



SAINT ANDREW'S NOBLE ORDER OF ROYAL SCOTS



Guild Newsletter

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April 2017



Below is the calendar for April, May and June. Pray heed the dates as some of these events are quickly approaching! For events beyond June please refer to our web calendar at... <http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/calendar/>

Date	Event	Location	Time
April 29/30	WALKABOUT-Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival	Yolo County Fairgrounds Woodland, CA	9:00 am to 6:00 pm (Sat) 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Sun)
May 5	Chalone Peaks School	667 Meyer St. King City, CA	9:00 am
May 19	St. Mary's School	7900 Church St. Gilroy, CA	9:00 am
TBD	Props Repair Weekend	Holyrood House Escalon, CA	9:30 am to 4:00 pm
June 8	LOAD UP	Holyrood House Escalon, CA	6:30 pm
June 9	Set up	Amador County Fairgrounds Plymouth, CA	2:00 pm
June 10/11	The Motherlode Highland Games	Amador County Fairgrounds Plymouth, CA	9:30 am to 6:00 pm
June 12	UNLOAD	Holyrood House Escalon, CA	6:00 pm



July 15th, Guild PICNIC & POOL PARTY !!

Location: Tom and Lisa Lucas' most wondrous castle, Modesto, CA
The guild will provide the chicken for BBQ'ng. Remaining items will be potluck.





PROGRESS POINTERS

SACRAMENTO VALLEY SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL

WALKABOUT - Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival, Yolo County Fairgrounds April 29th & 30th. This is the easiest event all year. No load up, set-up, tear-down or unload. All you need do is show up and look your usual, stunning selves! However, please remember, as a non-official event, you must pay your own gate fee.

No free gatelist!

Doodle in or out...

<https://beta.doodle.com/poll/b3ezscyvd75n6sxw#table>



SCHOOL NEWS

For those attending Chalone Peaks in King City on May 5th, a note from your friendly Guild Master...

"Please remember that next Friday in the King City event where the PTA kindly takes care of our rooms the night before. This year, they are going to pay directly for the rooms instead of making us go through the whole asking for reimbursement hassle. So I need to get that list to Colin in the next few days! And as you can imagine, anyone willing to double up with someone is \$50 less the PTA spends on us, leaving them \$50 more for the students! If you RSVPed for King City, watch for a separate message tomorrow [on the Book of Face] confirming your room need..."



Faire Information!

Save the Date
Saturday June 10 & Sunday June 11, 2017
Amador County Fairgrounds



<http://www.themotherlodegames.com/>

More information in the next issue



"IF YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY, BE."
- LEO TOLSTOY



Your humble scribe welcomes comments and submissions for future issues at patfhcath@comcast.net





HOUSEHOLD TRAININGS



The Ladies-in-Waiting will be holding their annual household training on May 13th at 5:30 pm at the La Piñata restaurant in Concord. Stay tuned for information regarding other household trainings.

Test Your MQS Knowledge!

- 1) Mary, Queen of Scots had no musical talent. True or False?
- 2) Which relative of Mary, Queen of Scots created a scandal while in living in France with the young queen?
- 3) Mary, Queen of Scots was known for flaunting tradition from time to time. How did she defy the custom of the time at her first marriage to the dauphin of France?



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WELCOME NEW members!



LORD ROBERT
NOBLE HOUSE



MISTRESS ABBY
HIGHLANDER HOUSE (Character development in progress)

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Gig [gig] *slang noun*

1. A single professional engagement, usually of short duration
2. Any job, especially one of short duration
she created, then performed in, a gig for her historical re-enactor's guild

Attention all you creative thinkers! Her Grace and St. Andrew's always love to be entertained. Do you have ideas for a new gig? Mayhap a twist on an existing gig? A letter from a dear one in gaol, a dispute with a fellow guild member in need of resolution, or a saga involving a patron(s)?



Anything (family oriented of course) to bring merriment to the court of Mary, Queen of Scots will be considered. Please visit: http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/PDFs/Gig_Request_Form.pdf and submit your masterful concepts!



