



The Parchment



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Saint Andrews Noble Order of Royal Scots Guild

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Greetings to all our beloved subjects and honored guests of the realm,



We hope that ye do enjoy a delightsome summertide respite from our many progresses. As we pause to reminisce over the past few months We must send Our encouragement to one and all to attend the three events that lie yet afore us: Pittsburg Scottish Renaissance Faire, Pleasanton Scottish Games and Stirling Castle Renaissance Faire in Truckee. If thou art new to St. Andrews, pray attend and experience the grandeur of Our court and meet the new friends who await thy acquaintance. To the "oldtymers", if thou hast attended not many events of recent, We do desire to gaze again upon thy bonnie face. Forgetting not the stalwart folk who attend with constancy, thy support is gratefully noted and be thee assured of Our deepest affection.

The Shasta Highlands Faire in Anderson carried off a successful event yet again. No flooding this year caused exclamations of relief. Our encampment fairly buzzed with activity the entire time. Perhaps this was the reason We found Ourselves required to chastise Master MacLaren for stealing a Ladies dress, of all things! Verily, We reprimanded some of Our Royal Guard for fighting in public within the Wicked Eye Tavern. We expect to reprimand them again. And again. T was a wondrous time.

Our first ever visit to Livermore Games presented a lovely event, albeit windswept. Verily the wind didst stir up mischief and mirth. Whilst playing a game of "musical benches" ,

Lord Fraser and the Duchess of Appen wert overcome with spirit against our dear Sir Guy Maxwell, knocking him from a bench, insooth, his feet also!

In June the shire of Campbell did show great zeal at Our return. Sir Diarmid Campbell and Our Royal Person spake with one Henry Taunenbaum, a local town crier, who didst broadcast the Royal Court out to the viewing folk of the shire. Quite a feather in Our cap, indeed!

We wish to note publicly Our appreciation to Mistress Jessica MacGregor of the Highlander Household for her willingness and good nature to step in and assist wherever needed. Thou art a gem in the setting of Our court, good Mistress.

The midsummer picnic had the Guild enjoying mild weather and good sport, resulting in Mistress Lily Bunch and Lord Duncan Sommerville named Champions of the Games. A few folk sustained injuries. In the wrong place at the wrong time found Lord Cameron MacQuain's arm trapped between a rock and a hard place. Howsomever, the Lady Raven Sinclair didst declare herself a numpty for the cause of her own injury. We hope bones wert broken not.

We think proudly upon Our people for the events and activities ye have carried out this year. Pray continue in the same manner for without ye Our life would be dull and sad, indeed.

Until we meet again, We remain,

MARIA R



Maria Regina de Scotia

Mary Stuart

Queen of Scotland and the Isles

☞ The Ladies in Waiting ☞

I would take this opportunity to thank those of you who did attend the Angel's Camp, Anderson, Livermore and Campbell faires. Your dedication and hard work went to make these events a success.

Her Majesty was well attended and cared for as is our duty. Special honors to our own Dame Brianna de St. Joer, who was awarded the Thor's Hammer at Angel's Camp, well done. We are presently looking into ways of decorating and furnishing the Queen's pavilion. Anyone interested in sharing ideas or abilities, please see me.

I look forward to the remainder of our faire season and to your continued efforts in service to Our Queen.

Dame Mary Beaton
Royal Countess of Crietch
Chamberlain of the Ladies in Waiting



☞ Her Majesty's Jewels ☞

Good Daye My Poppets,

We have our first two recipients of the grand Phoenix award. I hope that all of you will offer Lords Darren Melville and Andrew Gunn hearty congratulations in their positions of first and second honoree.

Again, to become a member of the coveted "Order of the Phoenix", you must follow these guidelines:

Recipient must/may:

- ❖ be under 16 years of age
- ❖ follow all Children's House & Guild rules at all times (including Attendance check ins)
- ❖ Be an extremely hard and conscientious worker
- ❖ only receive this award one time

We're continuing to improve our event training program. Last year Lord Aaron Rockwell spent some time teaching us sword. This year we're trying to get some additional sword training, possibly some weapons construction, art projects and hopefully our scavenger hunt will resurface at Pittsburg.

If you have suggestions for further trainings, please feel free to let me know.

Big Hugs!

Lady Kyra Alura MacNeil
Chamberlain of the Children's Household



From the Mists

Dia daoibh, a Chara!

