



# From The Chronicler



Greetings good gentles,

Welcome to the March edition of The Blue Strand. What a full month it has been! With another exciting round of the Summer Twilight Tournament Series, a new Baronial Award and- of course - Mini Moot, it has been a great month in our fair barony.

Festival also took place and by all reports was as much fun. Our own Baron and Baroness way faired there and send their greetings to all who stayed behind.

I must apologise for the tardiness of this issue. April 1st made a slight fool of me, by sneaking into the Easter break. However, as Mini Moot was mostly in March it had to go into this issue.

With this in mind I would like to present this pictograph of the dragon that was slain at Mini moot. Want to know more? Then please read on.

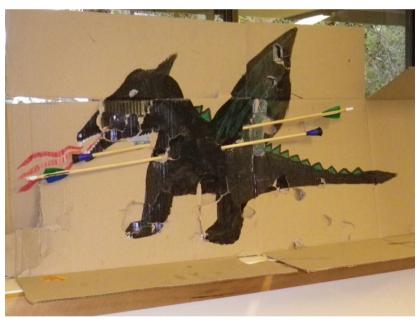


Photo courtesy of Miguel Rodriguez de Santiago

If you have any submissions for the April issue, please send them into kg.chronicler@gmail.com

And now, I give you, our busy month of March.

YiS Veronica Bellini

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# In Court - Events



### Mini Moot

Mini Moot felt relaxed and laid back this year. Though smaller in number than usual, it was as enjoyable as any Suth Moot. We began with a morning of set up and instruction. The wooden sticks came out, as Leif instructed people on basic rapier training.

This was followed by an impressive afternoon of Rapier, Archery and A&S. The first round of the Baroness' Rapier tourney was fought. Jarek Blackthorn of Stormhold stood victorious with Leif in second place and Miguel in third. I'm sure Her Excellency would have been most



Leif's Rapier 101

Ffride teaching the easy way to research

pleased with the quality of the fighting shown.

There was also a lot of fun had doing Target Archery. Thorgrim the Dwarf won this event. He also went on to win most of the Archery for the weekend.

While the tournaments were happening, Ffride taught as all the easy way to do research, while sitting in the very social coffee shop. Thorfin

taught Calligraphy in the feasting hall and brought an impressive collection of books for people to peruse.

The now traditional Eastern Evening of food, belly dancing, and games followed the night. The pot luck was a varied and impressive spread, with food for all tastes. The drums started and dancing followed. There were stories around the fire and the wonderful, relaxed night of friends in good company.



# In Court - Events



## Mini Moot (Saturday)

Saturday dawned cool and cloudy, and stayed that way until bedtime.

There was meant to be a Heavy Tournament, however Thorgrim won by being the only Heavy able to fight on the weekend. He spent the time fighting actual blades to put a sharp edge on them.

The Princess Bride Rapier Tournament was fought. There was a field of four people, Miguel, Veronica,

Brighid and Theophilous. All quoting the Princess Bride and challenging each other to various challenges, including the Iocain laced sword and to the pain. Miguel won the tournament. Veronica won an honourable mention for being able to quote entire sections of the movie.

A big part of the Saturday was the Archery. Anyone could join in, as non-living targets were being shot. People brought their bows, or borrowed one and were seen wandering through the trees



Final round of the Princess Bride Tournament.

and across fields, shooting at the various target in the roving round.

The aim was to get the lowest score; this being the distance your arrow landed from the target. Again, Thorgrim was the most successful, coming first.

There was also a Hunt for the dreaded dragon. It had been terrorising Clifford park, and scaring hula hoops up trees. The Dragon was hunted down and felled with a rain of arrows. It's punctured hide was displayed in the Feasting hall, so all could tell of their mighty deeds.



Hula hoop hunting

As for the hula hoop, well that needed to be encouraged from the tree. Erin did shoot an arrow, with a line attached, to bring it down. But it took the encouragement of several younglings and a baron to finally coax it out of the tree.

On the A&S side of things, people were taught how to fletch arrows by Miguel, the Basics of Blackwork by Veronica, as well as wool carding, dyeing and spinning by Gwir.

The night ended with a wonderful Feast prepared by Isobel. It was a delicious meal, with dishes to satisfy the palette. The company was lovely and we celebrated the killing of the dragon.



### Mini Moot (Sunday)

Sunday the overnight rain stopped before breakfast. It made a brief appearance during the Century Challenge, but this was only to cool the Rapier Hands testing themselves.



