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Sense of Purpose

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From The Baron and Baroness



We would like to take this opportunity to bid a warm welcome back to the Blue Strand, and look forward to reading it in the months to come.

Aside from the reinstatement of our newsletter this has been a busy time of year for Krae Glas. As usual for this time of year we are in the middle of our Summer Twilight Tourney Series. Some of us will be travelling to Stormhold to defend our position as chess champions in the Chess Challenge. We have also just taken part in "Geekfest" in Coal Creek, which was a great event, and for which special thanks needs to go to Toof Iddy and the populace of Phoenix Rise for their organisational role. Not only was it a great event to attend, it was an enjoyable site to be a part of.

There is however one thing that we feel has been lacking in the Barony recently, and that is award nominations. If you know of somebody who has been working hard for the Barony and whose efforts have thus far been overlooked, please let us know so that we can suitably recognise their efforts.

There are two pieces of news in the larger SCA that we would like to touch on. The first is the ascension of a new King and Queen (or in this case Khagan and Khatun), and we wish Kinggiyadai Khagan I and Altani Khalighu Yeke Khatun I a successful rein. The second is the creation of a fourth peerage order, the Order of Defense. This is a new peerage for fencers whose first members shall be inducted this coming May.

As ever we remain proud to call this Barony our home and wish all within it continued success and enjoyment.

Yours in Service,
Cormac and Elspeth



From The Chronicler



Greetings good gentles,

Welcome back to The Blue Strand. After a sabbatical, I am happy to report that I have returned full of enthusiasm. Our fair Barony will once again be penned for future posterity.

There has been so much that happened in the last year. Our Barony turned a year older. Gilbert Purchase became Champion, again. Miguel de Santiago became captain of the Black Dolphin. Emmett Thorgrimsson became Page, replacing Peregrine. These are just the highlights of the year past.

Following is what has occurred in the last month. As always, if you have any articles or pictures you would like to submit. They can be sent to kg.chronicler@gmail.com

And now, without further ado I present the First 2015 edition.

YiS

Veronica Bellini, Chronicler returned

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In Court - Events



Summer Twilight Tournament Series – Round 2

Saturday was a bright sunny day.

The perfect day to witness the defence of the Mongol Empire from the traitorous Red Turbans.



Erasmus fighting Leif the Mongol (in borrowed armour)

Many a fighter was called out as being a spy. Some were called out for other things, like not having a beard. The challenges ranged from combat challenges, such as a meat grinder until the defender actually won a bout, to having the person's name changed for the day. One person even called out the baronial herald, Miguel, who was allowed a champion. 'Miguel' won the bout.

Many a serious and silly challenge was called, and answered. For instance, Leif is to have his beard dyed the colour of his eldest daughter's choice, for the dishonour of losing a bout. As it was a tournament by voting, anyone was eligible to win. The Herald came very close to win this first ever heavy tournament.

However, I am happy to report that an actual heavy fighter won the day.

Erasmus of St Monica's proved victorious. Though at the time, he was wearing the name "Mrs Bun the Baker's wife" due to losing a challenge. Yes the challenges had become that silly. It was well

worth watching, just to see what challenges would be issued.

The A&S was an interesting challenge. A revolting medicine. Beth won this, with a cure for Jaundice. As I do not have Jaundice after sampling this medicine, I declare it a complete success.

I am also happy to report that one of our most active martial advocates received the prestigious Baronial award of Apollo Dolphinus - Martial. Well deserved, Airdin Mac Dara who has



Airdin receiving the Apollo Dolphinus

not stopped planning, assisting marshalling and generally helping all heavy fighters enjoy the tournaments.



The next STTS is due to take place on the 14th of February at Elizabeth Bridge Reserve, Durham Road, Mooroolbark.



Missions to Mundania



Demonstration at Geekfest

On the 17th of January a fair number of people took themselves off to Bryn-a-mor for a demonstration at the mundane event "Geekfest". We had 25 people attend the event, under the SCA banner.



Flying our colours. Visitors were greeted with this sight.

There were several pavilions and tents in our area. The banners fluttered in the breeze, instantly transporting spectators into our beloved world.

There was a strong showing of the martial arts of heavy and rapier. There were also quite a lot of A&S projects, both being worked on and on display.

The spectators were curious and asked many questions. Everything was asked about. The heavy and rapier fighting, the garb people wore, the horn and lace making that was taking place; all were subjects that kept the spectators happily engaged in conversations about the SCA. At one point there was also a demonstration of grinding rice into flour, which drew it's own crowd when the fighting stopped for a break.

We had people of all ages in the demonstrations. This encouraged spectators of all ages to ask questions, and take a business card.

Overall it was a very well-run demonstration. It was also Toof Iddy's first time as event steward. Very well done! A great event to attend and start the year with.



Gib Purchase Showboating for the crowd, after winning a bout.

The event ran very smoothly and was a great time for both participants and spectators.



Fencers, Leif and Miguel, preparing to demonstrate to the crowd



Some of the A&S on display



Minutiae and Hearsay



Minutiae -Known World

New Peerage - Order of Defense

Greetings, subjects of Lochac.

