

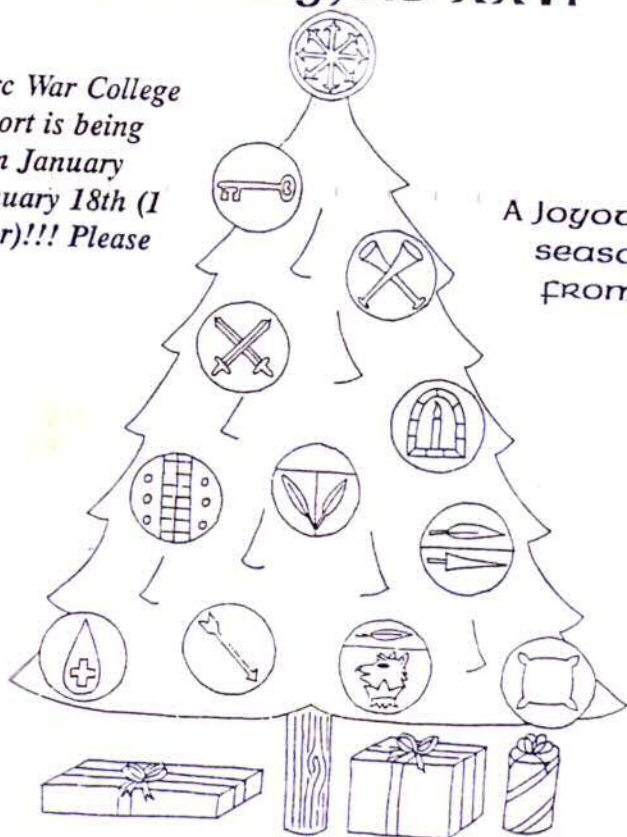


Newsletter of the
Principality of Æthelmearc

January, AS XXVI

*Æthelmearc War College
in Stormsport is being
moved from January
25th to January 18th (1
week earlier)!!! Please
note!*


A Joyous Holiday
season to all
from Æstel!



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King and Queen of the East:

Balfar and Luna



Prince and Princess of the East:

Ruslan and Margaret



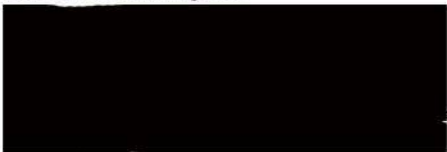
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Lady Olwyn né Cinneidigh

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Lady Clarissa da Svizzera

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Countess Maurya Etain Sableswan

Principal of the Order of the Golden Alce:
Viscount Syr Alexander Caithnes of Wyk

Calendar

January

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|-------------------------------------|--|-----|
| 4 | Twelfth Night | |
| Barony of Rising Waters | Welland, ONT | |
| 11 | Principality Twelfth Night/Investiture | ARP |
| Barony of the Rhydderich Hael | Buffalo, NY | |
| 12 | Æthelmearc Curia | |
| Barony of the Rhydderich Hael | Buffalo, NY | |
| 12 | Annual Potluck Feast | |
| Shire of St. Swithin's Bog | Johnstown, PA | |

15 Deadline for February *Æstel*

- * 18!!! .. Æthelmearc War College Meeting & Singing/Dance Practice
Note Date Change!

Shire of Stormsport Erie, PA

25 Feast of Saint Sebastian

Barony of Rhydderich Hael Buffalo, NY

February

- * 1 UWEKAT
 Barony of Thescorre Rochester, NY

- * 1 Music Day
 Greyfells Kingston, ONT

- * 8 St. Valentine Tourney and Feast VI
 Shire of Stormsport Erie, PA

15 Seven Deadly Sins
 Barony of Delftwood Syracuse, NY

15 Deadline for March *Æstel*

- * 22 Carnival of Fools
 Shire of Sterlynge Vayle Binghamton, NY

- * 29 Coronet Tourney VI
 Incipient Shire of Lofty Mountain Beckley, WV

ARP

29 Practicum
 Ottawa, ONT

Dominion of Myrkfaelinn Ithaca, NY

15 Deadline for April *Æstel*

- * 21 Ice Dragon XVI
 Barony of Rhydderich Hael Buffalo, NY

ARP ERP

21 Clancy Day

Starleaf Gate Windsor, ONT

- * 27-29 Black Stone Raid
 Shire of Port Oasis Huntington, WV

* = Info this Issue, ERP = East Royal Progress, ARP = Æthelmearc Royal Progress

Upcoming Events

This is designed to list events which are not yet official or rather far ahead. Please note that some events may not have a fixed date and may be subject to change. This is only a tentative calendar designed to minimize scheduling conflicts. Please use it and send the Chronicler notification of upcoming events.

April (4,11,18,25) - 4: Demo in Stormsport. 11: Revel Event in Hornwood

May (2,9,16,23,30) - 15-17: Principality War Practice III in BMDL
 June (6,13,20,27) - 6:Mountain King in Nithgaard. 13: Investiture. 27: Coronet Tourney
 July (4,11,18,25) -
 August (1,8,15,22,29) - 8-16: Pennsic War XXI in BMDL
 September (5,12,19,26) - 19: Schola in Stormsport
 October (3,10,17,24,31) -
 November (7,14,21,28) -
 December (5,12,19,16) -

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From the Marshall of Fence

Unto the Marshals of fence of Æthelmearc, greetings!

Firstly, I shall be giving up the position of Æthelmearc Marshal of Fence at such time as a successor is found. If you have enthusiasm for this position, please contact me.

Secondly, to bring the listing of Principality

fencing marshalls up to date, as is being done with rattan), I would request that all fencing marshalls at large and group marshalls write me by the end of February. I would like to have your current address, when and where you practice and how many fencers you have at practices.

In Service,
 Sym

Æthelmearc Twelfth Night & Investiture

The Barony of the Rhydderich Hael is pleased to host the Investiture of Ariel and Angharad and the Æthelmearc Twelfth Night on January 11th, AS XXVI. The site is St. Gerard's Lyceum in Buffalo. The day will commence with the Last Court of Lucan and Jana and the Investiture of Ariel and Angharad to be followed by two

simultaneous tourneys to choose the Principality Champions of Fence and Rattan. These tourneys are open to all who attend with the Champions being the highest ranked Æthelmearc resident. There will be melees as time allows. Also to be announced will be a Champion of the Bow.

