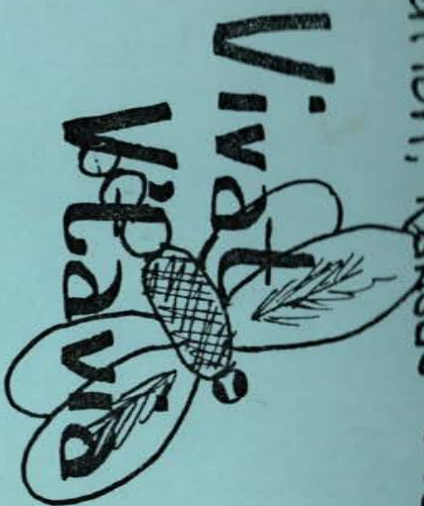


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Time Value - Do Not Delay

from the Baronage

Unto the Populace of V'Tavia,

Fellow Citizens and Residents of V'Tavia,

This missive is to let you know of our future hopes and plans for the Barony. If you expect that we have SPECIFIC plans to begin a V'Tavian Renaissance, YOU'RE WRONG!

We do not believe that we have the necessary foresight to guide the Barony the way it has been in the past. We cannot, and indeed, will not, do the job the same way that William and Mammara did. We need your input to steer this ship on the best possible course. Some of you, we expect, will be quite vocal about what you think should and should not be done; however, we would like to hear from all of you.

The first things that ARE planned, (besides supporting the various scheduled events), is to hold two populace meetings where each of you can have a chance to voice opinions and/or advise us, as to what you would like to see our Barony do. These meetings are planned for Wednesday the 9th of September at 7:00 p.m., (at Dance Practice), and Sunday, the 13th of September at 1:00 p.m., (at Fighter Practice). Updates to Baronial Law will also be discussed. If you feel that you cannot speak in an open forum, or you are unable to make the scheduled populace meetings, but would like to have input, write us a letter and/or talk to us in private. If your list of ideas is long, private discussions with us may be a good idea, instead of taking up a great deal of time during the populace meetings, on your soapbox.

TAKE NOTE: The Dragonflyer is the official newsletter of V'Tavia. All future announcements will be made in the Dragonflyer. If you wish to be up-to-date on activities and announcements, and do not have a subscription, you might consider reading over the shoulder of someone who does; or, better yet, get your own subscription. (A couple of you could share a subscription, if you think you can't afford one by yourself.)

The immediate future will be a time of turmoil and change for our group. It is up to all of us to see that this change is for the betterment of our beloved Barony of V'Tavia.

VIVAT V'TAVIA!!!!!!!!

Tedrick von Wolfschatten and Aideen the Audacious
Baron and Baroness of V'Tavia

P.S. We are looking for autocrats for Baronial Christmas Court. If you are interested, contact us. (Christmas is not far off for planning a mini-event!)

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From the Seneschal

Good Gentles All,

This is my first report as Seneschal of this fine Barony. Most of you know me, I am Robert of the Woodlands, and have been with this group for many years now. I am also currently the Champion of V'tavia, and will be also serving you in that capacity.

Events beyond my control have contrived to give me more free time than I wanted. So I will have much time to devote to my job for the SCA. I will be working at the building full time for the Smithy, so you can reach me there if I am not at home. My address and phone will change as of Sept. 1, and the other kind folks that reside there are very mundane, so please use my real name when calling (Bob or Robert, not Zevak), and leave short and easy messages, such as phone numbers. These messages will reach me, so take heart if I'm not at home.

We will be hosting Crown Tournament in November at Camp Hyawatha. The Autocrats will be soon-to-be Duke William and Duchess Mammara. It will take much effort from the Barony, and I know all of you will come through, as always.

I would like to take this time to welcome as our new Baron and Baroness His Lordship Tedrick von Wolfshatten and Lady Aideen the Audacious. They will become Baron and Baroness at Valortourney. We all know and love these two, and I am confident they are what this Barony needs at this time. I look forward to working with them.

By now the news of Pennsic has reached all of you. If not, show up at the revels at Valor. Suffice to say, Calontir did it again. Many V'tavians made the trip and enjoyed themselves immensely. Pennsic is an experience to remember, everyone in the SCA should do it at least once. Only problem is, it is VERY habit-forming. You will want to do it again and again.

We have just four months left on the lease of the building. After it runs out, we have 3 options: Sign for another lease, let the lease run out and find another building, or go back to the way it was before, with the Barony renting mini-event sites, and meeting in people's homes and at the park otherwise. We will be looking in the next few months at more suitable locations. It is definite that the group cannot afford any higher rent than we have now.

There have been problems at the building. A few months ago the current seneschal received a missive from the owner of this property. I have reprinted it here for your information. It has to do with the children playing in the business area of this industrial park. He is correct. For safety's sake, all children will be allowed only on the archery side of the building, in the building, and only directly in front of the building. They are not to play in the parking lot at all. They are not to be in the fenced area that the Smithy door leads to AT ALL! I have been at the building at 4 in the morning and noticed other people at work in the park. Large trucks pass through at odd hours. I have seen vehicles moving through there at high rates of speed. This is not a safe area for children. Let's head off any accidents before they happen. More than once I have seen tragedies in the making. Parents are responsible for their children. It is not my responsibility to police the children.

It is not the responsibility of the Minister of Children. She is not the baronial baby sitter. I know right now the building is hot, and hopefully things will change as it cools down.

Besides Thomas Bacon's Library in the office, the Smithy has a library of metalworking, knifemaking, and armoring books behind the desk in the Smithy. It is very complete, including all volumes of "The Best of the Hammer", of which we purchased volumes III and IV at Pennsic. These are available to all to use at any time the Smithy is open. However, there is no check-out procedure, and no books may leave the Keep. This is because many of these are how-to books and will be used while one is working.

I wish to introduce all my deputies to the populace of the Barony. My first deputy is David the Silent. When he stepped down as Seneschal for mundane reasons, he wanted to continue working. The second is Countess Hywela frech ferch Wyddel, who offered to help and will step in if I must leave suddenly. The last, but not least, is the new Chatalaine, Briallen Ferch Cadfael. She will be taking a job that is very important within the group, the care and feeding of new people. I wish her the best of luck.

We need an answering machine at the building. Any suggestions?

As I am now Seneschal, and also one of the owners of the Smithy, it may seem we use the Smithy more to do Baronial projects. This is not a change of Smithy policy because I became Seneschal, but rather, "unrealized potential". The Smithy policy has always been that equipment and time for Kingdom or Baronial use has been at no charge. So in the future, we will be utilizing the potential of the Smithy toward goals of the Barony.

There is now a bulletin board at the entryway of the building. I will put my officer's report there, as well as things pertaining to the Keep, a monthly Calender, and flyers for upcoming events.

I am quite certain things will change with the change in the Baronage. I am sure changes will be for the better. However, you the populace have a right to a voice about how this group is run, because without you, there would be no group. We can all pull together and move forward with clear-cut goals in mind, and we can reach them. Let the Baronage and myself know what you want. Let us try to give only constructive criticism. I want to know what you can do to make our Barony great.

Thank you very much!

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A Chronicle by M. Jarnulfsdottir

Despite the small number of V'Tavians, the demo held at the Canterbury Inn on the 14th of August was a success. His Lordship Tedric von Wolfshatten, Lady Aideen the Audacious, Lord Aelfric Frithariksson, Corwin MacDougal, Moriath Jarnulfsdatter, Aindries Asher, and Layn Just treated the Kansas District Optimists International State Convention to a glimpse of the medieval era. Corwin and Tedric donned armor, and their ladies granted them a favor and a kiss (by the light of popping flashbulbs.) They fought mace with shield against polearm and bastard sword against greatsword; each fighter acquitted himself well and honorably while Aelfric marshalled and the ladies and populace cheered. Afterward, Chuck and Eloise Kennedy, the theme coordinators for the convention, invited the V'Tavians up to a private room for refreshments.

Many thanks to Chuck and Eloise Kennedy, Jon and Sharon Ehrsam, and Marlo and Pat Goering for preparing such an unexpected (and delicious) reception; and to the populace, all three hundred, for watching. Vivat!

From the M.O.S.

Greetings Unto All,

Valor is almost upon us again; and, I've had no inquiries for any submissions nor do I have any knowledge of any submissions from V'tavia. Is it true that we have become as inactive as it appears, I hope not.....but alas I have heard no word otherwise. The Arts and Sciences, as far as I know, has been reduced to a critique session for Fyrde and below, even though it was advertized as a competition.

I am not to be connected with this competition as I am Feastocrat, and since certain persons felt that I should not perform such duties as to my newness unto this good Barony and office of Minister of Sciences at Valor.

In Service to the Dream,

Ld. Moriagh Teige O'Flaithbheartiagh

From the Pursuivant

Greetings!

At last, I have heard reports back from the Kingdom Herald on submissions. I have already contacted all those whose name/device was returned/passed.

I have sent more submissions in to the Kingdom recently. At the rate of processing under Master Baron Charles, I should be expecting some initial response in about a month.

During the last year, few V'tavian awards have been received. Please consider that neither the Baronage nor the officers can be everywhere to see those worthy of awards. If you know of someone deserving of a baronial award, won't you please give the Baronage or the Seneschal an award recommendation? (Ed. Note--They are located in the center of the Dragonflyre.)

Congratulations to Ld. Frederick Parke for being on the winning melee team in a treasure chest melee at Ansteorra's Kingdom Warlord event.

In Service to V'tavia,

Ceithlem nic Buaidhri

From the M.O.C.

Greetings Good Gentles;

I still need help and ideas for Valor. Remember Valor is only a week away. Please contact me at home. (522-1658)

In Service to V'tavia,

Ly. Dana Latona

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Charles P. Trombold, President

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6-30-87

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Notice from Land Lord.

Chuck Trombold pres 7/6/87
Chuck Trombold, President

From the Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace:

This has been a very busy month with going to Pennsic and preparations for Valor. I am looking forward to Valor greatly and think there will be much fun to be had by all. If any of you have been reading your Dragonflyre mayhap you have made yourself a shade pavillion so that your search for shade is over or else, you may be looking forward to putting some of the tips from Tournament 101 into use. Whatever it is, I wish you much joy.

