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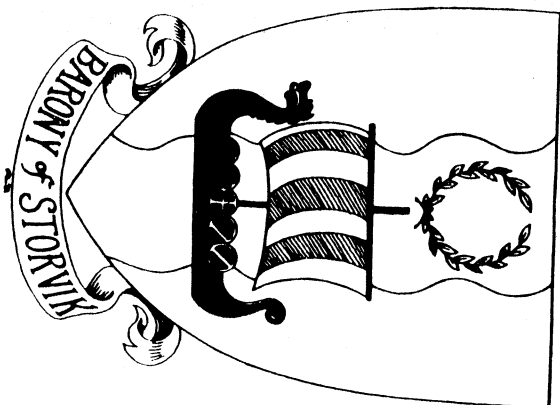


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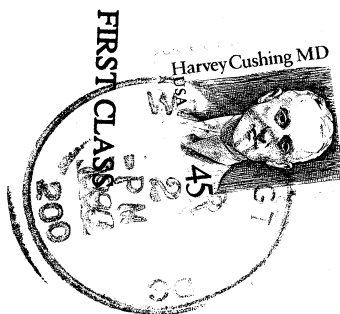
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Storvik Calendar

- Apr. 6-8 **EAGLES TOURNEY**, Barony of Lochmere. Autocrat: AElfred of Cres (301/544-5430)
- Apr. 8 **STORVIK BARONY MEETING**, Richard & Anne's, 7:30 pm
- Apr. 16 **PARENTS' MEETING** at Volodimir & Gwaedden's, 7:30 pm.
- Apr. 21 **SCRIBES AND HERALD'S COLLEGIUM**, Autocrat: Jaelle of Armida (202/737-4609)
- Apr. 28 **LADY'S DAY TOURNEY**, at Dun Carraig,. Autocrat: Rose of Black Diamond (301/257-7953)
- May 5 **CROWN TOURNAMENT**, in Lochmere. Autocrat: Lady Keilyn FarTraveller (301/464-5666)
- May 12 **STORVIK BARON'S CHAMPION TOURNEY**, Autocrat: Beornheard of Wearmouth 301/559-7852
- May 13 **STORVIK BARONY MEETING**, Conor & Aislynn's, 7:30 pm
- May 19 **EMERALD IOUST** [Caer Mear] Autocrat: Kendrick del Granewode (804/744-5301)
- May 19 **DEMO**, Haycock Elementary School. For information, contact Michael le-Marin (301/ICE-LORD)
- May 19 **DEMO**, Pimmit Library. For information, contact Michael le-Marin (301/ICE-LORD)
- May 25-28 **GARB WARS** an inter-Kingdom collegium in Bright Hills. Autocrat: Ekaterina Vladimirovna Zommerveldt (301/467-6575)
- June 2 **DEMO**, Thomas Jefferson Library. For information, contact Michael le-Marin (301/ICE-LORD)
- June 9 **LOCHMERE BARONIAL BIRTHDAY AND CHAMPION'S TOURNEY**, Autocrat: Aelfred of Cres (301/544-5430)
- June 10 **STORVIK BARONY MEETING**, at Stefan Haroldsson's, 7:30 pm
- June 16 **STEIRBACH 10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**, Autocrat: Katherine v on Recknor (703/788-4050) [date may be changed]

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Yet More of the Calendar

- June 20 **DEMO**, Fairfax Library. For information, contact Michael le-Marin (301/ICE-LORD)
- June 23 **HIGHLAND RIVER MELEES II**, Highland Pooorde. Autocrat: Alexander of Cumberlande (301/698-0751)
- June 30 **JHAD OF THE BRIGHT ROSE**, in the Bright Hills
- July 14 **NOVICE TOURNEY**, Autocrat: Mistress Elizabeth Beaufort (301/598-7424)
- Sept. 27 **STORVIK COLLEGIUM**, Autocrat: Mistress Jaelle of Armida, 202/737-4609
- Oct 27 or Nov. 10 **BELOW THE SALT**, Autocrat: Winifred Corbet de Wynterwood (703/533-8224)
- Dec. 29 **STORVIK GRAND CHRISTMASS BALL**

For the Common Weal

To Parents in Storvik, from Baroness Elaina, Greetings

We can all see, dear friends, that the SCA is beginning to change as our events become more and more, events with families, and children of all ages, in attendance. It has therefore been suggested that the parents in Storvik meet to discuss how, in the future, we wish to work together to ensure that there are facilities, activities and/or arrangements made for the children at or during events. Thus, on April 16, at 7:30 pm, there will be a meeting for parents at the home of Sir Volodimir and Lady Gwaeddon. It is requested that only parents attend this meeting; there is a later meeting planned for parents and non-parents where all may express their concerns.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Capital Beltway (I-495) to New Hampshire Blvd. (Rt. 650). Cross over University, and go past the International House of Pancakes. As you go down the big hill, look for and take a left turn onto Erskine. (If you get to the intersection of Piney Branch and New Hampshire, you've gone too far.) Once on Erskine, bear left as the road splits. Go to the 2nd STOP sign, and turn left onto 15th. Take the 1st right off of 15th onto Hannon. The house is 1505. If parking is tight, gentiles are welcome to park in the School parking lot just up the hill.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

FIGHTING: Practice is held each Sunday afternoon at the Pimmit Library in Falls Church. Contact Sir Strykar (703/241-1682) or Lord Malcolm MacMalcolm (301/656-6050) for more information. Call Lord Gregoire for rapier info (301/990-8948).

FIGHTING: Steirbach holds a fighter practice 1 pm in Cloverdale Park in Dale City, VA. For information, Lord Eric von Kleinfeld, 703/361-3863.

MONDAY

FIGHTING: Fighting practice in northern Storvik is held on Monday nights at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School (the site of Novice Tourney) from 7-9:30 pm. We ask all fighters who are able to contribute \$1 per evening to help cover the cost of the site. Directions to the Site: From the Beltway, take the New Hampshire Avenue exit south towards Takoma Park. Take New Hampshire approximately 8/10 mile and turn right onto Piney Branch Road. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Carrol Ave. The school will be on your right. For information, call Sir Klaus von Trollenberg (589-6627). PLEASE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SCHOOL, DO NOT WEAR BLACK-SOLED SHOES.

DANCE PRACTICES in Storvik, on Monday evenings. Look for Nachttanz notice elsewhere in Drekkr.

ARMORING WORKSHOPS are held each Monday evening at the home of Sir Baschamp-Paul (703/435-6750).

DANCE: 2nd Monday of each month, Lochmere. Contact Siobhan (301/464-2852) for information.

TUESDAY

FIGHTING: The Barony of Lochmere holds Fighter Practice at Arundel High School (south side of Rt. 175, west of Rt. 3) on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm. Contact Lord Illarion (Jim Sams, 301/266-3673) for information.

THE LADIES SEWING CIRCLE AND TERRORIST SOCIETY OF LOWER HIGHLANDE FOORDE, at 7pm in Frederick, MD. for information, call Gordon or Peregrin at 301/695-4095

THE LADIES SEWING CIRCLE AND TERRORIST SOCIETY assemble for fittings, fashion, fraternizing and fun at the home of Mistress Teleri Talgellawg in Falls Church on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 till 11:00. Meetings are not restricted to ladies only! Contact Teleri (703/560-8825) for directions.

WEDNESDAY

BARONIAL AT HOME: MUSIC! TOPICS! The Baron & Baroness will be hosting an at-home, each Wednesday night at 7 PM. There will be two separate events each week: a music practice (starting Oct 18, led by Baron Kay) in the library and a discussion/workshop downstairs (led by Baroness Elaina). All are invited. There will be no pot-luck supper.

THURSDAY

FIGHTING: Sir Strykar holds a Fighter Practice on Thursdays in Fairfax. Contact Sir Strykar (703/241-1682) for more information.

FIGHTING: Highlande Foarde holds a fighting practice at 7 pm at the Potomac Heights School in Hagerstown. For information, call Ian MacPhearson, 301/739-3096

ARCHERY: Thursday evenings from aprox 4pm till dark at the archery range on University Blvd (next to University of Maryland) Contact Count Dafydd ap Gwystl for information (301/598-7424).

