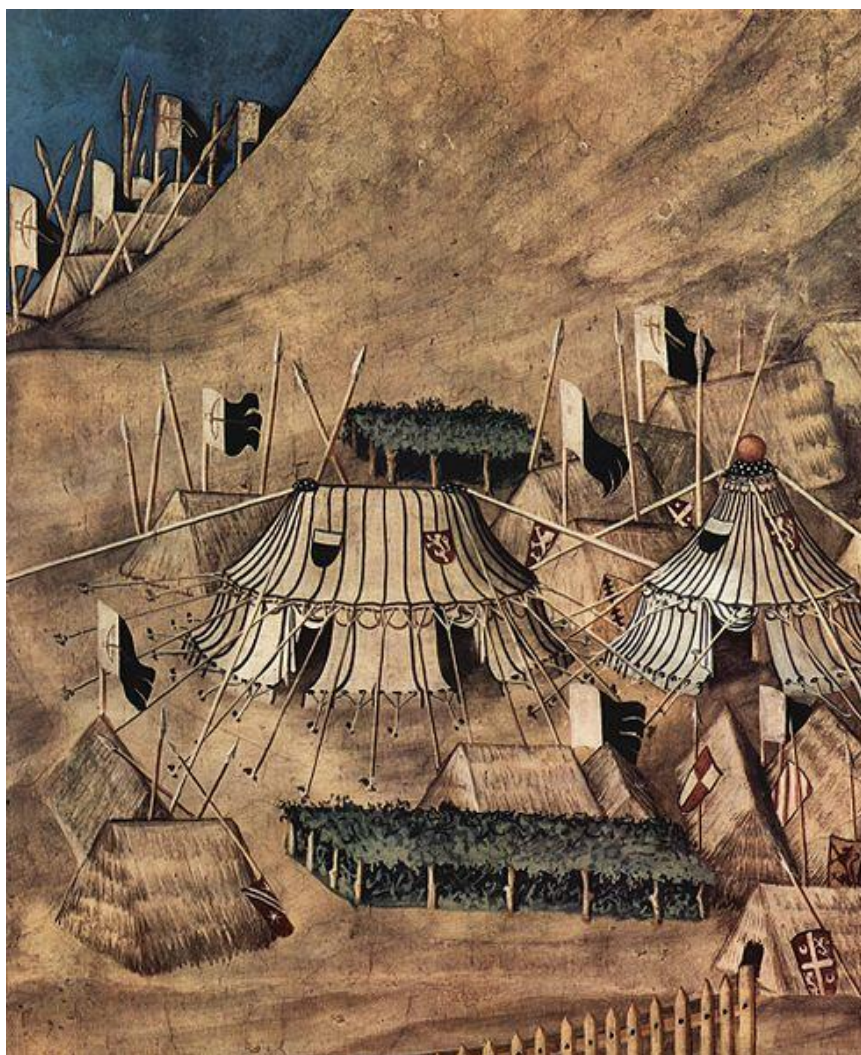


From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard

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Chronic Ramblings

Happy calendar New Year to one and all!

Canterbury Faire is almost literally two weeks away, and my house is certainly showing the effects of preparing for such a large event. Items for market that are not yet finished, new dress that is not yet finished, a class that is only half-composed, pins and fabric and swords everywhere. Since a few days out I always have a panic over what I'll be forgetting to pack, I've decided to include that wonderful 'suggested items' list in this issue.

You'll also find missives from their Excellencies and the officers, the results of the event pricing survey, and a brief write-up on the recent Christmas Revel.

One thing I am hoping to achieve at this year's Faire (in addition to completing the above projects) is to pause on the lovely new benches at the bottom of the stairs and spend some time chatting with people I don't usually talk to. New Years resolutions have never sat well with me, but perhaps Faire resolutions will?

While you're having a great time living the life think about writing an article for future issues ☺

Yours in service,

Agnes Graye

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<http://www.godecooking.com/afeast/animals/ani039.html>

Food photos from the Christmas Revel by Agnes Graye

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King and Queen Steffan II and Branwen I

Prince Rowland Bridgeford and Princess Tailltiu ghoirt ruaidh

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Their Excellencies Speak



Greetings all,

We hope that everyone is enjoying their holidays, be it to relax and let the world drift past for a little while or to get stuck in to those pre-Faire projects that have been put off for just a little bit too long. However you are spending them We wish everyone the best.

