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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
BARONY OF STORVIK



DECEMBER 1992 AS XXVII

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The Barony of Storvik us under the protection of  
Malcolm mac Malcolm and Manfred Schultz aus Augsburg, Baronial Champions

**To the Barony of Storvik, your Chronicler sends Greetings!**

Whew! I made it through my first *Drekkrar* without losing my mind. (Of course, there is a theory that I lost it shortly before accepting the office of Chronicler, but they jury's still out on that one.) Thank you for all your complements — you're very encouraging. Thanks also to the November *Drekkrar* crew: Duncan, Conor, Signy, Thaney and Chuck and Steve the MacIntosh brothers.

I would like to remind you that there are some changes in the Local Activities schedule: James of Rutland has moved his **Music Gathering** from Tuesday to Wednesday; Tuesday rapier practice does not have a site as of press time, and the Last Friday **Rapier Nosh** has been moved to Dec 18th for December only. Lady Therasa is taking **From Head to Toe** on a well-earned vacation, but folks are still welcome to drop by and chat — just remember to call first to see if she's at home! **Your Faithful Chronicler** will be hosting a blowout New Years Party Thursday, Dec 31 till 1993. (Experience Champagne Chili)

Other regular activities may also have rearranged things for the holidays; please call the contact people listed to be sure.

Babies, babies, babies! Mistress Cunion and Lord Gunnar had a girl, Helen. Duchess Seonaid and Duke Michael had a boy, Kaylen Michael (I'm not sure of the spelling), and Wratingham seneschal Celeste and Storvik seneschal Tomas had a girl, Kirsten Elise on Nov 11. Congratulations to all.

Crown Tourney was held in the neighboring Shire of Dun Carraig last month. Victory went to Sir Cuan McDaige for the honor of his lady Arianwen the Nimblefingered. Both hail from the Shire of Hindscroft (Winston-Salem NC, mundanely). Vivat!

**Submit** to your *Drekkrar*. (Thank you, Lady Deirdre.) Short articles, reviews (book, recording, movie, exhibit, concert, etc.), announcements, artwork, chronicles, cartoons, calligraphy... all those things that make your local newsletter Yours! If you'd like to put something in the *Drekkrar*, but you're not quite sure how to go about it, just give me (or my machine) a call and we can work something out. I don't bite, honest!

Wishing everyone one or more happy holidays (Christmas, Hanukkah, Yule, Kwanza, etc.), I am

In Service to the Barony of Storvik,

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Lady Elspeth nic Cormac, CP, Chronicler

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## Minutes

of the Baronial Business Meeting, November 8, 1992,  
at the home of the Baron and Baroness

**Officers' Reports.** Seneschal: (Thomas) All reports are current. We received a thank you note from the Kingdom Exchequer. Exchequer: (Marie) Storvik account has \$634.70, Drekkar account has \$147.50. The Barony's \$250.00 share of the Coronation profit has not been received yet. Lists: (Rorik) No list activity last month, nothing planned for next month. The Lists officer announced that he will be resigning due to increased family responsibilities, and will be advertising for a successor. Marshal: (Bjorn) Montgomery Co. practice is doing fine. He is working on a PG Co. site, and has contacted Corporate for the necessary insurance paperwork. Arts&Sciences: (Stefan) Working on 4th quarter reports, due 12/15. Chronicler: (Elspeth) Has published her first Drekkar (Nov). We have 93 subscribers, 45 from Storvik. New Tintinabulum (Barony directory) is in progress. Herald: (Brenna) Barony submitted a badge during the meeting. Rapier Marshal: (Manfred) Searching for a winter evening practice site. We have one new authorized rapier. Chatelaine: not present. Iron Key: not present. Archer Marshal: not present.

**Old Business.** None.

**New Business.** Beornheard is looking for someone to take over the monthly newcomers' meeting (Sumposion), and will be putting an announcement in the December Drekkar.

-- Their Excellencies received a request from King Stefan to muster the forces for Sea Wars. A call was made to muster the forces of the Arts and Sciences, as the A&S Competition is a war point.

-- Christmas Ball site fee balance of \$370 is due. The Barony may contribute to the cost of childcare at the event, provided that parents show interest in childcare.

-- A war military exercise with Bright Hills is planned for April or May, site to be announced.

-- A request was made by SCA members at Georgetown University for assistance is putting on a demo on the Georgetown campus.

