

SAINT ANDREW'S NOBLE ORDER OF ROYAL SCOTS



Guild Newsletter

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March 2017

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

Date	Event	Location	T i m e
March 30	LOAD UP	Holyroodhouse, Escalon, CA	6:30 pm
March 31	Set-up (partial)	Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont, CA	4:00 pm
April 1	EBSA Tartan Day Scottish Faire	Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont, CA	9:30 am to 6:00 pm
April 2	UNLOAD	Holy <mark>rood</mark> house, Escalon, CA	Time TBA @ Tartan Day
April 14	Excelsior Middle School	14301 Byron Highway, Byron, CA	Time TBA
April 29-30	WALKABOUT- Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & 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	Time TBA
May 19 (Tentative)	St. Mary's School	7900 Church St., Gilroy, CA	9:00 am
TBD	Props Repair Weekend	Holyroodhouse, Escalon, CA	9:30 am to 4:00 pm

HOLD THE DATE! July 15th, Guild PICNIC & PARTY !!







Ardenwood

Please note a change from the past few years - drive on will not be allowed until after 4:00 pm.

~ And ~

A message from the game coordinator...

"We're in desperate need of parking volunteers. They have to be adult (per the park). If any of your guild members that have family or friends that would like to get in for free, all they need to do is help with participant parking 6:15 am to about 10:30 am on Saturday morning, then they have the rest of the day to enjoy the festival."

Please contact your friendly GM if someone you know is interested.

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!

SCHOOL NEWS

reat news for those attending
school day at Chalone Peaks in
King City on May 5th. Due to the location
and start time of this event, the school has graciously
offered to pay for one night's stay for all attending
members of St. Andrew's at the rate equivalent to
Motel 6. You may stay at the local Motel 6 or choose
another lodging establishment and pay the difference if
that rate is higher.





HOUSEHOLD TRAININGS

Noble House held its 2017 annual training during the Sonora faire weekend. The meeting was well attended by membership, Her Grace and the 5th Earl of Argyll. Open Court, garb maintenance, court activities, and general safety issues/communication were covered. Congratulations to Lady Morna MacGregor for a well-planned agenda and great discussion.



Other Household Trainings...

The Highlanders and Ladies-in-Waiting are in the process of scheduling their annual meetings. Stay in touch with your Head of Household for further updates.

Guild House Meetings



oin 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.

- *Date TBD & Time 7:30 pm Martinez Guild House, Martinez lady morna@yahoo.com
- * Wednesday TBD, 6:00 pm Lowlands Guild House, Escalon Modesto@saintandrewsguild.org



- 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

ttention 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!



he subject of this month's missive comes at the suggestion of a fellow guild member and was a topic of the annual Noble Household training held earlier this month in Sonora. Pay heed! While some information contained herein is not novel, some is indeed new.



Open Court

Do's, Don't's & What's New

- Do introduce yourself to patrons nearer the front of line instead of joining them toward the back of the line
- Do ask patrons to deposit food and drink on bench/table outside court to avoid spills
- Do introduce families as clans and towns as shires
- Do ask if a member of your party would like to handle the individual introductions to Her Grace. Patron engagement is fun and beneficial to all!
- Do attempt to give an interesting tidbit of information about your patron(s) to Her Grace during introduction.
 She would be most appreciative!
- Do make all introductions <u>after</u> entering court, NOT before. Her Grace often cannot not hear words spoken at the edge of the carpet.
- Do respect your fellow guild member's patron involvement. Asking a patron if they would like a court introduction when they are already with another guild member can be confusing. Wait for an invitation before inserting yourself into other's conversations.
- Don't feel obligated to stand in line with patrons if the line is long. Introduce yourself and explain you will return as they near the front of the line. This frees you to introduce other patrons.
- Don't insist a patron conform to any court etiquette if they are not willing or able. The patron's positive experience is our ultimate goal.
- Don't guess. If you can't answer a patron's question, simply say so and offer to either find the answer or guide the patron to another guild member whom you believe may be able to assist. St. Andrew's would rather have its members admit to uncertainty than to pass on incorrect information.

Your humble scribe welcomes comments and submissions for future issues

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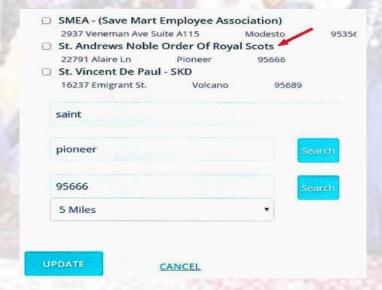
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