



# The Godiva Gazette

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## The Norman Conquest: 950 Years Ago, Disaster For Godiva

As the United Kingdom prepares for the 950th anniversary of the conquest of England by Duke William of Normandy, it is interesting to pause and reflect on What Might Have Been, for Lady Godiva's family and for her Anglo-Saxon English countrymen.

On October 14, 1066, King Harold Godwinson of England (whose wife, Queen Ealdgyth, was Godiva's granddaughter) was defeated by William at the Battle of Hastings, resulting in the subjugation of the English by the victorious Normans. English

lands were handed over to Norman friends and allies of William; English landowners were stripped of most or all of their property.

Among the dispossessed was the family of Godiva, who was still alive in 1066. Her husband and son had died several years before, but her grandsons had succeeded to their father's possessions: Edwin as Earl of Mercia, Morcar as Earl of Northumbria. Post-Conquest, Edwin and Morcar (with some of the



Lady Godiva, by Ethel Mortlock (ca. 1900?)

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## The Lady General's Message

I am hoping this *Gazette* finds each of you having a good year in 2016. Time seems to be flying for me, and probably for you, also! It seems like only a few months ago we were getting ready for the winter issue of 2015, but it has been an entire year! When I think back I realize that many things have occurred within the last year, and a number of events have taken place since our summer newsletter. You will read about some of them in this newsletter.



Thank you, Sonya Easton, President of the Martha Reid 19 Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, for inviting me to bring greetings from the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva on November 14, 2015. This gave me the opportunity to tell those present (both men and women) about our wonderful society. This was the 120th Birthday Celebration Luncheon of the Martha Reid Chapter, which was held at the Florida Yacht Club overlooking the beautiful St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida. Sonya Eason is also the Chancellor of the Exchequer for SDLG. Dianne Boren, the Poet Laureate for SDLG, was also present.

The Lady General at the SDLG Jacksonville Chapter meeting

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## Lady General's Message, continued from p. 1

The Jacksonville, Florida Society Descendants of Lady Godiva had their Founding Meeting with a coffee and tea on November 21, 2015. A big thank you to our Historiographer General Anita Eastman for hosting this meeting at her home. You can read more about this and view pictures on p. 9 of this newsletter. I have had numerous emails and phone calls about other Godiva Societies being in different stages of organizing. Not all members can travel to Washington DC on a yearly basis to attend our national meetings, so they welcome a meeting closer to home in their state. There is no doubt about it, there is always fun when you get a group of Godiva descendants together! The next Jacksonville, Florida Godiva meeting will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

Since I had a prior commitment and could not attend the Fifty Fourth Annual Patriot's Ball of the Maryland Sons of the American Revolution, I asked Duke of Maryland Dr. Mark Young, Sr., our Royal Alchemist, to attend and represent our society. He graciously accepted the invitation and an article with pictures is on p. 7 of this newsletter. His lovely wife Alice attended with him. Thank you, Mark, for attending the ball and representing our society. I am sure you made us proud!

The Virginia State Society Duchess Virginia Rouse has announced that Virginia will have their first annual gathering on February 6, 2016, to coincide with the Fairfax City Chocolate Lovers Festival in the heart of Old Town Fairfax, VA. The Festival is quite an event and she hopes everyone will enjoy the tastings. They have invited prospective members as well as spouses, and all are welcome. The meeting will be at the home of Marsha Masone, 13617 Bluestone Court, Clifton, Virginia. The full invitation is in this newsletter, p. 14. If you can attend, please let Virginia know. Virginia also represented SDLG proudly in October at the Prince William Resolve Gala, dressed as Lady Godiva! See p. 13.

The Third Annual Florida State Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva will be held next month, on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, at 4:00 p.m. in the Seminole Room. All Society members are invited to attend. Please bring guests who you think may be eligible for membership. A separate invitation was sent to all members earlier this month, and is reprinted in this newsletter, p. 10.

Our membership is continuing to grow, and we are looking forward to another successful annual meeting. We had an informal Organizing Meeting in 2013, Founding Meeting in 2014, Chartering Meeting in 2015, and now we are having our Fourth Annual Meeting in 2016. **Please mark your calendar for the 2016 Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva in Washington, DC. This Annual Tea will be held on April 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the John Paul Jones Room at the Army and Navy Club, 901 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20006.** Please invite guests if you wish to do so. A separate invitation will be sent later.

