



The Warriors tale

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Status of the Stronghold Its alive!

The Seneschal: Well if you all remember when I said the petition should be in the hands of their Majesties? That apparently never happened. Oh well. It has put us a bit behind our reactivation. Don't worry we have resubmitted a new one signed and its on the way to their Majesties, via certified mail, as well as a copy to the Seneschal for the Kingdom and the Barony of the Far West. The business meeting was as I expected, due to military commitments, rather sparse. We have a new member of the Stronghold, Lord Marcus Von Reilingen (MKA: Mark Colwell) We discussed the preparations that we've been going through to bring us back up to fully active.

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The Crown bans Fencing

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On our way up!

The Editor; Greetings my fellow Gate Keepers. We are really moving ahead with the newsletter and with the Stronghold. I decided to change the Title font for this edition. I like the new font, but this our newsletter, so write to me or phone me to let me know what you think. Did you like the old one? or do you like the new one? Let me know what you think. Again we have had more people submitting articles for the newsletter. I wish to thank Hudd De Peth for his latest submission to the newsletter.



Stronghold Calendar

SEPTEMBER:

- 7TH** - Fighter Practice and Stronghold social gathering at the Navy Barracks Yongsan, starts around noon.
- 21ST** - Fighter Practice and Stronghold business meeting at the Navy Barracks Yongsan, starts around 11am and goes until 2pm. We need to give time for showers before the meeting. I'm sure you'll understand. The Stronghold business meeting at the Main Post Club 3pm.
- 28TH** - Lief Erikson Tourney. You know what that means? Party! Tourney fighting! prizes! and much more! Best death, and best period clothing are among the prizes. The site and list opens at 10:30am and the list will close at 11:30 am. Fighting commences at 11:45 am. There is limited crash space available. Autocrat: Lord Grayvol the Wanderer Grettirson (MKA; Brian Turpin.) Phone: 723-5971 (W) or 725-4302 (H) Mail: Brian Turpin, COMNAVFORKOREA UNIT 15250, APO AP. 96205-0023.

OCTOBER:

- 5TH** - Fighter Practice and Stronghold social gathering at Navy Barracks Yongsan, starts around noon.
- 19TH** - Fighter Practice and Stronghold business meeting at the Navy Barracks, Yongsan from 11am until 2pm. Again its followed by shower time before the Stronghold business meeting at the Main Post Club 3pm.

NOVEMBER:

- 2ND** - Fighter practice and Stronghold social gathering at Navy Barracks Yongsan, starts around noon.
- 9TH** - Fall Coronet Tourney for the Barony. That's right Gate Keepers! We are hosting the Fall Coronet tourney at Camp Humphreys. Come join the festivities, there will be fun and feasting a plenty. The site and list opens at 10:30 am, opening court is at 11am list closes 15 minutes after court and fighting should begin about noon. Camp Humphreys is about an hour south of Seoul by bus. There is a wonderful site for the tourney, and a place to roast a pig to feed the hungry populace. The feast shall begin one half hour after closing court.
- 23RD** - Fighter practice and Stronghold business meeting at Navy Barracks Yongsan from 11am until 2pm. Followed by shower time before the Stronghold business meeting at the Main Post Club 3pm.

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On that note I'd like to thank those individuals who signed in addition to myself. Hudd De Peth, Lady Ama Ryah tiap Illys de Visclo, Donald the Bewildered, and Lord Marcus Von Reilingen. Thank all of you for your assistance. To all who couldn't make it to sign, I understand about military duty.

On an even happy note, the Kingdom Seneschal, with the help of the Baroness, and Baron of the Far West, as well as the Seneschal of the Far West requested our immediate reactivation by their Majesties. All the needed documentation will follow as soon as its completed.

Keep track of the events calendar. Any other questions call me at 723-5971 (W) or 725-4302 (H). The home number answering machine needs to ring at least 4 times before it picks up. You can also write to me at;

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Lief Erikson Tourney

Autocrat; I must apologize for the delay in the tourney. After discussing it with various members of the populace it was decided to move the tourney to the end of the September. Specifically the 28th, at Camp Humphreys. We will still have prizes and partying until the peers come home. A flyer with the specific information and maps will follow very soon.

Any questions please feel free to contact me. Phone 725-4302 (H) leave a message, and I'll get back to you. 723-5971 (W). See you at the tourney!



