

# Baronial Meeting Minutes

17<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Attendees:** Kevin Hotson, Peter Apted, Alice Finlayson, Cary Lenehan, David Beresford, Simon Gerrard, Eric TF Bat, Betty North, Nicholas Calabria, Wendy Calabria, Darren West ,Gian and Renraw Leahcim.

**Apologies:** Marjorie Lenehan

**Meeting opened:** 8.04 pm      **Meeting closed:** 9.20 pm

Minutes from the previous meeting tabled and found correct.

**Approved:** Peter Apted      **Seconded:** Kevin Hotson

## Words from Their Excellencies Hrolf and Madelaine

Unto the Populace of Ynys Fawr

A new year is now upon us and so many fresh fields await. Over the break we heard so many things and ideas from people that we are hoping that this will be a fantastic year of expansion for the Barony. Lochac has a new Crown (and they have even made it into the mainstream media) and will soon have a new knight in the Barony.

We hope to see all of you over the next few months, even if Hrolf will be a little restricted while recovering from the operation. Remember to play nice and have a lot of fun.

Thank you for the input on the new Coronets. It is near time for us to look at quotes and costing's for them. Remember that, if you cannot attend the Baronial meetings in person Hrolf will have the computer open and will be trying to report real time on FB chat. This way you can have input and put your questions and responses forward.

In service to the Barony and Lochac

Baron Hrolf

Baroness Madelaine

## Officer's Reports

**A&S Officer: Drusticc inigena Eddarrnonn** (Alice Finlayson)

Nothing to report.

However I'd like to perhaps work out if it's feasible for me to run a small A&S competition at an event in the next few months? I'm not sure if there are any suitable events coming up though.

**Chatelaine: Wulfgar Jarinsiða** (Dan Russell)

Nothing to report.

**Constable: Beatrix Aetholsdottir of Jelling** (Betty North)

			Door Sales etc.
2/12/12	10 AM, 0 MM, 0 ANM, 0 MNM	3 Target Archery / 6 Heavy Combat	\$20
9/12/12	10 AM, 0 MM, 0 ANM, 0 MNM	3 Target Archery / 6 Heavy Combat	\$20
15/12/12	25 AM, 6 MM, 4 ANM, 4 MNM	<b>Yule Potluck Picnic &amp; Tourney</b>	\$335
		Gold Key	\$19
		Membership	\$30
16/12/12	5 AM, 0 MM, 0 ANM, 0 MNM	1 Target Archery / 3 Heavy Combat	\$10

**Gold Key (South): Beatrix Aetholsdottir of Jelling** (Betty North)

Banking

17/12/12	Banked Membership	\$30	
18/12/12	Banked <b>Yule Potluck</b> Takings	\$375	(Including \$40 Site Insurance)?
		\$1	(Discrepancy probably from Soft Drink sale)?
	Banked Site Fees	\$50	
	Gold Key	\$19	
	SD	\$40.50	

After banking Gold Key bal. \$4.65, all other floats at usual amounts of SF=\$50, Rattan etc.=\$30, SD=\$20.

**Herald: Declan of Drogheda** (Darren West)

Please see attachment 4 for the Heralds Report

**Knight Marshall: Aiden Brock** (Kevin Hotson)

Please see attachment 1 for the Knight Marshalls Report

**Lists Officer: Simon Malory** (Simon Gerrard)

Please see Attachment 2

**Reeve: Elspeth Jamieson** (Julie Lawler) & Incoming Reeve **Deirdre Ui Neill** (Dawn Radell)

See attachment 6.

**NB - Seneschal:**

*1. This Month's Report was compiled by the Seneschal with the information at hand and may differ with the Reeves final report.*

**2. Have you received a report from Lorix? NO**

*As per the Minutes for the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, Louise Hollingberry has been looking into this and I hope to receive more information soon.*

**St Gildas Seneschal: Lothar von Dargun** (Chris Belbin)

No report received

## **Seneschal: David de Derlington (David Beresford)**

The Kingdom Seneschal's Report (Quarterly Reporting for All) See Attachment 5

Message from the SCA Treasurer (Donations to the Fire Appeal must be made directly by individuals)

I have been assured by Luthor von GrunesWald the Kingdom Regnum Office that Regnum will be corrected in the next issue.

