
KNIGHTING GIFT FOR SIR BERENGER OF NANCY – LADY KATHERINE ALICIA OF SARUM

Background

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After Gabriel was asked to join the Order of the Chivalry, he decided that he wanted to arrange gifts of thanks for his knight, Sir Berenger. He wanted some sort of family tree created and thought – who's the best person from our patch who he could ask? He approached Katherine Alicia of Sarum, Seneschal for Bacchus Wood, and asked if she would mind putting something together for him. After he finalized the research on the Lochacian Elfin line, he had requests for a copy of this from every knight he spoke to. Berenger was quite surprised to receive gifts – and absolutely loved his booty. What's great about Katherine's choices is that she's chosen the site where Gabriel was asked – the Crossroads Rowany site – on one side of the work. The other is the green pastures of St Florian. Well – we wish that it was. Damn this drought!



The Scroll – Katherine Alicia of Sarum

The piece is based on a German family tree of the Strohl family, the last entry was in 1770 and the Strohl family ended in 1836 when Lieutenant-General Alors, Freiherr von Strohl died. Most of the examples of this kind of scroll are read from the bottom up as the last person on the scroll or there kin was the one to commission the work. With Gabriel's commission we have turned it upside down so as to be more recognizable as a genealogical tree. This piece also includes aspects from both Rowany Festival 07 and St Florian de la Riviera in miniatures under the tree as well as the 12 knights that are represented on the tree itself. The work was completed in about 8 weeks and was done on a acid free parchment with gouache paints the Calligraphy was in the Gothic Littera Bastarda style which covers up to the 18c.

Bibliography

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