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Announcements

At William Marshal Feast

Mistress Nicolette Dufay and Baron Rudolf von der Drau stepped down from their Baronial office, to be succeeded by Master Gwynfor Lwyd and Lady Gwir.

Congratulations

To Everard Sefar, Airenell verch Brioch, Vandel Lynchea and Breana of Stormhold for becoming Lochac's newest armigers.

In the same court Kattrin die Weisbeegerige Reisender von Tubingen and Hannbal al Barbary were awarded the Order of the Silver Tear.

Daffydd ap Iowerth ap Rodri de Dana was recognised as Lochac's newest member of the Order of the Pelican

Liadan the Chirurgeon, Airdin MacDara and Roisin Cinnsealach were recipients of Baronial Commendations.

At the December Bash, Gwynfor and Gwir, Baron and Baroness of Stormhold, instituted a new award, the Order of the Drakkar's Sweep. This award is for those who are repeat offenders on clean-up, prep and kitchen crews. The inaugural members of the Order of the Drakkar's Sweep are:

Master Hrolf Herjolfsson (Ynys Fawr)
Mistress Nicolette Dufay
Baron Rudolf von der Drau
Master Cormac Lenihan
Mistress Elspeth Caerwent
Master Pedair MacPharlaine na Cluine Bige

Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson
Lady Vera Lupa
Lady Siban nic Ghiolla Phodraig
Lord Thomas Flamanc of Kelsale
Lord Jarek Blackthorne

Official stuff.

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From the Deputy Chronicler

Greetings all. Please accept my humble apologies for the tardiness of the latest issue of our newsletter. Not the greatest start to my journalistic career, but I thank Lady Antonia for her encouragement and forbearance. Lochac's advancement to Kingdom is fast approaching. Check out the Coming Event section for information on the first Crown Tournament and Coronation.

Yours in Service
Ceridwen ferch Dafydd ap Cradog

A Blending of the Past and Present

Over the past eleven years in an ongoing effort, I have been collecting bits of useful information from various newsgroups, mail lists and articles submitted to me by their authors. In order to make this information available to others, I have placed this information in a series of files I call Stefan's Florilegium.

The Florilegium is on the web at: <http://www.florilegium.org>

Files that are new or have been updated are indicated by a specialmarker in the filelists at the website. In addition, the file -updated-files is a listing of these files in chronological order.

A copy of my complete filelist is available in most sections of the website. This filelist or any of my files is also available from me by email in either Word or text formats.

If you find a bad link or other problem with the Florilegium website, please let me know. Once I know about a problem I can usually fix it that day but if no one alerts me to a problem it may be months before I notice it myself.

I am always interested in new articles. If you have written an article that would be of interest to others in the SCA, please send it to me for possible inclusion in the Florilegium. Contact me for more details.

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The new files for this month are:

under **CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS:**

Hist-of-Birka-art Hist. of the Birka event held in NH in the East Kingdom.

under **ANIMALS:**

p-gme-animals-msg Period game animals. Elk, deer, boar.

under **BEVERAGES:**

Peach-Brandy-art "Peach Coriander Brandy" by Lady Constance de LaRose.

under **COMBAT:**

chnmail-clean-msg Cleaning mail armor in period and today.

Killing-Blow-art "The Killing Blow Dilemma; A Suggestion..."
by Lord Daniel Raoul le Vascon.

Under **COMMERCE:**

Messengers-art "Medieval Messengers" by Byron Whited.

Under **FOOD:**

14C-Fingerfids-art "English - 14th Century Fingerfoods"
by THL Kateryn de Develyn.

Vinegar-NJFCC-art "Vinegar: Not Just for Cleaning Coffeepots"
by THL Máirín ben Dhiarmait.

Under **CULTURES:**

Janissaries-msg An elite military group in service to the Ottoman Turks.

under **FOOD-BY-REGION:**

fd-France-msg Food of medieval France. Referances.

Under **FOOD-MEATS:**

p-marinating-msg Period marination of meat.

Shrympes-art "Shrympes" by Lady Constance de Larose.

Under **FOOD-SWEETS:**

cak-soteltes-msg Cake based sotelties. Decorated cakes.

Under **PLANTS, HERBS AND SPICES:**

Herbs-Sm-Grdn-art "Medieval Herbs for the Very Small Garden"
by Jadwiga Zajaczkowa.
nettles-msg Use of Stinging nettles in period. Recipes.

