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From The Baron and Baroness



April has been a busy month, beginning with Suth Moot and Festival and ending with the final of the Twilight Tourney series at St Monica's. Our thanks to all those who organised these events and held classes or entered competitions. Your work and enthusiasm makes these events fun for us all.

Particular congratulations to the Twilight tourney series winners - Lady Beth for cooking, Lord Gilligan for entertainment and Lord Lucas for heavy combat, and becoming the new Baronial Champion. We thank Lord Gilbert for his service as Champion for the previous year, and his work in setting up the new loaner kits. It's great to see so many new people getting into armour.

We also welcome Lady Maria of St Monicas to the Baronial Household, and we look forward to getting some more household projects off the ground this year. If you have some suggestions as to things it would be good for the Barony to work on making or doing, please feel free to let us know. May will see us journeying south to our lands in Brin-a-Mor, to a certain tavern known to harbour pirates. We ask you all to attend in force and demonstrate the rewards of being in Baronial favour, and the certain doom of flouting our authority and failing to offer proper bribe... ahem gifts.

Cormac and Elspeth, Baron and Baroness Krae Glas



From The Chronicler



Greetings good gentles,

I am currently seeking assistance. During the Months of June and July I will be wayfaring to the Kingdom of Ealdormere. As such I will be unable to write an account of our Fair Barony in that time.

I am hoping that someone would act as my deputy and collect the information needed to continue to inform the populace of our goings on.

If you do not feel you could write a whole article, but are very adapt at collecting facts, then that is agreeable. Any information collected shall be added to the July Chronicle, upon my return.

At this point, there will be no June Chronicle.

However, may I now present the April Edition of The Blue Strand.

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In Court - Events



Summer Twilight Tournament Series Round 6



Baroness Elspeth, watching Baron Cormac fight

This is the first year that the STTS has had a 6th round. It was a very successful round. People came from far and near to see who would win the final round. There were even several new faces in the crowd. We welcome all who came that night.

After a lovely shared meal, we all headed to the lists field to watch the fighting. The fighters on the field were experienced and impressive to watch.

It was decided that the final round would be fought in a round robin style. In a round robin tournament, the fighters fight each other in turn, winning points with every round they won. As an additional challenge there was an enraged

elephant in the lists with them. All the fighter had to do was touch the beast, and it would trample them.

The rounds were very well fought. At the end of the night Baron Cormac stood with the most points and became the night's winner.

Being the final round of this Tournament series, the overall winners of all competitions were announced.

Bethony Gaitskell won the overall food challenges. All of her submissions were simply delightful. Gilligan O'Tomalty won the entertainment for the series. Everyone would agree that his songs were wonderful to listen to. The special category of heraldry had no one winner. There had been several entries throughout the series and beautiful heraldry by all.



Gilligan O'Tomalty Performing

Congratulations to Beth and Gilligan!

Triple Champion!

Finally on this night Krae Glas saw a new Champion take on the mantle. Congratulations to Lucas Van Aych for becoming the Krae Glas Baronial Champion. In accepting this honour, he has taken on his third mantle of fighting. He is now Krae Glas champion, Stormhold Champion and Queen's Guard. Obviously a very talented and chivalrous fighter. Well done!



Lucas (Kneeling), Future Baronial Champion, fighting Hrothgar

Baroness' Cypher

Congratulations to Gilbert Purchase and Bethony Gaitskell for receiving the Baroness' Cypher on the 26th of April. They hosted a beautiful tournament series. And with the other work they do for both Krae Glas and St Monica's it is well deserved. Beth received a button and Gib received a ring as tokens of this award. Well done both of you!



Minutiae and Hearsay



Minutiae

New Prince and Princess of Lochac.

We are pleased to announce that Lord Niáll inn Orkneyski for Lady Liadan ingen Fheradaig won the recent May Crown. They will be crowned our new King and Queen come midwinter.

NEW A&S guidelines

With the approval of their Majesties and the Kingdom Seneschal:

There will be new rules and guidelines added to A&S Handbook with regards to the Guilds in Lochac. A&S Website in the process of being updated, Please check the page for further details.

Social media policy

Like all organisations, the SCA has to adapt to new and changing forms of communications. One of these is Social Media (facebook, twitter etc). Please remember that Social Media is not an official SCA channel for the Barony.

