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To all of Our subjects who may see these words - Greetings. Our Most Royal Majesty is well pleased to prepare this missive for you and trusts that it finds you in good Health and in the Happiness that is the promise of Our most pleasant Realm. The season of winter is past and God in His eternal Grace has brought us another joyous Spring and thence Our time to travel the length and breadth of the land to entreat Our dear people, dispense Our most noble and proper Justice and offer succor to those in need.

Indeed, this faire season and seasonably fair spring, the weather and bit 'o rain, in it's much understood and reasonable need, does naught to dampen Our spirits. Rather, We took great joy and gladness in the recent Royal encampment and Court in the fair town of Murphys. Truly well met was Our first sojourn. Made well by the work of our diligent Court and hardy, loyal subjects. The most high praise to all! Looking forward, Our princely gaze doth see much more of that ilk so in evidence in Murphys and We reside gently in the surety of Our subjects care and fortitude as We continue in this season.

As this new season unfolds, I entrust and entreat each loyal subject to remember that merry people make merry times by merrymaking. When rainfalls, or the hour is short - or the temper - betimes look unto each other and if one's vessel of happiness is without, take a draught from the spirit of our dear friends and kin. Let none go untempered and none go without the light of these light hearted times in their countenance, for it doth please Us very well to see it upon thee. By this we remain a Court and People of a single happiness. Look unto each other well and remember Our royal wish.

We are most pleased to issue a furtherance of the account of the Noble train of Our beloved Sir James Melville, His Grace, Grand Duke of Albany, by the Grace of God and Our high command. Under the banner of Saint Gyles our good people may go abroad with Sir James or continue under Our own pennant of Saint Andrew guided by the sure hand of Our most loyal Sir Drew Douglas MacQuain, Duke of Portree. **HOWEVER** - It is Our wish and express desire that no subject shall leave from one train and join the other at any time DURING the season. Rather, good subjects shall choose that which they would and remain thence for not less than a full season. Thereafter, they may choose to abide in the other during the following season. Thusly shall fair justice and happy choice abide together in our realm and We shall be most pleased. Thereby We shall remain free of confusion and concern and rather be in delighted concert. It is Our Majesty's wish that the creation of the separate Entourage under the banner of Saint Gyles be conducted and met by all, with propriety and custom and courtesy, with a heart of love and remembrance of our kinship, as would be expected of noble peoples.

I do remain, by the grace of God,
Her Most Royal Majesty

Maria Regina De Scotia



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Good My Lords and Ladies of St. Andrews:

As your new Guild Master I, Sir Drew MacQuain, Lord Great Chancellor for Scotland, would like to let you all know that your enthusiasm has opened St. Andrews to new endeavors and avenues of entertainment. The effect on our Court is very positive and I wish to thank you all for your fresh input. This input and outpouring of love helps me, as a Guild Master that is new to this job to enjoy the personalities that are coming forth.

The individual efforts to bring real historical characters to the stage is well accepted and appreciated. The faire gods must know that there is change coming because they graced our very first faire of the season with sunshine and blue skies after what looked to be a wet and grey weekend. Even in rough weather we will continue to shine as the Royal Court!!

The 2003 season is brimming with new and exciting things for St. Andrews. The upcoming season is looking to be most exciting. Please continue to bring your fresh ideas and personalities to all events and enjoy the new roads that your guild is traveling.



Murphy's Irish Days Celebration

St. Patrick's Day weekend the Guilds of St. Andrews & St. Gyles did travel forth to the shire of Murphys California to participate in their Irish Days Celebration.

The people of this small shire did welcome all of St. Andrews & St. Gyles with open arms and hearts. A grand time was had by all who attended this wonderful event.

Those hearty souls that braved the weather on Friday did find a wonderful weekend ahead. The sun did come out and shine upon her most Royal Majesty and her subjects. Giving them an event to remember with smiles, laughter and love.

Saturday was spent in dancing, singing, practicing of arms and walking about the shire. The shire of Murphys was dressed in Irish splendor and provided the perfect back drop to the Royal Court.

This event has now become a MUST for any who enjoy entertaining those fine folk that do show their appreciation and heart felt gratitude with smiles and hugs. A new home has been found for the guild and all are looking forward to a return next season!



