



# The Parchment



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Saint Andrews Noble Order of Royal Scots Guild

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*Greetings unto Our Beloved Folk of Scotland and Cherished Guests of the Realm.*



*Our progress continues on and the work of St. Andrew's is never at rest. Always there be repairs needed to raiment and pavilion. And always Our good people are ever at the ready to step forward and take matters to hand. 'Tis these efforts which keep our company on the move and Our court fit for guests. If not for thy contribution we should be a ragtag sight indeed. We now move into the second half of our season and shalt be in attendance of several important events. Pray, dust off thy boots, shake out thy best dress and do all possible so thy will be present as often as possible. Lads and lassies of all ages return to these events each year in hopes of meeting thee again. Verily, the impression thou dost make is great upon their curious minds. Be mindful of what wonders thou can share with them and generous be with thy time. Even if possessing a shy nature, simply thy friendly word or kind gesture can make a lifelong memory for them to share with their loved ones.*

*Our dearest sister, Lady Jean Stewart, is hard at work at this moment preparing the lovely shire of Truckee for our second annual progress. This is but a shy two months away and our last faire of the season. Forsooth, our last opportunity to entertain, educate and amuse. We must also mind the new members who have joined our court mid-year and ensure their welcome and give them guidance. Allow not an unfamiliar face to worry in confusion, nor become lost in our hurried pace. Take them under thy wing, shepard them on to the correct place in a timely manner. For those new members arriving in the midst of our busy progress, be not afraid to ask for assistance, twice if necessary! For St. Andrew's is truly a family and caretaking of each other we must endeavor to do. Each of us, from Our Royal Person to the tiniest bairn, depends upon the entire guild to function as one family. Our confidence is unshakable in St. Andrew's ability to thrive and grow. We take great pride in all Our people and Our heart is full because of thee.*

*Thy loving Monarch,*

*MARY R*

*Maria Regina de Scotia  
Mary Stuart  
Queen of Scotland and the Isles*

## *A Missive from the Guild Master*

Good day all St Andrews Members-

We just had a round of meetings [Privy Council, Head of Household and Knights of St. Andrews] and I am pleased to report the operation of the guild is strong & sound. We have the ability to repair some props, have a live band at Winter's Feast and still have a budget to start the year 1563.

I would like to thank each and every person that has helped St. Andrews accomplish this feat! The Head of Households have stepped forward and helped by managing their houses. This helps me in knowing that they are responsible and it benefits the Guild tremendously.

Out of the Knights meeting- our bylaws and Order of the Knights are now complete. The Knights will have a choice of surcoats to be voted on and approved for all of the Knights. If you have any questions call any one of the Council judges.

Council judges include:

Sir Guy Maxwell

Sir Keegan Gunn

Sir James Mossman

Enjoy your summer- we have some large events in the near future and preparation is essential.

If at all possible, our stage shows will be performed without written scripts in hand. Looking forward to all of your participation in the rest of this year's events. The more people we have, the grander the shows.

Always at your service,

Sir Drew Douglas MacQuain

Duke of Portree & Dun Grugaig

Lord Royal Great Chancellor for 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

To the members of Saint Andrews,

This Parchment I wish to thank those members who participate in all of our shows and endeavors. Whether they contribute small or large to our shows, they are at every one and not just the ones that interest them. They dance or clap hands to the music at our Dance Show, they bring people up to meet the Queen or are doing crafts at the court benches or simply talking to the public during Open Court. These people contribute to what we are trying to achieve and do not disappear after Morning Notes to reappear later for a few minutes. We need everyone to participate in all our shows or we will have to drop first one show and then another for lack of interest and before you know it, we are just another Guild on the circuit.

