

ST. ANDREWS NOBLE ORDER OF ROYAL SCOTS

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## The Progress

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*Good Lords, Ladies and Gentles all,*

*The Progress... I had great hopes for this issue. There were so many topics on which to write. So many aspects of how Her Majesty sacrificed her comforts and familiar surroundings to come to Scotland and surround herself with her people; getting down and dirty with them, if you will. No fine castle in which to live, no creature comforts, no fine linens, no familiar foods, weather so unlike what she was used to. Just so...many...things. And the places she had been in just one year's time, as she traveled among her people, her Scotsmen and women, getting to know them, their ways, their livelihoods.*

*So...many...things. But alas, this issue is not brimming with all the educational topics that might have been explored.*

*There are a few really good pieces in here, yes, and for those I am truly grateful. You who contributed ROCK! I know it's the end of the season and we are all very tired. But I also know that there are stories out there in several of you that are just simmering to be written.*

*Those stories will enlighten the rest of us; they will help us to know the culture of the 16th century Scot, the terrain, the traveling, all the things that must have gone into getting Her Majesty from one place to another. And those things can be used to educate our*

*patrons in ways that will help to bring alive our court, our characters, our edutainment, our improv. That's what these Parchment issues are all about—to better educate us so we can educate our public.*

*So you will find on Page 18 of this issue in the Call for Submissions, another opportunity to bring out what I know you have in you for the Winter edition. The theme for it is The Feast, which will encompass the food, recipes, and game the Scot of the 16th century survived on, but I'm going to combine it with more of The Progress. I know you can do it.*

*I so appreciate those who contributed to this edition. They created outstanding pieces. We have a tremendous amount of writing talent out there—I've seen it before, so don't duck your heads!*

*We've had a most wonderful year in spite of a lot of tremendous challenges. We've met those challenges face on and surpassed every one of them. Let's meet this one and use it to better educate ourselves so we can go into 2013 well equipped to meet our public with knowledge that will wow them. The more we know, the better we are. The better we are, the more we Rock. And St. Andrews ROCKS!*

*In Her Royal Majesty's Service, I remain  
Lady Maggie MacDuff  
Royal Scribe & Printer*



*Lady Maggie MacDuff,  
Royal Scribe & Printer*



*Squire Cailín-Rua  
Kelly Seaton*



*Guyonne du Breuil,  
Dame de Puy-Quillon*

*The Parchment Editorial Staff*

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## **A Letter Intercepted Between Her Most Royal Majesty and Her Sister Jean.**

*Dearest Jean,*

*We are so excited to begin our progress here in Scotland! We remember very little of this land from the time we were children, and most of that is tainted by the fear of our Uncle's "Rough Wooing". We do remember our joy in riding our wee pony and playing football with you and James. Our mother was such a dear, raising us all together, so that we all would know one another.*

*As far as Our progress goes, Our Lords of the Congregation have helped to outline our route. They do claim to have put a great deal of thought into our comfort and safety, and, as Our own brother sits as part of their number, we must trust in them.*

*We do have to wonder, though, if the progress here in Scotland will be much like our progresses in France. We progressed so frequently there, moving from palace to palace to escape the heat and the waves of sickness that were so detrimental to our dear Francis. Everyone of any import traveled with us, making the journey merry, if somewhat chaotic. (We are sorry, dear sister, if Our remembrances of France bother you, but it is all that we have known, and we must, from time to time, make comparisons with it. Please know, that we have come home, prepared to be delighted with Scotland and Our people!)*

*We do hope, dear one, that your husband, Lord Argyll, condescends to allow you to travel with us. You write so frequently of his uneven temper that we will not trust that you may travel with us until we see you. (We have, though, expressed Our dearest wish to have you with us, and Argyll has promised that it shall be so. So please, dearest, do nothing to bring his ire down upon yourself, thus destroying both Our joy and your own!)*

*Your most loving sister,*

*Marie*



## Missive from the Chancellor



*By the time this communique is published, our season will have ended. It has been an interesting year to say the least. We lost two events with the closure of Shaver Lake and the Stockton 99 faire not getting off the ground this year. However, we did get invited to the Grass Valley Celtic Music Festival as the Royal Court.*

*We had months of nothing on the calendar and others where we were kept busy. All in all, I thought we had a good year. I even had time to have a medical emergency ending in a quadruple by-pass. I thank you all who visited me and those who sent their love and prayers over this new-fangled electronic machine. You have proven that Saint Andrews is truly a family that watches out for everyone. Again, thank you so very much.*

*The afore mentioned problem did keep me from attending Pleasanton and Grass Valley as I healed, but I did hear nothing but praise from many folks saying how wonderful everything went. This just proves that there are members who have the ability to lead and get the job done and I say, "Well done people. Well done!"*