'Tis always a most wondrous event when goode Irish folk are able and supported to improve their dwellings! While we are away from our beloved Emerald Isle, our Pavilion is our "home away from home" and like many other props on the lengthy Faire circuit, our original shelter has seen its better days. Through rain (fyne Irish weather) and shine, we have gathered around (and in) "ye olde green" and endeavored to create an ambiance worthy of the well-known Irish Hospitality and have long been aware that the walls of our House were in need of repair. And we have battled mightily (along with other brave souls in the Guild during set up) to find a way to put up our pavilion with speed and ease—especially in the dark!

With the most gracious help of Her Majesty, Maria Regina de Scotia, and the goode citizens of Alba, we are nearing completion with the fundamental work on our new Pavilion. Soon to follow will be the more artistic touches and requisite character needed to set the tone for a worthy Irish presence in the fyne Court of St. Andrew's. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude for all those who assisted in constructing our new dwelling, especially in the extreme heat and confusing circumstances. We all know "where

there's a will, there's a way" and our Pavilion will be proof of that. Go raibh maith agat chuig Captain de Faoite, na mbhan Muireann, Noirin, Kathleen, Eainne, Fionnuala agus na Tiarnaí Naccadin, Declan, Eoghan agus Heber and most especially a Grásta, An tUasal Drew Mac Quain!! (Thank you to Captain de Faoite, and Ladies Muireann, Noirin, Kathleen, Eainne, Fionnuala and Lords Naccadin, Declan, Eoghan and Heber, and most especially His Grace, Sir Drew MacQuain) You are all very well met and appreciated! Now let's finish the job!

I also wish to extend my most sincere appreciation for the ladies Muireann and Noirin for stepping up to the proverbial plate and filling in for me as Head(s) of the Household during our first events of the season while I was attending school and other life events. It is so very important to share the opportunities, responsibilities, efforts and joys with all involved in order to make sure everyone has a goode tyme in our Renaissance world and our heritage is well represented. Good leadership is essential to making it all happen and when goode folk step forward to ensure the show continues, all benefit. I am well aware of the devotion these two Ladies have to the Irish Presence and I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for their assistance in holding it together in my absence.

We Irish are all in agreement that we shall give our best service to Her Majesty, Mary Stuart, Queen of Scotland and all the Isles and to St. Andrew's Guild, home of merry folk in the fascinating world of Living History. We invite anyone interested in Irish heritage to join us in "Keeping the Green" alive!

Beannachtaí Mór! (Many Blessings!)

Princess Aislinn Sadhábh Morew Ní Briain
Chamberlain of the Irish



The Guild Newsletter

The Parchment is published approximately every three months. It, in conjunction with the monthly newsletter, is the major communication source for all Guild folk.

If you have interest in contributing to The Parchment, please contact Dame Bronwynne Melville at donna_cary@hotmail.com. We are always interested in hearing your feedback and suggestions! And articles are always welcome!!

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You're Invited!

For all who may be interested and available, Her Royal Majesty the Queen will be on progress to Walters Junior High School in the shire of Fremont on October 21st from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

All those of Her Majesty's court who are interested in helping with presentations, demonstrations, and the creation of the special ambiance of Her Majesty's royal court are most welcome to join us.

Please contact Don Juan de Maraña at (408) 505-4044 to RSVP. We look forward to having you join us!

Congratulations!

Our heartiest congratulations to Dame Bronwynne Melville, & 'Royal Guard' Randy! Dame Bronwynne is lighter of a son. Clark David Melville was born on May 4, 2004 at 11:45 of the morning clock, weighing in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and bearing the very mighty height of 20 inches, we predict he will be a very stout warrior indeed!

Warmest regards to Lady Maree Seaton and her new husband! Congratulations!

Any other newsworthy events? Please let us know! We always like sharing our joys and celebrating our successes with each other!

3A Missive from the Guild Master

I wish to have all members have a good summer. The events we set for this summer are very light for June and July, some like this others don't. This will be brought before the Guild at our Guild Barbeque later in the year.

We have a lot to do in August and September. I'm looking forward to high attendance at these events. The guild is doing well this year with the improved set up layouts and the new Queens pavilion, we are looking very regal. It was a great honor to have our Dame Bronwynne back at fair with us, much love and hugs to her. The highland games at Campbell will be held each year in her honor.

On July 10th I met with the Heads of each household. I am very proud of each of them and the efforts they are putting toward their duties. We discussed the upcoming events, and every one of them is committed to making Saint Andrews shine. Please work with them as they guide you to make our shows even more "hella cool"!