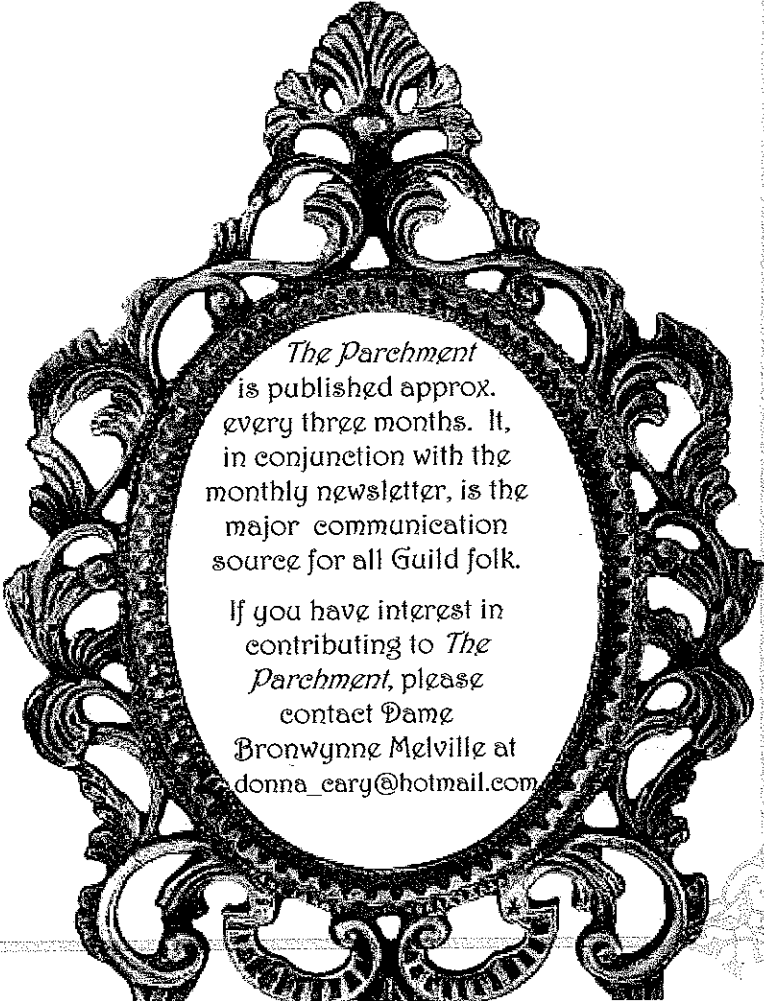
I believe this Guild is something special and could and should be an example to all the other Guilds as to what can happen when everyone pulls together. With the new Management, we are being allowed to be creative and try new ideas. But we need more than 'idea people', we need people who will roll up their sleeves and jump in. More than anything, we need your presence at our shows. If you are new or unsure what you should or can be doing, talk to your Head of Household.

In closing, I would like to once again thank the handful of members who care enough about their Guild to participate.

Don Juan de Marañón  
Duke of Roxburgh

  
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This is where to go for information regarding your St Andrews Membership. The 2005 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!



*The Parchment* is published approx. 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](mailto:donna_cary@hotmail.com)

## Clatter from the Highlands

Good Den to all the Highland folk and St. Andrews,

In following Her Majesty on Progress we have traveled greatly since the last parchment. Anderson Shire did present a challenge with the element and we did strive to overcome all that was thrown at us. Much beast was roasted and served at the Wicked Aye and all were made welcome. Mistress Morna MacGregor did greatly enjoy herself interactin' with the patrons and tellin' 'em how she chased the chickens and how we stole the beef, as she cooked at the fire.

A new gig was born out of need and hunger. Morna did take pity on the poor hungry guard since the lings for food were long and the time for lunch was short on Saturday. She did decide on Sunday that the guard were looking a bit weak and hungry, so the Highlanders decided to cook a meal and feed them at the tavern, for a fee of course—paid in gold upon arrival at the tavern. It was a much needed time off for the hard working guard and we did enjoy the serving of them.

Many goodly folk of St. Andrews' did make use of the Wicked Aye and its shade/rain canopy to work on crafts, including Laird/Jester Harry teaching us a song. This was most well met and we of the Highlands did enjoy watchin' and participatin'. We did end our weekend with the Handfastin' of Mistress Dearabil and Master Lyd. Three hearty koghairs for the couple!

In progressing onward to Livermore Shire the Highlanders did make a hearty welcome to Master Cullen, his goodly wife Gwendolynn and lovely little wain Laurie.

