

SAINT ANDREW'S NOBLE ORDER OF ROYAL SCOTS

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Guild Newsletter

February 2016

Date:	Location	Event	Time
Feb 20, 2016	El Dorado Hills CSD	Guard Practice	Noon to 3pm
Feb 27, 2016	Tracy Community Center	St.Andrew's Welcoming Ceremony	9am- 4pm

To all of Her Grace's loyal subjects, I do send greetings!

Welcome to the beginning of the 2016 Faire Season in this, the year of our Lord, 1562 - God Save The Queen! We do hope this missive finds you all in exceeding good health and great cheer! The holidays are over, the decorations from our festivities all safely stowed away for several months... and it is now time for us all to gather up our finest garb, fix up and replace all the bits and baubles that have been taken by the fairies during our last year of travels, or even put the finishing touches on our most wonderful new doublets or foreparts - after all, nobody wants to look less than magnificent in Her Grace's gaze!!!

So it is now time to pass on to all of the Most Trusted members of Her Grace's Court our plans for our first few excursions! I trust you are all aware of our Hard Work getting the preliminary list of Joyous Excursions together and in place for your viewing Pleasure on our website here: <http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/calendar/> And if not, for shame! Get thyself over and gaze upon the collection of dates that will bring Much Joy and Celebrating to your 2016!! As always, we are starting with Her Grace's beginning of the year Festivities - the Opening of Parliament. But this year, we will be doing things a bit different. We are going to do our best to liven things up and Have Fun! I am pleased to announce that we will also be incorporating our spring training for this year's Travels in this, so there will be no other training weekend in the first half of this year! **That does mean, however, that Your Attendance is REQUIRED.** Exceptions will be made for those with other "real" life obligations like Work (after all, one must pay Taxes to the Crown!), but arrangements must be made with me, your Most Humble Earl, in advance - and No Later than **February 20th!** Further information, such as the Day's Framework of Feasting and Festivities, will Follow Fleetly from our Fabulous new event committee... And last, a New Record of your person will be required for this calendar year - This Form will be made available soon, and will Also be available at Opening of Parliament. It will be I Promise, but is much needed to to make sure that my Official Records are as up to date as Possible...

THEN - Just two short weeks after our Opening of Parliament, we will once again be Traveling to the Shire of Sonora for the 30th Annual Celtic Faire!!! Yes, this will be a big one - 30 years! But as the finest representatives of Her Grace, we must be Sure to bring our "A" Game for this event, as we always do. So to depart from my normal tendency of waiting, I am Proud to Announce that the Sonora Gatelist page is Now Open!!! Head over to the Doodle Poll and tell Us your plans for Sonora so we can record it in our Guild Records in a timely manner: <http://doodle.com/poll/vfbx4c2wrpdzrh38> (You may have to click the "Show All Options" button to see all 7 choices) Remember, we have two separate days of setup and a School Day in addition to the regular Saturday and Sunday event. Please check all of the Boxes that apply to you, but None of the ones that don't... This poll will be closed **February 10th** - if you have not recorded your intentions by that time, You may be in Danger of NOT being included on my Gatelist - and That would truly be a Shame, Indeed! Of course, to be included on the Gatelist, you must have paid your Volunteer Dues to Her Grace's coffers! For those of you who want to pay now, checks may be mailed to me here at the North American annex of Holyrood Castle. Please make you correspondence out to my Goodly manservant as to not confuse our poor Postal Workers! Checks can be mailed to: Jeffrey Levers, 1567 Sophie Lane, Escalon, CA 95320. **BUT!!!** There are other ways to pay available to you! I am exceedingly Glad to announce that I am VERY Close to having all of the regulations in Place to Allow all of You, Her Grace's Most Beloved Subjects, the ability to pay your Dues on our wonderful Guild Website!!! I have created a Most Secret page on that very site to allow One and All to use that Wonder of Modern Technology, PayPal, to pay your dues instantly! I am currently seeing to the last few issues with their Comptroller, but as soon as they have confirmed Her Grace's Treasury is indeed true, and I have Tested it for all of You, a missive will be sent out to One and All announcing the Availability of this Wonderful new Service available to All of You!!! And last, you can of course, make your Payments at the Opening of Parliament - **BUT!!!** Be Ye Warned! Any who attempt to Gatelist on the Poll above but Do Not Pay by the time I set My Foot on the Grounds of Sonora Shire for setup - you will be Marked Out! I will take my Most Noble Quill and Strike your name from The List. Then you will be required to Pay Gate like any other Patron to come to Her Grace's Court and bask in Her Magnificence!!! Do Not let this Happen to You!!!

