



The

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Strand

Barony of

Krae Glas

Sense of Purpose

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From The Baron and Baroness



A very busy month for events has just passed, and a very big one for planning is coming up. A big thanks to the people of the College of St. Monica for running a very enjoyable Twilight Tourney, and to Lucas van Aych for winning the tourney despite a couple of pretty handy opponents pushing him hard.

A few of us also got to see the venue for the Sunday of Twelfth Night. Located in Hastings it has great potential for events, and even an appropriate location name if we wish to do something 1066 themed. We also held a demo at the site, for which I should thank Leif, Miguel and Veronica for their assistance on short notice.

On the Kingdom front we have a new Crown Prince and Princess. Felix and Eva will be the first King and Queen of Lochac from Innilgard. The last Prince and Princess from Innilgard were Finnian and Lucrezia who stepped down at Twelfth Night in 1996. Huzzah for Innilgard and the South.

December sees the usual William Marshal and Twilight Tourney events, but also a lot of planning from the Twelfth Night team. Any help would be greatly appreciated, including offers of billeting for interstate visitors. Not only is this a great way to meet people from other SCA groups, it's also good motivation to get the house nice and clean.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas, however they plan to spend it, and finish the year with as much enjoyment as we've had during it.

Yours in Service,
Cormac and Elspeth.



From The Chronicler



Greetings Good Gentles,

I am delighted to tell you that we have a very special writer this month. Baron Cormac has kindly submitted an article on November Crown. It is quite an entertaining read.

With that in mind, if anyone would like to submit something for the Blue Strand, please do so. It can be a few lines about an event you attended, or your favourite recipe. Perhaps you found some historical references that the known world would be richer for knowing.

It does not even have to be an article. Perhaps you captured that perfect picture of the final round of a tournament, or saw some younglings doing some impressive stuff. Whatever your entry may be, feel free to send it in.

And so, without further ado, I give you the November edition of The Blue Strand.

Veronica Bellini

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In Court - Events



November Crown Report

There are moments in the SCA that people sometimes refer to as "The Dream". For me these tend to come at odd times, and are not always surrounded by strictly period activities. For me one of these moments happened after a nine hour drive to November Crown (including a detour, because as it turns out I was supposed to go past the "Road Closed" sign) as I was taking my things into the bunkhouse. There was not a lot of room in the bunkhouse, so people had elected to leave their armour out the front. There, amongst the bags of equipment, were shields displaying the devices of many of the people who would be fighting the next day. This casual heraldic display got me suddenly caught up with the excitement of what promised to be a great tournament.

After a pleasant evening of dancing and chatting to some of Duke Cornelius' newly trained fighters (seriously there is some good talent his school is starting to turn out) the day of the tourney dawned. This was a good field as not only were there a large number of nights, but there were a handful of unbelted fighters capable of going all the way too. Crown was run as an Atlantean speed Tourney, leading to four semi-finalists. The unbeaten Sir Felix fought Iarla Bran, while the unbeaten Honourable Lord Andrew Daniels of Brockwood (fighting Florentine) met Sir Thorolf. Despite losing one bout to Sir Thorolf, Andrew Daniels met Felix in the final. The final was fought as a best of three, but after Felix won the first bout emphatically I thought it would be all over in two bouts. Andrew Daniels was fighting superbly but Felix simply looked unstoppable. I was proved wrong however when Andrew Daniels refused to allow Felix to take control and won the second bout. Nevertheless Sir Felix prevailed in the third and final bout thus winning the tourney.

During court that afternoon Felix and Eva were made the first Crown Princess of Lochac from Innilgard. In the same court Mistress Filippa Ginevra Francesca di Lucignano was admitted into the order of the Laurel. The rest of the event was an enjoyable mix of feasting (the food all weekend was very good), socialising and fighting a rose tourney on the Sunday. I fully commend the people of Adora for their welcoming and friendly nature, while organising a large event without a hiccup.

Yours in Service
Cormac





In Court - Events



Report on Bash & Broidery

Bash and Broidery took place at a very special location this month. It was re-located from the usual dwelling of our esteemed Baron & Baroness to the Sunday site of the upcoming 12th Night.

A very relaxing day was enjoyed in which there was much exploring, discussing and even some climbing of trees.

It is an excellent venue. Those that attended are looking forward to the Sunday of 12th Night.

Some of the features of the location include

Kids playground / play area

Full sized football oval

several areas suitable for mixed war scenarios (woods battles)

open spaces suitable for lists fields / pitching tents

toilets with showers (4 showers in the mens, 3 in the womens)

squash courts, also with toilet/showers

4 on site electric BBQs

Moderate sized hall, with an undercover veranda area at the front

large number of parking spaces, not marked but plenty of available spaces.