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon, always at your service,



Sir Drew Douglas MacQuain

Duke of Dunvegan Castle

Lord Chancellor of Scotland and the Isles

Cardinal Knight of the Knights and Dames of Saint John of Jerusalem

First Knight of Saint Andrews

From the Quill of Don Juan

I would like to express my thanks to those individuals who have made the time to volunteer at our school events. To take time off in the middle of the week is not always easy considering the other events where we might take a Friday or Monday off of work. The rewards for doing so, however, are immeasurable. Just ask someone who has attended one of these events. So once again, I would like to thank the following individuals.

St. Felicitas Middle School
San Leandro - April 29, 2004
Dame Bonnie Gunn
Sir Ryk Tucker
Claudette LeFevre
Captain Morgan MacCarraig

San Lorenzo Middle School, King City May 7, 2004
Mary Stuart
Captain Morgan MacCarraig
Sir William Maitland
Kael MacGregor
Collin MacAndrew
Steven Maxwell

Brentwood - May 11, 2004
Sir Drew MacQuain
Sir Guy Maxwell
Raven Sinclair
Alexander Gordon
Dame Mariota Arres

Brentwood - May 21, 2004
Sir Drew MacQuain
Sir Guy Maxwell
Raven Sinclair
Dame Mariota Arres
Cameron MacQuain
Dame Mary Beaton
Mary Fleming
Jessica MacGregor

Truckee - June 11, 2004
Raven Sinclair
Sir Keegan Gunn
Charlotte Carmichael-O'Marren
Scott Carmichael - O'Marren
Dame Shaila Gunn
Janes Carmichael
Maxwelton MacLaren
Luke Carmichael
Paula Carmichael
Lady Margaret Douglas
Sir Ryk Tucker

Steve Hall*
Ronald Tucker
Carlie Carmichael
Skylara*
Dargon*
Dave*
Beos*
Kaelyn Stewart
Katelyn Stewart
Dame Elspeth MacBeath
Dirk Williams*
*Non-members

San Mateo Boys & Girls Club
San Mateo - July 15, 2004
Dame Mariota Arres

Morrigan MacKenna
Sir Guy Maxwell

I cannot personally lionize these folk enough. Through their generous efforts we are able to entertain and enlighten an impressionable audience and at the same time secure our non-profit status, in turn making it possible for all of us to write-off many of our expenses. So, next time you

see one of these folk at faire, thank them and ask about their experience. It might convince you to join us next time.

Speaking of... our next school event is at Walters Junior High School in Fremont on October 21st from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. If you are interested, please call me at (408) 505-4044 and I will get you a map or directions as soon as possible.

Many Thanks!

Don Juan de Marañón
Event Coordinator



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Friendly Reminders

This is where to go for information regarding your St Andrews Membership. The 2004 Calendar, important History, guidelines, costuming ideas, Household pages, fun and helpful links - good stuff for everyone!

If you haven't already, log on today and have a look around - and check in often, as the site gets updated as new information becomes available!



Reminder... Friday night, Saint Andrew's will be hosting a barbeque. The cost is \$8 per person (children under 16 are 1/2 price!) If you pre-purchase your meal (prior to 8/25/04), dessert will be included in the price of dinner. If you pre-reserve your meal (prior to 8/28/04), you will be put into a drawing for a prize. Please contact Lady Kyra (lady_kyra@yahoo.com or 408-505-1434) to make your reservations as soon as possible.



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History in Brief

The following sonnet was written by Mary Stuart during her incarceration in Fotheringhay. Although Mary was fluent in both French and old Scot, she preferred to write in French, which was the language of the court, and considered more sophisticated.

Fotheringhay

*Alas, what am I? What use has my life?
I am but a body, whose heart's torn away,
A vain shadow, an object of misery
Who has nothing left but death-in-life.
O my enemies, set your envy all aside;
I've no more eagerness for high domain;
I've borne too long the burden of my pain
To see your anger swiftly satisfied.
And you, my friends who have loved me so
true,
Remember, lacking health and heart and
peace,
There is nothing worthwhile that I can do;
Ask only that my misery should cease
And that, being punished in a world like
this,
I have my portion in eternal bliss.*



Clatter from the Highlands

Good marrow from the Highlands to all good folk of Saint Andrew's!

As I look back over the past few months I do recall that the Livermore Games were a bit blustery, but grand nonetheless. It was good to hear how all of Saint Andrew's pulled together on such a wind-swept day.

Lord Heber & Lady Fiounnola were arrested for poaching and living on my lands without permission or payment. Lady Kyra did speak in my stead and demand retribution and restitution.

Her Majesty did see fit to enter the two into indentured servitude in an effort to compensate me for my losses, and to see that justice was served. Hence, Lord Heber and Lady Fiounnola are now members of the Highland Household, and grand additions they be! Saint Andrew's and the public enjoyed the arrest and trial so much (and double jeopardy not being an issue in 16th Century Scotland), it was all repeated on Sunday!