The day began with the Traditional Olde Brown Egg Hunt and continued with a new event in Archery. A Bunny shoot. The rules were you got to keep what you killed. There were a dozen chocolate rabbits, menacing the archery field and they had to be dealt with. The activity was aimed at the younglings who were slightly too old for the brown egg hunt. However, it drew almost the entire camp into the activity.

Rabbits exploded as blunts hit them. Some people had very clean shots. Officially the bag limit was one, so if you shot a rabbit you stopped. However, young Declan Blackthorn got two rabbits with one shot! It was so exceptional that he got to

keep both.

Century Challenges were fought again this year. This time it was rapier, and those who were challenging themselves were Miguel and Leif. They fought long and hard, honouring Gwynfor who started this Suth Moot tradition. Leif made it to his 100 rounds. Miguel made it to 110 with his extra 10 assisting Leif in his endeavour. Very well done both of you. Special mention to Elena, who took up the Rapier after many years of pacifism, to help these two get to 100. She challenged herself to 50 rounds and made it. Congratulations to all!



During the day we also learnt some interesting things. Gwion taught card games, and showed us some interesting desks of cards. Although they had 52 cards, some varied greatly. Especially the German ones, which had no Queen or Jack. Thorgrim held a class on making hinges for boxes, while period shoe pattern making took place in the coffee shop. There was also some great information from Isobel about thread type work, including using a lucet.

Gwir produced a very nice Tavern Feast for Sunday night. It set the tone for a relaxed night of games, music, dancing, storytelling and merriment.



# In Court - Events



### Mini Moot (Monday)

Monday dawned, and though it had rained, the canvas was dry for the day.

The day was taken up with a camp-wide event of the Tri Tournament. There were three parts to the tournament. The archery, the boffer and the rapier. Each team had to have one member for each part of the activity.



Gwir & Leif showing off their beards.

The Archery was a Kings Round. People got six shots at the target, George. If they missed with all six, they were out. There were extra point for getting George in the head. It was a long battle, Coming down to Thorgrim and one of our newest members Ava. After several stalemate rounds, Thorgrim won the round for this team, "Thor's Mighty Victory."

The tournament then moved on to the Boffer challenge.
This was Elise LeifDottor's first tournament. In the very first round she faced Marcus, but was too shy. Erin came to her aid and Marcus defeated Erin. Leif then Came to Elise's aid and Marcus also beat Leif. It was decided that

Marcus won the first round without ever touching Elise.

The tournament continued until it was Marcus and William in the final round. Marcus won the Boffer Tournament, also from the team "Thor's Mighty Victory."

The final for the tournament was a double elimination Rapier tournament. If you lost two rounds you were out. Miguel dominated this event, being unbeaten until the final round where Gwir managed to defeat him once. However, Miguel won the best of three and the Rapier tournament. His team "Caffeinated Chocoholics" were very happy. Overall the Tri-tournament was a huge success. With the "Caffinated Chocoholics" coming second and the victors of the day being the team "Thor's Mighty Victory." Members of the team were Thorgrim, Marcus and Veronica.



Learning card games.

### Well done to all.

The entire weekend was a great success. Everyone who attended would like to give a very big thank you Baroness Nicolette. Without you, our not-so Mini Moot would not have come together so well. May your pennants fly and your canvas be always dry.



#### March 8th STTS, round 5 1400 -1500

The evening was warm and bright. The perfect evening to introduce newcomers to the sights and experiences of what the SCA do. After St Monica's O week, there were several new faces in the crowd.

There were rumours of war. Our Barony was not threatened. However, the great country of England was. The rumour was of a war to decide the King of England! We offered our services, and this month's tournament was to prepare for battle.

As such was had a Rose tournament. The winner would give the loser a rose, and direct to whom it should be given. There were many impressive fights and rounds. Some were the best of three rounds, Some were the first to 5 touches on their opponent. The fighters fought with weapons foreign to their own style, such as using a great sword for the first time. No doubt this was to prepare for losing their own weapon in the up coming battle, and needing to take up which ever convenient arms lay near by.

As the evening progressed, There were many roses throughout the crowd. One fighter stood out as the victor over all the others. Our champion of the night was Lucas.

It was a festive night, with meat and fresh bread to eat, cordials to drink and many fine foods to sample. The night included dancing and music and many entertainments. Of course, the entertainment was part of the competitions of the night. Gilligan won with his ballad.

