

Report of the National Royal Alchemist General

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Modern Day Alchemy: Scientists are closing in on turning hydrogen into a metal



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Scientists are attempting to transform a common element into a precious metal. This isn't about making lead into gold, but turning elemental hydrogen into a different, never before seen form of hydrogen. Scientists are tantalizingly close to producing the first samples of solid metallic hydrogen using powerful lasers, electrical impulses, and other cutting edge equipment. It's no simple feat, but it could have huge implications for humanity if they're successful.

Hydrogen is the simplest of elements, consisting of just one proton and one electron. It exists in huge quantities in stars as it's slowly fused in helium, and then into heavier elements. Like other gaseous elements, hydrogen can change phases based on temperature and pressure. Scientists propose that metallic hydrogen could be the holy grail of superconductors, a class of materials that can transmit electrical charge without impeding it at all. Superconductors already exist, and are used on machines like Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners and the Large Hadron Collider (a giant particle accelerator, located in Europe, used for physics research). They only work when cooled to very low temperatures, though. Metallic hydrogen could theoretically act as a superconductor at room temperature.

Hydrogen is a gas at room temperature and atmospheric pressure, but it can be cooled to a liquid and even solid hydrogen ice. It's the other direction that could lead to metallic hydrogen — extremely high temperature and pressure. You would think that as the simplest element, hydrogen would be easy to understand. However, when subjected to high heat and pressure, the physics become devilishly complex. What we *do* know is that if you squeeze any element hard enough, it becomes a metal, allowing electrons to flow freely along its surface. When you try to do that to hydrogen, pairs of hydrogen atoms begin to assemble into complex solid arrangements rather than a metal.

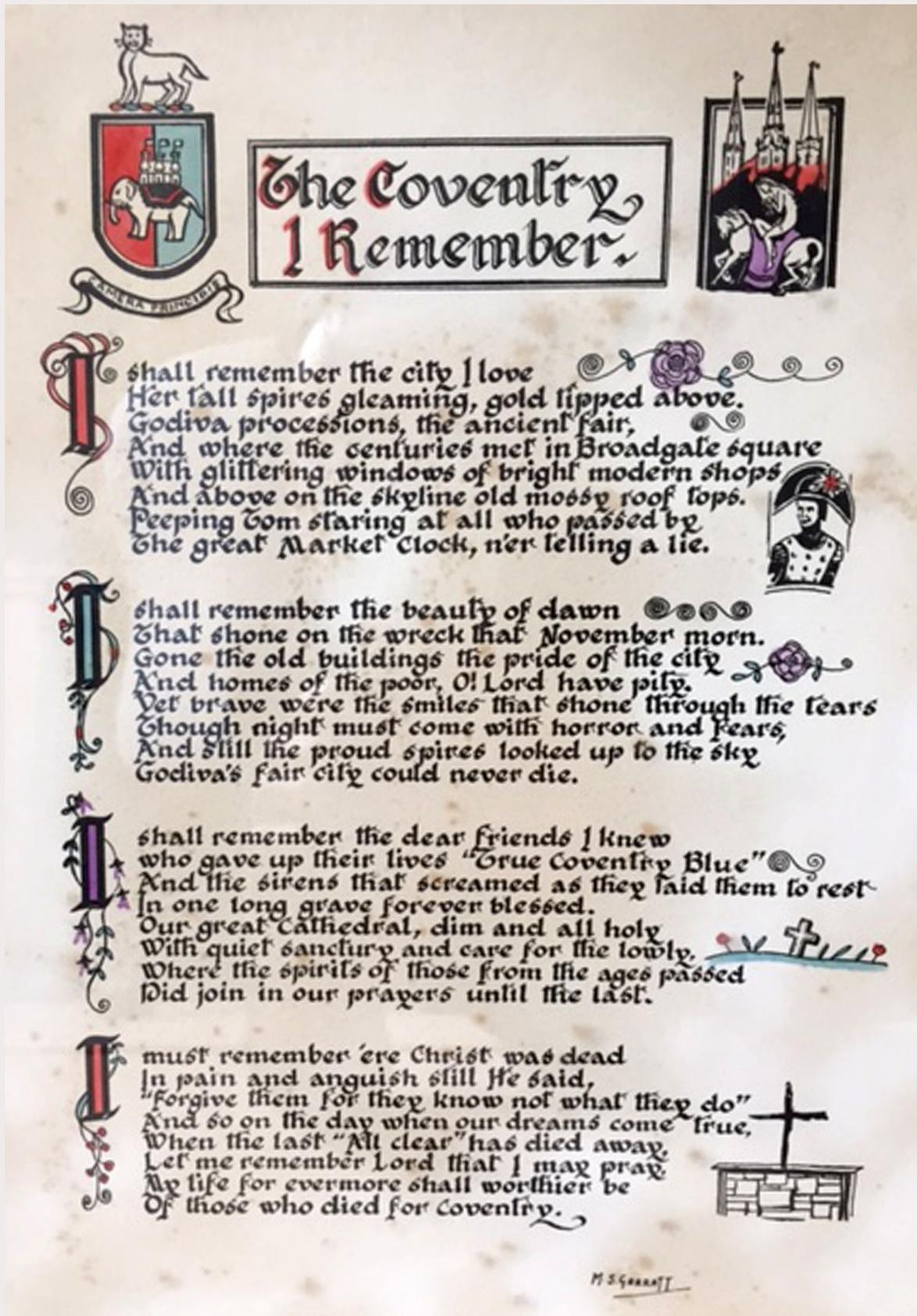
The hope is that eventually one of these techniques will result in the production of true metallic hydrogen. The oldest method, which still shows promise, is the diamond anvil. These small devices use two tapered diamonds to exert incredible pressure of more than a million atmospheres on a sample, in this case hydrogen. This is how researchers discovered a fourth phase of solid hydrogen in 2011. Alas, it was not metallic hydrogen.