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A MESSAGE FROM HIS GRACE TO THE ROYAL FAMILY

Good and Dear gentles, I do wish, most personally, to thank each of you for your concerted effort and heart felt attention to the very best interests of the future of our renaissance family - St. Andrews, St. Gyles and Castlewood House. It has been a very interesting year for all of us ~ you must admit ~ no one, I know, was bored! What ever is next! ~ was my thought, and to this second ~ I am hat in hand wondering what the corner I turn will reveal. So yes, I feel down to my toes ~ we should all count our Renaissance Blessings and hope for good health and determination to keep love alive on the Renaissance Road!

Each member of the Royal Family has had a long-standing love affair with this world we have created together. You are in the highest attainable positions in Renaissance Scottish Royal life. Your signature is: I am here because I lead by example. Her Royal Majesty the Queen, chose you each very personally to be in the Royal Family for one reason: **THE POTENTIAL YOU HAVE TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF GENUINE LOVE OF THIS HOBBY TO A NEW PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE YOU SERVE AS LEADERS.**

Her Royal Majesty the Queen, has no other desire than to keep the enchantment of Royal Service in your heart and in your soul ~ and that you share this enchantment with our Guild Family and our Audiences! So it is, that you now hold a place in the Royal Family for worthy gallantry, loyalty, intelligence, and experience! Years and years of reliance and hard, hard work! When many others have long turned away and are gone ~ your wise policy has stood good ground. So ~ it is my sweetest duty in my last letter to you as Royal Grand Lord Chancellor for Scotland, to impart to you ~ the Royal Family ~ to acknowledge the affection you have poured into my life and work. By virtue of that affection ~ I recognized you officially, as was my Office afore the Queen. Yours was the path of continual courage to make the guild a success it is that you each took! You are each a jewel in the crown of St. Andrews. You have achieved leadership where you are continually observed by all the fair folk. Your prominence comes from the responsibility you demonstrated to maintain the dignity of the royal family at all times ~ to remain gracious and kind to those who deserve this recognition and yet ~ when need be ~ place a wall of steel loyalty to the Queen in the face of those who demonstrate a lack of principle and worth. If you keep the ambiance of the Court regal and true ~ those who are your students ~ respectfully ~ shalt do as their teachers do ~ as well.

So, I have come to the end of my stay with Saint Andrews and as your Royal Chancellor. I have grown old in the service of my Queen in more ways than the gray hair that replaced the blond ten years ago! I have completed my work there now ~ and move on to being the Royal Great Chamberlain for Scotland and St. Gyles. Another of St. Andrews many, many, many sons. I will hold the Royal Seal and the Royal Keys. That is a part of my new office. But the decisions now, are all made by others, with the help of Her Royal Majesty the Queen. I must truly say ~ what a loving and kind and very intelligent Sovereign Majesty she is. You all must now assist Her Majesty, in one of the most delicate and difficult tasks that could befall Our great Queen ~ the successful succession of the power of the crown

from one Chancellor of 21 years service to a new Chancellor of the Realm. The good will of many was a champion of wisdom and true royal bearing ~ how blessed we all are for the glory of these true and caring hearts. Every single person in the royal family, most especially Her Royal Majesty the Queen, demonstrated that the soul of Saint Andrews Guild rests in the desire for not only just the survival of our guild after I am gone ~ but a legacy shared by everyone in the guild. And so, we all, embrace Sir Drew MacQuain, whom Her Royal Majesty hath selected to carry on my duties in Her Name and for the glory of every member of the guild now and for many years into the future. He has a huge responsibility upon his shoulders ~ And right now ~ the burden is awesome. Be there for him ~ and be there for him totally! Attending the fairs is the number one way you can help. Attendance is: everything!! The more helping hands, the greater his liberty to work for you! Reliance in all his needs at faires ~ when asked ~please do not hesitate or second guess ~ get the work done! He will need helping hands continually to keep this river of resources flowing. Your gifts of knowledge and affection and guidance will be the finest endeavor you can offer him.

Will I worry about what may be taking place in the future of the guild? Only when I am dead will I stop worrying about St. Andrews Guild. Yes ~ I will not sweat the wee things ~ they will pop out just about every where and oops ~ just a bother here and there. But if the big-bad-bear-type-hurt hits the guild ~ Yes ~ I will not stand in my pajamas and watch the Honor and dignity of the guild slide down the gutter. Would you?? Not a chance! But the future of Royal Saint Andrews Guild rests truly with each and every one of you ~ the success you offer, is the success it will contain. So ~ get out there and work your buns off and make Sir Drew proud of you!!!

