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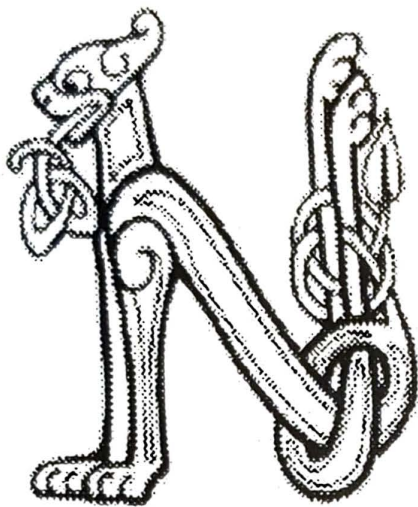
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Arms of Warriors Gate are: Gules, a laurel wreath Or surmounted by a tower with open gates argent, issuant from a base Or, in chief a bezant.

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Declamation of our Seneschal



Ews from the Seneschal is somewhat quiet this month. As we move into the Spring, we find ourselves recovering from the Baronial Tournament and planning for the future. Our stronghold has grown slightly more even with the loss of some members to the ravages of the mundane world. New members can expect to have the opportunity to serve in the near future as we will have to identify a new Marshall and perhaps other officers as well. We must always remember that the service provided by members

is critical for the survival of the stronghold and the SCA in general. Please consider your willingness to serve in the next few months. Warriors Gate will need a continuous supply willing hands to remain healthy. As we know, military duties take our members from us frequently.

My thanks are in order for THL Charmaine and Lady Aodhnait for their perseverance in preparing the Coronet Tourney for all to enjoy. For several months they labored long and hard to prepare for all who attended. They have provided us all with fun and excitement. Well done, ladies!

Erich Rotbart von Mittenwald



From the Quill of the Chronicler



alutations and felicitations!

April is upon us bringing with it the Coronet Tourney. In just a few short days the crown will be passed on to the next gentle of our Barony. What the tourney affords us is an opportunity to get together. When a Barony covers as much space as ours does we rarely have to opportunity to gather and see other gentles. This is one of those times. I strongly encourage every member of our stronghold to attend if you possibly can. We don't often get this occasion, so don't miss out. Besides, I hear there will be some really great feasting. See the announcement below.

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to Myles Gunn and his lovely wife Laila and child Ardan. They have joined us here in Warriors Gate and will be soldiering here for the next three years. Welcome!!

A new list of stronghold members is currently being compiled. It will be distributed during the Coronet Tourney (see, another good reason to attend, good gentles). When you get your copy please, please check it for errors and send corrections to myself or to THL Charmaine.

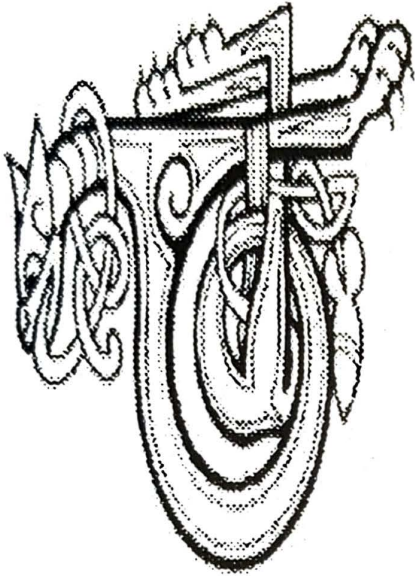
Well that's it for this month. See you at the coronet tourney.

Until next month
Faithfully yours,

Lady Aodhnait inghean mhic Carthaigh



Mistress of Arts and
Sciences Ameliorates



here was plenty of arts activity this month at the Valentines Day Event. Much dancing was done, as well as a bardic circle at which most of those in attendance performed. It was particularly gratifying to see new attendees so willing to participate.

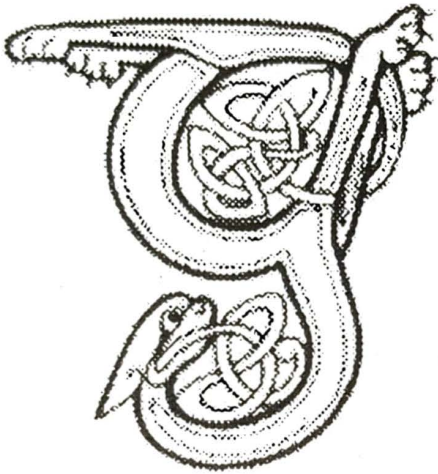
Monthly A&S workshops are being held in Taegu the last weekend of each month. If there is something you'd like to learn about or teach, please come on out. We'll all do our best to accommodate.