ARCHERY: The Barony of Lochmere holds archery practice at Arundel Archers from 5pm 'till. Arundel Archers is located off Route 3 on the Southbound lanes. For information, contact Baron AElfred at 301/544-5430

FRIDAY

SUMPOSITION OIKOMENIKON: Lady Maria, Lord Sean and Lord Beornheard invite all newcomers (and any other interested "old-timers") to an informal get-together on various aspects of life in the Society, on the Second Friday of every month. See notice on page 7.

FIGHTING: Thorvassir meeting, from 6-10 pm at the Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, George Washington University, in room 501. For information, contact Lord Maximillian von Holstern, (Max Nelson, 202/835-9673)

FIGHTING: Bright Hills holds a fighting practice from 7-10 pm at the Franklyn Middle School in Reisterstown. For information, call Heinrich or Barbara, 301/833-6194

FROM HEAD TO TOE, an Arts Workshop, meets Friday nights in Bowie, for all interested in costuming, needlework, and other various medieval arts and sciences. Contact Lady Therasa du Domremy (Terry Lee Bjorkland, 301/262-5142) for directions or more information.

THE COLLEGIUM COMMUTATIUM:

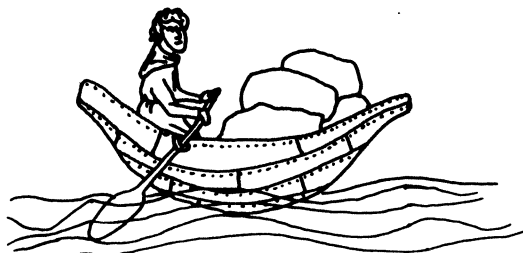
The Collegium Commutatum meets for lunch on several "campuses" around the area. Come join us for conversations medieval and mundane.

CRYSTAL CITY/PENTAGON, on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of every month. Contact Mistress Signy (Tracie Brown, 202/692-0531) or Morgana (Barbara Jackson, 202/692-8465) for exact time and location.

DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON, at 1:00 on the THIRD MONDAY of every month, at International Square (above the Farragut West Metro Station, 18th and I Streets, near the escalators), also within walking distance of Farragut North. Contact Lady Johanna (Janet Trautvetter, 202/778-6613) or Mistress Jaelle (Judy Gerjuoy, 202/638-0252). Collegiums which fall on Federal Holidays will be held the following Tuesday.

RESTON, VA., on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of every month. Contact Baroness Elaina (Mary Mormon, 703/689-5084) for exact time and location.

TYSON'S CORNER, VA, on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month, at the Shakey's Pizzia off International Drive in Tysons Corner. For information, Contact Master Allyn (Alan Dowd, work 703/827-3697, home 703/491-8867, between 6 & 10 PM)



ART CREDITS: The cover art was done by Lord Conor, and was commissioned for use as this month's cover to compliment the beginning of the series of articles in letter format on the Second Crusade by Lord Jean Charles d'Avignon. My thanks to Lord Conor for his gracious support of the Drekkar. Any occasional art used throughout the Drekkar comes from the art archives, and was done either by Lady Lann or Earl Dafydd

Nachtanzt

Learn to dance in the good old way!

Pavan, Brante, Galliard, Alman, Ballo, Country Dance, Minuet, Cotillion, Renaissance, Elizabethan, Cavalier, Louis XIV, Baroque, Colonial, Regency. French, Italian, English German, Spanish.

Classes in early dance are held on Monday nights, 7:30 PM, at George Washington University, starting at about 7:30. The first hour or so will cover general dances. We will then cover more complicated dances, experimentation with new dances and practice for Nachtanzt performance. No dance experience required.

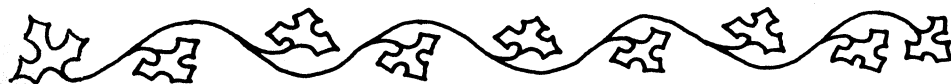
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April	9	16	23	30
May	7	14	21	

No practice April 2 and Memorial Day

George Washington University, Marvin Center,
21st NW between H St & G St

We usually meet in room 403, 405 or 410 on the 4th floor. Look for "Medieval History Club", "SCA" or "Dance Practice" on the Schedule. Note: If GWU is closed due to adverse weather, we will not meet. For more information contact Niall (Ken Reed, 2941 Fairmont Street, Falls Church, Va 22042 Tel: 703/560-8825)



Greetings unto the good Folk of the Barony of Storvik;

Good Gentles one and all, the Shire of the Bright Hills wishes to extend our Thanks to you for your ample support of our recent arts event, the "Almost" Fat Tuesday Arts and Feast Fest.

We particularly wish to thank those folk who taught at the event and those who came despite the dire warnings of foul weather and impending snow fall.

Again, we thank you for this support and look forward to seeing you at future events in both Bright Hills and the Barony of Storvik.

Written this day, March e, A.S. XXIV, as spokesman for the Shire of the Bright Hills and Autocrat of "Fat Tuesday", I remain,

Lady Ekaterina Vladimirovna Zommerveldtova

Newcomers

to Storvik and to the SCA are cordially invited to the

SUMPOSION OIKOMENIKON

(or, as the Greeks say, "Y'all come to the Party")

on the second Friday of each month, from 7 to 11 PM. Here is a chance to meet people and get your bearings, in a smaller and more personal setting than a big event. Wear casual clothes (costume NOT required), ask and answer questions, bring your current project, or just hang out. Each month features:

A TALK, DEMO, OR WORKSHOP on a topic of interest.

TIME to talk and visit with other Storviks.

PIZZA! A chef visits with dinner for those who cannot eat before they come. Please call to get in on the order.

Apr 13 Once upon a Time (History, Geography & Rules of the SCA)

May 11 Who Am I This Time (Persona)

For more information, call

Call Beornheard of Wearmouth (Jeff Tyeryar, 202/857-62131 days, 301/559-7852 evenings) or

Bjorn Bjorklund (Richard Bjorklund, 301/262-5142 evenings)

Location: At the home of Lord Beornheard of Wearmouth, Lord Sean Michael MacKay and Lady Maria Constanze de Cremona, 3603 Oliver Street, Hyattsville, Maryland

From the Capitol Beltway (I-495): Take New Hampshire Avenue South to Adelphi Road. Take a left onto Adelphi. After several miles, you will come to Route 410 (East-West Highway). Get in the right-hand lane, and cross over 410 onto Queens Chapel Road. Go through the light at the top of the hill, and make the next right onto Oliver Street. The address is 3603 Oliver.

From The City: Take North Capitol Street to Michigan Avenue. (Look for the signs to Providence Hospital and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception). Turn right onto Michigan. Stay on Michigan when it leaves the District and becomes Queens Chapel Road. Oliver street is approx. 5.4 miles from the intersection of North Capitol and Michigan. You will eventually pass through a shopping district (a shopping center, gas stations, a Pizza Hut, etc). Queens chapel road then goes up a very noticeable hill. Oliver street is on the other side of the hill, at the bottom, on the left. If you reach Route 410 (East-West Highway), you have gone too far. If so, cross 410, turn around, and follow the "from the Capital Beltway" directions above.

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By Metro: Take the Red Line to Brookland/Catholic University. Catch a R2 or R7 bus. If this is your first time by bus, go to Prince Georges Plaza (the bus will actually go into the Shopping Center) and call me. Someone will pick you up. After the first time, I will show you the stop to get off. It is approx. 40 min. from Metro Center to my house during rush hour, a little longer afterwards.



Dun Carraig Presents . . .

LADY'S DAY TOURNEY

The incipient Shire of Dun Carraig announces its first annual Lady's Day Tourney, sponsored by the Barony of Lochmere. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, AS XXIV in Southern Maryland.

The competition will be three-fold. There will be a double-elimination favor tourney for the fighters of the realm to demonstrate their skill and prowess. All fighters will be expected to express themselves in verse to their consort as the second part of the competition. The final part of the competition will be based on the beauty and workmanship of the favors presented to the fighters. Following the tourney there will be a Grand Melee.

the evening festivities will include a feast of diverse courses prepared by Minowara Kiritsubo-sensi. Dancing and gaming will occupy the celebrants at the revel that follows.

For Directions and site fee, contact Rose of Black Diamond (Lisa Oswald, 2670 Karen Drive, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732; 301/257-7953 before 10 pm) or look in your April Acorn.



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The Barony of Lochmere Presents . . .