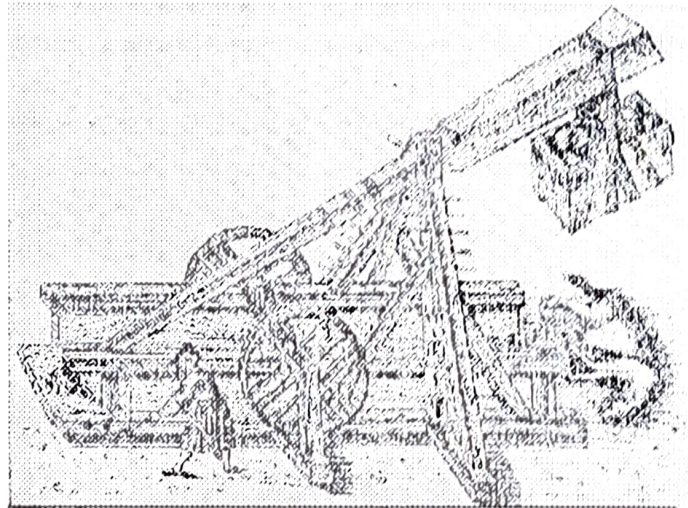
Making an SCA Trebuchet

Hudd De Peth; While siege engines like the catapult and the balista have been around since 800BC the trebuchet was first used by the French in the 12th century. Its ability to cast stones weighing over 300lbs made it immensely popular. With a range of over 400yds it could be placed well outside the range of the best bows and arrows where it could rain down death from above.

Stones were not the only ammunition used by the siegers, often dead cows and horses were sent over the walls into the besieged city or castle. The hungry populace ate the diseased corpses, and died themselves of food poisoning. They also sent the heads of their enemies

back over the wall into the city to demoralize the defenders. Even Heralds were not immune!

The last known use of a trebuchet in war was when Cortez attacked the Aztecs. He was running low on gunpowder when a man ran up to him and told him that he knew how to build a trebuchet. Cortez agreed to try it. Finally the trebuchet was finished. They loaded it and set it off. The stone went straight up and came crashing down on the siege engine destroying it and the use of trebuchet in war for all time. I imagine it didn't do the Spanish engineer any good either.



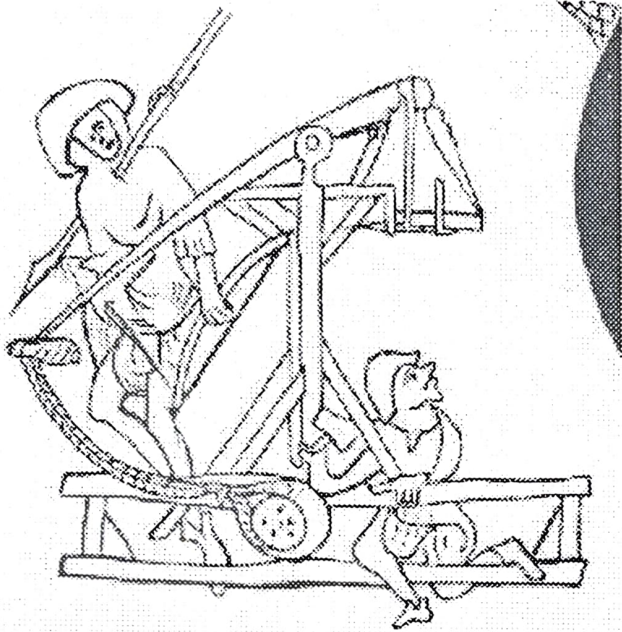
Medieval artists concept of a Trebuchet

For SCA combat I decided that I needed to be able to throw 5 slit tennis balls, wrapped in duct tape, a distance of 30 to 50 yards, 20 to 30 yards being the furthest I've seen markland arrows travel. For the weight I used an I-beam weighing about 70 lbs and my throwing arm was 10 feet long.

The sling and the weight are what gives the trebuchet it's power. The sling on the end of the trebuchet makes it twice as powerful as a catapult of the same size. The sling should be $\frac{2}{3}$ the length of the arm when it's stretched out. You can change the arc of the missiles by one of two methods. The first is changing the length of the sling. The shorter the sling is, the higher the arc becomes. A longer sling the lower the arc and the distance. One end of the sling is attached permanently near the end of the arm, and the other is attached by slipping it over a pin sticking out the end. The second method is by changing the slant of the pin. This will help determine the arc of your missiles by changing the release time of the sling. The pin should not stick straight up, but be slanted towards the target. This is

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Trebuchet (continued from page 2)



Another medieval artists concept of the Trebuchet

what happened to the unfortunate Spaniard. It is also helpful if you don't want to make new slings every time you want to change your target.