A big thank you to those who submitted articles for the *Gazette*, as we certainly enjoy reading about what our members are doing in their lives, travels and in the Godiva societies. Please remember that this is a standing invitation for you to continue submitting article as this makes for an interesting newsletter. My thanks to *Godiva Gazette* Editor Suzanne Bass and Co-editor Melissa Fischer, who always work very hard to bring you the most informative *Gazettes* possible, but they depend on you, the members, to submit articles.

Please visit our web site at <http://societyofdescendantsofladygodiva.com>, which contains all the back issues of the *Godiva Gazette* and a list of the current qualifying ancestors. Here is wishing for you and yours to have a very safe year with good health.

*“Good Judgment, Good Spirit, and Good Character Generate Happiness with  
Reward through Membership and Service”*

Yours in SDLG,

B. Davine Moore Roberts



Left to Right: Sonya Eason (SDLG member and President of the Martha Reid Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy) Founding Lady General Davine Roberts, and Dianne Boren (SDLG member and Ex-President of the Martha Reid Chapter)

## Norman Conquest Remembered

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The Battle of Hastings and death of King Harold (center, on brown horse), Bayeux Tapestry (ca. 1090?)

wiliness of their grandfather, Leofric) worked to overthrow the new regime, while periodically pledging loyalty to William. Eventually, both were imprisoned and their lands taken away. Edwin died in 1068, Morcar many years later. They never regained their power or property. Their sister Queen Ealdgyth, the widow of defeated King Harold, disappeared from history after 1066. The aging Godiva apparently was allowed to keep at least some of her property, but it is unlikely that this situation would have lasted. She died in 1067.

Edwin and Morcar were two of the most powerful English lords in the land before the Norman takeover; they might have played a role in the continuing greatness of England, which in the eleventh century had been a cultured civilization for hundreds of years. Queen Ealdgyth (who in 1066 had only recently married Harold) might have been the matriarch of a long line of native English kings. But it was not to be. The fate of Godiva's family mirrored that of most English lords, and even many smaller property owners. The spoils of war went to the victors; the losers faded away. We, the SDLG, descend from the losers, but of course the conquering Normans are also our ancestors.

Recently a new hereditary society has formed to commemorate 1066. The Order of the Norman Conquest was founded June 15, 2013 to perpetuate the memories and accomplishments of the principal figures who took part in the Norman invasion of England — the primary individuals being William I (the Conqueror King of England) and those companions who supported him. Members are lineal descendants of the King and those companions. The Order also collects and secures for preservation historical/genealogical research, documents, lineages and other significant data related to the events leading to and following the Norman Conquest.\*

From our perspective, 950 years later, the Conquest is turning point in English history and a part of our heritage (from both the winning and losing sides). After 1066, England would never again be conquered; it could forge ahead, with the talents of both victors and vanquished, and become a powerful nation. Yet centuries would pass before the Norman and Anglo-Saxon inhabitants of England truly were one people, with one language (English, enlivened with many Norman French words). In the eleventh century (and the twelfth, and thirteenth) the Anglo-Saxons could only view the Conquest as a tragedy. For Godiva and her family, and for all Englishmen of her time, the bitterness of defeat followed them to the grave.



The Battle of Hastings, by Francois Hippolyte Debon (19th Century)

\* The Order of the Norman Conquest (ONC) website is: [www.normanconquest1066.org](http://www.normanconquest1066.org)

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**A Natural Panacea** January 2016

One of the goals in Alchemy is the creation of panaceas which are able to cure any disease. The wisdom of our universe has taught us that perhaps there is no “one perfect panacea” or elixir, yet our world and our environment offers a multitude of them, which are best served in synergy with each other. On a spiritual side, I truly believe that our maker has provided a cure for every disease we encounter, if we simply understand and know where to look for it. You've heard so much about the travesty and the continual loss of the rain forests, which is one of the major places, and in some cases, the only place on earth that so many of these medicinal plants are found. My Native American ancestors, much like all of the other older civilizations, had a vast knowledge of herbal and earthly remedies, that we as a modern society have still failed to totally embrace. One of my life passions would be to collect and preserve that ancient knowledge and bring it to the forefront of modern medicine.

I shall endeavor to share with all who dwell within our kingdom, simple naturalistic remedies or panaceas for ailments. Understand I am not a physician, but merely a servant of her majesty, who wishes only to suggest some natural relief for common ailments. One such panacea is Tea Tree Oil.

