



The Blue Strand



*Barony of Krae Glas
Sense of Purpose*

Third Edition - December 2011

Summary from the Chronicler

Greetings, one and all, and welcome to the festive edition of The Blue Strand.

We have had a remarkable year, becoming a Barony, holding some prestigious events and entertaining Mundania itself. Even the sun shone on every single event we have organised this year, our latest event of the second Twilight tournament, included.

The tournament was very well fought and won. It would seem we even have an early leader in the series. Gib Purchase has come first in both twilight tournaments, securing the lead towards becoming baronial champion. Baron Cormac is in second place, with the current champion Zhou in third place.

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Though, it is still early in the series and it seems we shall have an exciting conclusion to look forward to in the new year.



In preparation for this busy time of year this chronicle holds helpful recipes, among other things. Although, sadly, the time has passed for celebrating this year; I am certain the following will assist in future celebrations.

Of course at this time I send good tidings to all. May your reflection of this past year be as bright as the sun and your hope for the next year be fulfilled throughout.

YiS
Veronica Bellini
Krae Glas Chronicler

The Christmas Wreath - A Lesson

Materials

Sprigs of bay leaves, blue pine (spruce), small fir cones, crab apples, red ribbon, 4 small beeswax candles, small willow or vine wreath base, twine, large (sail) needle, scissors, secateurs

Instructions

To make base.

Cut fresh willow or vines and strip all foliage. Weave a starting ring, by winding a long piece around itself. Continue next weave where the last one started. Repeat until you have roughly the size and thickness you need. Set aside to dry. Once branches are brown and brittle the wreath is ready to decorate.

To decorate wreath.

Trim bay leaves and blue pine to lengths suitable for the base. Bind with twine, leaving enough twine to tie it to the base. Add leaves and pieces, with twine, to fill out the foliage of the sprig. Repeat until you have enough to sparsely cover the base.

For an alternate wreath continue making sprigs until the base is dense with foliage.

Using the large needle, thread twine through the base of the apples, leaving a gap between each apple. Use enough twine to be wrapped around the base and be tied off to itself.

Use a loop (Slip) knot and secure the fir cones to a long piece of twine. Again, it needs to be long enough to wrap around the wreath and tie off.

Wind on apples and tie off. Space the fir cones a little away from the apples, wind them on in the opposite direction and tie off.

Tie on the sprigs at even intervals, leaving a small gap at the top and hiding as much twine as possible.

Arrange Apples, fir cones and foliage so as little as possible of the twine can be seen.

Starting at the top gap and leaving a long end, wrap the ribbon around the base. Use the ribbon to cover visible twine, if possible. When the ends meet, tie a secure (reef) knot. Make a bow with the remaining ribbon.

Melt the base of each candle and fix to the bottom of the wreath.

The Christmas Wreath - A History

Evidence, dating as far back as 776BC, suggests that the Christmas wreath had its beginnings in ancient Greece. They were hung on heads, and doors as a sign of victory and could well be the beginning of them being hung on the doors of history.

The advent wreath, with the four candles attached, can find its origin in the pre-Christian Germanic practices. During the winter darkness people would gather evergreen wreaths and light fires as signs of hope in the coming spring.

By the 16th century the wreaths were being used by Christians to demonstrate the meaning and purpose of Christmas and to help count its approach. There were four candles and one was lit each of the three Sundays before Christmas. The last one was lit on Christmas Eve, to symbolize the birth Jesus.

Traditionally the wreath is a circle, which means there is no beginning and no end and that God is eternal. They were made from evergreen leaves and decorated with nuts, seedpods, apples and pinecones. All considered to be symbols of life and the permanence of it.

Minutiae and Hearsay

Hearsay

Company of the Black Dolphin:

Even the company have been quiet during this festive season. Perhaps they have been assisting Sandy in mead making, or perhaps they have been sampling that same mead.

Of course they could be planning their next adventure at the Dubious Dolphin.

In addition, The Constable wishes to state for the record he was definitely not in trouble with the Baron and Baroness. He insists that the Herald simply misunderstood.

Upcoming Events

The following are upcoming events. Please let the chronicler know of others you wish to add to this list.

Krae Glas:

Twilight tournaments	Egypt -13th January 2012 Turkey - 17th February 2012 Venice - 16th March 2012
Pirates of the Aegean & A Night in the Dubious Dolphin Champion challenge Suth Moot IV	March 2012 17th March 2012 6th April - 9th April 2012

Beyond our fair borders:

BORDERWAR XIV 24 - 26 February 2012

The Shire of Bordescros did here the words of King Cornelius when he appointed the Baron Politarchopolis as the Warden of the South and the words to which this could be overturned.

Their Highnesses Siridean and Margie did hear the veiled words of war spoken at November Crown and set forth their challenge.

A gathering in the borderlands has been declared.

If you come in peace or dressed for war, Bordescros opens its halls and extends its hospitality for BORDERWAR XIV.

Dates: 24 - 26 February 2012

Where: Camp Kurrajung Scout Camp Oura Rd Wagga Wagga NSW
For a fully catered camping weekend of war, tourney, equestrian, arts & sciences-

Cost Members \$80 non-members \$85. There are 60 dormitory bed spaces available at an extra \$30 for the weekend.

Bookings to Sir Jon Dai at s.davis_1969@hotmail.com

May Crown 11-13 May 2012

The Royal heirs have been chosen for the 20th Crown of the Kingdom of Lochac. But as is written in the laws of the land they too must have a successor.

To those who wish to challenge for the right to wear the 21st Crown of Lochac, sharpen your weapons, strengthen your shields and polish your Armour.

May Crown will be held in the borderlands on 11-13 May 2012 and bookings are now open.

