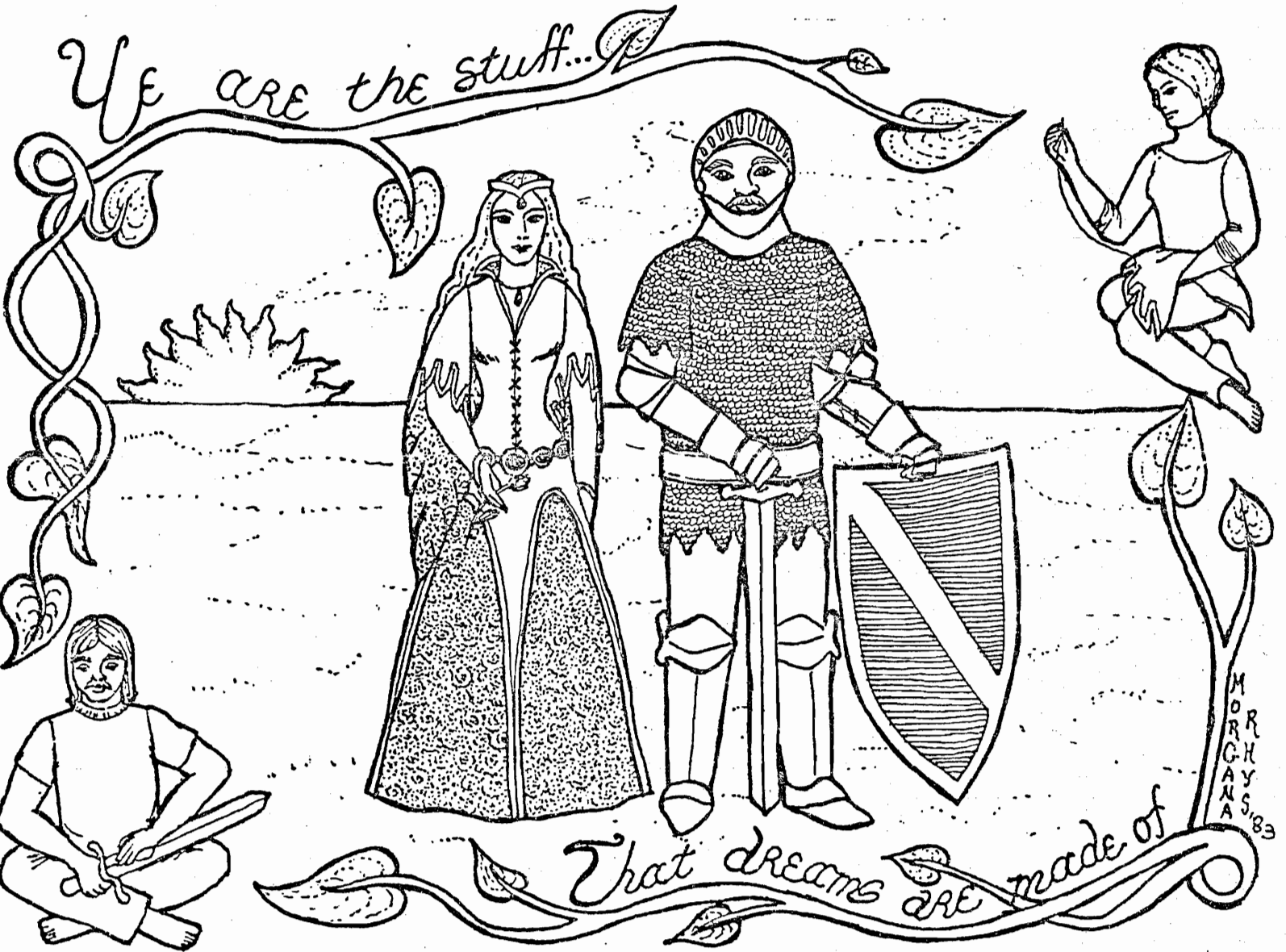


The Phoenix



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C A L E N D A R

- Fri-1st Deadline for items received for May Crown Prints and May Page.
- Sat-2nd Cavalier Tournay, Angeles, details in March Crown Prints.
Spring Festival / Archery Tournay, Dreiburgen, details in March Crown Prints.
Arbor Day Tournay, Mists, Details in March Page.
Below The Salt / Fooles Feaste, Darkwell, for details, call Alaric Wulfgar of Amberwood (805) 398-1620 between 7:00 - 10:00 PM.
- Sun-3rd Spring Festival / Archery Tournay, Driebergen, Details in March Crown Prints.
✓ Musicians' Guild (7:30 PM for Beginners' Practice), Mylrune, call Bjorn Stjearne, 924-9306 for details.
- Mon-4th Barony of Nordwache Meeting, 7:30 PM, 1376 N. College, Fresno.
Canton of Rieslingshire Meeting, 6:30 PM, 1376 N. College, Fresno.
- Fri-8th Shire of Darkwell Officers' Meeting, 7:00 PM, Phone Alaric Wulfgar (805) 398-1620 for details between 7:00 - 10:00 PM.
Canton of Mylrune Meeting, 7:30 PM, Mylrune, Phone Bjorn Stjearne, 924-9306.
- Sat-9th Darachshire Anniversary, Darach, Details in March Crown Prints.
Baroness's Championship, Tarnmist, Details in March Page.
Mists Spring Banquet, Mists, Details in March Page.
Newcomers' Meeting, Darkwell, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, call Alaric Wulfgar (805) 398-1620 between 7:00 - 10:00 PM for details.
✓ Archery Practice, 9:00AM, Rieslingshire, 3555 W. Olive, Fresno, Call Thom the Tanner, 227-4750.
- Sun-10th ✓ Clothiers' Guild, 7:30 PM, Rieslingshire, for details call Morgana Rhys of the Crystal Keep, 227-4750, or Morganthe of the Shadows, 224-1816.
Clan Gwrthryfel Meeting 6:30 PM, Rieslingshire, contact Chieftain for details.
Musicians' Guild, 7:30 PM, Mylrune, call Bjorn Stjearne, 924-9306 for details.
- Mon-11th Armorers' Guild, 7:00 PM, Rieslingshire, 1268 N. Ferger, Fresno, call Sir Rand of Dunbar for details, 445-1295.