Cullen was most well met as he is an accomplished cook and did great work with the roasting of meat. His talents were most appreciated when the guard did come and again pay us a visit at the Wicked Aye for a bit of roast beast and some fruits & cheeses for lunch. [This would be complete, if I could get them to leave the lasses in the tavern be.] Now there are two great cooks in the Tavern. Himmmmmm mayhap an increase in fees is in order?

Campbell Games did offer a chance for those outside the Highlands to help at our reduced bar area and I do want to say grammerey to all who assisted in keepin' the tables stocked and ready. And our beloved Cookie was no help at all this day in the tavern, for Her Majesty did call her upon her to assist Sir Guy in the running of the

Court. We did miss her, but she did well at her task for the day.

'Twill be grand to be with you all again soon.

Ever Loyal To Her Most Royal Majesty,

Chieftain Heber MacPherson

## Her Majesty's Jewels

Good Daye my Poppets,

We're halfway through our Fair gear. We've had a good turn out at Anderson and Livermore faires, with our first appearance by Lady Laurana....Welcome to the Guild, little one!

Her Majesty greatly appreciated the Repast that we provided her at Livermore-shire, and looks forward to another one next season! Perhaps we can prepare some amusements for Her Majesty in the meantime.

Campbell was a wonderful event, although less structured than a majority of our faires, 'twas quite pleasant. We were able to run through our Gig. Lord Andrew MacCarraig was stupendous in his role! Everyone was just wonderful! I look forward to performing this again at Pittsburg-shire! I'm uncertain if Don Juan is as eager! ;)

Our three picnics were well attended. 'Tis our tradition, we had a piñata at the final picnic and some new pirate themed games, such as 'Walk the Plank', 'Pelt the Privatzer', 'Hoist the Anchor', and the 'Treasure Hunt'. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the games! Especially to Lady Mai'ri, who tied fourth place overall in the women's competitions! Go Mai'ri!

Looking forward, we will have sword training at Pittsburg-shire, and possibly Pleasanton-shire. 'Tis well as our continued etiquette training!

I'm anxiously looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

All my love,

Lady Kyra Alura MacNeil  
Chamberlain of the Children's Household

p.s. Prag, don't forget about the Phoenix Award!





## ⌘ The Dogs of War ⌘

Good day Gentlemen and Lady of the Guard and Members of St. Andrews,

It has been a grand year thus far and the craziness is up and coming with Pittsburg, Pleasanton, and Truекee still left for the year. For those who may not know, Shaila and I are expecting our first child in Mid-July (should be here by the time you receive this missive), and I am planning on being in attendance at the remaining three faires of the year.

I would like to schedule a household meeting/pizza dinner for Saturday, August 20th, following the Pleasanton Practiee at the park in Pittsburg. Please plan to make this training as it is extremely important for the Pleasanton Event.

I would like to thank the Highlander's Household for their suggestion of a Guard's Repast at their tavern. It has been a lifesaver for us all and a great show for the public.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next two training days and the next three events.

Anon,

*Keegan*

Sir Keegan Gunn  
Duke of Caithness  
Royal Earl of Kinbrace and Kilernan  
Council Judge and  
Knight of the Realm of St. Andrews  
Cardinal Knight of St. John of Jerusalem

## ⌘ The Ladies in Waiting ⌘

Good folk of Scotland,

Let me start off by welcoming back Lady Emma MacDowning! She was greatly missed. We look forward to seeing more of her! Since our last Parchment, the Ladies in Waiting have been busy at our many events. It was our pleasure to host the Queen's Repast at Anderson this year. Everyone chipped in to give it just that right touch. The Livermore and Campbell Scottish Games saw us ever ready to serve Her Majesty's needs and wants. We are presently working on our household skis and presentations and hope to include these in the near future.

We have also been represented most well by Ladies Seton and MacDowning at the King City and Truекee school events, and Sir William Maitland all of them! Thank you all!

In the arena of the Highland Games, we are off to a good start. At our first picnic in Pittsburg, all of the Ladies in Waiting, in attendance, competed, with several taking first, second or third places. Congratulations to Lady Fleming, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. We expect to continue this fine showing at the remainder of the games.

