



The Blue Strand



*Barony of Krae Glas
Sense of Purpose*

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From the Baron and Baroness



Baron Cormac Lenihan receiving The Champions Sword

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From the Chronicler

Greetings, one and all, and welcome again to The Blue Strand.

What a lively month in our fair barony! With missions already completed to Mundania, and court a regular event, we are quickly making a good impression on all.

November was a month that catered to any taste. There were tournaments, A&S companions, demonstrations and so much fun to be had. There were new faces around and some great events to watch.

This issue even has correspondence from you good folk, so without further ado, I give you issue two.

YiS
Veronica Bellini
Krae Glas Chronicler

In Court - Events

Twilight Tournament the 7th, 1st round

The first twilight tournament of the season was a great success. This first event took us to the Far East. The caravan began in mysterious China, to start the long and perilous journey along the Silk Road.

Though it's been running for seven years, this year it has a new venue of the lemon scented lawns, still within Monash University.

During opening court, our Baron and Baroness were presented The Champions Sword, which Leif had brought all the way from Gotland. It will be awarded to the new Baronial Champion at the end of the series. Naturally, it was awarded to our current champion, Zhou Long Xi Khan Sheng.

We were also delighted to have the Crown Princess, Mistress Margie of Glen More pay us an unexpected visit and sit with our court.

The heavy tournament then proceeded as a war between the states and was very entertaining. It captured the audience's attention with the rapid pace of the combat. The format was as follows: Each fighter had two tokens. One was their army, the second them self. First they lost their army then if they lost again they became a vassal for another. Armies were quickly lost and the first to become a vassal was Casper. He became Zhou's vassal and was well used. In the end, however, it was Gib Forhyre who went on to win the whole night.

Along with the fighting, there were also A&S competitions for food, entertainment and an everyday item. The entries were varied; the food delicious and the entertainment captured the audience. For those who missed it, the entertainment was a most informative night about greed and, separately, about dragons.

The winners of the first night were
Gib Forhyre - Tournament
Lady Clara - Food
Leif Magnusson - Entertainment
Lady Magdalena - An Everyday item.

Paul de la Ville was awarded the Baronial award of Apollo Delphinus. A prestigious award, given to a most deserving person. Congratulations Paul.



Leif and our current champion Zhou, holding the Champion's sword.

Guards, Guards!

Our first Baronial rapier tournament was such a singular occasion that even the weather turned out beautifully for it.

It was a varied and entertaining list. With Don Everard Sefar, Leif Magnusson, Tobias le Tregetor, Miguel Rodriguez de Santiago, Cameron Mac Setna, Tracy of Capstone and Veronica Bellini all enthusiastic to join the city watch. All were hopeful candidates to become the New Captain of the city watch.

At first, the newly formed city watch were attempting to bring order and peace back to Krae Glas. This met with varying success.

The drunks and ruffians that patronise the Dubious Dolphin, were particular



Gang fight that got broken up by the City Watch.

Picture provided by Jay Ellis-James

trouble. However, I am happy to report that thieves and gangs should beware of the city watch. The streets are safe from this danger again.

The city watch were sent back to boot camp, to ensure their skills were honed for future tussles with drunkards on our streets. They were very successful, with not one of them being booted out of camp.

Boot camp took the form of an auction tournament. The populace bid on their favourite fighter and if that fighter won, they got to choose which item they took home. Items donated included leather, ale, lace, ginger beer, mead, embroidered cuffs and a gorget. Through this we raised almost \$200 for Mundania's city Watch. Which will be donated to the "Police Blue Ribbon Foundation".

Cameron Mac Setna was selected for the Baroness' choice, having fought very well in the lists.

It was announced that Tracy of Capstone became the New city watch Captain. A title he well deserved. He fought admirably and with honour. He was the clear winner of the day.

On a personal note, I was both honoured and surprised to be awarded the Baronial Endorsement. Descriptions of the awards and their meaning can be found later in this chronicle.

Missions to Mundania

Armageddon

On the 22nd of October we headed in to Armageddon at Jeff's Shed. We had a wonderful opportunity to wander around meeting SCAers from far afield, and not so far. Discovering the curious sights of geekdom on display for all. But that's enough of the fun and on with the work of a Rapier Tourney for the crowd.

Miguel, Connor, Mary, Baroness Ute and myself graced the field (of a wrestling ring), with Tobias marshalling the blur of blades and Leif faced the crowd armed only with his wit (and a microphone). There were many exchanges as individuals - and groups in Melees - faced off with sword, bucklers and walking sticks.

Written account by Yves de Lyle

All's fair in Time.