Eagle's Tourney

It's back, it's bigger than ever, and this time it'll take more than a hurricane to stop it. From the 6th through the 8th of April, the Barony of Lochmere will sponsor its annual Eagle's Tourney, a six-part competition designed to test the mettle of the most stalwart fighter. The competition will consist of:

Single Elimination Sword & Shield Tourney
Single Elimination Shieldless Tourney
Royal Round Archery Competition
Heraldry Test
Chess Test
Persona Storytelling Competition

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each competition as well as the overall winner. You need not be a fighter to compete. There will also be combat archery classes and competitions.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for on board reservations. This wet site boasts hot showers, cabins and tent space. The site will open at 5:00 pm on the 6th and close at 12:00 noon on the 8th.

Fees	Until 1 April	After 1 April
Friday-Sunday on board	\$14.00	\$15.00
off board	\$8.00	\$9.00
Saturday-Sunday on board	\$11.00	\$12.00
off board	\$5.00	\$6.00
Saturday on board	\$9.00	\$10.00
off board	\$4.00	\$5.00

There is a \$1.00 discount for on board members. Children under 12 pay half the adult rate. Make checks payable to: The Barony of Lochmere, SCA Inc. Send reservations to Tony Toich, 485 Eleanor Ln., Arnold, MD 21012. For more information, call Sir Aelfred (the autocrat) at (301) 544-5430.

Directions: Take US 50 east from the Beltway approximately 30 miles and go over the Bay Bridge (toll \$2.50). Take Rt. 8 south 1 1/2 miles; the site is on the right.

INTERKINGDOM HERALD'S AND SCRIBES COLLEGIUM

On Saturday, April 21, 1990 there will be a collegium dedicated to the heraldic and scribal arts. There will be three tracks of classes dedicated to the heraldic arts as well as three tracks dedicated to the scribal arts at all times during the day. There will be both beginning and advanced classes at all times. There will be teachers from both the East and Atlantia.

The heraldic classes currently scheduled include: Using the New Rules, taught by Mistress Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Laurel Queen of Arms; Heraldic Drawing, by Mistress Johanna von Griffenhurst; Comparative Courts, by Master Conrad von Regensburg, former Principal Herald of Caid and Duke Gryth Oldcastle; How to do Heraldic Paperwork (How to fill out Submission forms) for both the local herald and the submitter, by Lady Hilary Fairhaven; Period Heraldic Sources, by Master Allyn O'Dubdha; Basic Name Research by Lord Arval Benicoeur; Computer Assisted Heraldry by Herverus d'Ormonde and Master Allyn; and How to Blazon, by Sir Cai de Lyon. There will be additional classes as well; see next month's announcement or SASE the autocrat. Scribal classes currently scheduled include: Celtic Knotwork Made Easy by Lann of Cambion; Using Guache by Johanna von Griffenhurst; Black Letter by Bogdan Il'ich Volknoi; Cadeax by Dutchess Caterina Lenora de Forza d'Agro; Heraldic Art by Dutchess Caterina; History of Letterforms by Master Owaine ap Ioan; Paper by Master Owaine; Acantheus Leaves by Lady Fionnghuala Siobhan nic an Chlerich. There will be additional classes as well; see next month's announcement, or SASE Lady Johanna von den Glocken.

Everyone attending scribal classes should bring at a minimum: broad tipped pens, (calligraphy pens), ink for the pens, practice paper, rulers, pencils, and erasers. People taking the course on Guache should also bring several small good quality brushes; paint and paper for this course only will be provided. Note: this class will be limited to ten people. There will be a \$2.00 supply charge for the course on Acantheus Leaves.

The site, Warner Memorial Presbyterian, will open at 9:00, with the first class at 10:00. There will be a lunch break at 12:00, with

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classes resuming at 1:30. Dinner, cooked by Baroness Elaina de Sinstre, will be served at 6:30, followed by dancing and socializing during the evening. Note: the site is dry.

To get to the site, take your best route to the Capital Beltway 495 around DC. Get off at the exit for Connecticut Avenue North - towards Kensington. Go approximately one mile. The site, Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church will be on the right. There is limited on street parking around the church; there is a huge parking lot (that belongs to the church) across Connecticut Avenue.

There will be babysitting available, in a nursery room with toys and cribs, for an additional fee. Contact the autocrat for more details.

The cost for this event is \$5.00 per person, which includes lunch. Dinner is an additional \$6.50. After April 1, the prices go up to \$6.00 and \$7.50. Checks should be made payable to Barony of Storvik, SCA, Inc. and sent to: Jaelle of Armida (Judy Gerjuoy, 1210 4th Street, NW, #101, Washington, DC 20001 [202] 737-4609). All requests for crash space should also go there, don't worry there is plenty.

People wishing to teach heraldic matters should contact the autocrat. People wishing to teach scribal arts should contact: Lady Johanna von den Glocken (Janet Trautvetter, 3901 Ilford Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906 [301] 942-5161).

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ATTENTION NORTHERN REGION CHIRURGEONS!

There will be a Northern Regional meeting of Chirurgeons, and of those interested in the Chirurgeon's Guild, at the Storvik Baron's Champion Tourney on May 12, 1990. All interested gentles, from within and without the Region, are encouraged to attend.

From the journeyman chirurgeon

Lady Anne of Corbridge.

(Victoria A. Smith, 10613 Center Street, Fairfax, VA 22030.
Tel: 703/385-1736, before 10 pm only.)

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The Barony of Lochmere is pleased to invite all Atlantians and travelers to

Crown Tournament

to be held on May 5, 1990 at Dasher Green/Owen Brown School in Columbia, Maryland.

The following schedule will be adhered to, if at all possible:

11:30	Site opens
12:30	Procession begins
1:00	Tournament begins

Following the Tournament, a feast of simple but filling fare will be served, prepared by Baroness Deirdre of Cres. Thereafter, Their Majesties will hold Court. There will be dancing as time permits, before the hall closes at 10:30 PM.

During the day, there will be Arts & Sciences competitions in the categories of English Costume 1350-1500 and SCA-legal armor.

When sending in reservations, please include the legal and Society names of each person in the party, as well as a contact name, address, telephone number, and the names and ages of any children in your party. If you have any dietary restrictions, please make a note of them, and enclose a Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope. Also, if crash space is desired, please note any restrictions that you may have, and enclose a SASE. Please neatly print or type the requested information, and don't try to fit it in the memo line of your check. And, of course, don't send cash.

Before April 1, 1990, onboard reservations will cost \$9, and offboard \$2. Before April 25, 1990, onboard reservations will cost \$10, and offboard \$3. Thereafter, offboard reservations will cost \$4. Onboard reservations will not be available after April 25 except under extenuating circumstances (military duty, etc), or if there are cancellations. All seats sold from the waiting list will cost \$12, and will be sold in strict waiting list order. Bribery is discouraged, and phone reservations WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED (don't say that we didn't tell you). Table reservations will be accepted in advance. Please send them with the reservations, in groups of 8, and without mixing on- and off-board seating.

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Child care will not be available due to site limitations, however some children's activities may be arranged. Please write for more information. Children will be admitted free for the day, and will cost \$3.50 for onboard (6-12). Babes younger than 6 are admitted free, but those over 12 must pay full price.

The site is dry, and candles are not permitted. Pets are also forbidden, as is smoking within the confines of the hall. Merchants may set up and sell their wares between the hour of one o'clock and the time at which the semi-finals of the Tournament begin. Merchants are asked to limit their goods to those that are medieval or directly Society-related.

The autocrat is: Keilyn FarTraveller
Beth Morris
12425 Seabury Lane
Bowie, MD 20715
(301) 464-5666
(please leave a message, but do not expect us to return long distance calls at our expense)

Send reservations to:

Lady Siobhan O'Riordan
c/o Debra Appel
8901 Merrill Lane #203
Laurel, MD 20708
(301) 604-2494 (before 10pm)

Make Checks payable to:

Barony of Lochmere, SCA Inc.

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW SITE***** Take your best route to Interstate 95 between Baltimore and Washington. From I-95, take Route 32 West (towards COLUMBIA). Take the next exit off of Route 32, which is Broken Land Parkway. Turn RIGHT at the top of the exit ramp, so that you are now travelling NORTH on Broken Land. Turn RIGHT at the third light, which will be the second occurrence of Cradlerock Way (Cradlerock forms a horseshoe, and you want the northern end). The school will be on the right - please follow the SCA signs for parking and entrance.