Upon my return from Pennsic, I was greeted with the news that some of you were unhappy with the size of the August Dragonflyre. What I have to say to that is where is your article or where is your artwork? I can only work with what I have and right now that is not much. I do appreciate the articles contributed by Robert of the Woodlands and the artwork donated by Moriath Jarnulfsdottir but those are only two out of how many???

I have enjoyed being Chronicler of this Barony and intend to keep doing so for a while yet but I do need help. So, if you're sitting at home one night with nothing much to do and nothing good on the idiot tube, sit down and right about something that you have experienced in the Society. It can be sad or it can be funny. People like to read about others experiences.

Until next month, Ciao!

In Service to the Dream and V'tavia,

Gabriella la Fiorentina

Joining the S.C.A.

This Valor will mark the first anniversary of my being actually in the S.C.A. Now four years ago, I attempted to join but at that time my self-confidence had suffered a blow and I found it difficult to make new friends. I attended Investiture at Lake Afton and I think it was Princep at Bois d'Arc. After that, I kind of lost contact.

Now during the lapsing time, I thought about this group who made wonderful costumes and recreated a time of romance and chivalry. I wished that I had been able to keep in contact with them all along. But alas and woe, that was not the case.

Then, a year ago spring, my friend, Allisandre des.Aquiles, said, "Beckie," (as many of you know that is my mundane name), "I want to attend Valor this Labor Day weekend, do you want to go?"

My eager reply was "Yes!!!!"

Well, I arranged the time off and the day rapidly approached. I picked up Allisandre at the great bird landing area and we talked and ran around various places. Then came the exciting day, Saturday. We came in around ten in the morning, watched the fighting, the court, ate the wonderful feast and watched the dancing. My friend later said that she had intended to come only for one day but because I enjoyed it so much and wanted to come back we went back for Sunday also. I was hooked.

So now you know the way I came to join the Society for Creative Anachronism. Exciting??? Some of you should let the rest of us know how you come to know of the Society. Next month, Robert of the Woodlands story will be here.

Who's Who in V'tavia

PERSONA OF THE MONTH
Robert of the Woodlands

I was born in the summer of the Year of Our Lord 1435 to a Baron of a small landholding in Germany, just west of Hampsburg. My Father's name was Frederick the Bold, as he was ever pleased at calling himself. My mother was the Lady Joycelyn, an English woman my father had brought back after a trip west. I was the second of three sons. The first, Henry, had a religious and Scholarly bent, so father sent him to a monastery early in his life, and I knew him not through most of my childhood. My last brother died with my mother in childbirth when I was ten. My father would show sorrow to no one, even me, but he grieved. I am not sure he ever fully recovered.

Even with Charles IV's ascension to the throne, things were unstable within our small Barony, but father would always use his firm hand, and sometimes the broadsword, if need be. My bent, unlike my brother's, was toward weapons and fighting. I carefully made my own weapons, a trade learned on the sly for the Baronial armors. I felt my life would possibly depend on these weapons someday, and I would trust only my own workmanship. I learned the art of combat from my father's knights, and they taught me well. I led a full and happy childhood.

Then my happy world fell in. In 1450, just after my fifteenth birthday, the plague came. My father had just given me a very protective and servicable suit of armor, and a horse of my own (I had brought this stallion up from birth, never knowing he would be MINE!). After such a joyous occasion, I thought the world was mine. It wasn't. Over half our Barony came down with the plague. Father cared dearly for his people, and did everything in his power. People were dying left and right, and then things took a turn for the worst. Father caught the plague. It seemed to stay healthy, and so I nursed my father for weeks. It didn't help. As he grew worse, one of my father's most loyal knights, Sir John, called my brother home. Two days before his return, father died.

I had never met my brother. Once I met him, I did not like him. He was weak, and when faced with trouble or decisions of any kind, he took to chanting prayers for hours. This is not what our tortured barony needed. He refused father's coronet, and swore I would never receive it either, calling me a bloodthirsty warmonger (he also had the habit of being rude). The landhungry baronies near us started to look upon our land with greedy eyes. Sir John told my brother that we needed a show of force to keep the other baronies, also plague-ravaged, away from our doorstep.

Henry started to talk with the other Barons about giving the barony to them! I was furious, and so was John. One night, when we were trying to convince him otherwise, one of the barons decided to take our castle by force, lest Henry gave it away to someone else.

Under Henry, the guard was lax. The whole force was within our walls before any alarm was sounded. I killed ten that night, just trying to stay alive. Henry was killed from behind while chanting furiously. We tried to get him to escape, but he would

not move.

After his death, with much of our castle in flames, John and I escaped with the armor on our backs, what weapons we could carry, and our horses. Oh well. I had never craved power, anyway. I liked to fight.

John was a good mentor. We found work attending merchant wagons, taking their wares through hostile country, and defending them from hostile bandits and thieves. We found plenty of combat to hone our skills.

A year and a half after we fled the castle, John was killed in battle, cleaved in half, fighting 5 men at once. I was shocked. He could usually handle twice that many. Must have been getting old.

Some years more of herding merchants, and my wanderlust grew weak. When our caravan wandered into a kingdom called Calontir, I found the home I had been looking for. A strong King worthy of my sword. I settled down, once again happy.

Announcement

FROM THE AUCTION AT LAST CHAMPION'S TOURNEY!

I realize this late, but I wanted to thank all those who donated goods, services, and box lunches for the auction at the Champion's Event. Equally important are all those who purchased the above items.

Thanks for supporting the Barony.

In Service,

Ly. Ceithlenn nic Ruadhui



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BEING A SQUIRE

by Robert of the Woodlands

It always happens. You are regaling almost the entire Kingdom with a story, and they are even laughing in the right places, for a switch. You are hot to go to bed tonight. Pavel, eat your heart out! Then, inexplicably, and terribly, a cry pierces the night and the revel now in high gear. Loud and plaintive. "SQUUUUIIIIRE!"

Well, that's it for you. You have to guard the King's dog for the next 24 hours. You have to pack the armor for the entire Chivalry of Calontir. You have to shine, by hand, the full plate armor of your friend's knight's, that he just dropped in the water. It doesn't matter that it wasn't your job to begin with. It doesn't matter that you would rather revel. It's your job now. And we mean NOW.

Why do you have to do it? Because it's part of the deal. You are the one who wanted to be a squire. You are the one that wanted to wear the neat red belt. You are the one who wanted to be able to put esq. after your name. You are the one that someday wants to be a KNIGHT! Sorry, buddy, it was in the fine print you didn't pay much attention to when you signed for this ride.

What all does being a squire mean? I shall endeavor to explain. I feel fairly qualified to speak on this subject. I was the first squire in the Barony of V'tavia, I've been a squire longer than anyone else in V'tavia, and I've been a squire to two different Knights, at different times. And in my travels, I have seen how different Knights handle squiring.

Getting right to the core of the matter, a Squire is a Knight-in-training. A Knight thinks that you have the ability to be a Knight someday, and endeavors to train you.

How do you become a squire to Sir So-and-So? Well, customs vary around the SCA. Some Knights choose people and ask them. Most will ask no one, and wait to be asked. So if you really want it, ASK! But ask him what he feels squires are required to do, and what he will do in return. Some Knights have squires all over the Known World, and do nothing more than talk to them every once in a while. If that's what he and you want, fine. But get the agreement straight. I am giving you in this article what might be called a worst-case scenario, the agreement between myself and my Knight, Attilia the Hu... I mean Earl Sir Edward Cire of Grey Moor. He asks a lot of his squires, but gives even more. Myself and all my brother (and sister) squires

have shown marked improvement since becoming squires in our fighting and all else.

However, just asking does not mean he will accept you as a squire. A Knight has many things to think about when doing something that important. What does he feel about you as a fighter and a person? Could he help you? How close do you live? How many squires does he have already? If you need a certain type of training, and he can't give it to you for one reason or another, he will tell you he is not the teacher for you. Be understanding of his reasons. But, if you don't bet, you can't win.

What all can being a squire entail? It varies from Knight to Knight, but usually squiring is an agreement between a Knight and another fighter, giving training in trade for service. In history, a squire would care for his Knight completely, cleaning his armor, carrying his weapons, doing whatever the Knight wanted. In return, the Knight would train the squire and ready him for a life of Knighthood.

It is the same in the SCA. A Knight is very busy at events in service to the crown. Many times after a journey he has meetings, and does not have time to pack his armor. A squire is someone very useful to a busy Knight. It is a job, something that must be done. Being a Knight is not all fun and games, and entails

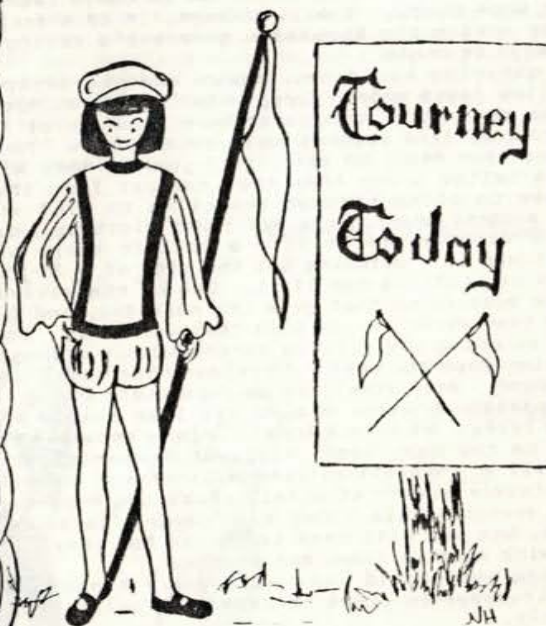
lots of hard work. When one is a squire, he begins to learn what being a Knight means. Not attending the level because the crown has other things that needs to be done. Standing guard. Packing armor. Sorry buddy, this is part of your training, too.

Is it worth it? That's your decision to make, and one you should consider heavily before you get "red-belt fever". In return, the Knight will supply with some very good training in your fighting, and all-around SCA manners. He'll teach you right from wrong, how to behave in court, and what will happen if you win a crown tourney someday. If you love the SCA and what it means, it is probably worth it. A knight, when he believes you are ready, will be a voice for you in the chivalry meetings when candidates are discussed. But he will not just because you are his squire, if he does not see you as ready YET. When you become a squire, he is telling you you have the ability to be a member of the Chivalry someday, not necessarily now.