Their Highnesses will sit in state during the day to receive individual presentations and fealty so that their First Court will be as short as possible.

There will be a feast for 150 in 2 removes to tempt the palate and reinvigorate the populace for the dancing which will follow the feast.

Cost will be \$12 on-board (\$2 off for membership), \$4 off-board (\$1 off for membership) and \$2 out-board. On-board price goes up to \$14 after January 3rd. Reservations should be made out to "SCA, Inc - Barony of the Rhydderich Hael" and sent to: The Clerk of Reservations, Alys de Poitiers, [REDACTED]

Other questions should be directed to the Autocrat: Sir Raimund of the Strait [REDACTED]

Ariel and Angharad's first Curia will be held on Sunday, January 12th, at Eire Community College from 12:30 to 5:30. Directions to Curia will be available at the event.

Directions: Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) to Buffalo. Take exit 51 West onto Rt 33 West. Exit at Suffolk Street and turn left onto Suffolk (@@) and pass under 4 stop lights. At the 5th light, turn right onto East Delevan Avenue. Go 2 blocks to Ericson Street and turn right. The site parking lot will be on your left.

From Canada: Cross at the Peace Bridge and take I-190 North towards Niagara Falls and exit at exit 11 (Rt 198). Follow this to Rt 33 (Airport) to the Suffolk Street exit and turn right onto Suffolk and follow as above from (@@).

Annual Potluck Twelfth Afternoon Feast

Once again the Shire of St. Swithin's Bog will hold its traditional Potluck Twelfth Afternoon Feast, this year on Sunday, January 12, 1992. The site will again be the Slovak Club in Windber, PA. The hall will be open at four pm and close around nine. Because of limited space, all must make advance reservations with no at-the-doors. The fee will be seven dollars on-board (six if you bring a covered dish), with no off-boards.

The Shire will be providing meat and bread so please bring deserts, vegetables and side dishes (attempts at period cooking will be appreciated). Please give the Autocrat an idea of what food you may be bringing so we don't end up with 500

lbs of coleslaw and 1 doz cookies. Since the site is a private club with a liquor licence, do not bring your own potables. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic cider will be available. After dinner entertainment will be provided by our Shire dancers, musicians and magicians. As always, wandering minstrels are very welcome.

Send your reservations to the Autocrat: Lord Kenn the Just [REDACTED]

(6pm-10pm Tuesday thru Friday). Make checks payable to; The Shire of St. Swithin's Bog, SCA, INC.

Directions:

From the West;

Take your best route to PA 56 East. Take 56 East to Johnstown. There is construction going on so you'll have to follow the detour signs to get to the Johnstown Expressway. Take the Johnstown Expressway (still 56 East) to the PA Route 219 South Exit. Follow 219 South to the Windber Exit. Exit here back to 56 East (turn right at bottom of ramp). Stay on 56 East (past all the shopping centers) till you reach the Windber 12th Street Exit (a left turn). Go straight at the stop sign at the bottom of the exit ramp. Go straight past the Gas Station. The road will fork. Take the right fork (you should be able to see the Slovak Club from the intersection). There is

parking beside the building. The hall is downstairs in the basement. Look for the SCA signs.

From the East;

Best route to PA 56 West. Take 56 West to Windber, PA. Turn right at Windber 12th Street Exit. Follow directions for West.

From North;

Best route to PA 219 South. Take 219 South toward Johnstown. Exit 219 South at Windber Exit (turn right at bottom of ramp). Follow directions for West.

From South;

Best route to PA 219 North. Exit 219 North at Windber Exit (turn left at bottom of ramp). Follow directions for West.

Æthelmearc War College Meeting and Dance/Singing Practice - Date Change!!!

The Shire of Stormsport will host an Unofficial Meeting of the Æthelmearc War College on Saturday, January 18th and host the 25th as previously announced!!! from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is no feast!

The meeting is open to all and will be held at the 10th Street United Methodist Church (538 East 10th Street, Erie, PA (814) 459-3131). The site is discretely damp and is also the traditional site of the Saint Valentine's Tourney and Feast.

For those who are coming who are not martially inclined, there will also be dancing in the gym and singing for those who are interested.

The autocrat is Viscount Syr Alexander Caithnes of Wyk [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lord Gareth the Eccentric of Saint Albans [REDACTED] will be running the dance.

For an exciting change of pace, no reservations are needed. There may be a \$1 per person site fee collected at the door.

Directions:

From the North and East: Take your best route to I-90 West. Erie has four exits; the one you want is Parade Street (Exit 8). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right. Note: at this point the road is not called Parade Street. Do not panic! It will turn into Parade Street when you are in Erie proper.

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~~From the~~ South and West: Take your best route to I-79 North. Exit in Erie using the 12th Street East exit (Exit 44A) until you get to Parade, then turn left. Follow the directions above start with ******Stay on Parade Street..."

UWEKAT

Come enjoy a taste of Spain during the Golden Age at the 15th annual University of the Western East Kingdom, Æthelmearc - Thescorre (UWEKAT). This year's UWEKAT will be held at a new site: Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester, New York. The date is Saturday, February 1, 1992. The site will open at 10:00 a.m. with classes commencing at 11:00 a.m. The site is spacious, clean, and fully handicapped accessible. There is an abundance of parking.

This year's University will be modeled after the great University of Salamanca in Spain, circa 1580's. We will hold three class sessions during the day (out of the 20 sessions total!) that pertain to the Spanish theme. It is the Autocrats' goal to create the *flavour* of Spain, both Moor and Christian, throughout the day to enhance the atmosphere and add some fun. Never fear if you are a 4th Century Pict, or a woad wearing Celt - there will be plenty of the usual Anachronistic Fare to delight any SCAdian! And, if we can get the appropriate number of volunteers, we will have classes and activities for our younger SCAdians as well.