### **Deputy Seneschal Required**

I am coming up to two years in this position and it is time to hunt for a replacement, and would like to find a Deputy that is willing to take on the full position when the time comes.

The Deputy position is for the most part a non-demanding position, however should the Seneschal be unable to perform their duties (They drop dead!) full responsibility falls to the Deputy. I welcome interested parties to apply for this position. There is not a position description for Deputy Seneschal, but to get a general idea of what the Seneschal is responsible for please go to

[http://lochac.sca.org/ynys\\_fawr/wp-content/uploads/Office-of-the-Baronial-Seneschal.pdf](http://lochac.sca.org/ynys_fawr/wp-content/uploads/Office-of-the-Baronial-Seneschal.pdf)

### **Membership Breakdown**

Total Members:	78 (16 minors),	Expired: 62 (10 minors)
Canton of Lightwood - Current Members:	19 (7 minors),	Expired: 1 (1 minors)
St Gildas - Current Members:	7 (0 minors),	Expired: 9
Ynys Fawr - Current Members:	52 (9 minors),	Expired: 52 (9 minors)

I have been quite busy over the last few months with mundane life and have let a few SCA things slide, I apologise for this and vow to do better.

### **Seneschals to do List**

1. Complete an application for a Grant from the Clarence Council and send through to the BOD ready for submission in March.
2. Contact Lorix re Outstanding Events and give her the Cheque of \$100 for the small pavilion.
3. David & Dan to get together on drafting a proposal for the Geilston Bay Footy Oval
4. Pick up the tables from Ian, handing over the cheque at the same time.
5. Purchase the Double Bell Pavilion (Wedge Tent) from Medieval Fight Club with Julies aid.
6. Send letters to Hobart City Council, Glenorchy City Council, Kingston Council, follow up the Clarence City Council, the Gun Club, Glenorchy Girl Guides and the Moonah Archery Range.
7. Develop an Event Package along with dot points detailing an Event Steward's duties (Including Documentation) before and after and event.
8. Need to investigate BOD Rules on raising money. Re sponsorship idea.

### **The Canton of Lightwood Seneschal: Adelindis filia Gotefridi (Liz Williamson)**

Nothing to report from December through to January, Imots to resume on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### **Warden of Oestmark: Elspeth Jamieson (Julie Lawler)**

Nothing to report

**NB - Seneschal:** The Warden of Oestmark has come to the attention of the Kingdom. The Kingdom Seneschal asked the following:

*How is Oestmark going? They're being reported on as a sort-of group. Sort-of groups make me nervous since they sort-of play by the rules and sort-of don't. Are they likely to become a group or stay a household?*

I believe the rules state that if it is a garbed Event is advertised through the List, Website or Facebook Page, it is seen as an Official Event and therefore must abide by the Rules, \$5 Insurance for Non-Members and \$1 for the Kingdom Fund.

At next meeting we will make a decision on whether the Ward of Oestmark should be folded or not?

After consultation with our members in the North and discussion at this meeting the motion was carried unanimously to fold the Ward of Oestmark.

### **Web Minister: Perran of Lyskyret (Peter Apted)**

I have had a chat to Eric the Fruitbat regarding the best solution to the calendar. I intend to create a Barony specific webmail address, most likely a Gmail account, and link a Google calendar to it. This email account will be available to those officers who need it (Seneschal, Chatelaine, Web Minister and possibly others) with a shared password. As it will be an account not linked to any one person's IP address it should be available to all those who need it, and be able to be passed on to any new officers. I am currently experimenting and testing this.

## **Events and Demos since last meeting**

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Summer Lark**

9-10<sup>th</sup> February 2013

A weekend of fun and frolicking with lots to do, including Dancing Collegiums and Questing, Archery and maybe fencing, we may even do a bit of singing, pack boots 'cause at midnight we'll be walking. Games galore and perhaps some Heavy Fighting in between, we may do a bit of sleeping and of course there will be eating. So come along and join in our Summer Lark cavorting!