What a squire is NOT: A squire is not an award or a ranking of a fighter. A fyrdman, Huscarl, and Knight is an award based in part on fighting prowess. A squire could be a very good fighter in the SCA for years, or a fairly new fighter yet to win a fight. A squire has no precedence. It is really an unofficial function of the society. That red belt does not say

what a cool person you are, it just says if you get real uncontrollable, they can go complain about you to someone!

You could be like me, and seem to make a career out of being a squire. But even that is what you make of it. It can be a pure joy in itself. As they say "Squires, they want to have fun, they just want to have fu-uni!" And think of how left out of things the knights must feel when they hear the cry, "SQUIRE PARTY!!!"



Finding Scrap Metal

When I first joined the SCA, the first thing I needed was, like many new members that have an anti-social streak, stuff to fight in. Going to the local company that has brand-spanking new metal is inviting a grand-slam heart attack. The only sure-fire way to build plate armor for a decent price is to buy from a scrap dealer. Metal is just downright cheap at the local scrapyard. However, not all is well. If you went to a company that retailed metal, you could walk in and say, "I need a 4' by 8' sheet of 14 gauge mild steel, please". Believe me, at a scrapyard, your guess is as good as... no, make that, your guess is better than theirs as to what type and thickness the stuff in your hands is. All they know is how much it costs (sometimes, they don't even know that!). I will attempt, in this article, to impart unto the novice the knowledge to enter a scrapyard and come out with what he needs.

The first question would be, "Where are the scrapyards?" Look in the yellow pages under 'Scrap metal'. The Wichita phone book lists about ten. Most scrapyards have their metal in large piles to ship to recycling centers to be melted down. They will, however, be more than happy to sell it to you, as they will sell it to you for a better price than they can get from the recyclers. You have to climb through the piles to find what you need. I would suggest heavy boots and tough clothing. Lawrence the Leech and I went to one to find a certain shape of steel extrusion, and found it - sticking out the side of a 25-foot pile with a few tons of stuff on top of it. One of the workers told us they would be getting to that pile the next day, and he would be happy to lay that aside for us when they got to it. They also cheerfully let us bring our cutting torch and cut off only what we wanted and they kept the rest. I believe that metal only cost us 10 cents a pound. Yes, steel can be absolutely cheap!

Most scrapyards in other cities are like this. However, Wichita is very lucky. We have a local company known as the Yard Store. Thanks to the many local aircraft companies, The Yard Store (Address 725 E. Central) carries a large and ever-changing supply of raw stock - sheets of steel, aluminum, copper, brass, and other, more exotic metals. They also carry a large selection of other things, but you will have to go see for yourself. All we are dealing with here is steel and aluminum.

A few things you should take with you: A micrometer or calipers or a wire gage to check thickness, a pair of vise grip pliers, and a file.

Prices are quite reasonable at the Yard. For instance, Ordinary steel costs about 25 cents per pound. Yes, this is more expensive than other scrap yards, but the others do not have straight sheet metal. The extra cost is worth it. Remember, enough steel to completely encase you will still cost only about \$10!

Now let us discuss steel. There are many different kinds of

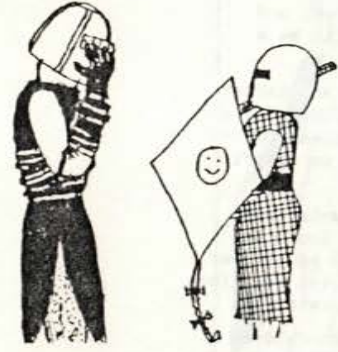
the aluminum says ALCLAD on it, it has been covered with a very thin layer of pure aluminum on both sides to prevent corrosion. If it says BARE, it does not. The four-digit number tells what type of alloy it is. Suffice to say, the larger the number, the tougher the alloy. The most common alloys are 2024, 5051, 6063, 7076, and 8085. The last entry, the T-number, is very important. It refers to the heat treat and temper. It may say O, T-3, T-4, T-5 or T-6. The T-numbers go all the way to T-10, but do not buy anything over T-6, as it is much too brittle for SCA combat. The first of the T-numbers does not have a T in it. It is O-state. This means it is in the soft, or annealed, state. It is pliable by hand in this state, and without heat treating ovens, I would not suggest building armor out of this. The best all around temper is T-3 - it is still fairly malleable, and hard to dent. When you get to T-6, you will not be able to dish it at all. You can roll it, but that is about all.

One last thought - the material you find at a scrap yard is just that - scrap. For some reason, it was not suitable for the use it was originally purchased for. Since most of the aluminum was acquired from the local aircraft plants, I can conjecture most of the reasons. One reason might be that the material is too heavily scratched. Another is that the thin clad covering mentioned earlier was too thin, and the material is corroding. None of these problems will bother the armorer, but one other reason may be a big problem. Sometimes the heat treatment was performed wrong, and the metal was left much too brittle for use. The best way I have found to discover the hardness of aluminum is to use visegrips and clamp them onto the corner of a sheet. Then try to twist the piece off the sheet. If the metal will bend and stay bent, you have some decent material. If it will not stay bent, and snaps off when you attempt to bend it, it is much too hard to use for anything except maybe a top for your workbench.

I hope that this little guide will help you find the metal you need for your projects. I have purchased my fair share of unusable material, and much of what I have imparted here, I learned by trial and error. I hope this will save you from going through the same thing.

By my hand:

Robert of the Woodlands



I know I said you should try a kite shield, but....

Terminal Journey

by Tedrick
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medieval garb for the Compleat Beginner



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So there you are:

You're going to your first tournament, and you want to fit in....

You haven't decided on a persona yet, and want something simple until you find out what era's dress you'll need..

You've just been invited to a SCA wedding, and want to dress appropriately -- but will have no further use for medieval clothes....

Then you want something simple and basic. Forget about looking like a noble -- that takes velvet, furs, and embroidery; time, money, and work. You want to be a yeoman, a peasant, a simple goodwife.

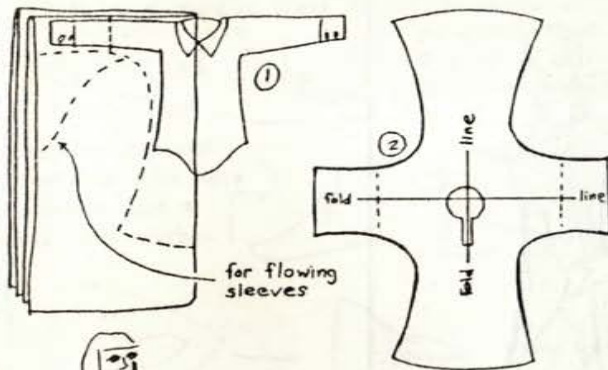
You will wear clothes that are plain of cut, and rather coarse of weave. Colors should be earth colors: greens and browns. The brighter colors were more expensive -- use them for trim and decoration rather than as material for the outfit itself. And avoid prints.

Men can wear a tunic-type shirt over brown pants, with a belt at the waist. Modern collars are Right Out. Add decorative wrappings of colored ribbon around your lower legs; here is a place for color. Wear moccasins or slippers rather than modern shoes or boots, if possible.

Women should wear a long, flowing dress, plain-colored except perhaps for decorative trim at neck, sleeves, and hem. A shawl fastened in front with a brooch makes a nice decorative touch.

Both men and women can wear capes and cloaks. These are useful garments -- they cover up many sins in your other clothing....

the T-tunic



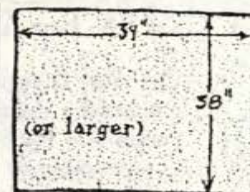
1. Fold fabric twice, as in drawing. Spread out well-fitting shirt; cut around outside of shirt, with lots of clearance at armpits. Make body and arms the length desired -- just above the knees for men, to the ankles for women. If fabric is not wide enough, add extra at dotted lines on sleeves.

2. Make neck-hole large enough for neck, slit in front to fit over head. Face, turn under, and topstitch.

3. Turn wrong-side-out, and sew up side seams. Turn right-side-out.

4. Hem bottom and cuffs; add decorative strips there and at collar.

Capes



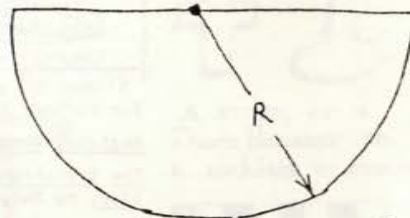
Rectangular Cape



Pull around neck; clasp on right shoulder



Semicircular Cape



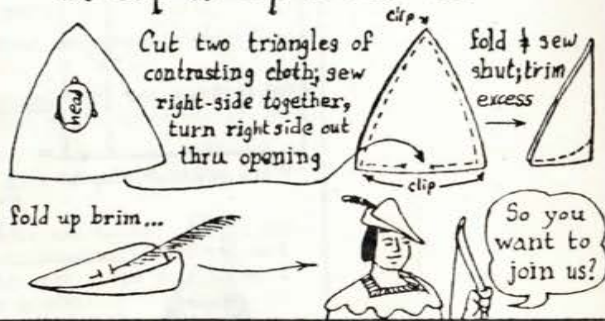
Measure down from nape of neck to desired fall of cape. Use that for radius. If you can't find cloth that wide, put together from pie-shape segments.



MEN can pin two towels at the shoulder, and belt them at the waist, to get an approximation of a tabard. Bind the lower pants-legs with coloured ribbon.

