

-December Calendar-

- Thu 1 - **Happy Hanukkah**
- Deadline for January Crown Prints
- (Local) Belly Dancing, 7PM, phone Editor for details
- (Local) Silveroak Armory, phone 733-1574 (Joseph of Silveroak)
- Fri 2 - (Local) Canton of Mylrune business meeting, 998-7664
- Sat 3 - **Nordwache Christmas Revel**
- Baroness' Birthday Revel, Dreiburgen, details in Nov. Crown Prints
- Anniversary Banquet, Golden Rivers, West Kingdom
- Yule Revel, Tarnmist, West Kingdom, details in Nov. Page
- Get your Jingles Out, Southern Shores, West Kingdom
- Sun 4 - (Local) Musicians' Guild, phone Soren Blackwine, 582-0387
- (Local) Silveroak Fighting Practice, phone 733-1574
- Mon 5 - (Local) Baronial Council Meeting - 7PM - 1376 N College, Fresno, 486-1479
- Tue 6 - (Local) Armorers' Guild, 7:30PM, 1268 N Ferger, Fresno, 445-1295
- (Local) Newcomers' Meeting, 7PM, 2619 E Harvard, Fresno, 227-4750
- Wed 7 - (Local) Clothiers' Guild, phone Editor for details
- Thu 8 - (Local) Belly Dancing, phone Editor for details
- (Local) Silveroak Armory, phone 733-1574 for details
- Sat 10 - Christmas Ball, Canyons, details in Nov. Crown Prints
- (Local) Fighting Practice, 8AM, Lemoore Park, Hanford, 998-7664
- (Local) Fighting Practice, 11AM, 345 N Clark, Fresno, 486-3435
- House Bodo Revel, Fetteburg, West Kingdom
- Sun 11 - Christmas Party, Lyondemere
- (Local) Musicians' Guild, phone Soren Blackwine, 582-0387
- (Local) Silveroak Fighting practice, phone 733-1574
- Mon 12 - (Local) Canton of Silveroak business meeting, 733-1574
- (Local) Scribes' Guild, 7PM, 1348 E San Bruno #A, Fresno, 224-1816
- Tue 13 - (Local) Armorers' Guild, 7:30PM, 1268 N Ferger, Fresno, 445-1295
- Wed 14 - (Local) Canton of Rieslingshire business meeting, 7PM, 227-4750, 1376 N College, Fresno
- Thu 15 - (Local) Belly Dancing, phone Editor for details
- (Local) Silveroak Armory, phone 733-1574
- Sat 17 - Baroness' Reception and Christmas Party, Calafia
- Christmas Party, Angels
- (Local) Heraldry Workshop, details inside
- (Local) Fighting Practice, 8AM, Lemoore Park, Hanford, 998-7664
- (Local) Fighting Practice, 11AM, 345 N Clark, Fresno, 486-3435
- Midwinter Feast, Wolfscairn, West Kingdom, details in Nov. Page
- Yule Revel, Esfenn, West Kingdom
- Sun 18 - (Local) Musicians' Guild, phone Soren Blackwine, 582-0387
- (Local) Silveroak Fighting Practice, phone 733-1574
- Mon 19 - Deadline for January Phoenix
- (Local) Emboiderers' Guild, 7PM, 1376 N College, Fresno, 486-1479
- Tue 20 - (Local) Armorers' Guild, 7:30PM, 1268 N Ferger, Fresno, 445-1295
- (Local) Newcomers' Meeting, 7PM, 2619 E Harvard, Fresno, 227-4750
- Wed 21 - (Local) Madrigal Guild, 7PM, 1376 N College, Fresno, 486-1479
- Thu 22 - **Happy Solstice**
- (Local) Belly Dancing, phone Editor for details
- (Local) Silveroak Armory, phone 733-1574
- Sun 25 - **Merry Christmas**
- Mon 26 - (Local) Scribes' Guild, 7PM, 1348 E San Bruno #A, Fresno, 224-1816
- Tue 27 - (Local) Armorers' Guild, 7:30PM, 1268 N Ferger, Fresno, 445-1295
- Thu 29 - (Local) Belly Dancing, phone Editor for details
- (Local) Silveroak Armory, phone 733-1574

~ Happy New Year ~

This issue of the PHOENIX was supposed to have been in the mail no later than Thanksgiving, unfortunately, a very determined flu bug had other ideas. Best laid plans etc.

Thought it might be fun to find out what kinds of goals and resolutions you have made for 1984, so if you have any that you'd like to share let me know - they don't have to be SCA related.

So far it's not a real problem, but when we have so many items for the PHOENIX that they won't fit in one issue the ones not used will be filed for use in the next issue. So, if you send something in and then it isn't used that month, don't panic - if it isn't used the next month, then you can panic.