Come, Good Gentles, Come My Friends, to the
**STORVIK BARON'S CHAMPION
TOURNAMENT & FEAST**

On Twelfth day of May, Anno Socititas Five and Twenty, in the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety of the Common Era, there shall held in Storvik a Tournament to determine who shall be the Champion.

What? Storvik Baron's Champion Tourney

When? May 12, 1990

Where? Longbranch Park, Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park, MD
A Tournament? Yes, a tournament - two, actually, with various prizes to be awarded by Their Excellencies.

The day will feature the usual **Tourney**, marshaled by Lady Cunion. There will also be the (now traditional?) **Baroness' Hopscotch Tourney**, marshaled this year by Lady Aislynn die Bogenschutzein. For Hopscotch Tourney rules, contact Lady Aislynn.

Longbranch Park, located on Piney Branch Road in Takoma Park, MD. We have use of a field for the tourney, and the community hall for the feast and such.

Schedule -- the following schedule will be followed, if possible:

9:00 am	Site opens
11:00 am	Lists open
12:30 pm	Presentation of Arms & Hopscotch Tokens to Their Excellencies Baron's Champion Tournament begins
1:00 pm	Hopscotch Tourney begins
3:00 pm	Tournaments end
3:15 pm	Baronial Court begins
4:00 pm	Picnic Feast Begins

How Much? The cost for the event is as follows:

On Board	\$8 (\$3 for site expenses, \$5 for feast)
Off Board/ Tournament only	\$3 (for site expenses)

Since we cannot collect money on site (it's a NAPPC Park), I strongly encourage everyone to send me money in advance, as it eliminates the necessity to hound you to death afterwards. For the

BARON'S CHAMPION announcement continued next page

feast, however, advance reservations are an absolute necessity. [Those gentles who read the prior announcement may note a change in prices. When we lost the Fort Washington site, we retreated to our fallback position which was, unfortunately, more expensive. My personal apologies for the inconvenience and confusion.]

What About Rain? Pray, dear gentles, pray. We fight, rain or shine. The feast is, however, under a roof.

Directions: Go to the northern part of the Capital Beltway (I-495), and take University Blvd south. [University Blvd. is located between Colesville Road and New Hampshire.] At the second light, turn LEFT onto Piney Branch Road. At the bottom of the hill, turn right into the Longbranch Community Center and Park.

Chirurgeons, Note: There will be a meeting of Chirurgeons in the Northern Region and those interested in the Chirurgeon's Guild during the event. For more information, see the announcement by Lady Anne of Corbridge elsewhere in the Drekkar.

The Chronicle of Storvik

This Chapter Recounting the Occurrences in the Month of February

Well sated from the many mid-winter revels, those of Yule, and of Twelfth Night and other such grand occasions as are commonly celebrated hereabouts in northern Atlantia, we thus entered the month of February with spirits both enlivened by our recent revelries and exhausted by them, yet well prepared to face the last great revel of the season, that held for the performers of Storvik each year at Caer Bear, commonly known as the Performers Revel. Thus, on the third day of the month did we wend our way by divers paths to Caer Bear, and there did pass the day in yet further revelry, expending the last of our high spirits in song, story and merriment. And there were many stories told this year, for that many goodly gentles did so emulate Master Igor, so named Bear and Master of the House, that tales did unfold in a multitude. And too there was singing, and much laughter, and quiet converse. And there was also a great feast, prepared by Master Igor, and a good and full feast it was. And bright did our spirits burn, like unto a candle on its last reserves of puddled wax. Thus, when the hour of our leave-taking did arrive, there left many souls who's eyes did droop, and who did with great but satisfied weariness did make their exit. And it was seen that the entire Barony did rest for the remainder of the month, and naught else did happen therein.

GARB WARS

On May 26-28, A.S. XXV (Memorial Day Weekend, 1990), the Shire of the Bright Hills is hosting **Garb Wars**, a 3 day event with classes, feasting, A&S displays and competitions, revelry and, yes, camping! The Arts competition is in two areas: a display type competition for Arts divided into several categories, and a second competition that is a "hands-on, start to finish, garb construction" by teams of (up to six) seamstresses/tailors, beaders and embroiderers, cutters and sewing persons of all sorts. The object is to complete a full costume (minus shoes, headgear and undergarments) within the first 2 days of the event. There will be prizes awarded in both areas.

We have a goodly number of classes and activities already planned, and hope to have many participating merchants/craftsmen who are also willing to teach their specialty. Class space can be slotted within your merchanting area if you wish it. There is no merchant fee. For more information please contact the Merchant Autocrat.

For the non-Arts inclined, we are offering archery and a fighter's clinic as well as assorted goodies such as a pool, a Bardic circle, and many miles of nature trails, evening revelry, etc.

Cost:	All Weekend	One Day
Onboard	\$25.00	\$15.00
Offboard	\$15.00	\$8.00
Children 6-12 half price, under 6 free.		

Make checks payable to Shire of Bright Hills, SCA Inc. Send to Don Hooper, 103 N. Rock Glen Road, Apt. J, Baltimore, MD 21229.

Onboard includes 2 lunches and 2 feasts, Saturday & Sunday. Special dietary needs will be taken care of with advance notice. Electrical hookups, HOT showers and flush toilets are available. There are also 2 barrack style dorms (bring your own privacy curtains and linens); advance reservations are needed for the dorms. The site for the event is Rocks 4-H Camp, Rt 24, Rocks Maryland. Directions will be published in the next Drekkar; maps will be provided upon request (contact the Autocrat).

For more information, please contact the autocrat, Lady Ekaterina Vladimirovna Zommerveldtova (Karen Summerfelt), 2601 Hampden Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211. Tel: 301/467-6575 (no calls after 10:30 PM) For merchanting reservations contact the Merchant Autocrat, Lord Tristan Alexander, 103 J N. Rock Glen Road, Baltimore, MD 21229. Tel: 301/644-1721 (no calls before 10 AM).

Dear Gentles and Gentle Cousins

The next three articles discuss an issue currently occupying the attention of some persons in Storvik, to wit, what to do about certain administrative problems we are encountering because of our very size. These articles are not meant to create a you versus me atmosphere - they were written to provide you with information and perspective concerning the discussion now enjoined about the future of Storvik. B of W.

A Very Brief History of SCA Boundaries in Greater Washington, DC

-- Ysabeau Cameron of Lochiel, founding Baroness Storvik

When I first joined the SCA in the spring of 1973, there was no group in greater Washington. The Barony of Merewood was the nearest group, and everything south of Baltimore was wilderness. But things were starting to come to life; later that year Alyson of Islay -- who lived on the very edge of the world, in Reston -- became Queen of the East. During 1973-75 there were several unsuccessful attempts to start groups in Northern Virginia and DC.

At that time we gave very little thought to the possibility of a single group [shire or barony] for all of greater Washington. First, by ancient custom Myrcwud laid claim to all of Maryland. Second, SCA Inc. was opposed to groups crossing state lines, since it could overcomplicate tax reporting.

In 1975-6 three separate shires were started -- Torhvassir in DC, Caer Cladach in the Maryland suburbs, and Aster in northern Virginia. At that time ZIP codes were not the standard means for defining group boundaries. Torhvassir was defined as the District of Columbia; Caer Cladach was the 5 southern counties of Maryland [we only cared about Montgomery and Prince George's, and took the other three to simplify the border with Mirchud]; and Aster was the DC suburbs of Northern Virginia [which wasn't a problem then, since there was virtually nobody between DC and Richmond].

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All the shires were fully staffed and functional, and Aster and Torhvassir at least were holding events. But there was so much crossover attendance, and so much need for mutual support, that we wanted some structure to act as an umbrella for the whole greater Washington area.

At that time, Corpora had provisions for a peculiar group known as a "charter barony." This sort of group functioned in essence like a super-household: it was a voluntary banding-together of people with common interests, and owned no territory. During 1976 the people of all three shires worked out a structure for a charter barony to support the interests of SCA members in greater Washington. At the Eastern Fall Coronation in 1976, Alaric and Yseult signed the charter for the Charter Barony of Storvik.

For the first three years of Storvik's existence, the shires continued to be the official territorial groups; they had officers and held events. The Charter Barony also had a slate of officers and held its own events, and continually begged for members, since charter baronies had a higher membership requirement than territorial baronies or shires.

In the Maryland suburbs, Caer Cladach had trouble working out its relations with both Mrquod and Markland; this was especially delicate because the rest of Maryland didn't want to join the new Principality of Atlantia. In early 1977, Caer Cladach was reorganized to accommodate both SCA political issues and the needs of crossover groups like Cambion, and renamed the shire of Seagate.