WOMEN can wear two towels Viking-style with ribbons over the shoulder and large brooches at the corners of the front towel. Wear over a flowing dress, with a kerchief

• A Cap to top it All off: •



For further information, check out:

Medieval Theatre Costume, by Iris Brooke

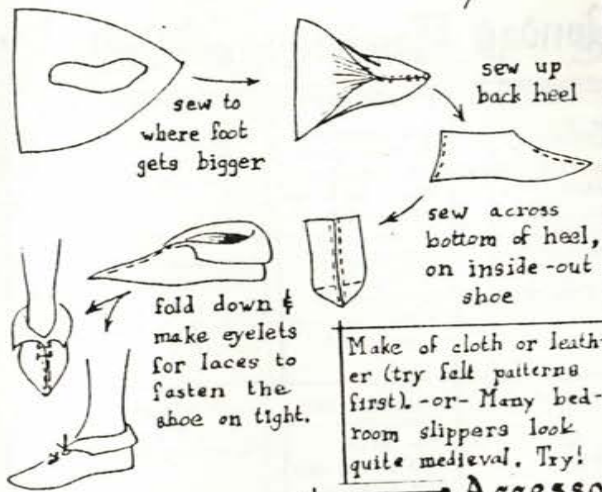
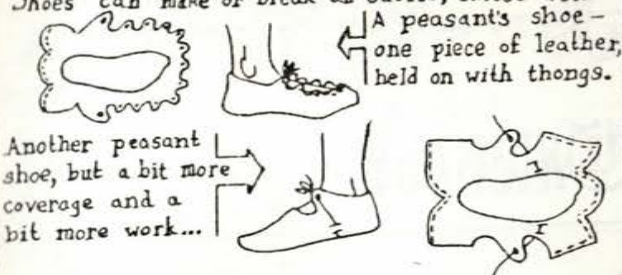
The Evolution of Fashion, Pattern and Cut from 1066 to 1930, by Margaret Hamilton Hill and Peter Bucknell

Both of these books are filled with patterns for clothing both elegant and simple.

The Illustrated Hassle-Free Make Your Own Clothes Book and Son of Hassle-Free Sewing by Sharon Rosenberg and Joan Wiener. These books got quite a reputation during the Flower Child era -- mostly for freeing clothesmakers from the tyranny of the pattern. A lot of what they do is medieval; they get a lot of mileage out of the T-tunic, and they give a lot of details I haven't room for. Experienced clothiers can make it with just the first two books; beginners should pick up Hassle-free for basics.

Eine

Shoes can make or break an outfit; choose well...



Make of cloth or leather (try felt patterns first). -or- Many bedroom slippers look quite medieval. Try!

• Accessories: •



Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed
August 30 12:00--4:00 Populace Meeting Fighter Practice	August 31 7:00--???? Sewing with Countess Elisabeth	September 1 7:00--???? The Smithy Mideastern Dance HRM Mammara	September 2 7:00--???? Dance Practice
September 6 Valor Tourney	September 7 Valor Tourney	September 8 7:00--???? No Smithy Mideastern Dance HRM Mammara	September 9 7:00--???? Populace Meeting with Their New Baronages
September 13 12:00--4:00 Populace Meeting with Their New Baronages	September 14 7:00--???? Sewing with Countess Elisabeth	September 15 7:00--???? The Smithy Mideastern Dance HRM Mammara	September 16 7:00--???? Dance Practice
September 20 12:00--4:00 Populace Meeting Fighter Practice	September 21 Dragonflyre Articles Due	September 22 7:00--???? The Smithy Mideastern Dance Her Grace Mammara	September 23 7:00--???? Bardic Practice
September 27 12:00--4:00 Populace Meeting Fighter Practice	September 28 7:00--???? Sewing with Countess Elisabeth	September 29 7:00--???? The Smithy Mideastern Dance Her Grace, Mammara	September 30 7:00--???? Dance Practice
<p>PLEASE NOTE: On alternating Wednesdays there will be a Bardic Practice to learn some of the Calontir songs. This is a fine time to raise your voice in joy about the Kingdom we live in. Even if you can't carry a tune in a bucket come join in.</p>			

of Events

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 3	September 4 4:30--???? Troll Booth opens for VALOR TOURNEY	September 5
September 10	September 11	September 12 1:00--3:00 Volunteers answer phones at KPTS during their fund drive
September 17	September 18	September 19 Coronation of Valens and Susannah at Bois d'Arc
September 24	September 25	September 26 Wedding Celebration for Shadan and Alix Standing Stones
October 1	October 2	October 3 The Samurai Challenge Coeur d'Enui and Axed Root



A history of Dance

by Viscountess Mamma's
Leona

In the pursuit of increased knowledge for all V'ttavians, I have decided to share some of what I have learned in my studies of medieval dances. With this article I am hoping to inspire more of you to become familiar with period dances. Every so often I plan to write an article on the subject to acquaint you with different types of dance.

I will start with a type of dance that is very dear to me. Coming from the rich Kemet soil of Egypt, I would like to tell you of the unique Egyptian Funeral Dance.

Perhaps no other land fires the imagination as does Egypt. Perhaps this is the reason that Egyptians have developed so many types of dance. One of these dances was a processional dance, the funeral dance.

The Egyptian Funeral Dance was done in several parts. First the family of the deceased carried the body to the open area where the mourners were gathered. The atmosphere was set by the flickering light coming from the candles held by the mourners.

When the body was placed on the prepared bier, the family joined the rest of the mourners. A group of dancing girls entered wearing robes. Their faces were covered with ashes so that all one could see was their eyes and mouths. Their hands were held up above their heads with palms facing outward. They did slow, strained twisting and measured, balanced steps in a circle around the deceased. The closer the mourner was to the deceased the more times they repeated the moves. All the mourners went through the moves once.

Another of the Egyptian funeral dances was the Pharonic Dance. This dance was very involved and included very sensual, undulating movements.

Funeral dances were not limited to Egypt. Many variations of dance performed after a death were common all over the world. Greek authors related that in certain dances a friend of the departed person would imitate by expression and gesture the characteristics and faults of the deceased.

In Scotland a funeral dance would begin with a feast the night of the death. All the neighbors were summoned to attend the feast and participate in the dance.

The Highland custom of expressing sorrow was the clapping of hands and the singing of a solemn, melancholy strain called the lament. Women were not excluded from these dances, as they were in some countries, but were allowed to participate in these dirges or Dargies.

Until next time.....

IKAC

The contest is really heating up with most of the kingdoms reporting in with good scores. Herr Reinhard of Kossovo from Calontir has graciously offered to again supply the prizes for this year's winners. Vival!

I just got through moving, so here is my new address: Lord Hawkwind of Skara Brae (Roe Adams, 167 Algerine St., Lansing NY, 14882. 607-533-4356). Please send all future scores here. Keep up the good shooting! There is still plenty of time for some really great scores. Push your autocrats to arrange IKAC shoots at tournaments. If you don't remind them, they tend to forget to hold the shoots.

INTERKINGDOM COMBAT ARCHERY COMPETITION

The standings as of July 16 are: First place the West with 1333. Wolf Peacemaker-176, Francis Goodfellow-153 and Joseph de la Tour-71.

There are many other kingdoms that are said to have fine combat archers. I hope that they will prove their reputed ability by sending in their scores.

The IKCAC uses a 6 foot plywood fighter as a target. It is shot while wearing SCA minimum protective gear and using 30 pound maximum bows and SCA approved combat arrows. It consists of three rounds.

The first end is shot at 20 yards for a total of 12 arrows. The second at 15 yards and is a 60 second speed end of unlimited arrows. In both ends the archer must return to cover behind a pavise after each shot. The second round has five arrows shot from 40, 30, and 20 yards. One end of 12, starting at 40 yards moving to 30 then to 20 and back again. The speed end is the same course with a bonus for speed. The third round is shot at 50 yards in the manner of a clout shoot. The first end has 12 arrows. The speed end is 60 seconds with unlimited arrows.

Next year there will be a change in the rules. The rounds will be shot in order of distance. First the 50 yard Underhand, then the 20 to 40 yard Zig-Zag and then the pavise round at 20 and 15 yards. The ends in each round shall be shot in the order of: first the regular and then the speed. This will provide a more accurate simulation of actual combat. It is suggested that the competition be shot in this order this year, but not reported.

There is an excellent archery newsletter being put out. It covers both SCA target and combat archery. For subscriptions contact both SCA target and combat archery. For subscriptions contact: "The Muster", Lt. Brandon Smythe of Southhill, c/o Bob Dixon, Rt. 1, box 239-A, Lynnville, TN 38472.

There is now a Second Draft of the Proposed SCA Combat Archery Rules (MAY 10, A.S. XXII). This is much improved from the first draft. It no longer eliminates light (non-contact) archers as a class. All combat archers interested in these rules should contact the Society Marshall. I shall send a copy to those who request the IKCAC rules.

For copies of the IKCAC rules or further information send a legal size SASE to: Sir Jon Fitz Rauf, c/o John R. Edgerton, 7662 Wells Ave., Newark CA 94560 3530 (415) 791-9070

CORONATION

September 19 and 20, A.S. XXII
Shire of Bois d'Arc
Site: Stark School, Stark, Kansas

Troll booth opens at 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 18th.
Site fee is \$3.00, which includes camping or crash space. There is very little camping space available, but ample sleeping space in the School Building. Please send reservations ahead of time, if you are a person who likes to go to bed early or has children, because there will be separate rooms for these people.

Opening Court is at 10:00 a.m.

The Tournament starts at 11:00 a.m.
Armor Inspection will be held directly after Court. There will be time for Authorizations before Court. The Tournament will be a 10 point team melee double elimination. Each team will be allowed 10 points. Point Systems on Teams:

Nobility and Knights . . . 5 points each
Huscarls . . . 4 points each
Fyrd Men . . . 3 points each
Novices . . . 2 points each

Remember, you may have any combination on your team, as long as they only total 10 points: i.e., 2 knights total 10 points; 2 Fyrdmen and 1 Huscarl total 10 points; or 1 knight, 1 Fyrdman, and 1 Novice total 10 points. You can use any combination you want. There are showers on Site.

Sunday, there will be a Novice Tourney. All non-novices will be allowed to fight, but Single-Sword only. Novices may use any style they wish.

There will be Chivalry, Witan, and Council of Nobles meetings at Royal Discretion.

Arts and Sciences Competitions

A combined competition will be held for the best representation of Strawberry Leaves in any medium, in Honor of Calontir's first Duke and Duchess. In addition, a best dessert competition will be held, to be judged by Her Royal Highness Susannah Griffon. Also, a brewing competition will be held.

A Bardic Competition will be held, to include recitation of one song, one story, or one poem.

We have a room upstairs for the children to play in and for those who wish to take naps or hold Classes. We will need help from the mothers for 1 hour each. There is a playground outside.

Coronation and Court will be held at 5:00 p.m.

Feast begins at 6:30 p.m.

This is a Potluck Feast, with the Shire of Bois d'Arc furnishing the meat, cheese, and rice. The cost for the Feast is \$1.00 plus a covered dish, enough for 8 people. We have a good kitchen at our disposal, if you want to bring something that will need to be heated or cooked. If so, please let the autocrat know ahead of time. If anyone would like to entertain during the Feast, please let the autocrat know by September 3.