The mustard Theophilus made was much celebrated. It was suggested that it was even better the Baroness Elspeth's. This was challenged on the field by baron Cormac. After losing this round, Theophilus was happy to concede that the Baroness's mustard was better. At the end of the night Theophilus' mustard won the food portion of the A&S competition.

There has also been a heraldry competition running for the entire Twilight series. Clemens entered her beautiful banner, and, fittingly, won.

It was a wonderful evening for all.

#### Etruscan Dolphin - A New Baronial Award.

The Barony has a new award! It is given to those who travel from other places to assist the Barony of Krae Glas. The award is a dolphin descending from a pearl. This inaugural award was given to Dante Caldiera and Clemens Gascoigne on the 15th of February 2013.

Their first task, after receiving the award, was to name it. They chose the Etruscan Dolphin. It is a very suitable name and we both congratulate them, and thank them for their work. Below is the heraldic explanation of the Award.

When the god Dionysus was captured by Etruscan pirates, they mistook him for a wealthy prince they could ransom. While at sea, Dionysus invoked his divine powers, causing vines to overgrow the ship where the mast and sails had been. He turned the oars into serpents, so terrifying the sailors that they jumped overboard. However, Dionysus took pity on them and transformed them into dolphins so they could travel afar and provide help for those in need.

As such the Etruscan Dolphin is given to those travel from afar to assist the Barony of Krae Glas.



### Minutiae

# Kingdom Law Changes

The proposed changes to Kingdom Law affecting the reporting schedule for officers were enacted by Their Majesties, Felix and Eva, at the River Haven Baronial Investiture on March 9.

The current version of Kingdom Law and the specific changes made can be found at <a href="http://lochac.sca.org/laws/">http://lochac.sca.org/laws/</a>. In service,

Catherine de Arc

Lochac Seneschal

# Updated and revamped Membership Services website

SCA Ltd (Australia) members have been directly advised via email that a replacement Membership Services website was launched early in March.

This change is the result of much planning and a great deal of work by Lord Nicodemus, assisted by others including Tiffany Brown (Mistress Teffania) on the behalf of the Board, Master Bartholomew who designed the current registry software, the Lochac Seneschal Mistress Catherine, the SCA NZ web server administrator and masonry member Master William de Cameron, and our tireless Registrar, Michelle McDonald (Mistress Caelia).

The new site closely resembles its predecessor but is completely different behind the scenes. It has some new and improved features such as the ability to print temporary cards when you take out a membership or renewal, easier multiple renewals (e.g. for families) and the ability to change your password to one of your own choice. If you choose to do the latter, PLEASE exercise good password security -- for example: do not re-use the same password on lots of different websites.

In general, it looks and works just like the website you already know -- you can access it via the usual address <a href="http://lochac.sca.org/members.html">http://lochac.sca.org/members.html</a> and log in with your usual information.

If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, by all means raise themon the Shambles if they are general in nature, or contact the Registrar if they are sensitive, e.g. relating to your personal membership record.

# Hearsay

Key members of the seafaring entrepreneurs known as the Company of the Black Dolphin have recently been seen locked in a long and furious battle, occasionally calling on unaffiliated mercenaries to take their place as they rest and tend their wounds.

What this presages, we can only guess. This writer will not presume to know the inner workings of this secrecyshrouded bunch.



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

Krae Glas

Summer Twilight Tournament Series - round 6

12th April 2013 6pm on

STTS 6: 1500-1600 - Renaissance theme

Location: Central 1 Lecture Theatre Foyer and lawn, Monash University, Clayton Campus

Fighters are always happy to fight, therefore I strongly encourage you all to invest your energies into the non-martial aspects of the series: the heraldry and pageantry, the entertainment - singing, dancing, music, poetry, the food and drink. You can also use this as inspiration to create something new as a part of a submission into the A&S competition. The opportunity to do a demonstration rapier tourney in the final STTS (being a reinaissance theme) is also open for discussion.

We would also encourage you all to bring along games, such as boulles/petanque etc and whatever other activities you think might engage the newcomers and demonstrate what the SCA does.

If you're interested in the A&S competition ideas, see below to start getting you thinking and planning and making!

A&S heraldry theme (ongoing throughout the series): Pageantry, pageantry, pageantry, Get your names and devices registered! Or just make some lovely heraldic things for the College or the Barony!

A&S Food: Preserved dairy products - e.g. cheeses & eggs

Lady Bethony Gaitskell - Steward

#### Beyond our fair borders:

Abertridwr Investiture

De Haer Rd, Wandi WA 6167

31 May 2013

This is the year that Pencampwr will exceed all your expectations. .

