

21ST ANNUAL NEW YEARS MESSAGE

FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Good my Lords and good my Ladies, Greetings this New Year's Tyde!

It seems like only yesterday, we were all together at Royal Winter Feast! I have such splendid memories of that wondrous occasion! Its was with Certainty the finest event for Royal Saint Andrews ~ the best ever Lord of Misrule Parade and mischief! And of course , the Wassail Parade with all the finest food imaginable ~ and the Royal Knighting ceremony of State! Few can boast of a day of such pageantry and grandeur in our Renaissance Endeavors. Eight hours of non – stop celebrations and merriment! You were all there to revel with your Queen, and we , your Queen do so wish to say ~ you have done exceedingly well in this and we do wish to express our heart felt congratulations to each of you ~ as it was your hard work and spirit of joy that made every minute of it possible! ~ We do now look forward to our calendar of events for the new Renaissance ~ Season! It is Our duty as your Queen to form a new government each year ~ To assist us in our reign and to do the work exceedingly necessary for the ~ Good management of the Realm. We did accept that His Grace , Sir James Melville ~ who by goodly reliance and loyalty did serve Us full well for 20 years as Our Royal Great Chancellor for Scotland ~ has stood down from his old job & We have rewarded his efforts by newly appointing him Our Royal Great Chamberlain for Scotland and given him command as General of the Queen's Own Regiment of Royal Lancers in the Loyal Guild of Royal Saint Gyles , who will be a part of our Royal security at future events. ~ Words do not suffice to say what ~ Emotions have struck me with the departure of His Grace to the Royal Military for Scotland. His Loyalty to Us is legendary ~ thus we are Blessed ~ he will lead by example as he has always done and Royal Saint Gyles ~ will prosper full well! We are further very pleased to create, elevate and appoint Sir Drew Mac Quain as Our new Guild Master ~ for Royal Saint Andrews and as well ~ Lord Chancellor of the Realm ~ Our highest possible station for work within The Guild. Our gratitude and best wishes unto him for this new endeavor as it is most exceeding difficult to maintain a Guild of over 200 folk! The task is daunting ~ but with all of your good help Sir Drew will triumph in glory ~ for now good my people ~ we have by Royal Command placed the safety of Our Self your Sovereign Queen, and the Crown of Scotland and our Guild ~ in his goodly hands and keep! ~ All the folk of Royal Saint Andrews shalt now look to him for guidance and leadership ! ~ Good Gentles ~ as we do begin our 21st Renaissance season for Royal Saint Andrews ~ may this guild be your Renaissance Home and may You continue the strong moral and ethical and loving ambiance that This Guild is founded upon! It has withstood many unpleasant circumstances, yet our standards of performance and presentation remain the very best the Renaissance world can master! May you all share in this endeavor of our Success and prosperity of love, reliance and loyalty.

By our hand this day ,for the scribes to proclaim through out the land,

Mary , Queen of Scots and the Isles and of My People Sovereign

Æ Anointed Queen of Scottish Renaissance Faïres for St. Andrews (California Kingdom).

A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM HIS GRACE

Dear Gentle Folk of Renaissance Love and Life,

I do wish to thank you for many years of gallantry and affection and close reliance! So much of the success achieved over the last 20 years is not only in my creative energy ~ it came in floods of worthy accomplishments from the kind hearted folk that chose to share my dreams of Renaissance home and haven away from the History and Clothing Nazi types that took over Northern Faire so many years ago. If you did not have a real character you were seen as a Halfling. If you did not have just the right dull tone to your costume and I do repeat: it was a costume ~ dull or no! Then again you were seen as Hollywood and scorned!