The Autocrats are Lady Teresa Gabriela de Montoya y Sevilla and Lady Aelis Helene of Hengandrode. Lady Aelis is in charge of organ-

izing the classes, (the Registrar) so if you would like to teach a class or assist with the children's activities, please contact her at: [REDACTED] or write to her at: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lady Teresa is the University's administrator (also known as the Beadle) and you may direct any other questions to her at [REDACTED]

The *chefs extraordinaire* for this year's UWEKAT are none other than Baroness Sadira bint Wassouf and Mistress Michaelae del Vaga. The feast will consist of three removes, and will highlight the day's theme, and bring to the table in delicious fashion the variety in Medieval Spanish cuisine. A very basic cold side-board will be served for lunch. Gentles may wish to bring additional fare to supplement their mid-day meal, as there are no convenience stores within walking distance of the site.

Your On-Board reservation will cost only \$8.00, and will include the site fee, the cold side-board lunch and the superb feast. However, please note that all On-Board reservations must be received *no later than* January 29, 1992. Your Off-Board reservation is only \$4.00, and includes the site fee and the cold side-board lunch. We will be able to accommo-

date as many SCAdians for Off-Board as can show up the day of the event. However, your advance reservation for Off-Board will be greatly appreciated. Children twelve and under are half the adult price. Babes-in-arms are, of course, free.

Please send reservations to: Lord Eric Brehatan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephone with mechanical serf: [REDACTED]. Please direct any dietary restrictions and requests for crash space to Lady Teresa (same number as Lord Eric, see above). Site restrictions: Discretely damp, and self-disposal of all containers. (This means if you bring it in, you take it out. Also - 21 and over only, and please designate a coachman if you are imbibing.) Enclosed flames only, please.

DIRECTIONS: From the East - Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 45 (Victor - I-490

West) and travel on I-490 West to Exit 19, Culver Road. Turn right onto Culver Road ** and travel approximately 4/10ths of a mile, or to the third traffic light, to East Avenue. Turn left onto East Avenue and go down approximately 2 and 1/2 blocks. Asbury First United Methodist Church is on the right hand side of the road. Parking is to the rear of the Church.

From the South - Take your best route to I-390 North (to Rochester). Take this to Exit 15, I-590-North (Downtown Rochester) and take this to Exit 5, I-490 West (Downtown Rochester). and travel on I-490 West to Exit 19, Culver Road. Turn right onto Culver Road. Follow from ** above.

From the West - Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 47 (LeRoy - I-490) and take I-490 East. Take I-490 East to Exit 19, Culver Road. Turn left onto Culver Road and follow from ** above.

Music Day

February 1, 1992, the Canton of Greyfells presents a Music Day. Vocal and Instrumental Classes for all levels of experience, followed by a concert of Period Music. Contact autocrat if you wish to perform. Free evening for Jamming.

No lunch or feast provided. A dining area is available if gentles would like to bring their own food. Note: Site is Dry! A list of local restaurants will be provided.

Dessert Table will be set up in the evening. Gentles are invited to bring period finger food.

Garb optional for classes. Concert in garb.

DIRECTIONS: Highway 401 to Kingston. Exit at Division St. (Exit # 617). Go South to Johnson (2 blocks South of Princess). Turn Left, go 2 blocks to Barrie. Site is Ecole Cathédrale, 301 Johnson St. at Barrie and Johnson.

Site opens at 10:00. Classes start at 10:30.

Autocrat: Monika z Gniezno, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gatekeeper: Gerard deLangelye, [REDACTED]

Site Fee: \$:5.00 CDN. Payable to SCA-Canton of Greyfells.

Anyone who has a harp or a bodhran and is willing loan them for the beginners harp or bodhran class respectively should contact the autocrat or appropriate instructor. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We could also use extra music stands for the concert and some of the classes.

Jam Session: A chance for the area musicians to play and sing together. Bring music to try with other people or just join in. Different arrangements of dance music are encouraged. Singers are invited to bring part music. A room with a piano is available. No dancing is planned. This is so players can get a chance to learn new music and practice together. (Then we can play even better for future dances!)

Classes being offered:

Vocal Technique for Untrained Voices: Mistress Sarra Graeham of Birnham. Short exercises to improve vocal technique. Practice of diaphragm control and nasal resonances.

Stalking the Wild Conductus: Lord Vlad the Purple. A survey of Medieval and Renaissance Music Styles and Composers using recorded examples.

Part Singing: Countess Tangwystl Failsworth. Use of three rounds to begin learning part theory, and how to blend and move as one.

Saint Valentine's Day Tourney & Feast VI

The Shire of Stormsport is proud yet once again to announce that they will be holding a Saint Valentine's Day Tourney and feast, on February 8th, 1992. This is number VI, for those who are counting.

Once again, gentles from throughout the Knowne World are invited to the traditional 10th Street United Methodist Church (538 East 10th Street, Erie, PA (814) 459-3131) to celebrate with us. The site is discretely damp and will open at 10:00 am and close at 11:00 pm. We will begin registration for the tourney at 11:00 am and close at noon, with the tourney to begin at 12:30 sharp. The format

Beginner's Harp: Mistress Rhiannon of Wye. Just beginning harp or considering it? This course is for those with no previous instruction in harp. Bring your harp if you have one.

Harp Workshop: Mistress Rhiannon of Wye. For the intermediate harp player. Bring your problems, questions and harp. Also experiment with new techniques.

Master Class: Master Naon na Chruitire. Purpose: to take a piece of music and make it musical. Emphasis on interpretation. For all instruments although obvious modern instruments would not be appropriate, ie. piano, trumpet, clarinet. Music for the session will be taken from Longwinds and original sources. Ian Phillips is the Director of the Early Music Program at Carleton University.

Lute Music for Guitar: Lord Dafydd y Peireannydd. Learn about lute accompaniments and how to use produce them on your guitar. Examples for accompaniments of ballads will be used. Bring your guitar.

English and Scottish Period Ballads: Dame T'Sivia bas Tamara v'Amberview. Discussion on what popular ballads are period and how we date them. If there are any old songs you are fond of and want to try to date, please bring them.

