

La Fontaine des Nouvelles

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Hercules slaying the Hydra

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Their Excellencies Estevan & Emily

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Azure Warder

THL Argyle McGregor

Argent Warder

Don Estevan de Sepultura

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From Our Baron & Baroness

Greetings, Fontaine dans Sable

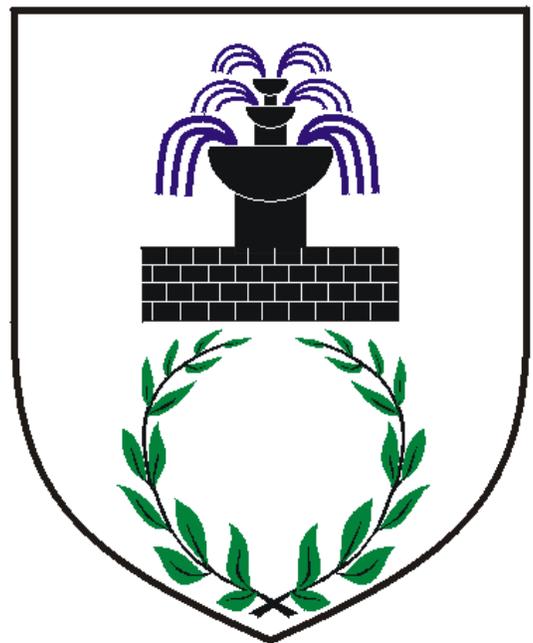
Spring has sprung, and with it We have returned victorious from the battlefields of Estrella and Our borders are safe once again. Retribution was handed out in spades to the invading hordes of Adenvelt. With the war behind Us, We were able to turn Our attentions to Sworded Affaire. With the help of the whole Barony it was a great success, and it will be talked about for many years to come. Well done, Fontaine! You set the bar high, and as always, you are the example of honor, chivalry and family. Team Work Makes The Dream Work! This barony proves it.

As We venture into the future and the month of May it is full of fun and excitement starting with the Glorious Marriage of their Excellencies Master Angus and The Honorable Lady Elizabeth on the 5th. Also, the Coronation of our new King and Queen, Prince William Flanagan and Princess Drahomira von Augsburg in the Barony of Dragonsspine is on May 12th. We invite all to join Us in travel to the north to show Our pride and support of Our great Kingdom and the crowning of Our new King and Queen.

We ask all of Fontaine to gather on Sunday, May 20th for Our first Fontaine Tournament in the Park and barbeque, which will be held at the baronial archery range. There will be prizes for the winner and food for all and We will be holding court. We plan to have a tournament every month: archery, heavies and lights, giving Us the opportunity for all to gather together in fun and show off the prowess of the populace of this great Barony and enjoy eachother's conversation and company. Don't forget to bring your A&S projects, so the whole of Fontaine can see your amazing works.

Their Excellencies Otto and Elisee have invited Fontaine to al-Barran at the end of May for GRAND OUTLANDISH!!!! With its Helen of Troy theme, they promise, and I quote "great martial tournaments of all styles, classes, competitions and joyous camaraderie." So let us mass in al-Barran on the 24th through the 27th and show our support for our southern cousins and share with them the pride and fun of FONTAINE!!!!

Honored to be In Service,
Estevan and Emily



From Our Seneschal

Greetings, everyone!

I hope the month of May is an enjoyable one for you! First of all, I would like to congratulate Their Excellencies, Angus and Elizabeth on their wedding—and the honeymoon that they will be taking to all places Celtic! We wish you the very best and know that you will enjoy the trip of a lifetime!

On the home front, we would like to let everyone know that Coronation will be taking place on May 12th in the Barony of Dragonsspine and then Grand Outlandish will be hosted by the Barony of al-Barran from May 25th to May 28th. Both events promise to be absolutely wonderful, and if you can travel at all, I heartily encourage you to attend at least one of them! I know Their Excellencies Estevan and Emily will be going—and the more Fontainese who go, the more fun will be had by all!

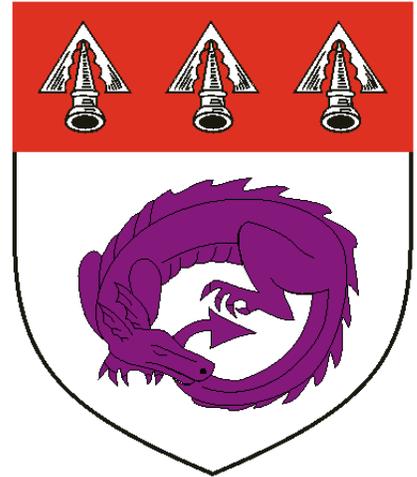
Hopefully, during our June Populace Meeting, we will be able to take some Baronial photos—we will definitely get in a group shot, along with a variety of other types of photos. It's been quite a few years since we've had the opportunity to do that. More will be posted to the Fontaine list as the June meeting draws near!

