



SAINT ANDREW'S NOBLE ORDER OF ROYAL SCOTS



Guild Newsletter

www.saintandrewsguild.org

May 2017



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

Date	Event	Location	Time
June 8	LOAD UP	Palace of Holyroodhouse Escalon, CA	6:30 pm
June 9	Set up	Amador County Fairgrounds Plymouth, CA	2:00 pm
June 10/11	The Mother Lode Highland Games	Amador County Fairgrounds Plymouth, CA	9:30 am to 6:00 pm
June 12	UNLOAD	Palace of Holyroodhouse Escalon, CA	6:00 pm
TBD	Props Repair Weekend	Palace of Holyroodhouse Escalon, CA	9:30 am to 4:00 pm



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

Look for a Doodle poll soon to sign up to bring your favorite side dish

Head over to Member's  page to RSVP by **July 1st** at:

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



PROGRESS POINTERS



The Mother Lode Highland Games

There will be NO Doodle Poll for this Faire

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

ACTOR'S CAMP INFORMATION

*Spaces are available Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Carefully read the **POLICIES** before submitting your **RESERVATION**. Highlights from their website...(For the full text go to:*
<http://www.themotherlodegames.com/camp.php>

- We must receive your reservation and payment in full in order to complete your reservation.
- Fill out the registration form, submit payment online at the end of the registration process. If you choose to mail your payment please print a copy of your registration form that you receive via email to the address indicated.
- We will not contact you unless there is a question regarding your reservation. Please be certain to include your email address in the event we need to contact you.
- Camping spaces will be available starting 5:00PM Thursday and may be occupied until 10:00AM Monday. **All campsites are dry spaces only.**
- After June 1, 2017, spaces will be assigned by the date of receipt of your reservation. In the event there are no spaces available that meet your needs, your check will be returned.
- If you do not make a reservation before May 10, 2017, or if you arrive without a reservation and we are able to accommodate you, fees will increase by \$5.00 per night.
- Open flame fires as the result of burning paper, cardboard, wood or similar material are prohibited. Charcoal fires in metal containers and propane camp stoves are permitted. Completely enclosed fires are permitted subject to individual approval in advance.

Make you reservation here...

http://www.themotherlodegames.com/Admin/camp_res.php

RV Camping See...

<https://sunrvresorts.com/community/far>

Driving Directions...

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



HOUSEHOLD TRAININGS



On May 13, the Ladies in Waiting household gathered for their annual meeting/training. Decorum, household roles and general business were discussed along with new ideas; morning warm ups/huddle to get into 16th century character. Most ladies presented their character bios and a period appropriate poem. Discussed the possibility of each member reading a book relevant to our period/people to aid faire performance. Additionally, written summaries would be published in The Scroll or on St. Andrew's website. Each member was asked to find their "Why". Why are they a part of St. Andrew's; what do they want their faire journey to be? Suggested as a helpful guild-wide exercise.

Congratulations L/W's for a great meeting!

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



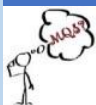
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Stay tuned for information regarding the RG and Royal's Household annual trainings.

Test your MQS Knowledge!

1. Our Mary liked to take regular exercise. Weather permitting, which activity did she engage in most? Archery, horseback riding or golf?
2. True or False? Mary was coronated as Queen of Scots and observed High Mass at Stirling Castle.
3. To indulge her wicked sense of humor, Mary employed a female one of these.

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Sir Jeronimo and Dame Isabeau, Newest Knights!

On April 29th, during the Sacramento Valley Scottish Games in Woodland, two beloved members of St. Andrew's were knighted in a surprise ceremony. Honored for their years of tireless contributions to St. A's and the faire community as a whole, Don Jeronimo and Doña Isabeau Betancur, added Sir and Dame to their titles. Thank you Dame Cora and Thistle House for hosting the proceedings.

"I am so excited you both were knighted! You both have been deeply involved in ren faire and have helped so many people with your kindness and knowledge throughout the faire community over the years. Congratulations!"

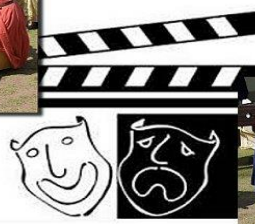
Tina Theberge Anderson, AKA Mistress Brittah



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

Tudor Table



Last year Her Grace and Lady Fleming brought to our attention the free online course, '*A History of Royal Food and Feasting*', sponsored by Future Learn.

Although this course, created by the University of Reading, focuses on the monarchs and nobility of England, the information can be applied to our own court as well. This course is not limited to details of dining but expands beyond to include many interesting historical facts about the monarchs, their support staff, and food and spice sourcing over the centuries. There is even a cook-a-long video and historic recipes to try. It is worth a visit at:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/royal-food>

A tidbit from the course and a good refresher for us all!

"The Tudors had other strict rules when eating at court, some of which were recorded by the Dutch Writer, Desiderius Erasmus, who published his *De Civitate* in 1534:

1. *Sit not down until you have washed.*
2. *Undo your belt a little if it will make you more comfortable; because doing this during the meal is bad manners.*
3. *When you wipe your hands clean, put good thoughts forward in your mind, for it doesn't do to come to dinner sad, and thus make others sad.*
4. *Once you sit place your hands neatly on the table; not on your trencher, and not around your belly.*
5. *Don't shift your buttocks left and right as if to let off some blast. Sit neatly and still.*
6. *Any gobbit that cannot be taken easily with the hand, take it on your trencher.*
7. *Don't wipe your fingers on your clothes; use the napkin or the 'board cloth'.*
8. *If someone is ill mannered by ignorance, let it pass rather than point it out.*



Your humble scribe welcomes submissions by the 15th of the month for future issues at patheath@comcast.net



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- PLATO



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Calling all guild members!
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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. Although Mary engaged in each of these activities at one time or another, horseback riding was the one exercise she made time for every day. Imagine the guard's frustrations when she was gone up to three hours at a time— alone!
2. False. While Mary was crowned Queen of Scots at the tender age of nine months at Stirling Castle, she was prevented from observing Mass anywhere but Holyroodhouse per the terms of an agreement she made with her brother, Lord James. The compromise was made to maintain the religious status quo where Protestantism was recognized as Scotland's official religion even if the majority of people were still privately Catholic.
3. Mary hired her own fool or court jester, a woman named Nichola, or "La Jardinière, whom she brought back from France and with whom she loved to banter.