*I am concerned about one thing. When Saint Andrews is invited to an event, no matter what it is, Saint Andrews needs and deserves the support of the membership. Just because an event is not a Renaissance faire per se, Saint Andrews is invited and needs all its members to give the producer what they are paying for.*

*Winter Feast is fast approaching. It will be slightly different as to the venue and time. The Winter Feast Committee has put a lot of hard work bringing this together. Thank you so very much. So, come to the feast and enjoy yourselves as it is well deserved.*

*Until next time, I remain your humble servant.*

*James Hepburn  
4th Earl of Bothwell  
Duke of Orkney  
Chancellor of Scotland and the Isles*

**Improvisation—Sir James Mosman**

*The members of the St. Andrews Noble Order of Royal Scots get praise for just about everything they do. It comes from other members, the leadership, and other organiza-*

*tions. But, it's my opinion that what we do best is "improvise and adapt." I will say that is greatly due to the efforts we make to train our members. Our training is what makes you look like everything comes naturally and makes unusual circumstances so easy to manage.*

*Recently, I was the benefactor of your great ability to improvise and adapt. In the 15 years I've been in this guild, I think this year's Pleasanton Fair is only the second or third time I've gone to a faire where the Guild Master was not in attendance. This was definitely the first time that I was in any way responsible for the outcome of the weekend. It was a testament to the combined abilities of the guild members that we could find out just days before an important fair that our leader would be absent and yet pull off such a grand showing.*

*In retrospect, I enjoyed so much working with Lord Argyll and Lord Cullen that I feel bad about not getting to attend the Grass Valley Fair and work with them again. Once again, that fair proved the resourcefulness and capabilities of our members to keep up the best traditions of St. Andrews at a new and unfamiliar faire.*

*I think our leadership deserves recognition for allowing the members the latitude to grow and learn to lead. The Guild House leaders deserve recognition for the work they do supporting and training the members. But, most importantly, our membership deserves recognition in that they've gone beyond the responsibility of simply paying their dues and showing up at faires, and have accepted new responsibilities and opportunities to make this guild the pre-eminent guild in Northern California.*

*Gramercy,*

*Sir James Mosman*

*Duke of Ross, Earl of Lanark*

*Chamberlain of Scotland*

**The Great Steward's Notes**

*As I sit in Castle Campbell and once again put quill to parchment, the royal printers deadline looms over me like the walls of my Castle. I am going to keep this article short and to the point.*

*St Andrews went thru some interesting and challenging events during the second half of the season. From the heat, dust and truck at Shaver to our guild master Lord Bothwell getting sick and being unable to lead us thru a couple of events, we persisted and thrived.*

*As a member of the St. Andrews management team however, I would love to say how proud of all of you I am. We asked for your A game at Pleasanton and Grass valley and what we got was your A++ game. Everyone stepped up and did an exemplary job. I know it was not easy on some and yet we performed to our*

*fullest and beyond.*

*We did miss Lord Bothwell, but we did carry on as he would have wished us to. The truck was loaded, the camp was set and dressed, and the show went on. So three large cheers from me. No one of us could have done it without the others.*

*So with great and high expectations I do look forward to Winter Feast and beyond to next year where our tentative schedule looks full and exciting with the renewal of the Anderson event.*

*So I shall endeavor to see all of you at Winter Feast and during the off season. Do have a wonderful holiday season, enjoy family and friends, and be ready for Sonora in March.*

*See I did promise to keep it short and sweet.*

*Continued Service to the Queen  
Lord Archibald Campbell  
5th Earl of Argyll  
Great High Steward.*

## The Knights of St. Andrews

Dear Members,

Many of the original members of this Order have previously been knighted into the Order of St. Johns of Jerusalem. Although this is still one of the preeminent groups in the Ren World, it may have felt like once one was knighted, your commitment and contact with other members was pretty well over. We of the Knights of St. Andrews felt there was something missing in the older organization.

Within our Order, we decided to not only continue to foster communication between current members, but to stay in touch with knights who had left the guild. Whenever we plan a squiring or knighting ceremony, I send the announcement to a list of previous guild members, also. (You may have noticed Dame Megan and Sir Drew at Squire Maitiu's ceremony at the Modesto Faire.)

We are also trying to encourage interaction between the members of the other knighting organizations we see at faire. We have begun to invite them to our ceremonies. As a result, at Squire Teage and Squire Cailin's ceremonies, there were so many leaders of other knighting organizations, we had to add seats just for them.

It is now customary for members of the Knights of St. Andrews to bring their tabards to every faire, to make sure someone from our Order attends ceremonies with other Orders where they are honoring new members. We are trying to support and honor those groups as well. This has now begun to bear fruit for us also.