In June, the Ladies in Waiting got together at Castle Dunvegan for a bloomer sewing party. Many and wile and wondrous pair of bloomers were created. I wish to thank Sir Drew for providing us with a most wonderful lunch.

On a more serious note, with both Pittsburg and Pleasanton Faires coming up, we find ourselves greatly in need of adult favors, so if anyone can help us it would be greatly appreciated. Lady Fleming, who is in charge of the favor basket has requested that larger pins be placed on the favors if at all possible, as it makes it easier for Her Majesty to attach them. Gramerey!

'Til I next see you all, I remain,

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



## **Ruffing it with the Courtiers and Ambassadors**

We often talk about gigs, but what is a gig?

In my opinion, in order to be a gig, it should have the following characteristics.

First, all participants should be willing participants. Someone who simply drops a situation on someone who is unready or unwilling to play can be down right cruel. Not all of us are improvisational geniuses, and for example to be accused of some heinous crime in front of the Queen and court for the fun of seeing how he or she will squirm is not really gigging. If the victim of this has been warned that it will happen, is willing, and has had time to prepare, that is another scenario entirely. Such improvisations can be unpredictable and fun, if everyone feels comfortable and nobody has an emotional investment in the outcome. It still isn't a gig in my opinion, since how the situation will play out is by now means certain, and gigs should be planned.

Second, a gig should be scripted, or semi-scripted. The dialog should be written out and memorized by the players. Failing that, players should have agreed upon lines that they are able to paraphrase. Everyone should know where the gig is going, and how it will get there.

So if a gig is going on, should everyone feel free to join in? I don't think so. Last year, there was a gig involving the Queen and a group of visiting nobles. I thought of some wonderful things to say, but I didn't jump in because the gig had been prearranged. If I had spoken up, I could have changed the agreed upon course of the gig, taken it into an entirely unknown direction. The gig could have ended right there, or it could have been prolonged to a long and boring extent with no point.

Having said that, should we be ready in case we are the targets of "Guerrilla Theatre?" I

believe we should be. While being nice to our fellow guildmates is good policy, not all guilds will be of a like mind. Also, as a Royal Guild, we will probably be the targets of improvisational ambushes. My advice to you all is to educate your wit, memorize some BFA zingers to use in confrontational situations. And under no circumstances should we draw steel, even if steel is drawn upon us. Imagine the humiliation of the poor idiot who draws a weapon on you and then just has to stand there impotently while you without fear verbally rip him up one side and down the other. What's he going to do, run you through? If we have sharp wits, we should never feel the need to draw sharp steel.

Lord James Stewart  
Earl of Moray



## **Congratulations!**

Our heartiest congratulations to Dame Shaila & Sir Keegan Gunn! Dame Shaila is lighter of a daughter. Athena Marze Gunn was born on July 19, 2005 at 7:15 of the evenin' clock, weighing in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and bearing the petite height of 18 & 3/4 inches, we predict she will be a dainty flower of the court, indeed!

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

## ☞ Youth Outreach Program ☜

Well, summer is here and school is out. That means our Youth Outreach Program is finished for the year. All the schools assure me that we will be invited back next year.

After checking my records, I found that our least attended event had eight members, which is a huge improvement over last year! Our ability to provide several speakers and teachers as well as our knowledge on several subjects as opposed to one speaker, one subject makes us a valuable asset to the schools. These presentations would not be possible without those individuals who volunteer their time and effort on weekdays. Even one school event is a tremendous help.

The attendance list for our last three events are:

### King City

James Hepburn  
Angus MacAndrew  
Collin MacAndrew

Morgan MacCarraig  
Emma MacGregor  
Tucker MacGregor

Guy Maxwell  
Mary Seton  
Mary Stewart

### Sunnyvale

Christopher Alexander  
Mariota Arris  
Bonnie Gunn  
Kyra MacNeil

William Maitland  
Guy Maxwell  
Harry Mossman  
Jessica Rodriguez (NM)

Alice Sinclair  
Fyonna Sinclair  
Jean Stewart Campbell  
Ryk Tucker

### Truckee

Scott Carmichael  
Shannon Carmichael  
Isla Cortes  
Bonnie Gunn

Keegan Gunn  
Logan Gunn  
William Maitland  
Mary Seton

Raven Sinclair  
Jean Stewart Campbell  
Ryk Tucker

Lady Jean Stewart Campbell would also like to thank the other renn folk who participated in the Truckee School Event.

