

From The Tower



Barony of Southron Gaard
June AS XLVII (2012)



Chronic Ramblings

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Greetings unto you all,

This edition of From the Tower is probably the most Spartan than we have seen in some time, there being a dearth of contributions of late.

However, it will soon be Yule down in the ~~sunny~~ wintry climes of the Southern Highlands, and we are all looking forward to hosting our friends from the North, and Their Excellencies, for the first time since they have ascended.

Ensure that you pack your cloaks, hoods and other winter garments, for Snow is a

possibility and rain and wind a nigh certainty. In Dunedin's favour, however, the earth rarely jumps and quivers, and your sleep should be untroubled by rumbles. There are no guarantees given in relation to the students, however.

You will find further information regarding this event on page 5.

Yours in Service,

Mýrún Jóhansdóttir

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Kingdom of Lochac



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Their Excellencies Speak

Unto the population of Southron Gaard, Greetings. We welcome the new heirs to the throne of Lochac by right of arms, Their Royal Highnesses Prince Henri and Princess Beatrice. We are glad that Their Majesties will have such worthy heirs.

On behalf of Southron Gaard, we wish them a peaceful and glorious reign.

Although We were unable to travel to Crown Tournament, We think it is a fine thing that fighters from Southron Gaard did attend and made such a fine showing. Congratulations to Sir Vitale for reaching the semi-finals. We hope that one day there will be a King from the Crescent Isles.

As for the near future, we look forward to attending Yule in Dunedin in a couple of weeks, and are pleased to know that there are other travellers from Canterbury who will be attending. Indeed, we would encourage anyone considering the idea to take the leap and travel down to our southern outpost.

We also thank Lord Kotek who has taken the position of Chirurgeon, which has been long empty. We wish him well, and an uneventful time, in the office.

If you have made it this far down the column, Baroness Alexandra and The Honourable Lord Grimir desire us to convey their heartfelt greeting to the deeply-missed people of Southron Gaard.

We hope that you are all warm and well-provisioned for the winter, and look forward to seeing you at practices and activities as weather and mundane commitments allow.

Regards,

Oswyn and Isabel Maria

Baron and Baroness of Southron Gaard



Seneschal's Comments

All of a sudden it seems to be Winter. I was away for a week at the beginning of May, and when I returned, the mild Autumn had definitely changed to the next season.

With the shorter days and colder nights, there is that general feeling of drawing in and huddling up. It is just that little bit harder to wrap up and journey out at night to the evening event, be it Stuff Night or a Scriptorium or whatever.

Similarly, the workshop is a colder and less friendly place in which to make that extra bit of armour, or to put the fine scraper finish on that bench or chest, and there is less daylight to work by.

And all this is on top of the serious mundane concerns that afflict many of us in the lowlands of Southron Gaard.

One can speculate how these times might seem to the SCA of 500 years hence, dedicated to recreation and reliving the times before 2100.

What are the events and activities and objects from our times that might persist in people's minds?

If we think of the Great Fire of London in 1666, and the mundane but pivotal work done by people such as Christopher Wren and Robert Hooke in re-establishing the physical framework of the city, who from our current time will be remembered by history as their equivalents? The answers might startle or appal us, who knows.

However, even in our own time, despite the slowing down due to the seasons, there is still activity. Our fighters, fencers and archers still go forth to the weekly practices. The Yule feast will happen in Dunedin later this month, and there is movement afoot for the next Canterbury Faire.

There is still enough to enjoy and reason enough to look forward with hope, I think.

In service,

Lowrens

Seneschal
Southron Gaard



Yule 2012

Yule this year will take place in the city of Dunedin on **Saturday, 16th June**. This year, we have the privilege of touring art and manuscript collections as part of our Yule activities.

Activities:

2pm sharp: Tour of the Angels and Aristocrats exhibition at the Otago Public Art Gallery, in the Octagon, Dunedin. This is a collection of 44 artworks, with 11 of these from pre-1600. We are being included on a scheduled, free tour. **Please wear Garb if possible.**

3.30pm: Tour of the Incumabula special collection at the University of Otago Central Library, plus additional manuscript delights as selected by the librarian.

5.00pm: Approximate time of opening Court at our venue, Wakari School Hall, 150 Helensburgh Rd, Wakari.

