

# Writing On The Wowld

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



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Unto the canton of Stowe on the Wowld Does your Seneschal send greetings.

February has been an excellent month beginning with a productive A&S day which helped armour some of our newer combatants. Many thanks to those continuing to support these A&S days. Lady Elysant and Viscount Styvyn will be hosting the March A&S day on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please talk to them if you are interested.

The following week a picnic and tourney was held in Nurragingy reserve and it was well attended. Congratulations to Sir Jon Dai for winning the Sword and Shield competition and

Lord Leinad winning the single sword tourney. An A&S competition was also held which was won by Merozia Di Duccia (Jacky) congratulations for an excellent dish. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day so more of these will be run.



**Alfgeirr Agnarsson**

Please remember that Festival is only about 5 weeks

away, if you are planning to come with Stowe please talk to Merozia / Jacky and if you are going to fight war at festival. Please contact Grim who will be organising our fighting forces this year.

As a final note, there are a few positions looking for a deputy or replacement, Reeve (deputy to learn the ropes and replace Leinad) and a Deputy seneschal to help out with projects. Please contact me if you would like to know more.

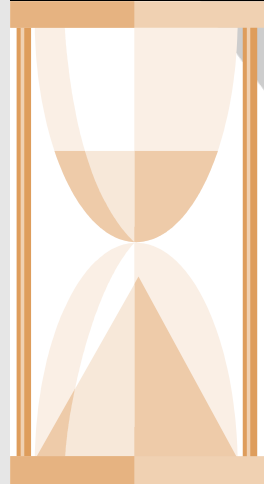
Yours in service

## The Sands of Time (Record of Coming Events)

Greetings,  
Bookings for Rowany Festival close in just over a week. If you do not submit your booking by the end of this month you will be required to pay at the gate at the significantly higher price. You will also not be taken into consideration when allocating campsite space, which may result in your group getting less space than you need. If you have already booked you need to finalise your booking by sending payment, with your reference number, to the account given in your confirmation email.

Any payments not received by the 14th of March will be cancelled. These people will then have to pay at the gate price.

Yours in service  
Gudrun and Ladislaus  
Rowany Festival stewards 2013



# People of Stone

## (Your Fellow Stowegians)



**WOTW:** What is your modern day name?:

**Stowegian:** Alex Townsend.

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

**Stowegian:** Currently no but I hope to get on shortly.

**WOTW:** When did you join the SCA?:

**Stowegian:** Mid 2011.

**WOTW:** Why did you join the SCA?:

**Stowegian:** I joined the SCA because I have an interest in Medieval times.

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

**Stowegian:** Heavy fighting and getting my armour assembled.

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

**Stowegian:** My favourite experience was going to Rowany Festival last year.

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

**Stowegian:** Yes; cooking, computers and I am doing a graphic design course.

**WOTW:** What is your favourite meal?:

**Stowegian:** I have many favourite meals especially desserts like fruit flans, custard tarts and apple turn-over.

**WOTW:** What is your favourite drink?

**Stowegian:** A nice cold glass of Pepsi.

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

**Stowegian:** My favourite memory as a child was when my friend John and I used to build bows and arrows out of cardboard & duck tape so that we could fire at balloons.

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

# Merlin's Crystal Ball

(Knowing the Future and the Past)



## Teutonic Knights

The Order of the Brother of the German House of Saint Mary in Jerusalem is more commonly known as the Teutonic Order (nicknamed after an ancient Germanic tribe the Teutons) had its beginnings in 1143. The Pope, Celestine II, ordered the Knights Hospitaller (Historical Term: a person, especially a member of certain religious orders, dedicated to hospital work, ambulance services, etc.) to take over the running of a German hospital in Jerusalem. This was because a large number of German Crusaders and pilgrims couldn't get the attention they needed because they could not speak French or Latin to express their needs. The Pope commanded that the prior and brothers should always be German.

This Order, formed in Acre in the Levant, played an important role in Outremer (A French word for "overseas", that was a general name given to the Crusader states established after the First Crusade being the County of Edessa, the Principality of Antioch, the County of Tripoli and especially the Kingdom of Jerusalem) by controlling the port tolls. In 1211 the Order moved to Transylvania after the Christian forces were defeated in the Middle East. This move was to help defend the South-Eastern borders of Hungary from the Kipchaks (were a Turkic tribal confederation originating in the Kimek Khanate). The Teutonic Knights were expelled from Hungary in 1225 by Andrew II of Hungary

for allegedly being under Papal rule instead of the Hungarian Sovereignty.



*(Hermann von Salza served as the fourth Grand Master of the Teutonic Knights (1209 to 1239))*

In 1230 the Teutonic Knights were part of a joint invasion of Prussia whose intent was to Christianise the 'Old Prussians' of the Baltic region. The Knights were given property by the Polish Prince. After this the independent Monastic State of Teutonic Knights was continuously expanded. The Kings of Poland accused them of holding land that was rightfully theirs. The Knights developed a strong economic base and became a real Naval Power in the Baltic Sea.

The Order lost its way and started numerous campaigns against Christian neighbours and in 1410, a Polish-Lithuanian army won a big battle (the Battle of Grunwald – Tannenberg) that broke the power of the Teutonic Order as a military power.

In 1515, the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, showed he did not support the Order because he

made a marriage alliance with Sigismund I of Poland-Lithuania. In 1525 the Grand Master of the Order, Albert of Brandenburg, converted to Lutheranism after resigning and became Duke of Prussia. Livonia was soon lost as was the Order's holding in the Protestant areas of Germany.