Harvard scientists announced the creation of metallic hydrogen this past January, an achievement heralded as 'revolutionary' and a major breakthrough for technology. According to the Harvard researchers, the small sample that was created was being stored in preparation for tests that would be conducted to ensure the material was true metallic hydrogen. Tragically, what may have been the world's first piece of metallic hydrogen disappeared a month later. The machinery used to keep the sample stable malfunctioned, leaving no sign of the metal in its wake.

So we continue the quest....

Source: Extremetech.com & AP Press

Editor's Note: Below is a photo of the poem by M.S. Garratt, sent to Lady General Davine Roberts by Godiva cousin Peter Mansel Llewellyn, of the U.K. Many thanks to Mr. Llewellyn for forwarding this.



Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva



Virginia State Report

Marsha Masone

Duchess of Virginia

Madam Lady General:

This officer agreed to become Duchess of Virginia in late December 2016, when then Duchess Virginia Rouse was dealing with medical issues.

Three new members were added to the Society in 2016, bringing our total membership to 26.

Duchess Rouse had organized two meetings in 2016, one on February 6 to coincide with the Fairfax City Chocolate Lover's Festival and one on May 28 for a breakfast, followed by the 57th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tours. This officer organized a Spring meeting on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, March 25, 2017, at 8 Chains North Winery in Waterford, VA. After a very brief meeting, six adults participated in a wine and chocolate pairing tasting, while four children of members played in the sunshine and enjoyed the music provided by a singer and guitar player.

This officer had electronically polled all our Virginia members about how, where, and when to structure our meetings, as well as how to choose succeeding Dukes or Duchesses. Based on the responses received we plan:

- To limit the Duke or Duchess term to two years.

- No Duke or Duchess may serve two consecutive terms.

- A call will go out for volunteers near the end of each term of office.

- No election or voting will occur unless two people both wish the office. The current Duke or Duchess will simply appoint the incoming officer.

- Only one meeting a year shall be held, and it should be in the late summer or fall. This is because the National meeting in Washington, D.C., in the Spring is accessible to most of our members.

Several members said they preferred a meeting with some sort of activity involved – not just a luncheon. If a luncheon were to be scheduled, then the members would like a speaker at the function.

This officer continues to monitor and post information about the Society on the Virginia State Twitter account. It has been a pleasure to serve over the past four months.

Marsha Masone

Duchess of Virginia



Duchess Masone's Grandchildren at winery event: Clockwise from top left: Gia; Jillian, Joey, Luca.



Marsha Masone, Diane Mogard, and Bethany Harar at winery meeting.

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Jacksonville, Florida Chapter Report

B. Davine Moore Roberts

Duchess of Florida



The 4th Annual Florida Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva met on Friday, February 10, 2017, at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista Hotel in Orlando, FL. Our Florida membership is currently at 55 members.

We welcomed one of our Chicago members, Ann Wilkerson. Ann was visiting Orlando, and it was good to get to see her at our Florida meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and related a few facts about their gateway ancestors.

Our guest speaker was one of our Florida members, Rhoda Garcia, and she spoke on "The New Netherlands Colony and the American Character." It was interesting to learn so much about the first Dutch who settled in New York.

Laura Allen read our Lady Godiva poem which was written by another Florida member, our Poet Laureate Dianne Boren. Reading of this poem has become part of our ritual.

We feel privileged to have had the same meeting accommodations as we have had for the past three years, and thank you, Founding Members Beth Wilson and Lila Sandstrom, for arranging the free meeting room. I was able to attend six different lineage group meetings over the three-day weekend, so this seems to be an excellent arrangement for us in Florida. We enjoyed the free manager's reception from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Members are looking forward to our next meeting on February 9, 2018.

B. Davine Roberts

Duchess of Florida

Founding Lady General



Above: Seated: Victoria Spurlin, Rhoda Garcia, Pat deRobertis, Baroness General Cathy Sopher.

Standing: Teresa Bennett, Sue Bratton, Jenny Merline, Ann Wilkerson, Beverly Gentry, Laura Allen, Elizabeth Kortum, Virginia Fettes, Nansea Miller, Founding Lady General Davine Roberts, Lois Swan. Not pictured, but in attendance: Auditor Chairman Jean Mann and Virginia Davis.



Hereditary Society Community Honors

SDLG Genealogist General Tracy Crocker

At the 2017 annual meeting of the Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America, in Washington D.C., the Society paid tribute to SDLG Genealogist General Tracy Crocker. Following is the text of the presentation on Tracy.

Congratulations Tracy!

Tracy Crocker



Tracy is a native of the Finger Lakes region of New York State. A proud father of a son Tracy Jr, a daughter Carolynn, grand-daughter Nicole, and is lucky to have a loving wife Joyce. He is the son of Glyndon H. Crocker, Jr. and Florence Lucille Ashley.

After graduation from college, he pursued a fruitful career in the retail department store arena throughout the United States. Now retired after 30 years as retail executive and past Vice President of Liberty House, a major specialty department store in Hawaii, he is pursuing many interests. Throughout his career, he traveled extensively to Europe, Asia and the American markets, where he was responsible for the fashion merchandise for several major department stores.

Prior and since retirement, has been eminently involved in several of the major genealogical Societies and Orders in the United States:

Tracy is currently the Genealogist and Keeper of the Rolls for the Baronial Order of Magna Charta and holds the same offices for The Military Order of the Crusades. Concurrently he is Registrar General of the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, and acted as interim Genealogist General at the passing of Timothy Beard. He is Genealogist General of the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva. He is past President of the Thomas Rogers Society and is currently their Genealogist as well as past Genealogist for Sons of the Revolution New York, Genealogist Society War of 1812 New York, and Historian for the Mayflower Society Hawaii. He serves on the board of the Society Mayflower Descendants of Minnesota and serves on the Board of Managers for the Sons of the Revolution Society in Minnesota. He was a founding Member of the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty.

