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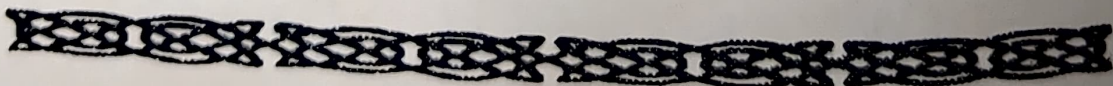
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see Exchequer

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

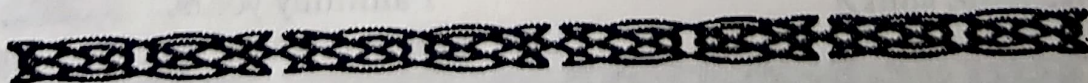
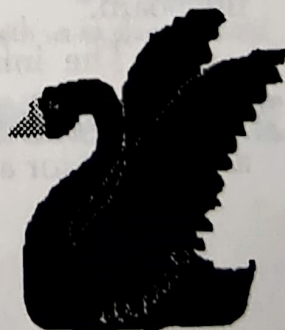


ot much news, good gentles. The Stronghold marches on. We continue to live and work and play together along with welcoming new members from afar. The Coronet Tourney is shaping up in Pusan. Any other contestants for the Coronet must get their letter of intent in to Baron Toshio NOW. The rest of the story will be played out in April. Be sure to

check the details elsewhere in the Warriors Tale.

I would remind all that the March business meeting will be at the Dragon Hill Lodge, March 14th at 1100. All fighters are invited to practice and play at Collier Field on Yongsan South Post at 1300. All members and guests are also reminded that this is generally a good excuse to have a little party type fun in the evening. New members are encouraged to officially join the SCA and reminded that in order to fight LEGALLY, you must be a paid member who has signed the SCA liability waivers. In any case, join the fun.

Erich Rotbart von Mittenwald





alutations and felicitations!

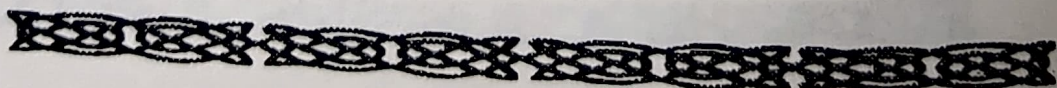
The windy month of March is here. For those getting ready for the Coronet Tourney the count down is running by. So much to do and so little time to get it done. I for one do so wish for a longer day.

This most delinquent parent is finally getting around to sending in Tommy's membership form. What a bad example I am. After much research the name Tomas of Yorkshire has been picked. He even answers to it, well as much as he answers to any one. We are still working on his device. (Of course to be official I will be putting name and device in as an alternate persona for myself - just to keep the record straight.)

Our "Court of Love" on the 14th of February was a phenomenal success. There were 20 gentles in attendance and all seemed to have an enchanting evening. The feast provided by THL Charmaine left not a single tummy in need of filling. Even our Baronial Ground Warden was pleased with the fall out from the board.

The info for the Coronet Tourney appears later in this newsletter. Be sure to read it over and make plans to attend. We are hoping for a well attended event.

Until next month
Faithfully yours,
Lady Aodhnait inghean mhic Carthaigh





ast month arts in the Stronghold received some good publicity at a demo in Seoul. A dance was taught to the students attending and was quite well received. Many arts such as costuming, illumination, calligraphy, jewelry-making, armor-making and heraldry were also demonstrated.

As you can see from the calendar, the last weekend of each month includes arts and science workshops. If there is something you are interested in learning or teaching, please come and let us know.

On a business related note: due to circumstances, I may not be in the country as long as planned. Therefore, I may need to hand over the MOAS position sooner than April, which was my plan. At the time of writing things are still up in the air, and I should know more by the February business meeting.



Anne Fenton of Colchester



We are all glad to find out that our Lady Anne will be with us as planned until mid April at least.

Tidings from the Herald



Nothing was submitted at time of this printing!!

Kalfon Silverleaf

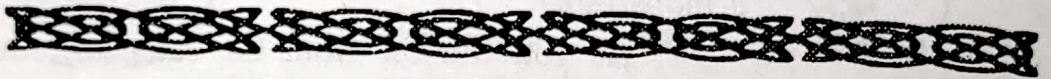
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Marshals Page



Our Marshal is visiting family across the great sea. We look forward to his return soon.

