

# La Fontaine des Nouvelles

**The Official Newsletter  
of the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable**

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**Leaving our mark in Atenveldt soil...**

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Their Excellencies Estevan & Emily

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### Azure Warder

Master Duncan Alastair MacRae

### Argent Warder

Honorable Lord Artorius Greyhawk

### Vert Warder

Lady Veronique Avignon

### Wee Warder

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Lady Veronique Avignon

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# Viva Fontaine

## Hear the Words of Your Baron and Baroness, Estevan and Emily

Greetings to the Mighty Fontaine!

On the heels of WAR, We are alight with pride of Our populace. As always, Fontaine shone through its people and its acts on and off the field, your examples of honor and chivalry, service and family was inspiring to ourselves and all who witnessed this great barony in action. There are few words to convey how we feel, but love and pride are the two that come to mind. On the fields of battle, our own Gatlon de Sepultura as general of the Outlands Rapier army seized the day and the war point for the Outlands. We were also very lucky on the heavy fields of Estrella with the help of the fighters of Rio de Las Animas standing side-by-side with Fontaine. We swept the enemies from the field with many glorious battles. With our shield walls being new fighters at their first War, Rio and Fontaine fighters fought with honor and ferocity to help protect the Baron of Fontaine and the King of the Outlands. We look forward to the many tales of glory to be told.

As We head to Crown tournament, We are excited to witness the superb fighting skills of the Mighty Outlanders who fight for the right to be our next King and revel in the grace and beauty of their consort who will be our Queen.

We are also blessed to be present for the ceremony that will elevate Her Excellency Elisee into the Right and Noble Order of the Pelican.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Tuesday night fighter practices at the Aztec Senior Center starting at 5:30 pm and the Saturday practice at 11:30 am as we prepare for the many tournaments to come, including Warders of the Western Gate and Battle-moor.

In Loving Service,  
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# From Our Seneschal

Greetings, Fontaine!

And so, the whirlwind begins! Many of you attended WARRRRR!!! and from what I am hearing, had a wonderful time!!! We look forward to your many tales of derring-do and “No Sh!t, there I was” stories!

And so, the Camping Season in the Outlands has officially begun!

This coming Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Crown Tournament will be held in the Barony of al-Barran. If you have never been to a Crown Tournament, this is your perfect opportunity to view all the panoply and watch the elite of the elite fighters in our Kingdom compete for the Crown of the Outlands by Right of Arms. Every Crown Tournament I have ever attended has always been exciting and action-packed!

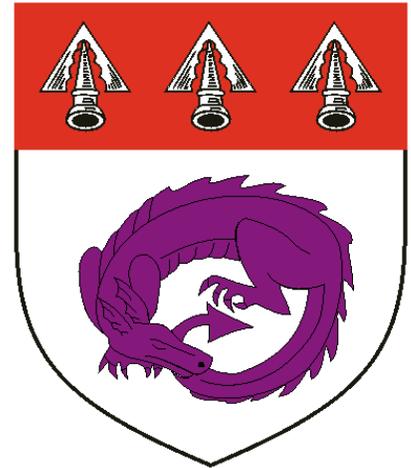
We have so many Kingdom wide events coming up in the next few months! Kingdom A&S will be held in the Shire of Drygestan on April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Shire of Bryngalau will be holding a MayDay Celebration on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Coronation will be held in the Shire of Hinterland on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>—and then we will have Grand Outlandish in the Barony of al-Barran on May 23-27<sup>th</sup>.

As for Fontaine, we will be hosting Warders of the Western Gate Tenth Year Celebration July 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Syr Tam and Lord Gareth will be our event Co-Stewards this year—and we so look forward to all the wonderful celebrations that are planned for this event! More details will be forthcoming in the next couple of months!



Don't forget! The summer tournament season is upon us! We are now sponsoring practices twice a week, one on Saturday and one on Tuesday evening with archery practice held every Sunday—Now is the time to sharpen those skills and have fun taking home all the booty from all those Tournaments you are going to win!

In Service,  
THL Evain Macrae  
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# From Our Black Fountain Pursuivant The Herald's Charge: Titles, Awards and Precedence 101

This month, we will take a break from devices to discuss a different aspect of heraldry: Precedence and Titles. Next month we will talk more in-depth about who has precedence over who and why (GASP!), but for now let us focus on who should be addressed by what title (and how you can recognize these individuals).

## Lord or Lady

**Award:** Awards of Arms (AoA) and Award of Arms level Awards.

Generally an Award of Arms is among the first accolades that those within the society receive. This grants the person who receives it the title of Lord or Lady within the society. There are also specialty Kingdom and Baronial Awards that carry an Award of Arms with them. These include: Argent Heart (Arts and Sciences), Golden Pheon (Archery), Silver Stirrup (Equestrian), Silver Tyne (Rapier Combat), Stag's Blood (Armored Combat), Stag's Hart (Service) for the Kingdom of the Outlands and the Guardian of the Oasis (armored combat, rapier, or archery), Keeper of the Waters (Service), and the Palma Aurea (Arts and Sciences) for the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable.