Event Site: 301 Gulf Road, Liffey TAS 7301

Event Time: Site Opens 10am

Steward SCA Name: Lady Elswyth of Bery (Louise Hollingbery) [louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

Cost: Members \$38.50 / Non-Members \$43.50 / Children 12 & under \$27.5 4 & under \$21

Cheques payable to: The Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd - TAS

Booking SCA Name: Lady Elswyth of Bery (Louise Hollingbery) [louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:louise.hollingbery@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

Bookings Required: Yes      Booking deadline: 9/01/2013

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b> Site opens	10:00am
Target archery	10:30am
Pot luck lunch	12:30 - 2:00pm
Collegiums	2:30 – 5:00pm
Quest	5:00 – 6:00pm
Dinner	6:00 - 8:30pm
Other amusements	8:30 -11:30pm
Midnight Walk	11:30-12:30am

## **Sunday 10th**

Breakfast	8:00 - 9:30am	
Archery / Fencing / Collegiums	9:30 – 12:00pm	(Finish off those project you started yesterday)
Leftovers for lunch	12:00 -1:00pm	
Clean up	1:00 – 3:00pm	

More Questions and Answers see Attachment 7.

## **St Mary's Collegium**

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013

Welcome to the SCA in St Marys!

Our first ACTIVITY for the St Marys group, hoping it will become a regular monthly happening.

We will have an intro to the SCA, with how to make stuff starting with a first t-tunic or cape/cloak or hood. We would love members from outside the valley to come and help out with info, costumes to show and, of course combat demos. We have access to 6.5 acres of land for use in combat, archery and encampment.

Costs \$7 SCA members \$12 non-SCA members

The Current Plan is

### **Saturday**

- 10.00 Site Opens
- 10.30 Welcome to SCA brief intro and scope of SCA
- 11.00 Start 'How to make Tunic / Cloak / Hood for first garb item.
- 12.30 Lunch BBQ - Basic Sausage / Hamburger with Salad
- 13.30 Continue with Costume Construction.
- 14.30 Depending on combatants Heavy / Rapier / Archery demos
- 16.00 Start to wind up for day those staying can set up for Dinner / Bardic / Bull sessions

### **Sunday**

Breakfast

- 10.00 Archery for those interested
- 12.00 Lunch followed by pack up
- 13.00 Go Home

If coming as first timer, bring a sheet or blanket as material.

Sewing machine (and operator) will be available (hand sewing can come later)

### **Rowany**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

Please go to <http://festival.lochac.sca.org/> for more information.

### **Medieval Mayhem**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

This is NOT an official SCA event, it is run under the auspices of the Geeveston Community Centre (GeCo). Please contact either Eric TF Bat or Terry Arnold for further details.

### **May Crown**

4 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013

May Crown to be held in the Canton of Burnfield, Gin Gin Queensland

**Midwinter**6<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Held in in Mordenvale, Paterson, New South Wales

**PROVA DURA 2**12-14<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Held in Innilgard contact Yevan 0403 289 844 (More details to follow)

**Great Southern Gathering 2013**4-7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

See attachment 3.

**The Royal Hobart Show 2013**23-26<sup>th</sup> October 2013

A Combat Arts Demo, Arts and Sciences Demo and a National Arts and Sciences Competition

“Letter of thanks from the Royal Hobart Show Creative Crafts Committee”

**Welcome to All Things Medieval**3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013

This is a follow up after the Royal Hobart Show to welcome potential members.

**November Crown**9<sup>th</sup> November 2013**Great Southern Gathering Ynys Fawr**

October 2014

(Call for Volunteers)

**Regular Events**

A list of all our regular events are now located on our website please go to

[http://lochac.sca.org/ynys\\_fawr/home/events/past-events/](http://lochac.sca.org/ynys_fawr/home/events/past-events/)

After School starts back our Dance Instructor Juliana de Finistère (Jillian Lynch) will gage interest and then look at organising Dancing.

**The SCA in the Huon Valley – The Canton of Lightwood Imot**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> JanuaryThe next Imot will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013, all welcome.Then on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of February.**Proposed Events****THERE BE WAR**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013

Peter, Nick and Kev would like to do another War and were thinking of the first weekend in March should it be free.

## **The Ynys Fawr Inaugural Games!**

4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Including an Arts & Sciences Competition, Assorted Games such as Pins, Boules, a Quest, Archery, Viking Wrestling, Tablero, Checkers? To be held at the Glenorchy Girl Guide Hall. Suggestions for games are most welcome.