✓ Scribes Guild, 7:30 PM, Rieslingshire, 1376 N. College, Fresno
- Tue-12th Arts Potluck, Mists, details in March Page.
- Fri-15th Deadline for items recieved for May Phoenix.
Pavillion Workshop, Mylrune, Contact Milikan Ben Ortallie, 998-7664, for details.
- Sat-16th Kingdom of Caid Crown Tournay, Altavia, Sir Rand of Dunbar (445-1295) is co-ordinating travel to this event from the Barony of Nordwache, if you have room for Rider(s) or need a ride, contact him.
Championship Tourney, Golden Rivers, Details in March Page. •
- Sun-17th Kingdom of Caid Crown Tournay, Altavia, see above for details.
- Mon-18th Armorers' Guild, Rieslingshire, 7:00 PM, 1268 N. Ferger, Fresno, Call Sir Rand of Dunbar 445-1295 for details.
✓ Embroiders' Guild Rieslingshire, 7:30 PM, 1376 N. College, Fresno.
- Fri-22nd Musicians' Guild, Mylrune, (Performing Group Practice)
Shire of Darkwell Meeting and Revel, Call Alaric Wulfgar (805) 398-1620 between 7:00 - 10:00 PM for details
Three-Way War, Wolfscairn
- Sat-23rd Barony of Nordwache Protectorate Tournay and Anniversary Revel, Details inside.
Three-Way War, Wolfscairn.
- Sun-24th Three-Way War, Wolfscairn.
- Mon-25th Armorers' Guild, Rieslingshire, 7:00 PM, 1268 N. Ferger, Fresno, call Sir Rand of Dunbar 445-1295 for details.
- Sat-30th Crown Prints Prize Tournay, Heatherwine, Details in March Crown Prints.

Inflammatory Warning

THIS LETTER APPEARS
IN THE CURRENT T.I.
(SPRING '83). WE FELT IT
IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO
REPEAT HERE.

Good Gentles of the Known World,

I submit this missive to alert you to a hazard of which I have recently become aware. That is the practice of using parachutes for the construction of shelters.

In my most mundane existence, I am an officer in the 82nd Airborne Division, United States Army, a paratrooper. I am also a Battalion Safety Officer.