At the Pleasanton Fair, the Orthodox Order of St. Anna needed a venue to honor some new squires and knights (including all the members of the Seaton family). That organization had been impressed by our knighting ceremony for Dame Gwen and asked if they could use our court for their own ceremonies. We are now hoping to begin negotiations between our two Orders to have a more formal association. St. Anna is a "real" knighting order based out of Russia. The local leader of that group says that whenever he wants to honor someone, he has to submit the name and reasons to "the Count" and await his approval. We are waiting to see what comes from this opportunity.

Dame Gwen's knighting ceremony was a new ceremony written by Dame Mariota, to be used when St. Andrews attends faires without our Queen (e.g. as the Duke's entourage). Having such a script will enable us to increase the number of faires where we can have ceremonies while not requiring us to use an "untrained" Queen. I want to thank all those who participated in our ceremony; both the knights in front of the audience and Lord Cullen who helped so greatly behind the scenes.

Our next event will be our annual Knight's Convocation. As with other traditions, this event is taking a new direction also. I'll have more to say about this in the next edition of the Parchment.

Sir James Mosman

Grand Master Knights of St. Andrews, Order of the Royal Thistle



## Her Royal Majesty's Guard Report

As her Majesty progressed from shire to shire this past year Her Royal Guard offered their lives as her protectors. Her Guard are charged with protecting her person, her entourage, and her throne from all enemies foreign and domestic. I offer this report on the current status of her military unit.

Over the past season, a number of Guard remained on the temporary disabled list having suffered wounds during battle. With the hearty stock of the Guard, I report that our good Captain, Sir Craig Melville has returned to us to give order to his troops and to inspect them full well. Other rank and file guard, having visited the local apothecary, and having acquired good and true remedies, have been able to report for full duty.

On the recruiting front, as troops have been called away on assignment, the Guard have yet maintained their full strength. Having spent time in service as a squire, Andrew Mac Ranald, son of Corporal Magnus MacRanald, has been promoted to the rank of full guard. As he was recognized by the Captains, he took the oath, swearing allegiance to Her Majesty at Sonora. New volunteer Guard Gillies McBain, was sworn into the ranks at the Shire of Grass valley.

As of this writing, we have come to learn that Maitiu de Foaite, having returned to Scotland from guarding Elizabeth Tudor Queen of England during a diplomatic mission (as reported in a previous edition of the Parchment) will be making report to Captain Somerville of anything that he may have heard. It is known that de Foaite was recently approached by the Captains of the Guard to join their ranks. He is a man known to be of honor and bravery as demonstrated on the battlefield in previous engagements with the enemy. God Save the new Guards!

The Guard were paid recently, and the coffers of HRM's treasury were emptied only a wee bit. As the Guard are prone to partake at the Wicked Eye Tavern, it is understood that the Tanista and her highland lasses insisted upon immediate payment of each Guards bill. Under threat of banishment from the tavern entirely, each Guard, gentlemen all, in turn emptied their coin purses of their contents. It is believed that the Tavern remains open to the guard as payment was indeed made (Or at least, promises of future payment were accepted).

The Royal Halberders have been training and working with all manner of weapons from sword, to dirk to sgian-dubh. Our squires Faolan Seaton, Cameron MacRanald, Cole and Conner Melville have been working diligently to maintain our weapons, delivering messages, and ensuring that the Guards pavilion is in order. If the ranks of the Guard are to be replenished from these squires, our future is promising.

Respectfully submitted,  
Seargent Angus MacAndrew  
Kobain Bon Rí!



## Winter Feast Celebration Come One – Come All!

*Her Majesty's Progress is at its end for this year. In a few short months She shall Progress again, but now is the time for celebration. Her Majesty doth command that Her loyal subjects celebrate the end of Her Progress and the beginning of the Winter Holiday season.*

*The Celebration will be held on Sunday, the 11th of November at Martin G. Petersen Event Center at 720 Twelfth Street in Modesto and will be catered by Morganti's Catering.*

*Of course the Wassail Parade will still include the Wild Boar, Roasted Bird, Haggis (All Hail the Haggis!), Bangers, and Flaming Pudding. Coffee and punch will be provided, prithee feel free to bring your own favorite beverage, and do not forget your cup or goblet as her Majesty does not care for the legendary 'Red Solo Cup'.*

*There will be much feasting, music from the magic box, and grand merriment! Dame Alice's Emporium will be available before dinner and a Silent Auction will be held throughout the festivities with the happy winners announced at the end of the event. Ten percent of Dame Alice's sales and all of the proceeds from the Silent Auction will go toward the St. Andrew's Treasury.*