Introduction to Bodhran: Lady Nóra ui Níall. How to use your bodhran as an instrument with different applications of rhythm, sound and tone. Bring your bodhran if you have one.

for the fighting this year will consist of 3,4 or 5 man melee teams (depending on participation and circumstances). Of course, we will be also be having the traditional Best Lamentation Competition; maybe you will be the Belle of the Bawl!

The autocrat is Lord Gareth the Eccentric of Saint Albans [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] answering beast on call), and his deputy is Lady Marie Bergeron de Saint Germaine-en-Laye [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Feastocrat is Viscountess Mistress Rannveigr Haakonarsdottir [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and her deputy is Lady Alexandra Vasilonya [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Fieldocrat is Viscount Syr Alexander Caithnes of Wyk ([REDACTED] see address for Rannveigr) and his deputy is Lord Tristan van Groenen ([REDACTED])

The site is limited to 130 gentles, and we have hit capacity before. you are advised to send in your PaidReservation promptly. On-Board is \$8.50 (\$7.50 with proof of membership), \$4 off board and \$3 for out-board/site fee. Halvlings are

halved for on board prices. All prices go up \$1.00 as of January 25, 1992. Send your reservations, crash space requirements and dietary restrictions with checks made out to "SCA, Inc - Shire of Stormsport) to Gareth. Please include SCA names, mundane names and a telephone number.

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The Feast of the Not-So-Deadly Sins I

The Barony of Delftwood would like to invite all gentles to the Feast of the Not-So-Deadly Sins I on February 15, AS XXVI. Having celebrated the Seven Deadly Sins for the last decade, Delftwood has decided to give some of the other sins a fair chance. This event will also be the Investiture of our new Baron and Baroness, and our Fencing Champion will be selected by the Fencing Tourney.

The site opens at 9:30 am, with Fencing Authorizations starting at 10:30 and the Tourney starting at 11:00. All fencers are welcome to participate in the tourney. There will be non-fighter activities

and a playroom for children available.

A sumptuous three remove feast will be provided in honor of both the divested and invested Barons and Baronesses. The site is BONE DRY. The site is small and limited to 90 on-board and 30 off-board reservations. Fees are 10 tygers on-board, 5 tygers for off-board, and 3 tygers for out-board (pages 12 and under ½ price, 5 and under free.)

There are no late fees, but as the site is limited, reservations are greatly appreciated. The only reservation is a paid reservation. Please send your reservations and requests for crash space to Baron Cyneric Drakenheft [REDACTED]

Make checks payable to "SCA, Inc - Barony of Delftwood".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the autocrat, Anna Zurita Del a Valbuena [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If you are calling, please use my mundane name and call before 9:30, as I live with early rising mundanes.

Directions: Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) to exit 38 (Syracuse/Liverpool). Take a right onto Route 57. At the second light (.8 mile), take a left onto Vine Street. St. Mathews Church is .4 miles down on the right, just past the Covered Bridge Apartments, just before the overpass.

Carnival of Fools

All ye fools, (and ye know who "ye" are!), come to the Carnival of Fools, presented by the Shire of Sterlynge Vayle (Binghamton, NY) February 22 at the Owego Elks Lodge, Front Street at Church, Owego, NY.

This special site features INDOOR FIGHTING — LOTS OF IT!! TONS O' ROOM FOR MELEES, MELEES, AND MORE MELEES!! Rattan and fencing contests will take place in the "fighting cavern". Martial and non-martial alike may partake of a veritable plethora of pre-Lenten games, including "Cat in the Barrel", the "Pancake Toss", and the first-ever "Pin the Shire on the Principality" contest, to test your knowledge of Principality geography! And since "there oughta be a lottery", we're gonna have one, complete with prizes — and everyone wins (at least 'till the prizes run out!) We'll also have an informal "I'm Getting This Thing Ready For Ice Dragon" display table for

an impromptu arts and sciences exhibition.

The day's activities will be followed by a wonderful, traditional Sterlynge Vayle "Urp! Too Much Food!" feast, cooked by Lord Dyfan ab Iago. The site opens at 10:00 am and closes at 10:00 pm. Sorry, the site is bone dry. Violators will be reminded politely only once. But hey, who needs booze when we can intoxicate ourselves with dancing after the feast? Banners, etc. are strongly encouraged, and large banners and displays are requested to mask the ugly halls of the fighting "cavern" (as well as the bingo machine in the feast hall). Candles are permitted.

On-board reservations are \$11, and \$13 after February 15 (if available). On-board limited to 150. Off-board, which will include bread and drink, is \$6.00 by reservation, \$7.00 at the door. Prices include site fee. Checks payable to "SCA,

Inc — Shire of Sterlynge Vayle". Paid reservations only. Musicians, performers, etc., are warmly welcomed, and may request a \$1.00 refund by arrangement from the autocrat after performing some time during the feast (the autocrat likes music while he eats!)

The autocrat team is led by Lord Gwydion Caithnes of Wyk [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] please). Written requests for limited available crash space may be directed to the autocrat in

advance. SASE prior to 2/14 gets you written reservation confirmation and directions.

DIRECTIONS: Best route to Route 17 (towards Binghamton). Take exit 64 (Owego) *NOT EXIT 65!* Follow the signs into the village of Owego. When you cross the bridge over the river into town, turn right at the light. The Elks Lodge is 2/10 of a mile from the light, a large yellow building on the left. Turn left into the parking lot. You may also park on the street, or in the bank parking lot near the light. **OBEY PARKING SIGNS!**

Aethelmearc Coronet Tourney VI

The Incipient Shire of Lofty Mountain, under the sponsorship of the Shire of Port Oasis, is proud to host the Coronet Tournament of Ariel and Angharad on the weekend of February 28-March 1 at the Raleigh Co. 4-H Cap, (located approx. 1 hour south of Charleston and ten minutes from Beckley) in Beaver, WV. The site opens at 4 pm on Friday and closes at 3:30 on Sunday.

