

# Baronial Meeting Minutes

15<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Attendees:** David Beresford, Alice Finlayson, Kevin Hotson, Peter Apted, Cary Lenehan, Marjorie Lenehan, Gian Wright & Nicholas Calabria

**Apologies:** Sarah Browne, Betty North, Dan Russell & Wendy Calabria

**Meeting opens:** 7.00 pm                      **Meeting closed:** 8.10 pm

Minutes from the previous meeting tabled and found correct.

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

## Words from Their Excellencies Lucas and Madeleine

Greetings unto the Populace of Ynys Fawr,

Firstly, We would like to extend Our thanks to the Canton of Lightwood for providing the first event of the year in the form of a Tournament and Feast. Although the weather turned out to be a little excessive, the company was excellent, and We wish We had been able to stay for Lady Elena's fabulous cooking!

The Right Royal Skirmish and Feast of the Lions is coming up in a little over a week, and We hope you have all booked for this event, as it's shaping up to be truly fantastic, and we always want to show off the Barony to Their Majesties!

We are still looking for suggestions for new Coronets for the Barony - but there have only been nibbles so far. We would love to see all your fantastic ideas, but We are now almost two months past the submission date originally set and We will have to make a decision soon, so if you are wanting to make a contribution, please provide any information before the end of March.

There is honour in service,  
Lucas and Madeleine

## Officer's Reports

**A&S Officer:** (Vacant)

A replacement has been found and will be installed at the upcoming Royal Event.

Otherwise nothing to report!

In Service

David

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

The lightwood new comers feast went well, there were just under 30 people who attended and about half of the people attending were new to the SCA.

We have 2 members previously from Mordenvale move in to the group.

I was contacted by a group to help with a demo on Saturday the 24th which unfortunately clashes with the royal visit.

Jared Abdul-Rahman a short film director turned up at one of our training sessions, he would like to do a short film, a little bit of tongue in cheek, but by in large good for the group. He is looking at getting permission to use a bit of land that belongs to a micro-brewery in New Norfolk (Two Metre Tall Brewery).

The question is whether the distance be an issue?

And who would like to be involved?

It was decided that we would not take this up!

**Chirurgion:** (Vacant) Please see the Seneschal

The Seneschal invites those people interested in filling this position to please email [dave367@iinet.net.au](mailto:dave367@iinet.net.au)

**Constable: Lothar von Dargun** (Chris Belbin)

No Report Received.

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

Gold Key: \$10 for costume hire for Tournament of Roses, used to purchase white bias & sewing cotton to finish some coifs.

Cambridge: No Hall use on 12/2 or 26/2. Council notified. Site fees [Jan & Feb] of \$159 banked 28/2/12.

Rattan: 3 long sticks sold and \$90 banked 28/2/12.

Known World handbooks now all sold and final banking of \$113.40 done 28/2/12.

**Herald: Hrölf Herjólfssen** (Cary Lenehan)

Nothing to report.

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

Please see attachment 1 for the Knight Marshalls report for February

**Lists Officer: Elspeth Jamieson** (Julie Lawler)

No Report Received.

**Reeve: Elspeth Jamieson** (Julie Lawler)

Please see attachment 2.

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

No Report Received

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

To my fellow Officers and the populace I have to apologise for not getting as much done as I would have liked, I will try harder for next meeting.

Our Kingdom Seneschal sent the following Missives as can be seen in attachment 3.

Following on a recent US lawsuit settlement and its associated costs, the SCA Australia Ltd Board, SCA NZ Inc. Committee and the Kingdom of Lochac's Council of the Purse conducted a joint online survey to help determine what financial support, if any, should be offered by them to the SCA Inc. (US).

For the Survey Results please see Attachment 4.

What I would like to know is Ynys Fawr going to donate anything to this cause? And if so how much?

It was decided that we would not donate to this.

A number of Missives have been forwarded with regard to Their Majesty's. See attachment 6.

Last Month Total Current Members: 58 (5 minors), expired: 45

**Today's total current members: 60 (4 minors), expired: 45**

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

Liz Williamson and David Beresford are still progressing the groups application.

Marjorie has kindly offered to take the final documentation down to Liz. Thank you.

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

Nothing to report

**Web Minister: Karl Faustus von Aachen** (Eric TF Bat)

No official Report received, but I have this:

OFFICERS BLOGS: If you're a baronial officer, you are invited to blog about it!