By the end of 1979, the Corporation's position on crossing state lines had eased, and we were able to persuade the Kingdom and Board to permit a territorial barony to be formed in the territory occupied by the three shires, making the shires into cantons. Seagate dissolved almost instantly and Aster after a few months, and Torhvassir has continued on and off ever since, most recently attempting to reformulate itself as a college.

As you can see, the group definitions and boundaries of the greater Washington area have always been fluid. We've been able to form them to our needs of the hour -- first as a tiny, undifferentiated part of Murcwode; then as individual shires; then as shires united under a charter barony; then as a territorial barony with cantons; and most recently as a territorial barony with a would-be college. Our tradition goes back much farther than the present arrangement, and we have always found new structures when we have needed them to serve our evolving situation.

Baroness Elaina sends greetings unto the populace of the Barony of Storvik.

Gentle Friends,

At the last two Barony meetings we have discussed Storvik's growing need for a more diverse administrative structure. At the March Barony meeting it was suggested that someone write a letter for publication in the Drekkar outlining why we feel action needs to be taken and what we want to do.

The "why" is simple. Storvik has become too large to be administered effectively by the officers she has. I was astounded to find, in the latest membership list form Corporate, that Storvik lists 256 members. We run four to six fighting practices a week and are only allowed two warranted marshals to supervise them. Our exchequer must keep the books, make the deposits, and write the checks for approximately fifteen events a year, making her in effect the deputy autocrat for every event in Storvik. We need to expand our base of officers and administrators to handle this load.

How do we do it? The simplest method is to divide the Barony geographically into four cantons. I suggest the following division:

- Northern Prince Georges County
- Southern Prince Georges County & Charles County
- Montgomery County & the District of Columbia
- Alexandria, Arlington & Fairfax Counties

At the April Barony meeting we will have a large, mounted map of the mundane Storvik area marked with pins to represent our population distribution. At that time we can determine if the suggested canton boundaries truly reflect our population.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that this proposed division into cantons is administrative. We need more officers to carry the workload. The Barony of Storvik will continue as it has for the past ten years. I want to say how deeply pleased I was at the March Barony meeting to hear such a large and diverse group of people speak about their commitment to Storvik. It reaffirmed my own

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feeling that Storvik is more than a geographical entity - it is a group of caring people bound together in a common search for The Dream.

Yours in Service,

Elaina

done this xxvi day of
march, a.a. xxiv in
the barony of storvik

A MISSIVE ON THE MERITS OF THE DIVISION OF THE BARONY

Good Gentles, it has fallen to myself to bring before you the case in favor of dividing the barony into two baronies. To do this I must go over, in brief, why the status quo is no longer the best choice. The problems that face the barony are based in the fact that the barony covers too many people. The lack of marshals and the strain on the Exchequer to provide service for so many events. A strong case could be made that sub-dividing the Barony will cure the former ill, but not the latter. In fact, sub-division will not only aggravate the exchequer problem, but bring along problems of it's own. Consider if five Cantons are created, each baronial officer will have between zero and five subordinate officers. This will add to everyone's workload and will subtract from none. The exchequer will be the hardest hit of all, unless the Barony divides up the treasury amongst the cantons, for she will not only be responsible for same funds as before, she will also have to audit the books of each canton because she will be responsible for their money also. Splitting the Barony has the advantage of halving the responsibility by doubling the staff. It allows the twin baronies more chance to be reachable to the individual. Growth, energy, and expansion could occur by creating more opportunities. There are hazards, most notably sibling rivalry, but none that are insurmountable. If handled correctly, such a division could allow us to have two strong baronies, capable of creating things one barony, however large, could hope to achieve. One should look to our cooperations with Lochmere as an example. Traditions from the past should not blind us to the needs of the present, or to the dreams of the future. In Service To the Barony,

Laird Donal Galbraith

A Letter Concerning the Office of the Drakkar Pursuivant

Twenty-first day of March, A.S. XXIV

Unto The Populous of the Barony, Laird Donal Galbraith, Drakkar Pursuivant, Sends Greetings!

My Lords and Ladies,

Having decided that the time has come to relinquish my office as Herald of Storvik, I feel I must explain the duties that come with the office. There are three major duties that need to be performed, all equal in importance. A gentle wishing this office should consider how they would perform in all three. The most public of these is the duties of court heraldry. Being the voice of the Baron or Baroness is the most physically trying of your duties. A herald without the ability to make himself heard during court would not only hurt the Barony, but themselves as well. The duties that will be the most time-consuming will be those of what is called "Book" heraldry. Paperwork will become a large part of your life. If there is a Cantonization of the Barony in the future, the paper will only increase. The submitting of devices and names is the job with the longest lasting effect of all your duties. People remember the heralds that got them the devices they wanted, and those that said no. The last of the three is your duties as a great officer of the Barony. A gentle who dislikes barony meetings is not a person who wants to be herald, as you will go to a lot of them. As herald, you are second only to the seneschal in office seniority. In the event the seneschal is not able, the herald is next in line. This usually means you will have to run the occasional meeting, at worst, you could end up acting seneschal. Not a very likely event, but one to be given some thought. These are the major duties of the Herald of Storvik, the gentle I will recommend to their Excellencies would be he or she that has capability in all three duties. In service to the Barony, I remain,

Laird Donal Galbraith



Unto the Good Gentles of this Land, I, Jean Charles d'Avignon, Lord of the Isle of Roos, Squire, Captain of the Companie of Saint Sebastienne, do send my greetings.

As many of you have heard, I have recently set out upon a new venture, the construction of a new castle which is both more spacious and better for the defense of my small lands. So it was last week that in my efforts to move myself, I did come upon a collection of letters of one of my ancestors, the fine Lord Scrivener Edward d'Avignon, who has preceded me in this land by exactly two hundreds of years. Having read already dozens of his letters, I have learned many a fine lesson upon our history, which, accurately it seems, is recalled for me in his letters to his Lady, the fair Elise Lorraine de Tours, and to his brother, the Monk Guy d'Aix.

Thus, after good discussion with my Lord the Baron and his Lady the Baroness, I have determined that it would be to our mutual advantage that I would publish some of these things, without commentary (whenever I may restrain myself), and only the barest editorial glance.

Before I continue, I must offer a slight explanation. My late Lord Edward d'Avignon did accompany a Crusade with first the King Friderick, then with the Lord Conrad de Montserrat, and finally, did take up with the English King, Richard. This was the greatest of mixed ventures of his day. Beset by peril, he nonetheless returned to his lands outside of Aigues-Mortes and, having survived his venture, never set out again upon Crusade.

So I am pleased to introduce to you the first of the letters, as received by Guy D'Aix, from Lord Scrivenor Edward d'Avignon.

My Dearest Brother, Guy d'Aix, on this day, the 29th of March, in this year of 1190, I, Edward D'Avignon, write from the shores of Anatolia, in the land of Byzantium.

My excitement reached its peak as I set foot upon the rocky beach of Gallipolus, for our great army had achieved the crossing of these terrible straits with only the slightest of peril. A light wind here comes in from the sea and a strong current confounded many who tried to build rafts for the efforts. Yet finally, we were all across in safety. As I looked up the grassy beach, I felt a strange familiarity with this place. On the heights above us, there were trees that I saw, fine stout foresting that reminded me of Sicily.

As far as the eye could see, there were no Turks or Byzantines barring our path, and so we took our leisure in preparing ourselves for the march inland. There we camped, upon the beaches and on the heights, and for the whole of yesterday we arranged our van for the long journey ahead.

All the while, our King, Friderick Barbarossa, passed amongst us, offering his encouragements. As I looked upon our army, I saw that it was a great sight to behold, all of the shining helms, the good German swords, and great chargers, with many stout men-at-arms, and the finest of dukes and earls of Germany. Indeed, our numbers are certain to be in excess of 40,000 good men.

The spirit of our army was so high yesterday that no Turkish force, no matter its size, could have but skirmished with a foraging party before meeting their doom. Friderick, for his part, did nothing to dissuade us, and he allowed his son and namesake, the Duke of Swabia, to partake with us of the fruits of celebration, with fine wine from a nearby Byzantine village.