The troll booth will open at 9 am on Saturday. Armor inspection and registration will run from 9-11 am, with the tournament scheduled to begin at 12 noon. Showers are available for fighters competing that day. An arts and sciences display/competition will be held for the enjoyment of those less martially inclined; please contact the Autocrat for details. Sunday morning's activities include a light breakfast from 8-10, a bear pit tourney, and archery. There are 40 on-site dormitory crash spaces available at \$10/each (bring your own bedding, cots are provided). In-home crash space is available in limited quantities, and hotel/motel information is also available; please contact the Autocrat.

Merchant space is available. Please contact Lady Gwynned or Dyffryn [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] to make arrangements. Bardic activities are planned for times throughout the evening, please contact Lady Gwynned to make arrangements to perform.

Fees are \$12 on-board, \$6 off-board w/ reservations up to two weeks in advance. After that, \$16 on-board, \$7 off-board. All children under 12 are half price. Gentles with food allergies and similar concerns should contact the Autocrat. Checks should be made payable to "SCA, Inc, Shire of Port Oasis" and mailed to Amie Lam-born, 2127 Harrison Avenue, St. Albans, WV 25177. Any questions not specifically answered above should be directed to the Autocrats, Lady Kyleah Dragonseeker [REDACTED] or Lord Marcus of Dragonshollow [REDACTED] leave a message).

Directions from the North: Take I-79 to i/64/77 (toll road, \$2.50). Stay on 64 as if going to

Lewisberg; take the Shady Springs exit to Little Beaver. Watch for SCA signs. Further directions in next issue.

Ice Dragon XVI

(The Scene: The Rhydderich Hael, Late November; Seneschal's Chambers)

Autocrat (bursts in loudly): Your Excellency! The Turtle that was to bear the Ice Dragon away this year hath gone belly up! Whatever...

Seneschal (suitably serene): Good! Excellent!! Nifty!! This is the best news I've had all year!

Autocrat: But where...when...how shall they all fit? An outdoor event in March? How...

Seneschal (suitably pedantic): Fear not, my good (if excitable) sir. This shall but give us a chance to try out a new site of which I've heard wonders!

Autocrat: A miracle!! Thank you, Your Excellency! (Kisses Seneschal's boots profusely)

Seneschal (Suitably embarrassed, wiping drool from boots): Quite enough! Now, how shall we tell the gentles of the Known World of our good fortune?

Autocrat: Well, boss...How about..

Well folks, we are running this ad to better explain what heppened to Ice Dragon. It's being held at the Ismalla Arab Oasis, 1598 Southwestern Boulevard, West Seneca, NY 14224 (at the intersection of Transit Road) on Saturday, March 21, 1992!!! This new site will easily house six List Fields, countless merchants, 40' by 60' dance floor, and more space than ever for the Pent.

The entire site is decorated in 8th Century Cordoba, with full handicap access. The only way to improve on this would be to build it to "Specs" ourselves. Becuase we would like to

keep this site for MANY years, the "Live Steel" and Alcohol Policies published herein will have to be rigidly enforced:

Alcohol - The Brewing Competition shall go on as planned; however, the ONLY consumable alcohol will be available at the bar after the fighting is completed.

Live Steel - Any "Live Steel" on site must be sheathed and "Peace Bonded"!!!

Please come to your event and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you - Aaron Swiftrunner, Seneschal.

What hasn't changed: There will be a Double-Elimination Fencing Tournament, a Four-Hour Rattan "Bear Pit" Tournament (n.b. Fighters will be required to use laniards on their weapons) and the *new and improved* Ice Dragon Pentathlon of the Arts and Sciences.

What has changed: The "Turtle's" demise is the Known World's gain!!! Where once there was a "closed" banquet, there shall now be a sumptuous feast for 200 "On Board" and 500 "Off Board" prepared by Lady Roseanna von Meierein!!!

Following the feast, Sir Bedawyr of Avaricum shall hold his Last Court and Invest his successors, Sym Gilchrist of Fraser and Ceole Seobhac, as Baron and Baroness Rhydderich Hael. Along with their First Court, there shall also be Royal and Principality Courts.

Prices (Please note changes): "On Board" reservations are \$10, "Off Board" are \$5 (sorry, no discounts) and \$3 for "Out Board". All reservations may be sent to Alys du Potiers (c/o [redacted])

"On Board" Reservations must be postmarked NO LATER THAN Friday, March 6, 1992!!

Merchants (Please note corrections!): If you are bringing your own table, there'll be a \$5 Reservation fee. If you need to rent table and chairs, it shall cost \$10/for the space and initial table and 2 chairs, and \$5 for each additional table and \$0.75 for each additional chair. Reservations for Merchant space must be postmarked to Lady Shahira Abdul Samad [redacted]

NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 1992!!!. Requests for Merchant Space must include NYS Vendor (Flea Market Craft Fairs) Certificate Number (Form DTF-860). These are available from the NY State Tax Dept., Sales Tax Registration Unit, W.A. Harriman Campus, Albany, NY 12227 (PHONE: [If calling from NY State] 1-800-462-8100; [If calling from outside NY State] 1-518-438-8581).

For further information about the event, please contact: Lord Brian of Leichester [redacted]

[redacted] (and, please, no calls after 10:00 PM)). For information on the feast, please contact Lady Roseanna von Meierein [redacted]

For those wishing to judge, donate prizes or have any questions relating to the Arts Pentathlon, please contact: Lady Cori Ghora c/o [redacted]

Directions:

FROM THE SOUTH: Take your best route to the I-90 towards "Buffalo." ** Continue on the I-90 until you reach EXIT 54. At Exit 54, take RT. 400 and continue approx. 4.5 miles until you reach the Exit for RT. 20 WEST (Transit Road). Continue on Rt. 20 West (through 1 traffic light) for approximately 1.5 miles to where Rt.20 becomes SOUTHWESTERN BLVD. The Site will be immediately to your right (just after the Bluebird Motel).

FROM CANADA AND THE NORTH: Take your best Route to the I-90 towards "Erie, PA." Follow from the "***" above.