**Tea Tree Oil Benefits**

Tea tree, also known as melaleuca, is well-known for its powerful antiseptic properties and ability to treat wounds. Tea tree oil (TTO), the volatile essential oil derived mainly from the Australian native plant *Melaleuca alternifolia* has been widely used throughout Australia for at least the past 544 years. And for over seven decades, it's been documented in numerous medical studies to kill many strains of bacteria, viruses and fungi.

Tea tree oil uses are numerous: making homemade cleaning products, diffusing it in the air to kill mold, applying it topically to heal skin issues and taking it internally to treat viral infections. It's becoming an increasingly popular active ingredient in a variety of household and cosmetic products, including face wash, shampoos, massage oils, skin and nail creams and laundry detergents. Tea tree's natural antiseptic and anti-inflammatory actions make it an essential oil that should truly be part of everyone's natural medicine cabinet.

While records show that tea tree has been used for thousands of years by some indigenous people, thankfully today science is finally catching up and describing why tea tree oil is so effective. To date, over 327 scientific studies refer to tea tree oil's antimicrobial prowess alone.

Some of the many traditional uses for tea tree include healing:

- Acne
- Bacterial infections
- Chickenpox
- Cold sores
- Congestion and respiratory tract infections
- Earaches
- Fungal infections (especially Candida, jock itch, athlete's foot and toenail fungus)
- Halitosis (bad breath)
- Head lice
- MRSA
- Psoriasis

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Dr. Mark E. Young, Sr.

## Royal Alchemist Report, cont'd from p. 4

Dry cuticles

Itchy insect bites, sores and sunburns

Boils from staph infections

And this list doesn't even include the many household uses of tea tree oil that can replace store-bought products in your cabinets:

Anti-microbial laundry freshener

Insect repellent

Natural deodorant

Acne face wash

Removes foot odor

Removes mold

Household cleaner

In many cases, doctors of functional medicine will prescribe essential oils like tea tree oil and oregano oil in replacement of conventional medications because they're just as effective and without the adverse side effects. An article published in the *Journal of Phytomedicine* evaluated the relationship between various essential oils and found that none (including tea tree) caused adverse reactions when taken with several different antibiotics. In fact, they discovered that some essential oils even had a positive synergistic effect, meaning they could help prevent antibiotic resistance from developing!

(Source: <http://draxe.com/tea-tree-oil-uses-benefits/> )

## Webmaster Report

Spread the word.... about our website: [www.SOCIETYOFDESCENDANTSOFLADYGODIVA.COM](http://www.SOCIETYOFDESCENDANTSOFLADYGODIVA.COM) The site includes brief historical information about our ancestor, Lady Godiva, information about us as a society, how to apply for membership, and a basic contact form. I've also included links to all of the Gazettes, a link to our Facebook page, a link to our "Membership Request" form. All of our current officers, the Royal Court, and the "Gateway Ancestors" are listed.

## SDLG Member Moves Forward!



Staci-Jill Burnley

Staci-Jill Burnley graduated from the Department of Defense Information School's Public Affairs Qualification Course at Fort Meade, Maryland in September and was awarded the Distinguished Honor Graduate title. The Defense Information School fulfills the Department of Defense's need for an internal corps of professional journalists, broadcasters, and public affairs professionals. Members from all branches of the U.S. military, DoD civilians and international military personnel attend the school for training in public affairs, print journalism, photojournalism, photography, television and radio broadcasting, lithography, equipment maintenance and various forms of multimedia. Staci-Jill is employed by the Department of the Army as a Public Affairs Officer and is currently assigned to Washington, D.C.

## Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva



### Alabama State Society Report

It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of the organizing of this Society. Soon after the applications started coming in, Maureen McGowan-Singer invited me to help by keeping an Excel list of members and generations. It was a challenge to learn how to work with the ancestors from Wales, but having the right sources is the key to separating Brewes/Braose lineage.

In my wildest dreams I never thought I would come close to the title of Duchess. The State of Alabama has a total of fifteen members, just getting started. We plan to meet for a luncheon meeting during the holidays as some have other commitments. It is a fun group of men and women.

