

# *Saint Andrew's* INC.

## *Noble Order of Royal Scots*

~ Guidelines for Portraying a Historical Character ~

Portraying a person who lived during the life and times of Mary, Queen of Scots can be both a rewarding and demanding role. In large part one is restricted based on the facts and events associated with the historical character, with some deviation allowed due portraying Court and not all of Scotland.

The intent of these guidelines is to clearly discuss the requirements for portraying a historical character. Please review the guidelines, and follow the instructions for submitting a historical character profile and request.

### Relevance:

- ψ The character must be a person who lived during the period of time we portray (circa 1562).
- ψ The character must have lived in Scotland, England, Ireland, or Europe.
- ψ The character must have a logical reason for being on Progress in Scotland, or at the Court of Mary, Queen of Scots.

### Who Must Apply:

- ψ You must apply if you did not portray the particular historical character last year within St. Andrew's.

### Requirements for Playing a Historical Character:

- ψ You must be at least 16 years old.
- ψ You must be able to portray the character accurately based on research you have done.
- ψ You must be able and willing to interact with other actors and patrons as your character would.
- ψ You must possess the necessary creativity required to integrate your character into gigs and performances.
- ψ You must have the acting ability to portray the character.
- ψ You must be willing and able to stay in character from the beginning to the end of the faire/event day.
- ψ You must have the ability to dress and look the part of the character. This may be an expensive proposition.
- ψ You must be able to consistently attend the majority of faires/games throughout the season.

### How to Apply:

- ψ Use research to develop a historically based biographical profile of the selected character.
- ψ Use factual references to research your desired historical character (no novels or other works of fiction), and cite those references.
- ψ Obtain and complete a Historical Character Portrayal Request.
- ψ Submit the request either electronically, via mail, or in person to the Guild Master.