Formerly with Saint Andrews: Bear, Shaila Gunn, Ronnel Hall, & Elspeth MacBeath

Other helpers & occasional guests of Saint Andrews: Sage Johnson, Shelby Lewis, Megan Murphy, & Cathy Rudolph

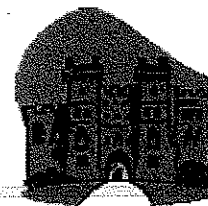
Saint Matthews: Melinda Coy

St. Rose & St. Marians Guilds: Gordon Wiebz, Myrn Wiebz, & Craig Wilson

Privatgers Seavenger Hunt: Crow Joe & ???

All my love and thanks!

Don Juan de Marañia  
Event Coordinator





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## Thor's Hammer Royal Honors

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.

2005 Honorees:

- Lady Morna MacGregor
- Lord Duncan Summerville
- Lady Mary Seton





## Seamstresses & Tailors

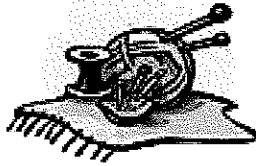
Below is a listing of those good souls that can sew a new gown or doublet for you!!

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Yellowstone, Montana  
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Antioch, CA  
925-754-6032

Dame Elspeth MacBeath  
Oakland, CA  
510-465-4459



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?

For information, please contact Lady Kyra at lady\_kyra@yahoo.com or 408-733-1145.

## Guild Houses

The Guild Master welcomes all folk, old and new, to contact him as you wish, for feedback, suggestions, to volunteer or just to touch base. Your calls and mail are welcome.

Sir Drzw Douglas MacQuain  
305 Mondavi Lane  
Brentwood, CA 94513  
925-240-1562

Also available are your local Guild Houses. We hope that you are in constant contact with your Guild House Laird or Chatelaine! Please feel free to contact them for help with anything Guild related...costuming, character building, history... and let the friend-ships bloom!

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Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
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Chatelaine - Lady Isla Scott  
Laird - Don Benito de Valencia

## James Hepburn, Fourth Earl of Bothwell

James Hepburn was born in 1535 to Patrick Hepburn, the Third Earl of Bothwell and Alice Sinclair. He had only one sibling, a sister Janet. Little is known of James's early life. His father was constantly on the move and often imprisoned for "treachery". In 1543 when our hero was but 8 years old, his father divorced his mother due to "consanguinity", in that they had a blood relationship, a common ancestry. Apparently his parents were too closely related to suit his father, although that common ancestry is unclear. The elder Hepburn was now free to woo Marie de Guise, although he did so unsuccessfully. James remained with his father following the divorce and he was unable to see his mother. He was educated abroad, spending part of his youth in Paris with critics later claiming he studied magic and sorcery while in that city.

In 1556, at the age of 21, James returned to Scotland upon the death of his father who had succumbed to tuberculosis. Upon his father's death James assumed his father's titles as the Earl of Bothwell; assumed the offices and duties of Sheriff of Berwick, Haddington, and Edinburgh; Balie of Lauderdale (a Balie being similar to a Judge) with the castles of Hailz and Crichton; and last but not least Lord High Admiral of Scotland. Bothwell, as we shall now call him, was a Protestant and despised religious persecution.

In 1557 the Band of the Congregation of the Lord was formed, made up of Earls and Lairds to include Mary Stewart's half brother and our own James Stewart, the Earl of Glencairn, and our dear Lady Jean's husband the Fourth Earl of Argyll. These men entered into a covenant to support Protestantism and oppose Catholicism. Bothwell thought they were using religion to undermine the power of their Catholic Queen, Mary Stewart and the Queen Regent, Marie de Guise. Marie de Guise felt she could trust Argyll, Bothwell, and the Earl of Huntly. As war with England drags on, French men at arms found border wars difficult, however being the warrior and tactician that he was, Bothwell excelled at this type of warfare, earning him Hermitage Castle and a monthly income of 23 pounds. In 1558, Marie de Guise abandoned her plans to invade England. She was impressed with Bothwell and appointed him Lieutenant of the Border, giving him many new powers. Bothwell's raids into England were successful.