## **Fencing Fest and Tourney**

14<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Lord Declan of Drogheda (Darren West) Darren West plans for a Fencing Fest and Tourney in Ross mid September 2013, more details to follow.

## **Tourney Weekend in 2013**

Oze is considering stewarding a Tourney Weekend.

## **A Tournament of Roses?**

David is considering doing a Tournament of Roses style of Event.

## **Bi Monthly IMOTS**

Dan is considering running Bi Monthly IMOT's in Hobart?

## **Business Carried Forward**

### **Newcomers Tokens,**

We need to discuss which option we are going to go with. I sent you a message on FB about these a while back and there was a simple casting of a Viking Ship that I thought would be a good token.

Jack Voutnis a newcomer to our Baronial Meetings has experience in casting and is happy to supply quotes for a home casting for the Newcomers Token and professional casting of some of the Baronial Awards.

**Action:** Bring on those quotes Jack.

Another suggestion was made that we could pewter cast something ourselves in an open mould or look into 3D printing?

This and Baronial Awards is something that is desperately needed and will remain in the agenda for the time being.

### **New Coronets**

During the meeting members reviewed the proposed new collapsible Baronial Crowns.

Jack Voutnis has had experience in crafting crowns for a number of Baronies and has offered to supply quotes.

**Action:** That's right Jack more quotes please.

### **Insurance Policy on the Shed**

It was suggested that as we now own the Archery Shed it may be wise to get some contents insurance against fire and theft at least. Wendy's findings!

*After spending some time on searching for an insurer, any insurer who would cover the shed at Cambridge and its contents, I have drawn a total blank.*

*I have called 7 different insurers and been given two different websites to visit, but no one appears to cover the situation that the Society is in with regard to insuring a shed that is not used as a home, or not used for*

commercial purposes, on land that is not owned by us. I also attempted to add it to our own policy but that is also not possible.

The companies I have initially contacted are: AAMI 132244 / Budget Direct, CGU 132481, RACT 132722, GIO 131010, Suncorp 131155 & Shannons 134646

The two websites are: [www.niba.com.au](http://www.niba.com.au) and [www.insurancecouncil.com.au](http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au)

I have also contacted the insurance council of Australia via a phone call (on 1300884934) and they have rung me with three options, one of which have already said "no" (CGU). The other two are Elders on 135622 and Vero on 131813. They also do not cover the shed unless it is on land owned by us. Shannon, the lady from the insurance council of Australia said that she is almost 100% sure that we would have to go through a broker to get any coverage at all for the shed and contents.

I also rang the insurance brokers line on 1300531073 with no result to date from them. I will contact them again or go back to ask the insurance council if they have any more ideas when I have time, sometime in the new year. But it does not look too good as to finding anyone, but I am not giving up.

Thank you for all your efforts Wendy.

The conclusion is that until we have a dedicated storage address, either owned or rented we will be unable to gain insurance for Baronial Gear.

### **Mouse Guard**

Janine Arnold came up with the idea of creating a Mouse Guard similar to that of Kingdom.

I believe the best thing to do is email the parents directly with regard to their thoughts.

David has compiled a list of Parents that can be contacted.

### **Rattan**

Maybe someone in the North would like to check this out? <http://m.gumtree.com.au/v?adId=1008570265>

Some Questions:      How many are available that are at least 31mm in diameter? Are they skinned?  
                                 How much to buy them all?    How do we get them?

Some Answers:

Hi David,

I have sorted our Cane poles min 31mm diameter up to 34mm, we have 82 on hand and will have them available from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at our Newstead home.

We want to clear them out and make them available \$300 for the lot. [Our Mobile number is 0432 908 656](tel:0432908656)

Regards,

Ross

We decided not to go ahead with this purchase as this rattan is quite old stock and very dry.

### **Known World Handbooks**

We only have one book left and we have a number of new members who are interested in purchasing a copy. How many should we purchase? 6 copies? This is an essential Hand Book for new members and we will vote on this next meeting.

**Action:** David Beresford to gauge interest? (Seen by around 60 people on FB no response)

After a general discussion it was decided that we should go ahead with the purchase of six more copies.

**Proposed:** David Beresford

**Seconded:** Peter Apted

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Action:** Betty North to go ahead with purchase.



## New Business

### SCA Spec Armour Drop Tester

Darren West has asked the group to review this SCA Spec Armour Drop Tester from Darkwood Armory!