Go to [http://lochac.sca.org/ynys\\_fawr/blog/](http://lochac.sca.org/ynys_fawr/blog/) to see the Officers' Blogs.

So far it's just me, talking about stuff I'm doing on the website, but every officer is welcome to join in. If there's something you want to tell the barony, that's one way to do it! It's possible to put the blogs into your RSS feed (Google Reader and similar) so you can keep up with what everyone is posting, and I'll try to put a general round-up here on the mailing list every now and then too. Please join in. Communication is a Good Thing.

(Copied from Baron Karl Faustus von Aachen my own blog entry posted on 29 February 2012.

It will come as no surprise to recent readers that this website and many of the others on lochac.sca.org have been feeling a little unwell. The explanation for the extended downtime is long and painful, but here's the précis: the Masonry team, who look after Lochac's websites, took the opportunity of some unexpected downtime to upgrade a few features in the name of security and maintainability, and because every silver lining has a cloud, this has meant a certain amount of fiddling with individual branch sites. The results will, eventually, be beneficial for everyone, but for now the lads are paddling hard just to stay in one spot.

By the time you read this, unless you're suffering the same dreadful lurgi that has me coughing my lungs out and unable to sleep at five in the morning, a bunch of files will have been uploaded to the correct place and you should be able to see them again. That includes all the documents in our Arts & Sciences section, and also all the various photos we have about the site. The theme has changed, but that was coming anyway since the original one had a couple of bugs that made it hard to use on Smartphone web browsers. And there will no doubt be some flaky behaviour here and there, but I hope to get that stamped on. Wish me luck!

: Bat :

## Events and Demos since last meeting

### **Tournament of Roses & Fiesta del Amor**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012

I profusely apologise for not finalising this event and vow it will be done before next meeting.

But a brief rundown of approximants: Banked \$655, Expenses (Food \$320, Hall Hire \$157, Misc \$54) \$531, Estimated Net profit \$124. A detailed report will be submitted next meeting.

### **Lightwood Tourney & Feast**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Please see attachment 5.

## Upcoming Events

### **A Right Royal Skirmish & Feast of the Lions**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012

David Beresford will be the Steward in title only for this joint event.

It is also to be noted that while these events are related to each other in conceptualisation, they are being held by two different organisational bodies and the finances are treated as per each organisational body (separate). Kevin Hotson and Chris Belbin will discuss the co-ordination of this event etc; after this meeting!

### **A Right Royal Skirmish**

A group of rebels have raided and stolen some of the royal treasures and taken them to their stronghold. Naturally, the King and Queen would like the treasures back, and have sent a force to retrieve them.

It should be a great day to watch or participate over a potluck lunch.

This event will be stewarded jointly by Lord Perran of Lyskyret (Peter Apted) & Lord Aiden Brock (Kevin Hotson) Looking at 20 – 24 fighters, hopefully some mainland people will come across for the event.

Site Opens: 10.00am (Armour Inspection 10.15am / Skirmish Starts 10.30am)

Location: The Ynys Fawr Archery Grounds, Cambridge

Cost: \$5.00 (Non-members + \$2)

Bookings: Not Required.

### **Feast of the Lions**

This event will be stewarded by Lady Marie de Beaugency (Teghan Sherwood) & the St Gildas stewarding team.

Site Opens: 5.30pm                      Event Starts: 6.00pm

Location: St James Church, Corner Elizabeth St and Rupert Ave

Cost: \$25.00 (Non-members + \$2) (\$30.00 the week before or \$35.00 at the door!)

Bookings: Bookings are required please contact Lord Lothar von Dargun (Chris Belbin)

Further details to follow.

### **Royal Hobart Show Demo**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012

The Hobart Show was a great way of promoting our so much so I believe we should make it a regular event.

Some idea's that were raised were

1. The Barony to offer a \$5 discount on membership paid within two weeks of the show

**Action:** David Beresford to check with the Kingdom Reeve on the legalities of enticing members by offering a discount? I spoke with the Kingdom Seneschal about this and she has suggested we don't do this but rather offer a really cheap value for money event for all members and potential members. I guess we are back to gifting new members with a piece of Garb? Or something idea's please!

2. Definitely need more Flyers etc. at the 2012 Show

**Action:** Dan Russell to start work on a new design for our flyers.

3. A portable backdrop depicting a Keep

4. An easy to erect period Pavilion that can used at the show and other events etc.

### **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/)

### **SCA Huon Valley - Canton of Lightwood**

Next IMOT Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March GeCO Geeveston.

