



The

Blue

Strand

Barony of

Krae Glas

Sense of Purpose

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From The Baron and Baroness



Baroness Elspeth presenting Baron Cormac With his Winners Token

From The Chronicler

Greeting Good Gentles,

Welcome to the June and July edition of The Blue Strand. I hope this finds you well, and keeping warm in this weather. My scribe had issues last month, so I have been required to combine both months together. I can assure you all is well now though and as proof bring you new of our borders.

Although it is cold and wet outside the adventures the Barony have had have been quite wonderful. The Rapier Tournament alone is becoming an event not to miss. Its conclusion at our Baronial Anniversary will be an exciting one.

There were those who were brave enough to wayfare to Bryn-a-mor, even in this weather. I am told that Bryn-a-mor turned out it's best weather as a welcome to all those who came.

So without further ado, please read on for our news.

YiS
Veronica Bellini.

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In Court - Events



Winter Rapier Tournament Series

Round 3 - 23rd June 2012

Anyone attending round three would have been extremely impressed with the combatants on the field. Although the weather was not great, the indoor section of the Lemon Scented lawns was an ideal alternative.

The format was an interesting one. There was a spinner on a board. Each round the rapier hand would line up to find out how they would be fighting. The children got to spin the arrow to choose what would be happening on the field. The options were quite varied, from fighting with your off hand or various weapons, to having to hit your opponent in a particular location to win the round.

The field was quite impressive to watch. In the end it came down to two fighters, Cameron and Miguel. After 4 rounds, including a draw, Cameron became the victor of the day. Congratulations to Cameron.

It is interesting to note that both the first and last round were won with case daggers. That is the person who won had a dagger in each hand, and no sword.

Round 4 - 14th July 2012

Bryn-a-mor may seem a distance to travel, but those attending the event thought it well worth the trip. The land bond between Krae Glas and Bryn-a-mor was clear on this day, as the weather held out beautifully throughout all the fighting and into the night.

It was a strong field of competitors, with seven entries into the lists for Rapier. The format of the main Rapier tournament was a round robin, with each entrant fighting the all other entrants as the tournament progressed.

At the end of the round robin, a draw between Everard and Siegfried resulted in a best of three challenge.

For the first bout, the combatants chose their favoured style, which Siegfried won.

The second bout required they use only their offhand which was won by Everard.

For the final deciding bout, her Excellency Baroness Elspeth requested that only a strike to the heart would be considered a win. Siegfried won this and the Tournament. Congratulations to Siegfried.

The results of Round 3:

Cameron - 4
Miguel - 4
Tobias - 3
Siegfried - 2
Leif - 2
Goddard - 0

The results of round 4:

Name - Wins
Everard - 4
Siegfried - 4
Goddard - 3
Leif - 3
Ute - 3
Miguel - 2
Yves - 2

Standings at the end of round 4

Everard Sefar	23
Siegfried Zoda	21
Leif Magnasson	18
Miguel de Santiago	14
Cameron Lynch	12
Godard Ravenser	12
Tobias Trebaidour	12
Yves de Lyle	11

After 4 of the 5 tournaments in the series the scores are very close. Who will be the next Captain of the Watch? We will obviously have to wait until the Baronial Anniversary to find out.



In Court - Events



Wayfare to Bryn-a-mor

Bryn-a-mor put on its best weather to greet the wayfarers. The day started with a wonderful round of the Winter Rapier series, which Siegfried won. The crowd was then entertained further with a Rapier demonstration of a Warlord challenge. It was highly amusing to watch as the loser became the servant to the warlord winner. In the end there were two warlords and their men fighting it out. Warlord Baroness Ute Von Tangermunde and Warlord Siegfried Zoder fought bravely. In the end it was Warlord Siegfried and his minion (yes, just one) who were victorious.

After the rapier, there was a wonderful heavy tournament. There were three entries into the lists for a short round robin heavy tournament. The entrants being Baron Cormac Lenahan, Thorgrim the Dwarf and Baron Hanbal al Barbary. The winner, after some very impressive fighting, was His Excellency, Baron Cormac.

Later Hanbal introduced the crowd to the heavy meat-grinder, which is a tag team for heavies. The idea is the winner continually fights until defeated, then they are out for a round and the winner faces the next challenger. With three entries into Heavy lists, it was quite an exciting tournament to watch. The crowd was heavily involved in cheering on the bouts, as the action was non-stop. In the end Thorgrim proved unbeatable, standing as winner for more rounds than were counted. Cormac and Hanbal graciously conceded defeat to him.



The day was finished off with some warm food and mulled wine at the Axe and Sword. The Axe and Sword is a cosy Viking tavern, with low ceilings and the walls decorated shields and weapons. The proprietor and indeed his whole family were quite friendly.



Krae Glas and guests were welcomed with a warm meal, mulled wine and some great conversation. There was also some singing, dancing and a lot of entertainment. Adjacent to the tavern there is a large reserve where the children played. It would be a great location for kubbs, or other Viking games. The next time you find yourself in Bryn-a-mor, check with the proprietor and drop in if you can.

Thank you to all those who fought, helped with lists, marshalled and heralded on the day, as well as to our gracious hosts Bryn-a-mor. The entire day, and indeed the night, was quite wonderful.

Passing the evening at the Axe and sword.



Missions to Mundania



Medieval Scouting Party

Down at Clifford Park there was a scout camp, looking at medieval activities. Naturally, we showed up. We gave demonstrations on rapier, heavy fighting, chivalry, armour, heraldry and ancient games.