April 4th will see the Baronial A&S tournament. All those who are able, please attend to support the competitors (and marvel at their skills).

Anne Fenton of Colchester



Tidings from the Herald



reetings good gentiles of the Stronghold of Warrior's Gate. I am Kalfon Silverleaf MacCoulough, currently the Herald for our wonderful Stronghold. As we are coming up quickly upon the Baronial Cornet Tourney, I thought it would be fitting to do a piece on the Device for our Barony.

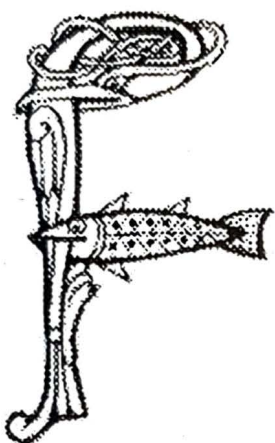


The arms of the Palatine Barony of the Far West are: Gules, a dolphin embowed argent naiant through a laurel wreath Or, all between three water bougets argent.

Kalfon Silverleaf



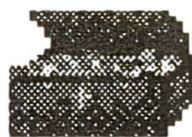
The Office of the Exchequer



rom the bottom of the Chest

This has got to be the easiest Exchequer's office I have ever held...our cash flow is the same as in the months before...non-existent. In hopes of creating some kind of buckies, I will again be offering personalized glass drinking mugs at events. Support your Stronghold...Buy one!

THL Charmaine de Chanson



A Note of Historia

ell, Good Gentles, another month has passed and once again I have had no offers of materials for our History...I am starting to think that no one cares ...

So please, if you have anything of interest to our Stronghold,
please send it to me.

THL Charmaine de Chanson



Irish Folk Wisdom

Words to the Wise

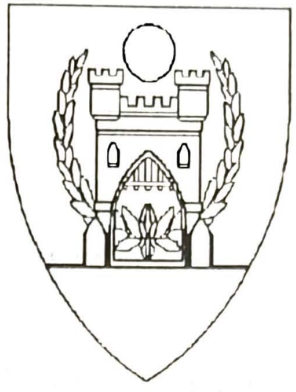
A sweet tongue is rarely without a
sting to it.

House and Hearth

Wide is the door of the little
cottage.



Calendar of Events
Warriors Gate
1998



April

4&5 - Coronet A&S

Tourney at Warriors Gate

a camping event in Pusan, Korea

(4th) Warriors Gate Business meeting Pusan

10 - Deadline for Warriors Tale

18 - Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan & Osan

25 - Warriors Gate fighter practice, A&S and Heraldry, Camp Walker, quarters S122A, Taegu 1:00pm

28 - Stronghold Officers reports due to Baronial Officers

May

2- Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan & Osan

9 - Warriors Gate Business meeting
Dragon Hill Lodge Yongsan

10 - Deadline for Warriors Tale

16 - Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan & Osan

28 - Stronghold Officers reports due to Baronial Officers

30 - Warriors Gate fighter practice, A&S and Heraldry, Camp Walker, quarters S122A, Taegu 1:00pm

June

6- Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan & Osan

13 - Warriors Gate Business meeting
Dragon Hill Lodge Yongsan

- 10 - Deadline for Warriors Tale
- 20 - Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan & Osan
- 27 - Stronghold Officers reports due to Baronial Officers
 - Warriors Gate fighter practice, A&S and Heraldry, Camp Walker, quarters S122A, Taegu 1:00pm

Special note:

1. The 2nd Saturday of every month has been designated as the day for a business meeting of Warriors Gate. Your support and input is important.
2. Contact person for Yongsan is Lord Kenneth.
3. Contact person for fighter practice in Osan is M'lord Angus.



Coronet Arts & Science Tourney



The Stronghold of Warriors Gate has been awarded the privilege of hosting this April's Coronet Tourney. We are planning a camping event in Pusan with THL Charmaine de Chanson as autocrat and Lady Aodhnait as feastocrat. (Unless you have something special that you sleep on everything will be provided except sheets for bedding and towels for showers.)

Site opens Friday at 1700 on the 3rd of April. Dinner will be served all evening. (I hear it will be one of Lady Aodhnait's famous stews so bring a healthy appetite -- actually Lady Aodhnait is doing all the cooking so starve yourself the week before.)