Here are a few of the files that have been updated this month:

bone-msg Working with bone and antler.
Celts-msg Info sources for the Celts.
chainmail-msg Making chainmail. Mail armor. References.
illusion-fds-msg Medieval illusion foods. Disguised food.
livestock-msg Medieval livestock. Pigs, cattle, sheep.
marzipan-msg Use of marzipan (almond paste) in sotelties.
pottery-msg Medieval pottery, kilns. modern equivalents.
sotelties-msg Sotelties and Warners - decorated food.
waterbearing-msg Water and beverage distribution at events.

And since the Yule holiday is coming up, here are a few files that might be interesting for this:

12th-nite-msg 12th Night celebrations.
Christmas-art Medieval Christmas.
Pennsic-gifts-msg Some gift ideas for those going to Pennsic.
St-Nicholas-art Article on the St. Nicholas traditions.
by Mistress Nicolaa de Bracton of Leicester
Vik-Shp-lst-art "Little Viking's Holiday Shopping List"
by Gunnora Hallakarva.
wassail-msg Spiced cider and ale drinks. Traditions.
Xmas-art "The True Meaning of Xmas" by Mistress Nicolaa
de Bracton of Leicester
Yule-msg Yule celebrations.

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The Knightly Knotebook

by Sir Knightly

(actually by Galen of Bristol)

(legally by Paul T. Mitchell)

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I should probably explain that these columns appeared in *It Cometh in the Mail*, the newsletter of the Barony of Bryn Gwlad (Austin, TX), and were at first published anonymously.

The Knightly Knotebook is dedicated to Lady Madeleine la Suele, who, as Chronicler of Bryn Gwlad, first gave Sir Knightly a chance, and gave me a *lot* of encouragement. And who got reprimanded at least once for this.

Welcome to another edition of How to be Knightly. This is to remind you Readers that if you have a question, or need advice on any knightly subject, you can simply write to me in care of this newsletter.

Well, here's some mail now! Let's read the first one:

Dear Sir Knightly, These can't be our real letters -- you got them much too quickly! How do you explain that? (signed) Dubious in Dun Lea

Dear Dube, I guess there's just no fooling Sir Knightly's readers, is there? Here's another letter:

Dear Sir Knightly, I am a squire, in service to a knight who moved away last year. I've hardly seen him since then, as he seems to have dropped off the face of the earth, quit fighting, and goes to almost no events. I don't want to stop being a squire, but what can I do? (signed) Anonymous, squire to somebody--not Sir Galen)

Dear A, You DO have a problem. You basically have a couple of options: You could quit as his squire and try to find another knight. You could keep the squirebelt and simply work with whomever will teach you what you can learn (I'm sure Sir Not-Galen would appreciate anyone's help). Sir Knightly's advice to you, however, is this: Deal with it.

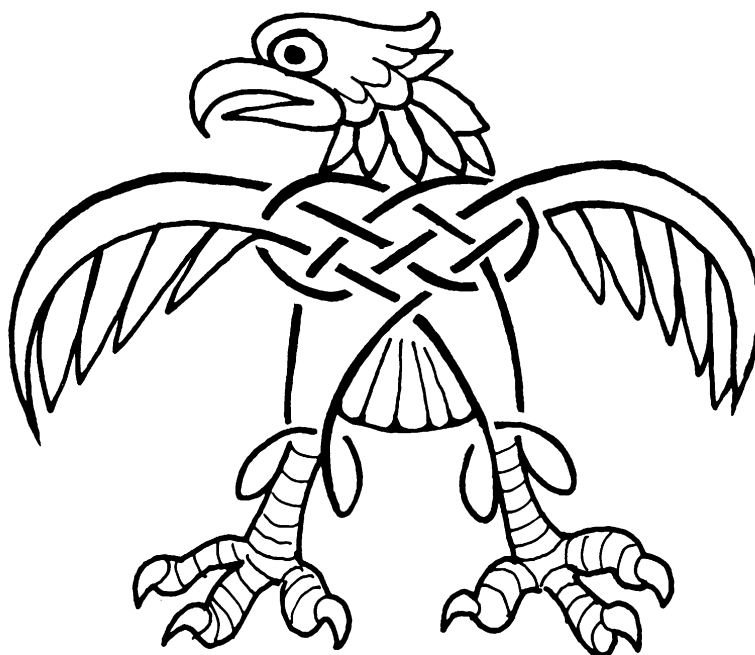
Dear Sir Knightly, I am a local officer, and lately I've been getting flack from my Kingdom-level superior, which I feel is unjust. I've been repeatedly threatened with removal from office, as near as I can tell because he doesn't like the things I'm doing. But my local group is very happy with my performance. What should I do? (signed) Yum Me

