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Huzzah! From Peter

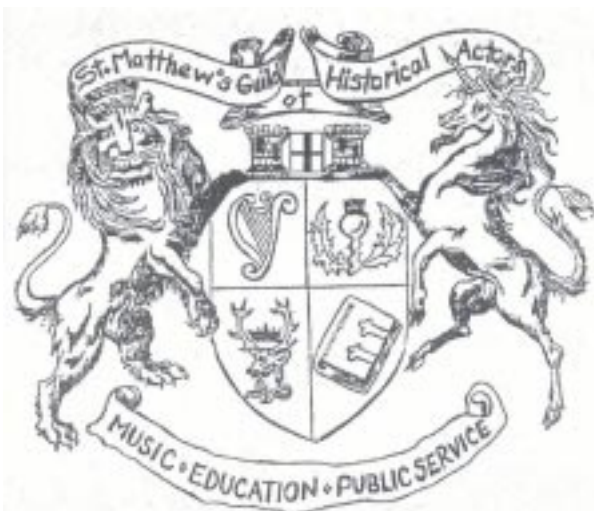
We have had a wonderful start to the new faire season. Our play "St. George and the Dragon" got off to a wonderful start at Valhalla Renaissance festival. The crowd laughed and enjoyed the play, and one astute critic commented "'em are aktors!" Congratulations to the whole cast!

We have some very enthusiastic and involved new members--Huzzah! Rebecca and Shawn are styling in new costumes. Finally, we also had the introduction of "sippee cup culture," the new wave in trendiness. Soon all the guilds will be doing it. If you don't know about sippee

cups, ask someone who was at Valhalla for the first weekend, and grab yours soon.

We have a continued great season ahead with Fair Oaks Faire, Pittsburg, and of course Folsom in October. Did you know that we will be running a spoof on the presidential elections at our faire? We are planning to have several candidates practicing dirty politics around faire, roping in other guilds, all around a mayor's race. Should be exciting.

In short, it's so great to see everyone again doing what we do best! Keep up the good work.



Meet The Inhabitants Of Newcastle

This is the first in what I hope will be a monthly series of biographies of the characters that we play at Faire. The first profile is of Colin MacIver, part of our Scottish contingent.

Colin MacIver

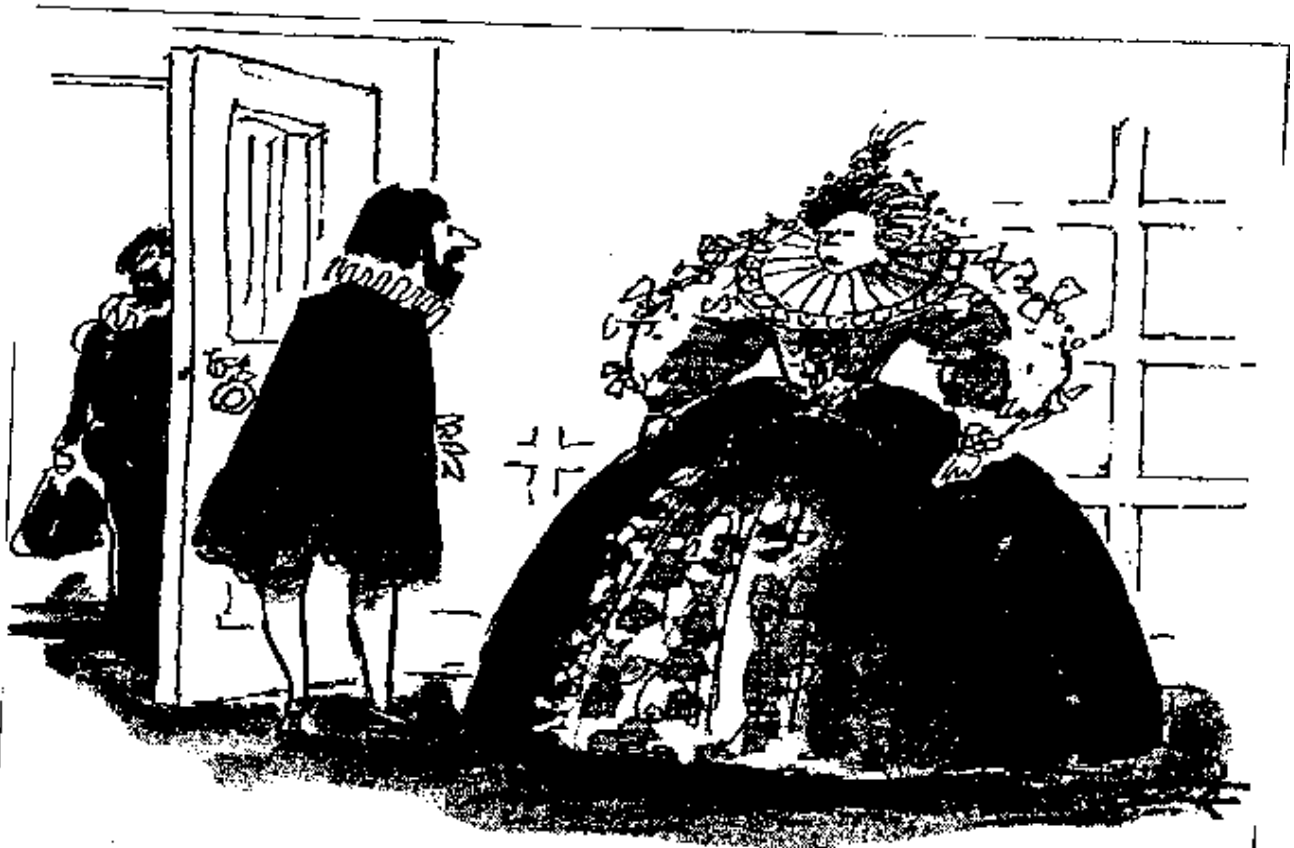
(Portrayed by Scott "the Scot" Stefun)