## The Honorable Lord and the Honorable Lady (or Your Lordship and Your Ladyship)

**Award:** Grant of Arms (THL) and Kingdom Level Awards that carry a Grant of Arms with it.

These individuals are most easily identified in the Outlands by the wearing of an unadorned circlet of up to a 1/2 inch in thickness. Some other Kingdoms have different titles and circlet rules regarding those of this level of precedence, but in this article, I am focusing on what is commonly seen in the Kingdom of the Outlands. Kingdom Level Awards that carry a Grant of Arms are the Flower (Arts and Sciences), Iron Heart (Armored Combat), Sharparrow (Archery), Silver Lance (Equestrian), Stag (Service), and White Scarf of the Outlands (Rapier).

## Master/Mistress (Pelicans, Laurels, and Master of Arms)

### OR "Sir" or "Dame" (Knights in the Order of Chivalry Only)

Reserved for Members of the **Peerages**. Commonly referred to as Peers or those with a Patent of Arms.

It is beyond the scope of this article to discuss Peerage, its many facets, and requirements. Suffice it to say that those who have become Peers hold higher precedence than those with Award of Arms, and Grant of Arms level awards. There are 3 Patent of Arms Orders (Peerages) that are of equal rank, as per the Governing Documents of the SCA. On a very basic level these are the Order of the Chivalry (Peers who specialize in Armored Combat), the Laurel (Peers who specialize in Arts and Sciences), and the Pelicans (Peers who specialize in Service) and in the Outlands they can be most easily identified as follows:

- Chivalry: A White Belt (for Knights), an unadorned chain around the neck and spurs, a White Baldric (Master of Arms),
- Laurel: Wearing Laurel Wreaths (most often on a medallion)
- Pelican: Wearing an image of a Pelican in its Piety (Most often on a medallion)

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## Your Excellency

### Counts and Countesses, Territorial Barons and Baronesses, Barons and Baronesses of the Court

The title Excellency is used for a variety of individuals, most easily identified by wearing metal on their heads that exceed that of an unadorned circlet. Descriptions are listed below, in precedential order (greatest to least):

- **Count/Countess:** These Royal Peers have been King/Queen one time and (in the Outlands) have the highest precedence of those with the title “Your Excellency”. Coronets are embattled (Think of the Coronet of Prince John in the Disney Robin Hood cartoon, or the top of a castle wall).
- **Territorial Barons and Baronesses:** The ceremonial heads of a Barony who serve as the advocate for the Populace to the Crown and the Crown to the Populace. In the Outlands, these Coronets have points with orbs on them.
- **Barons and Baronesses of the Court:** This group is, perhaps, one of the most difficult groups describe, primarily because there are no laws governing the types of coronets they can wear, and the tradition is very loose at best. Some Court Barons and Baronesses are former Territorial Barons/Baronesses who received their Court Barony once they stepped down so that others may know of the service they have performed in that role. Sometimes, however, it is an accolade given to gentles that the Crown feels deserve the title of Excellency and the right to wear a coronet despite the fact that they have not won a Crown Tournament nor have served as a Territorial Baron or Baroness. Previous landed nobles oftentimes have orbs on their Coronets, while others do not, but as previously mentioned this is not a hard and fast rule. Usually these coronets have points. Being a Baron or Baroness carries with it very little precedence (an Award of Arms by default, but sometimes a Grant of Arms). Regardless, most prefer the title of “Your Excellency” over Lord or Lady or Lordship/Ladyship.

## Your Grace

These **Royal Peers** have sat as the Crown (King and Queen) on two or more occasions. Again there is no hard and fast rule of what the Coronet might look like, but it normally incorporates strawberry leaves into it.

## Your Royal Highness

In the Outlands, this fighter and consort have won Crown Tournament and are **Heirs to the Stag Throne**. Often styled as the Dreadlord of Argonia

## Your Royal Majesties

### The King and Queen of the Outlands

Next month we will more clearly show how titles effect precedence, but hopefully this article will give you a clearer idea of what titles to use with what individuals.

# From Our Captain of the Archers

Greetings to the archers of Fontaine!!!

February was yet another sparse month regarding archery. The cold and snow seem to have us on the ropes, but soon enough the weather will warm and there will be more archery shoots than you can shake your ranked tassel at!

This month we did manage to squeeze in 1 archery shoot which was a 30-second timed shoot to determine the average number of arrows flung by our archers. There was no real score keeping; it was only to keep the speed round fundamentals fresh.

Huzzah and thank you to all who participated!!

Estrella War had fun shoots in which our archers participated, and I believe we gave them a run for their money! Lord Wilhelm came in second in one of the archery shoots, and Lady Keina received a favor for participating in the thrown weapons competition.

Well done!