We are requesting that feast reservations of \$1.00 per person be sent in by September 3, so that we will know how many will be sitting at Feast. We can seat 200 in the Feast hall.

The site is discreetly wet; no hard liquor, please.

Please send all reservations to the Autocrat:

Lady Ermosinda de Ystra
Liane K. Jackson
RR 1, Box 28B
Walnut, Kansas 66780
(316) 354-6579 -

(I am usually home from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. PLEASE, no calls after 10:30 p.m.)





A Wedding Celebration
September 26, A.S.XXII
Shire of Standing Stones

His Excellency Graf Syr Shadan and the Honorable Lady Alix Couerbois have apparently eloped in the dark of night, but now reappear in the Shire of the Standing Stones to celebrate the joyous occasion. There will be no wedding ceremony, but rather an entire day of light hearted activity. At the request of the couple, this will be a very informal event. There will be no Court (Rumor has it no Royalty either).

The Site is Pinnacles Youth Park about 12 miles north of Columbia, MO on Highway 63. Site fee is \$2.00 per person. The site is discretely wet. Most campsites are not directly accessible by road, so you will have to carry your gear to the campsite. Running water will be available at the troll booth. There are no showers, but a stream adjacent to the camp for swimming. Be advised and prepared.

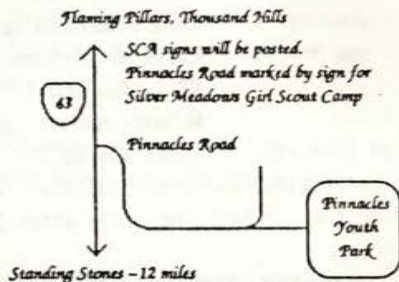
Fighting will include a Boar Hunt and other rough terrain activities. (The open spaces will be filled with tents).

Contests will be held in Music Performance and Breeding.

Feast will be a potluck with the Shire providing drinks and Roast Pig, assuming the Boar Hunt is successful (the autocrat will be stocking the woods). Please bring a dish to feed 6-10 gentles. The couple will be supplying certain potent beverages as well. (You know what that means.) The fee for the potluck will be \$2.00 plus your contribution. For lunch we will be serving Standing Stone Soup. Bring either something to add to the pot or \$1.

Autocrat:

Ld. Andriax Seljukroctomis
mka Steven A. Boyd
2601 Quail Dr. Apt #3
Columbia MO 65202
(314) 474-5847



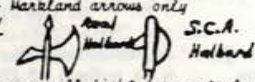
PRESENTS
War of the Diamonds
WHEN: 25, 26 & 27 SEPTEMBER 1987
A.S. XXII
WHERE: CAMP COUCHDALE (F.F.A.) ARKANSAS

The populace of Shire Small Gray Bear invites one & all; Households, Baronies and Shires, to come & participate in a truly spectacular event. "CANDLELIGHT CAMP VI & WAR OF THE DIAMONDS III".

THE WAR: is a contest between Households, Shires & Baronies to determine the best overall S.C.A. group! The war consists of a variety of fighting events and contest in the Arts, and Sciences. All of which will be assigned points. The "team" which accumulates the most points shall be the overall champions of the war. Scrolls and various prizes will be awarded the winners of the contests and lists, and the winning team shall become the Protector of the coveted "Diamond Mines of the Forgotten Lands of Meridies". This years winning team shall receive a very special prize in the form of a substantial discount to one future event held by Small Gray Bear!

FINAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- TORCH LIGHT DAGGER DUEL - Fri at 11am (boffer daggers, anyone, any age may enter)
- THE GRAND LISTS - to be run simultaneously, individuals may only enter 1 list.
 - I. GREAT SWORD
 - II. SMALL SHIELD & WEAPON (round/wankel)
 - III. 2 MAN TEAM - pole arm & shieldman
 - IV. ARCHERY DUEL - Handland arrows only
 - V. HALBARO - ONLY



- TERRITORY BATTLE - 2 armies will fight for control of five flags. This is a resurrection battle with a twist! The TWIST is, as a Kingdom Fund Raiser all fighters will be required to pay "cash on the barrel" to be resurrected. There are three categories with varying \$ amounts. Unbelted fighters! Squares /and Knights & Peers. For more information contact Autocrat.
- TEAM MELEE - more information at the event.
- BATTLE OF THE RIVER FORD: 2 armies will battle for control of a strategic point along a river.
- DRAGON SLAYER (Son of Ol' Tank) Only two champions have ever defeated the dragons which live in these enchanted lands. We challenge the champion of each team to come forth to duel the invincible dragon. Sworn, breath weapons are fatal!

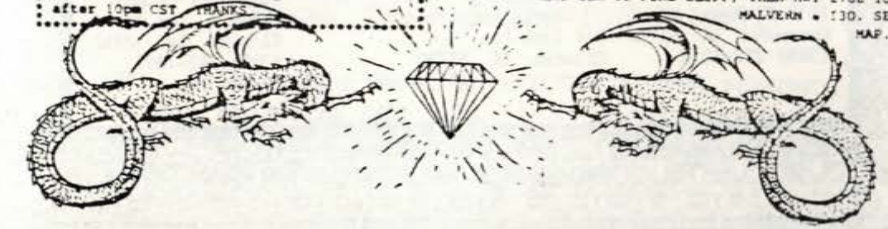
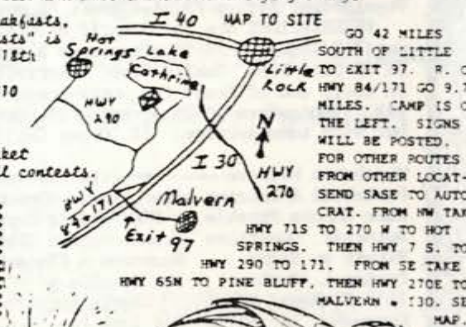
- ON SITE CALLIGRAPHY CONTEST - each participant will be provided with parchment and 1 hour to produce their very best.
- COSTUME CONTEST - 1500 - 1600 EUROPEAN CHILDRENS COSTUME CONTEST - any period
- BEST REAL WEAPON - best construction
- BEST HAND MADE JEWELRY WITH JEMS/STONES
- BEST WINE OR LIQUEUR
- REAL WEAPONS THROWING - bring your own
- FINE ARTS - pictorial in any media
- BEST PERIOD BREAD - prebaked please
- ON SITE EMBROIDERY CONTEST - each entry will be given a 12" x 12" piece of cloth Sat morning at breakfast. To turned in after court for judging.
- BARDIC CONTEST - best original song, to be performed during the feast. Limited number of entries.

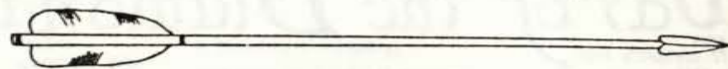
THE SITE: Is the incomparable Camp Couchdale. There are 21 cabins with 20 bunks each. All cabins have hot/cold showers and restrooms. The main hall can accommodate over 300 for feasts and there is a separate hall with stage for Courts. The fighting field is a huge lawn like field adjacent to the halls and cabins. There is also a amphitheater and swinging bridge.

COST: for two nights accommodations, two breakfasts, plenty of entertainment and a "Feasts of Feasts" is only: \$14 till AUG 31st \$16 till SEP 18th and \$18 there after and at the door. Daytrippers are \$5. Daytrippers with Feast \$10. Children 6-12 are half of the above prices. Children under 6 are free.

AUTOCRAT - Send S.A.S.E. for information packet with detailed maps, and specific rules of all contests.
NEW ADDRESS

- LORD DMITRI ALEKSANDER OF TRUNDER HOLD (aka) DEMETRIUS RANDALL
- 601 NIMI LN APT #3, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72211
- FARSPEAKER (510) 227-9240 please no calls; after 10pm CST - THANKS





Feast of the Toxophiles

AN ARCHERY EVENT - SEPTEMBER 26th AS XXII

Aerie's Keep is hosting a Day to Honor the Archers of the Midrealm and Calontir. Sponsored by Dark River.

Archery & peaceful pastimes

From 7 AM on Archery Practice as allowed between Shoots & Archery Equipment Inspections.

8:30 AM on - IKAC Shoots, IKAC Rules Prizes to high Scorer**. Entrants At should have 8# arrows, Pass Insp.

10 AM List for Champion's Silhouette Shoot** Closing#.

Afternoon Archery Seminars

Afternoon Thrown Weapon Contest
Bring your own steel & hurl at a chunk of wood. Best score wins a nice prize*.

- indicates Marshall's discession

5:30 PM "Slave" Auction.

Til 4:30 PM an Exhibition of your Favorite SCA Items. Bring it for Display. (Manned by our HUGE Security team)

4 PM Judging of Blank Scroll Contest in Honor of Valens & Susannah and Elisha & Elen. * Chess Tourney Standard Rules til 5 PM ** in the Pavillion.

Oblong Chess Contest* for the adventurous - Needs less skill & is a Game of Chance.

Lunch & Breakfast at a nominal (or No??) cost.

Entire Event will be held at DuPont Pavillion. Take your best route to the 3-way Intersection of US Hwys 67 & 30 at SW edge of Clinton, IA. There's a Stoplight here. Take 67 South over the trainyard overpass & look for signs directing to site (at an industrial complex of mostly green buildings). If traveling N on 67 you should see signs before reaching US 30. Site is on US 67 (aka 2100 block of N. Wash. Blvd.), Camanche, IA TROLL on-site 7-10 PM 9/25. Site opens 7 AM 9/26. Area to be cleared by 11 AM 9/27.

FEAST seats first 75 PAID Tickets & Includes Std. Opening w/ Salat, Fowl, Beef, Brats, Norse Vegetables, Barley Pilaf, Desert, & more.

RESERVATIONS are \$5.50 until 8/10/87, \$6.50 until 9/10/87, & \$7.50 afterwards & includes a \$1.00 Site Fee. Smalls Feast & Activities 5:30 PM until end of Feast for potty-trained to 12 yrs. Youngsters 13-16 accepted if not feasting but with some servive. \$1.50 per Child.

