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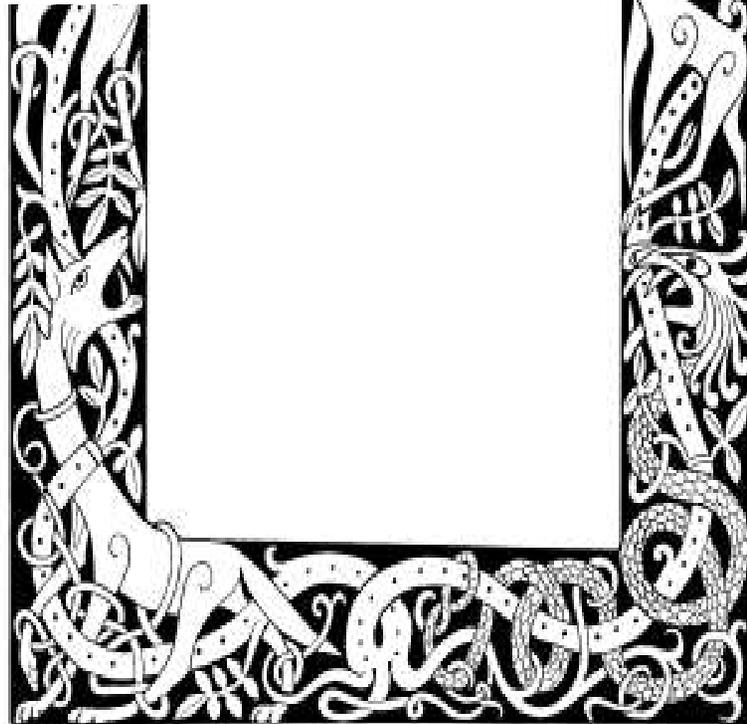


Fontanese at War!!!!



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des Nouvelles is on
February 28, 2007





On the Battlefield



The Czara & Lady Aili at the Archery Range



Baron & Baroness Fontaine attending their King & Queen



The Czara, Master Duncan & Lady Anna



Ready for Battle!



The Good Monk Kyre Pole Dancing Again!!!



Whg, It's Argyle Socks MacGrzgor, Himself!



Puppy Dresses, No more needs to be said!



Twizzler Toting Tarts in Striped Socks Plus A Real Cutie in the Middle!

Fontaine dans Sable Baronial Retinue

Baron and Baroness
Their Excellencies, Qara Gan & Ceara

Sable Warder
Sir Qara Gan

Azure Warder
Lord Raphael Sepultura

Argent Warder
Lord Anthony Fantino

Vert Warder
Sir Jochen von Balduinseck

Black Fountain Pursuivant Herald
Lord Caelan MacKinnon

Court Herald
Master Duncan Allastair MacRae

Head of Household
Lady Julianne Journe'

Head Guard
Lady Anna MacTaggart

Quartermistress
Lady Anna Katherine von Teltge

Baronial Guard
Lord Anthony Fantino
Lord Seamus Abel Johnstone
Lord Angus MacFarlane

Attendants
Lady Anna Katherine von Teltge
Lady Dairine inghean Griogair
Valentina
Emeline de Aire-sur-l'Adour

A Message from the Baron & Baroness

*Unto the populace of Fontaine dans Sable do we,
Sir Qara Gan & THe Ceara, Baron and Baroness of
Fontaine dans Sable send Greetings:*

This past month, the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable traveled to distant lands and stood strong with our King. We are both so proud of everyone that made this trek, contributed and exemplified the high ideals we hold as Fontainese.

Once again the Outlands returned from the fields of Estrella victorious.

The second weekend of March, new heirs will be decided by right of arms at their Majesties Crown Tournament in al-Barran. We would encourage all those who are able, to join us in witnessing the pageantry, skill and chivalry that is Crown Tournament.

Rapier fighters of Fontaine, do not be so hasty to sheath your blades after War. Sworded Affaire will also be held in al-Barran later this month. It is our duty to show all other rapier fighters the pinnacle they wish to attain.

Lastly, their Royal Majesties have honored our Barony by allowing us to host Their Heirs Coronation. Let us all pull together and once again welcome the Kingdom into our home.