Society Memberships

<u>Society Name</u>	<u>Highest Office Held</u>
<u>Baronial Order of Magna Charta</u>	Genealogist and Keeper of the Rolls
<u>Military Order of the Crusades</u>	Genealogist and Keeper of the Rolls
<u>Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, USA</u>	Registrar General and past interim Genealogist General
<u>Society Descendants of Lady Godiva</u>	Genealogist General
<u>Thomas Rogers Society</u>	Past President and Current Genealogist
<u>Sons of the Revolution, NY</u>	Past Genealogist
<u>Military Order Society War 1812, NY</u>	Past Genealogist
<u>Society Mayflower Descendants, HI</u>	Historian
<u>Sons of the Revolution, MN</u>	Board of Managers
<u>Society Mayflower Descendants, MN</u>	Board
<u>Order of the Merovingian Dynasty</u>	Founder and past Registrar General

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Additional Memberships

Order Founders and Patriots in America

Order of Descendants of Colonial Cavaliers

Jamestowne Society

General Society of Colonial Wars

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

National Society Sons of the Revolution

Veteran Corps of Artillery, NY

Order Americans of Armorial Ancestry

General Society Mayflower Descendants

Order Colonial Lords of Manor

Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors

Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York

National Society Americans of Royal Descent

Venerable Order of Saint Louis

Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench
and
Bar

John Howland Society

William White Society

Order First Families of Connecticut

Order First Families of Vermont

First Families of New Hampshire

Colonial Order of the Crown

Sovereign Colonial Society Americans of Royal Descent

National Society of Descendants of Textile Workers

Flagon and Trencher

National Gavel Society

Authorships

“Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the USA-Verified Lineages to Gateway Ancestors that have Proven Pedigrees to Charlemagne” 2009

Thomas Rogers Descendants, Sixth and Seventh Generation Project

“Lineage(s) of: Merovee (Merovech) Founder of the Mero-

vingian Dynasty”

Duane E. Love Genealogy

J. Quinn Bradlee Genealogy

“A Tribute to the Death and Legacy of Charlemagne 814-2014”

Crocker ~ Ashley Genealogy

Dianne Irving Nutwell Genealogy

Ford-Gunderson Genealogy

Bruce Genealogy

Produced numerous Rosters for several different genealogical groups

Listed In (Publications)

“A Crocker Genealogy” Andrea Leonard

“Wordens Past” Worden Family

“Babe & the Kid” Charlie Poekel

“Coberly Connections, Pilgrims, Patriots, Presidents” Daniel L. Coberly

Other Notes

Tracy is a qualified genealogist who has done extensive documented research for many individuals throughout the U.S. He has been instrumental in developing genealogical computer application forms for over 35 different organizations. He has developed and has maintained numerous genealogical websites. Tracy was awarded the “Timothy Field Beard recognition for outstanding contribution to Medieval Royal and Noble Genealogy.”

In his spare time from genealogy, Tracy is an active member of Rotary International and has been recognized four times as a Paul Harris Fellow. He serves on the Board of Business and Estates Advisers, Inc, Wayzata, MN. Additionally Tracy attempts to play golf six times a week until the snow flies in Minnesota, and is a serious sports fan.



Tracy Crocker at the Hereditary Society Community Event.

Let's Play Grinnell's Godiva Gateways Game!

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Once again, we thank David Grinnell, who crafted this engrossing word-search table with a Godiva theme.

Circle as many of the Godiva Gateway names, in the table above, that appear in the word list to the right.

(Answer Key appears on p. 26.)

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BATTE	EDGEWORTH	LUDLOW	THROCKMORTON
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BERNARD	ETTONHEAD	LYNDE	VEATCH
BLAKISTON	FARRAR	MALLORY	VEITCH
BLOUNT	FILMER	MANWARING	WALLER
BOLLES	FOLIOTT	MARBURY	WARREN
BOTYELER	FOULKE	MAULEVERER	WASHBOURNE
BRESSEY	FOWKE	NEWBERRY	WELBY
BROWNE	GODDARD	OWEN	WENTWORTH
BULKELEY	GYE	OWSLEY	WEST
BULL	HARRIS	PARKER	WORDEN
BUTLER	HAWES	PEYTON	WYATT
CARLETON	HUMPHREY	PROUTY	YALE
CHETWODE	HUTCHINSON	RANDOLPH	
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Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva

MEMORANDUM TO THOSE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A SOCIETY OF DESCENDANTS OF LADY GODIVA SCHOLARSHIP

The Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva is sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship to a student who is attending an accredited four-year college or university or an accredited community college. The student must be enrolled in college full time and have a 3.0 GPA or above. The student must submit an acceptance letter from their college of choice if they will be a freshman in September, an official transcript of grades of previous year from school attended, two letters of references, a social security number, and a letter telling of his/her aims and ambitions.

The Scholarship Chairman and Committee Members will furnish applications upon request. The application must be completed fully and returned with all of the requirements by **November 1, 2017** to the address below. **The criteria for awarding the scholarship are need, academic merit, extracurricular participation and community service.** The winner of the scholarship will be announced by **December 1, 2017**. The \$500.00 scholarship will be sent directly to the winning student's college.

If you know someone who is eligible for the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva scholarship, please have them contact the Scholarship Committee Members for an application:

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Lady Godiva Scholarship Donations

As you know, we are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit society, and this is helping our Godiva Scholarship grow. We have scholarship donations at three levels. Since March, we have had scholarship donations in the amount of \$327.00.

Gold Level - \$500 and above: None

Silver Level - \$100-\$499 - None

Purple Level - Up to \$99: Suzanne Bass, Teresa Bennett, Dick Jordan, Elizabeth Kortum, Tamera Mouliere, and Lois Swan.

Thank you letters have been written and sent to these members, recognizing their donations. They may use the letter for their income tax nonprofit contribution purposes. We will continue to recognize the donations we receive.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Browne



One of many Godiva-themed cartoons in the Hagar the Horrible series, by Dik and Chris Browne.