There is a kitchenette area, but no oven or stove. It has a micowave, and pie warmer.



The Blue Steel Recreation facility is located on Denham rd, Hastings.

It is just one hour from the heart of Melbourne. It may sound like a long way to go, But really it's straight down the South Gippsland Free-way and continue onto the Western Port highway. The only turn is a sharp left at the end. Denham road is very well signed coming from that direction. Just go straight though all the roundabouts until you

reach the one signed as Denham road.

<http://www.street-directory.com.au/sd3/map.php?q=denham rd, hasting>

Overall, it looks to be a great site, very suitable for us for a range of activities.

The general consensus of the people that attended is that they are looking forward to using the site in future.



Aerial view of the site,

Including the Football Oval, Hall with covered area (1) and Squash courts (2)



Missions to Mundania



BlueScope Steel Christmas party

The day dawned warm and sunny as a small contingent headed down to the BlueScope Steel Christmas party, to show off exactly what the SCA could do.

All those who went to the BlueScope Christmas party for the demo will agree it was quite the wonderful day. Elspeth, Cormac, Leif, Miguel and myself were there, showing exactly what we could do. We set up the sunshades and the new tent Elspeth has just finished painting. We made quite the impressive sight, with many a person stopping to compliment us.

We had a beautiful display, which included embroidery, appliqué, reference books, heraldry and armour. The armour was by far the most popular, with many a person picking up and even trying on the equipment. Most people were amazed about how heavy it was.

The most impressive part of our day, and the biggest crowd draw, was the rapier display. Once it had cooled slightly, Elspeth, Miguel and Leif all took to the field. The display was very well received. People asked when the next display would be, long after we had finished for the day.



Elspeth and Miguel demonstrating rapier for the crowds.

There were many people asking questions and taking business cards. It was a very successful mission to Mundania.

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Minutiae and Hearsay



Minutiae

12th Night Billeting Request

Thanks to everyone who has offered to billet people over the 12th Night weekend. If there is anyone else who can offer a bed or some floor space for the event, please contact me. At present we have more people needing billets than we have billets on offer.

It's a great opportunity to get to know someone from outside the Barony, so please give it some thought.

Regards
Elspeth

New Finance Policy

Greetings all from the SCA Ltd Board (Australia) A new SCA Ltd Finance Policy is now in force. The electronic version of this, and other SCA Ltd policy documents can be found in the policy section at <http://sca.org.au/committee/index.php?page=governance>. Policy documents on this page are the most up to date versions and take precedence over paper copies and copies on other web sites.

All paper copies of previous finance policies should be destroyed. Please note that this policy relates only to the SCA in Australia. Carolyn Fraser, Secretary, SCA Ltd

New Reeve

Welcome to the barony's newest officer. Everard Sefar has been accepted as the new Reeve of Krae Glas. He is in the middle of the formal handover and set up of the office.

We wish to say a very special thanks to Nicolette DuFay who has been our Reeve for far longer than most two year warrants. You have done a wonderful job and we all appreciate it greatly.

Hearsay

There have been few sighting of our privateers of late.

It is supposed by some, that they are engaging in clandestine operations against our foes, though the very existence of these foes seems a matter of debate.

Others suggest that the crew may be biding their time, building their numbers and preparing for a full-scaledefensive operation.

Still others, though a minority, say that the Company of the Black Dolphin have all hung up their rapiers and fancy hats for the simple lives of honest townsfolk.

Which, if any, of these are true? We may never know.



Upcoming Events



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

Krae Glas: The Summer Twilight Tourney Series part 2: 1050-1200 AD - 14th December 2012

Set in the region of Brittany, this series will follow the growth of Krae Glas from a small village in 600 AD, through to a large and magnificent Barony in 1600 AD.

Time: 6:00pm

Armour inspection: 6:30pm, Tournament start: 7pm

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

Heavy tourney theme: Battle of Hastings melee (and other fun fighting)

Cost: Contribution to potluck. Entry is free for Monash University members and children. Gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to establishing loaner armour kits for the College.

ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Food: Preserved vegetables

Drink: beverage documentable from 1050-1200

Entertainment: a musical piece, poetry or song from 1050-1200

Heraldry: Do your creative talents lie in the non-culinary domain? This is for you! Cumulative points will be given across the tourney series for your heraldic creations. Registration of names/ devices, banners, tabards, clothing, favours, list shields etc. Already have a name and device? Expand your personal heraldic display, or how about create something for the Barony or College of St Monica? Remember: registering a name and device is FREE.