The remainder of the event will consist of Feasting, the Yule Quill competition (theme of Comic poetry, please), Dancing, and sundry entertainments. The theme for the feast is Tudor.

Pricing:

SCA Members: 25 Gold

Non-members: 27 Gold

Children 12yrs – 5 yrs: 14 Gold

Children under 5 yrs: Free

Bookings close **Monday, 11th June**. To book, please email Lady Mýrún Jóhansdóttir at **wheelles76@gmail.com** advising of the SCA name, mundane name, membership status and any food restrictions for all people you are booking for, also the expected cost per person.

Payment to be made electronically to the Barony's account prior to the event: 03 0855 0256124 00 or contact Mýrún to discuss alternate payment.



nto the populace of the
Known World,
the Barony of Innilgard
does invite you to



Midwinter



Coronation

celebrating the Winter Solstice
and marking the 10th Anniversary of the
Kingdom of Lochac

7th & 8th July AS XLVII (2012)

Saturday: Gumeracha Town Hall, Adelaide-Mannum Rd,
Gumeracha (Adelaide Hills) site opens 9am

Sunday: Stockade Botanical Park, corner Howard Road
& Twin Street, Northfield (Adelaide) site opens 9am

Cost: Up to Fri 8 th June 2012	55 gold
Up to Fri 29 th June 2012	75 gold
Day Rate	20 gold (no Feast)
Non-Member surcharge	additional 5 gold
Children and Family rates on application.	

No Feast bookings accepted after 29th June

Steward: Baron Yevan de Leeds (Craig Hutchinson),
yevan@bigpond.com 08 8254 1003

Bookings: Mistress Bryony Beehyrd (Brenda Bartel),
bkbartel@gmail.com 08 8389 3404

Booking Form available on the Innilgard website
www.lochac.sca.org/innilgard/midwinter.html

Billeting: Lady Bella Lucia da Verona (Anabella Wake)
bella_lucia_da_verona@yahoo.com.au

Merchants welcome both days. Please contact Bookings.



These are provisional minutes of the most recent council meeting. These minutes have been edited for space and have not been accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Send any corrections to the Baronial Seneschal.

Southron Gaard Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st May 2012

PRESENT: Amy (Amalie), Meredith (Taddea), Melina (Quentin), Richard (Richard), Bob (Callum), Scott (Lowrens).

APOLOGIES: Carl (Oswyn), Miriam (Isabel Maria), Damon (Darayavaush), Christine (Isolde), Josie (Elisabetta), Alan (Angus), (Agnes), Niamh (Elena).

MEETING OPENED: 19:28pm

APRIL MINUTES: Minutes of previous Council accepted (m. Lowrens, s. Richard).

BUSINESS ARISING: Garb has now all been moved to the Chatelaine's place; the issue of crockery is still open; a working bee at CF on 6 May did not happen and needs another go.

OFFICER REPORTS:

B&B (Oswyn and Isabel Maria): Correspondence with: Seneschal and Reeve regarding the financial committee, the steward of Yule, members of the populace regarding Yule attendance, members of the populace regarding Canterbury Faire, with the Kingdom rapier marshal concerning reporting and the state of fencing in Southron Gaard, and with a CPIT student regarding a very short documentary regarding using the recreating 16th century life.

(Owing to lack of available participants, the idea had to be dropped. She did say however that she was interested in trying to raise interest in it at some future point).

SENESCHAL (Lowrens): Correspondence with Kingdom Chirurgeon re Lord Kotek's appointment, with FC members re possible change of membership, and with Reeve and event steward re Yule preparation. Responded to an enquiry

from a local Year 3 teacher re study of mediaeval times. No answer as yet.

REEVE (Richard): Since 30 March, total income was \$877.42 (BA and some of Yule), total expense was \$1056.20 (BA and some of Yule), being a nett loss of \$178.78. Closing balance was \$18,168.05. This does not include a \$500 bond refund from CF which is not yet banked.

HERALD (Maximilian): No report received.

ARTS AND SCIENCES (Isolde): There was a combined seamsters and stuff night last week which had 7 attend. Topics covered included SCA etiquette, basic calligraphy and documentation for an A & S competition. Discussion also regarding future events which include a series on Italian dress, followed by mask making and Italian dance in preparation for an October ball. Correspondence and meeting with previous A & S officer, Amalie, to discuss the role.