**Upcoming :** December 13 at the home of Stefan of Cambion in Lanham. Call him at (301) 731-0673 (evenings) or (301) 779-5155 (anytime) for directions. January 10 at Elspeth & Signy's place (see directions to On Divers Arts, Thursday Local Activities listing).

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**Unto the Noble and Good Gentles of the Barony of Storvik  
does Beornheard of Wearmouth send  
Greetings.**

After three great years, the time has come for me to pass the responsibility for the Sumposion (monthly Storvik newcomers' meeting) to someone who is eager to receive it.

I hope you are energetic. I suggest you be accessible and user-friendly. Interested persons should contact Baron Igor or Baroness Fevronia at (301) 449-3004. If you want more information, you may contact them, or feel free to call me at (301) 559-7852.

Thank you!

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I think they liked us...

## Smithsonian Institution

Office of the Assistant Secretary for the Arts & Humanities

SCA  
Barony of Storvik  
c/o Steve Kiefert  
9704 Beachwood Drive  
Landover, Maryland 20706

October 27, 1992

Dear Seneschal:

On behalf of the International Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution I would like to express my appreciation to the Society for Creative Anachronism (Baronies of Ponte Alto and Storvik) for organizing and participating in the "Knightly Day on the Mall" held in conjunction with the opening of the Imperial Austria exhibition on October 4, 1992.

That the event was a huge success is due entirely to your organizational efforts and the professional attention to detail your members brought to every aspect of the day. I was impressed not only by the authenticity of the demonstrators but by the care and concern they evidenced in responding to questions and queries from the visiting public.

Thank you so much for your assistance and participation. I hope we have the opportunity to work together again.

Sincerely,

*Eileen Rose*

Eileen Rose  
Director  
International Gallery

1100 Jefferson Drive, N.W., Room 302 Washington, D.C. 20560 202/357-1776 Fax: 202 786-2757

If you haven't seen the exhibit, hie yourself thence!  
You've never seen so much armor! The exhibit is at  
the Ripley International Center, next to the Castle,  
until January 24th.



## Newcomers

to the SCA and to Storvik, Ponte Alto and environs  
are cordially invited to the

## SUMPOSION OIKOMENIKON

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

from 7-11 pm on the Second Friday North of the Great River, and the Third Friday South of the Great River. Here is a chance to meet people and to 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.

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

TALK AND VISIT with other Storviki and Pontoons.

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

### *Northern Sumposion:*

Dec 11: **Picking up the Pieces:** Everything else you need to know about the SCA.

at the home of Lord Beomheard of Wearmouth (Jeff Tyeryar), 3603 Oliver St, Hyattsville, MD 20782, (301) 559-7852.

**Directions:** *From Capitol Beltway (I-495):* Take New Hampshire Ave South to Adelphi Rd. Go left onto Adelphi. After several miles, you will come to Route 410 (East-West Hwy). Get in the right-hand lane, and cross over 410 onto Queens Chapel Rd. Go through the light at the top of the hill, and make the next right onto Oliver St.

*From the City:* Take North Capitol St to Michigan Ave (Look for signs to Providence Hospital and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception). Turn right onto Michigan. It will become Queens Chapel Rd when it leaves the District. Oliver is approximately 5.4 miles from the intersection of North Capitol and Michigan. You will eventually pass through a shopping district (shopping cent, gas stations, Pizza Hut, etc.). Queens Chapel Rd then goes up a very noticable hill. Oliver St is on the other side of the hill, at the bottom, on the left. If you reach Rt 410 (East-West Hwy) you have gone too far. If so, cross 410, turn around, and follow the "From Capitol Beltway" directions above.

### *Southern Sumposion:*

Dec 18: [Please call for topic]

at the home of Lord Herveus d'Ormonde, 919 16th St South, Arlington VA 22209, (703) 486-0522.

**Directions:** *From the City:* Leaving the city on I-395, get on US 1 South. Turn right on 23rd St. Take a right onto Ives. When Ives meets 16th St, take a left onto 16th. It is a white house on the right.

*From Northern Virginia:* Driving toward the city on I-395, exit on US 1 to Pentagon City. Stay to the right of the exit lanes and get onto Army Navy Dr. At the second light, take a left onto Joyce St. Take the first right to stay on Joyce, then take the first left after the road narrows. This will be 16th St.