To advertise our group, we made the decision to use Social Media as a convenient way to let people know what Krae Glas is doing. We do this by creating events in Facebook, or posting in the Facebook group upcoming event details. This is a secondary advice only

Any event posted only on Social Media sites are not official events. Events need to be approved by the Council, and then posted to the mailing list (kraeglas@googlegroups.com) or in our official newsletter (The Blue Strand). Once they are official, they can then be reposted onto Social Media.

Please note that the SCA does have a Social Media policy. The policy can be found here: <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/SCASocialMediaPolicy.pdf>

New Rapier Blade Rules

On the 27th April 2013 Their Majesties, Queen Eva and King Sir Felix announced the Kingdom of Lochac would adopt the Society's new blade rules and by doing so the new rules replace the existing blade rules contained within the Kingdom's Rapier Combat Handbook. Please see Web site for details.

Hearsay

Mutterings and rumour have been flying about the more sinister docks and shadier bars of Krae Glas; talk of unhappy crews with too little coin in their pockets. Too long since they've been off a-viking, no ships boarded, no caravans sacked. Some say it's time for a change in management, by fair means or foul.

To quell the unrest the captain of the Black Dolphin, Leif Magnússon skiphøfðingi, has issued a challenge: Any man who feels he can do better, step forward and cross blades with him! Any who can best him (and any other challengers while they're at it) may take the helm and captain the ship and lead the crew... well, until the rabble raise their voices again!

Leif Magnússon skiphøfðingi



Upcoming Events



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

Krae Glas

Axe and Sword Inn - Baronial Rapier Championship

May 25th

There will be the second round of the Baronial Rapier Championship, archery, pick up fights for the heavies. Also, armour polishing and minor repairs on demand or learn to do it yourself, or just bring a board game or an A&S project.

It's been previously mentioned that this Baronial Rapier Championship series will be based on demonstrating the necessary requirements of the role. One key requirement of the role is protecting the populace of Krae Glas and its Excellencies Baroness Elspeth and Baron Cormack. This is best achieved when you are able to stand between those weak minded souls wishing harm to those we love. For this reason double kills will be considered a failure in this series. So don't be reckless with your life as the Barony has invested a lot of resources into your equipment and training. Your sacrifice will be appreciated and mourned but despite popular culture zombies don't rise to fight on even with the added strength of a beard. So value and protect yourself so you can continue to protect the Barony.

The tournament will consist of three parts starting with a Swiss style tournament which will determine the two finalists which continue to parts 2 and 3 of the tournament. The scoring system of the Swiss style tournament will be announced on the day. To win the tournament the victor will need to earn 10 points by demonstrating both skill and service which are important requirements of a Baronial Rapier Champion. The demonstration of Service forms the second part of the tournament and is worth 5 points and the points awarded in this part of the tournament will be carried forward into the 3rd part of the tournament. The 3rd part of the tournament will end when one combatant achieves 10 points. Points will be awarded as follows in the 3rd part of the tournament:- 2pts for causing your opponent to yield, 1pt for a kill.

Potluck feast to follow. Stove/oven/fireplace available for re-heating

Time : 1:00pm till we finish.

Date: 25th of May.

Address : 8 Easton street, Wonthaggi. (Enter via back lane/Chambers street)

\$5 members/kids under 16 free.

\$10 non-members adult/\$5 non-member kids under 16.

As it is a long trip, limited accommodation can be arranged with the Proprietor.

Proprietor: Thorgrim.

Hosts: Leif and Martyn.

Just in

Gib Purchase has announced that there will be armour working at the Axe and Sword Inn. So on the 25th of May bring your unfinished or neglected armour.

The night will be full of fun and surprises and apparently hammering.



Upcoming Events



Bal d'Argent

29 June 2013

Collegium: Saturday - Findon Uniting Church, Crittenden Rd, Findon, 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 baldargent.2013@gmail.com