Lord Kenneth



The Office of the Exchequer



ere it is guys....our account balance....\$\$\$\$0. Yep, that is right zero, zip, we are fund-less. Whilst this does make my job easier it is not my idea of a financially healthy group. My dream is to have our group fiscally comfortable enough to have an event without having the 'crats spending their rent money and hoping for a good turn-out. So, I am starting our quest for buckies by offering for sale custom glass mugs etched with your device (or anything else you may desire) for the paltry sum of \$5-7 depending on the intricacy of your design. Please contact me for further details...the mugs will be on display at the business meetings and all events. Reserve yours early...miss the rush!

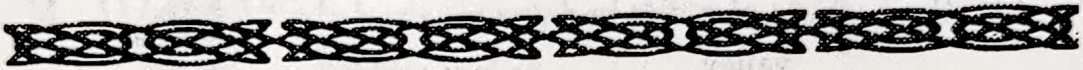
THL Charmaine de Chanson



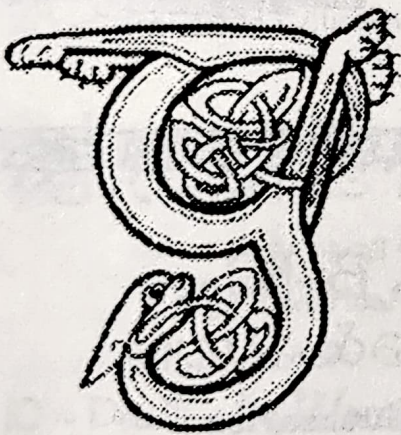
The Chatelaine



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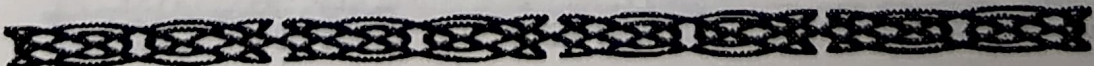


A Note of Historia



ood Gentles, this month your Historian is verrrry disappointed...I have yet to get a single response to my request for items to include in our Book of Warrior's Gate History (note caps this is important book) so I am once again going to beg everyone for help!!! Please share any Traveller's Tales, pictures, anecdotes(even "no shit, I was There" stories would be welcome), or anything else you think might help to show future generations about the "good-od-days" in our Stronghold.

THL Charmaine de Chanson



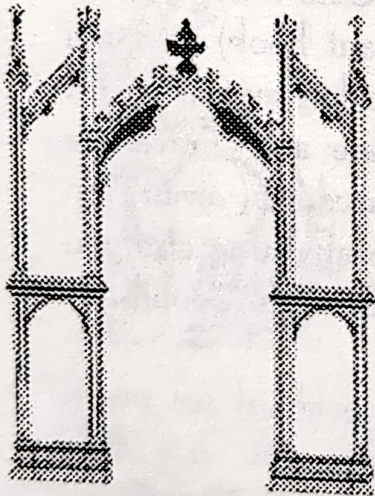
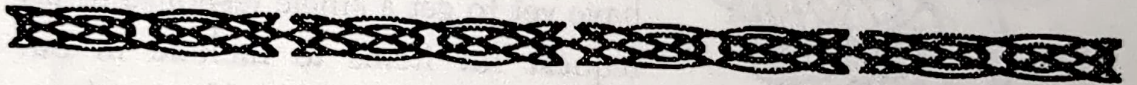
Irish Folk Wisdom

Words to the Wise

To address a head without knowledge is
like the barking of a dog in a green
valley.

House and Hearth

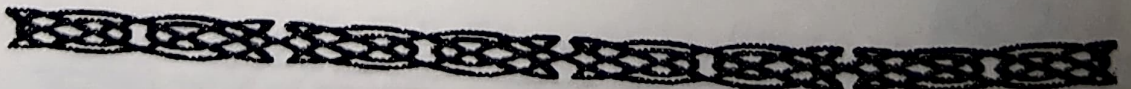
A hut is a palace to a poor man.



PLEASE!!

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- note - I have a lack of information for this section. I would really like to see this section continue so won't you please let me know when your birthday happens,



Calendar of Events
Warriors Gate
1998



March

- 7 - fighter practice Yongsan & Osan
- 10 - Deadline for Warriors Tale
- 14 - Warriors Gate business meeting at Dragon Hill, Yongsan
Afternoon fighter practice
- 21 - fighter practice Yongsan & Osan
- 28 - fighter practice, A&S and Heraldry, Camp
Walker, quarters S122A, Taegu 1:00pm
- 28 - Stronghold Officers reports due to Baronial Officers

April

- 4&5 - Coronet A&S Tourney at Warriors Gate (tentatively set as a camping event in Pusan, Korea - back up is at Teagu American School)
(4th) Warriors Gate Business meeting
- 10 - Deadline for Warriors Tale
- 18 - Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan
- 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

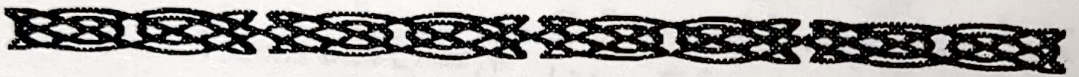
- 2 - Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan
- 9 - Warriors Gate Business meeting Dragon Hill Lodge Yongsan
- 10 - Deadline for Warriors Tale
- 16 - Warriors Gate fighter practice Yongsan

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- 28 - Stronghold Officers reports due to Baronial Officers
30 - 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 - our Baron suggested "Cordpiece 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.