I would also encourage everyone to avail themselves of all the resources our Barony has to offer, especially our newsletter, La Fontaine des Nouvelles and our Baronial list on Yahoo Groups: fontainedanssable@yahoogroups.com. I will stress that all are encouraged to join this list, so that you may keep up with all the happenings in Fontaine.

Have a great month, everyone!

In Service,

THL Evain Macrae



From Our Rapier Marshall

Greetings to all who read and receive this missive. Our Barony has seen a great blessing...WE HAVE NEW BLOOD!!!!!! If you haven't had a chance to come to practice, I hope things get better for you and are able to be there. If you haven't been coming because of the weather, WOO HOO it's better—now come on back out.

Once upon a time our practices were not just for fighters I and others like me would love to see you out there practicing your "social skills" while we practice our "not so social" skills hehe. We miss having you all out there. Fighter practice, with the permission of the powers that be, is being renamed to PRACTICE DAY for all skills, i.e. artisan, social, martial, courtly, and schmoozing. ;-)

Our rapier field has seen the growth of 3 new members, and we were approached by 2 more this last practice. Please come and show your support by joining our ranks of rapier, or simply by cheering on our fighters. If nothing else, you can come tease me for losing a few fights with newbies and looking funny.

YIS,

THL Artorius

From Our Chronicler

Greetings, Fontaine! And thanks for reading this, my third, newsletter, *La Fontaine des Nouvelles* (French: The Fountain of News). I hope it's proving useful to you.

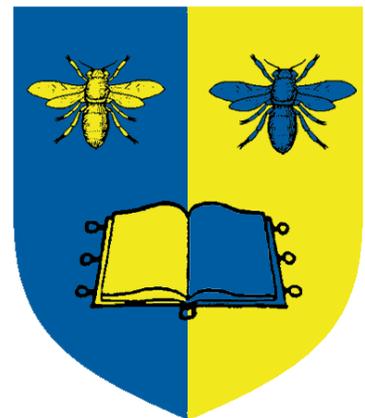
A few things to help you with this resource:

- *Nouvelles*, as it's affectionately, if not erroneously referred, is published as a PDF - Portable Document File - a universal file type that uses the free software Adobe Reader. Adobe Reader can be found here: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you have an IT department who has yet to install Adobe Reader, I'd put in a work order to *have* them install this software. It is **pervasive** throughout the World Wide Web and increasingly becoming a necessity.
- The Fontaine newsletter is optimized for Letter paper: 8.5 x 11 inch copy paper. This allows for easy printing.
- Incidentally, this size is also optimized for the iPhone. In fact, *dare I say it*, there's an app for it. iBooks can be downloaded for 3, 4, & 4S iPhones for free. It downloads PDFs to a bookshelf, where you can easily access your PDFs from your phone, and not-so-coincidentally, all your downloaded *La Fontaine des Nouvelles*. Perhaps a tutorial next issue is in order...
- **DID YOU KNOW?** The Outlands' official newsletter, *The Outlandish Herald*, is ALSO published as a Letter-sized PDF? As a blue-carded member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, you have free access to ALL (except Lochac) of the Known World Newsletters in one spot. Go to <http://sca.org/> and find links at the top of the page under "E-Newsletters."
- For those who do **not** have an iPhone smartphone but have experience using other brands (e.g. Android, Blackberry), I would greatly appreciate your feedback. Feel free to email me at chronicler@fontainesca.org with your ideas, concerns and experiences, so we may share with the Populace.

Finally, what's with all these heraldry things everywhere?

One aspect of the SCA that is so rewarding is the creation of a researched, original period name and heraldic device. We register these with our College of Heraldry, and no two devices are alike, as they represent the individual exclusively. It takes some research, work and patience to manage to pass a device, and what better forum to share with people than our own newsletter?

When available, I will publish a *Nouvelles* contributor's registered device to add color to our newsletter and make it Yours: The Populace. Here's another reason to consult with Master Angus, our Black Fountain Pursuivant (Herald), to create unique arms for yourself!



Yours for Love of the Dream,
Dáirine inghean Ghriogair

From Our Black Fountain Pursuivant The Herald's Charge



Greetings Unto All!