CHRONICLER (Mýrún): May edition of FTT was out in time, with Baroness Sinech again proofing before release. Correspondence this month with THL Amalie regarding the status of the A&S officer role and updating the Regnum accordingly. Will soon start looking for someone to cover the January 2013 edition (due to anticipated CF 2013 duties), and possibly the Feb edition as well.

WEBWRIGHT (Eleanora): No report received.

CHATELAINE (Quentin): Sent report to the Kingdom Hospitaller.

Corresponded with the Chatelaine of Ildhafn concerning a potential member interested in Heavy in Christchurch. He never contacted me,

though. More garb emerged from Jo's house, and now I really do have all of it. I hope.

Business: 1) Since quite a bit of the garb is in plastic bags and boxes, I would like to request a couple more plastic bins for it.

Discussion: check with the Quartermaster who is looking at something similar.

2) Is it ok to hire garb to Ordo Cygni members as well as SCA members, since the question was raised by a (Ordo) member?

Summarising discussion: it would be nice to say "yes" in the spirit of cooperation, but past experience with garb hire is that this causes more bother than it is worth. Meeting decided against this.

CONSTABLE (Agnes): Bjorn has expressed an interest in stepping up as Constable. Lost property has been collected and is awaiting transfer to the incoming Constable.

MARSHALL (Callum): Made quarterly report. Attended archery. Otherwise relatively inactive.

CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS (Darayavaush): Practices happened, with no mishaps, averaging 4 people a week to practice. No further assassination attempts.

CAPTAIN OF RAPIER (Elena): Practice has moved to St Albans park as noted on Sunday Announce starting at 12-12:30pm. This location has bathroom facilities, drinking fountain and hard areas to utilise should the weather be fine but the grass too slippery. (There is also a children's play area and a convenience store just a minutes or so across the road).

The Park is on Bus routes 45, 46 and the MetroStar. The Orbiter drops off at Hills Rd/Shirley Road corner (which is about a 5-7min walk up the road).

QUARTERMASTER (Angus): Nothing to report.

EVENT REPORTS:

BARONIAL ANNIVERSARY (Elisabetta): not tonight, due to absence/commitment of Elisabetta. Promised for next Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YULE – This event bid by Mýrún was formally approved by the meeting.

CANTERBURY FAIRE 2013 (Amalie/Taddea): Amalie and Taddea presented an event budget for this. Particular points of interest:

- No option to pay in foreign currency
- Supply women's fitted Ts and bags as well as the usual loose T-shirts. Run a short, sharp T-shirt design competition.
- Produce a booklet including timetables and site rules (like "don't do illegal things" and "your children are your responsibility").
- Mattresses to be rented out in pairs since most people took two anyway despite only paying for one.
- Have a dedicated launderer rather than laundry being a daily (rotating) chore.
- No spitroast.
- Have a trained gate crew.
- Site token a bit fancier (still investigating options).
- Have people for Meal Plan Coordinator, Feast Cook, Booking.
- Considering Bidvest or Countdown and major food supplier.
- Move the Feast earlier in the week and Half Circle later (more time to prepare).

Advice was received from Raffie that the site fee per head per night would be rising from \$8.40 to possibly as high as \$10 - to be confirmed. Discussed decision not to offer "family" pricing, as was suggested at the last council meeting, due to the fact that we are already taking a significant loss on each child on site.

(Late update from Amalie: Wednesday 22nd May) R&R sent through an official quote that does indeed show a rise to \$10 per head per night. It

also quotes toilet cleaning at \$525 and site cleanup at \$750).

Agreed between Lowrens and Richard: given that this bid cannot be officially approved until next Council, and given that there is no sign of any opposing bid for CF, that it would be reasonable for the stewards to proceed with such preparations as they can in the interim, in order not to lose more time than necessary, in the expectation that this budget or one very much like it gains formal approval in June.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Dama Antonia has expressed a desire to step down from the Financial Committee. Lady Mýrún is willing to serve on the FC. The meeting deemed this to be acceptable.