## Notes and Challenges

**Lost at Post-Pennsic Revel:** one mundane shirt, light blue with stripes, with one mechanical pencil in the pocket. If found, please contact Brent Warner, (301) 286-8586 or (301) 725-5507.

**Found at Novice Tourney:** embroidered favor, kerchief, parasol, silver necklace, lacrosse glove, pewter goblet, straw hat. If you wish to claim any of these items, please contact Countess Elizabeth Beaufort (Nadine Colbert), (301) 598-7424. **THIS IS THE LAST TIME OF ASKING.**

**Duelling and Dance Research.** Unto all interested in period research: I, Master Niall, will make my duelling and dance book libraries available for perusal and study. I have many facsimiles of period books on both subjects. The libraries may be used on Wednesday nights at the regular meetings fo the Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society, or by special arrangement. Please call me at (703) 560-8825.

**Heraldic Research.** Are you interested in heraldry? Would you like to know how the SCA College of Arms functions? Mistress Jaella, Triton Herald of Atlantia, is running heraldic commenting sessions in various places in the greater Storvik/Lochmere area. These sessions take place every other week, and are open to anyone interested in learning how SCA heraldry works. Contact Judy Gerjuoy, (202) 737-4609. Feel free to leave messages on the answering machine; she will get back to you.

**Pages School.** Unto all parents in Storvik and Ponte Alto: Megan o Donnelly (MJ Houghton), as a mother of children, runs a school for pages (children) between the ages of 5 and 12 (K through 6). These will be meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month at her home, in conjunction with the southern Sumposion (Newcomers' Meeting). Call (703) 486-0522 for more information.

**Gold Key needs loaner garb!** The Storvik Gold Key loaner garb closet still needs more period raiment for newcomers, especially anything in large sizes. Contact Elspeth Cainnealaigh (Liz Jones) at (301) 869-5594 if you have anything to donate to the Barony.



**Room to let.** Housemate needed to share lovely old Takoma Park home with two SCA/Markland ladies and 7-year old boy. Two blocks from Metrorail. No smokers or fur-bearing pets permitted. \$350 per month plus 1/3 of very low utilities. Contact Myfanwy at (301) 270-5761 or Cathy at (301) 270-2318.



Baron Igor and Baroness Fevronia  
do once again call on all good folk of every station  
to gather and celebrate the season at the

Annual, Traditional,  
Steeped in Myth and Legend

## Storvik Christmas Ball and Festival of Desserts and Confection

Saturday, December 26 7:00-11:00 pm

in the great hall of the  
Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center  
Silver Spring MD  
(historic site of the Post Pennsic Revel

Musicians and dancers from far and near are invited to Storvik for this festive occasion. The Autocrat plans four sets of dances: Pavans, Branles and Almans; Italian Dances; English Country Dances; and, Traditional Favorites.

His Excellency the Baron of Storvik reminds all good folk of the Barony that this is the time of year for... Taxes. Baronial court will be held so that Their Excellencies may conveniently receive that fair and equitable portion of the bounty of the Barony that is their due by inheritance and by venerable and most ancient custom.

The site is discretely damp: beer and wine only, no hard liquor. A selection of non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you can help with set-up, decorations, reception (troll), games or clean-up, please contact the Autocrat.

Parents! If your children would prefer to spend the evening munching on child-friendly snacks and watching medieval videos and other entertainments under the watchful eyes of a paid sitter, please contact the Autocrat as soon as possible so a separate children's room can be arranged. Child care will be planned, and a sitter hired, only if sufficient parents contact the Autocrat in advance.

Fees: \$6.00 per person; or \$5.00 and a dessert to serve at least 12. Make checks payable to "Barony of Storvik/SCA Inc."

Autocrat: David Mallinak, 8559 Greenbelt Rd, Apt 103, Greenbelt MD 20070, Attn: Lord Stephen of Red Dragon Bridge. Phone (301) 552-5429.



## How to get to the Christmas Ball

Take your best route to the Washington Beltway's Exit 31 (Georgia Avenue North/Wheaton). At the first traffic light (about 1 block north), turn right onto Forest Glen. Follow Forest Glen past Holy Cross Hospital and Sligo Creek Parkway. Schweinhaut Senior Center is on the right, just past the tennis courts, approximately 1/2 mile from the Sligo Parkway light.