In the Jan issue, watch for info on a very important meeting. It will be a meeting to plan the next year, to hear suggestions and/or criticisms and EVERYONE is invited. The importance of Baronial participation can not be stressed enough, please plan to attend this meeting.

If you plan on donating anything to 12th Night Art Auction on Jan 14, please contact the autocrat of the auction as soon as possible. Lady Astra will need to have the completed article no later than Jan 7, include name, address, phone number, and title of your work.

When you know what you will be donating contact Lady Astra so she'll know what to expect, type, size etc so a display can be planned.

Each item will be displayed with the name of the item, artist, & Barony.

Lady Astra Christiana Benedict
(Esther Benedict)
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Hawthorne, Ca 90250

NOTICE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 1984 (A.S. XVIII). ANY OFFICER (IN ANY CAPACITY) WITHIN THE BARONY OF NORDWACHE WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PHOENIX. The reason for this is that you can't be an effective officer if you don't know what is going on.

I am sorry to say that as of Jan 1, 1984 the subscription price for the PHOENIX will go up to \$6. Any new subscriptions or renewals paid for before Jan 1 will still be \$5.50. Don't forget, at the revel Sat (Dec 3) there will be a raffle, \$1 a chance, for a year's subscription.

The cover this month was done by Lord Modnar the Hawk. No Baronial funds were used for the printing, it's our holiday greeting to you.

YULE REVEL

Dec 3, 1983 at the Easton Community Hall (see map). \$2 per person (smalls free). Potluck & BYOB. Hall opens at 6:30, dinner will be at 7pm. Entertainment is planned, we are hoping to have some dancing and a good time is planned for all.

First Foot, a traditional character dressed in green with bells on, will bring in the Holiday season. First Foot follows his antics with the passing of the hat, and being the financially strapped barony we are, we are not about to break with tradition.

For the small sum of \$1 you will be able to buy a chance for a year's subscription to the PHOENIX, a \$5.50 value (soon to be \$6).

The Barony will supply plates, please bring utensils and drinking vessels.

Banners to decorate the hall are welcome.

There will be a court, it is not known at this time how formal it will be.

The Lion & Unicorn Dancers will have representatives here Sat afternoon to teach us some period dances.

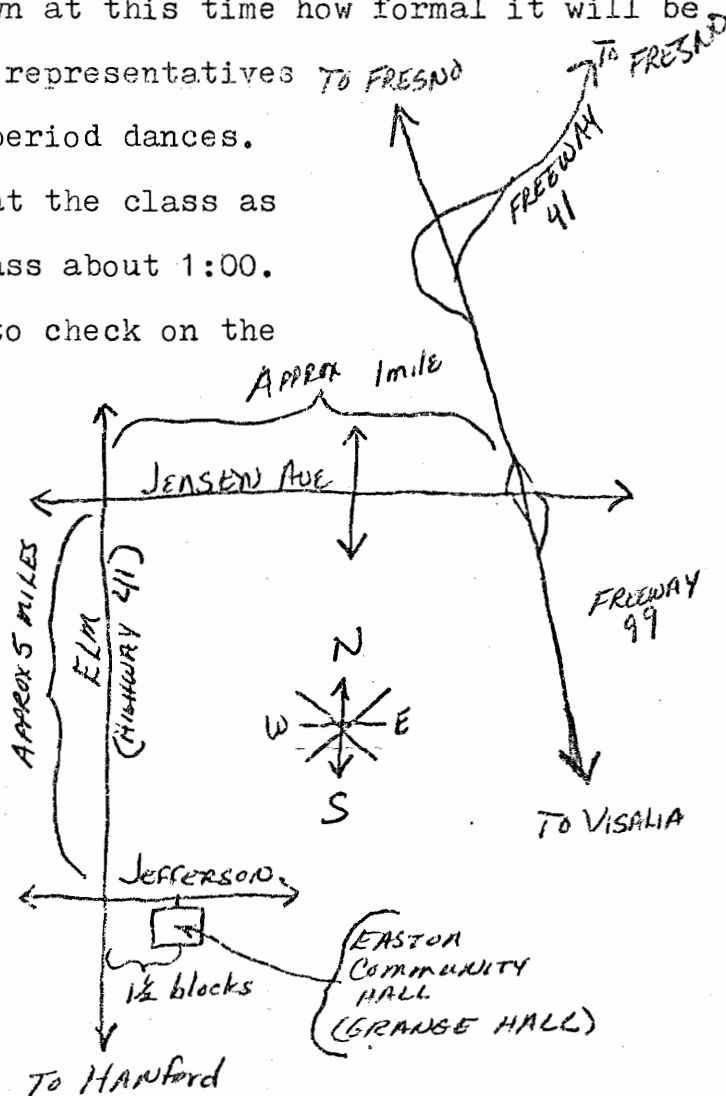
We would like to see as many people at the class as possible. We are hoping to start class about 1:00.