We'd like to thank everyone for making the year a good one. As a group we held an increased number of events, giving everyone an opportunity to showcase their interests and talents. The Baronial Variety Pentathlon Arts and Sciences Challenge set things off at Baronial Anniversary in March and We've heard of and seen many of the projects that have been completed as part of that. We are very much looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the special display at Canterbury Faire and Baronial Anniversary.

During the year Our Seneschal, THL Aveline, conducted the bi-annual Baronial Survey to seek comment from everyone on how they see the state of the Barony and to gather opinions on what We, and the group in general, should focus on. On the whole the comments indicated people are enjoying the groups and feel things are going well. Many comments indicated further efforts are required to help get more people into the group and to give

people a better start when they do join in. We have been very pleased with the number of new people that have begun coming along to practices and events, particularly in the last few months, and We have received many positive comments from those newer people about how welcome they are made to feel. Thank you to everyone for that.

We intend to do more in this area Ourselves, and have begun running a series of short newcomer-focussed sessions at the Sunday practices. These will be repeated throughout the year so as to ensure new people get to learn about the group and to participate in a range of activities so that they can come to events with a higher level of confidence. We would also like to encourage anyone that would like to run any classes suitable for newcomers (such as garb for beginners) to contact THL Aveline or Our Chatelaine, THL Hadrian so that arrangements can be made. March is Newcomers Month and special efforts are being made across the Kingdom to find new people that can enrich our society and We hope that you will join in with that.

There were of course many other points made in the survey and We would like to let everyone know that We appreciate the comments and will be doing what We can to make things happen. Much of this involves having a wide range of events of all types

so if you feel that there is an event missing from the schedule, We ask that you talk to Us about what We can do to help you make that event happen.

We would like to thank Pan Maximillian for stewarding the Christmas Revel. This was a fine event with plenty of food, beverages, games and fun with the present swap. Hopefully there will be many more such events in the future.

There will be an informal BBQ picnic on Sunday 7th of January at the Scout Hall on Sturrocks Road. Sausages, bread and some drinks will be provided but if you would like to bring anything else to put on the BBQ or share around that would be welcome. This is an un-garbed event.

We know that 2018 brings you good fortune and happiness. We look forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks.

In Service to the Crown,

Richard and Ginebra

Baron and Baroness, Southron Gaard



Maître de Charles d'Angoulême, *Les secrets de l'histoire naturelle, contenant les merveilles et choses mémorables du monde*, 1485, Paris.

From the Officers

Seneschal's column

Happy New Year to you all!

While racking my mind for this month's column topic, it finally (ask our poor chronicler how finally!) occurred to me that the start of the year would be a good time to talk about the recent event pricing survey. There were 56 responses to the survey, which is gratifying and which has, more importantly, provided a really helpful snapshot of your views on event pricing.

A majority of the respondents booked for one or two people for events (66%), with the bulk of the remainder (33%) booking for up to 5 people, with a very few booking for larger numbers of people at a time. A little under half of respondents indicated that they would be booking for people under the age of 18.

There were a good number of comments given on the survey, and I've noted some recurrent themes and some really excellent suggestions that will be being followed up. The first is that families are having trouble affording coming to events. At present, most of the venues that we regularly use charge us per head, and these venues usually start charging us adult prices for under 18's at different age ranges (e.g. 13 yrs for some sites, 17 for others). There were some suggestions that under 18's should be free to events, as is done in some groups in Australia. This is a suggestion that will be examined further and discussed at council sometime soon.

Another grouping of comments were around a perception that the group is aiming to make a profit from events, which is not actually the intention of the majority of stewards who are planning an event. A common process used by those putting in event bids is to look at the attendance numbers from previous years of an event, or at a similar type of event, and then to use that as a basis for estimating how many people will come to the event that they are planning. The usual process is then to look to

establish a break-even price range, then a contingency of 5% is usually added on top to cover any unforeseen expenses. This contingency has actually been reduced over the last couple of years, it used to be 10%, which was done to help lower excess income generation. The main expenses associated with running events have been venue hire and food costs, generally. For venue hire, there are two options, a cheaper venue that will require people to come in cars, or, a more expensive venue that is available to public transport. People have been advising they want events to be conveniently located, but there really aren't many (if any) venues in Christchurch that are both cheap and convenient.