## Dance List for the Storvik Christmas Ball

### Pavanes, Almans and Branles

Belle qui tiens ma vie	Mannschaft Pavane
Black Alman	Montarde Branle
Branle Charlotte	Official Branle
Earl of Salisbury's Pavane	Scottish Branle
Horse Branle	Torch Branle
Maltese Branle	

### English Country Dances

Black Nag	Jenny Pluck Pears
Dargason	Picking Up Sticks
Gathering Peascods	Ruffy Tufty
Heart's Ease	Sellinger's Round
Hit or Miss	Upon a Summer's Day
Hole in the Wall	Well Hall

Basse Dances selected from those taught at the University (December 5).

## Local Activities

a listing of regular activities in the Barony of Storvik and our neighbors

### Sunday

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Every Sunday afternoon at the Pimmit Library, Falls Church, Va. Contact Sir Strykar (703) 241-1682 or Lord Malcolm (301) 656-6050 for heavy weapons; contact Padraig Muadhan (703) 591-0122 for rapier.

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Stierbach holds a combined fighter and combat archery practice at 2pm every Sunday in Cloverdale Park, Dale City, VA. Contact Lord Erich von Kleinfeld, (703) 222-9843.

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Lochmere holds fighter practice at FSK Auditorium at St. John's. Contact Earnwynn at (410) 535-2152 or Sir Christian at (410) 987-0904.

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Dun Carraig holds fighting practice at 1pm at the home of Master Phillip and Mistress Kiri. Call (410) 535-2152.

**STORVIK BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING:** 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm.

December 13: At the home of Stefan of Cambion.

**WRATTINGHAM LYNN CANTON MEETING:** 3rd Sunday of the month at 7pm. Call Celeste for location and directions, (301) 552-8784.

**PONTE ALTO BARONIAL BUSINESS MEETING:** Last Sunday of the month at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Falls Church VA. Contact Lady Winifred at (703) 533-8224.

### Monday

**ARTS NIGHT:** Woodworking and needle arts at the home of Sir Stanford and Mistress Elien in Laurel MD, 8-10pm. For more information and directions, call (301) 725-5371.

**DANCE:** Ponte Alto holds beginner dance practices at George Mason University, Krug Hall Room 5, 7-10pm. Contact Lady Aislynn, (703) 313-9613.

**SCRIBAL WORKSHOP:** 2nd and 4th Mondays in Ponte Alto. Contact Mistress Maeve, (703) 978-0851.

### Tuesday

**STORVIK BARONIAL AT-HOME:** Baron Igor and Baroness Fevronia are at home the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 7:30-10pm. Newcomers are encouraged to attend! Directions: Take the Beltway and exit onto Branch Ave (Rt 5) toward Waldorf. At Allentown Rd (Rt 337), turn right. Go the Brinkley Rd and turn right. About 1/4 mile down is White Oak; turn left. Go down the hill and take the first right onto Acorn Dr. The street ends at their house; they are on the left — 5017 Acorn. For more information, call (301) 449-3004.

**RAPIER PRACTICE:** Storvik rapier practice is in the process of moving to an indoor site. Details not available at press time. Contact Gregoire, (301) 540-8538.

**MUSIC GATHERING:** Moved to 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS.

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Tuesday evening at Pimmit Library. Contact Sir Strykar, (703) 241-1682.

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** Lochmere holds fighter practice at 7pm at Arundel High School (south side of Rt 175, west of Rt 3). Contact Lord Harold at (410) 760-9534.

**HALL AND OATS:** Autocrats and cooks guild in Ponte Alto. Contact Baroness Ilaria, (703) 533-8224.



During the holiday season, please remember to check with the contact person to make sure the activity you are planning to attend has not been cancelled.

### Wednesday

**LADIES' SEWING CIRCLE AND TERRORIST SOCIETY** assembles on Wednesdays for fittings, fashions, fraternizing and fun at the home of Mistress Teleri in Falls Church from 7:30-11:00pm. Meetings are not restricted to ladies only! Contact Teleri at (703) 560-8825.

**MUSIC:** Lochmere music group meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. Contact Lady Daella, (410) 766-1928.

**MUSIC:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 at the home of Lord James of Rutland in Highland Foorde. (301) 834-6515.