Dear Yum, Way back when Sir Knightly was a Kingdom Officer (Earl Marshal or something), he got a rude awakening about just how much influence Kingdom Officers have in local groups. It's easy to lead when there's a consensus of opinion, but it's very hard to lead volunteers where they don't want to go, and even harder to remove somebody who's doing what everybody else wants done. On the other hand, Sir Knightly has also had his share of rude awakenings about just how popular he really was (or wasn't). In Sir Knightly's opinion, it might be time to call on your fellow officers and your high-ranking and influential friends to intercede on your behalf. Of course, you could just keep on as you have, and be publicly removed, and see what fall-out results, or who applies to take your place. Or you could just go along to get along; central control of local matters is the trend in this country these days.

Dear Sir Knightly, Why is it that your column isn't as funny as usual this month? (signed) your biggest fan, Dave Barry

Dear Dave, First, let me thank you for not stealing my jokes anymore. But second, to answer your question, it's because Sir Knightly has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of *Ex Tempore*.

That's all for this time! This is Sir Knightly saying, be knightly, and Good Morrow!



Lochac 12th Night ASXXXVI

12 & 13 January 2002

*Devistiture of
Sir Alfar and Liadan*

*Investiture of
Gawain Tristram and Eve D'Angelly*



Hosted by the Shire of Agaricus

Stewards: [Artemisia](#) and [Blaeney](#)

PH: 0409 393 004 (before 10pm Eastern Time)

Andalusian Summer Feast

To cater for varying budgets and desires we are running this event as an "Above and Below the Salt" feast.

The **Above the Salt Feast** is an extravagant Andalusian Banquet with the emphasis on the variety of sumptuous dishes we can offer. Prepare to be pampered by our servers who will be happy to fetch you refreshing beverages and wash your feasting gear. All of this will take place in the Banquet hall. If you have suitable rugs and cushions please bring them along. **NB:** The Above the Salt Feast is capped at 80 and must be pre-booked.

The **Below the Salt Feast** is a simple Persian fare of kebabs and rice, supplemented by salads, bread and fruit. This will be served outside under pavilions and the starlit sky. If you have ground rugs and cushions please bring them along.

TIMETABLE

Due to the excessive heat experienced at the site we are only offering a limited daytime timetable of activities. We also highly recommend that you dress for the heat.

Saturday, 12th January

11am: Council of the Purse

1pm: Lunch

2pm: Regalia Council

5pm: Investiture of the new Prince and Princess

7pm: Dinner is served

Sunday, 13th January

9am: Breakfast

11am: Pelican Meeting & Princess' Championship Archery Competition

1pm: Lunch

2pm: Laurel Meeting

4pm: Knight Meeting

RUMOUR also has it that the regalia fund is lacking and "Dunk-A-Peer" may be set up so that the Peers of the Realm can once more give of themselves in support of Lochac.

GETTING THERE

JH Kaye Scout Training Centre is located at the corner of Boundary Rd and Freeman Rd, Heathcote.

From the Princes Hwy (M1) turn Westward onto Oliver Street at the traffic lights Adjacent to the Train Station.

Approx. 300m down Oliver St, turn left onto Boundary Rd.

Some parking is available inside the camp at the corner of Boundary and Freeman Roads. More parking is available along Freeman Rd.

Forthcoming Arts and Sciences Competitions.