*Tickets are available at the door or in advance for the mere pittance of \$25. Her Majesty's subjects under 18 years of age are granted free admittance. Advance tickets can be purchased by contacting Dame Brittah at [Brittahn@yahoo.com](mailto:Brittahn@yahoo.com) or (209) 402-0115. Come join the festivities!*



**Le Gentille Commérage**

*Good Morrow Good Gentles*

*My little birdies have been all a twitter with the news of someone who may be possibly returning to court in the coming months. He has been in England serving our Queen as ambassador. This man is Sir William Maitland of Lethington. I hear he is quite old, above 40 years of age, and that he is the eldest son of the poet Richard Maitland. He is known as a politician and reformer, and from what I hear has played a prominent role in "various" movements. Which movements, I know not, but I find it interesting that although he had a hand in the movements he has gained the confidence of no party. Does this make him trustworthy?*

*There is talk of Her Most Royal Majesty making Sir William Secretary of State. He has worked closely with Her Majesty's most noble brother and our own cousin, Lord James, and did speak out against the most extreme measures of that little man, John Knox. Lord Knox does vex Her Majesty so, and any ally she has against him is surely a good thing.*

*The most interesting piece of information my birdies have provided to me is that Sir Maitland is looking for a wife, and apparently is taken with me. We shall see if any of this comes to fruition. T will be interesting.*



*William Maitland of Lethington*

## Fleming's Musings

*Good Gentles,*

*As another season comes to a close I have been reflecting on the past year. As we have progressed through Her Majesty's kingdom we did have a great many adventures. At the Shire of Sonora, we squired Lady Cailín and Captain Teage. During our visit to the Shire of Modesto, we welcomed back our Captain Craig who had been missing from our Progress for nearly a year. With Captain Craig's return we were finally able to squire our dear Maitiu. The Monterey Games were next. This year the games were held at a new venue and we were pleasantly surprised with our discoveries. Our pavilions were located more centrally than years past and throngs of Her Majesty's loyal subjects came to visit during Open Court.*

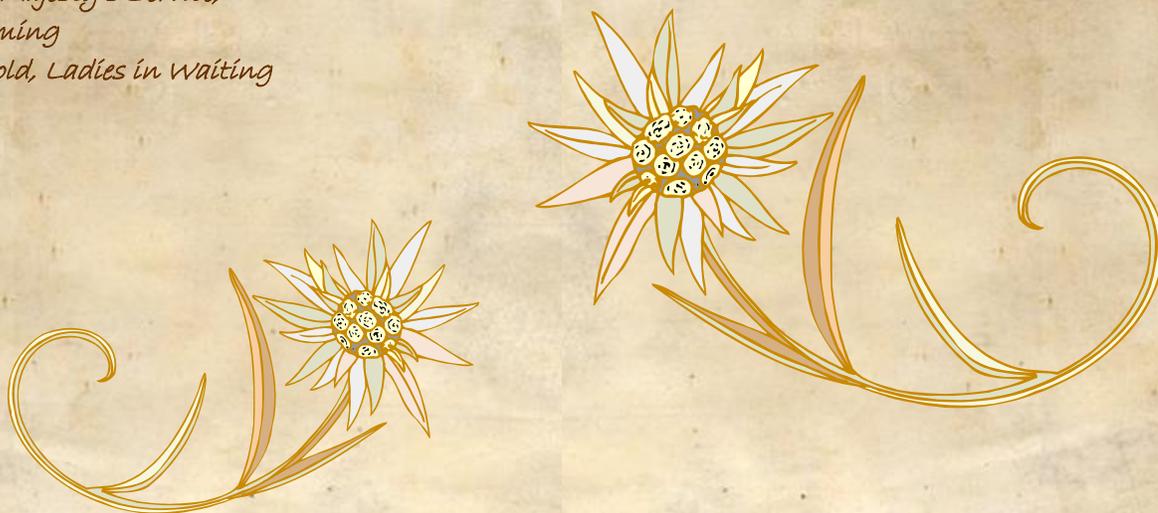


*Shaver Lake.... well, now there was an interesting event. Hot, dry and dusty and with a surprise visit and stay by Her Majesty's royal cousin, Queen Elizabeth. Our Lord Bothwell was not available for the visit to Pleasanton, but everyone pulled together and put on a fine performance. Lords Argyll, Cullen and Lanark did an outstanding job of leading us. We faced Grass valley with our Guild Master once again not able to participate. This was also the first time we were attending this event. Needless to say, the pressure was on and we delivered. The praise for our Queen and our whole group was never ending.*

