

Writing on the Wowld

(S T O W E O N T H E W O W L D ' S N E W S L E T T E R)



The Key to It All (The Seneschal's Report)



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Unto the Canton of Stowe on the Wowld does Lord Alfgeirr Agnarsson send greetings.

The end of the year is upon us and what a great year it has been. Yet again we've been lucky enough to recruit new friends and share our hobby with them. We have run events; Stowe birthday celebrating our 9th year as a canton and Alhambra nights which is always a great and unique event in our calendar. The monthly A&S days seem to be a success with all involved enjoying the day and wanting them to continue. At this stage these will continue to be held on the first Saturday of the month at the Toongabbie community centre. We also hope to introduce fencing training once a month in the near future (potentially on the 2nd Wednesday of the month after our meeting). It has been many years since we had regular fenc-

ing available in Stowe, if you are interested please contact me.

Rowany's Yule feast is approaching on the 15th of December. It is a fantastic event and I hope to see you all there. Book now if you haven't done so already! As usual we will have a break over the new year, the 19th of December will be our final Wednesday night gathering of the year and we will begin again on the 16th of January.



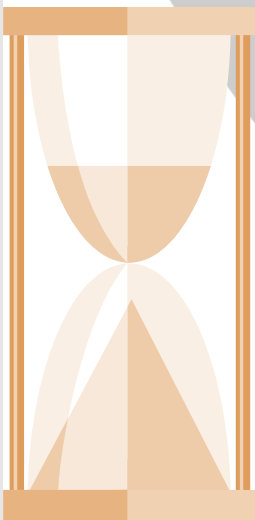
Alfgeirr Agnarsson

As always please remember that this is **your** group, if there are things you would like to see happen or if you have Ideas that could benefit the group please let me know. I look forward to the New Year which already looks to be a great one (our 10th!) with more events and activities planned than we have seen in many years.

Thank you again for your efforts and enthusiasm and for making Stowe the great place it is!

Yours in Service

Lord Alfgeirr Agnarsson
(Stowe Seneschal)



The Sands of Time (Record of Coming Events)

- 15 December-Rowany's Yule Feast at Marrickville Town Hall.
- 19 December 2012—Last Stowe meeting of the year.
- 16 January 2013-Stowe Meetings start up for 2013.
- 29 and 30 June- 2013 Winterfest in Parramatta Park.



- End of March 2013—Rowany Festival.

People of Stone

(Your Fellow Stowegians)



WOTW: What is your modern day name?:

Stowegian: Daniel Rogers.

WOTW: Do you have an SCA name; if so, what is it?

Stowegian: Leinad.

WOTW: When did you join the SCA?:

Stowegian: Six or Seven years ago.

WOTW: Why did you join the SCA?:

Stowegian: Came with a friend, liked it and stayed.

WOTW: What are you currently doing in the SCA?:

Stowegian: Doing heavy fighting, brewing and helping the SCA grow.

WOTW: What is your favourite experience in the SCA?:

Stowegian: Acquiring new friends over the years.

WOTW: Do you have any interests outside the SCA; if so, what are they?:

Stowegian: Yes; my daughter and her horse (I'm the chauffer).

WOTW: What is your favourite meal?:

Stowegian: Vietnamese pork roll.

WOTW: What is your favourite drink?

Stowegian: All the various ciders and beers.

WOTW: What is your favourite memory as a child and why?:

Stowegian: Fishing in the Murray River with Dad on his boat and swinging through the Willow Trees.

Thanks for taking the time to speak to Writing on the Wowld.

Merlin's Crystal Ball

(Knowing the Future and the Past)



The Franks

The Franks were a group of Germanic tribes that first appeared in Roman provinces around 253AD in the areas of the middle and lower Rhine.

Soon, thereafter, the Franks established themselves in two main groups. The first group, known as the Salian, inhabited the lower stretches of the Rhine. The second group, the Ripuarian, lived along the middle part of the river.

The Roman Emperor Julian conquered the Salians in 358AD. The Salians then became allies



of Rome. When the Romans retired from the Rhine, early 5th Century, the Salians established themselves in the majority of the territory north of the Loire river.