You are invited to attend a fabulous, four day camping event with all the Fighting, Feasting, Archery, Wars, Rapier, Arts and Sciences plus a fun Tavern night with more good company and fun, all rolled into one packed weekend.

And just in case you haven't heard the great news, Abertridwr will be celebrating the Investiture of it's first Baron and Baroness in the presence of Their Royal Majesties, King Felix and Queen Eva. So now you can see why you can't miss out on this 9th year of Pencampwr when Abertridwr becomes a Barony.

http://sca.org.au/abertridwr/pencampwr.html

Steward: Lord Galen Wulfric ablower@bigpond.com

Booking contact: Lady Allesandra allesandra@crystalcs.com

Midwinter 2013

July 5th - 7t

Tocal College, hosted by the Barony of Mordenvale. This beautiful green site, based on the layout of a 13th century monastry, will see a Royal changeover, tourney, arts and sciences competitions and classes, performances, children's entertainment, feasting and plenty of Mordenvale hospitality. With accommodation available on site, we are looking forward to a memorable weekend.

The event website can be found at http://lochac.sca.org/mordenvale/midwinter.html More information will continue to be added as the event approaches.

Chess Challenge IV

11am-6pm

Harleston Park, Seymour Rd, Elsternwick VIC

20 April 2013

The Chess Challenge IV is proudly brought to you (again!) by the Barony of Stormhold. All fighters on the checkered field of Chess and Heavy are welcome to try their skills for the Chess Champion!

Steward: Miriam bat Shimeon miriam.staples@gmail.com

Hart of Winter

Hardies Hill Rd, Garabaldi VIC 3352 AU

11 May 2013

Welcome to the Hart of Winter, a small event held by the charming Canton of Cairnfell. There shall be a Heavy and Rapier tournament during the day, as well as a creative target archery competition.

Steward & booking contact: Ava del Mas, mlucromanis@gmail.com

May Crown

4th - 6th May 2013

 $1500\ Bundaberg\text{-}Childers\ Road,$  South Bingera, Queensland

The time draws nigh, the longships are heading towards shore, the rumours is are true. The tourney to lay claim to THE CROWN of LOCHAC is to be fought in the beautiful Northern Climes of the Canton of Burnfield.

Full details can be found on the web at www.maycrown-2013.rhawn.net

Bal d'Argent

29 June 2013

 $Collegium: Saturday - Find on \ Uniting \ Church, \ Crittenden \ Rd, \ Find on, \ SA;$ 

Sunday - Girl Guides Hall, Brand St, Beulah Park, SA; Ball - Hillcrest Community Centre, Queensborough Ave, Hillcrest, SA

Ball (with feast), and collegium

Booking cost for members: Ball \$25; Collegium \$12 Booking cost for non-members: Ball \$30; Collegium \$17

Booking cost for children: Ball Children 5-14 members \$12.50, non-members \$17.50; Collegium children prices by negotiation

Booking required

Steward Name: Edine Godin <u>baldargent.2013@gmail.com</u>
Booking contact: Blodeuwedd y Gath <u>baldargent.2013@gmail.com</u>



# Regular Events



Rapier Practice & Capstone Training

Fairhills High School, 330 Scoresby Road, Knoxfield, Victoria Australia 3180 Every Thursday 7:45 - 10:00 PM

**Medieval Activities** 

Every Friday 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Central 1 lecture theatre foyer, Building 63, Monash University

Every Friday night there will be varied non combat activities for the SCA St Monica. Past activities have included renaissance dance workshops, craft workshops (eg weaving, braiding, embroidery and tailoring), armouring workshops, archery, heraldic design, and general history topics (eg currency and timekeeping). Most of these topics as well as new activities are planned for the future.

**Fighter Training** 

Every Friday from 8:15 PM

Central 1 lecture theatre foyer, Building 63, Monash University

Heavy fighting, rapier, combat archery and general socializing all happen here. Spare armor is often available, but please remember that armour is not a one size fits all proposition. At the very least, remember to bring your own groin protection and sturdy boots that cover the ankles. After that we may be able to fit you into something. Even if you can't get into armour, we usually do ¼ speed drills out of armour too. Contact Leif (lord\_hank at yahoo.com) for further details.