*If you look at the list above, each event had its own set of circumstances that could have caused difficulties, but we succeeded at each and every challenge and surpassed all expectations. We are all a team, a family. Not five separate households, but a whole guild that is working together for a common goal. We all bring something unique and individual to our family. This Guild has proven that even though many of us are not "professional stage actors" we are spectacular when it comes to improv.*

*Are we perfect? No. but we continue to learn and improve and take on whatever challenge is thrown at us. This Guild has also proven that we will not go down without a fight. When the chips are down, we prevail. Some people may not like us or what we do. That is ok. We don't have to please everyone. We are in this to have fun, educate, and perform and that is what we do best. Time and time again.*

*Humbly in Her Majesty's Service,  
Lady Mary Fleming  
Head of Household, Ladies in Waiting*



**Guyonne du Breuil, Dame du Puy-Guillon**

*My loving daughter Marie,*

*I am very happy to have finally received your letter. It has been quite different here in Scotland and I am not used to being away from my own daughters and home for so long. God grant you continued good*

*health and keep you and our first born granddaughter safe from illness and harm. I have very high hopes for that little one and foresee great things for her future indeed! Nothing less than dukes or princes for her!*

*Scotland my dear, is a very strange and brutal land. But it is not without beauty. It is very different than France in every way, so many ways that it is impossible to count. It is, however, the ancestral home of our dear Queen and although she misses France so terribly and still mourns our dear Francois, God rest his soul, she is adjusting well as are her four young lady companions. I fear however, they are all still very much French in their thinking and manners and at times it does indeed stir up the ire of those of the reformed religion. They do go on so, and in such a loud and ill manner. One would not know the difference between these big men of Scotland and that of a Russian circus bear, except that sometimes the bears are better dressed!*

*Oh Mon Dieu, the weather. Nary a day with sunlight. If it isn't raining, it is considered a beautiful day. I have all but forgotten the face of the glorious sun that shines so bright and warm in France. The only thing that radiates brightly here is our young Queen's smile. She forever is smiling*

*and making the best of what is presented to her. She tries so very hard to rule with an even, tolerant and just hand, but the circus bears seem to be obstacles, like felled trees in her path. I worry for our beloved Queen, as she treads on a path that vain and selfish men fear her to go and their fear is not for her future but for theirs, I think. One can but not help but worry.*

*I soon shall write your sister Charlotte. Please do send my regards and a mother's love to her by way of this letter. I have heard from your uncle, Francois, Bishop of Metz. He does surround himself quite solidly with the Cardinal de Guise and we have had word of the goings on there. Such are the times, always a war or a battle. Too many great men and sons die. It pains our heart to be so far from France, but our duty and devoted love for our Queen give our heart much peace and great joy in as much it can be so far from our home at Chateau de Puyguillon.*

*I shall look forward to receiving that delicate item we spoke of at last letter, being sent from France on the next ship and shall happily deliver it to its glorious recipient at a time most worthy, perhaps a great celebratory feast. I shall also look forward to the lengths of silk, fine threads and casks of pearls I have requested and of course the soft satin shoes so finely worn at home. We can only wear them indoors and only on carpeted floors but at least they will be a fine reminder of the simple luxuries and comforts.*

*Your loving mother and lady in waiting to  
Mary, Queen of Scots*

*Guyonne du Breuil, Dame de Puyguillon*

Dearest Mother,

It has been three months since I arrived in this cold, wet and barren land. We have joined the Queen on her progress through the lands, meeting the people and viewing the many resources. For the most part the people seem very wary of their new Queen and extremely distrustful of all us French. For her part, she remains jovial, kind, considerate and hopeful that her subjects will grow to love her as much as she loves and cares for them.

There is much intrigue and conspiracy within the court. Lord James continues to flirt with all the ladies in a most lascivious manner, all whilst conspiring with his Scottish lords on ways to regain the throne for himself. Although he takes great care to pacify and placate her Majesty, he is not so careful with his many loose women and therefore it becomes quite easy to gather information on his many conspiratorial thoughts and plans. His main ally seems to be the wealthy and influential Lord Argyle. Even though Lord Argyle doesn't seem to want the throne for himself, he does spend a tremendous amount of time looking for ways to expel the French! For the life of me I can not understand his animosity. Does he think the English will be better friends? Does he not see how hated their own Queen Elizabeth is among the truly just and pious subjects. He does not seem to realize that should the English venture into Scotland, it is us, the hated French that will be the only thing that can save him and his countrymen! It is our armies and the strength of the Catholic church that keep the Godless English at bay!