[http://www.darkwoodarmory.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=62](http://www.darkwoodarmory.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=62) \$55.00



The SCA published a method for testing fencing armour in its 2006 website at SCA.org. It uses a Meyer standard 1/8" drop pin on a heavy tube, and its drop height was designed to exert 1.5 Joules of force onto the material being tested -- a much more scientifically accurate system than banging the armour into the dirt with a broken foil.

The set comes with the tube and clamps designed to hold the material being tested, the drop tube, and a specific Meyer-tipped drop weight to be used ONLY with the same tube. Each tube and weight are individually marked to make sure sets remain together. It also comes with a copy straight from SCA.org of the directions, and a red bag to contain all the bits.

You can make one of your own; the information is free on the SCA website. However, Meyer will require that you order ten pins minimum and the cost at Lowe's for all the PVC was about \$41 each. We are offering these testers more as a service to those who might not have the capacity to build their own.

This along with a Safety Tester for Fencing Masks will be voted on next meeting.

Action: Peter Apted to look into pricing.

### Storage for Thrones

We have to find alternative storage for the Velvet Thrones as Gian can no longer store them for the group.

Thank you Gian for all help we will endeavour to find alternative storage arrangements as soon as possible.



## Onys Fawr Baronial Knight Marshalls Report

For the period December 2012

Prepared by: Knight Marshall Lord Aiden Brock (Kevin Hotson)

Member number 83034 Expires Nov 30 2013

It must be noted that some of the below activities are doubled up with some members

### Archery @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 3 Archers practiced Target Archery.

On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> December 3 Archers practiced their Target Archery.

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> December no archery due to Yule pot luck/tourney

On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1 Archers practiced Target Archery.

**Authorisations:** None

**Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

### Heavy Combat Training @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December we had a total of 6 Heavy Combatants train.

On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> December we had a total of 6 Heavy Combatants train.

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> December we had a total of 0 Heavy Combatants train due to pot luck /tourney

On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> December we had a total of 3 Heavy Combatants train.

**Authorisations:** 1 Re Autho

**Incidents / Injuries:** none reported.

### Rapier Training @ Cambridge

No training this month at Cambridge

### Rapier Training @ North Hobart with Declan of Drogheda

The classes have been stopped over December but will continue in January.

Thanks again Declan things are still looking up for rapier in the Barony thanks to your hard work and persistence

**Authorisations:** None

**Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

### Rapier Training @ Launceston

To date we have not had any input from training in Launceston

**AUTHORISATIONS**

Yours in Service,

Aiden Brock

(Kevin Hotson)

Knight Marshal

# List Keepers Reporting Form

Please send these details to [Lists@lochac.sca.org](mailto:Lists@lochac.sca.org)