Word has reached our army that the King of England, Richard, was crowned King upon the third of September in this last year and is eagerly preparing to join us in Crusade, together with the King of France, Philip Augustus. His father, the poor late King Henry, though fallen ill and unable to fulfill his own vow to Crusade, did make his peace at last with the King of France, before ending his days at the Castle Chinon. And King Richard now seems pleased to join with King Philip Augustus, with whom he had fought against his late father. All shall now make haste to Outremer to save Jerusalem from the infidel. The rest of the world does follow in our King's footsteps.

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England seems to have raised a tax termed the Saladin Tithe, which, though burdensome, has caused every faithful hearth to offer up the most for the good King's venture. I would ask you that you would, in administering my lands, institute such a tax in my maintenance, so that, if affairs are not to my liking, I may have the necessary support to return home without delay.

You may be interested to know that during King Richard's absence, he has granted powers to the Queen Mother Eleanor and to William Longchamp, who is Bishop of Ely, and Hugh, Bishop of Durham, who you perhaps recall from our visit to Ile-de-France four years ago. He did grant them chancellories and justiciaries to assure the safety of his realm. On my account, I ask that you would establish contact with them to further assure my support. I can only conclude that such is a smart King, this Richard, who, unlike our great and royal King Friderick, has not the power of presence as yet to assure his own throne in his absence.

Upon the first of April, the King of France, Philip Augustus, has declared that he shall meet with Richard, King of England, at Vezelay, to discuss plans for their great departure. While Vezelay is a distance from you, I would ask that you send our seneschal, Carlos Aragonne, north to attend the events. I am greatly hungry for the news of their plans.

So that you may know of the tidings from St. Jean d'Acre, that beautiful port city upon the shores of Outremer, I must write that the King of Jerusalem, Guy Lusignan, has mustered the last 200 knights of Tripoli to lay siege to that once fair city, now captured by the infidel. The walls are so vast and the enemy so strong that now the King's siege men are themselves besieged in the hills surrounding the city and have dug trenchworks and built barricades to assure their own safety. And Saladin, ever desiring to slay more of us, has entirely encircled them and is assuring them of their imminent destruction.

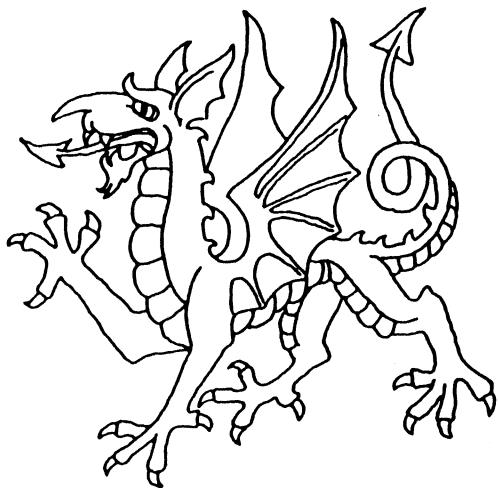
There, as a messenger yesterday told our King, when the army was so much as ready to all perish, James, Lord of Avesnes, the greatest knight of Flanders, arrived off the coast of Syria with a fleet of Danish and Flemish ships. He has set about blockading the port, but we do not yet hear that he has raised the siege there.

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Despite this greatest gesture, it appears to me that such folly has begot King Guy that he may have considered victory over Saladin with but 200 knights against their army. Already the infidel, whose numbers are so vast that the fields are covered black with them, has defeated Jerusalem, Tiberias, Ascalon, Jaffa, and many fine tall castles of the great Papal Orders of the Templars and Hospitallers.

Our King Friderick, on hearing this news, appears pleased, for despite this audacious ploy, surely King Guy shall not invest his seat in Jerusalem before finding death in the field. Perhaps if King Friderick were to inherit the title of Jerusalem, the poor man who is King Guy would no longer entertain the Saracens with his gestes of battle. Then the land would be safe from the infidel.

We march now for Laodicea and Myriocephalum, which are Byzantine cities, and they have offered us fine passage through their lands. I shall write again from the gates of those cities.



[Dear and Good Gentles All -- I do most humbly apologize for any confusion with this article in the March Drekkar. All unbeknownst to me, my loyal, quick-thinking but sometimes nearsighted scribe Macintosh did cut and paste with somewhat a crooked knife, such that a portion of Duchess Ysabeau's article was inserted out of place, that being the last paragraph of the prior portion. I do hope that any confusion caused was only momentary, and attributed to my own carelessness, and none of Her Grace.]

On the Ordering of Rank and Precedence in Atlantia

Ysabeau Cameron

Being the second portion of the missive.

Now shall I pass on to the second estate of Atlantia, that of the Patent Orders. And in this shall be seen that Atlantia is the flower of the Known World. For know you that there are four Patent Orders recognized in Atlantia, namely the Chivalry, the Laurel, the Pelican, and the Rose. And whereas the Royal Peerages are arranged in strict order, with the Ducal rank the highest of them, yet are the Patent Orders all coequal, with no one in precedence over the others, and thus are all their members called Peers. For each Peer must have distinguished himself or herself in the noble virtues, as courtesy, honor, hospitality, and respect to the Crown, and the courtly attainments, as letters, dance, music, heraldry, and chess. And these Orders are named the "Patent" Orders forasmuch as every member thereof receives a Patent of Arms, which is the highest of the classes of Arms. And the fellowships of these Orders are as follows:

The Chivalry is in its turn made up of two Orders, these being the Knights, and the Masters and Mistresses at Arms both these Orders being made up of folk who have mightily distinguished themselves on the field of combat. The Knights have sworn fealty to the Crown of Atlantia, whereas the Masters and Mistresses at Arms, for their own privy reasons, have been constrained so not to do. The Chivalry may be known by their accoutrements, namely: for the Knights, the chain of fealty, the white belt, and the spurs; for the Masters and Mistresses at Arms, the white baldric and the spurs. And it is for this reason that the wearing of plain golden chains, white belts and

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baldrics, and spurs, is forbidden to all who are not members of this Order. Knights are both entitled and addressed "Sir" [although it is said that in some foreign realms, ladies who are Knights have chosen to use other titles and addresses which are unknown among us in Atlantia], and Masters and Mistresses at Arms are likewise both entitled and addressed "Master" or "Mistress." And it is the privilege of the Chivalry to take Squires, which are folk who bind themselves to their tutelage in matters martial.

The members of the Order of the Laurel are honored above all others for their notable accomplishments in the Arts and Sciences which so greatly enrich our Society and bring such pleasure to all its people. These folk are permitted to wear about them the emblem of their noble Order, which is the wreath of laurel. And consider how greatly they are esteemed among us, that they alone are permitted for their emblem the very sign of our Society! The members of this Order are both entitled and addressed "Master" or "Mistress." And it is the right of the Laurels to take Apprentices, which are folk who bind themselves to their tutelage in matters of the Arts and Sciences.

The members of the Order of the Pelican are especially honored for the great service which they have done, and do, for Atlantia and for the advancement and continuation of our Society. They alone are permitted to wear about them the emblem of their esteemed Order, which is the Pelican in her piety, rending her breast to feed her young upon her own heart's blood. The members of this Order are both entitled and addressed "Master" or "Mistress." And it is the pleasure of the Pelicans to take Proteges, which are folk who bind themselves to their tutelage to learn the ways of service to our fair Kingdom and Society.

The Order of the Rose is composed of those folk who have served as Consort to a Kingdom. In Atlantia at this time, all such folk are ladies, and so therefore this Order is often spoken of as "the Ladies of the Rose." And it may be seen that all the members of this Order are likewise members of the Royal Peerage. They have the particular emblem of a wreath of roses, which only they may put upon their devices, although many individual members may elect to wear or display roses about their persons. Likewise they have no peculiar title or address, but each member is entitled and addressed according to her rank, that is, as a Duchess or Countess. It is said

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that in some lands the Order of the Rose is not counted among the Patent Orders; but such is the esteem in which Atlantia holds these ladies that they are accorded this honor. And this Order, alone among the Patent Orders, takes no one into tutelage.

And even as within the Royal Peerage one person may be possessed of more than one title, so within the Patent Orders one Peer may be a member of more than one, as a Lady of the Rose who is likewise a Knight; or a Master of the Laurel who is also a Master of the Pelican; and so forth. But such folk, though greatly to be honored, do not rank beyond those of their fellows who are members only of one Patent Order; for they are all peers.