Timeline fair took place at the old cheese factory in Berwick. Generally it is a great place to showcase what we do, to Mundania, and this year was no exception.

We had varying examples of our art, including the much-loved illuminations and Tobias's juggling school. The activities were well received by the public.

Stormhold held their Monthly Bash in conjunction with our own barony, on the Sunday. This included a Heavy and, later, a rapier Tournament

The tournament was fought in a single kill/double elimination style and in the end Sir Brennan Halfhand won the day.

There were even two melees. One of which saw the Krae Glas fighters lined up against the Stormhold fighters. It was a momentous occasion for all who witnessed it.

Following the heavies, rapier took the field. The skill level of those taking the field was widely varied. From three Dons, all the way to those taking the field for the first time. All participants displayed a refined talent. The onlookers were most diverted.



All Krae Glas Heavy Fighters, just before the Melee.
Picture provided by Veronica Bellini

Mundania was so impressed that there may even be a few who wish to cross the borders into Krae Gras.

Krae Glas Younglings

The ducking chair at Timeline fair was a great success; for the children, especially. It was such a perfect opportunity to cool down, that the queue to be ducked, was longer then the queue ducking them.

At the Guards, Guards! Event Elise of Krae Glas, Daughter of Leif Magnusson, had her wish granted. She wanted to dress as a princess and dance at the ball.

Elise certainly came dressed as a princess to the tournament. Theophilus heard of her request to dance and was more then happy to assist. Theophilus grabbed his flute and led several people in a dance around one edge of the list field.

Elise happily joined in and did exceptionally well in dancing.

Minutiae and Hearsay

Minutiae

New Officer

Congratulations to Martyn Fairchild of Grenhamerton, who will soon become Krae Glas' new Seneschal; a prestigious role. Given his ability as baronial herald, the populous are confident he will do as great a job in his new roll.

Thank you to Yves de Lyle who has served us well for the last two years. He has done an exceptional job.

Hearsay

Company of the Black Dolphin:

The populous of Krae Glas can now rest easy under the protection of the Company of the Black Dolphin. They are a newly recognised and officially sanctioned band of "Independent security contractors and collectors of diverse revenues".

Members of this colourful crew were recently seen in the vicinity of the Dodgy Dolphin, leaving shortly before the city guard were called on to quell a spate of brawls and gang fights.

Any rumours that the company were tipped off by the Constable are decidedly unfounded.

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

India - 16th December

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:

WILLIAM MARSHAL MEMORIAL

TOURNEY AND FEAST -STORMHOLD

3 December

NOW a Royal Visit with

1 - Her Majesty the Queen

2 - His Highness the Crown Prince

3 - Her Highness the Crown Princess

A chivalric weapons tourney

At Darebin Parklands, Separation Street & Smith Street, Alphington

Tournament from 11am

Feast from 5pm at the Parklands

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

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| Rapier training
Wantirna South primary school
Tyner Rd, Wantirna South | Every Wednesday 8:30 – 10:30 PM |
| Capstone Training & Practice
Fairhills High School, 330 Scoresby Road,
Knoxfield, Victoria Australia 3180 | Every Thursday 8:30 – 10:30 PM |
| Dance Practice
Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
Building 63, Monash University | Every Friday 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| Fighter Training
Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
Building 63, Monash University | Every Friday 8:15 – 10:45 PM |
| Monthly planning Meeting
Magnolia St, Doveton | 2 nd Saturday Mthly 12:30 - 1:30 PM |
| Monthly Craffhall
Magnolia St, Doveton | 2 nd Saturday Mthly 1:30 – 7:00 PM |
| 'Bash and 'Broidery
9 Cypress ct, Cranbourne North | 4 th Saturday Mthly 2:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Monthly Rapier Training Tourney
Wantirna South primary school
Tyner Rd, Wantirna South
Click here for the link to the Calendar | 4 th Wednesday Mthly 8:30 – 9:30 PM |



Rapier training, Wednesdays

Baronial Awards

Our Baron and Baroness have been quite generous with their awards. I was recently asked what they meant. So, to that end, I have listed their meaning and the recipients here.

YiS
Veronica

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 tassels.

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 Ballini	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
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Contacts

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

Yves de Lyle (Jamie Le Rossignol)

Ph: 03 9752 6710

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)

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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.

Marshal

Leif Magnusson (Matt Curran)

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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)

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Email: [Captain of Archers](#)

Coordinates and encourages all forms of Archery within the group.

Arts and Sciences

Clara Luther (Kath Langmead)

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

Herald

Martyn Fairchild of Grenhamerton (Andrew Bennett)

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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)

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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.