The Scottish court is nothing like the refined Italian & Spanish courts or even our beautiful, cultured French courts. However, our young, lovely and exceptionally gifted Queen, her four Mary's and the other wonderful ladies of the court brought from France do brighten up this dreary, dull land. It is a constant challenge to bring culture to these most stubborn Scots but we are determined to succeed! Her Majesty

## Louise de Guise

encourages the many songs, music, art and sweet poetry from all those that come to visit court. In between the visits and her other courtly duties, her Majesty finds time to really get to know her people by slipping out of the castle with her Mary's, all of them in disguise to better blend in with the locals.

All in all it has been quite a busy few months, with many new people to meet and places to see. I am adjusting slowly and missing my children greatly. Of course I again find myself large with child and soon we will welcome another little one to our ever growing family, the first to be born outside of France. Until then I will continue to watch, listen and learn all that I can in this strange land and I will continue to watch over our wonderful niece, our own Mary, Queen of Scots.

As always your most loyal & pious daughter,

Lady Louise

## Her Majesty's Favors

Several thousand ribbon favors are given to patrons each fair season and those favors are made by the loving hands of the Guild members, families, and friends. We are always in need of specific colors, as we try to match the favors to the patrons clothing. As you make your favors, please try to use the following colors in your ribbon selection: White, Brown, Red, Black, Light and Dark Blue,, all shades of Gray.

The plastic metallic buttons that we can no longer get at Michael's and Joann's are now available at Nasco West. There is a retail store in Modesto (off Kiernan on Stoddard behind the CHP). They are open 8-5, M-F, and close at 3 p.m. on Saturday. If ordered online, use product number 9715264. A half pound bag is \$4.35.

As always, directions for making the ribbon favors can be found on our website.

## ATTENTION FABRIC HOARDERS!!!!

**The Fabric Guru** <http://www.fabricguru.com> is having a sale! Use coupon code **fall4** during the checkout process. Use as many times as you like. Sale items included. We have hundreds of fabrics reduced up to 75% OFF.

\$4.99 ships any size order.

**Coupon expires Monday November 12, 2012 11:59PM CST**



## Ladies Bone Hoops

Dame Guyonne du Breuil, our French Fashion Guru-esse highly recommends C&C Sutlery <http://www.ccsutlery.com>.

Says Guyonne of this site, "I've been buying from this place for several years. They are 100% cotton, washable and wear well. You definitely want a hoop with ruffles over the bones, or the bones will show through the fabric. Don't get a hoop from a bridal store; they aren't usually cotton, and don't wear well over time; and most don't have the multi-hoops. These hoops are adjustable. For your height challenged ladies, you don't want a five boned hoop—four would do it; for shorter ladies—three bones. You can call them and ask what is best for your height. For \$40.00, you cannot beat the price—you can't make it for that.

If you have any other great links of interest or fashion finds, please e-mail Lady Maggie at [robbyporter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robbyporter@sbcglobal.net)

## A New Adventure for La Flamina

Every year, typically on the first weekend of August, a pilgrimage occurs. This pilgrimage is for those who love costuming and it is known as Costume College.

Costume College is a weekend convention with classes beginning on Friday and running until Sunday. The classes cover a wide variety of subjects, including history, and techniques. There is even a class where you bring your own sewing machine and proceed to work on your Victorian corset for eight hours. It sounds like a lot, but at the end of the class you walk out with a complete or fairly complete corset. Each year there are also bonus track classes that are matched to the theme of the weekend. This year's theme was the Golden Age of Hollywood. Many of the classes focused on cinema, fashion, and what was going on during the 1920's-1950's in Hollywood.

Several Saint Andrew's members have attended Costume College in years past. This was my first year going and I am hooked. Even though I am not an avid sewer, I had a wonderful time. It was a weekend filled with beautiful and imaginative costuming, fun filled events, great classes and best of all, wonderful friends. I did not attend this event alone, as I was accompanied by Her Most Royal Majesty, Lord Cullen, Lady Jean, Lady Beaton, Captain Duncan, Dame Bonnie Gunn, and Sir Ryk Tucker.

My adventure began on Thursday afternoon. Her Majesty and Lord Cullen were gracious enough to come to Fleming Manor to fetch me, so we could all travel together. We spent the evening traveling

down the Royal Highway of 5 to the Shire of Woodside in Southern California. We arrived late, Thursday evening and stayed at one of the village inn's only minutes from the grand keep where the event was to be held.

We arose bright and early the next morning and travelled the short distance to the Marriott Keep in Woodside. There we met up with the other's of our party and retrieved our packets for the weekend. I had chosen a few classes before arriving but also added some at the last minute. Lord Cullen and I dropped Her Majesty off at her first class and then went to our own.

My first class was entitled "Amelia and Her Amazing Bloomers." This class was a history lecture about the bloomer suit and how it came into fashion.