The main reason why some of our events have been generating excess income over the last few years has been twofold, namely, more people have come to events than were expected to come based on previous years projections, and, the events have been managed very well by your stewards, so there have been fewer cost overruns or financial mistakes being made. Event budgeting, and especially pricing, is a hard task for your stewards!

That said, some of the problems indicated in the survey do need to be addressed by those looking to be event stewards. Lack of notice, and information about activities for events was raised, as people don't have time to save to go, or need to ascertain if it will be worth the trip. Those ones are easily solved by getting bids in earlier (yes, I probably am looking at you, Regular Event Steward :P). Offering a meal free option for the entire event as a standard, or, offering a single course dinner instead of multi course feasts was also suggested.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the survey, and am happy to have a chat with people on this and other topics at the upcoming Canterbury Faire. See you all soon!

En Service,

Abeline Goupil

Ministry for the Arts and Sciences

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.

A&S on Sunday

Sundays, 11am. At the 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) but the November meeting will be at Golden Flight. 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,

I hope you are all rested and like me, can't remember what you were even doing a few weeks ago. Not so long ago there was Golden Flight camping event, and the monthly tourney Sunday which held the first boffer tourney.

Some new combat things to note at CF are that the Pas d'Arms will be a great weapons tourney, and there will be a combat archery tourney where archers shoot each other.

See you all in the coming weeks.

In Service, Brian di Caffa

Vacancies

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

Officer Vacancy: Quartermaster

The role of Quartermaster, which has been filled by the noble Lord Raffe for the last 6 years, is an important one in the Barony. It is time for a new person to step into this role. The role description for the Quartermaster is below. Please contact Lord Raffe at quartermaster@sg.lochac.sca.org and myself at seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org for enquiries and applications.

Role: Store and keep track of Baronial equipment

Workload:

- Ensure clean and secure storage of the Baronial equipment.
- Maintain lines of communication with event stewards/cooks regarding required equipment for events, and arrange pick up/drop off.
- Maintain the Baronial Inventory, and check off returned equipment.
- Report to Council regarding status of equipment, including loss, damage, replacement or new equipment required

Reporting Channel

The quartermaster is a deputy to the Seneschal and reports to him/her as well as the Council.

Requires

Accessible, weatherproof and lockable storage space approximately the size of a standard car. If transporting gear to an event, a vehicle with a tow bar/ball joint is required.

Resources

Gear is stored at Mandeville (Raffe and Melisande's property) and also at the CF site, in containers.

The Baronial Inventory, online on the SG website (current version, needs updating:

<http://sg.lochac.sca.org/docs/Inventory2007.doc>)

Arts and Sciences

Calling for expressions of interest in the role of Baronial Arts and Sciences officer The A&S Officer is tasked with encouraging the arts and sciences in the Barony through classes, workshops, informal gatherings and competitions.

Role: Encourage and organize A&S workshops and competitions in the Barony.

Get reports from workshops and events in the Barony that hold an A&S competition (for quarterly reporting purposes). Send quarterly reports to Kingdom A&S Minister. Run or organize someone to run the Kingdom Arts and Sciences competitions if the Kingdom Coronation or Crown Tourney is being held by the Barony and the Kingdom A&S Minister cannot attend the event.

If you are interested in learning more about the day-to-day practicalities of the role (job description is below) then please contact Lady Cecily at arts@sg.lochac.sca.org . Now would be a good time for a little job shadowing, with preparation work for Canterbury Faire underway.

Webwright

Calling for expressions of interest in the role of Baronial Webwright (aka web minister, webscribe). One of the roles in the Barony that is reasonably easy to undertake from any place with a web connection, including the two Hamlets (members of which are absolutely encouraged to consider applying for Baronial officer roles).

The Webwright is in charge of creating and updating Baronial Web pages and mail redirections and keeping Baronial communications and information flowing smoothly. Useful skills would include capabilities in Website page creation, HTML, graphics manipulation, FTP and associated site management, associated computer/email support and a good sense for both accretion and rapid turnaround of useful information – it's the most important part of the job! The total workload is typically 3-4 hrs a month, not including any special projects or Council attendance, should you wish to do so.