**Group Name:** Barony of Ynys Fawr

**Lists Officer:** Simon Malory

**Mundane Name:** Simon Gerrard

**Contact Email:** [gerrard\\_simon@hotmail.com](mailto:gerrard_simon@hotmail.com)

**Name of Event:** Yule Picnic

**Date:** 15/12/2012 (dd/mm/yyyy)

**Type of Tourney:** (eg: double elimination, round robin, prize, melee, etc)

Melee challenge bouts

**Event Steward:** HL Wulfgar Jarinsiða (Daniel Russell)

**Marshal in Charge:** HL Wulfgar Jarinsiða (Daniel Russell)

**Other Marshals:** Sir Guillaume d'Oze (Ben King)

**Heralds:** Declan of Drogheda (Darren West) and Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen (Paul Sleigh)

**Royalty Present:** none

**Number of Fighters in Tournament:** 5

**Time Taken for Tournament (in minutes):** 60

**Other Notes: (please add any further details of tourney here)**

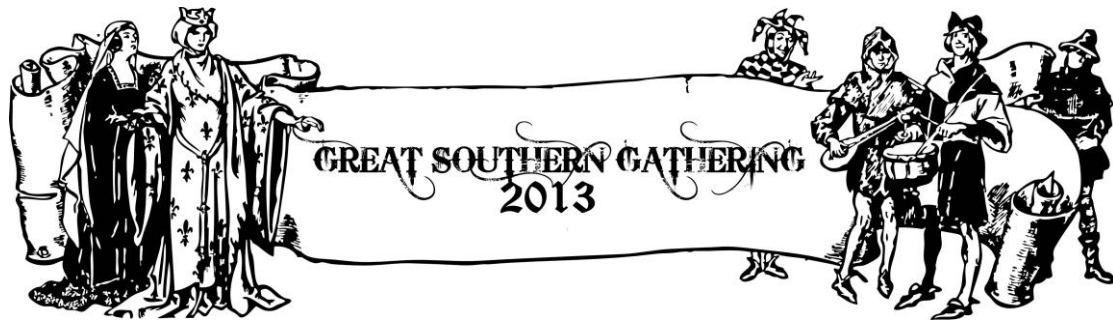
Tourney consisted of Sir Guillaume d'Oze (Ben King) and HL Wulfgar Jarinsiða (Daniel Russell) challenging all comers.

Fighter's choice of weapons.

## Tournament Details

**Placing: Combatant Name, Bouts Won Lost, Draw**

: Sir Guillaume d'Oze (Ben King)	,	4	,	1	,	0
: HL Wulfgar Jarinsiða (Daniel Russell)	,	2	,	1	,	0
: Ld Anselm da Calabria (Nicholas Calabria)	,	1	,	2	,	0
: Ld Padraig Femoy (Patrick Corby)	,	1	,	2	,	0
: Ld David De Derlington (David Beresford)	,	0	,	2	,	0



Greetings all,

The Barony of Innilgard has the pleasure of hosting the fifth Great Southern Gathering, Oct. 4-7<sup>th</sup> 2013.

We have a site booked, Longwood Camp in Mylor, and we have a scheduler for the event, Don Everard Sefar of Krae Glas. We also have a Friday night soup kitchen steward, Baron Aylwin Greymane and a Saturday dinner steward, Lady Eleanor Terrington.

This is a call for volunteers for other tasks that will need to be undertaken. I welcome assistance from both our barony and other groups in the Southern Region as, after all, this is a premier regional event. So these are the areas I am looking for assistance with.

- Bookings
- Constable in charge and troll
- Lists
- Herald in Charge
- Marshal in Charge
- Breakfast steward (Saturday, Sunday, Monday)
- Saturday lunch chief cook
- Sunday lunch chief cook
- Sunday dinner chief cook

If you think you may be able to undertake these duties please let me know. If you would like to assist but do not feel confident with the main role, deputies are also sought.

I can be contacted at [viscountess@optusnet.com.au](mailto:viscountess@optusnet.com.au) or 08 8445 8350 or 0434 938 512

Ingerith Ryzka, GSG Steward 2013

Baronial Herald Report, Ynys Fawr.

\*\*Event: Ynys Fawr Investiture.

Heralds: Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen, Sir Guillaume d'Oze, Lord Declan of Drogheda

\*Awards given:

Court Barony: Lucas Maxwell

Court Barony: Madeleine de Chalons

Court Barony: Jehanne de Finistere

Silver Pegasus: Karl Faustus Von Aachen

Rowan: Guillaume d'Oze

Award of Arms: William de Bonnay

Award of Arms: Morwenna de Bonnay

Award of Arms: Adelindis filia Gotefridi

---

\*\*Event: Ynys Fawr Yule Picnic and Tournament

Heralds: Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen, Lord Declan of Drogheda

\*Awards given:

Azure Pennon: Genevieve of Ynys Fawr

Sable Chain: Lord Anselm da Calabria

Bronze Falshion: Lord Anselm da Calabria

Their Excellencies presided over Sir Guillaume d'Oze announcing that Lord Wulfgar Jarnsiða was to be elevated to the rank of Knight (to much joy from the populace!)

---

\*\*Event: Fighter practice. Cambridge hall, Cambridge

Herald: Declan of Drogheda

\*Award given:

Award of Arms: Duncan (this was carried over from the Ynys Fawr Yule Picnic and Tournament)

---

I believe a number of submissions for names and devices have been sent to Rocket. I've helped out in one resubmission.

Yours in Service

Declan of Drogheda, Dromond Herald

## The Kingdom Seneschal's Report

**Numbers:** Lochac continues to grow, at least in Australia. Australian memberships are up 18% from 1136 last quarter to 1345. NZ memberships are up from 136 to 137. Overall that's a 16.5% increase for the Kingdom. NZ's numbers are 19% down on this time last year while AU's are up 31%.

