

Writing On The World



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.

The past month has been quite eventful, Rowany festival has come and gone and what a great event it was. For the first time in many years Stowegian colours were seen on the field of combat. On the Friday they took the field in the heraldic melee alongside our allies house Teubarum and on Sunday Stowe was once again seen on the battlefield in support of our Barony. Our fighters fought bravely and did us proud, well done to all of them and especially to Lord Grimkell who put great effort into getting the war band together and leading them on the field. It was fantastic to see so many Stowegians at festival having a great time!

postponed. The stewarding team went to great lengths to try and make this event happen despite the difficult situation but in the end this was the only option. Never fear another event will be held and our anniversary will be celebrated!



Alfgeirr Agnarsson

great day and our efforts were well received.

In May Blacktown Medieval Faire will be held. It would be fantastic to see a strong Stowe contingent there. It would also be great if you could assist with the demo and help recruit in our area.

Thanks again for all your efforts and for making Stowe a great place to play.

Lord Alfgeirr Agnarsson

Our Anniversary event was planned for the 20th of April but due to a double booking by the venue, our event has had to be

On the 21st several Stowegians headed to Ironfest to assist Dismal fogs with their demo. This was a



The Sands of Time (Record of Coming)

BLACKTOWN FESTIVAL —2013

My Lords & My Ladies Medieval Fayre
NURRAGINGY RESERVE
10:00 am
Saturday 18 May 2013, and
Sunday 19 May 2013.

WINTERFEST - 2013

PARRAMATTA PARK
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday 29 June 2013, and
Sunday 30 June 2013.



THE QUILL (from the Chronicler)



The History of the House of Pandora (as told by Nagar)

Pre Beginning

At my first 'Spring' war', in 2003, I camped with Stowe. I bought a two man tent. In my inventory I had a double blow-up bed and an esky.

I took many foods with me. It was said that I had bought out a quarter of the supermarket and a quarter of the liquor store. It was after I got there that I realized, oh no, that I had to keep it all with me in my 3' X 2' tent. It didn't get any better because, with the help of Peter of St. John's who started to smile, I blew up my mattress that took up all the tent's floor space and more.

During the event I started planning how to make my tent more livable and how to 'pimp' it up when it rained. My air mattress then decided to deflate. I placed my luggage on one side, the food on the other but still managed to sleep in the middle with two streams of water travelling through the middle. I vowed, with all my will, to upgrade and continue to upgrade.

The Beginnings of Pandora

On the first day of may first festival I was so happy just to be there camping with Stowe on the left hand side of Shadow Fall's Tavern.

I found the people so friendly and helpful. They were always giving me ideas on how to up-

grade and get better amour, garb, tents and so on. I was living the life! Awesome!

I went to the store and said to the wonderful lady, 'I want a tent that packs as small as can be but is the biggest tent that I can buy in this store. Without looking the tent was sold. I bought it to festival not knowing what I had except for knowing it was a big tent.



When I arrived I saw Raphael doing cart wheels and doing self back slams on the grass (he is wiry so he didn't get hurt). Raphael introduced himself and offered to help with my tent. Peter also helped. We put up my tent and, some anonyms person, said 'holy #&*\$%, this thing is big'. It had 4 separate bed rooms for 4 people, a hall way and two patio extensions for the outside sitting area. That day Raph and Peter said we should make an outside sitting area; so we did.



We sat down and talked about different households. We talked about their pros and cons. We talked about what we looked for in a household and what would be its main points.

My second Festival, in 2004, started off the same with Raphael doing his customary dance roll slam on the grass which now is a trade mark of Pandora (not the same if he does not do it. Please don't tell him.). This time I had Bjorn camped on my left, Raphael on my right and Peter on the other side of Raphael. I hired some hay bales to make walls around my patio as a heat and wind break. We built my mansion and set up everything in front of my tent. Peter, Raphael and I combined our Kitchens. Lady Louisa was the organiser of our kitchen that Festival and thanks to Raphael we had shelves. Peter's Webber was used for the roasts and my Barbeque for everything else.

As we were sitting in our sitting area many good folks walked by and commented to us how cosy everything looked and how relaxed the atmosphere was in Stowe area.

This got us thinking; so Peter, Raphael and I started talking about creating our own household and what would be its main commandments:

1. No Politics.
2. Members that live, breath and enhance our household.
3. Eat and Drink well.

We took hours trying to think up a name then, all of a sud-

den, along comes our handsome Seneschal called Alfgeirr. He said to us that our campsite looked like Pandora's box. We came looking like we had nothing much and here we have everything. This is where our name came from. Many thanks to Alfgeirr.



During the first Stowe Fair Raphael recommended Lady Bella and Lady Valentina who were voted hands down to become members of Pandora. This took the House Pandora to an even greater heights than we could have imagined. Lady Bella was the best seamstress I knew and Lady Valentina was the best Liqueur brewer. Pandora's good fortune has come from these two lovely ladies. Lady Bella and Lady Valentina invited Lord Leinad who became Pandora's facilities man. Ask this guy to do, make or fix anything he knew how to, it's like having a real life MacGyver in your campsite. Huzzah! Lady Bella, Lady Valentina and Lord Leinad invited Lady Gabriella and Lady Catarina into our household. Lady Gabriella and Lady Catarina brought more recipes and techniques, SCA experience, Fighting, Wood work and many more skills to our household. Huzzah! Lady Valentina invited Lord Wilhelm and Lady Yvette into our household which brought our household ways to charge our equipment, belly and sword dancing. Huzzah!