As you may be aware, the SCA Inc's Board of Directors has determined to create a new Order of Peerage; the Order of Defence, for prowess excellence in the field of Rapier, and Cut & Thrust combat.

The Order will open on the 1st of May, 2015, and the Board has waived the requirements for Us to consult with members of the Order in order to elevate members to the Order, since there are no members.

We would like Our decision to be an informed one, and so we ask you to make recommendation to Us for suitable candidates to become the premier members of the new Order.

Please send them to Royal@lochac.sca.org

Kinggiyadai Khagan

Minutiae - Kingdom level

Law change addition

Greetings on behalf of their Majesties Niall and Liadan, I am advertising a change to the Laws of the Kingdom. This Law change was announced, in full, during the first court at 12th Night.

An additional award was added to the those noted in the Laws of Lochac.

VI.8.xi The Order of the Golden Poyntel

The Order of the Golden Poyntel may be bestowed upon those the Crown finds deserving of honour, for achievement and or service in the Scribal Arts for the Lochac College of Scribes.

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Victorian Sword laws and required Statuary declaration

Reminder that the Sword laws have changed in Victoria. If your membership expired after June 2014, you need to fill in a Stat dec to be allowed to continue to fence with metal weapons in Victoria.

The declaration can be found via:-

<http://sca.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Application-for-SCA-Ltd-Weapons-Exemption-within-Victoria.pdf>

You are welcome to fill it out before your membership expires. It is required after. Eventually all metal weapons uses will need to fill it out. Instructions about who to contact at in the document.

Barons and Baronesses of Lochac - A historical record.

Presenting the Barons and Baronesses of Lochac, possibly the largest page on the history website to date with over 70 images: <http://history.lochac.sca.org/people/landedgentry>

Photos of the vast majority of Barons and Baronesses have been included, however, if you have a photo to add of them, I'd love to hear from you! Furthermore, if you have a clear image of one of the various sets of baronial coronets, I'd also love to hear from you! I can be contacted by email at: historian@sca.org.au<<mailto:historian@sca.org.au>>

Lastly, thank you ever so much to everyone who has contributed to this page by submitting images. It couldn't have been done without your generous assistance.

Regards,

Ceara Shionnach

Kingdom Historian

Baronial Level



Minutiae and Hearsay



Minutiae – Baronial Level

Position Vacant – Deputy Knight Marshal.

If anyone out there is interested in being a Deputy Knight Marshal for KG, please contact me on at davidnicholashurst@gmail.com Alternatively you can contact the Seneschal on kg.seneschal@gmail.com Gilbert Purchase (Baronial Knight Marshal & Deputy Seneschal)

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Festival planning

If you're planning to camp with Krae Glas this year at Festival, could you please contact me off-list with the following information:

- How many of you (adults and kids)
- Whether you've booked yet
- Period tent or mundane? and how many of each. Approx. footprint would be useful.
- Whether you're cooking on site (some may be staying in bunkhouse but eating with us)
- What arrangements you've made (if any) for seating, tables, showers, cooking gear etc.

I'll be arranging a planning meeting for Feb, this is just to get an idea beforehand.

Baroness Elspeth Email to cathy.leviston@gmail.com
Rowany Camp organiser.

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New Krae Glas Reeve

I am pleased to warrant Antoinette Stryk (Antoinette Travaillie) as the Krae Glas reeve for the period from the 5th of February 2015 to the 4th of February 2017, subject to the usual two-week commentary period. Please make this decision public as soon as possible along with the commentary period (this can be done on the Group mailing list).

Yours in Service,
Thomas Bacchus, Lochac Exchequer

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Research and other

Lochac Cunnan

Cunnan is Lochac wiki containing a wealth of information for re-enactors of the Middle Ages and Renaissance with a heavy slant towards members of the SCA. It is believed to be the largest SCA-related wiki in the world, but anyone can edit our articles. So add research information, how-to pages, event information and anything else you can think of. Cunnan (<http://cunnan.lochac.sca.org/index.php>)

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Spanish Medieval music resource

<http://www.gaita.co.uk/publications.html>
Both submitted by Yves de Lyle

Hearsay

Sparse have been the rumours of that most enigmatic group of privateers in these past few months. There is talk that a new Captain has risen to power, but can his ascension have been as bloodless and peaceful as rumour would have it? There have been rumours of the Black Dolphin being readied to once again set sail on "border patrol". Whose borders, and on which side? We must wait and see.



Upcoming Events



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

Krae Glas

Summer Revolting Twilight Tourney Series - Part 3!

14 February 2015

Elizabeth Bridge Reserve, Durham Road, Mooroolbark, Victoria, Australia 3137

There is also a series prize from the Baron and Baroness of a *helm* for the best up-and-coming fighter (Authorized <2 years).

Time: 4pm - late.

4pm setup; 5pm tourney starts

Prices: \$5 for adults (age 16+; add \$5 for non-SCA members). Child SCA members free.