16th Annual Ice Dragon Pentathlon Categories

1. Needlework and Textile Arts

- a. Embroidery
- b. Beadwork and other Needlework
- c. Lace, Knitting, and Crochet
- d. Spinning, Weaving, and Dyeing

2. Sewing

- a. Pre-1400 Garb
- b. Post 1400 Garb
- c. Accessories
- d. Banners

3. Graphics

- a. Calligraphy
- b. Illumination
- c. Drawing, Painting, and Printmaking

4. Performing Arts

- a. Dance, Juggling, Stage Magic, and Tumbling

b. Drama, Puppetry, and Storytelling

c. Instrumental Music

d. Vocal Music

5. Music and Written Word

a. Poetry

b. Prose

c. Arrangement, Music Composition, and Songwriting

d. Essays and Research Papers

6. Armor

7. Metalworking

8. Leatherwork

9. Woodwork

10. Cookery

a. Main and Side Dishes

b. Breads

c. Sweets and Subtleties

d. Herbology

11. Brewing

a. Alcoholic

b. Non-alcoholic

12. Miscellaneous

a. This category will be used strictly at the discretion of the Pentathlon Autocrat. Any items that can fit appropriately into other categories will be placed there.

Pentathlon Rakes

1. No Kits

2. Entry by proxy is allowed (note as such on entry form.)

3. Items must never have been entered in any other competition before, excepting only that previously used patterns or recipes

may be entered — as long as the entry itself is new.

4. No more than two items pre entrant per sub-category.

5. Category set-up is at the discretion of the Pent autocrat. All decisions are final.

6. There will be a 50¢ fee per category entered with a maximum of \$3.00 per entrant. This fee is payable at the time of registration.

7. Historical documentation should be as thorough as possible, and in the case of written word entries, clearly identified as to where the documentation ends and the entry begins.

8. Entrants will not be allowed to speak to the judges during the judging. If there is something important that you want them to know, include it in your documentation. Music composition and song writing entries may include a tape of the entry. This is optional but recommended.

9. Masters and Mistresses of the Laurel may compete in the **Master's Competition**, as well as any *sub-category not in their area of expertise* - i.e. what they were laureled for. Masters and Mistresses of the Laurel, as well as any previous winners of the Grand Pentathlon, may compete in individual sub-categories but may not be entered into the over-all Pentathlon.

10. Overall Grand Pentathlon Competition

a. Entrants must enter at least 5 of the 12 main categories.

b. Highest scores from your five best scoring categories will be used to tabulate your Pentathlon Score.

11. Pent registration begins at 9:30 am and closes at 11:00 am. **No Exceptions!**

12. Judging times will be posted. They will be strictly adhered to. Your item/performance must be available for judging at the correct time or it will not be judged. *No Exceptions!*
13. All accessories must be placed on tables to be judged. *No Exceptions!*
14. Performing Arts must be performed. There will be a time limit — 5 minutes for individuals and 10 minutes for groups. Please contact the Pent Autocrat at least one week in advance if there are any problems. Three copies of documentation are required for all Performing Arts categories.
15. Cross-entries (one entry-multiple sub-categories) are permitted. A separate copy of documentation is required for each sub-category plus one copy to stay with item. I.e. a pair of wooden and leather shows is entered in wood working, leather-working and accessories. This means the entrant needs **FOUR** (4) copies of documentation. All cross entered items will be placed on a central table so that they will be easier for judges to find.
16. Please do not bring actual books for documentation. Copy the pertinent pages as well as the title page. Books will not be allowed on tables with items.
17. In order to allow for thorough judging, written word and music entries must be postmarked no later than February 10, 1992. Yes, this means you have to have it ready before the event. All these entries should be mailed to: C. Jackson; 14 Wild Wood Place; Buffalo, NY 14210.
18. Group entries should be noted on the registration form. Anyone who is using a group entry as one of the Pentathlon categories must fill out a separate registration form.
19. Judging criteria and point system: Documentation: 0-5 points; Creativity: 0-5 points; Complexity: 0-5 points; Authenticity: 0-5 points; Workmanship: 0-5 points; Aesthetics: 0-5 points

Black Stone Raid

Give notice and alarm to all the populace of Æthelmearc and the East Kingdom. Highly-placed spies in the Midrealm — at risk to life and limb — have sent word that the fierce King Comer and his pillaging hordes have learned of our greatest treasure — the Mystic Black Stones of the Umwa! (Yes, it's a pun!)

The Umwa, a troglodyte race who unearthed the Father of Diamonds, have supplied us with these Black Stones for many years. The magic in these Stones allows us to produce the finest steel in all the Knowne World. Such power must not fall into the hands of the barbarians of the Midrealm!!

The Midrealm's greed knows no bounds! Our informants tell us that this southernmost, westernmost region of Æthelmearc will be invaded by warriors from the vicious Baronies to our west on March 27th through 29th.

Arise manly men and warrior maids to drive this foul menace from our land with both steel and arrow! Attend bards and fairy gentles to give inspiration to the warriors of Æthelmearc and the East! Prizes of amazing quality and wealth will be given for various contests. (We are asking you to travel to the very end of the Kingdom — it will be worth it!!) Before the

weekend is over the skill and cunning of not only fighters and archers, but bards, gamers, and — yes punsters alike will be tested!! Gentles, archers, and fighters alike will be judged on their outfits. Our cooks will strive to nourish your strength for these trials by providing four light meals throughout the weekend, and a two-remove feast fit for a King (or two) on Saturday evening.

The site for this raid will be Camp Mad Anthony Wayne in Huntington, WV. The site will open at 12 noon on Friday. The camp is wet, but if you are under 21, consider it bone-dry. Free crash space is available at the camp but must be reserved in advance.

The cost for the entire weekend is a mere \$12 on-board (limited to 150) postmarked until March 1st. The cost will then rise to a still-reasonable \$14. Off-board (limited to 60) will be \$6 until March 1st and will only be \$7 thereafter. Out-board (no table space available) will be only \$3. Children under 12 are half-price. If reserving on-board or off-board after March 15th, please call to check the availability of space. Make checks payable to SCA Inc. - Shire of Port Oasis.

The co-autocrats for this event are Lady Teamhair nic Uilleam [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] until 10:30 PM; send reservations, crash

space requests and dietary restrictions to this address) and Lord Den Hornblower (phone [REDACTED] for contest rules, schedules, etc.).