Get real or get out was the bottom line and it hurt so many folk who cared so much for the fun and fantasy of the life but were never given a chance even if they truly wanted to. I found five folk who wanted to break with their madness and we did! Hence ~ 20 years later ~ we all ~ of the lunatic fringe are still in business! Our own dear Saint Andrews is that insane asylum of all walks of life and levels of Renaissance interest and the formula works well for most! Yes ~ courtiers come and courtiers go with each passing year ~ yet their spiritual contributions live on ~ so it is, that I too, must go. Not to leave Renaissance Faires ~ but to do what I do best!

When there was no Royal Justice Court at Faires ~ I created one. When there were no Royal Halberdiers at Faires ~ I created them. When there was no Royal Scottish or Noble Scottish any thing anywhere! I created them. And when there were no Dances of distinction and dignity that did not require such energy that it left the ladies all glowing and glistening and tossed about! ~ That Court Ladies could do to show off their Scottish best afore the Queen ~ I created some dances. Nice being a Duke!!

So I looked about and saw ~ no Scottish Military Encampment! Lots of Highlanders, our goodly Royal Guards ~ but nary a Military Encampment. So since last April when I watched the Trooping ~ my energy has been set and my determination great. While I am still able to make a difference in my chosen Recreation sources~ Renaissance Faires ~ I need to be creative! I feel so very Blessed to have the chance in my life time to meet so many like minded folk who found the hobby as fascinating as I do. But it does not rest there.

It was the dedication to this endeavor that made the big difference in the growth and success that is the Standard of Royal Saint Andrew's Guild. It is the Guild that runs on hugs! In happy tymes, and in sad tymes. Our family of folk share a deep and abiding affection ~ so much more of what I am truly about ~ a royal title of purest fantasy or a chain of office for 30 folk when in reality there were ancient stories of maybe one or two

In the "real" court! What did it matter, share the fun!

Life is exceedingly very short ~ let's all continue to rub our royal noses together and just revel a plenty! Stay young at heart ~ open to change! It is the very heart t of our existence! When one Faire said No! A Scottish Game or Festival said ~ Yes! If there was no Faire to play ~ then ~ we had a Royal Picnic! Our Renaissance Table remained full regardless of the winds of acceptance or disrespect for our endeavors!

So gentles ~ Let the purist wallow in their own dust ~ we have rainbows to create!!! We have as a Guild stepped on many conservative Renaissance Toes ~ but we always stopped to polish the dust off gently and pin a favor and go merrily on our way! Gentles ~ go pin a favor or TWO! And add a Hug! Sooooo Period! Don't -cha know! When many a Guild forgot it takes an audience walking in the streets to make a Faire! St. Andrews taught street improvisation to every single new folk that came into the Guild ~ if the tourist goes home happy ~ they will come back next year! You are a part of a working guild ~ not a munching peasant's guild.

And on and on ~ and so many St. Andrews folk took up this cause and made it our signature of success.

I do wish to express my heart-felt appreciation for your years of sacrifice of time, of money, and of hard work!

Such dedication is rare in any recreational volunteer group of any kind ~ but Royal Saint Andrews has had the good fortune to be peopled with the kindest and most generous of folk. It has made me a super busy person ~ keeping the recruiting window open for you all to come on in ~ but ~ here you are!! Ten or so phone calls later ~ an application finds its way to my door and

The rest is history at its best!

This Guild began just 20 years ago ~ it began with just five folk ~ it has changed names three times, it has created 26 other guilds ~ it has witnessed many weddings, baptisms, hand fastenings, one funeral, ceremonies, plays, battle pageants, parades, feasts, And over 100 Knightings from many guilds. My record of achievement is your record of achievement. None of this is possible without the direct and very concerted involvement of everyone in the guild for any one year that folk cared to share their time.

There have been in these 20 years, four assistant Guild Masters that I do take particular care to praise for their very considerable support and shoulder to cry on ~ repeatedly and often for many many years!!!