**Action:** David Beresford to upload this information to the Ynys Fawr Website and Calendar.

### **Proposed Events**

#### **Medieval Mayhem in April 2012**

The Canton of Lightwood plans to run this as a public event for the Geeveston community next year – not sure on best date, perhaps 21st or 28th April? (Noted Suth Moot is at Easter).

**Action:** David Beresford to investigate insurance for this event?

#### **AS Workshop & Camel Feast in May 2012**

Louise McCoy-Caldwell & Cary Lenehan have suggested the possibility of inviting Oonagh down to Ynys Fawr to run an A&S Workshop in Naalbinding (Kingdom Funding maybe available for this project and will be investigated.) Cary would also like to hold a Camel Feast at on the evening at the end of the workshop. For more information about Oonagh and Naalbinding go to <http://webspaces.webring.com/people/lo/oonaghsown/> or her facebook page.

#### **A Knife Making Workshop in June 2012**

\$50 for the weekend, you will walk away with a knife with a handle. No catering at all. To be organised by Lorix, with Vaughan as the teacher. More details to follow when available.

## **15<sup>th</sup> Century English Feast in September**

Probably about the second week in September. This is a feast built on completely period manners, period feast culture for that time and country, period recipes and serving methodology.

The Steward is planning on (budget permitting) a period spoon to be given as an event token to all who attend, to be used at the feast. It is not for the faint hearted, it will not be a cheap feast.

Maddie has already been notified of period earthenware etc that will need to be made for food presentation.

## **Northern Event in October 2012**

Details to be confirmed.

## **Newcomers Tourney**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012

A Tournament with supplemented Pot Luck, the Event to be offered to Newcomers at ½ price.

More information to follow shortly

I am looking for a Steward to run this event.

**Action:** David Beresford to look into conflict issues with November Crown to be held in the Barony of Adora, Mt Keira, NSW.

## **Business Carried Forward**

### **Rattan**

David to order 10 sticks of rattan approximately 1m in length from His Grace Gabriel at an expected cost of \$160. We still have nine long sticks of rattan from the North at Betty North's abode.

On conformation of price David will arrange a cheque to be deposited into the Chatelaine account.

**Action:** David to use the online form and place the order with Gabs?

<http://armouredbadger.griffin-dor.org/mailform.php> and arrange the Barony to send a cheque.

### **New Flyers and Newcomers Contact Details Form**

It was suggested that we have flyers available at every event and training session with all our contact details.

And a form to record any newcomers details so we can do follow up, put them in touch with our website, facebook and let them know when events are coming up etc.

**Action:** Dan Russell to organise flyers and design a suitable form for these purposes.

### **The Northern Thrones**

His Excellency Baron Arnfinr Akasson (Ian Alston) can no longer store the Northern Thrones and a number of smaller items; I have been in consultation with a number of people within the North to see where they can find a home, to no avail. Much as I loathe doing this, but if a home is not found soon we may have to consider storing them in the South for the time being, unless someone comes forward. Still a problem!

**Action:** David to contact Ian to find out how long before we need to store them somewhere other than his house and also enquire whether he is selling his personal thrones.

### **Pavilion**

I would like to investigate constructing a shade Pavilion for visiting Royalty and our reigning Baron and Baroness. It should be easy to assemble, light weight, hard wearing, shower proof and decorated appropriately.

I am open to suggestions and ideas, as well as ideas of how we could fund the bulk of construction without draining the Baronies Coffers to much.

People should do some research on this – it's more urgent than tables. Still need costings and logistics etc – shed ownership/ storage needs to be sorted first.

It was suggested that we start planning our next raffle, one to sell a festival and one to sell at the show.

### **Ynys Fawr Directory**

Betty North and David Beresford are putting together a new directory.

## **Poll**

Dan Russell suggested we contact the expired members and conduct a poll to find out why they are no longer members and see if we can't entice them back to the fold.

**Action:** Dan Russell and David Beresford to work out the details for a poll.

## **Baronial Loaner Armour Construction**

Progressing, Dan still need assistance with the Baronial Loaner Armour to get it to the point that it can begin to be sewn together or at least someone to come and have coffee with me while I sand all the pieces and drill holes so they can be sewn.

**Action:** Davo to get to Dano's for coffee!

## **Archery Shed**

Kevin Hotson has been investigating the ownership of the Archery Shed at Cambridge.

Neil wrote to the Archery Society of Tasmania re giving the shed to our group, the state organisation forwarded a letter on to the National organisation; We are awaiting a reply at this stage but everything looks good.