In Service to the Fountain and ultimately the Stag
that drinks from its waters,

Sir Qara Gan

THe Ceara

Ceara

The Barony of Fontaine dans Sable
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From the Baronial Seneschal

*To the Populace of Fontaine,
Good Day!*

As most of you know, THIL Mariah will be having a new baby soon and she will be taking some time to be with her new bundle of joy.

Congratulations, Vax & Mariah!!

As her Emergency Deputy Seneschal, I will be stepping up to fill in for her. If you should need anything, please let me know.

I would like to encourage everyone who can to attend some of the wonderful events coming up in the next couple of months:

Crown Tournament - March 10, 11 in al-Barran
A Sworded Affair - March 31st in al-Barran
Kingdom A&S - April 14 in the Shire of Drygestan
Cuban Balista Crisis Demo - April 29th with al-Barran
(Cuba, NM)

I look forward to being of service to our fine Barony!

In Gracious Service,

*Lady Julianne Journey
Emergency Deputy Seneschal*





The Dream of the Golden Paw

An Estrella War Experience by Ttle Angus MacFarlane

So there I was:

Ahead of us, I saw the enemy line gaining in numbers and the defending Atenveldters, our allies, buckling under the pressure. As part of the Outlands command structure, I felt the command rise in my throat, when I heard a voice behind me issue the order to advance.

“Fontaine! Advance to contact, MOVE!”

It was young Geoffrey Thatcher. I had placed him in command of Fontaine for this battle to give him the experience he would need for future conflicts. A smile spread across my face for two reasons, one because my fighter had issued the proper command in response to the situation at hand and two, because my blades were about to taste the blood of my enemies. I trusted fully in Geoffrey’s ability to command the situation at hand and I became the warrior, ready to carve a path through the line ahead.

Through gritted teeth I joined the buckling line with my fellow Fontaine Warriors, and I felt a familiar presence fill in on my left. I parried a few well placed shots and saw in my peripheral vision that it was my Baroness, the Honorable Lady Ceara McCain that had joined me. Newfound inspiration surged through my body, like hot blood shooting through my veins. I looked to the foe across from me and knew that he was a walking corpse.

My blade on the left stretched to the outside to parry an expected cross shot from the fighter on his right. Time seemed to slow down all around me as I realized that the man was not sending his blade at me, but instead at my Baroness. Her blade was out of line...somehow in that brief second, I realized that she was completely open, having just parried a cross shot from further down the line, leaving her head and neck exposed.

Instinct, along with love for my Baroness took over in that instant. I saw the man’s sword moving through the air and with a speed that I did not think I possessed, I parried the blade hard to the left, while keeping my tip aimed at my Baroness’s would-be-killer. The attacker’s blade passed harmlessly over the Baroness’s shoulder, missing her head by mere inches thanks to the parry while my own sword had buried itself deep in my opponent’s throat.

“Angus...you just saved my life!” My Baroness exclaimed. Warmth spread throughout my heart. For I have done what every member of the Order of the Golden Paw dreams of. The Golden Paws are members of the Baroness’s handpicked, personal Rapier Contingent. In that moment, I had lived the dream...to protect my Baroness from harm.

I looked down the enemy line and saw that it had collapsed, thanks to efforts of the reinforcing Fontainese. With a smile and a salute to Her Excellency, I turned and awaited further command.

Of Interest to the Barony:

Websites of Interest for the
Barony of Fontaine dans Sable:

Fontaine dans Sable’s Website: <http://fontainesca.org>
Fontaine’s Discussion List: fontainedanssable@yahoogroups.com
Fontaine’s Largesse List: fontaine-largesse@yahoogroups.com
Fontaine’s New Archery List: fontainearchers@yahoogroups.com
Fontaine’s New Rapier List: fontaine-rapier@yahoogroups.com
Fontaine’s Player’s List: Fontaine-Players@yahoogroups.com
Outlands’ Website: <http://www.outlands.org>
SCA Website: <http://www.sca.org>

Be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter for important information about Guild meetings, practices, demos and events taking place this month!

Practices at Apache Elementary School will continue until the end of this month. After that, we will hopefully be able to move outdoors to our warm weather location, Kiwanis Park.

There will be an A&S Workshop this month on Tuesday, March 13th at E3 Children’s Museum. The topic will be “Documentation for A&S Entries”. In addition, there will be an SCA 101 for all those who would like to learn more about the SCA and the importance of your role in our wonderful game! Garb, please for SCA 101...