Kingdom of the West

Twelfth Night – 5th January 2002

Fine Art Needlework: Goldwork Practical Science Brewing: Ciders

Principality of Lochac

Twelfth Night – 12th-13th January 2002 (Agaricus)

Costuming: Non European article of clothing **Heraldry:** Any example of voice heraldry
Woodworking: Any domestic item made in wood, such as a spoon or plate
Fishing: any item used in fishing

Kingdom of Lochac

First Crown Tourney – 30th March 2002 (Hosted by Mordenvale at the Rowany Festival)

Embroidery: Drawn Thread Work **Woodworking:** Seating – chairs, benches & stools
Cooking/Brewing: Cordials and non-alcoholic beverages
Everyday Item: Metalwork – a domestic item (spoons, candle holders etc)

First Coronation – 6th-7th July (Politarchopolis)

Textiles: Knitting – any documentable item **Martial:** A documentable chainmail item
Everyday Item: Banners – you or your households' device as a banner
Calligraphy/Illumination: A page from a Bestiary

Spring Crown ASXXXVII (To Be Announced)

Accessories: Gloves and mittens **Everyday Item:** Children's toys, dolls or games
Cooking: Confectionary – period sweets
Research: Medicinal Plants – plant lists, uses and designs for a medicinal garden

Twelfth Night Coronation ASXXXVII (To Be Announced)

Textiles: Tablet weaving – a finished item or a min 50cm **Martial:** documentable item of leather armour piece
Calligraphy/Illumination: Pigments and inks – made from raw materials
Everyday Item: Soaps, salves and waters – items for the medieval toilet

Barony of Stormhold - Pearls of Wisdom

December Monthly Bash – Belt

January Bash - Favour

February Bash - Cordial (non-alcoholic)

March Bash - Camp stool

April Bash - Picnic food

May Bash – Pennants

June Bash - SCA- legal weapon

July Bash -Headgear

August Bash - Fighting accessory

September Bash - Pouch

October Bash - Voice heraldry

November Bash - Poem on the virtues of chivalry

William Marshal

Embroidery – 16th Century styles
Children's Toys

Tableware – Plates spoons etc (individual pieces or sets)

Newcomers

Heraldic display

Costume accessories — head or footwear

Cooking — suckets .

Winter feast

Dance — individual performance within a dance (dance yet to be decided)

Textiles— woven braid

Brewing — ale or beer

Event not listed yet

Martial —documentable piece of leather
Campcooking accessory

Camping or tourney outfit — complete from head to toe (not armour).

Coming events

West Kingdom

Kingdom Twelfth Night – 5th January 2002

Wolfscairn (Santa Rosa, CA)

Greetings unto the populace of the West Kingdom. Their most Royal Majesties do invite all to attend the coronation of their heirs this 12th Night. This year 12th Night will be held at the Santa Rose Veterans Memorial Building in Santa Rosa. A variety of Arts and Sciences displays will be present. A [Laurels Prize Tourney](#) will be held. The Golden Stag Players will be performing once again.

Event Information: Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under 6 are free. Site opens at 10am, closes at 11pm. Tickets will be sold at most events starting with October Crown. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance via Postal Mail, send a **Business size** SASE along with the check or Money Order to the [Kingdom Seneschal](#). Checks should be made out to SCA Inc. West Kingdom. Tickets will not be mailed after December 28th. If your ticket request is received on or after December 28th, your ticket(s) will be held at the door. Site address is 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA, here is a [list of hotels](#) near the site.

Event Steward: Ian the Fariner, Email: gideon@nee.com

Principality of Lochac

Twelfth Night Investiture – 12th-13th January 2002 *See flier on pp 6-7*

JH Kaye Scout Training Centre, 2 Freeman Road, Heathcote, NSW

Above and Below the Salt Persian Feast suitable for the scorching summer days and sweltering nights. Above the Salt feast must be pre-booked and is capped at 80.

Cost: (before)	1st Dec	1st Jan	Door
Below the Salt	\$20	\$20	\$25
Above the Salt	\$40	\$45	N/A
Whole event and BTS	\$30	\$30	\$35
Whole event and ATS	\$55	\$60	N/A

Non-members add \$5

Day rate: \$7.50

Camping: \$6pp

Children and Family rates: POA

Bookings: Blaeney and Artemisia da Quietio d'Arzenta (Greg Boston and Leonie Kirchmajer)

20 Montague St, Fairy Meadow NSW 2519 Ph: 02 4285 9169 or 04 0939 3004 before 10pm EST.

Bookings only accepted with payment. Cheques/Money orders payable to SCA Agaricus.

Email: agaricus@sca.org.au

Kingdom of Lochac

First Crown Tourney and Victory Feast - 30th March 2002

Mordenvale Embassy Grounds, Upper Festival Site, Rowany Festival (Silverdale NSW). Feast commences 6.30pm

Come to Festival XXXVI to witness the Inaugural Crown Tourney to decide Lochac's first King and Queen. Then come to the Victory Feast to celebrate this most auspicious and momentous of occasions.