Around the 1850s ankle length bloomers with a long a bodice and skirt that came to right about knee length were introduced to the public. During this time, some women thought long skirts, with layer upon layer of petticoats, were not only a hindrance but were also dangerous and unsanitary. Many women would trip on their long skirts and hurt or possibly kill themselves, especially when they were trying to maneuver stair cases with their children in their arms. Women were also known to



fall ill and die due to their skirts dragging through filth and the cold, dampness that would occur from the skirts getting wet and the wetness seeping up the skirts.

The bloomer fashion was worn by early suffragettes and was widely ridiculed. Because of the ridicule the fashion never caught on with the main stream, plus fashion changed from skirts being held aloft by many petticoats to hoops coming back into fashion. I also took a second class on the history of bloomers, which I also found quite fascinating.

Friday evening we all attended the ice cream social. Many people arrived attired in costumes that spanned the centuries. We saw clothing from the Elizabethan, Victorian, Georgian, Romantic eras, and even some costuming that looked like it had come from another planet in another dimension.



Saturday I attended classes about hair and make-up from the 1920's - 1940's. All three classes were very informative and two actually showed techniques on how to set your hair with pin curls, wave clips and setting lotion, as well as a variety of other hair products. The classes were the inspiration for the way Her Majesty and I wore our hair and make-up for the Gala Ball.

The Gala ball was the highlight of the whole weekend. This is where we were able to dress in costumes of our own choosing and attend a dinner/dance. The food was fabulous and we all had a grand time admiring all the costumes we saw while dancing the night away. Even Dame Bonnie "cut the rug" for a while!

Appropriately enough the dance was kicked off with "The Time Warp" from The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Ironically, neither did Her Majesty or I plan our costuming, nor did we talk about it. It just sort of happened!



The Ladies were Gorgeous!



The Men were Dapper!

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Sunday Her Majesty and I both took a class on the History of the Corset, which was taught by one of the seamstress' who works for the San Francisco Opera. She was a wealth of knowledge and was able to answer a lot of questions I had about corsets. We also got to see corsets from different eras.



As the weekend came to a close, we made one more excursion before we headed back North to our respective homes, the Garment District! This is where one goes to be overwhelmed by fabrics, trims, feathers, hat forms, buttons and anything else one could possibly need for costuming.

I had been searching far and wide for ostrich feathers in a soft blue to match the underskirt of my pink gown. I found them in a store that sold mostly feathers. Go figure!

We barely had even scratched the surface of what the Garment District has to offer before we had to pack our belongings in the carriage and start on our way home. The drive was filled with conversations and stories on what we had experienced. At one point Captain Duncan had asked all of us what our favorite part of the weekend was. Everyone's answer was the same, which was all of us attending the Gala Ball together and having a wonderful time as friends. I look forward to next year.

By the way, the theme for next year's event is Cavalier with a touch of Pirate. Should be lots of fun.

For information on Costume College 2013 to <http://www.costumecollege.net/index.html>

Read a great book or seen a period-related movie that would be of interest to us? Please let me know and I'll include it in *The Parchment*.

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## Upcoming Events

### November

11 Winter Feast in Modesto

### December

1 Royal Guard Dining Out in Livermore

8 Order of the Royal Thistle Convocation in Pittsburg

15 Order of Royal Thistle Knights Council Meeting in Antioch

This listing is meant for a brief reminder of what's to come. Full details about these events are included on the [website](#) calendar.

Previous issues of The Parchment can be found:

<http://www.saintandrewsguild.com/publications.php>

Flemish Paintings can be viewed at:

<http://saintandrewsphotos.shutterfly.com>

And various members on Facebook

Are you on the Yahoo Groups mailing lists for St. Andrews Chat and Highlanders? You should be! Contact your Guild house Leader to find out how.

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Mariota Arres

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Antioch, CA



NOTE: These ladies are independent contractors. It is suggested a set cost and completion date is agreed upon when garb is commissioned.

## Call for Submissions

*Our next Parchment theme will be The Feast, the foods the Scots ate, how they were prepared, recipes of old, game and how it was hunted, cured, etc. Mayhaps some articles about the use of the hides after the meat was eaten. Acquiring foodstuffs not readily attainable. All manner of the way in which the 16th century Scot would have survived. BUT, I also want to continue on with the Progress—THINK—about the travels of the Progress itself—where Queen Mary ventured, about her castles, how we built our encampments (I know we didn't order them from the Magic Box), how we actually traveled—did we have horse and wagon, was it all afoot, etc. Let's see if we can't add to what we already did here and end the year with some fun imaginings, as well as some factual findings of Scottish life in 1562. These are things with which we can educate our patrons, as well as ourselves. Let's get to it Clan Andrews!*