**Action:** Kevin to follow up before next meeting.

## **Tennis Shed**

Kevin Hotson has also been investigating the possibility of storing the thrones and the like in the old Tennis Shed. Currently it is being used by the local Junior Soccer Club about four months of the year.

**Action:** David Beresford to email Tracy Sparks [tsparks@ccc.tas.gov.au](mailto:tsparks@ccc.tas.gov.au)

## **New Business**



# Onys Fawr Baronial Knight Marshalls Report

For the period of February

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

## Archery @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> February 7 Archers practiced their Target Archery

On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> February 5 Archers practiced their target Archery

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> February 5 Archers practiced their target Archery

**Authorisations:** None

**Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

## Heavy Combat Training @ Cambridge

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> February we had a total 5 Heavy Combatants train

On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> February we had a total 0 Heavy Combatants train

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> February we had a total 5 Heavy Combatants train

On Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> February we had a total 0 Heavy Combatants train

**Authorisations:** None

**Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

## Rapier Training @ Cambridge

No Rapier training took place

**Authorisations:** None

**Incidents / Injuries:** None reported.

Rather quiet month but on we go

Yours in Service,

*Aiden Brock*

Knight Marshal

**Reeve Report March 2012****Main Account: 100129535****Opening balance: \$9335.41**

Deposits:	06/02/12	\$379.00	cash deposit (Tournament of Roses & Fiesta del Amor)
	21/02/12	\$92.00	Kraken picnic
	28/02/12	\$159.00	site fees
	28/02/12	\$90.00	rattan
	28/02/12	\$113.40	Known world handbook

**Total deposits: \$833.40**

Withdrawal:	01/02/12	\$240.00	cheque no. 692316 (Tournament of Roses & Fiesta del Amor)
	02/02/12	\$120.00	cheque no. 692319 (Tournament of Roses & Fiesta del Amor)
	08/02/12	\$47.99	cheque no. 628313 "Flickr" account
	08/02/12	\$90.00	cheque no. 628312 training site fees
	09/02/12	\$300.00	cheque no. 628314 Float – Lightwood event
	15/02/12	\$150.00	cheque no. 628315 Open chatelaine account

**Total withdrawals: \$947.99****Closing balance: \$9220.87****Event Account: 100142933****Opening balance: \$380.97**

Deposit:	06/02/12	\$30.00	Alice Finlayson (Payment for Tournament of Roses & Fiesta del Amor)
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**Closing balance: \$410.97****Chatelaine Account: 100148992****Opening balance: \$100.00****Total in accounts: \$9730.82**



## Missives from the Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings,

Mistress Catherine the Friendly has resigned as Kingdom Constable.

Lord Hugh de Beaufort has graciously agreed to look after the office until a permanent replacement can be found.

Applications are invited for the office of Kingdom Constable.

To hold this office you must:

Be a current member of the SCA

Be over 18 years of age

Be prepared to swear fealty to the Crown

The duties of this office include:

Collecting reports from group constables

Reporting quarterly to the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal

Warranting group officers and keeping a roster of same

Ensuring that the Constables website is maintained (you can do this yourself or appoint a deputy)

Applications should be submitted to the Kingdom Constable ([debeaumontau@yahoo.com.au](mailto:debeaumontau@yahoo.com.au)) and Kingdom Seneschal ([seneschal@lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@lochac.sca.org)) by the end of April.

If you have any questions about the role, please contact the Kingdom Constable.

In service,

Catherine de Arc

Lochac Seneschal

Greetings,

I am very pleased to announce that Their Majesties, Siridean and Margie, have decided that May Crown 2013 will be hosted by the Canton of Burnfield (Bundaberg, Queensland).

In service,

Catherine de Arc

Lochac Seneschal

## SURVEY RESULTS

The survey had 441 respondents, with three quarters voting in favour of offering financial support to the SCA Inc. Detailed results may be seen here: <http://webcentre.co.nz/hydes/USSettlementSurvey.pdf>

The figure of 10% was arrived at because, for each of the three entities, a plurality or a majority of survey respondents was in favour of sending 10% or better, but there was nonetheless a significant number supporting 5% or less. A weighted calculation of the responses for each entity was also close to 10%.

## OTHER DONATIONS

Several groups have offered donations of their own, which are also most welcome, and others may be pending, including a contribution from the Rowany Festival Fighter Auction Tourney.