Check out the website at:
<http://hagarthehorrible.com>

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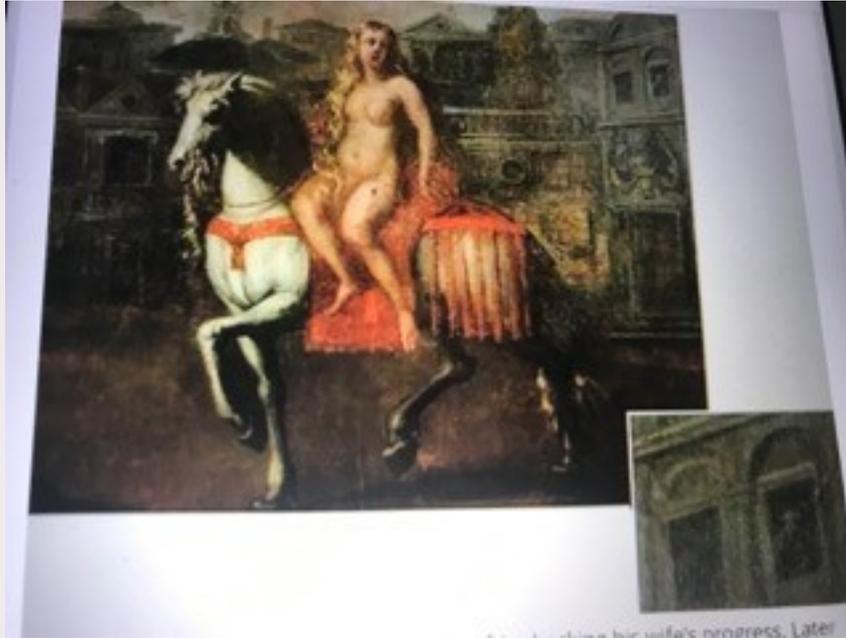
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Musings of the Master of the Horse, Dick Jordan

Editor's Note: Thanks again to our Master of the Horse for his whimsical take on history. Here, Dick reviews the basic Lady Godiva legend, which we certainly all wish were true. Dick focuses on the human nature angle of the story.

LADY GODIVA AND THE RIDE FOR TITHES (TAXES)



The painting above (by Adam van Noort, 16th Century) depicts Lady Godiva in one of the many poses she may have been in during her famous ride through the streets of Coventry. As all of us SDLG members know, the purpose of this legendary ride has been purported to be based on her husband Leofric's insolence regarding over-taxing the local inhabitants in his area of influence. Lady Godiva, after many attempts to persuade him to reduce the taxes, wore Leofric out and got an ultimatum: I'll reduce taxes if you will ride through the streets of Coventry naked. And Godiva agreed. Obviously, Leofric, Earl of Mercia, did not really take her determination seriously. In fact, he, as most men would do, instructed her, nicely, to take any action she deemed appropriate. Basing that statement on history even up to present day standards, very few ladies (women) listen to the wisdom of the man speaking. **[Editor's Note: Master Jordan, you are on your own...]**

It has been rumored that her husband relayed to his staff to insure all citizens of Coventry were not allowed to open their eyes as Lady Godiva rode through the town of Coventry. Those that violated this directive would receive harsh punishment. According to history, someone on that historic day did open his/her eyes and "peeked" to get a glimpse of the drop-dead gorgeous horse and the Lady mounted atop. To this day folks still refer to anyone who is caught in this unforgivable act as a "Peeping Tom."

This brings me to the crux of this phenomenon. Over the ages, folks have debated the origin of the tag "Peeping Tom." "Peeping Tom" probably did not originate in literature, but came about through popular lore in the locality of Coventry. Reference by 17th chroniclers has been claimed by Marina Warner in an article published on 10 July 1982 in THE TIMES, "When Godiva sneaked and Tom peeped." However, all of the published accounts are 18th Century or later. Many historians, over the years, have made many attempts to discredit "Peeping Tom" as originating from the Lady Godiva EXPOSE ride. However, the name, "TOM," may have come from a historian named Tom Pennant in his "Journey from Chester to London." He is among many that have commented on the ride and mentioned the "Peeping Tom" incident of the ride. Mr. Pennant recounted how "the curiosity of a

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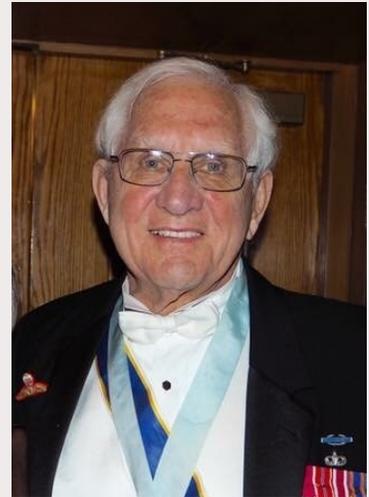
certain taylor [tailor] overcoming his fear, took a single peep.” Further proof of a “Peeping Tom” appearing first in Lady Godiva’s ride may be found in the official annals dating back to 11 June 1773. In that year, a document appeared in Coventry which describes a new wig and paint for the wooden effigy which was the statue of a man(?) looking out a window [see inset to picture, p. 19] overlooking the ride of Lady Godiva. This element of the legend is unlikely: Why would a simple tailor be in such a prestige location as where the man in the window is standing?

I, as the Master of the Horse, state that the man in the window is Leofric, her husband. I base my findings for two reasons: 1. He has a vested interest in the safety of Lady Godiva during this ride to insure no harm is done to his lovely wife. 2. No man, intelligent or not, would risk his life just to see a beautiful naked lady riding a horse or whatever down the main street of a town.

In closing, I invite you to Google “Lady Godiva,” and in particular see Wikipedia. Scan down the pages, Peeping Tom will be discussed in detail.

Dick Jordan

Master of the Horse



Master of the Horse, Dick Jordan



Poster for the movie *Lady Godiva* (1955), starring Maureen O'Hara.

SDLG STORIES: CHRISTOPHER W. MOBERG

Editor's Note: Continuing our goal of learning from SDLG members, in their own words, regarding their genealogy research, or other topics they believe are important, below is a very good article by Chris Moberg. We appreciate Chris's sharing his story.

Please consider providing an article in a future Gazette. Thank you.

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Finding Hope in the Midst of Grief

Through Working on your Family History

At the end of March in 2012, my mother, Gwendolyn Swann Moberg, was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer and told that she would have only 5 to 7 months left to live. This news was completely unexpected, and our whole family was in shock. How would we handle this crisis?