**Doveton Rapier Practice** 

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 8:30 pm

Magnolia St, Doveton

2nd Saturday Mthly 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Monthly planning Meeting (After craft hall)
Magnolia St, Doveton

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Mthly 1:30 - 7:00 PM

Monthly Crafthall

'Bash and 'Broidery 4th Saturday Mthly 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Magnolia St, Doveton

9 Cypress ct, Cranbourne North

**Upcoming Crafthalls.** 

When: Sat 13th April Time: 1:00pm onwards

Price: Members \$5, non-members \$10 (as per all Crafthalls)

<u>Theme: Wool Spinning and Carding day.</u> Mistress Gwir brought along to mini moot her spinning wheel, and carding apparatus and showed us how it was done, and we felt it would be nice to bring along to Crafthall and have a go again.

However! If you own a spinning wheel, and haven't spun in a while - bring it along, and we will hold a Spinning class - medieval style!

You are always welcome to bring along your own projects and work on those - the hall we use is big enough for multiple projects.

#### Plans for future Crafthalls -

Leading on from spinning the wool, we are looking at holding some of the following in the coming months

- \* Dye workshop. Create period dyes from scratch. Mistress Gwir run a smaller version of this at mini moot and are looking to see if we can do some more at Crafthall.
- \* Early period footwear (two parts, first making the pattern, the second cutting the leather and stitching) Andrea from another reenactment group showed us how to create patterns for period footwear. We have invited her back to complete the workshop later this year. Keep your eyes out for these sessions. Note one of them may be on a Sunday.
- \* Table games dice and card games one for the rainier days in Winter. What better way to spend the afternoon than in front of the open fire playing period games.

If you have any ideas for projects or activities, then please let The seneschal or our Arts and Sciences officer know. We have room, we have skilled people, so lets get those skills out there.

Click here for link to calendar.



# Baronial Awards



# The Order of The Starling

The Welsh bards tell of how Branwen ferch Llŷr, one of the three matriarchs of the Mighty Dyfed, called upon a starling in her hour of need to carry a message across the Irish sea. Likewise the Barony of Krae Glas, on occasion, has mighty deeds done for it. To honour such deeds the Order of the Starling is awarded to the most worthy of its people.

**Recipients:** 

 Nicolette Du Fay
 07/04/2012

 Gwynfor Lwyd
 25/08/2012

# 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 Lwyd (Martial)	27/08/2011
Paul de Ville (Arts and Science)	16/11/2011
Yves de Lyle (Service)	13/01/2012
Martyn Fairchild (Service)	13/01/2012
Teffania de Tuckerton (A&S)	25/08/2012
Lief Magnussson (Service)	25/08/2012
Veronica Bellini (Service)	12/01/2013

# 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
Clara Luther	07/04/2012
Arganhell merch Briauc	30/09/2012

# 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:**

Envoy to Politocopolis

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

Baron's Cypher

Auðun inn illi Token - ring 27/08/2011

Baroness' Cypher

Celsa Token - button 27/08/2011

Baroness' Cypher

Ellen Meinnearach Token - button 14/07/2012 Baroness' Cypher

Veronica Bellini Token - button 25/08/2012

Baroness' Cypher
Tomasia Mariano Token - button 25/08/2012

Baron's Cypher

Clara Luther Token - ring 25/08/2012

# 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
Seigfried Zoder	16/03/2012
Thorgrim the Dwarf	07/04/2012
Goddard de Ravensar	25/08/2012
Bethony Gaitskell	14/12/2012

# Etruscan Dolphin

Etruscan Dolphin is given to those travel from afar to assist the Barony of Krae Glas.

**Recipients:** 

Dante Caldiera	15/02/2013
Clements Gascoigne	15/02/2013



# 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: <u>Seneschal</u>

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

Everard Sefar (Jason Tate)

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.

# Hospitaler and Envoy to Mundania

Leif Magnusson (Matt Curran)

Ph: 0400 669 459 Email: <u>Envoy</u>

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

Lochac

#### Marshal

Gib Purchase (David Hurst)

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**

Seigfried Zoder Email: <u>Seigfried</u>

Coordinates and encourages rapier combat within the

group.

## Captain of Archers

Miguel de Santiago (Matt Armstrong)

Ph: 0409 300 193

Email: Captain of Archers

Coordinates and encourages all forms of Archery within the group.

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Clara Luther (Kath Langmead)

Email: Arts and Sciences

**Arts and Sciences** 

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

### Herald

Tomasia Mariano (Hannah Langmead)

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

Position vacant — Please contact Seneschal if you are interested in applying.

Ph: 0405 462 362

Email: Webwright

Maintains the group's 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.