### Thursday

**FIGHTING PRACTICE:** The Barony of Storvik hosts fighter practice in the all-purpose room of Highland Elementary School in Wheaton MD every Thursday from 7-9:30pm. **No black-soled shoes allowed.** Directions: From the Beltway take Georgia Ave North to Randolph Rd and turn LEFT. Take the second LEFT onto Livingston and continue until Livingston ends in a T at Medway. Turn LEFT. The school will be on the RIGHT.

**ON DIVERS ARTS** has nothing to do with swimming. Arts and sciences consultation and camaraderie at the home of Lady Elspeth (your chronicler). Calligraphy, cooking, costuming, fiber arts, and the occasional *Drekkar* collating. Directions: From the Beltway take Rt 50 (John Hanson Hwy) east toward Annapolis. Take the 2nd exit to Rt 197 North toward Bowie. At the light at the end of the exit, turn left onto 197N; at the 2nd light turn right onto Kenhill. Kenhill dead-ends into Belair; turn left at the dead-end, then take the 1st right onto Spangler. The house is on the right — 2817 Spangler. Call (301) 464-3640 for more information. **PARTY ON JAN 31: BE THERE!**

**HARP AND DRUM CORPS:** Ponte Alto music practice at the home of Mistress Maeve, (703) 978-0851.

### Friday

**NEWCOMERS MEETINGS:** Lord Beornheard and Lord Heverus invite all newcomers (and any interested "old-timers") to an informal discussion of various aspects of life in the Society. The *symposion oikomenikon* (Greek for "y'all come to the party!") is held on the 2nd Friday North of the River, and the 3rd Friday South of the River. See announcement elsewhere in this *Drekkar* for directions and other information.

**RAPIER NOSH NIGHT:** Last Friday of each month, an evening of discussion primarily on (you guessed it!) rapier combat, at the home of the Queen's Rapier Champion. Please come in garb! See announcement elsewhere in *Drekkar* for directions and other information.

**FROM HEAD TO TOE,** an Arts workshop, is taking a well-earned vacation.

# University of Atlantia

Saturday, December 5

in the ivy-covered halls of the Ponte Alto Campus  
and the nearby town of Ponte Alto  
Student Union #2, Second Floor, George Mason University  
Fairfax VA

Registration begins at 9:30 am, classes at 10:00

**Tuition** is a modest \$6.00 at the door; no additional fees for out-of-Kingdom students. (If you heeded last month's *Drekka* or *Acorn* and pre-registered, you saved up to \$2. on fees) Some classes have small additional fees of supplies and printed materials.

## Room and Board .

The economy-minded student may bring provisions from home, or may buy meals at the Student Union refectory (George Mason concessions) or in the nearby cookshops (directory to local eateries available at event).

"Crash space" can be arranged through the Autocrat, Lady Bleiddianyn (Leslie Ralston-Rakow), 7314 Masonville Dr., Annandale VA 22002, (703) 204-2661.

**Directions:** Take your best route to I-495 (the Virginia side of the Beltway). Take Exit 5, Braddock Rd, to the WEST. (Note: your path to GMU is prominently marked with signs to "George Mason University" and "Patriot Center.") Travel about 6.5 miles and turn RIGHT on Robert Lane. Turn LEFT on Shenandoah Lane into GMU. Follow signs to "Student Union #2." There will be SCA signs directing you to parking.

Newcomers to the SCA are reminded that you must wear pre-17th century clothing or a reasonable attempt thereat. If you need to borrow garb, please contact the Chatelaine/Gold Key listed among the Storvik officers in the *Drekka*.



The benefits of a University education cannot be underestimated. The extensive course offerings will appeal to all. Students from every station and Kingdom are welcome at the University of Atlantia. Be you peasant or Peer, male or female, cleric or secular -- the University of Atlantia follows a strict policy of non-discrimination in student body, faculty and staff.

The Chancellor is Lord Henry Best (John Strauss), 668 Bluff Ave., Waynesboro VA 22980, (703) 943-5646.

## Kingdom Twelfth Night

Windmaster's Hill does invite one and all to attend Twelfth Night celebrations on the 9th day of January, which we will host for their gracious Majesties, **Steffan and Twila**. We purpose to have a day of feasting and celebration, including a **Grand Exhibition of the Arts and Sciences**, a sumptuous **feast**, activities for children, the **Court** of their Atlantian Majesties, **competitions for the Kingdom Notables** -- Meistersinger, Meisterbrewer, and Master Armorer -- and divers other activities.