We wanted to spend as much time with her as we could. Unfortunately, we live ten hours away, so we could only visit her once a month. We talked on the phone daily, but it was hard not to fall into despair, since our conversations were mostly about chemotherapy treatments. At best, the treatments were expected to give her an extra month or two. Then, we began talking about family history.

I had always been interested in family history – saving old letters and writing down stories from my grandparents. I had kept the hand-written family tree that my mother had made for me when I was a child, which included several generations. There were also several unverified family stories – we were descendants of a governor of Maryland, Civil War and Revolutionary War soldiers, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the Count de Chamar of France. Were any of these stories true? There wasn't much time to find out.

I started working daily with my mother on family history. Our first priority was to join the Daughters of the American Revolution. According to my mother, there were three options. The first option was to prove descent from William Whipple, the signer of the Declaration of Independence. The second option was to prove a connection to a great-aunt who was the president of the DAR chapter in Washington D.C. The final option was to use the information on a DAR insignia that my mother had inherited from a different great-aunt. It was engraved with "Adelia Osburn Bukey 100549 Lieut. John Chew."

I contacted my local DAR chapter, and we started exploring the options. Ever since we were children, my grandmother had told us that we were descendants of William Whipple, signer of the Declaration of Independence. We all believed it, and as adults we all wore our Declaration of Independence shirts on the Fourth of July, proudly pointing out the signature of William Whipple. As I began to investigate this story, I quickly found out that William Whipple's only child died in infancy. Moreover, our Whipple line is completely sepa-



Chris Moberg with his parents during their last summer together (2012). Left to right: Gwen Moberg, Bob Moberg and Chris, who is wearing the shirt mentioned in this article.

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rate from the Whipple line that includes William Whipple. The first option was a dead end, and to make it worse, I had to break the bad news to my family.

The second option was the great-aunt who was the DAR chapter president. An online search using her husband's name revealed that Mrs. Henry G. Clay had been the president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter in Washington D.C., not the DAR chapter. While this was a dead end for DAR membership, it opened up an option for joining the UDC. I immediately contacted the UDC headquarters and began pursuing membership for my mother.

We were down to the final DAR option. Using the member name and national number on the DAR insignia, I obtained a copy of the original application showing the accepted lineage to John Chew. With some help from the local DAR, I was able to obtain all of the necessary proofs to prove the lineage from my mother to her great-aunt, and we submitted the application.

From there, things started moving quickly. I had kept all of the letters my grandmother had sent me, and I searched through them and found the names of several Civil War ancestors. I contacted the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and while several names did not pan out, we were able to prove descent from Captain John Whipple and his service record. I entered the hand-written family tree information from my mother into ancestry.com and slowly worked the tree back several generations. I contacted distant relatives, purchased books, and searched through scanned books on Google. I learned about the many hereditary societies, and as I found an ancestor that seemed to match the requirements of a society, I contacted them and worked with them to provide the necessary proofs.

My mother was fascinated with all of the discoveries: New England Women, War of 1812, Early Quakers, Jamestown Society, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, Huguenot Society, Pilgrims, and Daughters of the American Colonists. Every day, there was something new to talk about, but every day my mother was growing weaker. We were running out of time.

When we were working on the DAR application, it was the insignia of my mother's great-aunt that had done the best job of preserving valid family history, so I decided to purchase the insignia of each society that my mother joined and send them to her. In her final weeks, I arranged the insignia in a medal display case and presented it to her. The medals were arranged in chronological order, going back in time as you move clockwise. In the center, I placed the insignia of the society that had one of the most difficult hereditary requirements – the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. She really enjoyed the various insignia, but the DAR insignia was her favorite. Surprisingly, it was the UDC that she most regretted not having joined earlier. Several ladies from her local UDC chapter came out to visit her, and spent an entire afternoon talking with her on the front porch.

The chemotherapy did end up giving my mother a few extra months, but on New Year's Day, 2013, she passed away. In the nine months that we had to work on family history, I was able to prove descent from governors, Civil War ancestors, Revolutionary War ancestors, and much more. It was only after she had passed away that I found multiple gateway ancestors to the royal hereditary societies and proved that my great-grandfather was not the Count de Chamar of France. (He concocted fanciful stories and lived abroad to avoid