The first was Dame Kate Bacchus ~ she joined me at age 15 and sewed our costumes, and was mother hen to all our folk till she went off to college. Then there was Paul Melville, who later founded St. Dismas Guild. He was a sword master of the first order and inspired many of our folk to greatness ~ he was deeply loved. Then, my grand lady did waltz into my life at Northern Faire at the Belly Dancing Show ~ Dame Helen! She did sit upon

The bales of hay watching Habbi Ru intently and dressed better than the queen! I need that lady in my life right away says I, and three months later ~ her application was in my very fortunate hands!!! She remains today by my side at almost every event and has done for nearly 15 years. Then, more recently, the title of assistant guild master was bestowed upon Sir Drew Mac Quain. Most, who read this fare well letter, know him full well for the terrific hard worker he is and the grandeur of his ambiance at the Royal Court of Scotland! He has taken this duty to heart and on April 6th of this year, he will become the new Guild Master of Royal Saint Andrews and thus the successor of my legacy.

What is then that these four folk have in common, that placed them in a league of their own? They lead by example first and secondly their power came from the love in their hearts for my vision of Renaissance Faire life. They helped closely and shared in the growing and ever changing enterprise our Guild is. They helped to keep the door of welcome open as it is today ~ and the result is the largest Renaissance Faire Guild in the world. We gave everyone who wanted one ~ a Renaissance place to be, when all other guilds seemed distant and unapproachable or just not interested in new folk ~ St. Andrews was that place.

The same is true of the six very grand ladies that have Reigned as Queen at our Renaissance Faires ~ the first of our Marys ~ was Lady Patricia Landworthy-MacGregor, from Sacramento. She reigned for three years and returned to College and founded a Star Trek Guild for Trekkies. The second was Lady Gaylynnne Finney-Fitzgerald. She reigned for one year and went on to become as she is even now ~ Elizabeth, Queen of England at Northern Faire and Southern Pleasure Faires! Yes ~ she got her start in St. Andrews Guild!

Then our glorious and regal Lady Cynthia Ingalls-Smith. She reigned for almost nine years. Her health was so compromised by various problems she very reluctantly accepted that an assistant Queen must be found to help in the Duties of Royal Estate. We did choose together the wondrous Princess of Poland, Dame Martinique Von Mier, and as well the beautiful Lady Sarah Johnson ~ both ~ still with us and reigning over our Faires and Festivals. Because of the very busy schedule we now have all year around ~ we were rightfully and so fortunate to ask the Lady Jennith Stewart and the Lady Hannah Maxwell to Accept the Crown Royal at various events these past four years. We all are so grateful for the love these Grand ladies have shared with all of us! God Save the Queen!

New traditions will be born every year. New champions of Royal Saint Andrews will take the field of honor ~ and may you all be filled with the two virtues that have kept our Guild the home it is ~ determination and heart.

For this Guild is as much run on love as it is on steadfast efforts.

There are those wondrous times you truly realize you can never manage the moon light ~ you just learn to enjoy the thrill and enchantment of the moment.

That is Royal Saint Andrews Guild.

My departure at this time will bring a well spring of new beginnings for many folk, who were waiting in the wings for their time under the sun of pride of place. So the ambiance I was blessed to guide these 20 years continues on.

So gentles all, this is not an easy fare well ~ it is good to be Duke and get to be in the close company of so many goodly folk. You are each the treasure of our guild life ~ your contribution is as important as any that I have done. I loved all the hugs and look forward to so many more! I go now, to a small guild ~ known as St. Gyles, the Royal Seneschals and Royal Lancers Regiment. We are a brother guild (the military wing) ever at the ready to serve Her Royal Majesty the Queen where ever she may be on Royal Progress!! Our Renaissance Faire schedule is built around the Queen's Schedule, for not only is she on our Star Chamber, but a very valuable part of our endeavors! Thus, we are near and dear to our beginnings ~ Royal Saint Andrew ~ the mother ship of state. Consider us your battle ship in escort to war and security in peace. It will keep me quite busy for the years to come that shalt be dedicated to continued Royal Service. God Save the Queen!