Merchants Welcome ← Site Discreetly Wet. Postrevel & Dancing after Feast. *Denotes Prize Contests**

Make Checks Payable to SCA-Aerie's Keep & Send Reservations to Celphi Autocrat, Questions Feastocrats & Dietary

Birgit av Birka Beorcwyn & Flossehilde
Dorian L. Patkus Rex Kutzlie &
1619 S. Wash. Blvd. Glynis Seitz
Camanche, IA 52730 914 13th Ave. S.
(319) 259-2158 Clinton, IA 52730



What's a Toxophilite
????(tòks·òf'ì·līt),
→ n. [Gr. toxon bow +
philos loving + ite.]
One fond of Archery.

THE SAMURAI'S CHALLENGE

THE BARONY OF COBUR D'ENNUI & CANTON OF AXED ROOT'S

A TOURNAMENT IN FIVE PARTS

- OCT 3
- 500pace Armoured run
 - Japanese style archery
 - Double elimination bastard sword tourney
 - Haiku
 - Single elimination polearm/spear tourney

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A SET OF JAPANESE SWORDS WITH STAND (DIASHO). THIS WILL BE A TRAVELING TROPHY

OTHER COMPETITIONS WILL INCLUDE ARCHERY, HAIKU, JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING. (NEAT PRIZES HERE TOO!!!)

THERE WILL BE DEMOS ON ORIGAMI, KOTO, DRESSING JAPANESE, (OR HOW DO YOU TIE THIS *##! OBI), JAPANESE CUSTOMS AND PHRASES, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, BABYSITTING (EVEN DURING FEAST) AND MUCH MUCH MORE.

JAPANESE STYLE FEAST - (INCLUDING SITE \$8, AFTER SEPT. 15, 9\$ (1\$ OFF WITH PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP). SITE ONLY \$2.50, CHILDREN UNDER 6 GET FREE SITE AND HALF OFF FEAST.)

AND AS IF THIS WASN'T ENOUGH!

ON SUNDAY THE NINJA'S REVENGE

(THE WEIRDEST BOAR HUNT YOU'VE EVER BEEN ON)

THE PRIZE TO BE A NINJA-TO (SWORD), ANOTHER TRAVELING TROPHIE.

FOR MORE INFO:

TAKIMATSU NO BAKU
(AKA) J.G. JENSMA
403 BOONE ST.
BOONE, IOWA 50036 (515) 432-7474

P.S. WE HAVE GARD PATTERN (DIRECTIONS) FOR KIMONO, HAKAMA, KATAGINU AND TABI, (SHIRT, PANTS, VEST, SOX) SEND \$1.00 PLUS A S.A.S.E. TO ABOVE ADDRESS. WRITE PATTERNS ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.

DECADENCE III - THE HIGH ROAD
TO CATHAY

DATE: October 10, A.S. XXII

SITE: Danish Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st St., Omaha.
15 acres of wooded land and hall with fireplace.
The site is wet. Food, motel, liquor store, and
other amenities are located nearby. Opens at 10 am.

TROLL BOOTH: Friday Night Troll Booth is at Lady Sile's,
2430 Newport Ave., Omaha. (402) 455-9742
The site's Phone is 451-9923 (Sat. ONLY!)

TOURNEY: There will be a double elimination prize tourney.
Prizes donated by the Lonely Tower Armourers' Guild

COMPETITIONS: Medieval Munchies - Painting and Drawing -
Decadent Limerick - Brewing and Vintning -
Heretical Heraldry - SCA Photo - Herbalism -
Persona Biography - Free-Style Embroidery -
Decorative Pillow/Floor Covering - Poetry -
Counted Embroidery - Miscellaneous Crafts -
Decadent Nightwear (NO COSTUME IS NO COSTUME)
If you have questions on criteria or
competition specifics, please contact the
autocrats or see your local seneschal for a
more detailed mailing.

FEAST: A culinary tour de force! Follow Bartolomeo's route
from the Occident to the Orient. We will be serving
four removes, each from a different and exotic land.
(Portugal, The Holy Land, India, and Cathay.)

MERCHANTS: You are most welcome! Please contact the
Autocrats to make prior arrangements.

COST: Site Fee ----- \$ 3.00
Feast Fee (includes Site Fee)
Postmarked by September 1 ----- \$ 7.00
After September 1 ----- \$ 8.00
At the door ----- \$10.00
Children: Three and under ----- FREE
Four through Twelve ----- Half Price

SMALLS: We will have a children's table at Feast. Other
activities are being scheduled (including the
possibility of a Ministry of Children session.)
For a nominal fee, we will have babysitters
available. (Please notify us, in advance, if you
will be using this service.)

COSTUME: Iberian, Middle Eastern, East Indian & Chinese
costumes are strongly encouraged. There will be an
informal competition of theme costumes, judged
throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded!

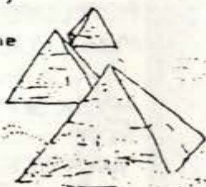
There will be a L.O.O.S.E. Lunch available for a small fee.

Crash Space is limited! Please contact us in advance to make
arrangements. A list of inexpensive hotels is
available for a S.A.S.E. or at the Troll Booth.

For more information or to make reservations contact:

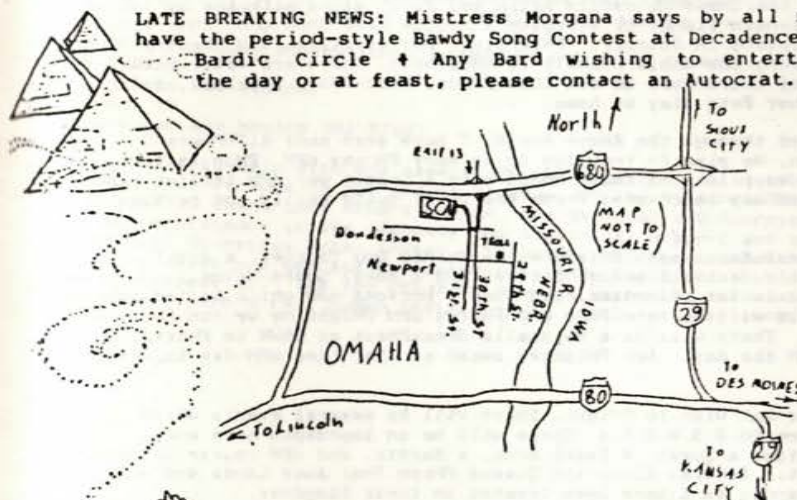
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Ly. Tamarra Neivyestnovna
c/o Robin L. Bayless
1411 Englewood Drive
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This event is brought to you by the members of the Abbey of
Saint Frederick's of Holy Wood, the same people who brought
you Decadence I and Decadence II.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Mistress Morgana says by all means, let's
have the period-style Bawdy Song Contest at Decadence!
Bardic Circle + Any Bard wishing to entertain during
the day or at feast, please contact an Autocrat.



Vennelyst Park: 9100 N. 31st St.

Take exit 13 (30th St) from 80

Proceed South to Bondesson st. (8600 N.)
(Look for Kerr-McBee Station on Right)
One Block West, then North on 31st
To Park.

TROLL: 2430 Newport Ave. (6700 N.)



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Greetings unto the Known World
PHrom Lord Marcus the Vintner, that traveling Outlandish Troll.

Well the dog days oPH summer are almost over, it is now time to think PHUNNE. that is correct, the Phirst Annual Inter-Kingdom Outlandish PHUNE is to be held October 9-12, 1987 near the Shire of Scorpion's Hollow, in the Kingdom oPH the OUTLANDS!!! Their Majesties Artan and Tara, along with the Outlandish Trolls and Lady Kendra Lianne of Scorpion's Hollow have Tons oPH PHun planned for the second weekend in October. PHighting, PHrivolities, and PHaambly PHun are on tap, so bring the whole PHaambly or Household. There are water PHowl living on the site therePHore we ask that PHido, PHoo-PHoo, PHelines, and PHerrets, and other Pets stay at home.

As I have traveled through the Known World, I have seen many diFFPHerent ways to have PHun. We plan to indulge in as many PHoras oPH PHun as time permits. Please keep in mind that trolls have a unique way oPH telling time. Chronometer cancer may be removed PHrom the wrist quite easily and painlessly at the gate.

PHighting will include an open PHield melee, a Mad Dog Tourney, a castle resurrection battle, a troll bridge battle, and a Royal Guard Melee. Baronies, Principalities, Kingdoms, get your 7 persona non white belted guard ready. The PHield will be open PHor any PHoras oPH PHighting we can PHit in as time permits. There will be a Marshalls BreakPHast at DAWN to PHormalize the PHighting oPH the day. Any PHighter awake at that time oPH day is welcome to attend.

PHor those who do not wish to PHight, there will be several events which should please even PH.U.B.W.B.A.s There will be an impromptu Arts and Science Competition, a Quest, A Games Area, a Bardic, and oPH course an Opening and Closing Court. Several Kings and Queens PHrom PHar away Lands and will be treated as grandly as I have been treated in their Kingdoms.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE; AS A MEMBER Oph HOUSEHOLD ROLLING THUNDER, DRUMS MAY BE IN phULL phORCE AT ANY TIME EXCEPT COURTS AND BARDIC. As a courtesy, the drummers will set aside their drumsticks at midnight to soPHten their rhythas.

Merchants are oPH course welcome. We would like a donation oPH their wares PHor the prize PHund.

PHor the GREEBLIES (those under the age oPH ten) we have the OUTLANDISH CHILDRENS COLLEGE COOPERATIVE. Parents please note the word COOPERATIVE this is not a baby sitting service, we expect an hour per child to supervise the GREEBLIES.

About the site. The site is Ned Houk Park 10 miles north oPH Clovis New Mexico, U.S.A. Note the spiPHPHY map. The site is damp (discreetly wet). Weather is unpridictable, days in the 70*-80* (PH) 40*-50* (PH) after dark. The site PHee is \$5.00 American and a joke, pun, PHunny story, or a practical joke, and oPH course a smile on your PHace. An outline oPH your practical joke must be submitted to thew Chuckle Comettee bePHore the event. You will receive more inPHormation when you pay your site PHee.

As PHun-o-crat, I will be camping at the gate to answer any questions and to handle any complaints, I do not handle complaints very well. Please submit any complaints on paper with a copy PHor the Phun-o-crat, one PHor the Autocrat, one PHor the Crown oPH the Outlands, one PHor your Crown, one PHor the Senechal of the Outlands, one PHor your Senechal, and oPH course one PHor yourselfPH. That should do it.