Please direct questions to our outgoing Webwright, Mistress Ginevera at web@sg.lochac.sca.org and applications to the seneschal and Kingdom Webscribe at seneschal@sg.lochac.sca.org and webwright@lochac.sca.org respectively.

Christmas Rebel

On St John of Kanty's day (the 23rd of December) Pan Maximilian von Monsterberg found himself filled with the spirit of Christmas giving and treated the populace to a Christmas Revel. Gentles were welcomed to the Avon Loop community college festooned with banners and rosemary, and ushered through to the gardens where the generous stewards provided a bar with an assortment of crafted beverages. Food was made available and the populace gathered about to share stories of their hopes for the coming season, and the year that was coming to a close.



A gift exchange took place, the populace exchanging treasures such as candles and feast gear and books.

Kind persons staffed the kitchen and made delicious mushroom tarts, and warmed the dishes that had been provided for a pot luck dinner. The dinner itself was delicious, and featured many dishes of which the aforementioned tarts, chicken stew and cheesy rice were but a notable few.

Dessert followed with a similar array of dishes (honourable mention to the fruit bread wreath, truffles and custardy tarts) and the populace sat back in their chairs, wishing they had remembered to pack their dessert stomach.

The evening meandered into conversation, plans for Faire, plans for the forthcoming festivities and Shakespearean games. A very merry time was had by all.

Results of the recent event pricing survey

57 people took part – thank you!

Please advise the maximum number of people you would like to book for any given SCA event (e.g. 1 person, 4 people)?

1 person – 13 counts
2 people – 22 counts
3 people – 6 counts
4 people – 6 counts
5 people – 4 counts
6 or more people – 4 counts

How many people under the age of 18 are there in your family/whanau?

0 - 32
1 - 12
2 - 12
3 - 0
4 – 1

I can always afford to come to the events I want to

Strongly agree - 17
Agree - 11
Neutral - 7
Disagree - 10
Strongly disagree - 11

I'm generally able to offer transport to others

Yes - 26
No - 28

My family/whanau can always afford to come to the events we want to

Strongly agree - 8
Agree - 11
Neutral - 9
Disagree - 10
Strongly disagree - 12

I, or members of my family/whanau, hold a student card, or community services card?

Yes - 27
No - 27

When I come to events, I have to book a daytrip, miss out on meals or otherwise limit my engagement due to cost

Strongly agree - 7
Agree - 2
Neutral - 13
Disagree - 11
Strongly disagree - 23

I would be willing to pay a little more for my event fee to support the attendance of others

Strongly agree - 6
Agree - 13
Neutral - 19
Disagree - 12
Strongly disagree - 6

The following are a selection of the main points offered in the comments:

Do you have any general comments or suggestions you would like to share regarding event pricing?

- Have tiered pricing options
- Teenage prices need to be reconsidered
- Family rates
- start adult rates at 18
- charging younger teens cost prices only and younger children less or nothing
- a cost for families would be good instead of having to pay for each person individually
- I don't often feel like it represents value for money
- I think pricing is fair and good value for money.
- Events are normally good value for money
- While I believe the costs are very reasonable it's still usually outside my ability to attend
-
- can try to do more cheap events - tourneys and the like.
- If feasts and camping are considered too expensive then revels and picnics are an option.
- Travel is a huge expense
- kitchen help eats cheap/free
- CF is getting to expensive for a lot of people
- I'd like to see us continue to run a range of events at a range of price points and where possible offer event only pricing with meals as an extra.
- More notice of events (in the order of 2-3 months) makes saving towards the cost of events possible.

Do you have any comments about the way events are budgeted and the costs calculated to determine pricing?

- Offer off board rates, give discounts to those who help out
- aim for break even
- if single day events were a few extra dollars, could that augment the longer events being a little cheaper?
- Singular events should not be designed to have funds left over to use to help fund bigger events
- some consideration for those of lower income and families
- Event pricing shouldn't be set to make a profit, unless it's specifically a fundraising event, therefore discounts aren't practical
- be careful about deliberating grossly under-estimating attendance as that tends to push per capita prices up
- Having more pot-luck or self-catering events would be a good place to start

- very little guidance is provided to stewards except a certain degree of pressure to make a profit
- improvements need to be made in the way that stewards are supported whilst putting their event bids together
- If there are significant amounts of funds left over after running a single even, this indicates to me that the event fee could have been lower.