Booking contact: Blodeuwedd y Gath baldargent.2013@gmail.com

Midwinter 2013

July 5th - 7th

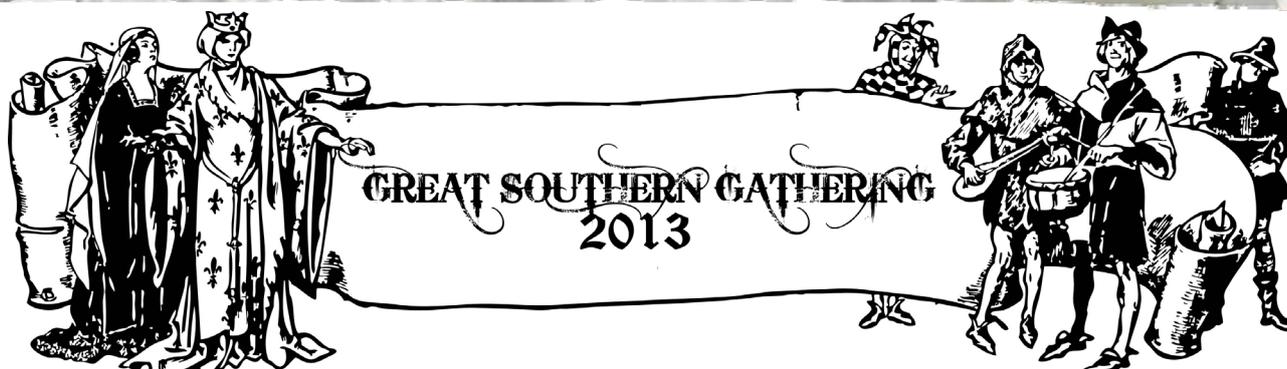
Tocal College, hosted by the Barony of Mordenvale. This beautiful green site, based on the layout of a 13th century monastery, will see a Royal changeover, tourney, arts and sciences competitions and classes, performances, children's entertainment, feasting and plenty of Mordenvale hospitality. With 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.



Upcoming Events



The Baronies of the Southern Region are proud to announce the fifth Great Southern Gathering, a series of classes on all things SCA to be held Oct. 4-7, 2013.

The aim of the Gathering is to provide an environment for the teaching of various combat and A&S subjects in a relaxed atmosphere. Classes will be taught throughout the weekend, while Sunday is a day for tourneys and various combat related activities. Garb is optional for classes on the Saturday, required for the feast on Saturday night and Sunday activities.

Time: The site opens Friday night 4th Oct. for soup kitchen, closes Monday morning Oct. 7th after breakfast for pack up and departure.

Schedule of classes: If you wish to teach a class in rapier or heavy swordplay or arts and sciences please contact Don Everard Sefar at everardsefar@solarflarecreations.com.au. A running list of classes and a draft schedule will be posted on the GSG web site with the final schedule posted a week before the event.

Site: [Longwood Camp](#), Stock Road, Mylor, SA which is 29 km. from Adelaide Airport.

Whole Weekend Adults	Cabin	\$130.00
Whole Weekend Minors	Cabin (<13yrs)	\$115.00
Whole Weekend Adults	Camp	\$90.00
Whole Weekend Minors	Camp (<13yrs)	\$75.00
Saturday Only Adults	with meals	\$50.00
Saturday Only Minors	with meals (<13yrs)	\$30.00
Sunday Only Adults	with meals	\$40.00
Sunday Only Minors	with meals (<13yrs)	\$25.00

The site has excellent facilities including a main hall and kitchen, powered cabins, showers, some camp grounds and various meeting rooms.

Accommodation: The site has two accommodation blocks with 84 bunks in total. Please bring your own bedding. There are en suite toilets in both blocks with two rooms also including show-

ers. Additional showers and toilets are available below the accommodation blocks. Under the GSG agreement priority for the cabins will be given to wayfarers, provided they book before the 18th August 2013. After that date, the cabins will be open to all on a first in, best dressed basis. Past experience has shown us that the cabins go very quickly so book early if you are wayfaring.

Costs (cut off for bookings is Friday September 27th)

Additional \$5 Non member/event fee.

Cheques payable to SCA Ltd - Innilgard

Direct deposit - ANZ BSB 015 311 Account no. 4808 24286 Please quote GSG13 and Surname.

The event is fully catered. If you have special requirements please contact the steward with details.

Event Steward: Ingerith Ryzka (Margareta Nicholas) 08 8445 8350 viscountess@optusnet.com.au

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



Regular Events



Rapier Practice & Capstone Training PM

Every Thursday 7:45 – 10:00

Fairhills High School, 330 Scoresby Road,
Knoxfield, Victoria Australia 3180

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 time-keeping). 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 armour 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 pm

Every 2nd Wednesday from 8:30

Magnolia St, Doveton

Monthly planning Meeting (After craft hall) PM

2nd Saturday Mthly 4:00 - 5:00

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 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 Magnusson (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
Baroness' Cypher	
Bethony Gaitskell Token - button	26/04/2013
Baron's Cypher	
Gilbert Purchas Token - ring	26/04/2013

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
Clemens Gascoigne	15/02/2013

