

# The Legend

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## Two types of Squire

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In the Middle Ages, there were two types of Squire. First, there was the type who was absolutely certain that he would take up Knighthood. These gentles had the income and family connections needed to make sure that it happened, and for most of the era sons of Knightly families were expected to continue the contracts that their forefathers had established- much like a peasant would be expected to continue to farm a particular tract of land. In the Empire (modern Germany) these armed servants were called Ministeriales, and they were basically in a state of indentured servitude. The second type of Squire eventually evolved into a Class-type of it's own. Esquire. These were men who aspired to knighthood who, as time went on, were less likely to be able to afford to take up the position. By the late 1300's, many Esquires openly avoided being belted, because of the expense of the ceremony, and because the office kept a man in a state of constant worry. Knights were expected to outfit their own followers, who were armed at the Knight's expense. These knights would suffer social ridicule if they were not able to maintain their station. A Knight led a Lance, and employed archers and crossbowmen if possible. If a Knight could not bring a Lance to muster, then he would fall under the command of a Knight Banneret, a Baron, or possibly into the personal employ of his Prince or King (if well-loved or particularly valiant).

We have the same situation here in the SCA- not all squires are called to the Vocation of Knighthood, but they can become good Esquires- fighters of good renown and fierce reputation. The problem we have is that everyone wants to be a Knight, and very few can sweep away the fairy dust and look at what Knighthood really IS. To be a Knight is to be a servant- the accoutrements of Knighthood are not there to serve the vanity of the Knight. They are symbols of Honor- the honor of servitude. A Knight serves the King, who is the personification of the Land and it's People. Personal glory is an afterthought to the true Knight. If a Knight achieves great renown and fame, then this is just the Largesse of God being manifested.

A Man at Arms is anyone who pursues Arms as a profession. A Knight is a man-at-arms, as is a Squire. However, not all men-at-arms are Knights, Squires or Esquires. The obligations of a man-at-arms depends upon his goals. Mercenaries are all men-at-arms, but they serve only themselves- not the People.

Should Squires and Esquires take men-at-arms? Oftentimes if a long-time fighter is never offered the accolade, then he will strike out on his own, and many of these men fall out of service to the Crown and to the people, or even quit the profession of Arms altogether. We have all seen this happen. Knights are obligated by the nature of their Vows to bring fighting men to support the Crown in it's Just Arguments. All squires who seek the Order of Knighthood should take men-at-arms, and endeavor to arm and train them. However, these squires should surrender command of these troops to the Knight who maintains them. This is part of the burden of Knighthood, since the efforts and strivings of a true Knight are to bring Glory and Honor to the Crown and to the People. If a squire cannot serve his Knight before his own vanity, then he is not worthy to serve a King.

Do you seek Knighthood? Bring soldiers to enlarge the estate of your Knight. Turn away from self- make the needs of the Crown your own.

The obligations of a good man-at-arms? To turn away from plunder. To seek after gallantry. To learn Prowess. To honor the holy Order of Knighthood. To serve a Knight who serves a King. If a good man-at-arms is offered the office of Squire (it IS a rank- history prves this), then he should redouble his efforts. Seek honor in the press, and if Fate deems that you become Esquire instead of Knight- serve diligently.

My squires swear to-

*Assail infidelity.*

*Venerate the Priesthood (and all Peers).*

*Chastise mercenaries and never do them Honor.*

*To seek after Deeds of Arms in Tourney, Joust and War.*

*To never loose bolt or shaft at any belted Knight.*

Man-at-arms: Seek after Prowess. Display Loyalty. Honor Knighthood.

Squire: Serve your Knight! Honor his Consort, household, lineage and blazon.

Esquire: Serve your King and be worthy of Knighthood!

## Canton Business Meeting

Date & Time:  
October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Location:  
Rheinland Haus  
2418 Park Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28203

## Baronial Meetings/Fighter Practice

Day & Time:  
Third Sunday of the month

Location:  
Odd Months: Salisbury, NC  
Even Months: Hickory, NC

Directions:  
Please visit  
[http://sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org/Events  
.htm](http://sacredstone.atlantia.sca.org/Events.htm) for directions to the baronial  
meetings/fighter practices.



## Happy Birthday to:

No birthdays this month!

# Minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

## **Seneschale's Report:**

Discussed having change available for merchants (if needed) at Market Day.

Discussed Market Day activities and updates.

First weekend of December will be Unevent. Please let Alesia know if you will not be able to make it to arrange a substitute.

## **Chronicler's Report:**

Newsletter is published and article about Dubovnik is in it.

## **Herald/Knight's Marshal Report:**

Available for name, badge, and device research.

Come out on Sunday's to Alesia's home for fighter practice. Wednesdays come to Duke Logan's home.

## **Exchequer's Report:**

Has money, but Cyriac is going to spend some for Market Day.

## **Minister of Arts & Sciences Report:**

Not much going on at the moment. Trebuchet class will be held at Market Day along with an open display competition.

## **Webminister's Report:**

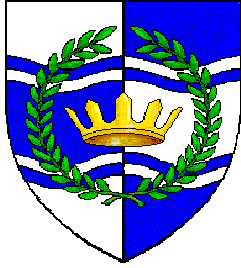
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## **Baronial Seneschal Report:**

Fall War College coming up end of October.

Achbar's bid for Novice Tourney has been accepted.

Baronial Meeting and Fighter Practice will happen at Market Day.



# Kingdom Calendar


## **November 2004**

6	Fall Crown Tournament	Atlantia/Hawkwood	Canton, NC
13	A Day at the Races	Ponte Alto	Burke, VA
13	Barnacled Bullfrog	Marinus	Suffolk, VA
13	It's New to Me	Caer Glynniog	Palmyra, VA
19-21	Feast of the Unicorn	Cyddlain Downs	Waterloo, SC
20	Dunn Carriag Baronial Bday	Dun Carriag	Prince Frederick, MD
20	Holiday Faire	Steirbach	Manassas, VA
20	Lesson at the Palace II	Isenfir	Crozet, VA

## **December 2004**

4	Unevent	Hindscroft	Ramseur, NC
11	Caer Mear Baronial Invest.	Caer Mear	Palmyra, VA
11	Feast of St. Andrew	Tear-Sea's Shore	Harleyville, SC
18	Polar Bear Ball	Crannog Mor	Piney Creek, NC

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