Cost: Member Prices	1/12/01-31/12/02	1/2/02-1/3/02
Adults	\$60.00	\$100.00
Age 11-16	\$45.00	\$70.00
Age 6-10	\$35.00	\$50.00
Under 6	FREE	
Family	POA	

NON-MEMBERS ADD \$5.00 TO ABOVE PRICES

Bookings: Bookings can be made through the [Rowany Festival Stewards](#). Cheques payable to SCA Mordenvale.

First Coronation of the King & Queen of Lochac - 6th-7th July 2002

Queanbeyan Bicentennial Centre (Queanbeyan, NSW) and Ray Morton Park.

Come to Politarchopolis for the most significant event in the History of Lochac. Witness the Coronation of Lochac's first King and Queen. Saturday morning will be a fair in Ray Morton park with divers entertainments and food stalls. The final court of the Prince and Princess of Lochac will take place, followed by a rapier tourney. Saturday afternoon and evening will take place at the Hall and will be an event of great pomp and ceremony punctuated by much eating! Bring some of your handiwork for the Arts & Sciences display and competitions. Sunday will be a relaxed day in the park with a tourney to celebrate the occasion.

Cost:	Pre-Festival	Pre 6 June	At Door
Member	\$40	\$50	\$90
Non Member	\$45	\$55	\$100
Child <12	\$20	\$30	\$40
Family	\$100	\$120	\$220

NB. Prices only include dinner on Saturday night. Lunch may be purchased on both Saturday and Sunday

Bookings: Viscountess Constance. Cheques payable to SCA First Crown. Bookings accepted upon payment.

An accommodation guide will be sent with your receipt. Tours of the local area have been arranged for those who will be staying after the event, so plan to stay for a little longer and enjoy the sights.

Remember that this event is being held in midwinter, dress warmly!

Nearby Events

Monthly Bash - Borders Crossing

2:30 pm 2nd Saturday of the month
Albury Guide Hall
Victoria Street Albury NSW 2640

Pot Luck feast – Borders Crossing

7:30 pm 2nd Saturday of the month, after the Monthly Bash
Albury Guide Hall Victoria Street Albury NSW 2640

Stormhold Monthly Bash

1st Sunday of the month from 1pm
John Gardiner Reserve Auburn Rd Hawthorn

Stormhold Monthly Potluck Feast.

Every first Thursday of the month From 7:30pm
Presbyterian Church Hall, cnr Michael & McKean Sts,
Fitzroy North

Stormhold

IKAC – Every 3rd Sunday

Time: 2pm - 4pm Location – Monthly Bash Site

Cost: Members \$3, non-members \$5

Dubh-Thrain Pot Luck Picnic –December 8th

This is a gentle reminder that the Dubh-Thrain Pot Luck Picnic will be on this Saturday 8th Dec from 11:30pm till 4:00pm at Woodlands Park Essendon (Melways Map Ref 28F1) on Canarvon Rd. The cost is \$3 members and newcomers, \$5 non-members, children under 12 free. If you don't bring any food to share there is a surcharge of \$3. No booking is required. Just turn up and bring a dish. We have booked the Rotunda (for shelter) and there is a free gas BBQ if you need to warm food up. There will be games, sack races, and entertainment.

Stormhold War Training – December 16th

War Training will be held on Sunday the 16th of December at John Gardiner Reserve, Hawthorn at 1pm. Archery training is on also (hopefully it won't be windy like last month) and we hope to be able to work in with the archers.

Arrowsreach

Arrow(s)reach Heavy Fighter training

Tuesday night from 7:30pm at the Nolten St Guide Hall Ringwood. Cost \$5 for fighters, and \$2 for spectators.

REGNUM

Kingdom of the West

King and Queen

Hauoc and Ginevra
Steve Schroeder and Susan Metzler
E-mail: westcrown@neei.com

West Seneschal

Megan nic Alister of Thornwood
Margaret Silvestri
E-mail: thornwood@pon.net (please put "seneschal" in the subject line)

Principality of Lochac

Prince and Princess

Alfar and Liadan
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Lochac Seneschal

Vladimir Ivanovich Kurgan
For contact details, please see Pegasus

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