

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.

As March draws to an end our efforts are focused on Rowany festival. For weeks our artisans have been tirelessly working on garb and armour and our combatants have been training hard preparing for the coming war. For the first time in around 6 years Stowe will have a presence on the battle field, fighting hard in our colours representing the honour of our lands and people.



This is a proud moment and the product of much hard work, I encourage all Stowegians to attend the Heraldic melee to cheer on our warriors and our valued allies and brothers in arms.



Alfgeirr Agnarsson

event and it promises to be a great one, please remember to book as numbers will be capped and I'd hate for Stowegians to miss out.

I look forward to seeing you all at festival whether it be on the field, in the tavern or around a fire, It should be a fantastic event.

Yours in service

Lord Alfgeirr Agnarsson

After the fun and excitement of festival has died down our focus shall turn to our tenth birthday event, Lady Gabrielle de La Riviere is stewarding the



THE QUILL (from the Chronicler)



Greetings Fellow Stowegians,

I would just like to take this opportunity to congratulate Maximus (Liam Fox) on his authorisation last Wednesday night. Well done Liam!

Don't forget to be careful on the roads when travelling to and from Festival.

Have a good time at Festival. I hope to see you there.

I would like to encourage everyone to come to the Stowe's tenth birthday celebrations. It would be great to turn out in 'numbers'.

Darrell (Stowe's Chronicler)

The Sands of Time

(Record of Coming Events)

Hear ye, hear ye!

Lords and Ladies Of the Kingdom of Lochac you have formally been invited by the humble Canton of Stowe to help celebrate their tenth year of life!

The birthday celebrations will kick-off with a 'Tourney of the Mighty' in the afternoon followed by a filling feast that will be accompanied by music, dancing and, in tradition, much much drinking. Fun to be had by all!

... So please bring your self's, your merriment, dancing shoes and fun that only an Anniversary such as this can bring.

The 'Tourney of the Mighty' will begin at 12.30pm, with the list opening at 12:00pm. A fencing tourney can be arrange as well, if enough interest is shown.

The hall will be open from 4:30pm to kick-off some dance lessons for those that are new and those that may be a little rusty. The hall will be open for the feast from 5:30pm with the first remove to be served at 6:00pm.

On the night we will be holding an A&S competition open to all whom wish to enter. The theme for the night is 'Stowe Pride'. The competition will consist of three categories which are as follows:

1. A trinket, whether it be a pouch, broach, a favour for your favourite fighter or a small token of your choice displaying something that you feel represents a little piece of Stowe on the Wowld;
2. A heraldic banner, your choice of style and size; and last but not least
3. An item of clothing, or if you like a complete outfit if you dare.

All categories will have a beginner to advance placement if entries are sufficient, so don't be shy. Everyone starts somewhere. Jump in and give it a go.

Details:

When: 20 April 2013

Where: Toongabbie Community Hall
244 Targo Road
Toongabbie NSW 2146
(only 5 minutes walk from Toongabbie train station)

Note: Some billeting may be available if required.

Cost:	\$31—Member Booked	\$36—Non-member Booked
	\$36—Member not Booked	\$41—Non-member not Booked

Please forward all bookings, enquiries and dietary requirements to the Steward—Garbriell at:
stowe.bookings@gmail.com

Also, be advised that we can only offer a limited number of spaces to this wonderful event, and there will only a few places allocated for non booked attendees.

All bookings will close Monday the 15th of April 2013

Karra Corkery

People of Stone



WOTW: What is your modern day name?:

Stowegian: Jennifer Hilvers Whatton.

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

Stowegian: Lady Jane Kennedy.

WOTW: When did you join the SCA?:

Stowegian: 2006.

WOTW: Why did you join the SCA?:

Stowegian: I have always been fascinated by history especially Tudor history. I learned about the SCA through attending 'Ren faires' in my home state of Ohio. I couldn't play in the US due to my work hours but when I moved to AUS I contacted Stowe. I had no friends when I moved here now, through the SCA, I have made life long ones.

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

Stowegian: I am currently working on a banner project for the head of my household Sir Bruci. It will display his personal device and his many awards and honours. It is my most complex banner so far and I am really enjoying it. I am also working on finishing details on my Tudor Gown and Viking Apron Dress.

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

Stowegian: Drinking and laughing with my mates at feasts and festival .

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

Stowegian: I love watching Moto GP motorbike racing. Valentino Rossi is my favourite rider. I have a budgie named after him. I love rugby Go the All Blacks! and when I can find it on Foxtel my favourite sport from home is ice hockey. I am a big Detroit Red Wings fan.

WOTW: What is your favourite meal?:

Stowegian: Hot Wings from Hooters with ranch and curlie fries.

WOTW: What is your favourite drink?

Stowegian: BEER!!!! Light or Dark, Cheap or Costly I love it all!

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

Stowegian: Going to the lake cottage with my extended family; Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and spending time together on and near the water was brilliant.

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

Merlin's Crystal Ball

(Knowing the Future and the Past)



Pope Urban II (c.1040-1099)

Pope Urban II was born Odo of Lagery in France (circa 1040).

He studied at Reims and entered the Benedictine Monastery of Cluny. In 1073 Odo became prior. Then in 1079 to 1080 he became Cardinal Bishop of Ostia appointed by Pope Gregory VII. He served as the Papal Legate in Germany in 1084-1085. He was elected to succeed Gregory thus becoming the first Cluniac Pope; that is, one from the reformed order of Benedictine monks (the order of Cluny).