Do you have any comments or suggestions of other ways that event costs could be reduced so that they can be priced lower?

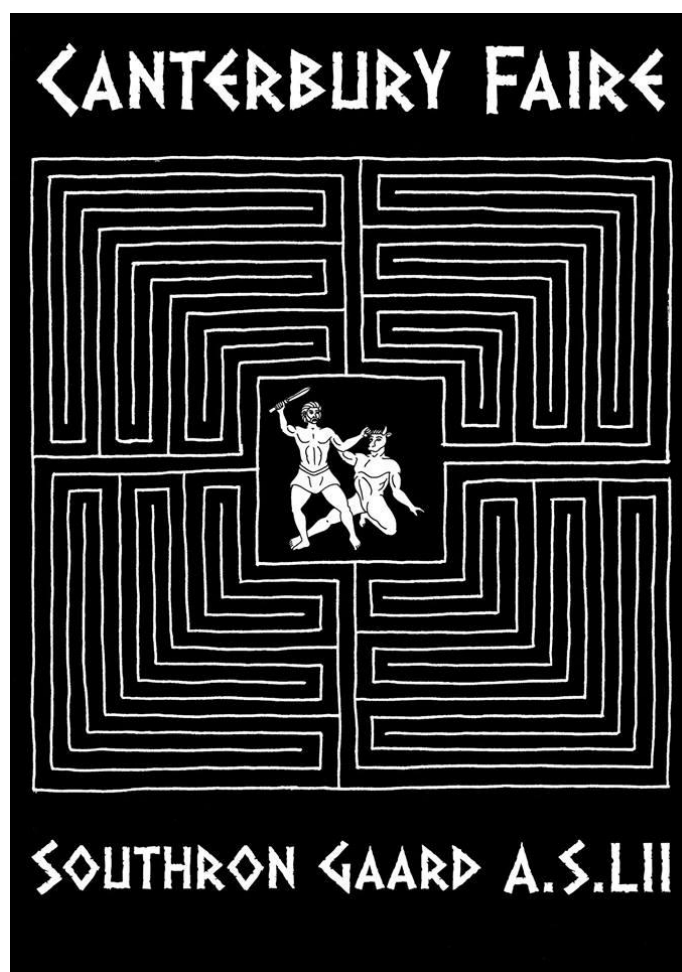
- Lower the expectations of what the site is going to be like. 'Nice' sites cost quite a bit more
- Use cheaper venues
- be on the look out for new venues
- St. John Ambulance has camps we have never used with plenty of facilities
- Fundraising for an "event account" - those who help with fundraising get a discount for events?
- less food at events
- events are fine with a standard one course meal rather than a large fancy one
- facilitating travel for those without transport would encourage events a little further from the city centre, meaning cheaper sites
- Promote reduced costs for people working the event (stewards discretion)
- should excess achieved by the previous event go towards the next event to be run.
- Ask those who are better off financially to sponsor someone who isn't?
- reduce the amount of meat vs. other items (keeping the total qty of food the same),
- arrange carpools
- a lot of events we do have multi-course meals attached to them and often that feels like a lot
- If you want an event that costs \$10 to attend, run one
- Less profit per event
- fundraise during the year as a group. ie sausage sizzles outside Bunnings, etc
- more informal events such as picnics in the parks without necessarily hiring sites or booking places

Upcoming Events

Canterbury Faire Approches!

At Canterbury Faire 2018 we will celebrate:

- ~ The Reign of His Majesty Rowland Bridgeford and Her Majesty Tailltiu Ghoirt Ruaidh
- ~ A free concert from Mistress Marian of Heatherdale
- ~ The glory of the noble hedgehog, urchin most famous within the shores of the Crescent Isles.
- ~ Many Arts and Sciences classes offered by a range of amazing teachers.
- ~ A superlative feast (Now fully booked) or a relaxed repast as a Feast Alternate meal.
- ~ The glorious artistic endeavours of the artisans involved in the Canterbury Faire Light Industrial Complex. (Sometimes referred to as the Artisan's encampment, which is adjacent to the List Field)
- ~ Several days of WAR!
- ~ Celebrations of each of the recognised arts martial! (Rapier! Heavy! Archery! WAR!)
- ~ The generous spirit of the populace as they live their version of the Dream.