Once again, Royal Family, and all who may read this final letter as your Guild Master ~ when you stand at Faire and look about you ~ realize that 35 of the guilds you are seeing set up came from Royal Saint Andrews. One way or another, they were my children and grandchildren of faire. I am proud of them for their worthy contribution and for their own visions to find that place in the heart of our hobby. Life is exceedingly short ~ I am proud that I made a difference in re-creating an ancient tyme and place of chivalry and grandeur in my life time and the reward of desire and creativity the Lord has seen fit to find me in the middle of Montana and say: You go do that ~ because no one else has yet. Now, I am done. So I say good-bye. Please see what is the heart of St. Andrews ~ making the Royal experience real for the audiences and for your self. My challenge to you ~ MAKE IT SO. Not in half measures ~ shed the actor ~ that has been done to death ~ put on the era! Live the work and you will feel the rush and quickening that has kept me vital to this challenge for 26 years. I have never been bored a minute of it ~ If you are ~ Then stop reading this letter and get out your sword and say: For Queen! (God Save the Queen!!!) For Scotland and For St. Andrews!! Forth on!!!!

I do remain, your ever obliging,
His Grace,

Sir James Melville

Royal Grand Duke of Albany and St. Andrews Royal Great Chancellor for Scotland and the Isles, His Grace the Grand Abbot General of the Holy and Military Order of Knights and Dames of St. John of Jerusalem (California Renaissance Faire Priory), Marquise of Glenlyon, Earl of Halhill, Viscount of Montrose, Baron of Abbotsford and St. GYLES, Baronette of Surrey Newell.

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House of Emissaries

In 2003, the Royal House of Emissaries is looking forward to solidifying connections between the Guild of St. Andrews, faire boards, and other guilds on the Renaissance Circuit to enhance the renaissance faire ambiance. During the year, behind the scenes as well as on site, our time will be spent arranging and participating in gigs with other guilds and patrons, always plotting new court intrigues, and other entertainment including croquet games, picnics, feasts, archery and chess tournaments. More importantly, though fun and enjoyable interactions, we are also looking forward to educating the public and our own members the preciseness and refinement of court manners of the renaissance era. From curtsies and bows to penmanship, feasts, sewing, languages, poetry recitals, singing and dancing to court intrigue... Oh what a year 2003 will be!

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Ladies-In-Waiting

The Ladies-in-Waiting this year will have a new look. We will be seen in colors other than black. You will be able to distinguish us by the sash all of us will be wearing. Please if you see a lady scurrying around and she has a sash get out of her way, she is on Queen's business.

The Ladies-in-Waiting are very short handed this year, so if you know any young ladies who would like to join our ranks please come forth and contact Dame Megan at (925)240-1562.

Need to know more about what's going on?
Want to see pictures of yourself and friends?

Check our the new Guild Web Site!!
<http://www.saintandrewsguild.com>

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Gentlemen of the Queens own Royal Guard

Thank you all who were able to attend our first official event of the year, Murphy's Irish Days. We all had a grand time and were greatly welcomed by the town's folk to their grand shire. For those who missed do try to make it to this event next year.

We will be attending a great many events this year and want everyone to be prepared! If you are in need of assistance with your garb please contact me and we will work on getting you outfitted.

Sir Keegan Gunn
PO Box 2736
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 228-9539

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"Clatter From the Highlands"

We bid ye good marrow! The folk of the Highlands are most anxious to accompany Her Majesty on Her Progress through Scotland and the Isles. We do urge all folk to remember to care for themselves and the folk next to them. As Highlanders, 'tis our primary responsibility to keep ye all on your feet, but do remember to eat a healthy breakfast and lunch, keep yourself watered, and snack from the Health and Safety table throughout the day. We do have grand plans for the new year; brawls and bawdy songs, Highland dances, gig and battles (can we please be victorious one time!?). All of which means, fun, overacting, bloodshed, and of course more overacting and more bloodshed. It will be a grand year fraught with new ideas and great fun!

GOD SAVE SCOTLAND! GOD SAVE MARY,
QUEEN OF SCOTS!

(and for our sake)

GOD SAVE THE HIGHLANDERS!

Chieftain Brittah MacGregor
War Chieftain Ian MacLeod

Upcoming events!

April 25th School presentation – **San Lorenzo Middle School.** What a fabulous event! For those available to attend (it is scheduled on a Friday) this is one not too miss. The students studying our beloved Renaissance era welcome St. Andrews with warm hearts! After a short presentation, we are invited to feast and walk about a small festival put on by the school. If you are available and/or interested – please contact Sir Drew MacQuain to get more information.