With Elizabeth now Queen of England, she tried to negotiate with Bothwell, but found him difficult. Our hero soon fell in love with Janet Beaton, our dear Mary Beaton's niece; Janet was 19 years Bothwell's elder. Once again, magic and Bothwell were linked as it was rumored that Janet used magic to entrap him. In 1559, there were peace talks between England and Scotland, but the English orchestrated an uprising of Protestants against Marie de Guise. The Band of the Congregation of the Lord formerly deprived Marie de Guise of all authority. Bothwell exposed England's pretense of neutrality. Our own James Stewart and the Earl of Aron pursued Bothwell with 2,000 men, but he evaded them. The Band of the Congregation retreated as Marie de Guise gained strength and support, and they lost strength. Marie de Guise marched into Edinburgh with 3,000 Frenchmen, a number of Scots, and a few English mercenaries. The Lords who had supported Marie de Guise were Bothwell, Borthwick, Sempill and Seaton. Others were either with the Congregation or neutral, either way they were not trustworthy. Bothwell found he had no friends in Scotland and felt it was important he earn favor with Mary Stewart, our Sovereign. He traveled to France and met with King Francois and Queen Mary. He was given 600 pounds, a salaried post as Gentleman of the King's Chamber, and was promised the Abbeys of Melrose and Haddington. Bothwell advised Her Majesty of the political situation in Scotland. The Treaty of Edinburgh decreed that Scotland was to be ruled by 12 men, 5 decided by the Congregation and 7 by Her Majesty. She knew that the Congregation nominees would work against her but was unsure who would remain loyal to her. She decided to place her trust in Bothwell, Atholl, Huntly, Chatelherault

and her half brother James Stewart. Not all were so trustworthy. In 1561, with both her husband, King Francois and her mother, Marie de Guise dead, Mary Stuart decided to return to Scotland. Her cousin Queen Elizabeth would not grant her safe passage, therefore Her Majesty called upon Bothwell as Admiral of Scotland to ensure she safely arrived in Scotland. She began her brief voyage on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1561 and arrived in Leith after a 5-day voyage.

Back in Scotland, Bothwell realized how much James Stewart and others had influenced Her Majesty. She gave his title of Lieutenant of the Borders to her half brother James. She did include Bothwell in her Privy Council, but his frequent continued absences while he tended to the borders gave his enemies the opportunity to influence Her Majesty against him. James Stewart, Earl Marischal, and Maitland saw Bothwell as an obstacle to their ambitions to influence Her Majesty. As Bothwell's sister Janet's wedding to John Stewart (another brother of Her Majesty) drew near, Bothwell traveled to Castle Crichton to prepare the Castle, as Her Majesty was going to stay at Crichton, and he of course wanted to make a good impression on her and her brother, John Stewart. Bothwell made an effort to solidify his position with Her Majesty by trying to establish a reputation that he wanted to have a better and quieter life at Court and wanted to follow the teachings of the Bible, and so we arrive at today in 1562. But once a warrior, always a warrior.....



### **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 all of the rehearsals prior to Pleasanton and Truckee Faires, 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 country dances, please dress as a highlander. Also, remember to dress from the skin out. Please wear period appropriate undergarments, shoes & hosiery (see me if you have questions). 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



### **Friendly Reminder**

Reminder... Friday night at Pleasanton-faire, Saint Andrew's will be hosting a barbecue. The cost is \$8 per person (children under 16 are 1/2 price!) If you pre-purchase your meal (prior to 8/25/05), dessert will be included in the price of dinner. If you pre-reserve your meal (prior to 8/28/05), 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.



Grammy!