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 Palatine 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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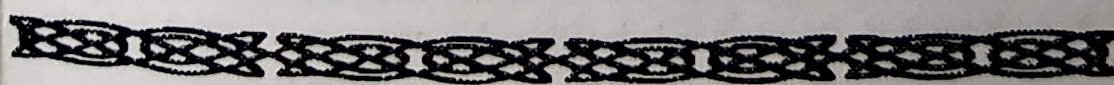
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Excerpts Customs and Traditions of the Far West

The following is taken from the Administrative Issue of The Page, A.S. XXXI.

X. Events within the Barony

A. There shall be two Baronial Coronet Tourneys and Investitures per Society year. They shall be held in April and October.

1. The competition for the Coronet will be held in the morning on Saturday, and the investiture of the victor at a ceremony that evening or the next morning, as the victor chooses.

2. There shall be a Baronial Championship Tourney held on Sunday of the Baronial Coronet event.

C. The Barony was founded on June 20, A.S. XXII(c.e. 1987). There shall be a Baronial event to celebrate this anniversary. The event should be held as close as possible to June 20.

D. Petitions to hold Baronial events must be submitted to the Coronet with sufficient time to allow decisions and plans to be made.

E. Groups planning to hold a local event are responsible for notifying the local and Baronial chronicler of such plans so that they may be sufficiently publicized.

XI. Baronial Tourney

A. The Baronial Coronet Tourney shall be rotated among the groups in as much as is feasible. No group may host it twice in a

row, and the hosting group must be able to field at least five (5) competitors for the Coronet.

B. The usual order for Coronet Tournaments shall be to alternate between standard heavy weapons list and an arts and sciences tourney.

C. Competitors for the Coronet and prospective consorts must meet the following requirements:

1. Both must have been residents of the Barony for at least one (1) month, and promise to do their utmost to remain so during their reign should they win;
2. Both must be paid members of the Society, one must be a subscribing member;
3. Both must possess a working knowledge of the structure of the SCA, the West Kingdom, the Palatine Barony of the Far West, and the offices of the Coronet;
4. Both must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the Tourney. (The Coronet may choose to waive the age factor. This decision shall be made on a case-by-case basis providing the gentle is armigerous. Under no circumstances shall both be under 18);
5. Neither can be already a landed noble (the current Coronet, territorial Barons, prince/esses, kings or queens) at the time of the Tourney; and
6. Both must be otherwise acceptable to the Coronet.

D. The victor of the Coronet Tourney and his/her consort are styled "Lord and Lady of the Far West" until their investiture.

E. If the Tourney is a standard SCA heavy weapon, the Coronet may apply much specifics as it wishes provided they do not violate the governing documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. the Laws of the West Kingdom, or this document.

F. If the Tourney is arts and sciences, certain conventions must be met. They are:

1. The arts and sciences tourney must consist of at least five (5) categories, including such arts and sciences as calligraphy, illumination, embroidery, bardic arts, dance, chess, heraldry, and costuming. Others may be added at the behest of the Coronet.

2. Entries for the arts and sciences competitions shall have been completed while the competitor is in residence, and never have won a Baronial or Kingdom arts and sciences competition.

3. Specific details of the Tourney will be published in the Far West Tidings as far in advance as possible.

4. The entries will be judged by the Coronet, those who have won the Coronet, the Baronial Seneschal, Baronial Ministers of the Arts and Sciences, and any other qualified gentles the Coronet should choose to invite.

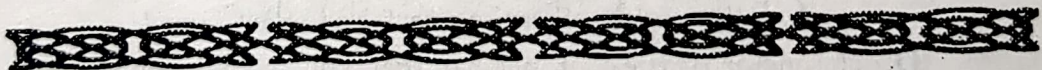
G. The new Palatine Baron/ess shall have the right to determine where the next Coronet Tourney shall be held.

H. In the event that a Coronet Tourney cannot be held, the Coronet will consult the Baronial Seneschal and the Crown of the West to determine the cause, and to decide if the Coronet should continue in extended rule or a vicarage should be created.



(HINT-HINT).