April 26th **Training!** As we prepare for our larger faires coming up in May and June – this training day is going to be very important for everyone! **Note:** this training day will be the first one at the new location – **Buchanan Park** in Pittsburg, CA. Training will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. and will continue through most of the day! There is much for all! Please plan to attend – it is so important that all of our members are well rehearsed and prepared for our future events!

May 3rd & 4th **SHASTA HIGHLANDS RENAISSANCE FAIRE – Anderson, CA** Two wonderful days with a full set-up and schedule! Always a wonderful faire, with grand interaction and glorious pageantry! **DO NOT MISS!** Consistently, for many of our folk, this is their favorite event of the year! Map included in this newsletter.

May 17th & 18th **PLACERVILLE FAIRE – Placerville, CA.** This promises to be a very interesting event – Queen Elizabeth at one end of the faire, and our wondrous Queen Mary Stuart at the other end! This will be St. Andrew’s first year in attendance, and the Queen is already looking forward to it! Please make plans now to join Her Majesty on progress to the wonderful location.

May 24-26th Memorial Day weekend! **Southern Renaissance Pleasure Faire** Walk-about – San Bernardino, CA For those interested, many of St Andrew’s folk venture down to Southern California for “Southern Faire”. This is a walk-about – meaning that St. Andrews is not a participant. We will not have a set-up, and if you choose to go – you must pay at the gate. But it is a wonderful faire, and if you can make it – you are sure to see some familiar faces!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS PAGE

Guild Quilt Project

For many of you that are not aware the Emissaries are planning to build a quilt for raffle at Winters Feast this year. This quilt will be a St. Andrews wide project since the fabric use will be scraps from your garb!! Here's the idea: We are asking that anyone that has made garb (or had it made for them) please donate any scraps that they still have so that your special gown, doublet, or uniform is included in the final product. The ladies of the Emissaries, as well as anyone else wishing to assist will be practicing their stitching at faire by putting together these scraps into a memory quilt. This is a season long project that we hope will help to cut the guild cost for the event. Please bring your scraps to faire with you or to OP. If this is difficult please contact Lady Margaret Balfour at rellie01@yahoo.com or call 408-993-1789 and a pick up or delivery can be worked out. Please stop by the Emissaries area and watch the progress as we put this very special project together. The cost of the raffle tickets is still under consideration but there will be more information to follow!

SEAMSTRESSES & TAILORS

Below is a listing of those good souls that can sew a new gown or doublet for you!! They are all independent contractors – Give them a call and put your order in!!

Lady Euphemia Douglas (aka Bebhain)
925-516-7327

Cheri Charitat aka Cherie MacCarraig
h- 510-770-1443 or c- 510-967-6399

Kaelyn Johnson -(307)344-9213

Laura Taylor – 408-298-6774

Lady Margaret Balfour (aka Rellie)
408-993-1789

Lady Bethany Melville –408-244-6896



Dance Practice

Join us Saturday, April 19th from 10am – 12pm for Dance Practice. This class will be videotaped and distributed to all St. Andrew's Guild Houses for training for our Dance Show. This is your chance to help St. Andrew's upgrade our training to better serve the membership.

When: Saturday, April 19th - 10am – 12pm
Where: Lakewood Park
834 Lakechime Drive
Sunnyvale, CA

Directions: *From points North*
Take 101S to Lawerance Expressway North
Turn left onto Lawerance Expressway
The next left is Lakehaven Drive turn left
Turn right on Silverlake Drive, the park is on the left-hand side We will be meeting in the 'cement circle'.

From points East
Take 880S or 680S to 237W
Take 237W to Lawerance Expressway/Caribbean Drive Take the Lawerance Expressway exit
On Lawerance Expy, proceed to Lakehaven Drive, turn right Turn right on Silverlake Drive, the park is on the left-hand side

We will be meeting in the 'cement circle'.

Need help: Contact Lady Kyra at 408-505-1434 or email at lady_kyra@yahoo.com

Saint Andrews Ancient Order of Noble Scots

∞ 2003 Calendar of Events ∞

February

8th Saturday Renaissance Faire Training Day (Serra Park, Sunnyvale – rain or shine!)

15th Saturday Renaissance Faire Training Day (Serra Park, Sunnyvale, CA)

March

1st & 2nd Sat. & Sun. Guild Construction Days (St. Andrew’s Royal Keep – Sunnyvale)
(Sunday the 2nd is “Cake Day” for the MacQuains!)