It is my intention during my term as Black Fountain Pursuivant to provide you not only with my normal report but also to supply you with relevant heraldry information regarding names and devices! As new rules of submission are in draft form and look as if they will be made official VERY soon, I thought that I would start instead by listing those in the Barony who currently have their devices and/or names passed. I am naming only those gentles who are listed as being "Active":

Name & Device Registered

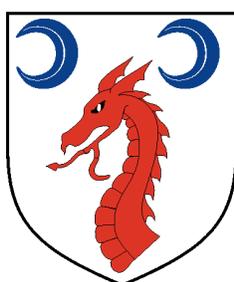
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 Artorius Greyhawk
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 Elyenora Danyel de la Roche
 Evelyn MacRae
 Fulk Fulkersson
 Giovanna di Meir
 Ian Lindsay MacRae
 Joshua Dennesson
 Julianne Journé
 Lasairfhiona inghean an Sheanchaide
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 Michelet Chauveau
 Qara Gan
 Robert Moffat
 Tam Grimm
 William Stuart

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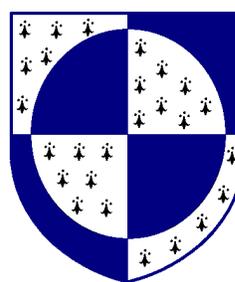
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 Kristyan MacRae
 Mária Abramsdottir
 Rosa Maria di Mazza
 Rowland McCain
 Skyper Anders
 Þórdís gjallandi eyverska
 Veroniqua d'Avignon



Tam Grimm



Elyenora Danyel
de la Roche



Qara Gan



Anna MacTaggart

Huzzah to you All! Thank you for being the shining examples that you are!

I've thrown in a few of the passed device images as well! For those who have not yet submitted a name or device, start giving them some thought! I would love to get some submissions started in June and July!

In Service,
 Master Angus Reid MacFarlane

From Our Baronial Scribe

Greetings unto the Barony,

Since the timing fell a little weird with the newsletter and being able to announce certain information, I want to congratulate the following for their recent awards at A Sworded Affaire/Baronial Investiture.

Baron's Thistle

Lord Sorin Kinney

Two premiers for the Order of the Hydra— Congratulations to both of them!

Master Duncan Alastair MacRae

Don Estevan de Sepultura

In Service,

Lady Aedhagan veih Min An Aoire

For those interested, here is the scroll text for our newest order. I find it quite fitting.
Thanks for the hard work on the wording, Mistress Anna!

Order of the Hydra

Skilled and adaptable are the warriors of Fontaine. To defend Our Western Gate, warriors must employ Archery, Rapier, and Armored combat. On rare occasion, gentles emerge who become adept in all.

Pray attend to the words of _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Fontaine dans Sable. Having observed continuous dedication to all of the fighting arts, _____ is undeniably a multi-headed monster. Therefore, we are minded this day to admit him/her into the Order of the Hydra.

In witness whereof we set Our hands this ____ day of _____ Anno Societatis _____ being _____ in the common reckoning of years.

Constitution Order of the Hydra (also called a “charter”)

- There shall exist in the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable an award, known as the Order of the Hydra, which may be given by the Coronet to those persons who have participated for an extended period of time in armored combat, rapier and archery simultaneously.
- The holders of this award shall be styled as a Hydra of Fontaine dans Sable and shall be entitled to place the initials HFS after their names.
- The insignia of the Order shall consist of a medallion bearing the badge of the Order, to be determined at a later date by the Coronet, Black Fountain Pursuivant, and the Society College of Arms.
- The award carries neither arms nor precedence.
- Amendments to this constitution shall be made by the Coronet.

What the SCA Means to Me

by Baron Estevan de Sepultura

As I sit here thinking about my barony and my kingdom, I ask myself why have I spent 12 years playing at being a swordsman and archer and servant to my barony and kingdom, and I realize it isn't playing. it's for real.

So I look back at the beginning, the day I walked down into Kiwanis Park in the late summer of 2000 and gazed upon the weird people in the funny clothes, and saying to myself, "There is no way I m going to wear those goofy clothes."

I still remember my first fight. It was with THL Artorious (Lord back then). He had put a sword in my hand and gave me a few pointers, then he told me "Show me what you got." I remember asking him, "This is real sword fighting, right?" He smiled and said yes, so to the fight we went. I can't remember how long it was but we came to a standstill, so I grabbed him, threw him to the ground and cut his throat, without noticing he had gutted me at the same time. But what I remember most about that fight was his laughter, the spark in his eyes when he told me how fun that was but grappling wasn't allowed, and I said "But you said it was real," and his laughter was even greater.

I remember my first dance with Don Ivar (Lord Ivar back then) and him testing my skill to make sure I was safe and actually telling me how impressed he was with my natural skill.

I remember Syr Qara-gon (Lord back then) telling about how the game was about Honor and Chivalry and the Ladies and his wife's explanation of how they call the toilets "privies."

I remember my first shire defender my first event and seeing the excitement in my sons faces at all the cool things going on, gatlon coming back to me with trinkets he thought was treasure that a merchant had given him for helping out, and watching Syr Tam win the the heavies tournament and thinking how cool it would be to as good as he was and I hadn't even met the man back then.

I remember my first shire populace meeting and thinking how good looking Lady Mary (now Mistress), our seneschal, was but I knew I didn't want to make her mad.