Good Luck and Happy Sieging,
Hudd De Peth



Fall Coronet Tourney

A reliable source; That's right folks, its that time of year. The Fall Coronet Tourney is coming. Not only coming to the Barony, but to the Stronghold! We have the five fighters and we have been selected to host it right here in Warriors Gate. So shine up your armor, duct tape those swords, touch up your shields, and breakout your best period garb, the tourney is coming to the Stronghold. Watch your mail for more information on the event.



Oktoberfest!

B reporter; Ya! dats right! Ist der beer sloshing wit der leiderhosen wearing gits in das Pusan ve gates. Fer der information ist contacting frauline Charmaine de Chanson in das Pusan ve gates. The frauline Charmaine ist having der tons oft vunderbar crashmict shpace! (MKA: Charmaine Cupps) phone: 763-7514 (W). Yipee! un der Yahoo!!!! (Hic!)



Fencing Banned in the West

A reporter; Their royal Majesties have decreed that fencing is banned in the Kingdom of the West during their reign. The Seneschal for the Barony, Lord Magnus McKinley, informed Lord Grayvol, the Seneschal for Warriors Gate, he had no comment. In an unrelated story Lord Grayvol told "A" reporter that the Baronial Seneschal was seeking a new Baronial Marshall. All interested parties can apply for the position through the Baronial Seneschal.

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Stronghold Officer Reports

The Seneschal; The various reports required from each officer of the Stronghold are not that difficult and therefore need to be to me before the first of each month following the one being reported. That means Your first report was already due by the time you read this. Just kidding. But starting with this month I will need the reports each month. The Barony will receive a quarterly report from me but I would like to have the reports sent to me by the requested date. I will be submitting a copy your respective Baronial, and Kingdom officers.

Speaking of officers, Lord Marcus Von Reilingen has consented to being our new Herald, to replace Maureen McDermont who is leaving us to do service in the Kingdom of Trimarus. I want to personnally thank Maureen for all her help in getting things started you'll be missed.



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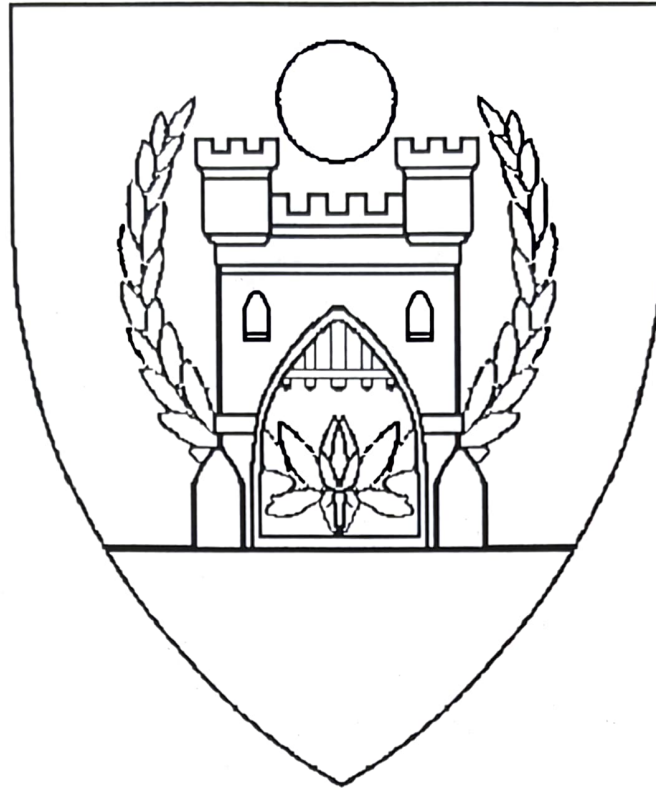
Baskethilts, are available from Gaf Garret contact him at 753-8861 (H) RM. 50 for more details.

Note from the editor, If you have any changes to the list please write to me Grayvol Grettirson (MKA as Brian Turpin), or call me. All changes or articles must be submitted prior to the 27th of each month to ensure that they get into the next months newsletter.

Note from the Marshall, Fighter practices will be held twice monthly in Yongsan.

Note from the Seneschal, The Fighter practices will also be a Stronghold social gathering. Please come out. Also we will need help with the upcoming tourney's.





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