I want to share with you a recent visit I had the privilege to make. My daughter and I drove to Luling, Louisiana for a wedding, and information of a new member of SDLG had been sent to me by Lady General Davine Roberts the week before. I changed my route to drive home to include Mobile, AL and made arrangements to visit him for maybe fifteen minutes. Our visit lasted about one hour. Charles Owen Johnson, Esq. was a wonderful host, entertained us with his genealogy, important events and history.

The walls in his apartment are lined with certificates of recognition, portraits of family and lineage charts. He is an avid book collector of history and genealogy. He is also the author of several books. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and Federal Bar Association. He served his country during the Korean conflict 1950-1952.

As he talks with you, you are aware of his keen interest in Hereditary Societies. He has membership in at least fifty-five societies and at least six are First Families. Now you know why our fifteen minutes turned into an hour. My daughter, Karen, and I were reluctant to leave but it was time to have dinner. A certificate was presented to him as the Oldest Alabama Member (he is eighty-nine). We are delighted to welcome him as our newest member.

Oma Hill Gaines, Duchess  
Alabama Society SDLG  
November 15, 2015



Duchess Oma Hill Gaines and new SDLG member Charles Owen Johnson, Esq.

## Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva



### Duke of Maryland's Report

In an effort to continue to grow our society, Davine and I would like to ask each of you about friends and family members who would qualify for membership in SDLG, and extend them an invitation to join. I am sure that each of the potential State Chapters share my sentiment, that we would appreciate your notifying us if they reside within our state. I personally fully intend to collectively ramp up our efforts in establishing our Maryland State Chapter this year!

**SDLG Maryland  
Duke and Wife  
spread the word at  
54th Annual Patriot  
Ball.**



Colonial Dancers, Debutantes

At the behest of our Lady General, B. Davine Roberts, Dr. Mark E. Young, Sr., and his lovely wife, Mrs. Alice Kraus Young, represented our Society at the 54th Annual Patriot's Ball on December 19, 2015, at the beautiful Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland. The Ball was sponsored by the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution and by the Maryland Hereditary Societies, all of which Dr. Young is a member of.



The Youngs at Patriot Ball

Our Society was recognized as the newest society in attendance and honored to be the first in the formal procession line to be introduced and to greet the debutantes and their escorts presented that evening. The food and fellowship enjoyed that evening was excellent and many of the SAR members wore their colonial militia uniforms and their wives wore lovely colonial ball gowns to match. We encourage you all to attend this event next year.



Pomp and ceremony

# "LADY GODIVA"

by Karen Kurth Hall

(Sing to the music of "Lady Madonna" by the Beatles)

## Verse 1

Lady Godiva, children at your feet  
Wonder how you manage to make ends meet  
Leofric wants money? Vassals pay the rent?  
Does he think that money is Heaven sent?

## Chorus

Friday night arrives without a suitcase  
Sunday morning creeps in like a nun  
Monday's child has learned to tie his bootlace  
See how they run

## Verse 2

Oh poor peasants, babies at their breast  
Wonder how they manage to feed the rest  
Leofric has challenged you to take a ride  
Will you take the bait and be Conventry's best

## Chorus

Friday night arrives without a suitcase  
Sunday morning creeps in like a nun  
Monday's child has learned to tie his bootlace  
See how they run

Lady Godiva, Moment of Decision, by Edmund Blair Leighton, 1892



## Verse 3

Lady Godiva, riding on your horse  
Leoric is going to change his course  
You've helped your people and they praise your name  
All but "Peeping" Tommy much to his shame.

## Chorus

Tuesday afternoon is never ending  
Wednesday morning papers didn't come  
Thursday night their stockings needed mending  
See how they run

Lady Godiva, children at your feet  
Wonder how Leofric will make ends meet.



Left to right: Prospective members Amy Ferarro and Linda Fay Younan; Historiographer General Anita Eastman, National Auditor Chairman Jean Mann, Charter Member Lois Swan, Poet Laureate Dianne Boren, Librarian General Abaca Dowling, Treasurer General Sonya Eason, and Founding Lady General Davine Roberts



## Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva

### Jacksonville, Florida Chapter Report

The Jacksonville, FL Chapter of the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva held their first meeting which was a Coffee and Tea on November 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the lovely home of Anita Eastman, our Historiographer General. Introductions were made, and there were seven members and two prospective members present. During the meeting, finger sandwiches, petit fours, nuts, a variety of sweets; and of course Godiva Chocolates were served. Good coffee and an array of worldly teas were offered.