Oh, and who can forget when Ian Macrae and the Clan Macrae held a ceremony and inducted me and my boys into the clan? (Ian and Evain are the parents I always wanted.)

I remember my first Estrella War and the wonder of the battles on the rapier field, thinking when I heard the heavies come together on the field of the first battle sounding like a train wreck and at night getting together with all the people in the shire and eating and drinking and laughing like I had never laughed before, the friendliness of the people I had never met in the other camps as I traveled around and watched the dancing and listened to the drumming.

And the years rolled on, and I watched my children grow and watched my son Seperoth fighting heavies like a crazed madman and loving the fights, watching Raphael fight in his first tournament and the amazement of his opponents and their surprise at his skill and prowess, (ah, the pride a father feels) and how proud the shire was of him. As time went on, Gatlon followed in his brothers' footsteps and still makes us so proud with his service and fighting abilities.

I remember at Lonely Mountain when I called for my boys with the family whistle and yelled for the Sepulturas and here came Don Argyle, his brother, Lady Francesca, and her mother and brother into camp. I told them I was just calling the Sepultura boys, and they told me, "Well, we want to be Sepulturas too." So, quite by accident, the Sepultura household was

born. I really couldn't believe, and still can't, that people wanted to be part of me and my family, and it has grown into a big household with so many wonderful people that I call family.

I am a lucky man, as I see it, to have found the SCA and the shire of Fontaine, I have had the privilege of raising my sons among people who looked out for them and taught them to have honor and chivalry and integrity. I was able to have a relationship with them and spend time with them traveling and camping and fighting, when other parents can't even talk to their children, and to watch them find love, get married and have children in Fontaine.

I have never in my lifetime had the privilege to call so many my friends without wondering what they wanted from me, and to have this barony be the family that I always wanted but never had. The SCA also gave me the greatest gift next to my children, my beautiful goddess of a wife, who along with Fontaine, has taught me that happiness is more than fleeting moments in time. I have accomplished a lot in my SCA career. I became a Lord, a Don of The Outlands, a teacher, and have been honored to be chosen as the Baron of Fontaine, but these accomplishments would have meant nothing if I didn't have my friends and my family around to share it with.

So, to me the SCA isn't about what I can do or what awards I have or don't have. It's not about the fighter or archer that I have become. The SCA isn't a game to me – it's a way of life that I have chosen. It's a family that has been there for me at the best of times and consoled and supported me during the worst.

I am proud to be an Outlander and even more proud to be of Fontaine dans Sable. I'm proud of who and what they are and the abilities and love for one another they all have.

I joined the SCA for sword fighting. I stay in the SCA for the people and the family that is Fontaine and the Outlands.

So when people call this a "game," myself, I have to disagree. The people in it are not cartoons, and to turn it off and walk away and think that it has no affect on anyone is wrong. People are real, their feelings, love and friendship are real, and when they die they don't get more lives to finish the level. The people depend on one another to continue, not a dream, but a life they have chosen to create.

What does the SCA mean to me? It's not fighting, it's not awards, it's not recognition. It's my life, it's my family, it's my memories and happiness. It's all the good things and people in life that I could not find in the mundane world. Thank you all for showing me a life I once could only dream of.

From Our Captain of Archers

The weather has warmed up and archery is starting up for the year. There are some one-day archery events upcoming as well: Knock on Wood and The Outlands Archery Tournament in October. More on these later, but for now please come out and wax that string and fling.

Lord Lingorm

From Our Chatelaine

We have had return fighters since we starting up at the college for practice. It is great that an absent rapier fighter would return to our fold and bring his son to begin practice with us. It also was great that we finally used our indoor area and got lots of people stopping at the door to check out all the noise. Maybe we can spark someone's inner----Wow.

Lady Veroniqua

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Archery 1 PM			Officer's Meeting 6:30 PM Populace Meeting 7 PM			Practice Day Heavy 11AM Rapier 11AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Archery 1 PM						Practice Day 11AM Coronation
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Archery 1 PM						Practice Day 11AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Fontaine Tourney/BBQ (Archery Range)					Grand Outlandish	Practice Day 11AM
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Grand Outlandish Ends		For an up-to-date Kingdom Calendar: http://www.outlands.org/OutlandsOnline/EventCalendar/tabid/379/Default.aspx			

June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Archery 1 PM			Officer's Meeting 6:30 PM Populace Meeting 7 PM			Practice Day 11AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Archery 1 PM					Stag's Bloodbath BEGINS Lillie's War (Calontir)	Practice Day 11AM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Archery 1 PM Bloodbath ENDS						Practice Day 11AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Archery 1 PM Lillie's Ends						Practice Day 11AM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						Nock on Wood (al-Barran)

**This could be your picture, article,
artwork, poem, song lyrics, (clean)
joke, research, photograph... you get
the idea.**

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