Growth in AU started in March and has continued at a steady rate through the year until this month when it began to plateau. Pretty much all Australian groups have benefitted from the growth.

The largest three groups are: Rowany 178 / Politar chopolis 160 / Aneala 147

**US Newsletters:** Lochac has moved a little closer to the rest of the Known World. Pegasus is now available for SCA members in other kingdoms to read online and Lochac SCA members now have access to the newsletters of all other kingdoms. It's a good place to look for ideas and inspiration.

**Same-Sex Couples:** I think we've all heard by now that the US BOD has changed Corpora to allow same-sex couples to contest Crown Tournaments with the specific permission of the relevant Crown. The Society Seneschal has ruled that any Kingdom laws which still mirror the old Corpora prohibition are now in conflict with Corpora and therefore null and void. We already have at least one same-sex baronage in Caid.

Comment on the BOD's second proposal to prevent anyone entering Crown Tournament as both competitor and consort closes on March 1.

**Abertridwr for Barony:** The Canton of Abertridwr has been given the final green light to become a barony. They are about to enter the process of choosing their first Baron and Baroness.

**Quarterly Reporting for All:** The Society Seneschal has just proposed requiring quarterly reporting from all local seneschals. His intention was to reduce the reporting requirements. It seems that most Kingdoms require monthly reporting. I've put this to the local seneschals and the Kingdom Officers to, surprisingly, resounding support. So, pending Royal approval, quarterly reporting for all group officers is likely to start in 2013.

### New Seneschals

College of St Ursula - Sigvald inn Ursulan, September 2012

Canton of Okewaite - Alys Dietsch, 10 October 2012

Canton of Cluain - Alexandra de Santiago, 1 December 2012

Barony of River Haven - Madilayn le Mercer, 11 December 2012

Barony of Stormhold - Annabelle Perrot, 6 January 2013

### New Kingdom Officers

Crux Australis - Karl Faustus von Aachen, September 2012

Historian - Lyssa Llewensdottir, September 2012

Deputy Marshal - Archery - Madog Llwyd ap Madog, November 2012

**Odd Facts:** There are three baronies with more members than all of New Zealand - Rowany, Politarchopolis and Aneala. 16% of Lochac's adult members live in a shire. Shires do not fall into distinct size bands like baronies do. They seem to more evenly cover the size distribution from 8 to 51 (7 to 38 adult members). Shires have more kids than baronies. The percentage of minors in shires ranges from 8.3% to a whopping 43.3% with an average of 21.6%. That's 1.3 times as many minors as the average barony.

**Good Ideas:** New Officers- Many groups are reporting difficulty finding deputies to train up as replacement officers. Here are a couple of things you can try:

1. Encourage officers at-large. Marshals, constables, listkeepers, heralds, surgeons and hospitallers all have at-large options of a more or less official nature. The more at-large officers you have trained up the more the work can be spread around rather than loaded onto the group officer. It also gives people some qualifications and experience which sets them up for holding the relevant group office in the future.
2. Try advertising for a new officer, not a deputy, and then have the old officer stay on as the deputy. There's only so much you can do or learn as a deputy. It's quite different when you're actually the officer. It's also not necessary, or even desirable, for some people who've done the office before to go through a mandatory deputy period before taking over. And there is no guarantee that your deputy will be appointed as your successor by your upline. With the outgoing officer as their deputy the new officer has someone they can feel happy to call on for advice and support.

**Fighter Courses:** Organised beginner, and now intermediate, fighter training courses are becoming de rigueur along the East Coast and showing excellent results, for group numbers as well as fighting skill. If your group doesn't have one, consider how you might get one.

**Children's Activities:** The Children's Deputy has some ideas for entertaining children with simple activities that can be put into a snap lock bags such as a lucet, thread and basic instructions, peg dolls, illumination etc.

**Suggestion Book:** Bacchus Wood has had a few good ideas come through a suggestion book left around at meetings.

**Business Cards:** Several groups are trialling business cards for the first time. Those groups which use them find them a worthwhile return on investment. How many of the people you've talked to in the street or at an event have ever been able to find the SCA again if they didn't have our name written down? Get cards and give them to everyone.