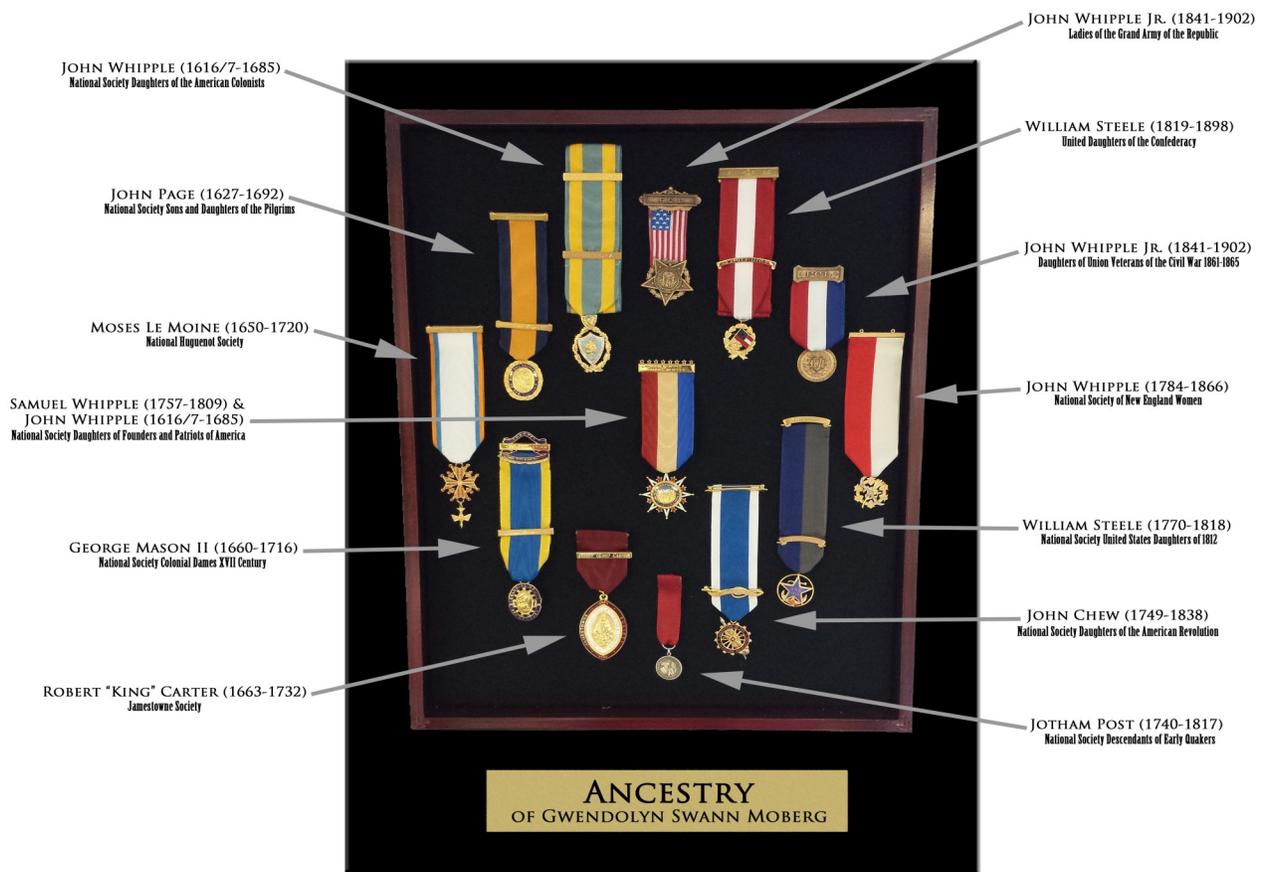
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paying child support.)

In a traumatic situation, when you are losing a loved one and the passage of time brings only more grief, it helps if you can find something to look forward to each day. For us, that hope came in the form of working on family history together. If you are reading this and find yourself in similar despair, it is my sincere desire that my story inspires you to look for hope in the midst of grief.

Chris Moberg



Insignia of organizations researched by Chris Moberg for his mother.

Minutes of the 2017 Meeting
Society of Descendants of
Lady Godiva

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: April 14, 2017

Army Navy Club, Washington, DC

The meeting was called to order at 3:41 p.m. after a delightful tea. The invocation was given by Prelate General Barbara Allison.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by First Lady in Waiting Ann Scott Garner, Maj, U.S. Army Ret.

Founding Lady General Roberts welcomed all to the annual meeting and recognized Godiva cousins and guests. She thanked Lord Marshal Dr. George Hill for being our sponsor of the meeting room, and our cousin Countess General Carla Whitehurst Odom for her generosity in lending her podium for our Convocation. She thanked Adornment Chairman Madeline Alworth for the beautiful Coventry Castles placed at each seat. Godiva Assorted Dessert Truffle Chocolates were inside each castle as an extra gift to take home.

The Objective of the Society of the Descendants of Lady Godiva was given by Second Lady in Waiting Sharon Stine.

Lord Marshal Hill read the motto of the Society.

The colors of the Society were read by Countess Carla Odom; and Prelate General Barbara Allison read the official flower colors of the Society.

Founding Lady General Roberts appointed First Lady in Waiting Garner, Countess Odom and Second Lady in Waiting Stine to review the meeting minutes.

Karen Janczy was introduced as being appointed to fill the office of Scribe General. Paulette Lollar was thanked for her service for the past three years.

Also recognized were Alchemist General, Organizing Duke of Maryland, and Webmaster Dr. Mark Young, Sr.; Poet Laureate Diane Boren; Minstrel Karen Hall; Marsha Masone, Duchess of Virginia; Councilor Virginia Rouse, Honorary Duchess of Virginia; and Councilor Laura Howell.

The institution of State Societies was explained, in that several states made the request to form state societies as their members would not be able to attend the annual meeting in Washington, DC. It was announced that there were now eleven (11) states either organized or in the process of being organized. The guidelines for a state society is that there be twelve (12) members.

Present and acknowledged were Suzanne Bass, Editor of the *Godiva Gazette*; Chatelaine Chairman Pat Gallagher; and Master of the Horse Dick Jordan.

National Presidents of other hereditary societies in attendance were introduced, as follows:

Ann Scott Garner, Governor General of the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars and Chief Justiciar, Order of the Descendants of the Justiciars.

Carla Whitehurst Odom, Governor General Plymouth Hereditary Societies and Founder, President, Founders Fellowship Society.

Charles "Chuck" Poland, President General, Order of Alba.

Lea Folsom, President General, General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

George Hill, First Families of New Hampshire.

The founding of two new societies were announced: Charles Poland announce the organization of the Order of the House of Wessex; and Sharon Stine announced the organization for the Descendants of Colonial Mothers.

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All other guests were greeted at their seats.

The 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed, approved and published in the *Godiva Gazette*.

Founding Lady General Roberts introduced our speaker, Christian E. Fearer, Historian for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mr. Fearer gave an interesting and entertaining account of George Washington's first military command: "*Loose, Idle, Ungovernable*": *The First Men to Follow George Washington into Battle and to War, 1754*. Rhoda Justice Garcia was thanked for recommending Mr. Fearer to speak at our tea today.

The Treasurer's report was provided at each table and will be filed and reported in the *Godiva Gazette*.

In the interest of time, Founding Lady General Roberts did not read her report and announced that it would be printed in the *Godiva Gazette*.

The report of the Registrar Genealogist General Tracy Crocker was read by Scribe Janczy.

The report of the Adornment Chairman Alworth was read by Scribe Janczy.

Master of the Horse Jordan, Charles Poland and Michael Swisher were asked to stand and explain the significance of their attire.