The inspiration for the day is the **Duchy of Burgundy**, circa 1450, with blue and white the preferred colors. Recognizing that Burgundy was very cosmopolitan, as is Atlantia, all are welcome to wear their accustomed clothing.

As for the Grand Exhibition of the Arts and Sciences, we invite all artisans of the Kingdom to bring their finest work for display. You will be asked to attend your work for a time during the day, to be available for discussion of your crafts. All Peers of the Kingdom are encouraged to bring some small token, with which to gift an artisan whose work you admire. Those wishing more information about this Exhibition should contact: Baroness Greta Klusenare (Barbara Reed, 1221 Teakwood Pl., Raleigh NC 27606, (919) 851-6677). People interested in the Kingdom Notables competition should contact the current holder of the position in question (names and addresses are listed in the *Acorn*, the Kingdom newsletter).

As for all other questions, contact our Autocrat, **Countess Luned of Snowden** (Diane Stevens, 500 Pierce St., Sanford NC 27330, (919) 776-0915), who we have granted full authority for the organizing of the day.

Written at our estates in Kappelenberg this 16th day of September in the reign of Steffan and Twila. Your servants, and the Crown's,

**Robbyan and Fern,  
Baron and Baroness Windmaster's Hill**

**SITE:** Lee County Civic Center, 1801 Nash St., Sanford NC. Opens 10am, closes 11 pm. Discreetly wet (no original containers). Candles permitted. **NO PETS PLEASE**. On-board seating for 300; off-board seating for the first 200 who request it.

**FEES:** Off-board \$4.00; on-board \$9.00 before Dec 15, \$11 after, space permitting; children 6 and under are our guests, 7-12 half-price. Make checks payable to: Barony of Windmaster's Hill, SCA Inc. Reservations must include names of each person attending.

**MERCHANTS** please contact the Autocrat. You must supply your own tables.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take your beast route to Sanford NC. Contact Luned if you really need advice. **From the north**, take Hwy 87/421 (Homer Blvd) south approximately 4 miles from interchange with US1. Turn left onto Bragg St (at the Burger King). **\*\* Take next right at traffic light onto Nash St.** Civic Center approximately 1/2 mile on left. **From the south**, take Hwy 87/421 (Homer Blvd) north approximately 1-1/2 miles from where 87 and 421 merge. Turn right onto Bragg St (at the Burger King). Follow from \*\* above.



At Their Coronation, **King Baldar Langstriter** and **Queen Rhianna Valeria**, Monarchs of *Trimaris*, drew a sword from a great stone as a symbol of Their True Kingship. Such a miraculous stone, so steeped in power, must surely have traced its origins to *Atlantia*! Thus did the *Atlantian* Monarchs, **King Steffan** and **Queen Twila** have the stone liberted and returned to Their Realm. But **King Baldar** has sworn that the stone shall be returned! And **King Steffan** has vowed that no *Trimarian* shall set foot on *Atlantian* soil to retrieve it! Thus do the two armies gather at *Atlantia's* southern-most border (that is to say, in *Meridies*), and prepare to unleash the Dogs of War!

## SEA WARS!

**THE SITES:** Two key landmarks just 2 miles apart in the Savannah GA Historic District: Fort James Jackson, and the Central of Georgia Railroad Roundhouse. As neither site is equipped to handle camping, Sea Wars is primarily a hotel event. However, you may set up pavillions, sunshades, etc. for the battles on Saturday. We do ask that whatever you set up is as period as possible.

**CHECK IN** will be between 5 pm and 1 am at the Radisson Hotel (see below). You may check in at either site on Saturday. **IMPORTANT:** you must wear your medallion at all times. Since we are moving between sites, it will be the only way you will be allowed to enter or re-enter a site without paying.

**THE WAR** will consist of 2 Field Battles, 2 Town Battles, a Champions' Battle, a Bridge Battle, a Duello Melee, Target Archery, and Arts and Sciences Competitions. There will also be a Friendship Battle on Saturday morning. All town and field battles will include combat archers. There will be **NO** authorizations at the war!!

**THE ARTS AND SCIENCES COMPETITION:** Entries should have a war theme or be war-related. There is a maximum of five entries per person. Consult you Kingdom Arts and Sciences Minister for details.