Since we are having a Coronet Tourney in April I felt that it wouldn't hurt to publish the above information. Also, several people have asked about the criteria for awards in our Barony. This I hope will meet the needs for that information. Also, I have not received any articles for this month and this is a good filler.



From the Baron and Baroness of the Far West



nto the populace of the Palatine Barony of Far West, do Toshio and Siobhan, Palatine Baron and Baroness send our fondest greetings.

With Coronet Tournament fast approaching, We are minded to offer a Challenge to the people of our Barony. Certain bits of the Regalia have

disappeared over the years and need replacing. Some things we may have had, but there are no records of for YEARS...

So, we challenge those who would compete for the Coronet to offer ONE item of their Arts and Sciences' skill to be henceforth added to the Baronial Regalia. Such items could include: signets, seals, cases for the coronet, drapes for the "thrones," feast goblets, tabards, chains of office, cushions, etc. ANYTHING in good taste (remember - you might win and have to keep all this for six months!)

We have written to the Crown of the West inviting them to come to Coronet Tourney in the Future as they may, but have no response as yet.

Given our recent experience with King Uther's progress to our Barony, flexibility and understanding are a must if these rare visits do come to pass.

A last thought before closing. We are members of a visible Society and as such are ambassadors to the mundane world. If people are asking you about the Society - portray it, I pray you, in a POSITIVE light - whether in or out of garb. Only the Seneschal is authorized to deal with the mundane authorities for the Society, so if the Media comes a calling (this may lay heavy on our dear Lord Caelwin Silvertounge!), the Seneschal makes published statements. A Barony in Utah is in DEEP trouble because one member tried to handle a legal problem on their own - and just made it worse. (Not that WE might have this problem).

In the Period, a Man or Lady's Honor was priceless. Years of the most stringent adherence to Chivalric virtues could be rendered so much chaff with the stain of rumor or small misdeed. So our Society's honor is such - 30 years of service, education, and research - subject to hazard with one bad press report of "evil cults" or other nonsense.

Sorry to ramble. I am sure Lady Aodhnait will edit this in due time.

Yoshitomo Toshio, Palatine Baron of the Far West
Siobhan inghean Shionaigh, Baroness of the Far West



Most noble Baron I would never think of changing a single word of your text (OKAY I did a tiny bit of editing but nothing big).



Tomas of Yorkshire's Check list For Travel

Papers - to show proper breeding and that all shots are up to date

Garb - black and plaid / gabazon and chain mail shirt

Feast Gear - two bowls, one for water and one for food

Food - dry and moist

Treats - several different kinds and as many as will fit in large plastic zip lock bag

Toys - lamb, turtle, hedgehog, and bear

Blanket - warm thick one and fur one



Halter and Leash

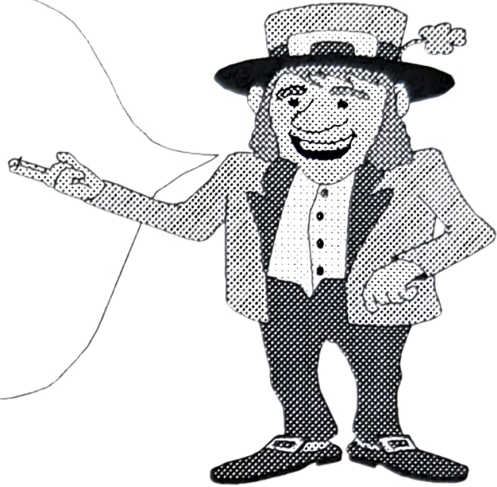
Yup you guessed it this is a fill. Good gentles I need articles, unless you like reading about the needs of our Baronial Ground Warden.



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Riddle Central

Riddle for the Month:
What's the best way to talk
to a dragon?

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, Wordperfect6,
Microsoft Word, Dover Clip Art, and downloads from the
internet, all slightly or majorly altered by Lady Aodhnait.



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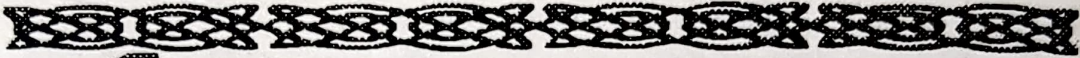
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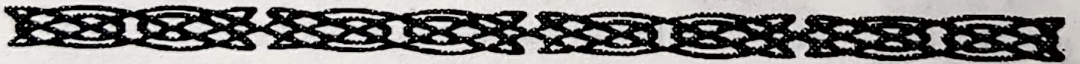
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oh such sadness grieves the heart to see a page worthy of such expression of passion pass by with nary a whisper of remorse with nothing to grace its hallowed crispness, neigh, nery a mark. truly tis a sad and somber day.

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