Saturday will start with a hearty breakfast at a reasonable time. During the day there will be many activities to keep all of us engaged and entertained during the boring part of the judging of the arts and science competition. This is not to say that these contests are not important, neigh, we will be filling some empty spaces in the landscape of our barony.

It has come to our attention that our Great Barony lacks a GUARD and this is a situation that can not continue. So to in order to rectify this great misdeed, we will be conducting a "Battle Royale." See inset for weapons requirements. Of course there will be alternative fighting ... for those that can't hack the boffer battle there will be a heavy weapons tourney and pick up fights.

Now, least we forget, for our weapons requirements for
"Battle Royale"

Weapons must be soft,

such as: Stuffed bunnies, bean bags, nerf swords or shields. Weapons can either be projectiles or hand held. Weapons will be limited to a total of three (3) regardless of combination.

The rest of the rules for the "Battle Royale" will be available on site.

(This is a Silly Fighting Contest and we hope all will join in the spirit of the battle.)

It has also come to our attention that the great Barony of the Far West does not have all the awards it needs to showcase the great abilities of our less than norm ... ah I mean average populace. Therefore we request you bring any award ideas (no matter how ridiculous they may be -- such as: "Most Creative Feast Gear" award - okay so that one is not all that great - Baroness Cynesige suggested "Codpiece Inspector" put on the thinking cap and bring your best effort). These awards are for the day with no lasting effects so have fun and let the memories be born.

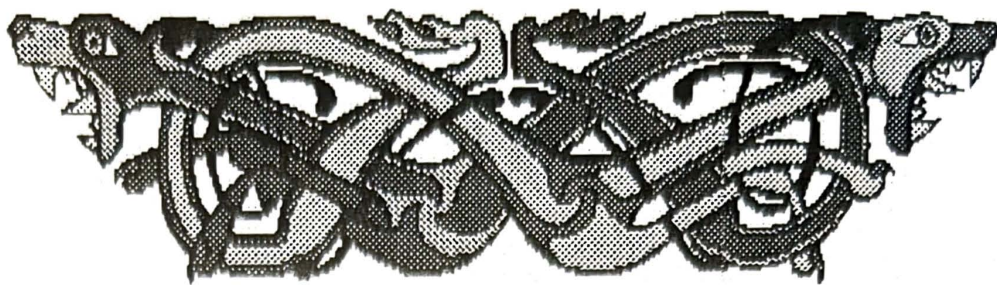


Directions to Coronet Tourney in Pusan.

Once in Korea get to train station and buy ticket to Pusan.

After disembarking from train in Pusan take a cab to Camp Hialeah.

Further directions to site will be at front gate.



Palatine Barons Contest "Most CREATIVE Use of Duct Tape"

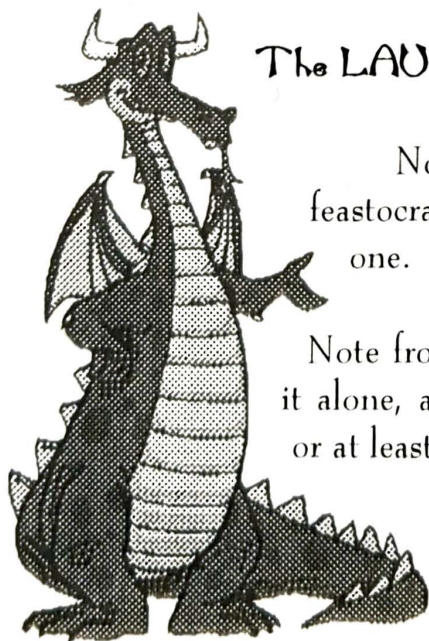
This contest will earn the Baron's Token of appreciation. Note that the item might not have to be period, but bonus points for period items. The items must be constructed ENTIRELY from duct tape or the cardboard roller in the center (somewhat but totally unlike the chewy center of a tootsie pop). Extra bonus points for FUNCTIONAL items. Lewd or morally offensive items must pass muster with Baroness Cynesige before display ... after all, it should be VERY shocking, not just goofy.

THL Bernard and Baron Toshio are both bringing their STICKS and want to play with the folk in Warrior's Gate.



"A note to all you fighters out there - Our Baron has new armor. Anyone wanting to make the first DENT in the shiny stuff is encouraged to try!"

And now our favorites of all the contests - ta - ta -ta - ta -



The LAURALS NIGHTMARE CONTEST

Note: from autocrat: The feastocrat Lady Aodhnait named this one.