8th Saturday Renaissance Faire Training Day (Serra Park, Sunnyvale, CA)

9th Sunday No scheduled events

15th & 16th Sat. & Sun. **First Faire – Murphy’s Celtic Festival** (2 days 3/4 set-up)

22nd Saturday Renaissance Faire Training Day (Serra Park, Sunnyvale, CA)

23rd Sunday No scheduled events

29th & 30th Sat. & Sun. No scheduled events

April

5th Saturday Ardenwood Scottish Festival–full day of training with Her Majesty (Fremont, CA)

**6th Sunday ROYAL OPENING OF PARLIAMENT – Invitation will be sent to all!
(Tracy Community Center, Tracy, CA) Noon to 6 p.m. – plus tear down.**

12th & 13th Sat. & Sun. No scheduled events

19th & 20th Sat. & Sun. Easter Weekend – no scheduled events

25th Friday **RSVP to MacQuain** San Lorenzo Middle School – Renaissance Faire (Near King City, CA)

26th Saturday **New Location** Renaissance Faire Training Day (**Buchanan Park, Pittsburg, CA**)

27th Sunday No scheduled events

May

3rd & 4th Sat. & Sun. Anderson Renaissance Faire (near Redding, CA) 2 days – full set-up

10th & 11th Sat. & Sun. Mother’s Day weekend – no events

17th & 18th Sat. & Sun. Placerville Faire - 2 days – full set-up

24th – 26th Sat.-Mon. Memorial Day weekend - Southern Faire Walkabout (San Bernadeno, CA)

31st Saturday No scheduled events

June

1st Sunday No scheduled events

7th Saturday Scottish Honors Day & Festival (Ardenwood Park, Fremont, CA)

7th & 8th Sat. & Sun. Valhalla Renaissance Faire Walkabout (S. Lake Tahoe, CA)

14th Saturday Campbell Scottish Festival (San Jose, CA) One day with ½ set-up.

14th & 15th Sat. & Sun. Valhalla Renaissance Faire Walkabout (S. Lake Tahoe, CA)

21st & 22nd Sat. & Sun. Valhalla Renaissance Faire Walkabout (S. Lake Tahoe, CA)

28th Saturday Royal Scottish Picnic (Buchanan Park, Pittsburg, CA)

29th Sunday No scheduled events

July

5th & 6th Sat. & Sun.
12th Saturday
13th Sunday
19th & 20th Sat. & Sun.
26th & 27th Sat. & Sun.

4th of July Weekend - No scheduled events
Royal Scottish Picnic (Pacifica, CA)
No scheduled events
No scheduled events
Sacramento Renaissance Faire (Discovery Park) 2 days – Full set-up

August

2nd Saturday
3rd Sunday
9th & 10th Sat. & Sun.
16th & 17th Sat. & Sun.
23rd Saturday
24th Sunday
30th & 31th Sat. & Sun.

Renaissance Faire Training Day (Buchanan Park, Pittsburg, CA)
Battle Rehearsal – all guilds (Buchanan Park, Pittsburg, CA)
Pittsburg Scottish Faire (Pittsburg, CA) 2 days – Full set-up
No scheduled events
Renaissance Faire Training Day (Buchanan Park, Pittsburg, CA)
No scheduled events
Saturday & Sunday only, Pleasanton Scottish Games and Festival (Pleasanton, CA) 2 days – Full set-up

September

6th & 7th Sat. & Sun.
13th & 14th Sat. & Sun.
20th Saturday
21st Sunday
27th & 28th Sat. & Sun.

Northern Pleasure Faire Walkabout
Northern Pleasure Faire Walkabout
Royal Scottish Picnic (Buchanan Park, Pittsburg, CA)
No scheduled events
Northern Pleasure Faire Walkabout

October

4th Saturday
5th Sunday
11th Saturday
event
12th Sunday
18th & 19th Sat. & Sun.
25th Saturday
26th Sunday

Ben Lomond Scottish Festival (near Santa Cruz) Walk-about
No Scheduled events
Mask Ball & Feast (Location TBA) by Royal Invitation – all Guilds
No Scheduled events
Folsom Renaissance Faire (Sacramento Area) Walk-about.
Renaissance Faire Training Day (Buchanan Park, Pittsburg, CA) and last guild meeting of the year for entire membership. **Mandatory attendance.**
No scheduled events

November

1st Saturday
2nd Sunday
8th Saturday * New Location *
9th Sunday

Greening Day (The MacQuain Castle, Brentwood, CA)
No Scheduled event
21st Annual ROYAL WINTERS FEAST (*Community Center, Brentwood, CA*) (Invitations will be sent – details will be included)
Stow the keep day – Noon til Night (The MacQuain Castle, Brentwood, CA)