Donor groups known at this date:

Aneala  
Southron Gaard

## POSSIBILITY OF REIMBURSEMENT

We have just received an assurance from SCA Inc. (US) that donations sent from affiliates including Lochac WOULD be covered by a proportional reimbursement that would be offered if SCA Inc. win their current lawsuit against one of their insurers.

Consequently, IF any proportional reimbursements are made, we will take the following actions:

1. SCA Ltd, SCA NZ Inc. and the Kingdom of Lochac will receive the proportion relating to their own original contributions
2. Amounts forwarded via or from groups will be returned proportionally to each donor group, and will be retained by that group. This includes individual donations made via a group account - they cannot be returned to the individual(s) in question.
3. Likewise, individual donations made directly to the SCA Ltd or SCA NZ Inc. accounts will be retained by those entities - they cannot be returned to individual donors.

Thus, individuals making donations should understand that their donations will either help the SCA US or, in the event the SCA win their lawsuit and some reimbursement is made, their donations will help the entity into whose account their donations were originally paid.

There is, of course, no particular reason to expect any reimbursement – it is merely a possibility we can now hope for, and also need to allow for.

## MAKING DONATIONS

In order to minimise the number of costly US funds transfers that will be required, individuals and groups wishing to donate are asked to make their payments as soon as possible and in any event no later than April 20.

In Australia use:

Westpac  
Account Name: The Society for Creative Anachronism Ltd - Donations  
BSB: 034054  
Account Number: 281958

Canton of Lightwood  
**Newcomer's Tourney and Feast**  
25 February 2012  
**Feast Steward's Report**

**To David de Derlington, Seneschal, Ynys Fawr**  
From Karl Faustus von Aachen.

My Lord --

First, I must apologise for not writing this earlier. Immediately after the tourney and feast, I suffered the sudden onset of the nasty Lurgi that had been afflicting the rest of my household and that I had successfully fought off before then. With that and some other mundane obligations I could find time to work out the financials and bank the proceeds, but only today have I had a chance to finish this report. In the words of one of the greatest American secret agents of the Cold War period: "Sorry about that, Chief!"

### **Financial Summary**

As the attached P/L report shows, we had costs of \$538.55 including the kingdom levy, and takings of \$550 at the door, giving a grand total of \$11.45 profit. I feel that this is absolutely the ideal result: a large loss would indicate poor planning; a large profit would indicate poor value for money for our guests. A small profit is indicative of good planning, good pricing and a strong indication that the barony can rely on the canton to pay its way.

I enclose the receipts from myself and Liz Williamson, and after repaying the amounts there I banked the remainder of the takings, \$483.45. Jan Arnold purchased supplies for her apple pies, but mislaid the receipts and so generously decided to declare her portion a donation to the group. Tony Burton also donated the fresh salmon, which was magnificent.

### **People**

We had perhaps fifty people or so at the tourney. The heat of the day kept people away and reduced the flow-on attendance at the feast, but the park had ample shade trees and a warm but helpful crosswind so we made the best of the situation. I would suggest we ask the Bureau of Meteorology for cooler weather next time, however.

There were 23 adults and 10 children at the feast, of whom almost exactly half were from the canton. This was not a mammoth turn-out, but it filled the space nicely and had a cosy, friendly atmosphere. There was ample food, some singing (by Hrolf, Declan and me), a little dancing organised by Jill, and plenty of opportunity to chat. I think it went rather well.

### **Thanks**

I would like to especially thank, in no particular order:

Jackie Leitch, Liz Williamson, Jan Arnold and Tony Burton, who made and provided the food. Jackie was as wonderful as ever, working in the ridiculous heat, running everything smoothly and getting it all sorted out without the slightest apparent difficulty. Jan's apple pies and Tony's salmon were particularly popular.

Kevin Hotson and all the fighters who donned armour and played thumpy-thumpy in the shaded (but still warm) list field for the tourney. And because they'd heard the old expression about mad dogs and Englishmen and considered it a challenge, they went out in the midday sun and let people shoot arrows at them for ages, which just amazed me.

Kevin, Peter Apted, Martin (Froði) Kell and everyone else who showed up early and helped set up the list field in just the right spot.

Linda Cockburn and the Geeveston Community Centre, providers of our regular imot venue as well as endless resources and laser printing.

Alice (Drusticc) Finlayson, Darren West and Majorie (Maddie) Lenehan, as well as the cooking crew, who helped wash up.

Froði and Dan (Wulfgar) Russell who helped arrange the doors so that the kitchen wasn't excessively hot. Everyone who was at the feast early and helped set up.