Currently the Teutonic Knights operate in Central Europe with charitable aims.



*(Coat of arms of the Teutonic Order)*

The attire of the Teutonic Knights was a White mantle with a black cross which they wore on the surcoats. Sometimes a cross pattee (a type of cross which has arms narrow at the centre, and broader at the perimeter) was used on their coat of arms. The motto of the Teutonic Knight's Order was: 'Help, Defend, Heal'.



*(Picture: Marienburg Castle, Monastic state of the Teutonic Knights, now Malbork, Poland)*

## Monks Corner

( Learning about the SCA )



### Words and Meanings

**Anachronism**—something that is out of place and out of time.

**Anno Societatis (A.S.)**-this is a term used in the SCA to measure the number of years based on the date of its first event which was 1 May 1966; that is, A.S. 1.

**Armiger**-a medieval term that means a person that is entitled to wear heraldic arms.

**Arms**-this term is also known as a device or coat-of-arms and means a heraldic insignia that identifies individuals, officers, branches and royalty.

**Authorization**-the process by which people wanting to take part in combat are evaluated. Their skills and safety are evaluated by a person trained to do so. You are said to be authorised when the trainer passes you after the evaluation.

**Award of Arms**-this award grants the title of Lord or Lady and the right to create and bear heraldic arms. This is often the first award earned in the SCA.

**Bardic Circle**-where the bards get together, like they did in the Middle Ages, to sing, recite poetry and recite prose.

**Constable**-an officer at an event that makes sure that all the site rules are followed. Constables are keep track of lost

and found items. They also take on the security officer role at events.

**Court**-is a ceremony presided over by nobility; for example, the King and Queen, at official SCA events. The ceremony is often held at the beginning and the end of these events. Business is often done and awards given.

**Crown Tournament**-a heavy weapons tournament where the fighters strive to become heirs to their Kingdom's throne. The winner and their consort will become the next King and Queen.

**Demo**-short for a demonstration; that is, a public demonstration of the SCA. Often includes displays of fighting and Arts & Sciences.



**Event**-an SCA gathering.

**Event Steward**-also known as the Autocrat is the officer in charge of a given event.

**Fealty**-the giving of a promise or promises of mutual assistance and obligations between parties usually accompanied by

an oath that includes the expectations of all sides.

**Garb**-also known as a costume which is the dress of SCA members that is Pre-17th Century.

**Gate**-the entry point for an event where the fees are collected and any paperwork is completed.

**Gauntlet**-a medieval glove usually made of plate and mail, used to protect the hand.

**Gorget**-a piece of armour used to protect the throat. This word can also describe a form of wimple, or neck and chest covering worn by women in the Middle Ages.

**Guild**-a group of people in the SCA who have a like interest in particular arts or sciences and who want to study & further their practice.

**High Table**-a special table at a feast that is usually reserved for local, visiting or honoured guests and/ or nobility.

**Household**-this is an unofficial group of people in the SCA who have a familiar bond, a friendship, common goal and/or a common interest.

*(to be continued)*

## Peter Peter's Recipes (Recipes for the SCA)



### Fruit and Meat Pies (redaction by Margie of Glen More)

I have made these fruit and meat pies previously. These pies were inspired by medieval recipes such as Lombard Pasties, 14<sup>th</sup> century, and Pies of Parys, 15<sup>th</sup> century. I did not use an extant recipe but made up my own based on the above recipes.

#### Ingredients:

1 large apple grated  
300g minced beef (have also used lamb in the past)  
½ onion, finely diced  
1 jar fruit mince (but you could make your own)\*  
Cinnamon  
Nutmeg  
Pimento  
Pepper  
(Spices were added to taste, about a teaspoon of each.)  
500g flour (for the pastry)  
200g butter (for the pastry)  
Water (for the pastry)

#### Method (makes 2 dozen)

Brown the meat and onion. Add apple and cook until soft. Stir through fruit mince and add spices and pepper to taste. Remove from the heat.

Pastry: Rub the butter into the flour. Add water as necessary to form dough. Let stand at least one hour. Roll the dough out thinly.

Line the muffin tins. Place dessertspoon of mixture into each. Top each with pastry circles and seal. Glaze with beaten egg if desired.

Cook at 180oC for 20 mins.

*(NB: this could also be made as one large pie rather than individual ones.)*

\*The fruit mince I used was "Robertsons" brand and contained currants, sultanas, apple, citrus peel and undisclosed spices. I have also used Socomin in the past.



## 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 7-30 pm at the Toongabbie Scout Hall at 99 Bungaree Road, Toongabbie where we have fighter practice, many arts and sciences projects (not to mention much socialising) happening.

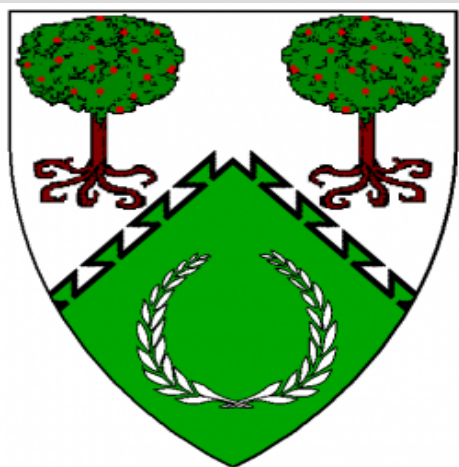
**Meeting:** 7:30 pm Wednesday Nights  
Toongabbie Scout Hall  
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Toongabbie

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:greenandwhite2009@hotmail.com) and put SCA News Letter Article in the Subject line of the email.*