Book now! Book Often! Book here: <http://webcentre.co.nz/SGCantFaire>

General Faire Information: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/cf/>

Faire Timetables: <http://sg.sca.org.nz/cf/schedule.shtml>

The Bunsmiths announce they will be baking Honey Apple Spice Buns and Daily Bread at Canterbury Faire.

Households and Groups can place pre-orders at bunsmiths@gmail.com

January Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 Stuff Night scheduled	3	4	5	6	7 BBQ Hood construction Heavy Combat Rapier Archery
8	9	10 Council Meeting	11	12	13	14 Heavy Combat A&S hall Rapier Archery
15	16	17	18	19	20 Canterbury Faire	21 Canterbury Faire
22 Canterbury Faire	23 Canterbury Faire	24 Canterbury Faire <i>FTT submissions due</i>	25 Canterbury Faire	26 Canterbury Faire	27 Canterbury Faire	28 Canterbury Faire
29	30	31				

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, agenda etc. are 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.

February Calendar

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

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
Reeve	Lisa
Tour d'Or Herald	Fiora Vespucci
Castellan	Hadrian de Listrille
Quartermaster	Raffe de Massard *
Knight Marshal	Brian di Caffa
Captain of Archers	Vacant*
Captain of Rapier	James of Southron Gaard
Lists Officer	Melisande de Massard
Arts & Sciences	Cecily Montgomery
Chronicler	Agnes Graye
Librarian	Jayne Bolyn
Web scribe	Ginevra de Serafino Visconti
Chirurgion (first aid)	Vacant*
Constable (safety)	Raffe de Massard
Youth	Avery Smith

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chirurgion@sg.lochac.sca.org

constable@sg.lochac.sca.org

youth@sg.lochac.sca.org

Wildmoor Hamlet: Otago

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

Nelson Hamlet

Fiora Vespucci (Fiona) HeraldRadish@gmail.com

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

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>



Society for Creative Anachronism (New Zealand) Inc.

Membership application

If you prefer, you can use the online membership form linked from <http://sca.org.nz/membership.php>

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Replacement card ☐ Change of information

Please print clearly. All information must be legible and filled out correctly for your membership to be processed.
Please fill out one form per person.

Today's Date: _____ Membership number: _____

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____

Postal Address: _____ Suburb: _____

City: _____ Post code: _____ Occupation: * _____

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

Telephone number (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email: _____ Tick if under 18: ☐

Tick if you prefer to receive all future communications from us via post rather than via email: ☐

Society Name (if any): _____

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

Membership type and duration:	1 year	3 years
Membership + e-Pegasus (PDF) **	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
Membership + posted print Pegasus	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105
Replacement for lost card	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	

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Signed (please use legal name): _____

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Southron Gaard Council Provisional Minutes

Date: Online Meeting Link: <https://otago.zoom.us/j/877828232>

Physical Meeting Location: Meeting room at McDonalds Riccarton (cnr Riccarton Rd and Matipo St).

Attendees: Agnes Graye, James of Southron Gaard, Richard d'Allier, Avery, Ginevra Visconti, Brian di Caffa, Aveline Goupil, Lisa of Southron Gaard, Ratbod von Borg, Maximilian von Monsterberg and Kotek Torzhokskoi (no mic), Raffé de Massard

Apologies: Cecily de Montgomery

Minutes of the Southron Gaard Council Meeting: Dec 2017

Date: Wednesday, Dec 13, 2017, 7:30pm

Meeting started: 7:30pm

1) Provisional minutes from November meeting

Motion to accept: Agnes moved, Richard seconded. Carried.

2) Business Arising

a. CF Container

The container has been ordered by Raffé and paid for by SCANZ, and should arrive soon.

Richard added about the fitout that Raffé will discuss with Llewellyn the practicalities of Llewellyn's initial plan.

b. Garb Boxes

NZ still out of the black and yellow ones. Suggest we use the ones we have for, say, Childrens clothing, and investigate other options for Adults. Will look around for more options.