From the East Kingdom: Take your best route to I-64 West to Huntington, WV. Take the West Huntington-Chesapeake, OH exit (Exit 6), then take the Madison Avenue exit. At the end of the off-ramp turn left and ** follow Madison Avenue approximately 2-3 miles until you see a bridge on your left. Cross this bridge and turn left at the end of it onto Spring Valley Road. Follow Spring Valley Road approximately 5-6 miles until you see the Camp Mad Anthony Wayne sign.

From the Midrealm: Take US 23 South to Portsmouth, OH. Turn left onto Route 52 and follow to the first bridge in Huntington, WV. Take the first exit after the bridge. Turn right at the end of the off-ramp and follow through the light. Proceed to the next traffic light and turn right onto Madison Avenue. Follow from ** above.

Alternate route from the Midrealm: Make your best way to I-64 East to Exit 6 in Huntington, WV. Turn toward Chesapeake, OH and take the Madison Avenue exit. at the end of the off-ramp turn left. Follow from ** in "From the East Kingdom" above.

Aethelmarc War Practice III - Valhalla

Vikings had to die to get there — you just need to pay money and drive. This May 15, 16 and 17 at Cooper's Lake Campground in Slippery Rock, PA. We welcome you to the Barony-Marche of the Debatable Lands and enjoy our Celtic hospitality at the Aethelmarc Principality War Practice III. You will be able to camp, hit people with sticks in rattan melee combat, shop, play games, enjoy classes and demos, shoot your bow at both targets and rattan fighters (combat archery), fence, eat our now famous feast, enter in an arts & sciences competition, socialize and party, pet dogs, drink, eat some more, dance, party some more, then take a hot shower.

All this is available for these low prices. Non-campers: Adult \$4.00, Child \$1.00. Campers: one night - Adult \$6, Child \$1. Additional night - Adult \$4, Child \$1. Toddlers (under 5) are free. Feast: Adult \$5.00, Child \$2.00. All persons are invited to brunch on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Checks to "SCA, Inc - BMDL"

Merchant encouraged, pets welcomed, and the site is very wet.

The last few years, sort of on their own, classes, meetings, demos, etc. have sprung up at Æthelmearc War Practice. I like this, the more it

happens, the more people enjoy themselves. Please feel free to discuss your ideas with me, and if your activity requires any special needs, the longer I have to plan, the happier I feel.

The things that seem to work best are small hands-on classes, displays and demonstrations, but I am open to any suggestions. Talk to me at meetings or events, call [REDACTED]

Thank for all the help: past, present and future

Aoibheil of Dun Holen

Æthel Remearks

Awards

Given by Their Serene Highnesses Lucan and Jana at Arts Wars II on November 9, 1991 in the Barony of Thescorre:

Awards of Arms: Julia of Dunblane

Golden Alce: Sibyl Cairnfalcon

Sycamore: Dierdre de la Fleur

Keystone: Sine ni Morag, Adren cu Faol

Given by Her Serene Highness Jana at XV Baronial Birthday in the Rhydderich Hael on November 9, AS XXVI:

Award of Arms: Roseanna von Meirei, Lucas Phelan MacPhail

Golden Alce with an Award of Arms: Joseph Arcpecheur

Keystone: Richard Tyler of Swiftwater

Sycamore: Ceole Seabhac

Given by Their Sylvan Excellencies, Ariel and Angharad, with the permission of Their Sylvan Highnesses, Lucan and Jana, at Sicilian's Revenge Event in the Shire of Port Oasis on November 23, AS XXVI:

Awards of Arms: Anne Greye, Sven Tyrsson

Æthelmearc Coronet

Tourney Requirements

Coronet Tournament Tournaments are open to all, eighteen years of age and older, who have lived in the Principality for at least a year, and who have at one time submitted a name and device to the College of Arms. A lord and lady may champion each other, so long as neither is championed by any another person. Letters of Intent must be sent to the Heir and Heiress and be received or postmarked no later than thirty days before the Coronet Tournament. Each Letter of Intent must include the SCA names, mundane names, addresses, telephone numbers, and proofs of membership of the prospective combatant and consort.

Additionally, all entrants into the Coronet shall either display their device upon their shields, or the Badge of Æthelmearc, should they not have a registered device. The Badge of Æthelmearc is: Gules, an escarbuncle argent within a bor-

dure Or. All entrants to the Coronet and their consorts shall be prepared to proclaim their loyalty unto the *Principality of Æthelmearc* at an opening court before the tournament begins. There shall be no exceptions made to the preceding provisions.

Guild News

There will be a meeting for all interested needleworkers in the Principality of Æthelmearc at Athelmearc's Investiture / Twelfth Night (January 11th, Barony of the Rhydderich Hael) to discuss the formation of a Principality Embroidery and Lace Guild. Please contact Guenever Katherine of Trail's End ([REDACTED])

[REDACTED] for more information.

Pennsic XXI Land Allotment

In order to facilitate the land allotment at Pennsic XXI, a Preliminary Land Request Process will be used. Participation in this system is voluntary, but most groups will find participation beneficial.

Group Sizes: Groups will be defined as SMALL (up to 30 people), MEDIUM (31 to 90 people), and LARGE (91 to 150 people). No groups larger than 150 people will be permitted.

Area per Person: Due to the limited size of the camping area at Cooper's Lake, and the expected attendance at Pennsic XXI, each person will be limited to 240 square feet. This allotment includes common areas and walkways.

Zoning: There will be separate areas set aside for SMALL, MEDIUM and LARGE groups. Note that the area zoned for LARGE and

MEDIUM groups is limited.

Benefits to Participants: If everything goes as hoped, nearly the entire allocation process (including resolving conflicts) will be completed before the day of the Land Lottery, with most groups merely having to register their arrival. Only those groups which have not participated in the Preliminary Land Request will have to go through the usual Land Lottery; those groups will select their sites from the areas remaining. Also note that LARGE and MEDIUM groups which did not participate may be required to break themselves into smaller groups at the Land Lottery.

Handicapped Campers: People with special needs should contact the Land Agent.