Monthly Missive



THE NATIONAL FLAG OF SCOTLAND

...also known as St. Andrew's Cross, or The Saltire

According to legend, in 832 A.D., King Angus MacFergus led an army of Picts and Scots into battle against a Northumbrian force near modern-day East Lothian. While engaged in prayer on the eve of battle, Angus vowed that if granted victory he would appoint the apostle Andrew as the Patron Saint of Scotland. That night in a dream it is said that Andrew appeared to Angus and assured him of victory. The following morning, prior to battle, inspiration materialized once more when white clouds, forming the shape of an X, appeared in the overhead sky.



Angus and his combined forces, emboldened by this apparent divine intervention, took to the field and, despite their inferior numbers, were victorious. Having interpreted the cloud phenomenon as representing the *crux decussata* upon which the Saint Andrew was crucified, Angus honored his pre-battle pledge and duly appointed Saint Andrew the Patron Saint of Scotland.

Although earlier uses of national symbols can be traced back to the 12th century, material evidence for the Saltire being used as a flag, as opposed to appearing on other objects such as seals, coinage or surcoats, dates somewhat later.



The earliest reference to Saint Andrew's Cross as a flag is found in the *Vienna Book of Hours*, circa 1503, in which a white saltire is depicted on a red background. The now familiar blue background was first noted in an illustration in the *Register of Scottish Arms*, circa 1542.



National Library of Scotland
Plate from the Lindsay Armorial, circa 1542



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Share your joy of shopping with St. Andrew's. When you spend your coin, you'll be filling our coffers too!



SHARES IS NOW ESCRIP!

<http://www.escrrip.com/>

Group name: St. Andrew's Noble Order of Royal Scots

Group ID: 500824991 (if you need it)

Find the 'sign up' link in the tool bar – upper right side. Click it. After you complete your personal info, choose organization to support. Use the 'Advanced Search' feature and fill in info as follows:

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- A list of organizations with checkboxes:
 - SMEA - (Save Mart Employee Association) 2937 Verieman Ave Suite A115 Modesto 95356
 - St. Andrews Noble Order Of Royal Scots 22791 Alaire Ln Pioneer 95666 (indicated by a red arrow)
 - St. Vincent De Paul - SKD 16237 Emigrant St. Volcano 95689
- Search filters:
 - Text input: saint
 - Text input: pioneer (with a Search button)
 - Text input: 95666 (with a Search button)
 - Dropdown menu: 5 Miles
- Buttons: UPDATE and CANCEL

Voila! You're on your way to shopping some fantastic merchants

~AND~

Lest we forget [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/?tag=saintandrewsguild-20). They've got our backs too!

<https://www.amazon.com/?tag=saintandrewsguild-20>

A small portion of your spending goes back to your favorite guild. How great is that?

Don't forget to bookmark these links ☺



Do St. A's a FAVOR!

Calling all guild members!
We need a favor or two, or...
Put your skills to work and
help keep the favors basket
full.



Helpful tips see:

http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/PDFs/Favor_Guidelines.pdf

Guild House Meetings



Join Her Grace and Lord Argyll in Escalon, and Dame Morna in Martinez for an evening of socializing and learning about garb, history, language and other exciting aspects of 16th century life and about Renaissance faires! These members have generously opened their homes to fellow guild mates and those interested in learning more about St. Andrew's. Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. Please contact the Guild House Lairds and Chatelaines at the email addresses below **PRIOR** to attending a meeting to verify dates, times, and locations.

* Wednesday TBD, 6:00 pm
Lowlands Guild House, Escalon
Modesto@saintandrewsguild.org

-or-

* Date TBD & Time 7:30 pm
Martinez Guild House, Martinez
lady_morna@yahoo.com

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1. False. Like her father, James V, Mary played the lute and virginals but unlike her father she was also a fine singer.
2. Lady Janet Fleming was the illegitimate half-sister of Mary's father, King James V and mother to Mary Fleming. Assigned as governess to her young half-niece, Mary Stuart, while she resided in Paris, Lady Fleming was sent home to Scotland in disgrace when her adulterous affair with King Henri II resulted in pregnancy.
3. Mary was very fond of white and insisted on wearing the color for her first marriage to Francis II even though white was regarded as the color of mourning in 16th century France. Her loosely worn hair also rebelled against the fashion norm of the time.