Third among the estates of Atlantia are the Landed Baronage. And these folk alone hold land of the Crown, and do homage therefor; and they stand as the representatives of the Crown to the folk of their Baronies. Thus it may be seen that alone among all the estates of Atlantia are the Knights and the Barons required to swear fealty to their Crown, although any person may do so of his or her own will. Understand as well that, out of the great gratitude which the realm bears unto those who first established and brought forth each of the gracious Baronies which so nobly adorn this fair Kingdom, that such folk as may have departed the estate of Landed Baron or Baroness, if it so be that they were the first, or founding, Baron or Baroness of that place, then their names are permitted to remain on the Rolls of Precedence among the Landed Baronage, and they may ever thereafter style themselves "Founding Baron" or "Founding Baroness," adding thereto the name of the Barony of their founding. The dignity of the Landed Baronage conveys with it possession of a Grant of Arms and upon leaving that estate, one still possess the said Grant of Arms. And these folk are entitled "Baron" or "Baroness," as might well be thought; and they are addressed "Your Excellency," "My Lord Baron," or "My Lady Baroness."

Now, this next estate of which I shall treat, the Kingdom Orders of High Merit, is one which is never created in Atlantia; yet it is created in some of our sister Kingdoms, and out of gracious love for those lands and their peoples, Atlantia is ever eager to recognize and honor those folk who have been valued by other Crowns. These Orders convey with them a Grant of Arms, the which no Atlantian Orders or awards may do; and accordingly they are in precedence before the Atlantian Orders of Merit. But they convey neither titles

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nor styles of address, and their holders are properly addressed "My Lord" or "My Lady." Fifth among the estates of Atlantia stand the Grants of Arms, for while no Atlantian Orders may convey such a Grant, yet in their puissance our Rulers may well bestow a Grant of Arms upon such of their subjects as they shall deem worthy so to be honored. In Atlantia, such Grants are commonly given to folk who have departed the estate of the Landed Baronage, and who were not the Founders of their Baronies, that they may know how highly they are prized by their Kingdom, and may stand in precedence only one step behind those of their erst fellows who yet enjoy the Grants of Arms conveyed by their Baronages. And the holders of Grants of Arms are properly addressed as "My Lord" or "My Lady."

So ends the second portion of Duchess Ysabeau's article. The third, and last portion, will appear next month. B of W

Chivalry and the Viking

or

Always Clean Up After You Pillage

One Man's Observations

by Lord Torvald Hrafnsson

When people are asked to think of the Middle Ages, they often draw a mental picture of a French or English knight, standing in polished 16th-century plate mail. This paragon of chivalry would probably be protecting some beautiful maiden or sparing a dread foe after vanquishing him single handedly on the field of battle. Few would think of the proud Viking, standing at the prow of his speeding drekka as it glides over the waves, heading for distant and unknown lands. Some would argue that the image of the knight and his courtly love was the flower of medieval idealism and should be the model for the perfect Middle Ages. I contend, however, that the Viking has a right to equal status.

A discussion of the Vikings as a great trading people, traveling to parts of the world thought to be mythical by most other Europeans, and living in an artistic culture, would be redundant to many. They were not a single nation, but an independent people who were

used to "living" in the short summers between seasons of ice and snow. to compare them to the noble knight, loyal vassal to the king, might be a little more interesting. It is, at least, an easy way to get into trouble.

The Vikings of the Middle Ages did have a violent nature. That they lived a hard and somewhat fatalistic life has been demonstrated over and over, sometimes at the wrong end of a broadsword. It was probably thought to be a gift from the gods that the peoples of the western lands kept their valuable treasures in strongholds so poorly defended. The Christians called them monasteries, I believe. The Vikings, without much coaxing, took full advantage of northern Europe's abundance, not only bringing home large quantities of booty, but settling in these warmer climes whenever possible. Good land was valuable, but they couldn't take it home like gold or silver.

But they are still bloodthirsty, axe-wielding marauders, you say. They did indeed travel vast distances and used the battle axe to good effect when necessary. But as for being 'bloodthirsty' . . . with whom are these men of the north being compared? The meek and gentle Saxons? The peace loving Franks? History seems to have been written almost solely by those on the receiving end of Viking exuberance. Hardly an objective viewpoint.

What then of the noble knight, clad in his shining armor and wrapped in a cloak of chivalry? It would seem that in rereading history, the armor becomes a bit dulled and the cloak a little tattered and frayed. The true nature of war had little use for honor and mercy. Either the outnumbering and mutilation of an opponent (ex. Simon de Montfort), or the looting of a town too near the marching feet of an army would shatter most illusions of the chivalrous knight. That they existed should not be denied - but that they were a common occurrence throughout the Middle Ages seems very much in doubt. To me, the grand picture being held up in comparison to the Vikings is not without its own blemishes and flaws.

The laws of chivalry were, and still are, a noble ideal that all good gentles can aspire to. I try to measure up to them myself. The fact

that greed, revenge, and politics were often more powerful forces in the past should in no way diminish the honor inherent in the status of knighthood. It would be unjust (as well as fatal) not to differentiate between the lofty goals of chivalry and the unfortunate lapses. So it seems it is the ideal that we should be concentrating on. Given that we in the SCA want most to emulate the high ideals of the Middle Ages, and not necessarily the realities, what light does that shed on the Vikings? While dying in battle was seen as a sure way into Valhalla, it was meant to be in combat against an armed opponent, against great odds, or some other heroic action. The crueler aspects of warfare did not demonstrate a man's bravery and were disdained as in later times. Much of the Eddic poetry and the sagas of the age glorify the mighty warrior and hero, just as the tales of the Round Table hold the ideals of chivalry aloft.

Regardless of their drawbacks, there is a point of view concerned with whether we, the society, should be considering the Vikings at all. There is no place for them within the feudal system of Christian knights and vassals. Often, they could only be brought together by brute force (such as Harald Fairhair's uniting of Norway), and although Christianity was eventually recognized as the true faith, pagan beliefs lived on side by side for generations after. Still, they did have a profound and lasting impact on early medieval Europe. The existence and exploits of the Normans is but one example. A people who had such an influence must be taken into account.

If we are to ignore the brutal realities of the past while constructing our modern Middle Ages, then pointing out all the undesirable aspects of the Vikings, however numerous, is using a double standard. For those who strive for authenticity and are dubious of a 10th-century Viking talking with a 14th-century French nobleman, consider this: We may not want to recreate the conditions of the Black Death, so the Viking may be thought of as a fair substitution. A historically important phenomena, common to many countries, but without all those nasty blotches.

By the way, does anyone know the way to Lindisfarne?

COMMON WEAL, continued

ROOM TO LET: House Greygoose has a furnished room which will be available real soon now. No public transportation available within reasonable distance of the Camp Springs MD abode. Inquiries to Rorik or Janina, telephone 301/ICE-LORD.

FOR SALE - one pair of articulated steel gauntlets sized for a lady's hands. In reasonably good condition because they haven't been used much. \$70.00. Please contact Lady Deirdre at (301) 779-7985.

COOKS GUILD: Baroness Elaina requests that Cooks Guild Gear please return be returned to her!

HELMS: Sir Raim will be making helms at cost for individuals, provided such individuals help in the making of their helm. For every 10 helms done, Sir Raim will donate 1 to the Storvik Armor Loan Closet. He can do helms in most any style. For more information, call sir Raim at 301/856-5946

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THE CUST: Lord Cahan Kyle, of Montevale in the East Kingdom, is publishing a newsletter for all the good gentles of the "Borderlands" of the East and the Kingdom of Atlantia. His intent is to carry event announcements and information for the following groups: The Baronies of Bhakail, Lochmere & Storvik, the Shires of Bright Hills, Dun Carraig, Highland Foorde, Stierbach, Inglenook, Black Rose, Dawnfield, Montevale, Silver Rylle and the Bailwick of

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Announcing to all free and able Atlantians the formation of the Free Company of Sainte Sebastienne, a company of war dedicated to serve under the motto "With Peace Comes Poverty", created to serve this Kingdom and Barony, to fight in the core of the Atlantian Army, to be dedicated foremost to the high values of Chivalry and Honour. All inquiries will be entertained.

*Jean Charles d'Avignon
captain*

ATTENTION ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL

The Incipient Stronghold of Los Castillos del Oro is alive and well in Panama. If you get stationed in Panama, ship your SCA gear and watch the local paper . . . The Tropic Times . . . for a regularly placed ad leading you to us. You need not serve in Panama alone!