Deadline: In order to participate in the Preliminary Land Request Process, a representative of each group must request an information packet from the Pennsic Land Agent (address below), by mail, no later than April 1, 1992. The representative **must** include a stamped (29¢), self-addressed, business-sized envelope with his/her letter, or the request will be ignored.

About the Cover

The officers of any group may use the badge registered to their superiors. Reading from top to bottom and left to right, the blazons for each office are as follows:

Æthelmearc: Gules, an escarbuncle argent within a bordure Or. (May be used by any

citizen).

Seneschal: Gules, a key fesswise Or.

Herald: Vert, two trumpets in saltire Or.

Earl Marshall: Sable, two swords in saltire Or.

Chancellor of the Exchequer: Azure, a pale chequy gules and argent between six bezants.

Chronicler: Per pale sable and argent, two quills in pile counterchanged, a chief gules (What's black and white and read all over?) [Ed. My personal arms are as well. Didn't realize 'til a year after I submitted it. Silly Gareth.]

Minister of Arts and Sciences: Azure, a candle within an arch stooped argent.

Minister of Lists: Per fess argent and azure, a quill fesswise, a tilting lance contourny counterchanged.

Chirurgion: Gules, on a goutte argent, a cross coupé gules. [Ed. Decency prevents me from mentioning the mnemonic.]

Lieutenant-General of Archers: An arrow bendwise inverted Or.

Minister of Scrolls: Or, a tyger's head erased azure, engorged of an Eastern Crown argent, on a chief azure, a quill fesswise Or.

Chamberlain: A cushion purpure.

Currently, there are no badges registered to the Chatelaine, Marshall of Fence, or Chancellor Minor. (Maybe those are in the presents under the tree.) If anyone is interested in designing a badge, contact the appropriate officer.

The Principality of Æthelmeare

Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais (Clinton, Lycoming, Snyder Co, PA):

Osgaldr Gwydion ap Bran

Shire of Coppertree (Rome & Utica, NY):

Lady Eleanor of Waldren

Barony Marche of the Debatable Lands (Pittsburgh, PA):

Lord Christhof the Pathfinder

College of Cour d'Or (Pittsburgh area Univ.):

Tristan von Lausanne

Incipient Canton of Afongara (Northern Panhandle of WV):

Lord Eoan Damebrycg

Incipient Canton of Grünwald Mago-Land (Beaver County, PA):

Deghan Yagersohn

Barony of Delftwood (Syracuse, NY):

Lady Diedre de la Fleur

Shire of Endless Hills (Scranton, PA):

Evan Killmister

Incipient Incipient Shire of Herontir (Jamestown,

NY/ Chataqua region):

Dorinda Courtenay

Shire of Hornwood (Clarion, DuBois, Punxsutawney, PA):

Lady Brigid Ravenswing of the Snows

Incipient Shire of Hunter's Home (Sharon, PA):

Efron le Fey

Incipient Shire of Lofty Mountain (Beckley, WV):

Lady Melinda the Mild

Shire of Misty Highlands (North-Central, WV):

E. Armand du Peregony

Dominion of Myrkfaelinn (Ithaca, NY):

Matteo Sassetti

Shire of Nithgaard (State College, PA):

Cathal Ruadhan ap Hywel ap Llywelyn

Shire of Port Oasis (Huntington, WV):

Den Hornblower

Barony of the Rhydderich Hael (Niagara Frontier, NY):

Baron Aaron Swiftrunner

Canton of Beau Fleuve (Niagara Falls, NY):

VACANT!!

Shire of Riversmeet (Kanawha & Putnam, Co, WV):

Colin Cochran

Incipient Shire of Robledal (née Hydronia) (Indiana, PA):

Valaric Dalicieux

Shire of St. Swüthin's Bog (Johnstown, PA):

Kenn

Shire of Sterlynge Vayle (Binghamton, NY):

Dyfan ap Iago

Shire of Stormsport (Erie, PA):

Lord Gareth the Eccentric of Saint Albans

Barony of Thescorre (Rochester, NY):

Lady Orianna vander Delft

This Seneschal's list is unofficial. For an official listing, please consult *Pikestaff*. Please send corrections to the Kingdom and Principality Seneschals.

Æstel -Newsletter of the Principality of Æthelmearc

Æstel, the newsletter of the Principality of Æthelmearc is available for \$7.00 for a twelve issue year from the Principality Chronicler: Lord Gareth the Eccentric of Saint Albans [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Please make checks payable to "SCA, Inc - *Æstel*".

Æstel features all the latest Principality news, event announcements, notices from Principality officers, articles on sundry topics, art work and much, much more!

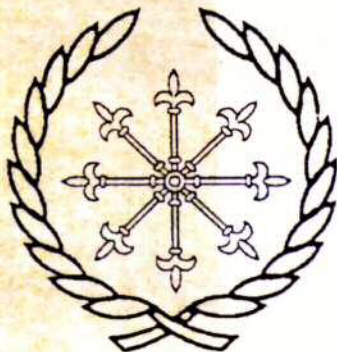
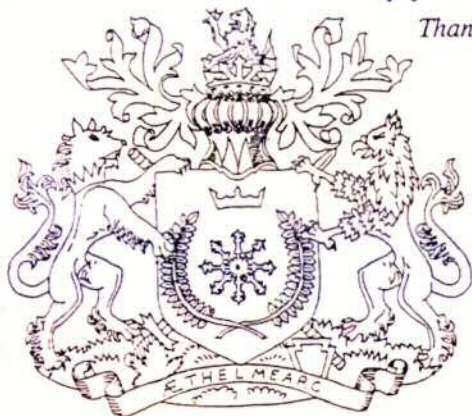
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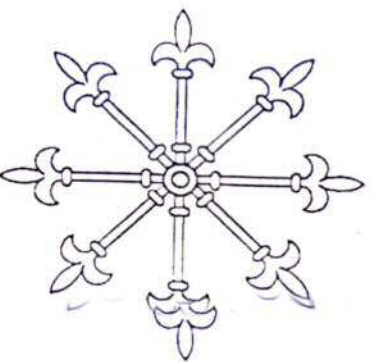


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week earlier)!!! Please note!*



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