneys, and also in group melees, with an assortment of two-handed weapons. The great weapon tourney last month ended with Sir Tycho victorious over Sir Ratbod in the finals which were a battle of attrition after a very closely contested round robin.

The archery field has been cold and wet, but is now warm and wet and should be ready for regular practise. I intend to hold some combat archery practises, and would then like to run some mixed war scenarios at the Redwood school during the heavy practise timeslot.

The Earl Marshal has been emphasising helmet inspections, so we will be inspecting the padding in helmets at CF (and prior). He is also concerned when thrusting tips can get under a visor and reach chins and throats. A pleasure to cross swords and share the archery range with the usual folks, and great to see the new people.

In Service,

Brian di Caffa

Upcoming Events

Spring Thing and Royal Visit



Welcome their Majesties to a display of Southron Gaard hospitality. Activities include heavy and rapier tournaments, with an evening dinner and ball.

Saturday 4th November 11am-11pm
St Peters Church Hall, 'Church Corner', 23
Yaldhurst Rd, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch.

N.B. daytrips do not include attendance at the dinner or ball.

All Adult **non-members** (18+) will need to add \$2 to the adult event pricing.

dinner)

Child under 5 yrs

Child 5-12 years

Adult Member

Child

\$25

Full Event (and daytrip)

Full Event (includes dinner)

Daytrip (does not include dinner/ball)

Daytrip 5-12 yrs (does not include dinner/ball)

Adult Member

Full event (includes

Free

\$10

\$10

\$5

Event Steward: Mistress Ginevra Isabella di Serafino Visconti

Please book by emailing Aveline Goupil at wheels76@gmail.com by the **28th October**. Please include in your email number of adults/children, membership status of adults, age of the children and whether the booking is daytrip or full event.

Gildenwick Royal Visit

Come spend a relaxing afternoon with Their Majesties in the Hamlet of Gildenwick (Nelson, NZ). A picnic lunch of pies and small goods, followed by a heavy tourney, showing off the hospitality of the Hamlet of Gildenwick.

The Green in front of Isel House, Hilliard St, Stoke, Nelson 7011.

Sunday 5th November 2017,

Gates Open 11am, Closes 4pm

Adult

\$13, non-members add \$2

Children

\$7



Please contact Þorvaldr inn Suðreyski thorald.englison@gmail.com to book.

Bookings close **Sunday 29th October 2017.**

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

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.
– 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.

November Calendar

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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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wildmoor hamlet: otago

Vacant please email seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org with enquiries.

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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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



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

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Society Name (if any): _____

Group name (closest geographical Barony, Shire, etc.): _____

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

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