Their Majesties invite all who would like to view the Tournament to determine Their Successors—Crown Tournament will be held in al-Barran on Saturday, March 10th.

Attention all Rapier Fighters! Sworded Affaire will be held in al-Barran on Saturday, March 31st.

More to come on the Cuban Ballista Crisis!

Our fine Barony has been chosen to host Spring Coronation which will be held on May 12th. More information will be forthcoming on that soon!

From the Black Fountain Pursuivant Herald

Greetings unto the populace!

First, thanks to my new deputies, Master Duncan and THL Angus MacFarlane! They've stepped up and done a great job thus far. Huzzah!

Next, thanks to all of the members of the populace who have enthusiastically been coming to heraldry workshops! If you haven't been, you should come to one, they're a blast! We'll have another consultation sometime toward the end of March. Watch the list (or give me a call) to find out when.

Hopefully, next month we'll have some newly registered names and devices to tell you about. The next LoAR (that's heraldry jargon for Laurel's letter full of rulings on heraldic submissions, and stands for Letter of Acceptances and Returns) should have items from our Barony. Keep your fingers crossed!

Lord Caolan MacKinnon
Black Fountain Pursuivant Herald

From the Baronial Webminister

This month I'll be working with Lady Evain, the Chronicler on getting the electronic newsletters working. I'm really excited about the additional usefulness the newsletters will have once they're online and searchable!

Also, I'll really try to get a real calendar on the website this month. Keep watching the site for updates.

Lord Caolan MacKinnon
Head Spinner of Webs



From the Baronial Waterbearer

Greetings Unto the Populace of Fontaine,

Last month was exciting due to war and extra fighter practices. I want to thank Beatrice, Robert, Lord Seamus and Corin for the time and effort they put into waterbearing at War. If I missed anyone who was out there as well, I'm sorry--and a big thank you to you as well! The waterbearers at war this year did a splendid job. I know we are all grateful to them.

In the next few months there will be more opportunities for waterbearing, both here in the Barony and abroad. New waterbearers are welcome any time!

The weather should be warming up soon, so please remember to stay hydrated.

Yours In Service,

Lady Louie
Baronial Waterbearer



From the Baronial Captain of Archers

Greetings unto the Populace of Fontaine dans Sable from your Captain of the Archers,

No practice for most of February! Poor range conditions and weather shut down activities. Most everyone was preparing for WAR!!!

Note: Combat archers, (all two of us) had fun at fighter practices.

Last Sunday, February, the 25th, was the first practice since late November; there were no recordable scores shot.

I am anticipating normal weekly practice with spring weather approaching.

In Loyal Service,

Lord Anthony Fantino
Captain of Archers



From the Baronial Scribe

Greetings to the wonderful Barony Fontaine!

I would just like to thank those scribes who helped out for Estrella War!
Your assistance and time is a wonderful gift of service to this Barony.

Thank you's to:

Lord Anthony Fantino
Lady Anna MacTaggart
Emeline de Aire-sur-l'Adour
Lord Caelan MacKinnon

A special thank you and huzzah to Lord Caelan since this was his very first scroll! Huzzah to the newest scribe of Fontaine!

Lady Aedhagan veih Min An Noire



From the Baronial A&S Officer

Greetings Fair Barony:

If you get a chance, pass along a word of congratulations to Lady Anna Katherine, who bravely entered a beautiful felted rug at the Estrella War Arts & Sciences Competition. Well done, and keep it up, Anna Katherine!

To prepare our new and burgeoning populace in all things courtly and royal, March's A&S workshop will feature SCA 101 – MARCH 13TH, 6:30 p.m. E³ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM. SCA 101 is an opportunity to learn the intricacies of the SCA – how to greet royalty and nobility, what various titles mean, and ultimately how to make The Game more enjoyable for everyone. Newcomers are highly encouraged to attend, while seasoned players in attendance are helpful as they can provide their insight. PLEASE WEAR GARB TO THIS WORKSHOP.

Also, I will still be available on March 13th, along with my deputy, Lady Isabella, to assist those interested in entering the Kingdom A&S Competition. This competition requires pre-registration and a good deal of preparation, not to mention the pieces you intend on entering. Please contact Lady Isabella or myself as soon as possible so we may help prepare you.

