

The Blue Strand

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Are there undead Bartians in this photo? We may never know!! Photo by Lady Mariota Blackwood.

Collegians vs Zombies

Ghost of St Bart’s Revives; Defeats Two Colleges at ICW; Vanishes

———— JOANNA OF BREADWOOD

The Bartians.... are coming....

Participants have been left scared and mystified after the College of St Bartholomew, which sadly passed in A.S XLVIII, managed to come in sixth place at the most recent Inter-College War, defeating two interstate colleges and nipping at the heels of their living cousin, the fair College of St Monica (most beauteous and frog-like college in all of Lochac), which came in fifth place.

The Blue Strand spoke to one event attendee, Lady Mariota Blackwood, who recalled with some concern: “I was surprised to have one chase after me, I wasn’t aware I actually had a brain.” She continued, “But then they were actually really nice and just wanted to say hi. So it was all okay.”

This was not the only report *The Blue Strand* received about the undead Bartians being highly courteous. It seems most event attendees, despite some initial wariness, were more than pleased to be at an ICW with such a kind college, even if they did appear to have been reanimated through some unknown necromantic power.

“We’re all a little different. We’ve all got our stuff going on. The SCA is for everyone, and we shouldn’t judge.” Morris Morse Morley Morecocke told *The Blue Strand*.

Others registered some concern over how a deceased college even ended up in the running for most courteous college in Lochac. When pressed for an answer, one member of the stewarding team, who elected to remain anonymous, told *The Blue Strand*: “I tallied up the points. I can assure you my brains are still intact. Nothing is wrong. Nothing is wrong.” Almost immediately they added, “The Passalaquans have to cross through the Barony of Mordenvale and the Barony of Rowany on their way to our lands. I don’t wish to point fingers, but there’s only two Colleges up there that could have intercepted them in the darkness and prevented their arrival...” which was very interesting, given that our interview team never even asked...

St Bart’s could not be contacted for comment (on account of being dead).

WHAT’S ON?

September Activities

- Thursday 10th September – Fighter Training + A&S
- Saturday 12th September – Crafhall (Spring Cleaning) – Birthday Ball bookings close!
- Tuesday 15th September – Council Meeting
- Thursday 17th September – Fighter Training + A&S
- Saturday 19th September – Birthday Ball
- Sunday 20th September – Archery Training
- Thursday 24th September – Fighter Training + A&S

More information:
<https://kraeglas.lochac.sca.org/>

Awards Given:

Latest awards in Krae Glas

On the 29th of Aug A.S. LXI.