2nd son (3rd child) of the lord of a small Scottish farm estate (meaning I'm a minor noble,

and the kilt goes over the left shoulder. Peasants go on the right) and a smith's apprentice, I was sent with a caravan of MacAoidh traders who were travelling to England in hopes of making more money off their cows and wool, since it's been a very poor trading season in Scotland for them, adding our own harvest of wool for the season and planning to return with the money. An English constable confiscated the wool ship-

ment as a fine for the false offense of theft and swindling (which is what HE was doing, not us), leaving me broke and stranded in England and trying to work my way back to Scotland. Now I'm stuck at this ill begotten tavern because the blasted innkeeper refuses to pay me till the end of the fortnight.

Who's next? Send your biography to the editor at: nschmidt@ispchannel.com.



"It's the Royal physician, Ma'am, and would you slip your things off."

We're On The Web!

After much discussion and planning, and lots of hard work by Lola, the new St. Matthew's web page is up and running. If you haven't visited it yet, be sure to check it out.

The site has a calendar of events which is updated regularly and will soon also contain an electronic version of this newsletter.

In addition, the site contains lots of useful information about the guild and its various performing groups and committees. There are also lots of pictures, and more are being added as quickly as they can be scanned.

If you haven't visited the site yet, point your browser to:
www.stmatthewsguild.org.

In addition to all the interesting content on our web site, we have also set up our own e-mail system. If you don't have an e-mail address, or if you just want two or more, now you can get your own personal e-mail address at stmatthewsguild.org. Click the mail system link on the St. Matt's home page or contact Nathan to set up a new account.

Upcoming Events

- June 10 & 11** Valhalla Renaissance Faire: S. Lake Tahoe
- June 24 & 25** Fair Oaks Renaissance Faire: Fair Oaks, Sacramento
- October 24** Folsom Load Up
- October 25-27** Folsom Set Up
- October 28 & 29** Folsom Renaissance Faire and Tournament
- October 30** Folsom Tear Down and Unload
- October 31** Collapse and Eat all the Halloween Candy you were going to hand out to the kiddies.



Henry VIII on the dating scene



French playing cards of the late sixteenth century. [Hoomstra]

Don't Miss The Next Guild Meeting!
Noon, Saturday, June 17, 2000

Roundtable Pizza
8760 La Riviera Drive
(La Riviera off of Watt Avenue)

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