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Below is the calendar from September 28th through October 30th. For events beyond October, please refer to our web calendar at...

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

Date	Event	Location	Time
September 28	<b>Load Up</b>	Palace of Holyroodhouse Escalon, CA	6:30 pm
September 29	Set-up	Nevada County Fairgrounds Grass Valley, CA	1:00 pm
September 30	KVMR Celtic Festival & Marketplace <a href="http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/">http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/</a>	Nevada County Fairgrounds Grass Valley, CA	9:30 am to 7:00 pm
October 1	KVMR Celtic Festival & Marketplace <a href="http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/">http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/</a>	Nevada County Fairgrounds Grass Valley, CA	9:30 am to 6:00 pm
October 2	<b>Load Truck Morning After</b>	Nevada County Fairgrounds Grass Valley, CA	9:30 to 11:00 am
	<b>Unload</b>	Palace of Holyroodhouse Escalon, CA	3:00 to 5:00 pm
October 26	<b>Load Up</b>	Palace of Holyroodhouse Escalon, CA	6:30 pm
October 27	Set-up	Motherlode Fairgrounds Sonora, CA	2:30 pm
October 28/29	All Hallows Fantasy Faire <a href="http://www.allhallowsfaire.com/">http://www.allhallowsfaire.com/</a>	Motherlode Fairgrounds Sonora, CA	11:00 am to 6:00 pm
October 30	<b>Unload</b>	Palace of Holyroodhouse Escalon, CA	6:00 pm





# PROGRESS POINTERS

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### Pray heed St. Andrew's!

Be not fooled by clouds. Be not distracted by the most wondrous merriment. Wear thy *magic* potion!



<http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/>



### A word about Grass Valley...

Monday, October 2nd, is critical at this event. We need muscle! We need stamina! Your favorite Guild Master needs your help with Monday morning load at the fairgrounds AND Monday afternoon unload at Holyrood Castle. If the truck can be returned by 5:30 pm, the guild saves money!



### A word from Tanaiste Isabella McDonald Campbell:



Good my Lords and Ladies,

Everyone knows the wonderful fare the tavern provides and are always welcome to provide what you can. As always please make sure you check for freshness and have all that need be cut and ready for the tavern to present.

We do not have the capability to accept your viands at set up, as we don't yet have ice and the tavern is only partially set up. Please bring your viands with you to Faire on Saturday and Sunday.

### HYDRATION

Please remember to start hydrating from now for the faire. A good basic rule of thumb is to take your body weight (in pounds) and divide it by 2. This is the number of ounces of water that you should be drinking each day. For example, if you weigh 150 pounds, you will need 75 ounces of water per day. Divide this by 8 to get the number of 8-ounce glasses you should be drinking.

Up Next...

## All Hallows!

Check with your Head of House to coordinate your costume



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





# Well Met St. Andrew's!

You did it! You brought Graham McTavish, aka Dougal MacKenzie of *Outlander*, through the stones to 1562. Your collective powers of persuasive thought, excellent timing, and a raven dispatched across the sea to Mr. McTavish's publicist by Dame Guyonne du Breuil, made it a *fait accompli*.



Time periods collide when Dougal MacKenzie meets the reigning Stuart monarch, Mary, Queen of Scots, and other members of her retinue.

## Winter's Feast Tickets Still Available!



Paypal option now active. Use password 1562.

<http://www.saintandrewsguild.org/membership-info/winters-feast/>

RSVP Deadline - October 20th



## A word from Mary, Queen of Scots



"...I thought that I would have a wee contest, that I will reward with one of our fine "Mary coins". Two each will be rewarded to:

- ◆ For the Nobles: the first to come in [to court] and recite the fine poem enclosed within [Ronsard's Poem from the September edition of *The Scroll*]
- ◆ For the Highlanders: the first to come and either discuss (for the gentleman) or display (for the ladies) proper highland dress
- ◆ For the Guard's men: the first to bring your new fellow guard into court, ready and HYDRATED (as per Tanista's directions- there may be a pop quiz!) for the day!

So read on, and don't let this fine bit of writing go to waste!"





# MONTHLY MISSIVE

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by Lord James Hepburn, 4th Earl of Bothwell  
aka Craig Heath

To Attend Court is to

*Attend Court*

**A**t the various games and faires in which we perform, Saint Andrew's depicts a historically documented fact: The progress of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, throughout her country. Due to the nature of the Living History arrangements, we portray Mary's stays at each new shire as an encampment - the royal pavilion serves as the court itself, with the various other tents forming the working areas for household staff, guards, and so on. What is important for our patron's enjoyment and education, is that we - the courtiers, retainers, servants, guards and others - depict well

the people who were near royalty, something no one would take for granted or treat lightly.

In short, when we

attend court, meaning when we are present in and around the Queen's pavilion, we need to attend court - in the sense of paying attention, taking part as courtiers, seeking favor and opportunity, performing to impress others and earn recognition, and of course, to be seen by Her Grace as people worthy of being in her royal presence. To be anywhere near Mary Stuart was, in the minds and hearts of her subjects, to be in the presence of Divinity on Earth. Such opportunity would not be wasted by the ambitious, and would not be treated frivolously by anyone. Further, how we behave, treat others and interact with Her Grace will not only enhance our performance, it will demonstrate and make real to the patrons how they should behave in court when allowed to sit or when being introduced



to Her Grace. Our example will teach the visitor what courtly manners and behavior were like, and will encourage them to emulate it. This can only serve to enrich the experience for everyone, including ourselves.