Founding Lady General Davine Roberts brought members up to date with happenings at the state and national levels. Poet Laureate Dianne Boren recited the poem she wrote especially for the national society titled *The Legend of Lady Godiva*. (The words to Dianne's poem are printed on p. 15 of this newsletter.)



Poet Laureate Dianne Boren reads her poem

Anita Eastman shared the history book she is putting together for the society. Ky White's genealogy charts were displayed. It is exciting to see our ancestry laid out with their colorful Coats of Arms. Everyone had fun telling stories about their childhood, high school years, and dating experiences. Time flew by, and what we thought was going to be about a two-hour meeting turned into almost a four-hour meeting. Members are looking forward to the next annual meeting which is planned for Saturday, November 17, 2016, at the home of Charter Member Lois Swan. Thank you, Anita, for hosting this very fun meeting at your home.

B. Davine Moore Roberts

Jacksonville, Florida Chapter SDLG



## **Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva**

**Invites you to attend the  
Third Annual Florida State  
Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva Meeting at the**

**Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista Hotel  
8100 Lake Street, Orlando, FL 32836-6401  
Phone: 407-239-1144**

**on Friday, February 26, 2016  
at 4:00 p.m. in the Seminole Room  
followed by a free reception in the Atrium at 5:30 p.m.**

**Please bring friends who you think may be eligible to join.**

**Please RSVP to Davine Roberts at [DavineR@aol.com](mailto:DavineR@aol.com) if you  
plan to attend.**

## 2015 Godiva Scholarship Awarded

Our 2015 Godiva Scholarship recipient for our second \$500 scholarship is Samantha Mouring, the daughter of our Justiciar General Annelies Mouring. Samantha is a freshman attending Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, VA. Mary Baldwin College is a private liberal arts, master's-level university founded in 1842 by Rufus William Bailey as the Augusta Female Seminary. It is one of three women's colleges in Virginia. Learning experiences at Mary Baldwin are crafted to encourage the potential for leadership. Samantha is hoping to obtain a bachelor's degree in the field of her choice. Her dream job would be a commission in the U.S. Air Force as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner or as a Pediatric RN specializing in Psychology. She is a first year cadet in the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, on track to be commissioned with the United States Air Force. In the Mary Baldwin community, she is a student assistant in the Office of Information Technology and attends a lot of events held on campus. Outside of school, she is involved in many lineage organizations, three of them as a national officer. She loves many things; Disney, mainly *Frozen*, helping others, snow, traveling and making costumes. We wish Samantha the best life has to offer, and it seems she is on track to a very bright future.



Samantha Mouring

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# “GODIVA”

by Alfred Lord Tennyson, 1840

I waited for the train at Coventry;  
I hung with grooms and porters on the bridge,  
To watch the three tall spires; and there I shaped  
The city's ancient legend into this:  
Not only we, the latest seed of Time,  
New men, that in the flying of a wheel  
Cry down the past, not only we, that prate  
Of rights and wrongs, have loved the people well,  
And loathed to see them overtax'd; but she  
Did more, and underwent, and overcame,  
The woman of a thousand summers back,  
Godiva, wife to that grim Earl, who ruled  
In Coventry: for when he laid a tax  
Upon his town, and all the mothers brought  
Their children, clamoring, "If we pay, we starve!"  
She sought her lord, and found him, where he strode  
About the hall, among his dogs, alone,  
His beard a foot before him and his hair  
A yard behind. She told him of their tears,  
And pray'd him, "If they pay this tax, they starve."  
Whereat he stared, replying, half-amazed,  
"You would not let your little finger ache  
For such as these?" — "But I would die," said she.  
He laugh'd, and swore by Peter and by Paul;  
Then fillip'd at the diamond in her ear;  
"Oh ay, ay, ay, you talk!" — "Alas!" she said,  
"But prove me what I would not do."  
And from a heart as rough as Esau's hand,  
He answer'd, "Ride you naked thro' the town,  
And I repeal it;" and nodding, as in scorn,  
He parted, with great strides among his dogs.  
So left alone, the passions of her mind,  
As winds from all the compass shift and blow,  
Made war upon each other for an hour,  
Till pity won. She sent a herald forth,  
And bade him cry, with sound of trumpet, all  
The hard condition; but that she would loose  
The people: therefore, as they loved her well,  
From then till noon no foot should pace the street,  
No eye look down, she passing; but that all  
Should keep within, door shut, and window barr'd.

