



SAINT ANDREW'S NOBLE ORDER OF ROYAL SCOTS



Guild Newsletter

www.saintandrewsguild.org

June 2017



The only event on our calendar during summer hiatus is our pool party on July 15th!
For events beyond July please refer to our web calendar at...

<http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/calendar/>

July 15th, It's a TIKI Party !!

[Location: Tom and Lisa's Most Wondrous Castle, Modesto](#)



The guild will provide chicken for BBQ'ing, the remaining items will be potluck. RSVP by July 1st and let us know what you're bringing as a side dish. Head over to Member's  page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163259540535362/events/>


Click the events link on the left to enter your potluck item





HOUSEHOLD TRAININGS



The Highlanders will be meeting July 8th, 11 am at Tanista Shire, Modesto. For invite see Member's  page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163259540535362/>

Stay tuned for information regarding the RG and Royal's Household annual trainings.

Test your Knowledge of Another Bastard Stewart!

1. How many bastard children did King James V father?
2. One bastard child became famous for this "first" in history. What was it?
3. Which bastard Stewart is linked to desertion and divorce?

See *Another Bastard Stewart* on page 6



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-actor'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

Why Do I Do This?



by Lady Mary Fleming
(Sabrina Cardoso)

For the last ten years or so I have been a member of Saint Andrews. My first faire was when I was about 16 years old and I attended the Renaissance Pleasure Faire at Black Point. It was pure magic but I thought most of the actors were just weird. I was extremely shy and pretty sheltered growing up. I never thought in a million years that I would be part of something as grand and nutty as historical reenactment.

In 2007, I joined at the behest of a friend and just sort of fell into the Repast household and didn't have a clue about who Mary Stewart was or what I was getting myself into. For the first year and a half, most of my guild mates didn't even know who I was. I would help cook, serve and clean but was still very unsure of what to do and was not about to be front and center.

Over the years, I have been asked a lot of questions but one I get most often. Why do you do this?

Time moved on, management changed, actress portraying queen changed, I took on a historical character and was asked to be the Head Lady in Waiting. So much for not wanting to be in the lime light. With the role I was asked to fill came responsibility to learn and try new things. I had to learn about the clothing from our time and how to sew. I needed to lead by example as best I could, come up with guidelines for my household, make sure the jewel of the guild was taken care of, the schedule was followed and that the main stage was take care of. Obviously, we



are a team but I had never done anything like this before so fear of the unknown was getting to me. Things smoothed out and fell into a rhythm. Here I am in my tenth season and I am a totally different person because of this experience. I have been an actress at other faires, guested with other guilds and started branching out in to historical costuming beyond Elizabethan.



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There have been a lot of ups and downs, moments of frustrations and moments of sheer joy, tears and laughter, sore muscles and corset welts. People have come and gone along with a few gowns and props. Sometimes people don't see eye to eye and there is a lot of hard work that goes on to put on our shows.



Over the years, I have been asked a lot of questions but one I get most often. Why do you do this? I would always answer that I loved history and love to learn and teach. But it is more than that. I do this for friendship, family and love. I now have a core group of people who share the same interest with me and are just as nuts. There is a sense of loyalty as well. I work hard not for recognition but to hopefully lighten the load for another. I take pride in a job well done be it a gig gone well or just after set up and the encampment looks great. When I complete a gown, it may not be perfect or as grand as some but it is something I created with my own hands. There is a bond from working and playing together, one that will continue on. A bond that has resulted from holding each other up when we fall, sitting by bedsides, listening on the phone, sharing a beer and a meal, sunburns, migraines, partice jokes and family vacations. This guild was there through some of my darkest hours and my life has evolved into a grand, cos-tumed adventure and I wouldn't change it for anything.

As we approach each new season of this adventure new challenges will be set before us, new goals to attain and who knows what else. Why are you part of this journey? What keeps you going? If you really think about it, you may surprise yourself.

*Introducing the **BARD** of the **GUARD!***

In his second challenge toward fulfilling the requirements of Knighthood, Sergeant Magnus MacRanald regaled St. Andrew's court at the Motherlode games in Plymouth with his most recent writing. Court reaction to Squire Magnus' poem revealing why he's a member of St. A's was so awe-inspiring, his performance deserves an encore. We look forward to being entertained at future faires by the Bard of the Guard!



Lady Lucretia Beaton overcome with emotion hearing Squire Magnus' poem





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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:

- Three organization options, each with a radio button:
 - SMEA - (Save Mart Employee Association)
2937 Veneman Ave Suite A115 Modesto 95356
 - St. Andrews Noble Order Of Royal Scots (indicated by a red arrow)
22791 Alaire Ln Pioneer 95666
 - St. Vincent De Paul - SKD
16237 Emigrant St. Volcano 95689
- Search filters:
 - Text input: saint
 - Text input: pioneer
 - Text input: 95666
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- Buttons: Search (next to pioneer and 95666), UPDATE, CANCEL

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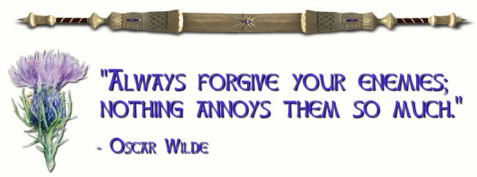
Do St. A's a FAVOR!

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



Another Bastard Stewart! Answers to page 2 Questions

1. It is reported that Mary's adventure-loving father sired nine illegitimate children. The tale is told that young James V was encouraged in his debauchery by one of his regents, but to be fair, illegitimate children had long been a royal prerogative, in England and Scotland. Young James came by it honestly. His own father had seven children out of wedlock by four different mistresses.
2. The one we most love to hate, Lord James, 1st Earl of Moray, was shot in 1570, before the age of 50, by a supporter of MQS, in the first recorded assassination by a firearm.
3. After twenty years of a loveless marriage, Jean Stewart left her husband, Archibald Campbell, 5th Earl of Argyll. On June 23rd, 1573 Archie petitioned for divorce on the grounds of desertion which was not recognized as a legitimate cause at the time. Up to this point, divorce had been granted only on the grounds of adultery, but Archie, so desperate to end his hate-filled union with Jean, was victorious in persuading Scottish Parliament to pass new legislation to accommodate his situation.