Medieval Heraldry Artist General Patsy Bass couldn't attend, but Editor Bass brought her notecards with the Coat of Arms for Godiva and Leofric.

Founding Lady General Roberts announced that we have a new Lady Godiva scholarship winner, Ariana Mouring, the sister of last year's winner. She offered congratulations to this academically-inclined young lady who has a wonderful ambition and aspires to attend MIT, and thanked the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship donations totaling \$625.00, and a format for the recognition of our donors has been set up for this purpose. Thank-you letters have been written and sent to members recognizing their donations. They may use the letter for their income tax non-profit contribution purposes. The Society will continue to recognize the donations in the *Godiva Gazette*. The donations go to support our scholarship funding.

Per the approved Annual 2016 Minute a \$1000 perpetual donation was made to the Hereditary Society Community. This donation assists in maintaining the web site at <http://www.hereditary.us/> which maintains an up to date wealth of information about all the lineage groups. The keeper of the website is Barry Howard, and he does an outstanding job!

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Poet Laureate Boren wrote a poem especially for the Society which was read by Chatelaine Chairman Gallagher

Minstrel Hall led the meeting in a rousing rendition of the Lady Godiva song, to the tune of "Lady Madonna" by the Beatles.

Founding Lady General Roberts thanked the decorating committee Madeline Alworth and Editor Bass; and announced that the Godiva Charter was still available for members.

Prelate Allison led the Society in our first Memorial Service, for Dr. Ellen Jayne Wheeler passed on July 19, 2016, and she will be remembered today. Ellen Jayne was the first member to join our society in Oklahoma, and she was instrumental in helping others become members.

Founding Lady General Roberts closed by thanking Lady Godiva for being our grandmother from many generations ago and for the room full of cousins.

Prelate Allison gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

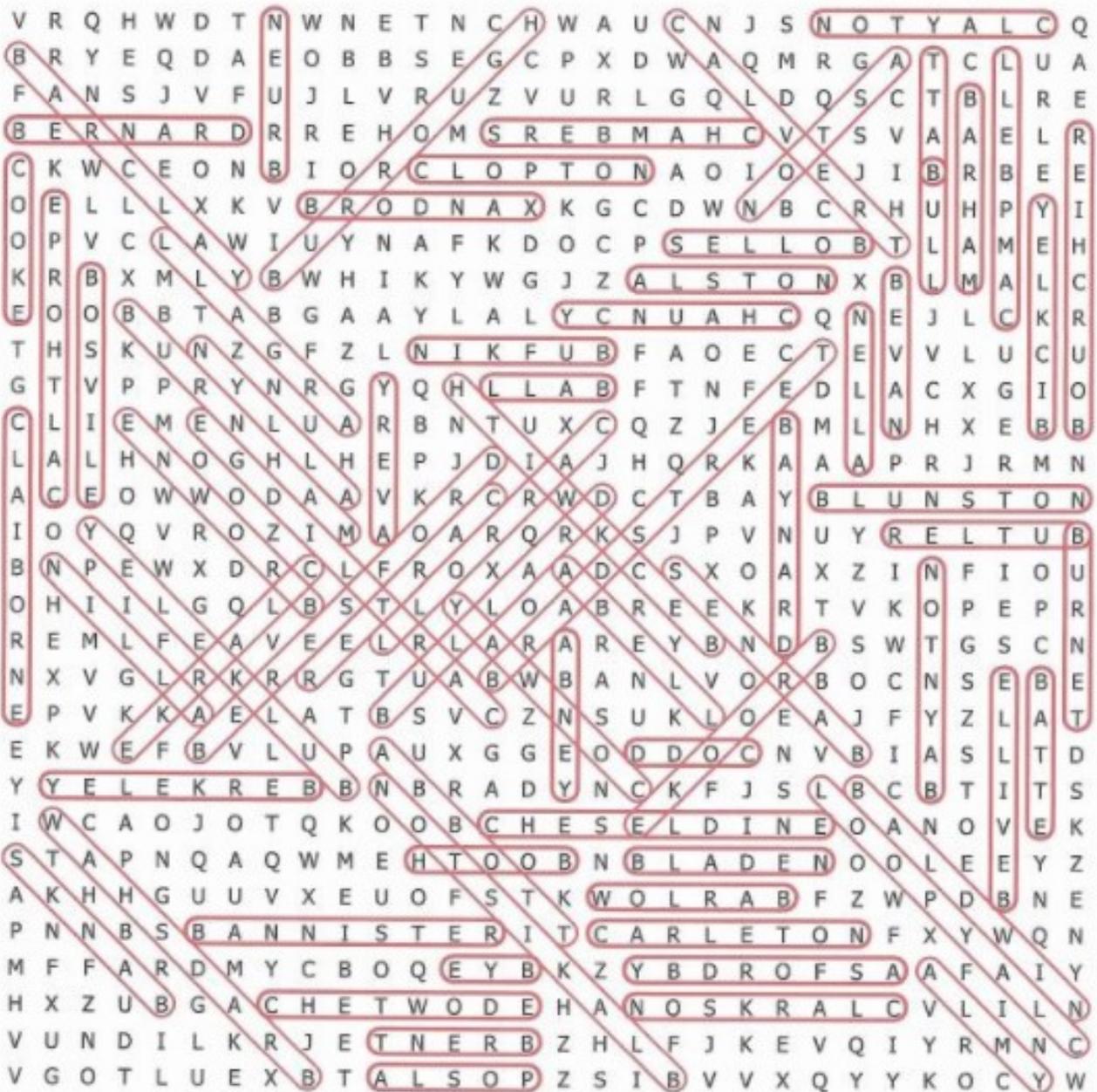
Karen Janczy, Scribe General

Grinnell's Godiva Gateways Game

Answer Key

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GATEWAYS TO LADY GODIVA





Dear Members of the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva,

I am offering these lovely black tote bags for sale. The bag has a deep outer zippered pocket and a smaller inside pocket. The outside of the bag is approximately 16" across the top by 12" high with a 5 1/2" by 10" base. The two straps are each 26" long. The Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva Insignia is embroidered on the front of the tote, not printed.

