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SONORA CELTIC FAIRE
23RD ANNUAL
MARCH 13TH, 14TH, 15TH 2009

MOTHER LODGE FAIRGROUNDS
SONORA, CA

The 2009 faire season begins for Saint Andrew's Noble Order of Royal Scots the weekend of March 13th through the 15th at the Sonora County Fairgrounds, 220 Southgate Drive, Sonora, CA, 95370. The fair board touts this event as California's oldest and largest Celtic fair celebrating Ireland, Scotland, Cornwall and Wales through music, ethnic food and drink, historical re-enactment, armored tournaments, modern clans, and Highland and Irish step dancers.

Load up of props needed for a full setup will commence at Hermitage Castle (the Guild Master's residence at 1501 Oak Canyon Drive, Newman, CA 95360) at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 12th. Please note: without help to load the necessary props and equipment Saint Andrew's will be unable to participate in any manner at this event; to fail in our obligation to the fair board is to hazard all future invitations to participate in their events.



MAPS TO HERMITAGE CASTLE, 1501 OAK CANYON DRIVE, CALIFORNIA 95360





PROPS REPAIR WEEKEND - March 7th and 8th

**Hermitage Castle,
1501 Oak Canyon Drive,
Newman, CA 95360**
(see map page one)

Please call or email the Guild Master or his wife if you plan to spend the evening that arrangements can be made as well as plans for a BBQ or potluck for Saturday night.

All hands and able bodies are needed, no matter your skill level, for props repair the weekend prior to the first faire event of the season (Sonora Celtic Faire, page one). Members are encourage to attend either or both days and are welcome to spend the full of the weekend by bringing a trailer/RV to park on the street outside the Guild Master's residence, to "crash" on the floor of his estate, or make camp on the estate grounds. Please note: wildlife has been spotted running about the grounds at night; to discourage their pilfering ways please do not keep foodstuffs, toothpaste, or the like in your tents or other gear that you might set up outside.



GUILD TRAINING - March 28th

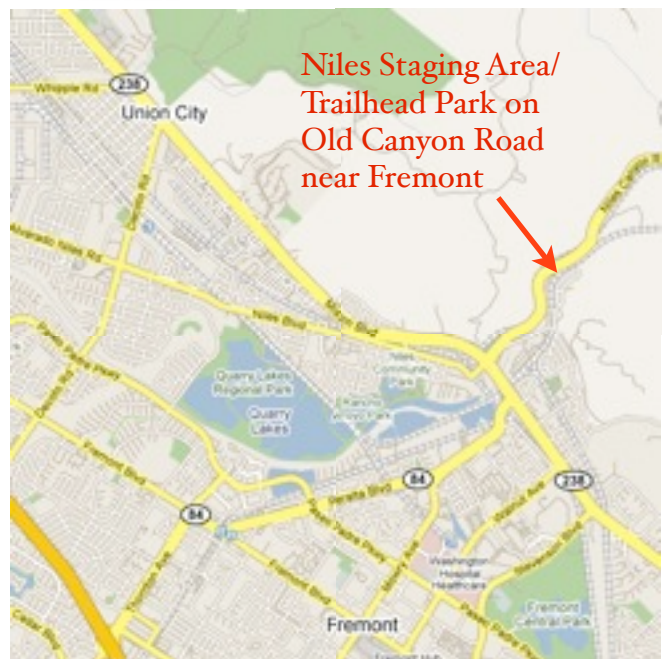
Niles Staging Area/Trailhead Park on Old Canyon Road, Fremont, CA

The second of several guild training events will be held once again at the Niles Staging Area at Trailhead Park in Fremont from 10:00a.m. until 3:00p.m., Saturday, March 28th.

This is an outdoor event and so members are advised to dress appropriately for changeable weather conditions. Please also bring a folding chair and/blanket to sit on, brownbag lunches, and beverages.

DIRECTIONS TO NILES STAGING AREA:

From either the North or South, take 238/Mission Blvd. to Fremont, turn east onto 84/Niles Canyon Road, drive .1 (1/10th) of a mile, then bear right onto Old Canyon Rd, go up the road "a piece". From the East, take 84/Niles Canyon Road west, turn left onto Old Canyon Road, go up the road "a piece".



In the event of rain, the Guild Master will make a determination the night before as to whether or not to change the location to his home in Newman and will alert the membership by e-mail that night. If no email saying otherwise is found in your inbox come Saturday morning you

should expect that the training is being held at the Niles Staging Area site. If the location needs changing then directions to Bothwell's Castle (1501 Oak Canyon Drive, Newman, CA 95360) will be supplied in the email.