For Further Details, please Contact Beth Johnson

The 12th Night 2013 - 12th – 13th January 2013

Saturday: Mulgrave Community Centre (355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave, Melways 80 D1)

Site opens at 10am. Opening court is at 11am.

Sunday: BlueScope Steel Recreation Centre, (Denham road, Hastings, Melways 155 A1)

Site opens at 10am

Children's activities are offered. Saturday and Sunday will have a market.

Bookings for the Feast have closed. Only bookings for Off Board (Without food) are being accepted

Please note: Off Board bookings are located at the back of the hall.

Further Details, including the A&S competition can be found on the web site: <http://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/twelfth-night-coronation/>

Steward: [Miquel de Santiago](#)

Booking officer: [Veronica Bellini](#)

Billeting: [Elspeth Caerwent](#)

Suth Moot V - 29th March – 1st April 2013

Greetings all,

So that next years Suth Moot can go ahead, we need someone who would like to be the Event Steward and start setting the event into motion.

If you would like to assist with stewarding the event, then please contact Myself on kryndal@gmail.com to discuss where we are at.

Likewise, if you are interested in running workshops, A&S classes, tournaments, etc.. then please contact myself with your details.

At this stage, we want to run the event, but with Easter being early next year, and a number of people planning on attending Festival, we are not sure if this event will be scaled back in scope. In the first instance, we need the stewarding team in place and then we will be in a better position to make further decisions from there.

YiS
Martyn Fairchild
Seneschal



Upcoming Events



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

Beyond our fair borders:

Woodworking workshop

- Saturday 29 December 2012

"Use hand tools to make a pine bench seat or 6 board chest"

Saturday 29 December 10am - 6pm then BBQ

220 Jasper Rd (Antonia's house)

IF IT IS RAINING THE WORKSHOP WILL BE POSTPONED.

lunch - BYO everything BBQ afterwards - BYO meat and drink. Bread and salad provided.

Learn some simple hand tool techniques and either observe, have a bit of a go, or make something to take away.

Workshop will cover:

Safety, caring for the tools, selecting timber, measuring and marking out, sawing, cutting mortise and tenon joints and rebate joints, assembly and finishing.

types of hinges - attaching hinges and making a gimmal hinge from split pins will be demonstrated.

Please email me if you would like to attend. I may need to cap numbers.

If you can bring saws, hand drills and/or chisels please let me know.

antonia.sca@optusnet.com.au

Antonia di Lorenzo

Rowany Festival

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Thursday 28th March to Tuesday 2nd April 2013

Greetings, Bookings for Rowany Festival 2013 are now open. Rowany Festival will take place from Thursday 28th March till Tuesday 2nd April 2013.

All information is available on the Rowany website <http://festival.lochac.sca.org/booking-summary/> Equipment bookings will be available soon.

You will need an attendance booking in order to book equipment. The first price rise will be at the end of November.

Festival Stewards: Gudrun and Ladislaus Rowany

Border War XV

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23 February 2013

Group Hosting Event : Bordescros

8 am

Camp Kurrajong, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 AU

Steward: Cairistiona inghean Raghnaill

Stewards email :Borderwar15@hotmail.com

Stormhold Winterfeast and Baronial Investiture

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13 July 2013

5pm, Fitzroy Town Hall, Fitzroy VIC AU

Steward: Sara van den Hove

Stewards email :khovenga@gmail.com

Booking deadline : 7/7/2013

Booking contact : Genna inghean BraonÁjin uÁ- Amaind

Booking email :hatsbyheath@hotmail.com

Bookings will be via the booking form on the event page and payments should be made by direct deposit following the instructions sent with your booking confirmation.



Regular Events



Rapier Practice & Capstone Training

Every Thursday 7:45 – 10:00 PM

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 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 2nd Wednesday from 8:30 pm

Magnolia St, Doveton

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

Calendar for the Shire of Krae Glas, the College of St Monica, and Guild meetings

Today	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sep 1
	1:30pm SuthGild Scribes Workshops				7:45pm Rapier Practice & Capstone Trai 8pm Capstone Training & Practice	Baronial Seneschal's Report due 6pm Friday night medieval activities 8:15pm Fighter Training		
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[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 (Arts and Science)	25/08/2012
Lief Magnusson (Service)	25/08/2012

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
Baroness' Cypher	Ellen Meinnearach	14/07/2012	Token - button
Baroness' Cypher	Veronica Bellini	25/08/2012	Token - button
Baroness' Cypher	Tomasia Mariano	25/08/2012	Token - button
Baron's Cypher	Clara Luther	25/08/2012	Token - ring

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

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



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

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.

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

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.