The Salian King, Clovis I, founded the Merovingian dynasty. In 486AD Clovis overthrew Syagrius the last Roman Governor in Gaul. Clovis then successively subjugated the Alamanni, Burgundians, Visigoths of Aquitania and the Ripuarian Franks. In the end the Kingdom

extended from the Pyrenees to Friesland and from the Atlantic Ocean to the Main River.



In 496AD Clovis converted to Christianity which began a close relationship between the Frankish Monarchy and the Papacy.



After the death of Clovis the Kingdom was divided between his four sons. Through the following century there were several divisions and reunifications until, in 613AD, Clotaire II consolidated the Kingdom. After the death of Clotaire the Kings ceased to have any influence and authority passed into the hands of State Officers. The most notable of the Officers was the Major of the Palace (major domus).

A powerful family arose, the Carolingian, which retained this Office for more than 100

years. The Carolingians ruled as Monarchs.

In 687AD, Pepin of Herstal overthrew the forces of Neustria setting himself up as Major Domus of the United Frankish Kingdom.

His son, Charles Martel, extended the Kingdom and in 732AD repelled the Moors in a decisive battle.



The Frankish Kingdom attained its greatest power and development under Charles Martel's grandson, Charlemagne, who was the most powerful monarch in Europe. Charlemagne was crowned Carolus Augustus Emperor of the Romans, by Pope Leo III, on the 25 December 800AD.

Charlemagne's lands developed into the Kingdom of France which was named after the Franks.



Monks Corner

(Learning about the SCA — History of the SCA and the SCA Wowld)



Last edition we looked at the Office Bearer's of Stowe. This edition we look at the world of SCA which is the Society for Creative Anachronism (anachronism: something placed or occurring out of its proper time-The Macquarie Dictionary).



The SCA is a not for profit educational organisation devoted to the study of pre-seventeenth century (600AD to 1600AD) Western Culture. It concentrates on the European Middle Ages. Members work to recreate the arts and skills of this era. Some members study the Middle East and explore the interaction between Europe and Asia.

The SCA was incorporated in 1968 but takes the date of a tournament held in Berkeley, California, on 1 May 1966 as its founding date.

The SCA has over 30,000 members who are mostly in the United States of America and Canada-the SCA covers the globe.

The SCA 'Knowne World' is divided into Kingdoms each of which are ruled by a King and a Queen who gain the throne by combat; that is, by winning a Crown Tournament which is held semi-annually. Currently there are 19 Kingdoms in the Knowne World.



The name of our Kingdom is Lochac (which comprises of modern Australia, New Zealand and Antarctic territories).

Kingdoms are independent of each other and there is a certain amount of variation between them. Kingdoms have their own laws established by the King, the Queen and a large body of its own customs.

Kingdoms are usually sub-divided into Principalities, local chapters of Baronies, Shires and Cantons with their own officers to help run them.

Principality-most Kingdoms have Principalities where a number of smaller divisions want more independence and/or are working to become a new Kingdom. The Principalities Royalty is a Prince and a Princess. There are tournaments twice a year to determine who will be Princes and Princess. As a Principality they are still under the authority of the Kingdom.

There are also Crown principalities that don't have a Prince or a Princess but look directly to the King and Queen as their direct authorities.

Barony-these groups provide the local level of pomp, pageantry, circumstance, coronets (Baron and Baroness), officers, awards and championships. Barons and Baronesses are in fealty to the King and Queen.

Our Barony is known as Rowany.



Palatine Barony-these groups are more autonomous than normal Baronies because they don't expect to see the Crown much.

Some branches want to have acknowledgment of having the size of a Barony, stability and responsibilities but do not want to have their own

coronets (Baron and Baroness). These type of branches are called Provinces and their equivalent of a Canton is known as a Riding.

Shire-these are independent groups that look directly to the Crown but they tend to be smaller in size. They have fewer privileges, fewer responsibilities but don't have the same courts and pomp. Shires are usually run by their Seneschals.