I have completed my journey as your Guild Master. It is truly due season after so long to let accomplished folk take their turn at the helm. May they serve the Queen with gallantry and love.

Please come visit right next door at St. Gyles! Dame Helen and I will be there with open arms and hearts filled with admiration. And truly, My prayer is ~ that you all will hold strong to the ideals that have made Royal Saint Andrews Guild, that very special place on Renaissance earth ~ so valuable in terms of sharing our precious time and energy! God Bless You All! ~ I do thank you most profoundly for adding your personal diamonds and emeralds of hard work and dedication. Our treasure is you.

These are the precious memories we all hold dear in common for the remainder of our days.

I do remain, Your ever obliging,

His Grace, Sir James Melville

Royal Grand Duke of Albany and St. Andrews

Abbot General of the Holy and Military Order of Knights and Dames of St. John of Jerusalem




THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS OF THE ESTATES ROYAL FOR SCOTLAND



UNDER THE COMPLETE DIRECTION OF THE GUILD MASTER AND ASSISTANT GUILD MISTRESSES:

Their notes are held only at renaissance faires with the guild master each morning and as well they are invited to the queen's presence chamber for the planning of winter's feast.
They will have private or group sessions with the guild master when he deems necessary.

1. ROYAL MISTRESS OF THE KEYS – LADY KYRA MAC NEIL
 2. ROYAL MASTER OF THE PRESENCE CHAMBER – SIR MAXWELTON WILLIAM MAITLAND
 3. ROYAL MASTER OF THE ROYAL COURT – LORD GEORGE JOHN GORDON
 4. ROYAL TREASURER – LORD JAMES MOSMAN
 5. ROYAL MASTER OF STANDARDS/GREAT DEPUTY OF SCOTLAND – LORD Kael MAC GREGOR
 6. ROYAL MISTRESS OF THE RECORDS – LADY MARIOTA ARRES
 7. ROYAL HERALD – LORD TUCKER MAC DOWNING
 8. ROYAL MISTRESS OF THE PARCHMENTS – LADY RELLIE-MARGARET BALFOUR
 9. ROYAL PORTER – LORD DAVIE RIZZIO
 10. ROYAL MISTRESS OF THE BELLS – LADY ARIELLA HENDERSON
 11. ROYAL MISTRESS OF THE DANCE – HER GRACE THE ROYAL DUCHESS OF AVIEMORE – DAME JENNETH STEWART
 12. ROYAL MASTER OF CUSHION – LORD MALACHY MAC ALLISTER
 13. ROYAL MISTRESS OF MUSIC – LADY EUPHEMIA DOUGLAS
 14. ROYAL FIELD MARSHALL – LORD DON GIOVANNI MARCO DE ABASTANZI – CARDINAL KNIGHT
 15. ROYAL MASTER PROVISIONER – TO BE ANNOUNCED
 16. ROYAL MISTRESS OF EWERS – LADY MAIRI CAMPBELL
 17. ROYAL MASTER OF THE SWORD OF STATE – TO BE ANNOUNCED
 18. ROYAL MASTER OF THE SWORD OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN – SIR ANDREW HEPBURN
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THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE RENAISSANCE YEAR 2003