April's workshop will focus on Archery Accessories – more information to come on that soon.

Until next time, Happy Nerdin!

Yours for Love of the Dream,
Lady Dairine inghean Griogair



Name that Dude (or Dudette)

We have a new feature this month in
La Fontaine des Nouvelles!!!



On the eve of our Premier Electronic Issue of La Fontaine des Nouvelles, I am initiating a new feature for our Newsletter. It is called "Name that Dude or Dudette" also known as "Back in the Day".

In every upcoming issue, there will be a featured photograph of someone in our Barony. If you would like to participate, you can post your guesses on the Fontaine list. The "reveal" will be made in the following month's newsletter, along with a new featured photograph.

No fair guessing if you recognize you or your spouse!

If you would like to submit a photo of yourself or a loved one, please email it to me, your Chronicler, at honeybeelane@zianet.com and I will be happy to feature it!

From the Baronial Chronicler

This will be the last black and white printed issue of La Fontaine des Nouvelles you will receive from the Barony of Fontaine dans Sable. Our newsletter will be changing from a print to electronic format beginning with the April issue. At that time, you will be able to access our newsletter via the Baronial website: www.fontainesca.org. Within the next few months, there are plans to put many of our archived copies on the website also.

The newsletter will now be free of cost to you. If you know of anyone who would like to receive monthly invitations to view Nouvelles and are not currently subscribed, please contact me at: chroncler@fontainesca.org

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact me as soon as possible—hard copies can be made available for you. However, a warning—formatting of the pages may not be the same as in our prior Nouvelles issues.

In the next few weeks, I will be contacting all who have subscriptions asking you what email address you would like your monthly invitation sent to. You will be refunded any balance due on subscriptions that have been paid past the month of March, 2007 at the rate of \$1.00 per issue. Checks will be mailed to the address of record of the subscriber.

Every month, upon completion of the newsletter, you will receive an email with the Nouvelles URL listed. Simply click on the URL and it will open a browser window and load your newsletter. You should receive your invitation every month on the first Wednesday, which coincides with the Baronial Populace Meeting.

You can print the entire newsletter or any part thereof!

In Service,

Lady Evain Macrae



Sworded Affairz
Saturday March 31st, 2007

Barony of al-Barran
Moriarty, New Mexico

Site opens: Mar 31st -9am Site closes: Mar 31st – 11pm

Moriarty Civic Center
Moriarty, New Mexico

Day: DRY Night: DISCREETLY WET

Sworded Affaire has fallen into the hands of the 7 Heavenly Virtues and the 7 Deadly Sins. This day will offer a few A & S classes for those who wish not to fight, Classes such as "Navigation by the Stars" and "How would you really die?" (Check the web site for more information).

Three tournaments and possibly a melee or two held by Don Govanen Blackwell for those who are all about the fighting, tournaments such as "Epee only", "Schlager only", and a "Burning Bridge Tourney" (check the web site for more information).

A wonderful donation lunch will be offered during the day prepared by Dama Theresa Youlanda Cabeza De Vaca. (Approximately noon). There will be a vegetarian dish offered as well.

You think the day looks to be outstanding; just wait, for you won't believe what the night has to offer! There will be a delectable sideboard feast, heart racing dancing, surprises, mischief, fun and so much revelry that you will not want to leave.

With all this said, all there is left to do is mark your calendar, pack your blades, figure out who you could portray, and come out to the far eastern borders of al-Barran to have some fun!!

Directions: Take I-40 **east**. Go 29.3 miles from Tramway (37.3 miles for the Big I interchange) to exit 196 Howard Cavasos. At the stop sign turn right (**south**) on Howard Cavasos. At the stoplight turn right (**west**) onto HWY 66/ Main Street, go approx .25 miles to Broadway (there will be a MVD sign just before Broadway). Turn Left (**south** onto Broadway), the Moriarty Civic Center will be on the left (**east**) side of the road.

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Thoughts on War by Lady Sasairiona Sanchaidhe

War this year was especially wonderful. It saw the merging of the two most important groups of people in my life--my real family and my SCA family. I think mom and dad really enjoyed themselves. They both spent several hours on the field waterbearing and marshalling. To see them getting involved and enjoying themselves was wonderful.