Then fled she to her inmost bower, and there  
Unclasp'd the wedded eagles of her belt,  
The grim Earl's gift; but ever at a breath  
She linger'd, looking like a summer moon  
Half-dipt in cloud: anon she shook her head,  
And shower'd the rippled ringlets to her knee;  
Unclad herself in haste; adown the stair  
Stole on; and, like a creeping sunbeam, slid  
From pillar unto pillar, until she reach'd  
The Gateway, there she found her palfrey trapt  
In purple blazon'd with armorial gold.  
Then she rode forth, clothed on with chastity:  
The deep air listen'd round her as she rode,  
And all the low wind hardly breathed for fear.  
The little wide-mouth'd heads upon the spout  
Had cunning eyes to see: the barking cur  
Made her cheek flame; her palfrey's foot-fall shot  
Light horrors thro' her pulses; the blind walls  
Were full of chinks and holes; and overhead  
Fantastic gables, crowding, stared: but she  
Not less thro' all bore up, till, last, she saw  
The white-flower'd elder-thicket from the field,  
Gleam thro' the Gothic archway in the wall.  
Then she rode back, clothed on with chastity;  
And one low churl, compact of thankless earth,  
The fatal byword of all years to come,  
Boring a little auger-hole in fear,  
Peep'd — but his eyes, before they had their will,  
Were shrivel'd into darkness in his head,  
And dropt before him. So the Powers, who wait  
On noble deeds, cancell'd a sense misused;  
And she, that knew not, pass'd: and all at once,  
With twelve great shocks of sound, the shameless noon  
Was clash'd and hammer'd from a hundred towers,  
One after one: but even then she gain'd  
Her bower; whence reissuing, robed and crown'd,  
To meet her lord, she took the tax away  
And built herself an everlasting name.



# Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva



## Virginia State Report

### (for the upcoming Chocolate Festival Meeting)

Virginia Descendants of Lady Godiva has planned its first annual gathering for Feb 6, 2016 to coincide with the Fairfax City Chocolate Lovers Festival in the heart of Old Town Fairfax. There are many historic buildings, including the Court House, open for the two-day Festival. We will meet at the home of Marsha Masone in Clifton where we will hold our business meeting. From there we will travel a short distance to the Festival. It is quite an event and I hope everyone enjoys the tastings.

Please see the link:

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/chocolate-lovers-festival>

We have invited prospective members as well as spouses. All are welcome.

Virginia Hurtes Rouse

Duchess of Virginia

Councillor

**Editors' Note: See formal invitation to the Virginia meeting, p. 14.**

## SDLG VA Organizing Duchess Spreads the Word at Gala, Wins Costume Award



Christmas Ornament won by Duchess Virginia for 2nd Best Costume

On Oct 24, 2015 an older and wiser VA State Lady Godiva, VA Organizing Duchess, Virginia Hurtes Rouse, made her first appearance at the Prince William Resolve Annual Gala. Brochures were left for distribution and an explanation as to why Lady Godiva, in her younger days, road her horse down the main street of the village with nothing more than sunshine and her hair to cover her. Virginia did bring home a Christmas Ornament commemorating her appearance as 2ndplace Costume Contest Winner. It is always fun to participate in this annual event and meet many of the Local Government Dignitaries and DAR Juniors.



Duchess Virginia Rouse in costume at Prince William Gala



**Virginia Society Descendants of Lady Godiva  
Invites you to Our First Annual Meeting**

**February 6, 2016  
11:00AM  
At the Home of**

**Marsha Masone  
13617 Bluestone Court,  
Clifton, VA 20124-2465**

After the meeting and just a short distance to travel is

**The Fairfax City Chocolate Lovers Festival**

Going on for two days in the heart of Old Town Fairfax  
There are tastings from some of our nicest sweet shops.

Some events are free to enter, but you do need to buy tickets for the tastings.

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/chocolate-lovers-festival>

Some of the Historic Buildings and the Court House are open.  
Please see schedules.

**Please RSVP: Virginia Hurtes Rouse  
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gintam7@aol.com**

# *"The Legend of Lady Godiva"*

**By Dianne Drake Boren**

## **Poet Laureate, Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva**

Once there was a ruler, Lord Leofric  
Who raised taxes sky high, even on the poor and the sick.  
He was quite proud, and he was quite vain  
He built beautiful buildings to bear his name.