Urban II was elected as Pope in 1088 but spent the first six years being kept out of Rome by Clement III (known as the Antipope), who had been selected by Henry IV who was the Holy Roman Emperor. Urban continued Gregory VII's opposition to Henry IV on the Investiture Controversy (also known as the Investiture Contest. It was the most significant conflict between Church and State in medieval Europe. A series of Popes challenged the authority of European Monarchies over control of appointments of Church officials: for example, bishops and abbots).

Urban II also excommunicated King Philip I of France for refusing to acknowledge his wife and for generally supporting St Anselm of Canterbury against King William II of England.



A medieval king investing a bishop with the symbols of office. By Philip Van Ness Myers, 1905

Urban II sought to bring about the end of the schism between the Eastern and Western Christians.

In 1095, at the Council of Clermont (now known as Clermont-Ferrand, France), Urban II preached a sermon calling for the First Crusade. He was the first pope to do so. He called on all the monarchs and rulers of Western Europe to take up arms against the Muslim World and reclaim Jerusalem for Christianity. In doing so he was responsible

for starting a brutal period of history that lasted for two hundred years which is still felt in an uneasy relationship between the Western World and the Islamic World today. The announcement of the First Crusade marked the papacy's assumption of the leadership of Western Christendom.

Urban II was also known for founding the Roman Curia (a kind of civil service for the Vatican) which helped to run the Catholic Church throughout the Western World. He was also a powerful opponent of the traditional Church problems of lay investiture, simony (the selling of religious offices for profit) and clerical marriage.

Urban II died in 1099 and was beatified (to proclaim to be one of the blessed and thus worthy of public reverence) in 1881.



Henry IV requests mediation from Matilda of Tuscany and abbot Hugh of Cluny

Monks Corner

(Learning about the SCA)



Words and Meanings

(continued from last issue)

Investiture-the ceremony where an officer officially attains their position. The investiture of a Prince and Princess is the ceremony where they officially take over governing the principality.

Kit-a set of articles or implements used for a specific purpose. In the SCA it is mostly used in relation to the clothing and other things that a person uses to help portray the character they are representing.

Lists (Lyst)-also known as List Field is the area that is marked-off where the tournament combat is going to take place. Lists can also refer to the order in which tournament fights take place.



Marshal-the official in charge of the martial activities. For combat purposes it refers to the person or persons that ensure safe conditions for the participants.

Martial-the term used in the SCA to describe a type of activity where weapons are used.

Melee-this describes a situation where combat occurs between groups of fighters.

Mundane-this is an old term that was once used to describe any item or any person that was outside the SCA; that is, a part of the ordinary outside world. These days the term used is 'modern' as the old term 'mundane' may have a negative implication.

Newbie-or Noob are terms used describe a new person to the SCA or a new person to a particular SCA activity. Again, these terms are old terms which are not encouraged as they can be demeaning to the recipient.

Off-board-is a word used to describe those people who bring their own food to an SCA feast. This may be because they prefer their own food or because they have a special diet for health or other reasons.

Order of the Pelican-a peer award given to people in the SCA who have given exceptional and consistent service.

Oyez (OH-yay)-this exclamation is used by the herald to call attention to the following information.

Peers of the Realm-these words are use to collectively

describe the members of the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel and the Order of the Pelican.

Persona-this describes the character created and played by the SCA member for use at SCA events.

Populace-means the population or people of an area, body or those gathered at a particular place.

Rattan-used, among other things, to make heavy fighting weapons in the SCA. The Rattan comes from the stems of a climbing palm found mainly in Asia.

Registrars-the officers in charge of SCA membership. The Registry is the office in charge of the SCA membership.

Regnum-is a published list of officers or branches in a particular area.

Removes-an old term, that isn't used much anymore, used instead of the word 'courses' in relation to meals.



(to be continued)

Peter Peter's Recipes

(Recipes for the SCA)



Ancient Roman Cheesecake (redaction by Jacqueline Cadwgan)

Editor's Note: The following is a recipe for the Ancient Roman Cheesecake that Jacqueline submitted at the last Stowe A&S competition. Jacqueline was successful in winning an award for this entry and was kind enough to share the recipe with us.

Ingredients:

Half a cup of plain flour
One cup of ricotta cheese*
1 egg, beaten
Bay leaves
Half a cup of clear honey

Method (makes)

Sift the flour in a mixing bowl.
Beat the cheese until soft, stir into the flour.
Add the beaten egg to the flour/cheese mixture, forming a soft dough
Divide the dough into four and shape each piece into a bun
Place on a greased baking tray with a fresh bay leaf underneath.
Heat the oven to 425F (220C).
Bake for 35 - 40 minutes until golden brown.
Warm the honey, pour into a flat plate, place the buns in it and rest till the honey is absorbed.

*(*Ricotta is believed to have been around since the time of the Roman Republic where milk whey was cooked twice (Latin: recocta, or "cooked twice") to curdle into soft cheese.*

Source: <http://foodandspice.blogspot.com.au/2011/02/ancient-roman-cheesecake.html>

The redaction source online is as follows: <http://www.squidoo.com/ancient-food-rome#module107852081>



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

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.