3) Officer reports

a. B&B

Richard attended Hororata, Ginevra attended St Catherine's and Stuff night, both attended Golden flight - Magna Carta and the Monthly tourney/Explorers demo.

Having a newcomers meeting next week.

Discussions with seneschal re event costs poll.

Sent application to use Riccarton Library again for council meetings. Still no answer on that.

b. Seneschal

- * Correspondence with various re new container.
- * Organised payment to Master Edward Braithwaite for the 'CF rest stop' benches and promoted their availability.
- * Attended Lochac Seneschal conference call. Topics discussed included youth combat.
- * Correspondence re Canterbury Explorers demo - thank you to Avery, Brian, and all else who participated in that.
- * Corresponded with Carnival of Costume event/demo, who have made a donation to the group of \$35 for our participation in the event.
- * Advertised for Webscribe, Quartermaster, interest in A&S.
- * Arranged for, promoted and have just closed off the event pricing survey. 57 respondents, results still being analysed and will be further worked on during my Christmas break.

c. Reeve

There is one deposit I am unsure where it belongs so it is currently in the non event income with a note of Who and when, if anyone could help, that would be appreciated.

(Aveline advised who that payment belonged to).

Financial report : Southron Gaard

Reporting Period November

Opening ledger balance \$36,790.96

Summary of non-event income:

Hall Rental \$6.00

Donation \$35.00

Interest \$3.00

Event Fee? \$84.00 DAVIS, M & L 2-0 10/11/17 (now sorted)

TOTALS \$128.00

Summary of non-event expenditure:

Hall Rental \$271.50

Storage Containers \$39.90

Kingdom Levies \$361.03 12th Night 2016

TOTALS \$672.43

Event summary	Income	Expenditure
Spring Royal Visit	\$380.00	\$1,346.25
Gildenwick Royal Visit	\$13.00	\$0.00
CF2018	\$7,348.00	\$851.98
Golden Flight	\$1,375.00	\$1,041.60
TOTALS	\$9,116.00	\$3,239.83

Income for the month

\$9,244.00

Expenditure for month

\$3,912.26

Profit/(loss) for month

\$5,331.74

Closing ledger balance at 30-Nov-17 \$42,122.70

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Need to give the council new address for sending invoices to.

d. Herald

No report received.

e. Chatalaine

No report received.

f. Constable

Only a couple of items of lost property from last 3 events so that's all good.

Report sent to Kingdom Constable.

Thinking about improving the constable presence at CF. Plenty of potential valuables. A couple of fairly valuable items went missing last Faire which was part of the impetus for this. General approval for the concept and Raffie will sort the details with Max.

g. Chronicler

F*!T happened! It will happen again.

h. Quartermaster

Delivered and returned all gear for Magna Carta and Monthly tourney.

Have confirmed details of new storage container for Waipara and just waiting for payment to go thru before working out delivery date. Will be on site to oversee arrival and check out "conditions" for CF.

Not sure if it will arrive before Christmas.

i. Knight Marshall

Golden Flight

Plenty of target archery. Winner of official tourney was Bjorn. TAMs Richard, Brian, Avery.

Combat archery between Richard and Brian. Came a draw. Marshal Iuliana.

Heavy tourney. Winner Raffe. Marshal Iuliana.

Monthly tourney and student demo.

Boffer tourney. Marshals Avery and Lily.

Heavy tourney. Winner Ratbod. Marshal Iuliana.

Archery tourney. Winner Richard. TAM

A couple of IKACs run by Darius and Ceallach, but not well attended unfortunately. Archery practise and heavy practise held each Sunday.

Hadrian's son rebuilt the archery stands, I have patched one of the targets and working on another. I have added some straps to bits of loaner armour to get the second suit functional. Ozberg has made a gorget and kidney belt for loaner gear.

Raffe has given me all the spare heavy gear. With new strapping on assorted bits, and work on the knee articulations, I should be able to get the main parts of a 4th suit together (so that 2 can go to Gildenwick). Will need 1x gorget (which we can make), 3x pairs of gauntlets, 2x sets of elbow pads, 1x set of knee pads, 2x groin guards, 1x gambeson. Assuming that we make half gauntlets, will need 2x shields with finger protection.