Military parachutes are quite efficient at the use they were designed for. They can be used as shelters in an emergency, if one vital safety rule is enforced: No open flames of any type! Military parachutes are combustible, very combustible. I have seen test examples burn entirely within three seconds. When they burn, they melt into a burning adhesive fluid, which will bond to skin on contact (it will continue to burn). A secondary effect is the generation of a highly toxic gas. It will very probably cause unconsciousness and possibly death, especially if breathed in a confined area.

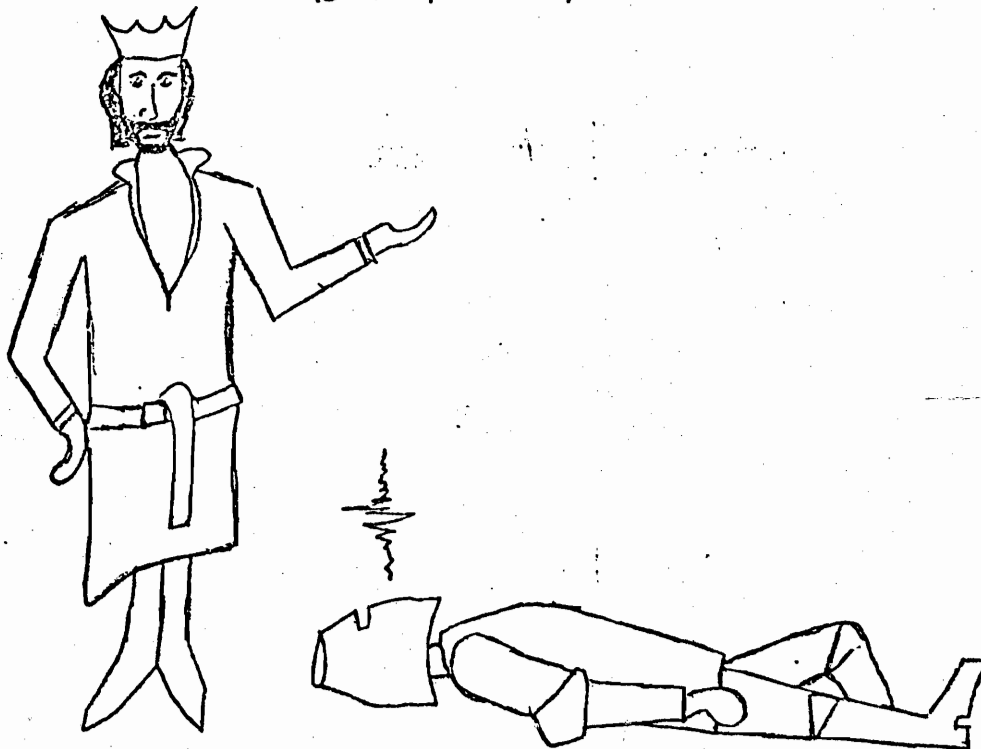
This does not mean that all parachutes are three second incendiary gas bombs. The factors governing the rate of combustion will vary. The fact remains this, military parachutes burn and military parachutes produce toxic gas. These include the cargo, T-10, M-1, and reserve parachutes which make up the bulk of active and surplus parachutes. I have not included civilian parachutes because I do not have the civilian expertise, but I would be suspicious.

When I wrote this letter, I contacted the 82nd Division Safety office and the Fort Bragg Military Installation's Fire Marshal. What they told me was basically this, they would not store a parachute (particularly an old one) in their home, much less sleep under one.

Anyone who uses a military parachute as decoration or shelter near the possibility of an open flame (cigarettes and matches count) is endangering himself and all around him.

In Service to the Society,
Kyle Loup d'Ecosse
c/o Lt. Mark Jungck
Rt. 2, Box 170
Willow Springs, NC 27592

uh, this is the unbelted fighter I wanted the Knights
to keep an eye on.



Nordwache Protectorate Tournay

A contest in skill at arms to find the leader of our defenses, and many other competitions wherein the populace may exhibit their many and varied skills.

This event will be run by the schedule on the next page, if you're late, you can't enter!