- 9:00 AM – Notes With Royal Chamberlains**
- 10:00 AM – Queen’s Morning Court**
- 11:00 AM – Wake Up Ye Village Queen’s Parade – Ending With The Trouping Of The Royal Regiment Of Lancers At The Court At The Same Time The Royal Privy Chamberlains Debate In Court Upon Scottish Endeavors Of Court And Foreign Countries.**
- NOON – The Royal Dance Show In The Village – At The Same Time The Queen Sits In Court And Is Presented A Variety Show Featuring A Presentation Of Talent From Each Of The Royal Households**
- 1:00 PM - The Court Is Closed
All Go Into The Village For Street Gigs
The Queen Quietly Dines At The Royal Ambassadors Pavilion On Saturdays
And At The Royal Emissaries On Sundays.**
- 2:00 PM – The Royal Knighting Ceremony
(If No Knighting – The Irish Show)**
- 3:00 PM – Royal Trouping Of The Queen’s Own Royal Regiment Of Halberdiers**
- 4:00 PM – An Hour Of Meet And Greet For The Public And Other Guild Presentations**
- 5:00 PM – The Queen Doth Go Forth For Her Final Parade About The Village And Home - Same Time In Court – The Privy Council Meet With The Royal Ambassadors From Foreign Lands To Discuss Matters Of State.**
- 6:00 PM – All At Liberty**





STOW THE KEEP DAY CREW

Once again a very special group of people were on hand to assist in stowing the keep. Huge amounts of Guild Gratitude go out to these wondrous folk. When everyone else "just stayed home" these good hard working folk did come forth and did work exceedingly hard for all of you!

LADY KYRA MAC NEIL
LORD DON JUAN
(LORD JOSEPH MAC KENZIE)
LORD ORION MAC ANDREWS
LORD KEIRAN HENDERSON
LORD MALACHY MAC ALISTER
LADY TORY MAC NEIL



YEAR 2003 HEALTH AND SAFETY NEW PARADE LINE UP

Royal Parade Master
Adult Bell Ringers
Flags
Bagpipe or Drummer
The Royal Sword of the Abbot General
The Royal Sword of Squires
His Grace Sir James Melville
The Royal Regiment of Lancers
Any Under Age Lancers
Mistress of the Bells
The Children Bell Ringers
The Royal Privy Chamberlains
The Royal House of Duchesses
The Royal Sword of State
The Royal Sword of the Knights of St. John
The Guild Master & Master of the Royal Presence Chamber
~The Queen~
The Queen's Own Royal Regiment of Halberdiers
Any Underage Halberdiers
Court Pages and Priests
Ladies in Waiting
All Folk of St. Andrews Guild not listed in front of the Queen by twos
The Irish
The Highlanders



WAR COUNCIL FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

FROM ST. ANDREWS:

FIELD MARSHAL ~DON GIOVANNI ABESTANZI
ROYAL GREAT EARL MARSHAL OF SCOTLAND ~ HIS GRACE SIR DREW MAC QUAIN
ROYAL GENERAL OF THE QUEENS OWN ROYAL REGIMENT OF HALBERDIERS ~ SIR KEEGAN GUNN
ALL CAPTAINS OF THE ROYAL GUARD
THE WAR CHIEF OF THE HIGHLANDERS
THE WAR CHIEF OF THE IRISH

FROM ST. GYLES GUILD:

COLONEL IN CHIEF OF THE QUEEN'S OWN REGIMENT OF ROYAL LANCERS (THE SENESCHALS) ~ HIS GRACE SIR JAMES MELVILLE ~ GRAND DUKE OF ALBANY AND ST. ANDREW
LANCE CAPTAIN LORD GUY MAXWELL
LANCE CAPTAIN LORD BEAUREGARDE MAC LEAN



THE KNIGHTING LIST FOR 2003

Those Squires Of The Realm Who Will Be Presented For Knighthood In The Year 2003
~ By Royal Command Of Her Gracious And Sovereign Majesty ~

Mary, Queen Of Scots

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:

SQUIRE EPHEMIA DOUGLAS

SQUIRE JAMES DOUGLAS

REDDING/ANDERSON FAIRE:

SQUIRE JUDITH VON HOLSTEIN

SQUIRE IAN MAC MILLAN

PLACERVILLE RENAISSANCE FAIRE:

SQUIRE HANNAH MAXWELL

PITTSBURG RENAISSANCE FAIRE:

CAPTAIN GUY MAXWELL

SQUIRE ALEXANDRIA MARY BEATON

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