*I continue to look for future articles from our Royal Guard about the costuming, weaponry, training, and skills required to protect Her Majesty when we are on Progress. I am still in need of fashion articles covering men's garb (both noble and from the Highlander perspective), footwear, jewelry and accessories. We aren't finished, I know! As always, Maggie*

## Order of the Phoenix

In 1994 Lady Kyra MacNeil, Chamberlain of the Children's Household created the Phoenix Award to be awarded to deserving guild children. Lady Kyra's successors, Lady Morrigan MacKenna, Lady Gwendolyn Elliot and Lady Akira MacCallan continued with this award. Currently we do not have a Chamberlain of the Children's Household, so His Grace has decided to resurrect this wonderful accolade himself. The award will not necessarily be given out at each faire, but as His Grace feels it is due. Please let His Grace know if you think any of our poppets are deserving of this coveted award. As established in 1994, to become a member of the revered "Order of the Phoenix", you must follow these guidelines:

Recipient must:

- ~ be under 16 years of age
- ~ follow Guild rules at all times
- ~ be an extremely hard and conscientious worker
- ~ receive this award only one time

Honorees

Andrew Gunn ~ Darren Melville ~ Jeanette MacCarraig ~ Ian MacCarraig  
Marni Carmichael ~ Mikeala Carmichael ~ Scott Carmichael ~ Tory MacNeil

Andrew MacCarraig ~ Brianna MacQuain ~ Tyler Seaton ~ Faolan Kelly

Cameron MacRanald ~ Alexander Beaton ~ David Beaton

Conner Melville ~ Cole Melville ~ Andrew MacRanald

Laurana Elliot ~ Kathryn Kelly



## Royal Thor's Hammer

At the beginning of all of the faires where we perform, Guild members are asked to take most particular note of outstanding efforts during the event. At the end of the weekend, nominations are given to the Guild Master and a Thor's Hammer is awarded, during the Hug Circle, to that person nominated by their peers and determined by the Guild Master to have made the greatest individual contribution to our success. Additionally, the Guild Master may upon his discretion determine the value of work performed by an individual to enhance the membership's guild or faire experience and so honor that individual with a Thor's Hammer. This is a once in a lifetime award, a singular honor, and is worn proudly by each recipient, for all who look thereupon shall honor them as they well deserve, as one of the most valued supporters of our Guild.



If you find that you were inadvertently left off of the complete list of Thor's Hammer, please let Lord James Hepburn know at: [earlofbothwell1562@yahoo.com](mailto:earlofbothwell1562@yahoo.com) so we can add your name to the list.

### Honorees

Christopher Alexander ~ Sara MacBride ~ James Mosman ~ Philip Alexander ~ Brittan MacGregor ~ Fiona Ross ~ Mariota Arres ~ Jessica MacGregor ~ Mary Caroline Rutherford ~ Kael MacGregor ~ Cailín Rua Kelly Seaton ~ Charlotte Carmichael ~ Morna MacGregor ~ Teage Seaton ~ Steven Sui ~ Isabella Campbell ~ Katie MacLeod ~ Alice Sinclair ~ Thomas Campbell ~ Maureen MacLeod ~ Raven Sinclair ~ Cullen Elliot ~ Brianna de St. Joer ~ Gwendolyn Elliot ~ Fionnula MacPhearson ~ Andrew Stevenson ~ Máitíu' de Faoite ~ Heber MacPhearson ~ John Stewart ~ Bonnie Gunn ~ Drew MacQuain ~ Sara Stewart ~ Keegan Gunn ~ Megan MacQuain ~ Annebell Somerville ~ Shaíla Gunn ~ Davina McCutchen ~ Duncan Somerville ~ Andrew Hepburn ~ Robert McCutchen ~ Janet Hepburn ~ Guy Maxwell ~ Ryk Tucker ~ Mary Fleming ~ Hannah Maxwell ~ Johan von Pluym ~ Mary Livingston ~ Bronwynne Melville ~ Grady Witherington ~ William Lundin ~ Craig Melville ~ Innes MacAlister ~ Darren Melville ~ Ainsley MacMullen ~ Magnus MacRanald ~ Thomas Lucas ~ Oliver Ross ~ Mary Seton ~ Effie McNab ~ Gillies MacBain ~ Guyonne du Breuil, ~ Clare MacAndrew ~ Angus MacAndrew ~ Kyle Sinclair

## Faires Spotlited



Highlanders Trouping with the Guard—KMVR Celtic Festival



Lord James, the Warrior at Pleasanton Games



So many people to witness the knighting of our own  
Dame Gwendolyn at Pleasanton



Mad Hatter Tea Party—All Hallows in Sonora



It's official—Gillies is now a Guard!  
KMVR Celtic Festival



The Cast of Characters at All Hallows Fantasy Faire in Sonora