Canton-is a small group within a Barony. Canton's are usually formed in response to geographic reality; for example, how far it is to travel for meetings. Canton's hold their own meetings but are overseen by a Barony.

Our group is a Canton known as Stowe on the Wowld (meeting place in a clearing on high ground).



Institutional Branches such as College, Port and Stronghold-these are groups that expect to fluctuate in size because they are connected with some 'real world' institution. Colleges draw their members from staff and students of higher learning institutions. Ports and Strongholds are based on military institutions.

Households- these are unofficial groups within the SCA. Households determine their own internal structure. Some households have a feudal basis, others by member who are all interested in the same era of history and some households are simply groups of friends who like to socialize together.

Guilds- these are founded by groups of artisans who come together to share their knowledge.

Monks Corner

(Learning about the SCA — Rank and Awards
in the SCA)



So, you are new to the SCA and are not sure about all the different ranks let alone how to address them. You are indeed fortunate because the following guide will assist you in these endeavors.

King and Queen - The King and Queen are the Sovereigns and Consorts of the Kingdom. As a pair they are referred to as the 'Crown'. The King and Queen work together to rule over their Kingdom for five to seven months. To become King and Queen one of them fought in a special tournament called the 'Crown Tournament (also known as the 'Crown Lists')'. The winner of this tournament becomes Heir to the Throne (they are called Prince and Princess until the time that the King and Queen step down). The King and Queen are addressed as 'Your Majesty', 'My Lord King', 'My Lady Queen', 'My Liege Lord' or 'My Liege Lady'. The King and Queen can be recognised by the special Crowns on their head or displaying the full Kingdom's arms on their clothing, armour, banners and other regalia.

Prince and Princess - As stated previously, the Prince and Princess are the Royal Heirs who have won the right to become King and Queen. They serve as the Prince and Princess, usually for several months, before their Coronation. They are recognised by special Coronets and special heraldry (the Kingdom's arms and a label indicating that their Heirs). The Prince and Princess should be addressed as your 'Royal Highness'.

Duke and Duchess—These Royal Peers have earned the title by having served at least two reigns as King and/or Queen. They can be recognised by cornets of strawberry leaves arranged in groups of three. They are addressed as 'Your Grace'.

Count and Countess—Count and Countesses have completed one reign as King and/or Queen and have stepped down. Their cornets are embattled along the top, that is, they resemble crenulations of a castle's walls. These Royal Peers are addressed as 'Your Excellency'.

Viscount and Viscountess—These Royal Peers have reigned as Prince or Princess of a principality and stepped down. Their cornets are also embattled along the top and addressed as 'Your Excellency'.

The Peerages-The peerages are not simply Kingdom awards; they are Society Orders. All peerages are considered equal.

The Order of Chivalry-This order is better known as Knighthood or the Master of Arms. This order has been earned by the gentles fighting prowess, display of courtesy & chivalry and usually at least one skill in the Arts & Sciences. To be a Knight one must swear fealty to the Crown of the Kingdom during the knighting ceremony. They wear a white belt, symbolizing chivalry; an unadorned closed loop of chain, symbolizing fealty sworn to the Crown; and often spurs indicating the lineage back to the mounted Knights of old. Regardless of gender; they are addressed as 'Sir <name>' though some female knights choose to use the title 'Dame'. If a person is offered Knighthood and chooses, for whatever reason, not to swear fealty to the 'Crown' they become a Master or Mistress of Arms. The Master or Mistress of Arms are equal to Knights in most respects except they wear a white baldric (belt) over their shoulder and they don't wear the chain. They are addressed as 'Master <name>' or 'Mistress <name>'.

The Order of the Laurel-One becomes a Laurel for excellence and expertise in specific Arts & Sciences. These gentles have also spent hours researching their craft in order to achieve as accurate a method or appearance as possible, promoting the Arts and Sciences through teaching, and being able to document accurately any projects they undertake. They most often wear a medallion adorned with a laurel leaf wreath. They can also wear a circlet of laurel leaves. They are usually addressed as 'Master or Mistress <name>' and styled with O.L. after their name.