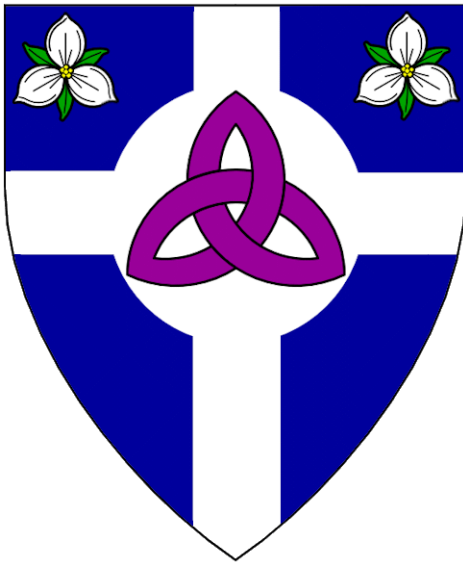
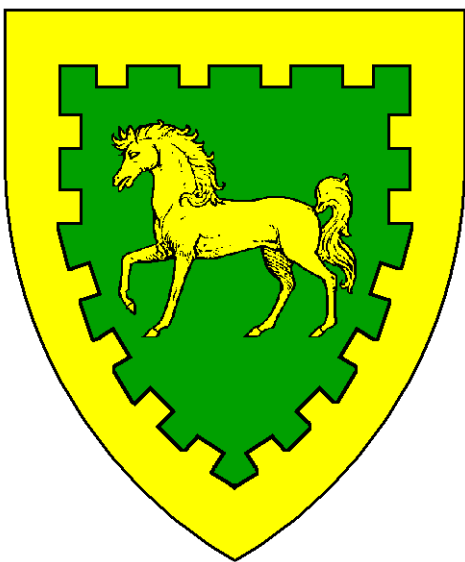
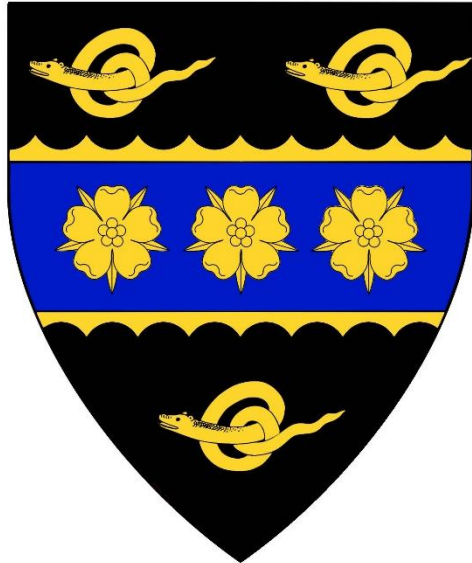
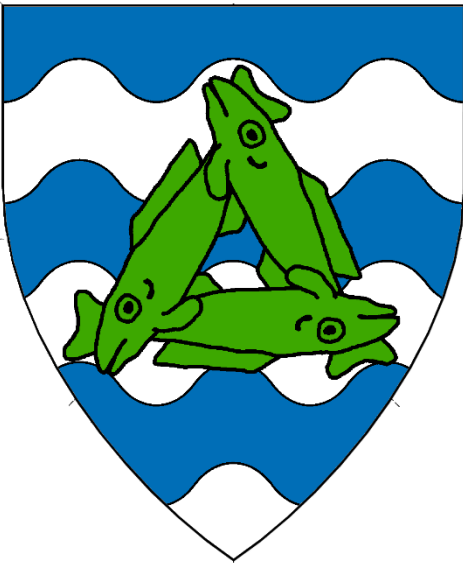
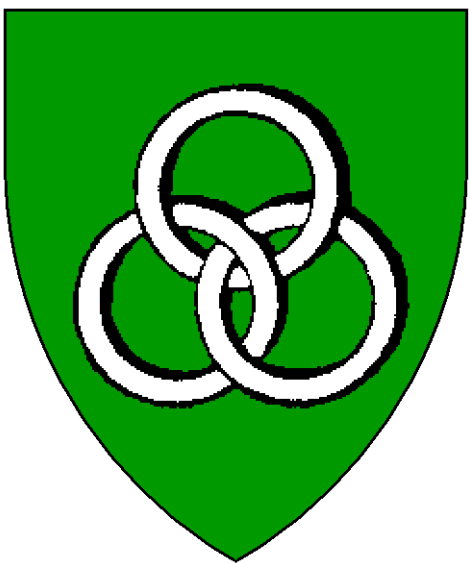
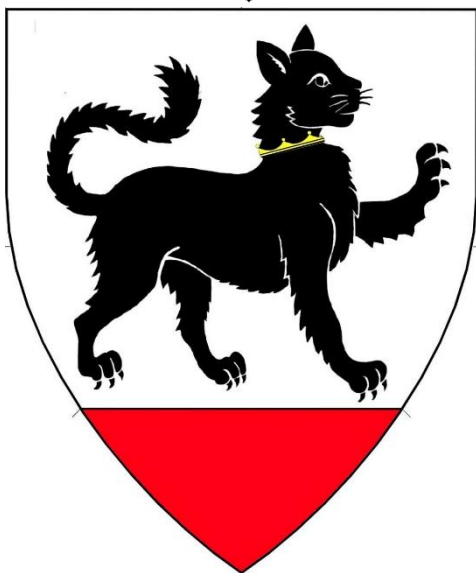
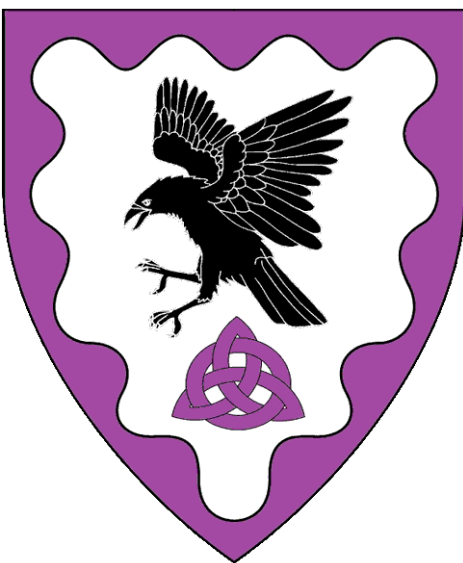
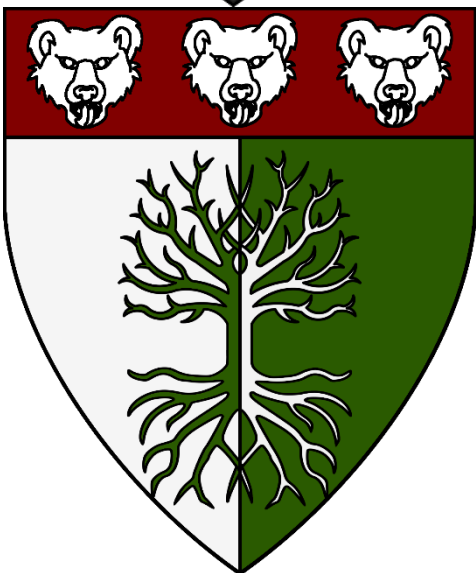