Campbell Games was a one-day event with a relaxed and enjoyable schedule. I do thank Lady Kyra, Lady Morrigan and Lady Tory for being 'highlanders-for-a-day'.

So many wondrous faires are quickly approaching!

Pittsburg Faire is just a few days away. The Highland Household hopes to debut yet another new addition at Pittsburg – a tripod fire pit, and do hope to have a bit of roast beast for ye. We

look forward to once again battling with the Royal Guard. The Highlanders will fight well, and some, alas will die well. Perhaps the history of four years ago will repeat itself...

With Pittsburg Faire and other events in mind, I do remind ye that our viands stores are depleted. Prithce, do remember to bring health and safety viands to Pittsburg...or risk starvations (for the first time in recorded history, we have no pickles!).

The Pleasanton Games, and a new faire in Truckee, that I am very excited about, will quickly follow Pittsburg Faire. I do remind ye that ye are all welcome to come sit in the Tavern and share yer period craft with the public – when Her Royal Majesty can spare yer company of course! I look forward to seeing ye all soon!

I Remain In Loyal Service to Her Majesty,

Chieftain Brittah MacGregor

Chamberlain of the Highlanders

GOD SAVE SCOTLAND!
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!
GOD SAVE THE HIGHLANDERS (please)!



Lairs and Chatelaines

Please be very accurate in your Guild House meeting attendance records! To ensure that your Guild House folk receive the proper credit, pray remember to send in your monthly attendance records to Sir James Mossman and/or Dame Mariota Arres.

☞ A Missive from the Assitant Guild Master ☞

Good gentles of Saint Andrews,

The year is but half begun and we near a very busy second half of our progress with the Queen - water up and prepare thy voices as we come together again to chant GOD SAVE THE QUEEN in Pittsburg and Pleasanton! We are looking forward to seeing all of you in court as is Her Majesty's wish. Do take it upon yourselves to attend as many, if not all, of Saint Andrew's events - including our training/rehearsal days!

Some things we would like you to remember:

- ❖ Training/rehearsals are important - as with any production, practice makes perfect!
- ❖ Safety is #1 - another reason rehearsals are so important!
- ❖ Don't forget your sun screen!!
- ❖ Favors - the Queen is in need of fancy favors as well as children's!
- ❖ Costuming - we are on progress with the Queen, though it gets hot, and some may wish to dress more casually. . . we are the court, each and every one of us, so please keep your garb appropriate. However, do dress as cool as you can while keeping the above in mind.
- ❖ Please bring viands (food) to share for each day you are attending faire.
- ❖ If you can help with a Load or Unload at the Guild Master's house, please come!
- ❖ Set-ups and Tear-downs are part of our duties, please try your best to help there, too!

As mentioned by others, we are in need of all of our good folk's attendance and talents to make our shows the best they can be! Do not think that you are not needed - quite the opposite, you are needed and wanted to be at your guild family's side! And gramercy to each of you who make the effort to progress to court! Your talents, assistance, and friendship is appreciated more than you know!!

Here's looking forward to a great August, September and October! Yep, Truckee's Renaissance Faire and our Guild BBQ are also just around the corner! We are excited about those two events as well!! Many wonderful times await us!

I do remain, your loyal and loving Assistant Guild Mistress,
Her Grace, Dame Bronwynne Alexandra Melville





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~ Musings from S pain ~

The Ambassadors have been, as usual, quite busy of late. We recently had a barbeque at the home of the Spanish, which was well attended. We hope to have another one soon!

Campbell games were a lot of fun, Her Majesty was in good spirits, and did enjoy our company throughout the day. The highlight for our house, of course, was Don Alejandro's debut on "television" (a magical talking box).

We are excited about the upcoming events where we will be once again feasting with her Majesty and other important faire folk. Stop by the Ambassador's pavilion during the day and visit, share current news of the land, and play games of the times.

*Don Bernardino de Mendoza y Parma
Doña Sabina de Mendoza y Montoya
Chamberlains of
the Ambassadors Household*

☞ Thor's Hammer Royal Honorees ☞

At the beginning of all of the Faires where we perform, the Star Chamber is asked to take most particular note of outstanding efforts during the event. At the end of the weekend, a vote is cast amongst them, and a Thor's Hammer is awarded during the Hug Circle to that person whom the majority agree made the greatest individual contribution to our success. This is a once in a lifetime award, a signal honor, and is worn proudly by each recipient, for all who look thereupon shall honor them as they well deserve, as one of the most valued supporters of our Guild.