PROTECTORATE TOURNAY

BURRIS PARK

Revel to follow

Details forthcoming at April

Baronial meeting

Set Up.....10:00-11:00
Opening Court.....11:00-11:45
Sign up for Lists and Arts....11:45-12:30
Fighting starts.....1:00-4:30

BARONIAL ARTS COMPETITION

categories

Calligraphy and Illumination

Musical Performance--5 minute limit

Baking and Cooking--the food must be period

Jewelry

Brewing

Authentic use of Arms and Armor--chainmail, plate, etc. DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A SUIT OF ARMOR!

There will be two divisions in each category: *Beginner and Advanced*
The judges may change the division of the entry. There will be a winner in each category and an overall winner at the end of the competition later in the year.

Archery competition--Tic Tac Toe there is no weight limit, distance 20yd.

Handkissing competition--Gents, pucker up. Ladies, there are two judgeships up for bid!

Best Ladies Favor

Best Death on the Field

Fabric Sale to support the Arts Fund

Children's competition

Thank You--

Morgana Rhys of the Crystal Keep for the cover illustration
Lord Francis of Allynwood for the cartoon
Alethea la francesa our typist
Thom the Tanner our printer

Others interested in studying old tongues such as Celtic, Gaelic, Old or Middle English, please contact Steve Rasmussen at (209) 732-5786.

If you have information on ordering the Eastern Kingdom Dance Book and Tapes, please contact Denise Kawasaki. The number is (209) 486-1479.

Fighters: Please note that the scheduled time for the protector-ate tourney is in real time! *EACH FIGHTER SHOULD HAVE A SMALL SHIELD BEARING HIS DEVICE FOR DISPLAY ON THE FIELD. FOR MORE INFO CALL TIM DUNBAR (209) 445-1295.*

Time to clean our your closets and drawers of the material you'll never use. There will be a fabric sale at the tourney, proceeds to go to the Arts Fund. All donations--any kind of material in any size--will be gratefully accepted. For more info please call Tim Dunbar (209) 445-1295.

Phone Numbers of Area Seneschals:

Nordwache: Nakagawa Genji (Ken Kawasaki) 486-1479

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Editors of the Phoenix:

Modnar the Hawk and Morganthe of the Shadows
(Tom and Faith Asdell) 224-1816

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3 The Burden of the Crown

words and music by
Baldwin of Erebor

slowly

The bat-tle-field is si-lent The sha-dows grow-ing long

Though I may view the sun-set I'll not live to see the dawn

The trees have ceased to Aus-tle The birds no lon-ger sing

All na-ture seems to won-der At the pas-sing of a king

AND NOW YOU STAND BEFORE ME
YOUR FATHER'S FLESH AND BLOOD
BEGOTTEN OF MY SINEWS
ON THE WOMAN THAT I LOVED
SO DIFFICULT THE BIRTHING
THE MOTHER DIED THAT DAY
AND NOW YOU STAND BEFORE ME
TO BEAR MY CROWN AWAY.

THE HOUR IS FAST APPROACHING
WHEN YOU COME INTO YOUR OWN
WHEN YOU TAKE THE RING AND SCEPTRE
AND BIT UPON THE THRONE
BEFORE THAT FATAL HOUR
WHEN WE EACH MUST MEET OUR FATE
PRAY, GAZE UPON THE ROYAL CROWN
AND MARVEL AT ITS WEIGHT.

THIS CAP OF BURNISHED STEEL
IS THE SYMBOL OF A LAND
SUPPORTING ALL WE CHERISH
THE DREAMS FOR WHICH WE STAND
THE WEIGHT, YOU'LL FIND, IS NOTHING
IF YOU HOLD IT IN YOUR PALM
THE BURDEN OF THE CROWN BEGINS
THE DAY YOU PUT IT ON.

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SEE HOW THE JEWELS SPARKLE
AS YOU GAZE AT IT AGAIN
EACH FACET IS A SUBJECT
WHOSE RIGHTS YOU MUST DEFEND
EVERY POINT OF LIGHT A BURDEN
YOU MUST SHOULDER WITH YOUR OWN
AND MIGHTY IS THE BURDEN
OF THE MAN UPON THE THRONE.

THE DAY IS NEARLY ENDED
MY LIMBS ARE GROWING COLD
I CAN FEEL THE ANGELS WAITING
TO RECEIVE MY PASSING SOUL
KEEP WELL FOR ME MY KINGDOM
WHEN MY MEMORY IS DEAD
AND FORGIVE ME FOR THE BURDEN
I PLACE UPON YOUR HEAD.