(You can call me, Morganthe, Sat am to check on the time.)

If you have any questions about the revel call me at 224-1816.

Thank you to those who paid early, the rest of you, we'll gladly take your money at the door.

We can honestly say this will be the best Yule Revel in the history of Nordwache..... Hope to see you there.





The Wyr Cauldron Catcher's ROUN

MULLED APPLE OR PEAR CIDER

3 qts fresh apple cider or pear juice	1/2 teaspoon ginger powder
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg	7 sticks cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon thyme	1 tablespoon finely crushed dried sweet basil

1. In a large enameled pot, gently simmer the juice with nutmeg, thyme, ginger, and cinnamon sticks.
2. Remove the cinnamon sticks. Break them, placing a portion of stick in each tankard, glass, or chalice. Pour on the warmed cider.
3. Sprinkle sweet basil sparingly on top of each portion.

From MEDIEVAL HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS - A Calendar of Celebrations by,
Madeleine Pelner Cosman

A CHOICE OF CONSEQUENCE

An Old Japanese Story

as re-told by Lord Francis of Allynwoode

Ohatsu was growing old. No longer could he lead the Emperor's Army into battle. Soon he would have to choose a replacement from among his young lieutenants. But which one? He must form a plan to determine who possessed the discipline and strength of character to command wisely and not misuse the power or act rashly.

Each of the three candidates was asked to report to the old man's quarters. Before the arrival of the the first young officer, Gichen, a trap was set by Ohatsu. A small bag of rice was placed above the doorway, supported by the partially open door.

Gichen strode quickly through the door, not noticing the bag of rice until after it bounced off his head and landed on the floor. With a curse he whipped his sword from its scabbard and hacked the inert bag spilling its contents on the polished floor. Gichen was dismissed.

Enzio, the second young man to be tested, was summoned to the commander's presence. As he entered the room, the bag fell and Enzio drew his blade and slashed the bag in mid-air, scattering rice across the room. He too, was dismissed.

The last contender, Kazuo, was more cautious, pausing just outside the door and sweeping the room with his eyes, his gaze coming to rest on the elder Ohatsu. Kazuo was bade to enter. He stepped forward, stopped, reached above his head and deftly removed the bag, pushed the door fully open and entered the room. He turned, closed the door to its half open position and replaced the bag.

Facing Ohatsu, "Yes, Commander?" inquired Kazuo.

"Be seated," began Ohatsu, "We must speak of duty, and the responsibility of command."

HERALDRY WORKSHOP

Don't have a device to submit, do have a device but you aren't sure its correct, don't know gules from argent? This meeting is for you. It will be Dec 17 but time and place has not been set. If you are interested in attending contact me (editor) and I will get the info to you. Devices turned in at this meeting will be submitted at the Heralds meeting in Jan.

THE PERILS OF PERSEPHONE
Chapter V
by Lady Morgana Rhys of the Crystal Keep

"Oh well!" thought Persephone, "But at least they didn't make me break my promise to Daddy."

As if he had read her thoughts, Pan cried, "Wait! We can't waste a good virgin like this. I have a much better plan for you my sweet."

Persephone gasped in horror as he leaned over her with a leering grin on his face.

"All right Pan, that's enough!" a voice rang out. "My niece has proved herself worthy of our help. So just crawl off of her you old lech."

Persephone could hardly believe her eyes as the figure stepped forward and threw back her hood to reveal, Great Aunt Andromeda!

"Aunty! What are you doing here with these people?" she cried. "First they invite me to dinner, then they've got me slabbed out ready to carve up, and the next thing you know that creep is pretending I'm dessert!"

"Now Persephone," her aunt replied, "just hold on a moment and I'll explain. I've been keeping track of your adventures ever since you were a child and the fact that you've survived this long convinced me that we might be able to cure the family curse in your case. My friends and I just had to put you through a little initiation test before we used our powers to help you."

"Wait a minute, family curse? Initiation? Powers?" Persephone asked. "I don't understand."

"Well," her aunt answered, "It doesn't happen to the female line too often, just the men. And if they live past puberty it seems to clear up with their acne. Your father made it through pretty easily, all he got was a bad limp. However the women who get it aren't usually that lucky. As a matter of fact, you've lasted longer than any of 'em."

Persephone pondered this for a moment and asked, "How can you and your friends help?"

"Well, we're going to use our powers to operate a transportal and send you off to see the Wizard Wayward. If anyone can lift the curse he can."

"I certainly hope so!" Persephone replied.