Lady Valentina invited Lady Dragana (aka Jules) into our household which brought us many happy smiles Dragana is the life of the party always doing and going everywhere never ever seen so many garbs in a week. Huzzah.

We have many Associate members like Lord Fergus, Lady Suzie and Family who are just wonderful people to camp and be with. We have other Associate Members which include the St John's Team that come each Festival. They are always awesome helpful people.

As a household we are close knit. We are always happy to everyone. Hopefully we will be able to flourish and help promote Stowe, Rowany, Lochac and SCA to greater Levels.

If you go to Festival then you are invited to come and visit us. We will show you traditional Pandora hospitality with the Tavern tour, Kitchen Tour (when cooks are not cooking otherwise you get cooked), Area Tour, Shower Tour, Sleeping Accommodation tours, back to the Tavern again, to the fire pit to relax and be Merry.

As a Household we are known to be merry, loud, playful (cheese cake fights), resourceful (hopefully have a Jacuzzi installed next year. Hopefully We won't allow Bella to pack it) and competitive (Lord Peter still wants to shoot me on the field). We run as brothers and sisters till the end. So please come up to us and say G'day.



I personally would like to thank each and every one of our Pandorian family for making House Pandora just so awesome!

Nagaravenspur

PS: Thank you to Lady Dragana for the awesome pics.



People of Stone



WOTW: What is your modern day name?:

Stowegian: Liam Fox.

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

Stowegian: Maximus Alepekou.

WOTW: When did you join the SCA?:

Stowegian: About a year ago.

WOTW: Why did you join the SCA?:

Stowegian: I have a passion for the Medieval times. I also collect weapons but couldn't do much with them. I imagined that I would use them in historical fights. I then found the SCA. Now I enjoy doing heavy weapon fighting.

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

Stowegian: Fighting practice (sword & shield) and a little armouring.

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

Stowegian: My favourite experience in the SCA has to be the Rowany Festival. The festival just past was my first one and I just loved it. I loved the singing, fighting, partying and everything. I can't wait for more!

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

Stowegian: I have just passed my course as a massage therapist. On Thursdays I do drama and on Fridays I work. I'm at the Navy at HMAS Penguin on Saturdays and Sundays.

WOTW: What is your favourite meal?:

Stowegian: Chicken Schnitzel with pepper gravy with garlic, mashed potatoes and caramelised carrots.

WOTW: What is your favourite drink?

Stowegian: Lift.

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

Stowegian: When I was very young my family went to Sea World in Queensland. That was a great time! I love my family very much and I love animals so it was a good combination that led to such a great memory.

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

Monks Corner

(Learning about the SCA)



Words and Meanings

(continued from last issue)

Revel-this is a celebration gathering that is held either during or after an SCA event. Either modern dress or SCA garb.

Reverence-in the SCA this is about showing respect. It can include bowing, curtsying and so on.

Royal Presence-the area (which is between 10 to 20 feet; that is, about 3 to 6 metres) that surrounds the ruling nobles and their thrones (whether they are occupied or not) at an event. It is common and courtly behaviour to show reverence when entering or passing through this area. The same is to be said when waiting for acknowledgement outside of this area when speaking to the noble/s in question.

Royalty-the ruling nobles and their heirs of the Kingdom; that is, the King, Queen, Royal Prince and Royal Princess.

SCAdian (pronounced: SKAY-dee-an)-the term used to describe members of the SCA and items that pertain to the participants in the SCA.

Site-the term used for the area where the SCA event is to occur or is occurring.

Site Fee-Money charged to at-

tend and SCA event. It is used to offset site costs and so on.

Surcoat-(see Tabard).

Tabard (1250-1300 Old English from Old French 'tabart' of uncertain origin)-this is a loose outer garment with short sleeves or 'flaps' worn by a knight over their armour and usually emblazoned with the arms of the wearer. It can also be used to describe an official garment of a herald that is emblazoned with the arms of his sovereign or ruler. Yet another meaning is that it describes a course, heavy, short coat formerly used as an outdoor garment.

A tabard wasn't solely used for identification on the battlefield but also for hiding where armour had been repaired because repaired armour didn't offer as much protection; that is, it didn't show the 'chinks' in the armour. Another use was to cover the shinning armour so it wouldn't be as visible to the enemy.

A surcoat appears to vary from a tabard in that it doesn't have sleeves and opens at the front unlike a tabard which has a broad front without an opening.

By the mid fourteenth century the long surcoat was replaced by the 'Jupon' (or 'Gipon'), a much shorter garment, which was often padded for extra protection.

Throne-the seat used by the ruling nobility, usually set in a place of honour where it can easily be focussed on. It can also refer to the role or position of the crown.

Tournament-this word is used to describe combat where the fighters engage one at a time (except in special circumstances) in a competition which sometimes involves a prize. Tourney is another word used to describe the same thing.

Troll-this is an old fantasy term used to refer to the person manning the gate or the gate itself. The use of the term is now discouraged.

Tunic-a loose garment that usually reached to the wearer's knees.

War-this word is used to describe a large scale melee event that has many fighters on each side.

Warrant-if you come across this word it means a document that is an official acknowledgment of a person to an SCA office.

Wet Site-a word used to describe an event site that allows the consumption of alcohol (remember modern laws need to be followed).



THE QUILL
(from the *Chronicler*)
Images of Rowany Festival
(Thursday 28 March 2013 to Tuesday 2nd April 2013 at Glenworth Valley near Gosford, NSW)





The 'Mighty Men' of Stowe





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
99 Bungaree Rd
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



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



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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.