His wife, Godiva, heard the villagers' plea:  
"Lower the taxes. Let us be.  
We're dressing in rags. Our pantries are bare.  
There's no future here. Doesn't he care?"

So Godiva talked to her husband and told him out loud.  
"Lower the taxes. Quit being so proud.  
The people don't want new buildings; they just want  
relief  
This burden of taxes is causing them grief."

Leofric looked at his wife and said with a sneer.  
"I will lower the taxes if you do something here.  
You want taxes lowered? I'll do it, of course,  
When you ride buck naked through town on your  
horse."

The priest heard her story and then exclaimed,  
I'll have a "Stay at Home" order proclaimed.  
Every person must stay in his house  
With shuttered windows locked tight.  
Then for an hour, you can make your ride."

On the proclaimed day and the hour of Godiva's ride,  
The priest talked to Leofric and took him aside  
So he could see the riding Godiva, and be aware  
She was wearing naught but her long blonde hair.

Out of the quiet came the clattering on hooves on the  
bricks.  
A stricken look was on Leofric.  
He had a feeling of dread and a feeling of shame.  
He had caused this ride of fame.

Lady Godiva was riding, riding  
Up through the old town square.  
The beautiful lady was riding nude,

Wearing naught but her long blonde hair.

Milady turned left at the village church,  
Left, again, at the Merchant's Guild,  
With a thundering grace,  
She quickened the pace,  
And rode back through the old town square.

Leofric was standing and could naught but stare  
At his lady, Godiva, in her long blonde hair.  
As she passed him, she smiled, turned her horse around,  
And rode once again through the deserted town.

Lady Godiva was riding, riding  
Up through the old town square.  
The beautiful lady was riding nude,  
Wearing naught but her long blonde hair.

So taxes were lowered. Peace was restored.  
People praised the Lady, but not the Lord.  
And every year in Coventry, there is much pride  
As the townspeople celebrate Godiva's ride.

Lady Godiva once was riding, riding  
Up through the old town square.  
The beautiful lady was riding nude,  
Wearing naught but her long blonde hair.



Profile, Lady Godiva Statue, Coventry, UK



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: [awilli1861@aol.com](mailto:awilli1861@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 1/2", 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:

**STICKERS**

1 inch Insignia Circle Stickers (63 per sheet)	\$2.50 per sheet
1 1/2 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 <b>\$2.00 postage</b>

**NOTE CARDS**

Lady Godiva Note Cards with Insignia	\$25.00 per dozen
(Please include \$2.00 per each order of 12 note cards)	plus \$2.00 postage each

Circle the items you want to purchase, and make your check payable to **Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva**

Total \_\_\_\_\_

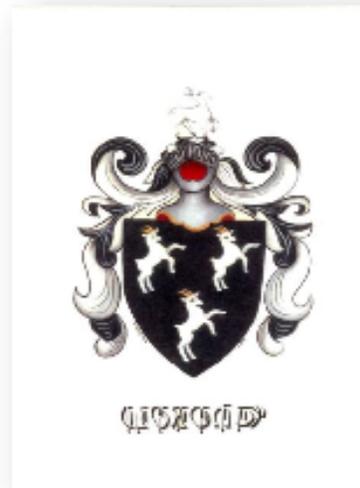
Please send your order to

Madeline Alworth, Adornment Chairman SDLG

505 Cumberland Rd.

Tyler, TX 75703-9325

Email: [madeline@alworth.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 striving for our 501c3 non-profit status. In keeping with these guidelines, all profits from insignia/pin sales will go toward 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 Large Insignia is worn by male and female officers with the 2 1/2" satin neck ribbon at official meetings. The Large Insignia with the satin neck ribbon may also be worn by council members, founding members and charter members at official meetings. The neck ribbon may be removed for wearing at other times as a necklace on a chain or as a lapel pin. The Miniature Insignia may be worn as a lapel pin, pendant, or attached to a branch or a charm bracelet.



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 above picture is lighter than the actual insignia and ribbon. A

2 1/2" wide by 30" long satin neck ribbon is available for officers, council members, founding members and charter members.

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	<u>\$8.00</u>

**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:

**B. Davine Moore Roberts**  
Founding Lady General SDLG  
12567 Percy Lane  
Jacksonville, FL 32218-2337

Any questions or concerns, please email [DavineR@aol.com](mailto:DavineR@aol.com) or call 904-766-6182.