*This event is potluck. Please bring along a plate of medieval food to share (serves 6-8)

Theme:

Peasants' Revolt/Great Rising (1381: England)

Tourney theme: Pandy bat

A&S: Revolting clothing: two categories

a) Share that accidentally revolting piece of clothing or armour you made (hideous colour? weird fabric? totally didn't fit you?! finished and unfinished items accepted. Please bring documentation for what you were attempting to make.

b) One of those genuinely medieval weird/revolting clothing or armour items

Summer Revolting Twilight Tourney Series - Part 4

March 7-9

Labour day weekend: Location TBA

Nine Years' War (Ireland) 1595-1604

Tourney theme: Lava/cow hide tourney - Scottish

A&S: Revolting art: a painting, soteltie, sculpture, wood carving etc. with a bit of medieval sense of humour.

Beyond our fair borders:

Chess Challenge

February 7th, 11am to 5pm.

To be held at Harleston Park, Seymour Rd,

You are cordially invited to witness the Barony of Stormhold and the Barony of Krae Glas battle once more in the Chess Challenge! Only one Barony can bear the title of Chess Champion for the year. Both sides call for their populace to help them win the title with their chosen challenger, by taking the place of pieces on the field of chess. Surely the Chess Champion will be gracious in victory and ransom the taken populace back...

There is also a tourney for heavy fighters. The tourney rules are-

Round 1 - Pawns: Everyone to fight with sharpened sticks (thrusting spears).

Round 2 - Knights: Counted Blows, in which each fighter gets to throw five blows or three good blows with arms & legs not lost.

Round 3 - Bishops: Maces and shields.

Round 4 - Rooks: Sword and large shield (defence)

Round 5 - Queens: Queens are the best protected and each combatant fights with two guardsmen drawn at random, fight to end with the death of the "queen"

Round 6- Kings: All fighters take to the field to defend the last two combatants or "Kings". To be repeated until there is a winner.

Please be aware that this is a pot-luck picnic.

Bookings not required.

Price:

Adult members \$6

Adult non-members \$11

Child member \$3

Child non-member \$8

For any questions, please contact the steward

TH Lady Miriam bat Shimeon (Miriam Staples) on miriam.staples@gmail.com



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

Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
Building 63, Monash University

Every Friday 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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

Central 1 lecture theatre foyer,
Building 63, Monash University

Every Friday from 8:15 PM

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.

Krae Glas Heavy Training and Rapier Practice

Magnolia St, Doveton

Every 2nd Tuesday from 8:30 pm

Monthly planning Meeting (After craft hall)

PM

Magnolia St, Doveton

2nd Saturday Mthly 4:00 - 5:00

Monthly Craffhall

Magnolia St, Doveton

2nd Saturday Mthly 1:30 – 7:00 PM

Plans for future Craffhalls -

There is a celebratory birthday occurring in August. There are plans afoot to create some more beautiful displays. There is also, underway the creation of some nice benches that travel well. Craft Hall will be from 1pm until 5pm, with council meeting from 4pm until 5pm. \$5 members, \$10 non-members.

[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
Leif Magnusson (Service)	25/08/2012
Veronica Bellini (Service)	12/01/2013
Miguel Rodriguez de Santiago (Service)	25/05/2013
Everard Sefar (Martial)	24/08/2013
Gwir verch Madog (A&S)	24/08/2013
Gwir verch Madog (Service)	24/08/2013
Isobel Rosewell (Service)	19/04/2014
Airdin Mc Dara (Martial)	24/01/2015

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
Bethony Gaitskell	24/08/2013

Note from the Chronicler:

This is not a full list. If you have received an award and your name is not here, apologies. The complete list will be in the next issue.

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 - fork		27/08/2011
Baron's Cypher		
Audun 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
Baroness' Cypher		
Antje Mattias	Token - ring	21/04/2014

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
Dmitri Rozenov	24/08/2013
Simon of Krae Glas	24/08/2013
Louisa of Krae Glas	24/08/2013
Marcus ap Gwion	19/04/2014

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
Aylwin Greymane	24/08/2013
Ingerith Ryzka	24/08/2013



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

Gwir verch Madog (Sue Barzda-Ryan)
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 Armstrong)
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: [Envoy](#)
The Envoy to Mundania maintains friendly relations with Mundania, a key trading partner of the Kingdom of Lochac

Marshal

Gib Purchase (David Hurst)
Ph: 0432 948 508
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.

Captain of Archers

Position Vacant – please contact the Seneschal if interested (VACANT)
Coordinates and encourages all forms of Archery within the group.

Arts and Sciences

Veronica Bellini (Monica Armstrong)
Email: [Arts and Sciences](#)
Encourages the pursuit of any arts and sciences through classes, workshops, informal gatherings and competitions.

Herald

Miguel de Santiago (Matt Armstrong)
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

Theophilus Balsamon (Estel Talroval)
Email: [Constable](#)
Responsible for site and event safety, indemnities/waivers and lost property.

Web Minister

Yves De Lyle (Jamie Le Rossignol)
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.

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