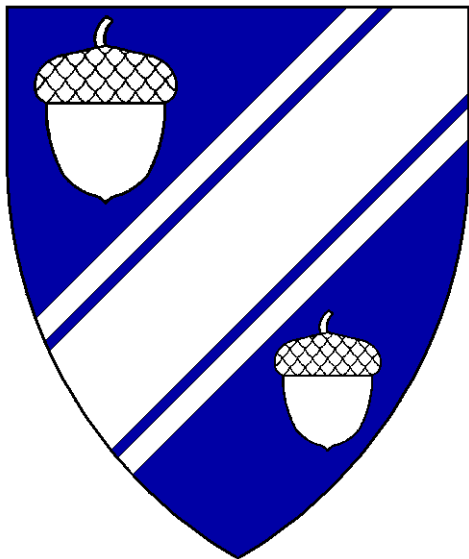
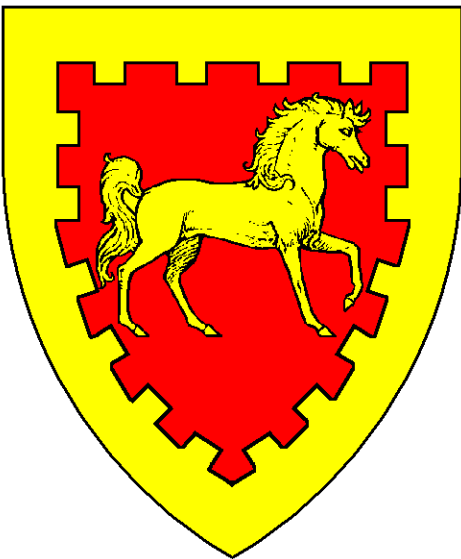
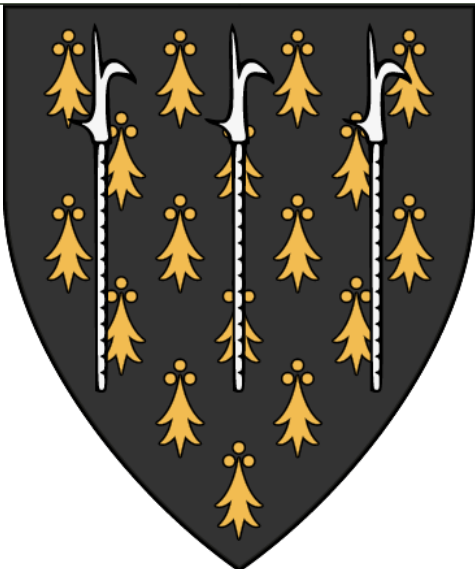
- Award of Arms – Lord Bermund Wandelber
- Golden Tear – Drottin Ailbhe éccnaid
- Taillefer – Baroness Margie of Glen More
- Prometheus – Mistress Rohese de Fairhurst