Chris Rawlings at Huon FM, who interviewed me and let me plug the event in advance. At least one family heard the interview and came along.

Their Excellencies Lucas and Madelaine, who came along despite birthday and pregnancy, and made sure our newcomers felt included.

### Lessons

Advertising an event like this is always a challenge, and with a very limited budget we basically decided to keep things simple. I was lucky to run into Chris and have him talk me into the interview, which is something I should do every time. We need to brainstorm ways to get the message out more.

It's odd to have an event that was *too* hot in Tasmania, but this one definitely was. As a result the streets were deserted so it was hard to attract the attention of passersby. We just have to hope for better weather the next time we do this.

Jackie has imparted her wisdom to our team of cooks, and with her assistance they should have no trouble running our next feast, whenever that may be.

The Geeveston Community Hall is a good venue, though the kitchen is underpowered and it's difficult to decorate. I've seen worse, though, and once the lights are down its all pretty much the same.

### Summary

We came, we feasted, we made a sensible profit. What else is there?

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Canton of Lightwood  
**Newcomers Feast**  
25 February 2012

### Profit and Loss Statement

#### Income

Entry fees	<u>\$550.00</u>
	\$550.00

#### Expenditure

Hall hire	\$150.00	
Food + costs	\$366.55	see "Receipts"
Kingdom Levy	<u>\$ 22.00</u>	see "Attendance"
	\$538.55	

<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<u>\$11.45</u>	
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#### Banked

Entry fees	\$550.00
less Liz's costs	-\$63.40
less Eric's costs	-\$ 3.15

<b>Total</b>	<u>\$483.45</u>
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## **Missive to His Majesty**

Unto his Majesty, Siridean of Lochac, does your humble subject, Ailis inghean Mheadhbha give greetings.

Unfortunately, I send dark tidings, whilst it goes against my better judgement; I feel that these words cannot go unsaid.

This weekend past, an event was held in your noble Barony of Politarchopolis, at which Her Majesty's conduct was, shall we say, most peculiar.

Our Queen was witnessed offering libations to Venus, the Goddess of Love, in celebration of Valentines day. Instead of spending such an auspicious occasion with Your Majesty, arm in arm was she, at the foot of your very throne, with none other than her Knights Councillor!

Her Majesty was espied *\*lying\** in the green field beside a large figure bearing strong resemblance to this self same Councillor, to whom she was later seen blowing *\*kisses\** while he did battle for her honour.

Immediately before she held her court, without Your illustrious presence, she was witnessed in the arms of this gentle, upon which occasion Jove demonstrated his displeasure by exploding her newly strung beads, a portent of punishments he was yet to inflict upon your fair barony.

As the gods did frown upon Her Majesty's indiscretions, weeping tears in torrents upon the revelers, Her Majesty is rumoured to have run to seek shelter by the side of her lover, hidden from view by a score of young men of unnecessary stature.

## **Strange Missive?**

The Queen is greatly vexed, and feels that Her position alongside the King as His equal has been grossly undermined during Her absence. See the intercepted message below to understand Her ire and indignation. It seems inevitable that the fragile peace of Our Land will be rent asunder in bloody civil war. Your Queen calls on you, Her loyal subjects to don the green and join Her on the battlefields of Rowany. The time for reconciliation is coming to a close with the visit to Ynys Fawr at the end of this month the only remaining event in the Royal Progress prior to Rowany Festival.

Excerpts from a letter intercepted on its way to a Certain Publisher in Edinburgh containing Matters of Import regarding the actiivities of His Maiestie of Lochac at a recent euent in the Crescaunt Isles, to wit: It hath been sayed of late that His Maiestie hath plans to bypass any issue he hath of Her Majestie, favouring instead seed from an earlier planting should it come to harvest in due time.

For Her Maiesty had left the aforementioned Faire but a scant few hours before a certain Woman appeared with a youngling in tow and was seen much in the companie of His Maiestie, said bairn being fair and sturdy and some say very like unto His Maiestie when he was of that age...

Base rumours of her Maiestie and of war within the Old Principality were much bruited about, but no Good Person would countenance such from that Fair Lady, but saw instead such frolickings and fondlings of He who remayned that it left them shocked and stunned.

...and the populace maruelled greatly for that His Maiesty showed such constitution to be awake all of the night and much of the daie fortified as he was by only spiritous liquors which serued to o'er-heat the brayne and caused him to declaim and singge and proclayme and suchlike for manie hours without end...