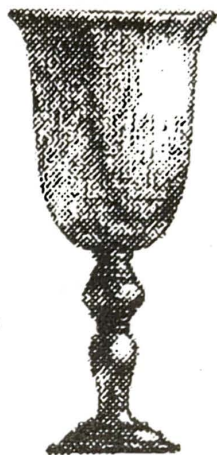
Note from the Feastocrat - She didn't do it alone, and no Baron I was not drinking or at least I don't think I was.)



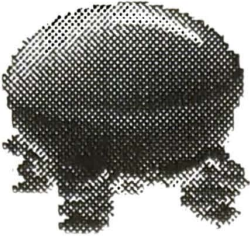
What do you think? Have you ever wanted to wear control-top Xena or codpiece Hercules? If so then this is the

contest for you! Bring out those towel tabards from your first event and wear them over your Tudor skirts, anything period as long as they are mixed .. Be the first on your block to cause fear and loathing in our Laurels.

Site fee will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12, which includes all meals during event. (If this fee is a hardship please let Lady Aodhnait know and arrangements can be made. Kitchen help is always needed and I know for a fact she hates to cut onions.) That is five hearty meals, count them five... Friday night - a beef stew renowned throughout several Kingdoms which has received the blessing of more than one king and groans of appreciation from many a fighter. Also, a tasty vegetarian stew worthy of the most discerning palate. Saturday morning there will be breads, cheeses, eggs, meats, butter, fruit, and hot and cold drinks to delight and fill the emptiest of tummies. The afternoon repose will consist of samples of the Earl of Sandwich's wonderful invention, and stew if our hungry sort left any (as they say a stew is always better the second day). The evening FEAST will have two meats, 3 vegetables, 2 rice dishes, bread, butter, fruits, and a desert (I am not going to tell it is a surprise). The next morning is clean up, of course all the leftovers you can pack away a worthy selection to break the morning fast. A bargain for the most miserly of us all.



We need an advance head count in order to provide the right amount of food. Please respond before March 18th in order that you not go hungry at the feast or that Lord Erich is stuck eating the leftovers for days on end! If you have special dietary needs, we must know as well. We wouldn't want herbivores dining on dead flesh or some vile allergy flaring up in the middle of things.



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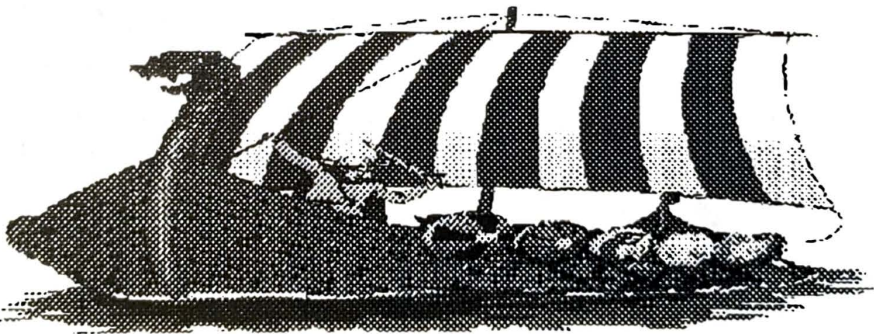
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So You Wanna Be A Viking...

You dream of sailing across the sea in search of plunder...Rape,
Pillage, and Maim are your middle names...All of you hats have
horns...well Bjorn-wannabe lets see how you shape up in Viking
points.

1. You come home for a meal. What would you prefer?

- a) A bag of chips
 - b) Bread and cheese
 - c) Raw polar bear meat
2. Somebody calls your sister "Reindeer-face." What do you do?
- a) Agree
 - b) Hit them
 - c) Kill them
3. Your wife wears your trousers. What do you do?
- a) Wear her dress to get your own back
 - b) Take them back
 - c) Divorce her
4. How would you like your bath?
- a) Hot with foam
 - b) In cold water
 - c) In a steam bath until the dirt runs off with the sweat followed by a roll in deep snow.
5. What is your favorite entertainment?
- a) Reading a book
 - b) Listening to a good story - an exciting one with lots of fighting and dying
 - c) Picking a fight with someone and wrestling until you're exhausted
6. You go to a wedding. How long does it take you to enjoy your meal?
- a) An hour
 - b) A day
 - c) A month
7. You go to a feast and drink strong ale and mead. When do you stop?
- a) When you've had enough

- b) When you're drunk
 - c) When you're totally unconscious
8. What is the most entertaining use for horses?
- a) Pony trekking
 - b) Racing
 - c) Training them to fight one another to the death
9. What would you wear as you went into battle?
- a) A bulletproof vest under a suit of armor
 - b) A coat of chain mail and a helmet
 - c) Nothing except a small piece of animal skin to give you the strength of that animal
10. What would you use instead of toilet paper?
- a) Yesterday's newspaper
 - b) Moss
 - c) Don't use anything

Scoring:

Any a) answers: Sorry, forget it! You'll never make a Viking. Just be glad you were born in the twentieth century.