A couple of groups are using QR codes on business cards and posters. Aneala has had a reasonable hit rate on the website from these and can monitor which poster in which location got the hit so they can find out what's working.

**Group Livery:** Several groups have group livery projects of a sort - specific colours, badges, brooches, etc. These can be good for group morale and loyalty but need to work with a variety of styles of garb.

**A&S Display Table:** Stormhold is trying an A&S display table at events where people can display their projects, especially works in progress, and people can come and ask questions and get advice and inspiration for their next project. This has been well received.

**Welcome Table:** St Florian is experimenting with a welcome table at events as a point to direct newcomers and onlookers to.

**Import Talent:** I think everyone agrees that it's good to meet new people and see new ways of doing things. Not everyone can travel around the Kingdom. But if Mohammed cannot go to the mountain, we have ways of bringing the mountain to Mohammed. The Stronger Kingdom Fund exists to help groups import talent to fill gaps in their knowledge. That might be a duke to help your mid-level fighters go up a level, or a costuming laurel to help the people working on Elizabethan wardrobes, or a don to get your rapier fighters out of their bad habits. Please give some thought to what your group needs and how you might be able to get it. There are several funds in Lochac that can help you.

**Plan Your (insert large event here) Wardrobe:** One group is running a plan your Festival wardrobe course. No matter what time or place you prefer everyone needs several outfits for Festival that can cope with Festival conditions and there's something to be said for working on that in a group.

### **Things to Think About**

**Crown Events:** We average around one bid per Crown event, which is enough but only barely. The most popular event is November Crown, followed by Midwinter, then May Crown, then Twelfth Night. Twelfth Night averages no bids and begging is usually required.

So if you have a small group or a very different idea and think you'd like to try running a Kingdom event but couldn't possibly compete against the larger baronies then think about a Twelfth Night or a May Crown.

If you think your group can't do it, Adora just ran a successful November Crown with less than 20 members. They report that they will benefit from the shiny new things they made for the event and also from the renewed enthusiasm within the group which comes partly from successfully undertaking something like this and partly from the inspiration so many visitors can bring.

For the record, based on population size, WA and Queensland are behind on percentages and should bid for more events.



### Reeve Report for the Month of December 2012

*NB This Report was compiled by the Seneschal with the information at hand and may differ with the Reeves final report.*

#### Main Account: 100129535

<b>Opening balance:</b>		<b>\$7943.15</b>	
<b>Deposits:</b>	18/12/12	\$375.00	Event 15/12/2012
	21/12/12	\$ 50.00	Site Fees – Southern Training
	21/12/12	\$ 19.00	Gold Key
	21/12/12	\$ 40.50	Soft Drinks
	31/12/12	\$ 5.63	
<b>Total deposits:</b>		<b>\$490.13</b>	
<b>Withdrawal:</b>	31/12/12	<b>\$154.50</b>	Cheque no.836673 Site Fees – training
<b>Closing balance:</b>		<b>\$8278.78</b>	

---

#### Event Account: 100142933

<b>Opening balance:</b>		<b>\$ 783.97</b>	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$9062.75</b>	<b>?</b>

## Questions about Summer Lark

Firstly, as it is an overnight event?

***Yes Saturday night is a sleep over***

What sort of accommodation is there?

***Cabins and camping spaces are available***

Will people need to bring tents and I assume people will need sleeping bags?

***If they are camping they will need to bring tents, if they are staying in cabins sleeping bags etc will be the go***

What else do they need to bring?

***The usual stuff; clothes, sleeping gear, medieval stuff, the program will be out soon and I will have more info then***

I am not even sure I have ever been to this site, and others might feel the same coming up from the South, so questions are starting to be raised such as the one above.

***This is a site that we haven't used before, but it is a very popular one, so I hope it will prove to be one we can use over and over again. I will provide a map to the site***

What food is provided? How many meals will be provided, and what do we need to bring to cater for ourselves (e.g. breakfast or lunches)? Have you thought about gluten free needs of some?

***We will be looking at menus later this month and will consider gluten free, if necessary, at the moment the price includes dinner, breakfast and lunch I believe the Saturday lunch will be pot luck, we are attempting to keep the price down as much as possible.***

Have you put event details out to all members on the Ynys Fawr groups list? The info on the SCA Ynys Fawr website does not address these issues. ***Not yet***