PRAY HEED!! And I quote...

“Guard practice February 20th at 12 noon til about 3pm. @ El Dorado Hills CSD 95762. On El Dorado Hills Blvd and Saint Andrews and Harvard. Look for the big field and the flags. Those coming from afar, do not bring food, the Captain and local folks will provide. I encourage doning the kilt and armor, however not required. If it is a dry day we still practice dress warm. However if it is a down pour practice will be called off.”



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Pre-Opening of Parliament

WHEN: February 27, 2016

WHERE: TRACY COMMUNITY CENTER, TRACY CA.

TIME: Set up... 9 am... Event Start 10 am SHARP!!

For various reasons, things will be a bit different this year for the Welcoming Ceremony,

There will be 3 breakout training sessions that will be held from 10am to 11:30 am. Everyone will rotate between each session.
11:30 to 12:30 Dress to impress;

12:30 to 1pm formally enter into Her Majesty's Presence Chamber and Introductions.

1pm to 2:00pm Lunch and Grand Words from Argyll for upcoming 2016 season,
Games and Frivolity from 2:30 to 3:30,

Household Meetings from 3:30 to 4pm.. then Change, Clean up and go home well learned, well fed and ready set go for 2016!!

PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED UNLESS YOU HAVE PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH THE GUILDMASTER AS TO WHY YOU CAN'T ATTEND, ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE BY OR BEFORE 2/20/2016, WITH THE GUILDMASTER IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE WELCOMING CEREMONY/TRAINING DAY

Morning Snacks will be provided by the guild during the training sessions.

This is a potluck event: Annual Feast of the Clans !!!

Highlanders – Main Dish

Ladies in Waiting – Hot Side Dish

Nobles – Cold Side Dishes/Salads

Royal Guard – Desserts, Breads, Rolls



All food in Disposable Containers Please, crockpots are also encouraged.

Eating and serving utensils and plates shall be provided as well as water, coffee, and tea. Prithee! doth remember thyne own cup or goblet as well as any beverage of thyne own choosing. As you arrive place your potluck item in the fridge if needed, otherwise place your item on the buffet table. (No one is going to do this for you.)





2016 DUES REMINDER !!!!!



As one year closes and another is but a moment away, we would like to remind you of our annual dues structure. Dues are for those 18 years and older only and are due by the Opening of Parliament/Welcoming Ceremony (Feb 27th, 2016). Argyll is working on the PAYPAL link for dues payments, we will have the Square available for credit card payments the day of and will accept checks, however prefer for you to attempt to pay via PayPal ! Easy peasy for all concerned!!!

Annual Dues: \$120*

*** First year - \$60**

*** College student - \$60**

~ (provide a copy of your class schedule)

~ At an accredited secondary and trade school

~ 18-25 years of age at the time of application for the student rate

~ Those who qualify may receive the Student Rate for no more than 4 years

*** 18 yr old high school student – Gratis**

(copy and paste the link below into your browser or highlight the hyperlink below and right click “ open” hyperlink)

<http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/membership-info/dues-2016/>

THE MAGIC PORTAL TO PAY YOUR DUES VIA PAYPAL REQUIRES A PASSWORD

It is..drumroll please... 1562



Guild House Meetings

Due to so much going on .. Guildhouse meetings are TBA !!!!!