**THE COST** in advance is \$6.00 for members (proof of membership must be included with your reservation), or \$8.00 for non-members. A flat fee of \$10.00 will be charged at the door (no discounts). Children 6 to 12 are half-price. Children under 6 are free, but reservations should be made for them as well. Please make all checks payable to "Barony of Sacred Stone, SCA Inc."



**Pallas Athena says:**  
The Arts and Sciences Competition is a **WAR POINT**. Do your part for the war effort!

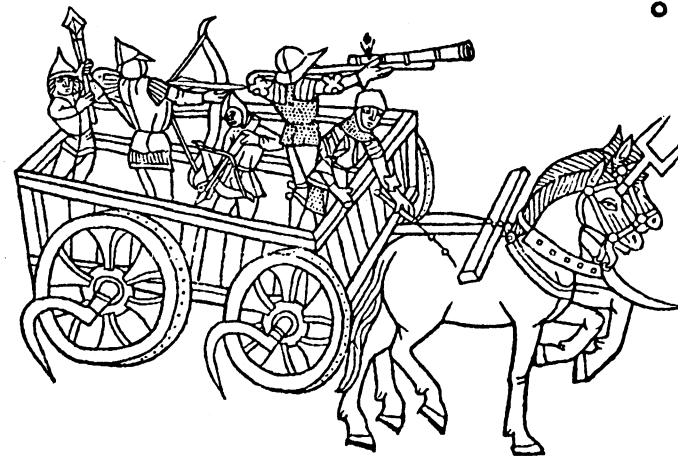
**THE FEAST** is a catered sign-up dinner by and at Ft Jackson, with a brief historical

presentation also done by members of the Fort. The feast is at the additional cost of \$12.00 per person and should accompany your advance registration. If you do not wish to dine at Ft Jackson Saturday evening, maps to local eateries will be available at the Troll Booth. A maximum of 500 persons will be allowed to reserve for this delicious, entertaining, educational dinner.

**THE HOTEL** we will be using for Sea Wars is the downtown Savannah Radisson, less than 1 mile from either site. A special rate of \$45.00 per room per night has been established with an enforced maximum occupancy of four (4) persons. This works out to just \$22.50 for the weekend for you to stay at Savannah's premiere luxury hotel! *You may make hotel reservations with your advance reservations to the autocrat.* or call the Radisson directly at (912) 233-7722. There will also be a Ball Saturday night at the hotel.

**THE AUTOCRAT** is Bran Trefonnen. Please direct all reservations, written queries, etc., to: Scott Woodward Meyers, PO Box 2981, Davidson NC 28036. For more information, you amy contact the Autocrat at (704) 896-0250.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take your best route to I-95 toward Savannah GA. Get off on I-16 East (Exit 17A) to downtown Savannah. Take Exit 36 and follow signs to Visitor Center to get to the Roundhouse. Take Exit 37 and follow the signs for Ft Jackson to check in. Both sites are minutes from I-16 with signs clearly posted.



The Ponte Alto Transit Authority will be chartering a bus to Sea Wars. Cost will be approximately \$60 round trip. For information, contact: Griffith ap Morgan ap Griffith (Craig Vaughan) at (703) 532-2782. If a machine answers, please talk to it.

## The Nine Worthies

by Deirdre O'Siodhachain

In the early fourteenth century, a Frenchman by the name of Jean de Longuyon wrote of nine worthies (*neuf preux*). Neatly divided into triads, these were the champions of chivalry for the Pagan Law, Old Law, and new Christian Law. The concept of naming a (nominally) historical figure as the embodiment of some ideal was not new, but de Longuyon came up with a combination that symbolized many of the chivalric ideals for his readers. His choices rapidly became a common theme in the literature and art of the Middle Ages and stayed in the popular mind as a fixed image.

The Worthies were:

— From pagan times: Hector, son of Priam of Troy; Julius Caesar; and Alexander the Great.

— From the Old Testament: Joshua, conqueror of Canaan; David, King of Israel; and Judas Maccabaeus.

— From Christian times: Arthur, King of Britain; Charlemagne; and Godfrey of Bouillon.

As a group, the nine represent the ideal of the warrior in service to the kingdom. All, with the exception of Hector, are conquering heroes. Most came from royal families. All brought glory and honor to their nations and were noted for their personal prowess in arms.