2004 Honorees (in alphabetical order):

Dame Brianna de St. Joer

Lady Cheri MacCarraig

Our Apologies! ☹ Lady Shannon Carmichael O'Marren was inadvertently left off of the Children's Thor Hammer recipient list. The publishing team extends its heartfelt apologies for having left her off of our initial list. If you find that you were mistakenly left off of the complete list of Thor's Hammer or Children's Thor Hammer Recipients, please let Dame Bronwynne Melville (donna_cary@hotmail.com) or Lady Kyra MacNeil (lady_kyra@yahoo.com) know so we can add you to it. Gramercy!

☞ Seamstresses & Tailors ☞

Below is a listing of those good souls that can sew a new gown or doublet for you!!

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Dame Brianna de St Joer
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Dame Mariota Arres
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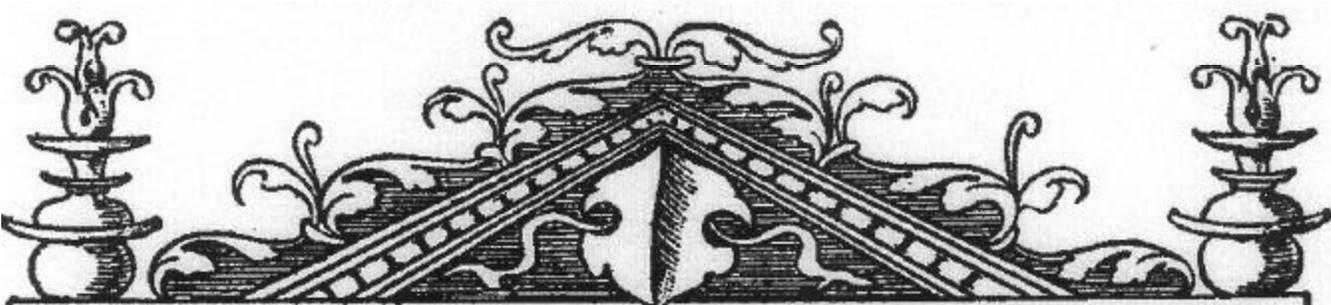


They are all independent contractors – Give them a call and put in your order! Can you sew? Care to earn some money plying your craft, please contact Lady Kyra if you are interested in adding your name to our Seamstresses & Tailors list.

In need of Children's Costuming?

We may have something available to fit your poppet in the 'Children's Costume Trunk'. Has your child outgrown their garb? Why not donate it to the Guild for future use?

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~A Missive from The Dance Mistress~

Greetings Fellow Dancers!

Our most important shows of the season are swiftly approaching. I need every available dancer to participate. Please please please join us at the rehearsals prior to Pittsburg and Pleasanton Faire for some last minute rehearsal. We could all use it!

Reminder, please dress the part that you want to play, if you want to be in the court dances, dress as a courtier, if you want to be in Highland dances, please dress as a highlander. Also, remember to dress from the skin out. Please wear period appropriate undergarments, shoes & hosiery. The folk in the audience will be below us and may have a chance to see what is worn under that kilt when we're dancing on the stage.



Oh, and one final reminder... this is supposed to be fun, so do your best, and keep it lively!

Hugs to all!

Lady Kyra MacNeil

*S*aint Andrews Ancient Order of Noble Scots
2004 Calendar of Events

August

7 th	Saturday	Training Day - Pittsburg Faire Rehearsal	Pittsburg, CA	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
14&15	Sat. & Sun.	Pittsburg Renaissance Faire 2 day event, full set-up, full schedule	Pittsburg, CA	
28 th	Saturday	Training Day - Pleasanton Scottish Games	Pittsburg, CA	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

September

4&5	Sat. & Sun.	Pleasanton Scottish Games 2 day event, full set-up, full schedule camping on site encouraged!	Pleasanton, CA	
11&12	Sat. & Sun.	Sonora Renaissance Faire (walkabout)	Sonora, CA	
25&26	Sat. & Sun.	Truckee Renaissance Faire 2 day event, full set-up, full schedule	Truckee, CA	

October

9	Saturday	Head of Household Meeting	Redwood City, CA	12pm - 2pm
16&17	Sat. & Sun.	Folsom Renaissance Faire (walkabout)	Folsom, CA	
23 rd	Saturday	St. Andrews Barbeque Social final meeting of the year	Pittsburg, CA	

November

13 th	Saturday	Winter's Feast - Tracy Community Center	Tracy, CA	Noon to 10p.m.
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