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OK so you live PHar away and do not plan to come to our PHUNNE. This does not mean you can not play.. Submit to the PHun-o-crat, by Post Office, your tall tale oPH woe, and the persona with the most creative tall tale will be honored. Be creative, aPHter all, that is our middle name.

PHor inPHormation, suggestions, comments, and snide remarks, contact the PHUN-O-CRAT:
Lord Marcus the Vintner
P.O. Box 63
Albuquerque New Mexico USA 87103

IPH you wish to help with any aspect oPH the weekend, let me know and I will PHorward your Persona to the proper Kingdom oPH the Outlands OPHPHicer. I would like to thank Lady Kendra Lianne, the Senechal oPH Scorpions Hollow PHor her assistance in the planning and logistical support she and Shire has given Their Majesties Artan (rymes with Argon) and Tara, and myselfPH (not Majestic. With out her and her supportmy liPHe would be a bit more harried than it already is. IPH you PHind my humor a bit crass and would like to communicate with a real human instead oPH a troll, you may contact her:

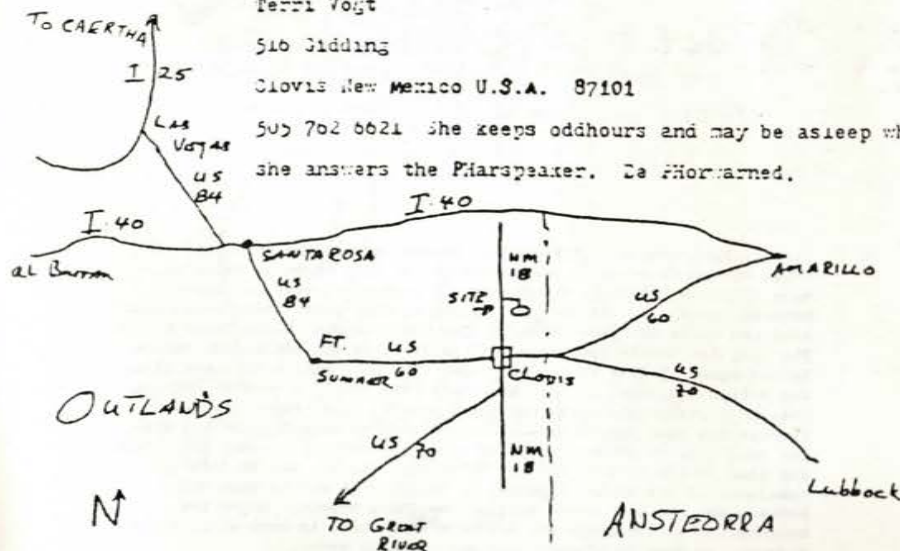
Lady Kendra Lianne C/O

Ferri Vogt

516 Gidding

Clovis New Mexico U.S.A. 87101

505 702 6621 she keeps oddhours and may be asleep when she answers the PHarspeaker. De PHornamed.



Many times we've paided here,
 The Niche we came to slay!!!
 And now we're here with ~~the~~ Calontir
 Our Orcs will win the day!
 Fighting here Fighting there
 Your Squeez cringe in flight,
 We'll dance and Gorge and
 guzz/s brw-
 Mathangs we'll stay the Night!!
 by Bobby Boltza

Orc Wars
 "Three Rivers Strikes Back"
 Oct. 17 - Grey Niche... The
 Fight for Truth Justice and a Rodent -
 Free Kingdom Continues...

.....Last year a mighty war was fought between the Barony of Three Rivers of Calontir and The Barony of Grey Niche of Meridies. Many fighters toiled in the hot sun to achieve victory for their beloved homes. At the end, the Barony of Grey Niche stood victorious over the noble warriors of Master Stephen Ironhand, Baron Three Rivers. The last few months have seen much activity in the wastelands that a former enemy of Grey Niche call home. The only people to stand alone and defeat the might of Grey Niche are "THE ORCS", a band of rag-tag creatures that fight dirty and smell worse. It is known that Baron Stephen has sent agents into the wastelands to negotiate a pact with the foul Orcs to attack and bring under the yoke of tyranny the simple and kind people of Grey Niche. On October 16, 17, and 18 join the remainder of the border fighters of Meridies to strike down these animals and the mis-guided allies from Three Rivers. Enjoy the hospitality of the Baron and Baroness Grey Niche in what will, without a doubt, go down in history as a most unusual event.

THE FEAST-will be a true Feast from the Middle East. Prepared by La Hermans Maria Catalina de la Encarnacion and Duchess Heather of Tyson this meal will be a recreation of the "Feast of the Assassin". The hall and the entertainment will be centered on this theme. All are invited to bring their harem-person garb to the feast. Breakfast Saturday and Sunday will be provided.

THE WAR-Three Rivers and the Orcs will attempt to destroy all opposition in a series of unique and diverse battles. Please plan to bring any type of melee equipment because the types of battles will vary.

ORC OLYMPICS-This will test the contestants in numerous activities that will separate the men from the Orcs. Diverse tests of physical and mental skills will be offered to the daring.

AFTER THE FEAST-there will be dancing and a bardic circle in addition to all the normal revel-type things that go on at a Grey Niche event.

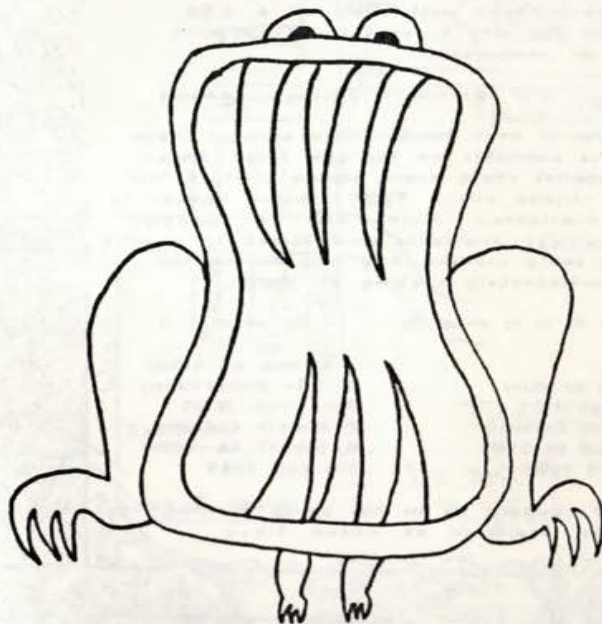
MIDDLE-EAST DANCE CONTEST-will be held during the feast.

THE PLACE-The Mississippi Group Camp at Shelby Forest State Park slightly north of Memphis, Tennessee. PLEASE SEE THE MAP IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!!!!!

THE COST-prices are before October 8th-\$11.00
 after October 8th and-at the door-\$13.00
 daytripping (includes feast)-\$7.00

Make checks payable to: Barony of Grey Niche, SCA, Inc.
 P.O. Box 11184
 Memphis, Tenn. 38111

Send Reservations and Questions to the above P.O. box-Your Friendly auto-crats are Duke Sir John the Bearkiller and Lord Lee Fribrand, esq.



Celtic Adventure

On Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25, Gnomountain will present two days of **ADVENTURE, FIGHTING, AND FUN**. Saturday events will include adventuring loosely based on **CELTIC** myths with a prize for the best adventuring team. Sunday activities will be informal **ARCHERY AND FIGHTING**, plus arts and bardic activities (if there are bards willing to cooperate.) Bards, please prepare **CELTIC** style songs and tales. The adventuring will please all present, not just fighters (but there will be plenty of **BOOB MASHING AND BASHING**, so bring your armour.) There will be an **ARTS & SCIENCES** display worth points in the adventuring. Display items should be in the **CELTIC** tradition or the tradition of their immediate neighbors. Feast will also be in the **CELTIC** tradition.

Fees: Site fees will be \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children (children's activities will be scheduled.) Feast will be \$8 at the door or \$7 with advance reservations (postmarked by 1 week in advance.) There will also be a \$3.50 discount for site & feast for those with proof of membership.

Site: The Grinnell College Campus

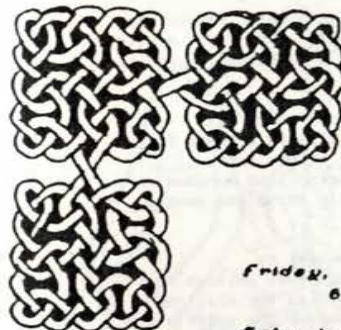
(the site of most Gnomountain events) Crash space is available on the gym floor. Those with special crash needs should contact the Enroll (there are a **VERY** limited number of beds available.) There will be **SHOWERS** and **SAUNAS** available and access to a pool in the early evening. Dry site during the day, indiscretely soaking at night.

Autocrat Enroll

Heana
(Donna Dralus)
P.O. Box 3-83
Grinnell College
Grinnell IA 50112
515 269 3983

Allana ni Aidan
(Wendy Robertson)
P.O. Box 11-85
Grinnell College
Grinnell IA 50112
515 269 3987

Please contact us in the early evening. We may be available at other times.



Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 23

6:00 pm Enroll Opens

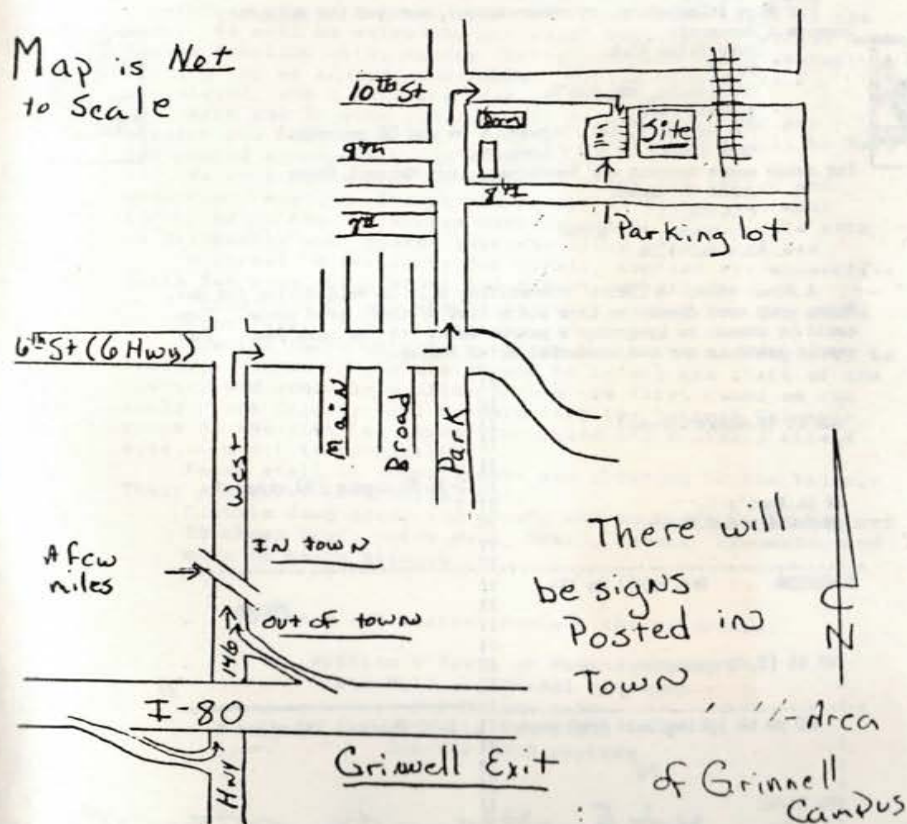
Saturday, Oct. 24

9:00 am Preparation for adventure
10:00 am Adventuring begins
Noon Lunch break
1:00 pm Adventuring resumes
4:30 pm Adventure comes to a close
(A-u-u-u!)

6:00 pm Feast

Count will be scheduled at the Enroll's request.

Map is Not
to Scale



The Shire of Longridge announces its Hallowe'en event. As you may have guessed, it will be held on October 31, A.S.XXII (1987). The site (the same as for our Yule Feast) will be St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sikeston, MO.

The site will open at 1:00 pm and the day's activities will include: a fighters' practice (please keep your fingers crossed for good weather); an Arts and Science display (bring things for Show-and-Tell!); a FEAST; a costume party with period (and mundane) games; and a Bardic Circle (with ghoully and ghostly tales and songs preferred). There will be dancing, too!

Would you like to come, but your small people want to Trick-or-Treat? No problem! During the day a mediaeval Hallowe'en party will be held for the Kingdom children as well as for visiting mundane munchkins from the church we are using. After the party a few chaperones from Longridge and volunteering parents will take the kids to a SAFE neighbourhood for their goodies.

The site fee will be \$3.50, (\$1.50 for those under 12 years old) with the feast fee being a side-dish to feed four. Longridge will provide the main course. Use the following chart:

If mundane surname begins with	A-E,	please bring	Bread
"	"	"	Cheese
"	"	"	Fruit
"	"	"	Salad veggies
"	"	"	Easy dessert (such

as oatmeal cookies)

Site is damp (beer, mead, wine).

For those who crave junk food, there are plenty of fast food restaurants nearby. Crash space is available, as well as convenient motels.

For more information, or reservations, contact the Autocrat, Jeanine d'Harcourt:

Mary Ellen Kirk
Rt. 1
Charleston, MD 63834
314-683-4428

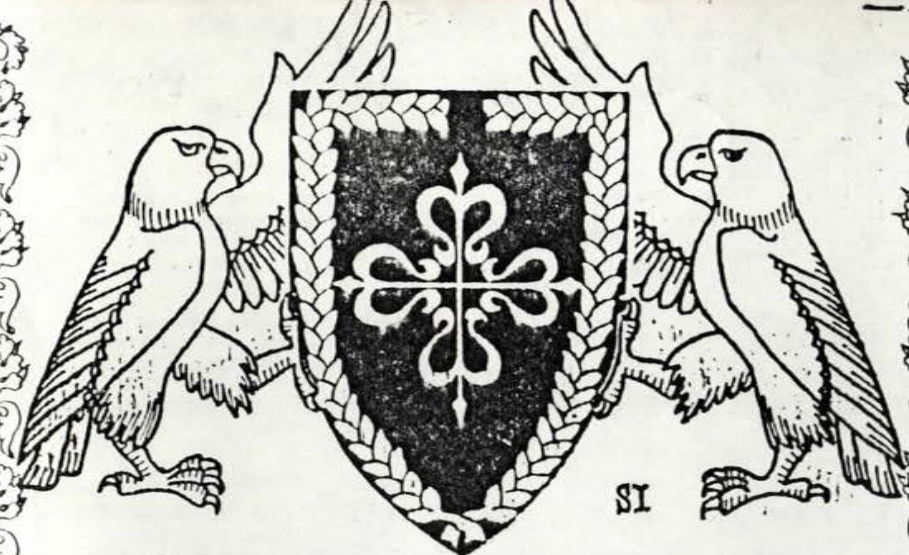
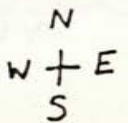
(On weekdays, call between 4 pm and 10 pm only.)
Make checks to SCA - Longridge

For crash space contact our Seneschal, Lady Mairoli Bhan:

Janet H. Hinson
P.O.Box 16
Morehouse, MD 63868
314-667-5204

A final note: A "Saint" competition will be held during the day. Bring your most deserving folk and a list of their good deeds. They could be chosen as Longridge's patron saint for the next year. This year's saint is our own wonderful Ariel Foxley.

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Under a new directive of the Crown, the Baronies of Calontir or their Cantons, will now host Kingdom events on a rotating basis.

The Barony of V'tavia is proud to host the ninth Crown List of the Kingdom of Calontir.

This Crown List will be held on Nov.14 at the camp Hiawatha where we have enjoyed Valor and Crown Lists in the past. We will be extending our usual hospitality as you have become familiar with, cabins (bring your own space heater) or tenting is, as always, available. Period camping is encouraged, and a separate area will be provided.

Arts and Science judging will be available for any project you wish to bring. Special competitions will be held for period encampments and woodcarving.

We will again provide separate areas for period and nonperiod reveling. The period bardic reveling will most likely be in the "Enchanted camping area". The entire site is discreetly wet, please leave no signs of alcohol use.

A corral is available for horses, contact the equestrian guild for more information and organized activities.

There will be children activities during the day and a childrens feast is also planned.

Opening court will be at 10 am, with the tourney soon to follow. Weapon inspection should be before the start of the tourney and armor inspection during the first round on the field. His Majesty will be enforcing the "normal Calontir rules of the list" eg three time rules and standard shield size, (arm pit to fingertip).

Feast shall be identifiable and pleasing to the taste. Their majesties have called for; "little dead birds and rice", and so there shall be, and Szechuan beef, onion soup, bread, cheese, lemonade, and more is being planned.

For more information contact the autocrats:

William V'Tavia or Mammara Leona
c/o Bill or Annabel Vinduska
453 Meadow Haven
Wichita Ks. 67209
316-942-1058 anytime

The Barony has a new site: 2525 N. New York, Bldg. A1. Phone number is 265-6736. All currently listed meeting times and places may change. Please contact the group meeting leader listed for correct meeting information.

- ARCHERY-- Meeting Saturday afternoons after 2:30. There is also assistance for children to learn. For more information, contact Ld. Bear (David Pitchers) 688-1728.
- ARMORING-- Meetings currently being held at the Keep on Tuesday nights and Friday night (for second shifters). For more information, contact Earl Sir Edward (Eric Mohr). 522-7670
- BARDIC-- Meets alternate Wednesday evenings at the Keep. For more information, contact Baron Tedrick von Wolfschatten (Ted Hager). 529-2281.
- DANCE-- Meets alternate Wednesday nights at the Keep. For more information, contact Gabriella la Fiorentina (Beckie Barber) 778-1038
- FIGHTER PRACTICE Will be held Sundays concurrently with the Populace meeting at the park. For more information, contact Ld. Conn Drynguma (David Dressler) 685-9565
- MIDEASTERN DANCE-- Held on Tuesday nights at the Keep. For more information, contact Her Royal Majesty, Mistress Mammara Leone (Annabel Vinduska). 942-1058
- POPULACE MEETING-- Held on Sundays concurrently with Fighter Practice at the Linwood Park. It is a chance to get together and share information and ideas with each other. For more information, contact Ld. Robert of the Woodlands (Robert Wood)
- SEWING-- Meets Monday evenings every other week. For more information, contact Countess Elisabeth du Rossignol (Liz Mohr) 522-7670

As you will notice above, we have a very short list for interest groups. Until this last June, if you were interested in needlework, you could contact Lady Christiana. Now, there is no one. I am sure there are other fields of interest to everyone. Let's try to get some groups going. Like the needlework, brewing, calligraphy and illumination. By forming more interest groups, we have a more active and productive Barony. Maybe we can start taking more awards in Arts and Sciences competitions.

There have been so many new people join the Barony in the last few months, so come on people, express an interest.

The New Baronage

- Baron - Ld. Tedrick Von Wolfschatten
(Ted Hager) 529-2281
- Baroness - Ly. Aileen the Audacious
(Jane Hager) 529-2281
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Officers

- Seneschal - Ld. Robert of the Woodlands
(Robert Wood) *263-4646
- Herald - Ly. Ceithlenn nic Ruaidhri
(Amy Billington) 524-2987
- Treasurer - Ly. Katherine Helena
(Katherine Woodworth) 522-1658
- Minister of Arts - Ly. Maria de la Rosa
(Mary Whitney) 688-1728
- Minister of Sciences - Ld. Moriagh Teige O'Flaithbheartiagh
(Bob Flaherty) 943-9051
- Marshall - Ld. Conn Drynguma of Marr
(David Dressler) 685-9565
- Chronicler - Gabriella la Fiorentina
(Beckie Barber) *778-1038
- Champion - Ld. Robert of the Woodlands
(Robert Wood) *263-4646
- Historian - Ld. Friar Thomas Bacon
(David Moreno) 685-1182
- Luchistnik - Ld. Bear
(David Pitchers) 688-1728
- Listmistress - Ly. Ceithlenn nic Ruaidhri
(Amy Billington) 524-2987
- Minister of Children - Ly. Dana Latona
(Dana Woodworth) 522-1658
- Chatelaine - Briallen Ferch Cadfael
(Debbie Taylor) 524-0917

*-means new phone number. please take note.