The Order of the Pelican-The Pelicans earn their title by virtue of tireless, unwavering service to their Kingdoms and the Society. They wear a medallion bearing a mother pelican vulning itself (piercing her breast) to feed her young with her own blood. It is no wonder that this emblem has come to represent the Pelicans.

They are also entitled to wear what is called a 'chapeau'. Like Laurels, they are usually addressed as 'Master or Mistress <name>' and can identify themselves with O.P. after their names.

Baron and Baroness-There are two types of Baron and Baroness which are territorial and court. Territorial, or landed Barons and Baronesses, have been appointed by the Crown as head of a territorial group called a barony, and as such, they are the voices of the Crown in that group. They are styled, Baron and Baroness of <barony name>. Barons and Baronesses of the Court are awarded by the Crown but they do not govern an area for the Crown. They are styled simply Baron or Baroness <name>. Both types, territorial and Court Barons, wear a coronet; sometimes bearing pearls either on points or ringing the band or sometimes just a wide, flat band. Either type are addressed as 'Your Excellency'.

Grant of Arms (GoA)-The Grant of Arms is given for service to the Kingdom. And holders of this prestigious award are addressed as 'Your Lordship/Ladyship', and can place the letters THL after their name, meaning The Honourable Lord/Lady.

Award of Arms-Usually, this is the first award bestowed by the Crown to subjects who have rendered good service to the Kingdom. This award elevates the recipient to the ranks of the nobility and are addressed as Lord/Lady <name>. This award also changes one's device to a coat of arms.

Please note that if you forget these that no one will take offense at being addressed as 'Milord' or 'Malady' - (the main part of this article is an extract is from the 'Knowne Wowld Handbook').





STOWE CONTACT DETAILS

The Canton of Stowe-on-the-Wowld is an SCA group in the Barony of Rowany, Kingdom of Lochac (geographically Western Sydney NSW Australia). The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is a worldwide organisation dedicated to the study and recreation of pre-17th Century Europe with activities such as combat, feasting, minstrelsy, costuming, embroidery and much more.

We meet every Wednesday at 7pm at the Pendle Hill Scout Hall (near Civic Park, off Civic Ave) in Pendle Hill where we have fighter practice, many arts and sciences projects (not to mention much socialising) happening.

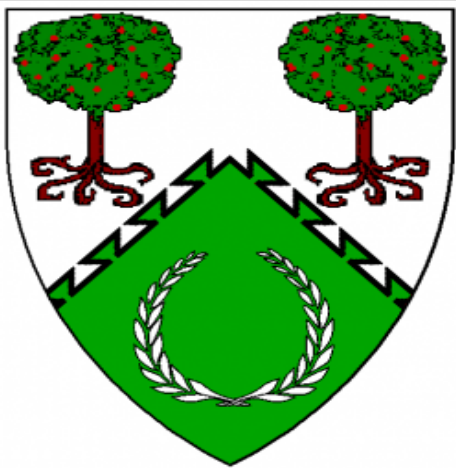
Meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday Nights
Pendle Hill Scout Hall
Civic Park
(off Civic Avenue)
Pendle Hill

Email: stowe.seneschal@gmail.com

To keep in touch with happenings in and around Stowe, or to ask any questions, please feel free to join our emailing list, Stowegians. This list is moderated, the List Caretaker will ask you to verify who you are.

For more information about the Canton of Stowe on the Wowld, contact the Seneschal.

Email: stowe.seneschal@gmail.com



As previously stated the Canton of Stowe on the Wowld is part of the Barony of Rowany.

The Baron of Rowany is Baron Loyola Juan Sanchez Mendoza and the Baroness is Baroness Annora Martin.

The Barony can be contacted via the website in the contacts section: rowany.lochac.sca.org



THE QUILL (from the Chronicler)



I would like to invite members of the SCA from Stowe on the Wowld to submit articles for consideration in our new Newsletter—Writing on the Wowld.

Articles can be historical, about creating or making things, advertising events and so on that would interest the readers.

Please email Durant Blanc d'Airelle at the following email address: greenandwhite2009@hotmail.com and put SCA News Letter Article in the Subject line of the email.