Fighting and demonstrations took place to the cheerful sounds of scouts enjoying the displays and joining in on the activities. Even the passing around of a chain-mail hood was greeted with many questions and exclamations about its weight.

It seemed the scouts were impressed with both heavy and rapier fighting displays, along with the beautiful and lethal display Thorgrim had provided.

However, there is only one thing that can sum up the entire weekend's demonstration. Finger Braiding.

Just about every scout there walked away with a braid. Just about every adult there walked away with the knowledge of how to make a four loop finger braid. Bright coloured braids could be seen far and near.

There was a large amount of fun had by all. So much so that we may be asked to attend future scout demonstrations.



Thorgrim's lethal display.





Krae Glas Younglings



During the third round of the Winter Rapier Series, a unique talent was discovered. Branwen of Krae Glas was the very best spinner that Krae Glas has seen. She was very good at spinning up the entertaining possibilities for Round 3 of the Winter Rapier Series. She was also very diligent in her duty, staying until the end of the tournament.

Well done Branwen!



Minutiae and Hearsay



Minutiae

Insurance — The insurance company (AoN) has now required SCA Ltd to collect \$5 per head for non-members every time they wish to attend any activity covered by the insurance. This will require a new definition/ term instead of Event Memberships as it is no longer just for Events. This includes fighter practice, Arts and Sciences as well as feasts, tournaments etc.

Colleges are covered by the Universities insurance as long as they have enough college members attending for the University to consider the event as 'benefiting' the student population. The upside is they don't have to charge the \$5 for non-members attending things like fighter training.

Hearsay

It is rumoured that the current Captain of the Company of the Black Dolphin is planning sabotage in the final round of the WRTS. He wishes to rule the land as well as the sea, as it is said. With the prestigious position of Captain of the Watch to be given to the victor of the series. He is not far behind those currently in the lead. He has been overheard speaking of assassins and bribery. Will he succeed? Or will the secret weapon of bacon win out against him?



Some one say bacon?



Upcoming Events



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

Krae Glas:

Winter Rapier Tournament Series

Fifth Round – At The First Krae Glas Baronial Anniversary

- **August 25th**

For further details click below:

<http://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/winter-rapier-tourney-series-2012/>

The 1st Krae Glas Baronial Anniversary

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25th August 2012

At: Mt Waverley Youth Centre

45 Miller cresley, Mt Waverley

From 2PM – 10:30 PM

BOOKINGS close on the 18th of August.

Come and join in the pageantry for the celebration of Krae Glas becoming a Barony. This auspicious event will include the final of the Winter Rapier series, as well as entertainment and delights to satisfy all your senses. There shall be included in the festivities, a great feast, with two removes.

There shall also be an Arts and Sciences competition. As the 1st anniversary gift is traditionally paper, your entry should reflect this. As always, extra points for documentation.

Event Stewards: Leif Magnusson, Miguel Rodriguez de Santiago, Veronica Bellini

Bookings: [Veronica Bellini](#)

For more information, including the booking form and prices, please go here.

<http://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/1st-baronial-anniversary/>

The Great Southern Gathering (GSG)

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28th September – 1st October 2012

GSG is a relaxed annual event offering a variety of classes for those interested in the Arts and Sciences, Armoured Combat and Fencing, with a mix of tournaments and Prize fights on the Sunday. GSG is an annual event which rotates between Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and this year it's the Barony of Krae Glas' pleasure to host this regional event.

Venue:- Clifford Park Activity Centre, 7 Clifford Dr Wonga Park VIC (Melways 24 J6)

Event Steward:- Don Everard Sefar. For further information or to obtain an early booking form, contact Everard on everardsefar@gmail.com

Information about this upcoming event can be found at, including the booking form

<http://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/great-southern-gathering-iv/> .

Beyond our fair borders:

A Night in Palermo

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3rd November 2012

The Guilds of Middle Eastern Dancing and Cookery invite one and all to "An Evening in Palermo"

Before the armies are sent off on Crusade, there will be an evening of frivolity and competition, to appease the Norman Court of Sicily. Dishes reflecting the best of the different peoples of Sicily is to be presented, to be judged on authenticity, presentation, execution, documentation and complexity. The Greeks, Arabs, Italians and Normans can thus enjoy a friendlier rivalry (for the time being)! Please email the Steward to book and advise if entering the competition.

From 5pm

Event Site : Chandler Room, Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, 157 Union Road, Surrey Hills VIC 3127

Event Steward: [Miriam bat Shimeon](#)

November Crown

9th to the 11th November 2012

The shire of Adora is proud to host November Crown this November.

Bookings close on 7 October 2012.

Please note that the Feast is capped to 100 people so if you wish to attend book soon!

<http://adora.lochac.sca.org/november-crown/>

Bookings please email [Lady Phedre de Caravelle](#)

For anything else please email [Lady Alessandra](#)



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

Archery (target and basic combat) Every Friday from 7:00 PM
Lemon Scented Lawns
Near Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
Building 63, Monash University

Fighter Training Every Friday from 8:00 PM
Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
Building 63, Monash University

Early Music Instrumental/Vocal Group Every Friday from 6:00 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 Craffthall 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](#)



Capstone Training



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

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
Yves de Lyle (Service)	13/01/2012
Martyn Fairchild (Service)	13/01/2012

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:

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
Seigfried Zoder	16/03/2012
Thorgrim the Dwarf	07/04/2012

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



Contacts



The Baron and Baroness of Krae Glas Baron Cormac Lenihan and Baroness Elsbeth 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.

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

Seigfried Zoder
Email: [Seigfried](#)

Coordinates and encourages rapier combat 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

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

Paul de la Ville (Paul Harrison)
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.