As individuals, each display some outstanding quality of chivalry, which, in combination with their historical context, made them exemplars of knighthood. It is perhaps worth noting here that for most members of the medieval knightly class, there was the belief that knighthood was an institution dating back to pagan times. There was no consciousness that

it might be inappropriate to fit their ancient heroes into contemporary molds. The result of this was that the Worthies were viewed as being of the same cultural and psychological background as their admirers. The heroic nature of the Worthies was felt in a deeply personal and immediate sense; they might have been princes at some distant court whose deeds caused their fame to spread throughout Europe.

The choice of the three Worthies of pagan times indicate at least a minimal familiarity with classical literature. The Iliad of Homer, even if not known as a poetic work, was known as a source of fine tales of knightly combat. The reason that Hector was chosen rather

than the victorious Achilles is fairly simple: Achilles left no children and had no surviving family. Hector, on the other hand, at least had relatives who were purported to have fled to Europe after the sack of Troy and there to found some of the ruling houses. And there was no question as to the valor or prowess of Hector as he fought before the walls of Troy.

Julius Caesar was remembered for his conquest of Gaul, and while he did not himself become Emperor of Rome, his nephew did. As a general he displayed the kind of courage and determination (and success) that was greatly admired in the medieval world.

Alexander the Great was of course known as a world conqueror, but he was also famed for his generosity with the spoils of his conquests. Largess was considered a great virtue in a knight, and Alexander made his generals kings and his men rich with loot.

The world of the Old Testament provided the foundation for the appearance of the Savior, and in many ways its stories were viewed as foreshadowings of the coming of Christ. Its heroes could be wholeheartedly admired without the slightly doubtful status of the ungodly pagan heroes.



Joshua, son of Nun, conquered Canaan because he was obedient to the commands of God. His harsh discipline was a model for all generals. His faithfulness to God's commands was rewarded by the success of his invading force that subjugated the lands promised to the ten tribes by God.

David, King of Israel, was admired for his skill at playing the harp, prowess as a warrior, and founder of the line of kings which would eventually bear Christ. David was the chosen of God having been raised up from being a shepherd to lead the armies of Israel to victory over their enemies. One of the most important concepts associated with knighthood was that of the inherent nobility of a true knight, whether by birth or nature. King David represented the just and divine recognition of the truly noble.

Judas Maccabaeus was one of five brothers who lead an organized rebellion against the religious restrictions placed upon the Nation of Israel under Roman occupation. He was the general who gained victory in the face of overwhelming odds and helped restore the Temple to a state of purity. Medieval knights were expected to defend the true faith in a similar manner.

The three Christian members of the Worthies reflect the expectations of a Christian king. It is significant to note that all these kings fought to establish their nations against great opposition and defeated heathen (i.e., Saracen) armies. They are creators of order in the barbaric chaos of existence.



irst named is Arthur of Britain. Arthur was regarded as historical fact in the Middle Ages and his exploits were a significant source of the examples on the conduct of knighthood. His career as king was based on the inherent nobility of his nature, which was confirmed by signs both magical (pagan) and spiritual (Christian). His court sponsored the best knights in the world, and was the source of order and prosperity in the kingdom. Most of the medieval orders of knighthood owe a direct debt to the Arthurian legends for their organization.

Charlemagne was legendary because of the peace and stability his rule brought to a Europe emerging from the Dark Ages. His rule was synonymous with the rise of the first truly European civilization in recorded history. By being crowned by the Pope, Charlemagne used the power of the church to increase his own by linking his authority with God. In many respects, the reign of Charlemagne was regarded as a prime example of wisdom and lawgiving.



Godfrey of Bouillion was the first, and possibly most successful, of the Crusader kings who tried to reestablish the Holy Lands as a place safe for Christians to live and visit on pilgrimage. Considering that the idea of raising a crusade to free the Holy Lands was still being brought up with some seriousness by the Church in the late fourteenth century, it is no surprise to find Godfrey's name was included. His striving to win God's land was a noble ambition with potential practical rewards that medieval knighthood could wholeheartedly admire.

If one reviews the list of virtues that contemporaries found valuable in a knight -- courtesy, loyalty, hardiness, largesse and frankness -- the Nine Worthies seem to meet the standard. If we add the generally accepted principle of service to country and church, it is possible to understand why and how the Nine Worthies became as popular an emblem of knighthood as they did.

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