Raffe has stuff for making. Need a working bee at Faire to get stuff made, group effort/people who are interested. Email Cecily for a class or working bee 2-3 hrs, could be an evening activity.

j. Captain of Rapier

Been very busy over the last month. Went to St Catherines, now champion of Ildhafn as well as champion of SG.

k. Arts and Sciences

Stuff night was held and a good time had by all attendees. \$20 in donations. I have heard that A&S activities at Golden Flight were excellent and enjoyed.

I continue to chase the council about next year's bookings for Avice Hill. I also continue to work on the A&S schedule for Faire, which should be ready to go out shortly.

l. Webscribe

Advertising for a replacement, otherwise business as usual. Submitted quarterly report.

m. Youth Officer

This last month has seen the demo as part of the monthly tourney, and it seemed to go well, but have yet to get (ask for) feedback about how it went from their end. I have been meaning to contact the appropriate people about rattan, but not yet done so, plans are in place for the next few days sorting that out. Plans are falling into place with getting CF supplies sorted.

Canterbury Explorers gave us \$25 for the demo.

4) Hamlet reports

a. Gildenwick

No report.

b. Wildmoor

Lady Cserpka has indicated she is willing to act as the local contact for Wildmoor.

5) Event Reports

a. Gildenwick Royal Event

It was good. Pies were very good.

Still some money to come.

b. Golden Flight

Only 10 people booked for the full event. 23 additional for the feast, 6 for the daytrips, 6 additional lunches + a B comp.

Refund of the bond yet to come but no reason why it shouldn't. The event was a bit more expensive than it usually is (for Golden Flight), venue was conveniently located. Site was a little difficult to work with, access was a little confusing due to combination on the gate. Strict re cleanup day, getting things sorted to the sites satisfaction. Richard would use them again, have to ensure that our expectations met theirs.

5 newcomers, 4 for feast, one for the whole event.

All of the perishables got distributed. Chocolate went missing!

c. Canterbury Faire

About \$45,000 in bookings, \$10,000 outstanding 106, 206 site fees, 26 people want shuttles, about 30 t shirts. Feast has 120 less 6 comps and is still booked out. Still needs a billets and a shuttles deputy. Super shuttle is the company.

Max was out at site a week and a half ago, he thinks that Green Dragon and Heorot look campable, stairs look good but no handrail yet. Half circle needs a bit of work. Max is going to send photos.

If there isn't grass in that area, what is the backup plan? Looking to move to the old warfield. Looking for power sites. Green Dragon might be OK.

Raffe will be out there next week and decision will be made then.

Some discussion around heavy timetable.

Agnes volunteered to do billets.

6) Event Proposals

None.

7) General Business

- a. Request for an information flyer to be prepared in time for CF (Max)

Max was thinking of a flyer for any events for the Crescent Isles for the next year and maybe a couple of Oz ones, some basic information, to be included in the event booklet.

Max would like to run another Yule at a time that doesn't clash with other things.

Raffe suggests big picture promotion. Lets discuss this at Faire.

- b. Funds request for hoods for loaner rapier masks (James/Aveline/Agnes) (3 hoods)

SG has several loaner rapier masks that can't be used as they have no hoods. Agnes was approached by Aveline re making these up.

From Agnes: Ideally I want cotton canvas (1.5m minimum prefer 2) and drill or duck (depends on width: if 108cm, I'll need 1m per hoodie, so 3m) to do them.

And a strip to make the inner tube and tie from, but I should be able to do this from excess / offcuts / spare. Canvas is \$24.99/m (and I'd like 2m just in case) Duck / drill is \$18.99 and \$10.99 respectively (variable depending on pattern and fashion / furnishing too) so theoretical requirement is \$88 but I intend to catch them on sale, and if I can use unfashionable colours/patterns for the linings I can probably get something from clearance. And I have a 15% coupon, which I can use for at least the canvas.

I'd prefer to do the outers in black, grey or red.

Work I envision 2 hrs/hood so I think \$60 seems fair.

So I'll need approval for (rounding, betting I can get thread within this budget regardless) \$150

There was considerable discussion around paying someone for their labour to make these up, in the end that aspect of the funds request was dropped. There will need to be more discussion around this topic in future.

Motion: James moves to accept the quote for fabric only for up to \$150. Seconded by Rat. 1 against: Raffe.

Should be ready by Faire.

Meeting closed 8.40pm