The bag is \$50 of which \$5 goes to the Lady Godiva Scholarship Fund. \$50.00

Postage —5.75

Total **\$55.75**

Make your **\$55.75** check payable to **Ann Williams Garner**.

Please send your order to:

Ann Williams Garner
 102 Preston Road SE
 Parrott, GA 39877-5202
 Email: awilli861@aol.com

Phone: (H) 229-623-5715; (Cell) 229-886-4219



Dear Members of the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva,

We are offering these lovely note cards for sale to help promote our Lady Godiva Scholarship. They were designed by our Founding Member Madeline Alworth, Adornment Chairman, and she will be handling the orders. The note cards have the Lady Godiva Insignia just as pictured above with a metallic silver border at the bottom. They are 5" X 3 ½", and each card comes with a white envelope. There are also other items for sale such as Lady Godiva Insignia stickers and address labels. They can be ordered as follows:

NOTE CARDS

Lady Godiva Note Cards with Insignia \$25.00 per dozen

STICKERS

1 inch Insignia Circle Stickers (63 per sheet) \$2.50 per sheet

1 ½ inch Square Insignia (24 per sheet) \$3.00 per sheet

2 inch White Gloss Stickers (12 on a sheet) \$3.00 per sheet

ADDRESS LABELS

1 inch X 2 5/8 inches Lady Godiva Insignia Address Labels (30 per sheet) \$3.00 per sheet

Postage on any or all of the above items plus \$3.00 postage

(Please include \$3.00 per each order of 12 notecards)

Circle the items you want to purchase, and make your check

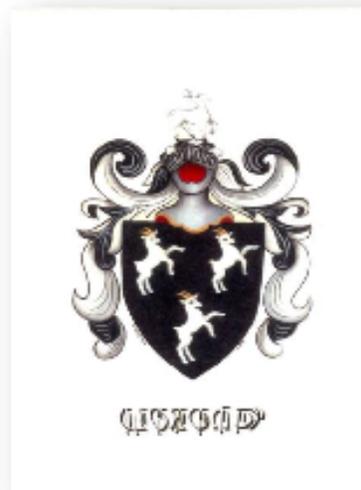
payable to **Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva**

Total _____

Please send your order to

Madeline Alworth, Adornment Chairman SDLG
505 Cumberland Rd.
Tyler, TX 75703-9325

Email: madeline@alworth.com Phone: (903) 581-7963



Dear Members of the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva,

We are offering these lovely Coats of Arms items as a fund raiser for our Lady Godiva Scholarship. They were designed and painted by our Founding Member Patsy Bass, Medieval Heritage Artist General, and she will be handling the orders. One is for the Kingdom of Mercia (now Coventry, England) where Godiva was born and lived with her husband Leofric, and the other is Thorold, for Lady Godiva and father's family name. They are printed on card stock from Patsy's original paintings and hand tinted by her. The note cards are the same as pictured above. They are 3 1/2", X 5" with a creased frame, and each card comes with a matching white envelope. The Coats of Arms ready for framing and the note cards can be ordered as follows:

NOTE CARDS

Lady Godiva Note Cards with Mercia and/or Thorold \$25.00 per dozen

COATS OF ARMS SUITABLE FOR FRAMING

Coats of Arms for Mercia and/or Thorold 8 1/2" X 11 \$20.00 each
 (If you wish to order another size, please contact Patsy.)

Postage on any or all of the above items **plus \$2.00 postage**

(Please include \$2.00 per each order of 12 notecards)

Circle the items you want to purchase, and make your check

payable to **Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva**

Total \$ _____

Please send your order to

Patsy Bass
 Medieval Heritage Artist General SDLG
 215 W. Second Street
 Tyler, TX 75701-3038

Email: patsyannbass@gmail.com Phone: (903) 593-9132



Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva

Insignia Order Form

Member Number _____ Date received: _____
 Recipient: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone and Email _____

The Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva is a 501c3 non-profit organization. In keeping with this status, all profits from insignia/pin sales will go to our Lady Godiva Scholarship Fund. Thank you for helping to support this worthy cause.

The Lady Godiva Large Insignia and the Lady Godiva Miniature Insignia are very versatile, as they may be worn any time or any place. The Miniature Insignia may be worn by all members with a 4" long, 3/4" wide purple satin ribbon at official meetings. It may also be worn as a lapel pin, pendant, or attached to a branch or a charm bracelet, at official meetings and elsewhere, by all members. The Large Insignia may be worn by all members, at official meetings and elsewhere, as a necklace on a chain or as a lapel pin. A 30" long, 2 1/2" wide purple satin ribbon is available for officers, council members, founding members and charter members, for wearing at official meetings. Officers should wear the 30" ribbon with the Large Insignia at meetings; council members, founding members and charter members may choose to wear the 30" ribbon with the Large Insignia at meetings.



Lady Godiva Large Insignia is 2" double plated die struck embossed soft enamel lapel pin/pendant with gold and silver plating with clear poly coating, safety pin back attachment, custom bail with approximately 1/4" opening centered above the safety pin. The royal purple color of the insignia is Pantone 254C – standard printer's color. The picture shown is lighter than the actual insignia and ribbon.

Lady Godiva Miniature Insignia is similar to the large insignia but is more round in shape and sized 3/4". It is a 3D full relief die struck embossed soft enamel lapel pin/pendant/charm with silver plating and clear poly coating, safety pin back attachment, and custom bail above the safety pin with extra ring for hanging if needed. Orders will be shipped in a bubble wrapped envelope. Please calculate the cost plus \$8 shipping charge for your total order.

Large Insignia	\$40	
30" Neck Ribbon	\$10	
Miniature Insignia	\$30	
Miniature with ribbon	\$40	
Shipping Charge	\$8	\$8.00

TOTAL _____

Please make checks payable to the **Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva**.

Please include the word **Insignia** on the memo line of your check.

Forward orders to:

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Founding Lady General SDLG
12567 Percy Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32218-2337

Any questions or concerns, please email DavineR@aol.com or call 904-766-6182.