Augmentation of our current Baronial serving gear. Lady Catherine prepared a report last year with some recommendations. Given the small number of people at the meeting, it seemed better to defer discussion to a later Council. The mood of those present was that there is no reason not to proceed with reviewing what we actually have at the moment, and what we could usefully acquire.

Council venue - the Upper Riccarton Library venue has been booked with CCC through to the end of this year. People felt that this venue was OK, and the price was right (free). Moving it to earlier in the month would make the Chronicler's job a little easier. Lowrens to pursue this with CCC contact.

MEETING **CLOSED:** 20:16pm

Looking for a Challenge?

Why not become Steward and run the sort of events you want to attend!

Being a Steward does not need to be scary. There are plenty of people in a Barony you can ask for advice and you can utilise the excellent resources available on:

<http://sg.lochac.sca.org/stewarding/>

Help Wanted! Planning for Canterbury Faire 2013 is already underway, and as I will be assisting with the event, I am looking for someone to compile 'From The Tower' for **January 2013** (and maybe February too). The January edition is generally large and filled with important notices for Canterbury Faire.

If you would like to know more and wish to spare me from grovelling for the next several months, please contact at chronicler@sg.lochac.sca.org.

Yours in Service,

Mýrún Jóhansdóttir

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Heavy Combat Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	4 Queen's Birthday UCMRS Dancing	5	6 Scriptorium	7	8	9
10 Heavy Combat Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	11 UCMRS Dancing	12 Stuff Night	13	14	15	16 Yule
17 Heavy Combat Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	18 UCMRS Dancing	19 Seamsters	20 Scriptorium	21	22 FTT submission deadline	23
24 Heavy Combat Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	25 UCMRS Dancing	26 Council Meeting	27	28	29	30

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Heavy Combat Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	2	3	4 Scriptorium UCMRS Arts and Sciences	5	6	7
8 Heavy Combat Practice* Rapier Practice* Archery Practice*	9 UCMRS Dancing	10 Stuff Night	11 UCMRS Arts and Sciences	12	13	14
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MARTIAL PRACTICES

Heavy Fighters' Practice* Sundays from 10am–noon at Jellie Park or Showbiz if wet

Fighters' Practice.* — Thursday from 6–8pm off Jasmine Place, Wigram (not currently active)

Rapier Practice* — Sundays at St Albans Park starting 12–12.30pm

Archery* — on fine Sundays from 1pm at Kirkwood Intermediate, (use Kirkwood Avenue entrance).
Email: archers@sg.lochac.sca.org

ARTS GATHERINGS

Stuff Night — from 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Riccarton Community Centre (opposite corner of Clarence and Dixon St). Topics or projects to be announced on SG list.

Dance — from 7:30pm on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Riccarton Community Centre (opposite corner of Clarence and Dixon St). In hiatus

Seamsters Guild — from 7:30pm on fourth Tuesday of the month. Location to be advised on SG list each month.

Southern Swans (Singing Practice) — from 7:30 every Thursday. Location to be advised

ORGANISATIONAL MEETING

Council Meeting — Fourth Tuesday of the month, from 7:30pm. Upper Riccarton Public Library, 71 Main South Road.

All welcome..

on SG list each week.
Email: singing@sg.lochac.sca.org

Southron Gaard Regnum

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

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Lochac Announcements (Lochac-Announce) and Lochac Discussion i.e. the Shambles (Lochac) can be accessed from: <http://www.lochac.sca.org/mailman/listinfo/>

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1 Year with E-Pegasus \$ 15.00

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www.sca.org.nz



SCA Groups in New Zealand

(see websites for more details)

OTAGO

College of St Kessog (dormant)

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

WELLINGTON

Shire of Darton

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

Thu & Sun: Fight Practice
Wed: Arts & Sciences

College of St Aemigdius

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

Mon: Arts & Sciences
Thu & Sun: Fight Practice

AUCKLAND

Barony of Ildhafn

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

Sunday: Fight Practice
Fencing
Monday: Arts & Sciences
Wednesday: Fencing Theory
Thursday: Dancing
Saturday: Archery Practice

College of St Dionysius

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

Sunday: Herbs & Sewing
Wednesday: Weekly Meeting

HAMILTON

Canton of Cluain

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

Thursday: Fight Practice



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