Bermund Wandelber receives an Award of Arms. Photo by Miriam bat Shimeon.

Whose Heraldry is That?

Can you remember which Krae Glas members have which heraldry?



ANSWERS BELOW :
DO NOT READ IF YOU ARE STILL GUESSING!

From left to right, top to bottom: Morris Morse Morley Morecocke; Eliza de Horsley; Airdan Mac Dara; Finn of St Monica; Julia of the Ravens; Elizabet Hunter; Margie of Glen More; Malleta Beanston; Blythe Venell; Emelye Ryder; Rünfrídr Keiliselgr; Róisín Cinnsealach



So many excellent cooks in the Barony of Krae Glas! Photo by Lady Julia of the Ravens.

From the Baroness & Baron

For July and August A.S XLI

Although our voices were silent in the last issue of our excellent and highly commended chronicle, this by no means signifies that we, or our fair Barony of Krae Glas, have been inactive. At this time, it is fitting that we would congratulate Lady Joanna for the high praise she has received from across the lands of Lochac for the creative flair and expertise she has brought to the publishing of The Blue Strand. As a reader of this (nearly) monthly periodical, we are of certain belief that you will agree.

In the depths of the Winter Solstice we were blessed to have our Baronial Archery Champion, Lady Sorcha, steward The Hunt. A chilly but productive afternoon was spent by the archers and foragers as they searched the King's land for our evening sustenance. After a productive hunt they were welcomed at our hearth with steaming spiced juice and many a hearty dish to sustain them through the evening before they ventured out once more into the darkness of the Midwinter Solstice. Baron Jon was not able to attend but Baroness Margie shared the kitchen of Dolphins' Keep with the ever calm and cheerful Maryan Applewood to ensure that appetites were sated and bellies filled.

In July Jon and I were privileged to attend Inter College War, which was very capably administered by our talented and enthusiastic collegians of Saint Monica. We greatly enjoyed the hospitality, creativity, and various activities both scholarly and martial. Both Baron and Baroness donned their armour to fight side by side in the war scenarios. The enthusiasm of the collegians for Arts and Sciences competition was awe inspiring, as was the quality of the work submitted. The Baroness assisted with the judging and struggle with deciding a winner amongst such excellent entries. Thanks to Lady Malleta and her kitchen crew for the excellent food, and the copious quantity thereof – certainly no one went hungry! Our monthly Crafhalls have been well attended and we unfailingly enjoy the shared Baronial evening meal each month. Our gratitude to Sorcha for organising two arrow making workshops which resulted in many a combat arrow being fletched and taped. If anyone still requires shafts Sorcha still has a few available for purchase. We were fortunate indeed to have the unexpected skills of Mistress Isabell Winter, a book-binding Laurel, at our August Crafhall. The Baronial cushion project is now established with many members working on small sections. Our thanks to Lady Emelye Ryder for initiating and organising this project and to all who are joining in. The project is quite simple but many hands make light work. The skill required is quite simple; cross stitch is arguably the easiest embroidery technique. When done with woolen yard on counted cloth, it is quite forgiving for the less skillful of us. If you think you might like to

participate, please reach out to Lady Emelye or the Baroness.