Any b) answers: Yes. The Vikings would do all these things. You will make a Viking...but not a very good one.

Any c) answers: You're as vicious a Viking as Erik the Red! More than seven c) answers...I'm glad I'm not camping next to you at Pennsics!!



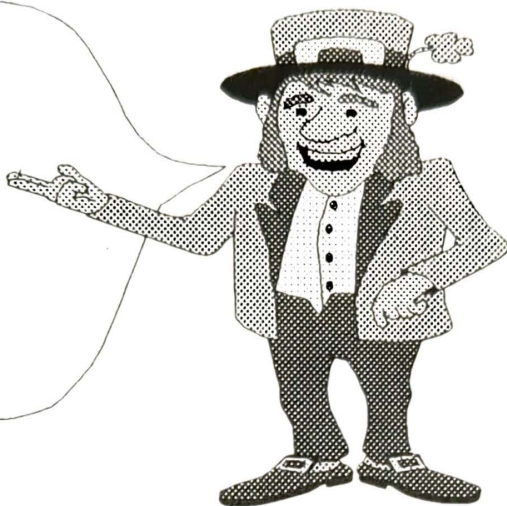
Thank you THL Charmaine. I hope all the good gentles enjoyed this as much as I did.



Riddle Central

Riddle for the Month:
 Why were the Middle Ages
 called the Dark Ages?

Riddles compliments of
 THL Charmaine



Answers to last months riddle:
 Long Distance



Art Credits:



Cover - me again. Come now I know there are
 gentles out there beside me that can draw. GIVE ME
 ART!!!

Inside - Some from Coral draw6,
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 and downloads from the internet, all slightly or
 majorly altered by Lady Aodhnait.



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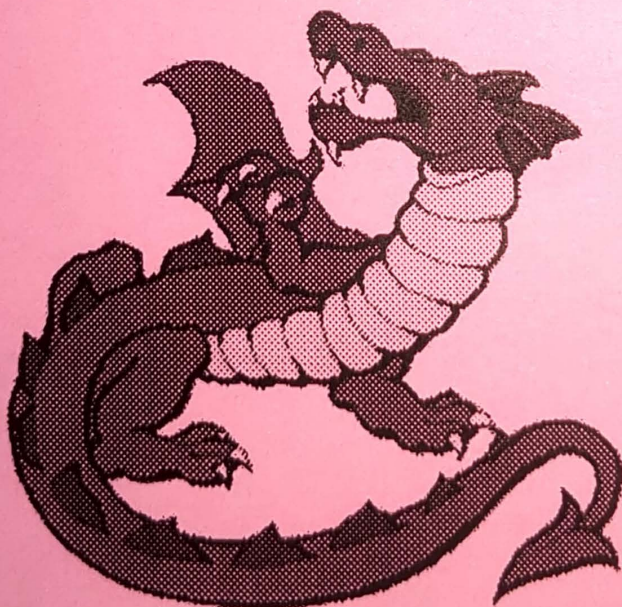
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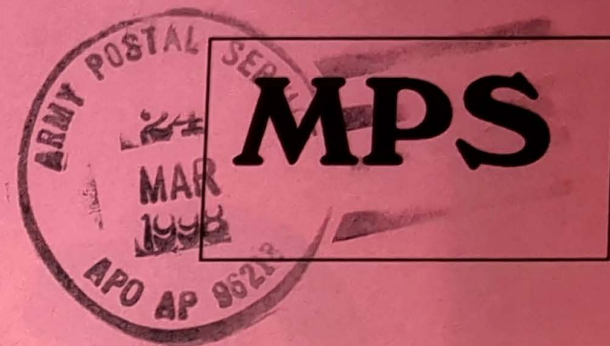


oh such sadness grieves the heart to
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 nary a whisper of remorse with
 nothing to grace its hallowed
 crispness, neigh, nery a mark. truly
 tis a sad and somber day.

yes truly tis a sad day that sees such
 blankness needing to be fill. But
 luckily our lady aodhnaít has a
 wondrous collection of images so
 that this pristine space will not
 be wasted.



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