## *⌘ A Missive from the Assitant Guild Master ⌘*

*Good Gentles of St. Andrews, greetings to thee all!*

*I can hardly believe that the year is half gone but what a wonderful time we have been having! Everyone has been adding to our success this year, Koghairs to you all!!*

*With August comes the beginning of a couple of busy months for St. Andrews, I hope that you all enjoyed the relaxed schedules of June and July (that is unless you attended all of the many walk-a-bouts, in which case you've been busy!!) Please make plans to attend the rehearsal days for Pittsburg and Pleasanton - this is going to be much more than a battle practice, there is more we need to cover to make sure we are prepared for these two important events! We need everyone's continued commitment to make sure St. Andrews shines, and this begins with rehearsal! And following these two events comes another well loved faire - Truckee! All should note that all three of these events will have a staged dance show...yes, we will be on stage! This gives us a wonderful opportunity to entertain the public and give the Fairboards another reason to love us, so as you can imagine, it is something that we ask all of our members to participate in. That does not mean everyone is on stage dancing, there is plenty for everyone to do, on stage and off. It's similar to our battles, not everyone picks up a halberd, but we all need to participate. So here I am back to the importance of our rehearsals! Don't miss them!! ©*

*Households take note - we will be having a recruiting contest at Pittsburg and Pleasanton. Each household will have colored ribbons, those ribbons are to be tied to the wrists of potential members who will be brought into court to meet with Her Majesty. The visitor will of course receive a favor, but the ribbon gets returned and counted for the Household's recruiting efforts. The Household with the most ribbons brought forth upon a visitor's wrist over the two days wins! Look out Lady Brittah, we hope to keep you very busy greeting new folk over the next two events! Oh, and speaking of hard workers...Lady Brittah has been doing such a wonderful job with our new members, we are all indebted to her for her talent and efforts!! God save Lady Brittah!!*

*Have you been going to your Guild House meetings? Your Lairds and Chatelaines have valuable information to share with you - plus it's always fun to get together for some relaxed social time with your guild family! If you haven't been in a while now's the time to put some dates on the calendar and make plans to attend. We've had some wonderful new members join our family and this is the perfect location to get to know them better!*

*Have you seen our website lately? If you haven't, it's worth a visit. Our good Lady Isla has been hard at work updating pictures and adding content and links. Thank you Isla, it's looking better than ever! And also of special note are our Parchments and Newsletters - you should all take a moment to appreciate the hard work and effort that goes into these items for your benefit...and all from the hand of Lady Kyra! She is my heroine! With these items in mind (web and printed material), I would like to take this opportunity to welcome input from you (the ones that they are created for). I would love to hear suggestions, constructive feedback, etc. Feel free to e-mail, call, or chat with me at an event.*

*I look forward to seeing you all very soon!*

*Dame Bronwynne A. Melville*

*Duchess of Sterling, The Queen's Chamberlain, and Asst. Guild Master*

## Mary Beaton/Bethune

Mary Beaton was the third of five children born to Robert Beaton and his wife Joanna Renwall. The story of the Beaton clan begins in France near the Pas de Calais area of Flanders. The family, known by its Norman derivative Bethune, came to England with the Norman conquest of 1066. The Scottish line began in 1265, when Jean de Bethune settled near Westfall, Scotland.

The Bethunes of Balfour, from which the Beatons of Crzieh, and subsequently Mary herself, originated with the marriage of Robert de Bethune of Fife to Janet Balfour in 1340. Though not of noble blood, the Beaton/Bethune clan has held many high offices in both the government and the church as well as being renowned as physicians. Some examples being: Lord Chancellor of Scotland, Lord High Treasurer of Scotland, Cardinal-Archbishop of St. Andrews, Archbishop of Glasgow, Ambassador to France, Keeper of Falkland Castle, Master of the Queens Household and hereditary physicians to the MacLeod Clan.

Of Mary Beaton herself, little is known outside the time she spent in the company of Mary, Queen of Scots. Mary Beaton was born in 1543 to Robert Beaton, the 4<sup>th</sup> Laird of Crzieh and Keeper of Falkland Castle and Joanna Renwall, a lady in waiting to Marie de Guise. She was the third of five children, her older brothers being David and James, her younger sisters Lucretia and Anna. In 1548, at age 5, she was chosen by Marie de Guise to accompany her daughter Mary to France, along with three other little girls that were to become the noted 'four Mary's'

Henri II, King of France, not approving of the little Queen's suite, sent the four young girls to the Convent of Poissy to be educated in the French manner. Here the Dominican nuns, under the guidance of Prior Francis de Vieuxpont, taught the girls to be proper French ladies. They taught them to read and write as well as schooling them in the Arts, Religion and Music. It was here that Mary Beaton developed a fondness for poetry that was to stay with her the rest of her life. Mary, along with the others, returned to her queen in 1554, at the age of 11, when Queen Mary's household was established. She eventually returned to Scotland with the Queen in 1561.