In Service,  
Baroness Elizabeth Anne Grene

# From Our Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Fontaine!

Just to let you know- A&S is alive and well- and particularly invigorated after a dose of Estrella! In February we had a "Garb 911" class led by my lovely unofficial deputy THL Isabella. As a result of this we have been asked to hold a "Garb 101" class. I will try to schedule something in the next month or two. Of course last week was Estrella War. Three of our very own Fontaine Ladies (Baroness Elizabeth, THL Isabella, and myself) taught classes this year. If you attended any classes, please consider allowing me to borrow your handouts so that I can make copies for the A&S binder.

Next month we have a Padded Gambeson class scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at Tuesday fighter practice. This class will be taught by Sir Tam and will be a practical class- meaning you get to construct your own gambeson! In April we will be having a dance class- so grab your partner and be ready to move. In May, Lady Aedhagan will teach a class on the Scribal arts.

Finally, it may seem that Warders of the Western Gate is months away, but it is not too soon to think of entering the Vert Warder competition and start planning your project. If the thought of entering a competition makes you nervous, the Vert Warder is a great starting competition. Please talk to myself or Lady Veronique if you have any questions about the competition.

In service to the Barony and the Dream,  
THL Alamanda de la Roca

## TENTATIVE ARCHERY SCHEDULE

- 3/3 Archery Canceled (Estrella War)
- 3/10 Royal Round
- 3/17 Saint Patrick's Day & Easter & Birthday Shoot
- 3/24 Archery Canceled (Palm Sunday)
- 3/31 Archery Canceled (Easter Sunday)

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

**Please keep in mind that ANY archery practice may be cancelled due to weather.**

## From Our Chatelaine

As a Chatelaine, it is my joy to see newcomers feel like they belong at events and in our home area. That said, I saw this happen at Estrella. I thank all the fighters and arts and science lovers and armchair loungers for all their help whether they new it or not. You all make my job so easy. I also thank the Rio Crowd as well. I took space from them, and they made my family welcome and made it nice for our first timers to have a great time.

I decided as there was a class for Chatelaines to talk and expand the knowledge base for me. I have lots of new insight and lots of questions that will be answered as I sift through all the information I recieved. I also got to take CLASSES to fill my soul for new things to do.

What I got out of this was a new look at my first WAR, first time for a class, and my search for information in a new way. I am hoping to find a deputy that might in time step up and fill my position and get to remember all their firsts as they get comfortable in this job.

I am so lucky to have Rio and Fontaine to always be there and bless you all for my new look on this and much more that I have not done or seen yet.

Veroniqua d'Avigone  
Chatelaine of Fontaine dans Sable

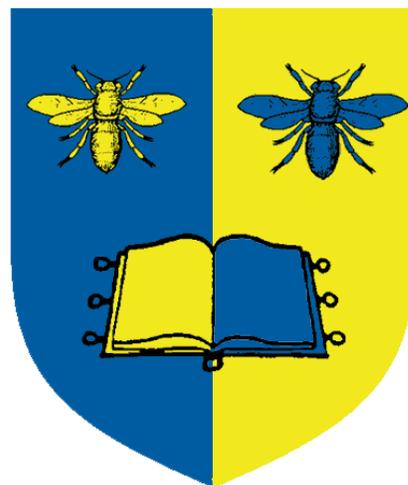
## From Our Outgoing Chronicler

You read that right, folks—this is my last newsletter for Fontaine dans Sable. I hope it has been of some little use to you. I am handing the reins over to a much abler individual, who designs for a living! So in that vein, be ever so kind to continue to support *La Fontaine des Nouvelles* (The Fountain of News) by submitting for publication your letters, stories, pictures, calendar updates, research, and classes. Master Angus has done a wonderful job creating an online community full of up-to-date information, so much so that perhaps our *Nouvelles* can devote its pages to more adventurous and creative aspects of this game. Let this be your venue.

While I'm stepping down from a baronial officer position, don't be too discouraged, as you'll start seeing my name attached to a certain Kingdom Newsletter starting in May 2013.

And perhaps I might be inclined to submit a fun article to *La Fontaine des Nouvelles* in the near future.

Yours in Service to the Dream,  
THL Dáirine inghean Ghriogair  
Outgoing Baronial Chronicler  
& Incoming Kingdom Chronicler



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# March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Crown Tourney al-Barran  Archery: Royal Round 11 AM		Fighter Practice 6:00 PM Aztec Senior Ctr.				Fighter Practice SJC 11 AM
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Archery: St. Patty's/ Easter/ Birthday Shoot 11 AM		Fighter Practice 6:00 PM Aztec Senior Ctr. & Padded Gambeson Class				Tri-Baronial A&S Caerthe  Fighter Practice SJC 11 AM
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Archery Cancelled (Palm Sunday)		Fighter Practice 6:00 PM Aztec Senior Center				Fighter Practice SJC 11AM
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# April 2013

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