So, to make our performances ever more believable, refined and accurate, a set of basic principles should be in our minds always:

### \* REMEMBER YOUR PLACE:

No one in 1562 Scotland would forget themselves in the presence of their betters. A guard would not slap a nobleman on the back and laugh out loud in court. A nobleman would not say anything untoward or suggestive in the presence of the queen. A noblewoman would not have a romantic liaison with a servant or guard - or at least not where anyone could see. Treat everyone - including yourself - with the respect their position demands. This can

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often be difficult because we are products of our time and place. We no longer believe in the Great Chain of Being, in which we are given our station in life by the will of God, and can never transcend it. But faith in that idea was very much part of everyone's belief system at that time. We need to keep it in mind to help inform our performances with the right attitudes.



**\*PAY ATTENTION:**

Unless you are giggling as a person falling asleep in court, who will then be wakened rudely and admonished for your terrible behavior, do not nap or lounge about while in the court tent or nearby. It is a given that someone like a guard must pay sharp attention to everything going on in court, and do so silently. The guards train for this. But for the rest of us, it is easy to allow one's attention to wander, especially with all that is going on outside the tent. A person in that time and place would attend very carefully to everything that went on in that court, as it was the place where one's fortunes could turn for the better by seizing the right opportunity. And of course, when Her Grace is in attendance, all eyes and ears should be on her. Be careful to stand when she stands, to sit only when she sits, to hang on her every word and gesture, to be quick to speak in answer to her. To ignore the queen, to talk over her, to offer any insult in her presence, could cost you your head!

**\*ACT THE PART:**

Unless you have a planned performance in which you are being boorish, talking loudly and gratingly, and behaving like someone of a lower class who will then be called out and chastised for your rudeness, do not behave in such a way. And most especially, avoid all the practices, habits, speech patterns, expressions of attitude and other conduct that is commonly accepted in our time and place. Certainly, people of that era, no matter how high their station, would sometimes behave badly. But save such acts for the tavern or elsewhere in our encampment.



Courtiers knew very well that their fortunes rested on how much they could impress others, especially their superiors, with their good manners, breeding, speech and high-born demeanor. They would have been on their best behavior at all times in court. We should too.

Keeping these three general principles in mind and acting on the precepts will make our performances shine, help our guild to ever improve our historical accuracy, and give our patrons the best experience and enjoyment:

- \* REMEMBER YOUR PLACE
- \* PAY ATTENTION
- \* ACT THE PART

Do you have a new email address?

Don't miss an issue of *The Scroll*!

To update your information, send your newest email to:

[pathheath@comcast.net](mailto:pathheath@comcast.net)



*"Comfort zone: a beautiful place but nothing ever grows there."*

- unknown







# St. Andrew's Donates to Veteran's Organization

WINNER OF THE DRAGON THOR'S HAMMER  
152ND PLEASANTON SCOTTISH HIGHLAND  
GATHERING & GAMES  
MASTER PHILIP ALISDAIR, AKA DAVID HIGGINS

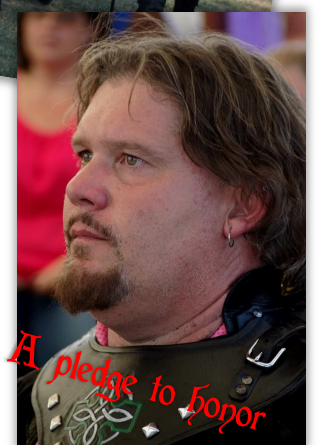
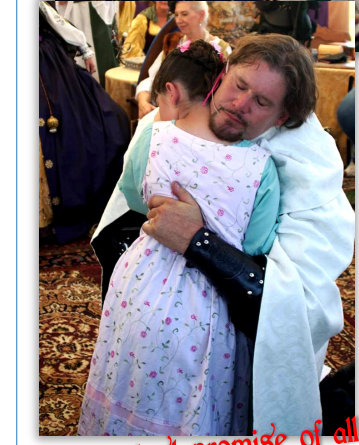


In a show of support to Scotland's foremost provider of care for veterans and their spouses, St. Andrew's donates to the Erskine Organization during the 152nd Pleasanton Scottish Highland Gathering and Games. Representatives from Erskine were most grateful. Well met St. A's for your generosity!

Throughout arguably the hottest and most grueling faire St. Andrew's has ever attended, this gentleman never let up. His hard work, start to finish, was exemplary. Moreover, he also shows promise as an intelligencer!  
Congratulations on a job well done Master P!



## Congratulations!



Well met indeed!

Much anticipated, long over-due, but not diminished by record-breaking temperatures, the Knighting ceremony of Magnus MacRanald drew a large crowd at the 152nd Pleasanton Scottish Highland Gathering & Games.

Welcome to the brotherhood of the Knights of St. Andrew's. Congratulations Sir 1st Sgt. Magnus MacRanald, Baron of Lachaline!

Long Live the New Knight!

The greatest promise of all...

A pledge to honor