Our shared archery activities, alternating with Stormhold each month, have continued throughout the winter months but soon it will be Spring and we hope to see you practising at the butts, or donning armour to train in the art of combat archery. We have seen evidence that our incumbent neighbouring Barons have been honing their skills for war, and would encourage our own populace to enlist in our Krae Glas forces to defend our lands should these new Barons prove more belligerent than their predecessors! On a similar note, Baron Jon and Baroness Margie will attend the investiture of Raw and Angus at the end of August. This will be a diplomatic mission as our cousins from other baronies of Lochac may also be in attendance. It is essential that our fair Barony have allies near and far should a time come when we must call for help. A change of leadership is always an uncertain time and we must keep our ears to the ground and our wits about us. We trust that other members of our Barony will attend this event and support our mission there should it be deemed prudent, or necessary. A show of our martial strength would not go astray at this time.

In September we will be celebrating the fifteenth birthday of our fair Barony. Krae Glas existed long, long before being elevated to baronial status in AS XLVI, however, did you know that The College of Saint Monica has an even longer heritage? Krae Glas was born out of the college not the other way around. We would love to see many of the collegians, past and present, at our Birthday Ball celebrations. We would be delighted to witness poems, songs, plays (short) that tell of our histories. If you would like to share an entertainment at this celebratory event please be in contact with Baroness Margie. We look forward to seeing you on our field, at our archery butts and in our keep, training in the skills martial or genteel, or sharing a hearty meal. Our sincere thanks to those who give of their time to ensure archery trainings, fighter practice, fibre guild meetings and activities at St Monica flourish in our Barony. It warms our hearts to see our populace at our regular activities and at our events. We remind you that our eyes and ears cannot witness all the good deeds and skills of our populace and hence request recommendations for any that you feel may be worthy of recognition be sent to us.

In service to our beloved Barony of Krae Glas, and in fealty to the Crown of Lochac
Margie & Jon
Baroness & Baron



Captain Blythe Venell accepting their new post, alongside Angus Galloway, the former Captain of *The Black Dolphin*. Photo by Miriam bat Shimeon.

To the Seas!

The Captain of *The Black Dolphin* is seeking a crew!

———— JOANNA OF BREADWOOD
ON BEHALF OF BLYTHE VENELL

Ahoy and avast all ye of stalwart heart!

As of the Stormhold Baronial Changeover event, the captaincy of Krae Glas’ perfectly legitimate shipping company, with its ship “The Black Dolphin”, has passed into the hands of Blythe Venell (the current Rapier Champion of Krae Glas). She has been commissioned to find a crew, get the ship out of the dry dock and upon the Southern Ocean once more.

Readers of *The Blue Strand* may remember Blythe from some of our previous articles as a highly loyal member of our fine Barony!

So if you are interested in adventure and of a similarly “honest” disposition, Blythe is requesting that you reach out and make yourself known to her! I for one have already signed up so you’ll be in excellent company.

Pay will be provided as a portion of the profits accrued by the company.

So you have no reason to delay! You may reach Blythe Venell through the following methods:

Discord:
<https://discord.gg/dwJE7K33>

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1EgtKJ5vUJY/>

From the editor

Technically it’s all from me, but still

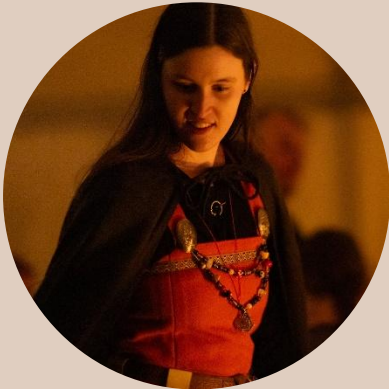
If you want to write it – I want to read it.

And I want to make everyone else read it too :P

You could have an article about whatever niche topic you want added to this very newsletter!

You could be as unhinged as me. It could happen.

Send any write ups (almost any length, I can make it work) completely without context to joannabraidwood@gmail.com. Make it happen.



About the editor

Joanna of Braidwood is probably a little mad.

If you made it this far, thanks for joining us.

That’s all folks! Huzzah!

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