Mary Beaton was described as pretty and plump, with fair hair and dark eyes. Shy and prone to daydreaming, she enjoyed spending time with herself. Called 'Beaton' by the Queen, as it rhymed with Seton. She was briefly courted in 1564 by Lord Thomas Randolph, the English Ambassador to the Scottish Court, he being 45, she 21. Mary Beaton eventually married Alexander Ogilvy of Boyne in April of 1566, having one son, James, born in 1568. Little else is known of her life. Mary Beaton died in 1598 at the age of 55.

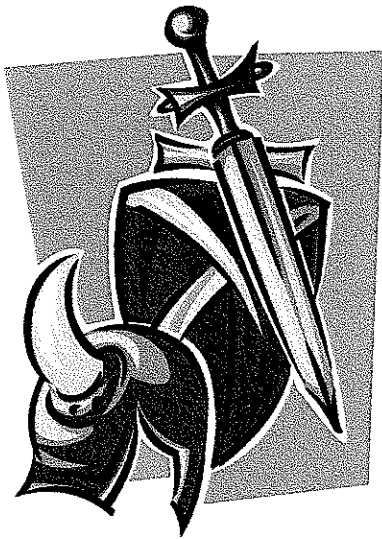
As a side note, Mary's Aunt Elizabeth was the mistress of James V of Scotland, and mother of Jean Stewart Campbell, the Countess of Argyll, while another aunt, Janet, was the mistress of James Hepburn, the Earl of Bothwell.

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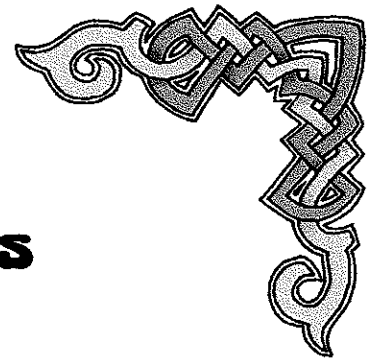
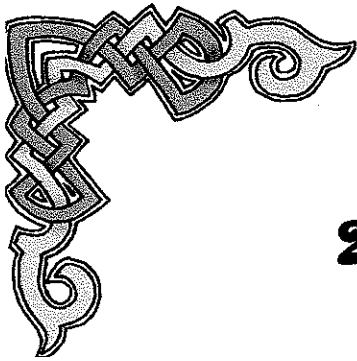


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# Saint Andrew's 2005 Calendar of Events

## August

Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pittsburg Rehearsal – Buchanan Park (Pittsburg)	11am – 4pm
Sat & Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pittsburgh Scottish Renaissance Fair	Full Set Up
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pleasanton Rehearsal – Buchanan Park (Pittsburg)	11am – 4pm
Sat & Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	San Francisco Renaissance Fair	Walkabout
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Rehearsal – Robert Livermore Park (Livermore)	9:30am – 1pm

## September

Sat & Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pleasanton Scottish Games	Full Set Up
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Rehearsal – Robert Livermore Park (Livermore)	9:30am – 1pm
Sat & Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Truckee Renaissance Fair	Full Set Up
Sat & Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sonora Joust Championships	Walkabout

## October

Sat & Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hanford Renaissance Fair	Walkabout
Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parchment Submissions Day	
Sat & Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Folsom Renaissance Fair	Walkabout
Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	BBQ Social – Buchanan Park (Pittsburg)	11am – 4pm

## November

Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	Winter's Feast – The Barn (Livermore)	12pm – 10pm
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**Note: Winter's Feast invitations will be going out in September, however tickets are available now! You can purchase advanced tickets from Lady Kyra for \$15. Tickets at the door will be \$20. Come join us for live music, merriment & fun for all ages!**