Cost till 12th Night Members \$70, Non members \$75

From 12th Night till Easter Members \$75, Non members \$80

From Easter, gate prices apply \$80 and \$85. Dorm accommodation is available at an extra \$30 per head.

The event is a fully catered camping event at Camp Kurrajung Scout Camp Oura Rd Wagga Wagga NSW

Bookings can be made via Sir Jon Dai at s.davis_1969@hotmail.com

Regular Events

Rapier Practice & Capstone Training Every Thursday 7:45 – 10:00 PM
 Fairhills High School, 330 Scoresby Road,
 Knoxfield, Victoria Australia 3180

Dance Practice Every Friday 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
 Building 63, Monash University

Fighter Training Every Friday 8:15 – 10:45 PM
 Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
 Building 63, Monash University

Monthly planning Meeting 2nd Saturday Mthly 12:30 - 1:30 PM
 Magnolia St, Doveton

Monthly Craffhall 2nd Saturday Mthly 1:30 – 7:00 PM
 Magnolia St, Doveton

'Bash and 'Broidery 4th Saturday Mthly 2:00 – 5:00 PM
 9 Cypress ct, Cranbourne North



[Click here for the link to the Calendar](#)

Baronial Awards

Apollo Dolphinus

There are three variations, Martial, A&S and Service.

This award recognises someone who has excelled in one of the above areas.

They don't need to be the best fighter, but it could be someone who has assisted with lists or promoted fighting, as an example.

The symbol of the order is a Dolphin haurient, with a red, green or blue stone dependant. Red symbolises martial, green symbolises A&S and blue is for service endeavours.

Recipients:

Gwynfor (Martial) 27/08/2011

Paul de Ville (Arts and Science) 16/11/2011

Baroness Cypher

These are awarded to individuals who have come to the Baroness' attention, and are small tokens of varying types - such as buttons and teasels.

Recipients:

Baron's Cypher

Auðun inn illi 27/08/2011 Token - ring

Baroness' Cypher

Celsa 27/08/2011 Token - button

Envoy to Politocopolis

Adrian Neggastein 27/08/2011 Token - two pronged fork

Baronial Endorsement:

The Baronial Endorsement was created by Cormac and Elspeth to recognise those who have enriched the Barony of Krae Glas through their actions and their sense of purpose.

The symbol of the Krae Glas Baronial Endorsement is two dolphins endorsed.

Recipients:

Theophilus Balsamon 27/08/2011

Veronica Bellini 20/11/2011

Baronial Spurtle

The Baroness wished to recognise those who have helped the Barony in the culinary fields - whether it is by preparing, cooking, serving or helping in the kitchens.

The symbol is a small silver spoon.

Recipients:

Gwir verch Madog 27/08/2011

Regnum

The Baron and Baroness of Krae Glas

Baron Cormac Lenihan and Baroness Elspeth Caerwent (Conrad and Cathy Leviston)

The baron and Baroness administer the lands and people of Krae Glas on behalf of the kind and queen of Lochac. They ensure that Krae Glas contributes to the nobility of Lochac, and recognize good work within Krae Glas, be it martial, in the arts and sciences, or in service.

Email: [Baron and Baroness](#)

Seneschal

Martyn Fairchild of Grenhamerton (Andrew Bennett)

Ph: 0404 927 395

Email: [Seneschal](#)

As in medieval times, the Seneschal is the head of the group who handles the day-to-day affairs and manages the other Officers. A mundane equivalent is President.

Reeve

Nicolette Dufay (Lillian Johnston)

Ph: 0413 518 151

Email: [Reeve](#)

The Reeve handles the financial aspects of the group, including maintaining the books and bank accounts. The mundane equivalent is a Treasurer.

Chronicler

Veronica Bellini (Monica James)

Email: [Chronicler](#)

The Chronicler records the history of the Barony and distributes it for the known world to read.

Envoy to Mundania

Lief Magnusson (Matt Curran)

Ph: 0400 669 459

Email: [Envoy](#)

The Envoy to Mundania maintains friendly relations with Mundania, a key trading partner of the Kingdom of Lochac.

Marshal

Leif Magnusson (Matt Curran)

Ph: 0400 669 459

Email: [Marshal](#)

The Marshal is responsible for encouraging Martial activities within the group. They ensure that fighters are safe on the field as well as inspecting and authorising new fighters. They coordinate Heavy, Rapier, Combat Archery and Target Archery.

Group Rapier Marshal

Authun inn illi (Adam Price)

Coordinates and encourages rapier combat within the group.

Captain of Archers

Miguel Rodriguez de Santiago (Matt Armstrong)

Ph: 0409 300 193

Email: [Captain of Archers](#)

Coordinates and encourages all forms of Archery within the group.

Arts and Sciences

Clara Luther (Kath Langmead)

Email: [Arts and Sciences](#)

Encourages the pursuit of any arts and sciences through classes, workshops, informal gatherings and competitions.

Herald

Martyn Fairchild of Grenhamerton (Andrew Bennett)

Ph: 0404 927 395

Email: [Herald](#)

Coordinates the running of Heraldic activities for the group, including registration of names and devices, performing voice heraldry during events such as court, and on the field during tournaments.

Constable

Miguel de Santiago (Matt Armstrong)

Ph: 0409 300 193

Email: [Constable](#)

Responsible for site and event safety, indemnities/waivers and lost property.

Web Minister

Paul de la Ville (Paul Harrison)

Ph: 0405 462 362

Email: [Webwright](#)

Maintains the groups internet presence. This includes social networking sites, the mailing list and the main website. They also assist with moderation of the forums, form policy and create and maintain content for the site.

If you are interested in assisting with running Krae Glas, or want to know more about what an Officer does, then please contact the Seneschal so we can register your interest.