From the Chronicler

First, on several notes of business. My good deputy, Lord Torvald, will be publishing the May and June Drekkar. I will continue to exercise some editorial control, and suggest to Lord Torvald what articles he may wish to publish but, in large measure, he shall man the helm of Drekkar. I shall take the time made open thereby to progress on a number of tasks that present themselves, including the publication of the Tintinnabulum. I expect that I shall not make my (self-imposed) deadline of May 1 - rather, I expect that the 2nd edition of the directory will see publication in June.

I pray, dear cousins, that I shall never again be tempted to complain at the labours of an autocrat for, in the midst of trying my hand at this endeavor, and having lost one site and encountered numerous trials, I have discovered a new-found respect for those who with regularity subject themselves to the tribulations of the office of autocrat. My heartfelt thanks to those of you who's good advice and ready assistance has carried me thus far in getting the Baron's Champion Tourney off the ground.

Beornheard

NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY BARONY MEETING

The March Barony Meeting was held at the home of Lord Stefan of Cambion on March 11 at 7:30 pm.

OFFICER'S REPORTS: The Deputy HERALD reported that he is preparing submissions. The point was raised about finding a successor for Laird Donal. Three gentles, Master Igor Bear, Lord John of Dundas and Lord Sean MacKay have expressed interest. The MARSHAL sent greetings through the Rapier Marshal. All is O.K. - Sunday practices from now till Pennsic will be devoted to war practice. The Grand Army of the Potomac is to be resurrected. Rapier practice will also be held on Sunday's at Pimmit. It is requested that black soled shoes not be worn at the Monday practice. House Greygoose wants to hold a regular "new fighter orientation." For information, contact Rorik (301/ICE-LORD). The problem about the shortage of marshals was raised. It was pointed out that only Knights who apply to the Knight Marshal will receive warrants as marshals. The LISTS office reported that she had a new deputy, Mistress Elizabeth Beaufort. The ARTS & SCIENCES Officer reported that the arts (and sciences) are running rampant in Storvik. Lady Elien and Lord Stanford ran the arts table at Coronation. The A&S Officer now has two deputies - Lady Ealasiad Ramsey of Skye for south of the Potomac, and Countess Alyson of Islay for north of the river. The Exchequer was not present. The CHRONICLER reported that the Hats Pamphlet had been published with-out promised corrections and would be revised prior to re-release. He will also be working on Drekkar at the Baronial at-home for those who wish to drop off articles, etc. Also, Storvik now has an exchange with the Barony of the Western Seas. The SENESCHAL reported that there was considerable discussion of current affairs at the Regional Meeting in Bright Hills, and that it was decided to continue to work together on an informal basis. The Deputy for Demo's deferred his business until later. The Deputy for newcomers spoke on the Sumposium. The Ambassador from the Bright Hills read a letter from the autocrat of Fat Tuesday (included elsewhere in Drekkar).

BARONY MEETINGS: The April Barony meeting will be April 8, 1990, 7:30 pm at the home of Their Graces Richard and Anne. The May meeting will be May 13, 1990, 7:30 pm at the home of Lord Conor and Lady Aislynn. The June meeting will be at the home of Lord Stefan Haroldson. A reminder for planning - the August Barony meeting will be the 1st Sunday in August - not the 2nd.

DEMOS: A demo was conducted on Fairfax Community Activities Day - done by Lord Bjorn, Lady Therasa and gentles. We were asked

if we would do a fighting demo in June - Wednesday, June 20. On March 30, we are doing a demo at Mantua Elementary in Fairfax for 100 6th graders; 7pm 'till 9pm. We have 2 possible demos scheduled for May, one on May 19 (opposite Emerald), however, flexible in date. Demo, 1st week in June, at the George Mason library. A meeting was scheduled on Wednesday March 21 at the Baron & Baroness' to discuss demo's. Sir Laeghaire donated some posters for demos.

EVENT REPORTS: CORONATION ran well, with a small profit of \$64. The autocrat had planned on an event for 300, and got a site, etc for such; aprox 250 persons attended. The SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BLOODBATH is well in hand. The SCRIBES & HERALDS COLLEGIUM has numerous classes planned. \$6.50/head is budgeted for the feast. The BARONIAL CHAMPION'S TOURNEY is on target. Site is Fort Washington Park. [Addendum - site subsequently lost - removed to Longbranch Park in Takoma Park.] Lord John of Dundas spoke of GARB WARS, and mentioned some of the events planned there. NOVICE TOUNEY is scheduled for July 14. Countess Elizabeth is planning on using the same site as last year (New Hampshire Estates Elementary - site of Monday Night Practices). There will also be a Duello list, and a Garb Swap & an A&S competition planned. Price is tentatively \$3/person. The POST PENNSIC REVEL does not have a site yet. The BELOW THE SALT event could be done either on October 27 (preferably) or on November 10 (Nov. 10 date is close to Lady Winifred's mid-term exams). We need to confer with Bright Hills. Mistress Jaelle proposed a STORVIK COLLEGIUM for September 27 with 3 motifs - Italian Renaissance, early Celt & Courtly Pastime/Courtly Games. There was then considerable discussion on a major demo at Fort Washington to replace TOWER TOURNEY. [We have subsequently been told that we cannot use the fort - the Middle Ages are outside their "window of historic acceptability" of 1812-1940. We are now reviewing several other proposed sites other than the Mall.] It was decided to bow to the collective opinion of the other groups in the north and hold the STORVIK GRAND CHRISTMASS BALL on December 29th. We will confer with the other groups about doing a regional TWELFTH NIGHT in January.

OLD BUSINESS: Baronial Lost & Found. Duchess Ysabeau will set up a Baronial Lost & Found at her manor. All items unclaimed from events should be sent there; please include a note about what event and where item was found/lost. Items unclaimed after a period of time yet to be determined will be auctioned to raise funds for the Barony.

NEW BUSINESS: Lord Timothy of Arindale and several other good gentles proposed creating a Canton of Storvik in Greenbelt. The group has no desire to become a Shire. The point was raised that, due to some administrative problems several years ago, Storvik does not have any Zip Codes assigned to it. The proposed idea for a Greenbelt Canton was remanded to old business pending solution of Zip Code issue. The April Meeting will take up issue, at which time we will gather around a map and stick pins in it. It was proposed and agreed that several articles discussing the pros and cons of splitting the Barony or creating cantons should be written and published. Earl Laeghaire asked if there was anyone who wanted not to change, to keep the status quo, which question was repeated by Baroness Elaina. No one felt we could keep things as they are. There was a consensus that some sort of change was needed.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE: Anne Corwin, Herverus d'Ormande, Rorik Fredericsson, Sean SacKay, Raven MacCaran, Jaelle of Armida, Lann O Cambion, Vuong Manh, Anne of Corbridge, Michael le Marin, Ursula AElswitha, Megan Ann d'Rhal Donnelly, Brenna of Storvik, Elspeth nic Cormac mac Comyn, Elaina de Sinistre, Timothy of Arindale, Tash, Gregoire de Conteville, Stephan Haroldsson, Stefan of Cambion, Donal Galbraith, Johanna von den Glocken, Signy Dimmridaela, Ysabeau Cameron of Lochiel, Laeghaire o'Lavery, Theresa du Domremy, Bjorn Bjorklundr, Elisabeth Beaufort, John of Dundas, and Beornheard of Wearmouth.

DIRECTIONS TO THE APRIL MEETING

Take the Washington Beltway (495) West to Exit 31A (Georgia Ave-Wheaton). Go approximately 5 miles (13 traffic lights), then turn right onto Hewitt Ave. There will be a Christian Fellowship Church on the corner and a Korean Baptist Church on the other corner. After turning right go 3/10 of a mile to the Hermitage Square entrance. Turn left. Go over two speed bumps and then park - the apartment is in building 3215, Apt. #201.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MAY MEETING

From the north - Take I-395 take to Duke Street West. Once on the Duke Street West exit, exit immediately onto Quantrell Street. Follow Quantrell to Armistead Street, and turn right onto Armistead. Look for Mayflower Square Apartments. Address 444 Armistead, Apt. #103.

From the south - Take I-395 to Duke Street West. Go to 1st traffic light (Landmark Plaza) and turn right onto Beauregard Street. Follow Beauregard to Armistead Street and turn right. Look for Mayflower Square Apartments. Address 444 Armistead, Apt. #103.

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