It was a great honor to take the field at the side of our Baroness. She was an inspiration! There comes a point when you say I've had enough and you are just done; yet you are able to reach deep inside and find you still have a little fight left in you. Sometimes you can do it on your own and sometimes you need a little help. When your Baroness looks at you and says "I'll make it if you do"—well, at that point quitting isn't an option and the fight is back on! It was great fighting with everyone. We worked so hard and it paid off. Though we did not win the war point, we kicked some serious butt.

I just want to share a few more moments that made war great for me without the story telling.

- Killing the King of Caid three times.
- 43" of pure love (got myself a new blade)
- Being able to take a few minutes and share a little bit of knowledge and experience with a newer fighter
- Making it to the semi-final round of the Lady Treasure Chest Tournament as the Outlands fighter
- Hearing His Royal Majesty laugh as he shoots another fighter with his rubber band gun--and the marshal asks if it's good to make the King laugh.

Yours in Service,
Lady Louie

Estrella Court Report

Haunted Castles

We have always had a fondness for castles as many of you do. Do you have any idea how many abandoned castles there are? It's amazing that such history would just be left to its own. We decided to start a series of entries about these such castles.

“McMahon’s Castle in County Clare”

There is said to be a ghost in a sealed room in the derelict shell within the castle. It is rumored to be such an evil creature that no one has looked upon it and lived to tell the tale. The last time the stones sealing the chamber were opened was by an exorcist in the late 1920s. His remains were found the next morning in the great hall and the cause of death was declared to be a heart attack.

Lord Fergus McCain and Lady Aedhagan vzih Min An Aoiré

http://www.nzghosts.co.nz/irish_ghosts.htm

Castle Ruin of the Month!



Guy’s Cliffe, Warwick, England
Hasleghust & Morley: Warwick & Birmingham (1920)

Unto Lady Marie de Blois White Stag Principal Herald, Lady Rymma Godric, Wimple Herald, Qara Gan Baron of Fontaine dans Sable, Ceara, Baroness of Fontaine dans Sable and Lord Caglan Mackinnon Black Fountain Pursuivant Herald does Master Duncan Alastair MacRae, Court Herald Deputy for Fontaine dans Sable send Greetings:

At Estrella War Their Excellencies Qara Gan and Ceara Baron and Baroness of Fontaine dans Sable held the following courts.

On February 15 2007 being AS XXXXI

The following awards were presented:

- ❖ Robert Moffet MKA, Michael L Lewis, Fontaine dans Sable, Order of the Sands, Scroll Presented
- ❖ Nicholas MacFarland, MKA, Nicholas Murphy, Fontaine dans Sable, Order of the Small Fountain, Scroll Presented

On February 17th being AS XXXXI

The following awards were presented:

- ❖ Emeline Aglionby, MKA Lori Hannis, Fontaine dans Sable, Order of the Sands, Scroll Presented
- ❖ Duncan Alastair MacRae, MKA Rick Nielson, Fontaine dans Sable, Order of the Golden Paw, Scroll Not presented in process

This is a complete listing of Awards given as Estrella War.

Submitted by:

Master Duncan Alastair MacRae
Court Herald Deputy
Fontaine dans Sable

From the Baronial Chatelaine

War was a wonderful time. It was exciting to watch armies battle and to be able to see our Fontaine fighters holding their own in the fray (for which they received many kudos.) It was hot, it was cold, it was dusty, it was calm, the wind blew and the sun shone, occasionally there was rain. However, the ice cream and shopping were awesome.

Many thanks to Emeline for taking over the loaner garb and distributing it as needed.

The month of March is associated with the Roman Natronalia-- Festival of Women--held on March 1st. The festival honored Juno Lucina, the goddess of marriage, women and childbirth. Only women could attend Juno's festival. Vestal Virgins entered the sacred grove and hung offerings of their hair on the oldest tree. Pregnant women unbound their hair and untied knots in their clothing so they would be symbolically open and relaxed for a safe delivery. For every child born in March, a coin was placed in Juno's temple as a token of thanks for the gift of life.

In Service to the Dream
Lady Elygnora Danyel de la Roche



Titlb Angus Receives his Belt
from Master Duncan...



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