Then her Aunt tearfully kissed her good-bye and placed her on the transportal with the handsome young Mordred who was to escort her. As they faded away from sight no one noticed the little glowing orb in Mordred's hand.

Persephone blinked and looked around her to see stone walls covered with whips, chains and other instruments of torture. "Are you sure we're in the right place Mordred?" she asked.

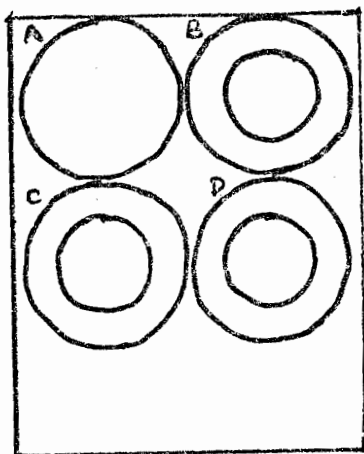
"Oh yes, my love," he replied, taking one of the whips off the wall and stroking it lovingly, "you are precisely where I want you....."

Poor Persephone, and you thought you had problems. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to our heroine's misadventures. Persephone is a hit and not just inside the boundaries of Nordwache. I'm sure the next year will see Persephone in even more trouble, and I want to invite and encourage everyone to contribute to her plight.

COSTUMERS' CORNER

Well, everyone, winter is upon us. Here are a couple of basic hat and cloak patterns to help keep you a little warmer.

FLAT CAP: Sew A to B, right sides together. Sew C to D in the same manner. Turn both pieces right side out and sew together at center circle.



Aprox. 12" circles
6" inner circles

□ wrong side of fabric
▣ right side of fabric



A to B



C to D

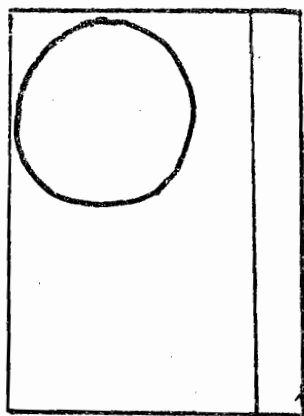


join inner circle



done!

BAG CAP: Cut band 2" larger than head circumference. Sew ends of band together. Gather circle to fit band, and sew onto one edge, right sides together. Turn other edge of band under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and hand stitch over exposed seam. (You can use a machine for this step, hand stitching looks nicer)



Aprox. 14" circle
Band 3" wide



gather to band

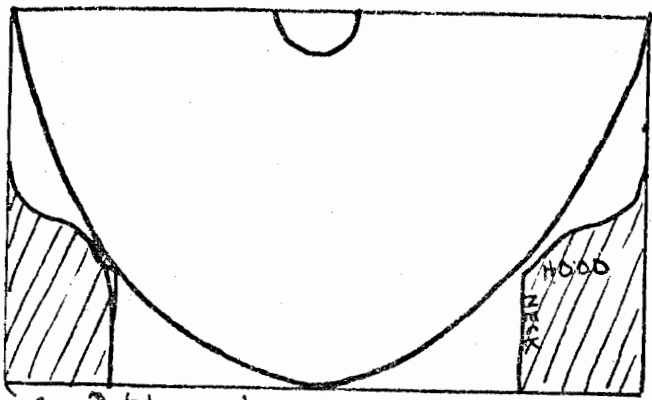


turn band

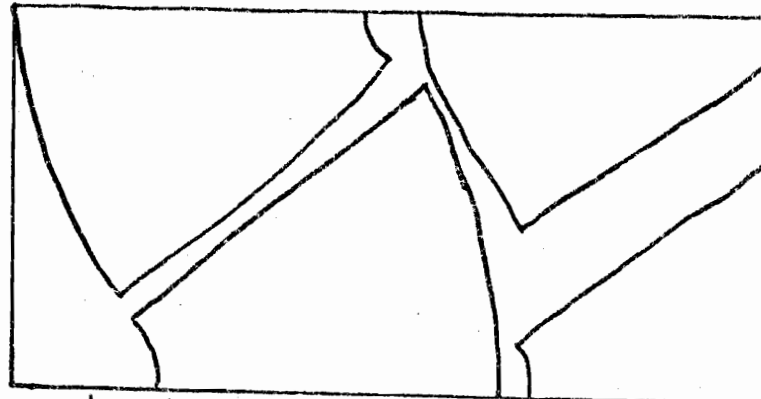


finished!

CLOAKS: Measure from back of neck to length you want and add 5". For simple half circle or circle cloak draw your cutting line by measuring out this distance from a central point. For gored cloak, measure pie shaped wedges in alternate fitting patterns. Cut out neck approx. 3" in from center point. Seam sides and hem 1" to 2" on bottom edge. For hood: On circle or half circle cut hood from remaining fabric. Seam top and back edges, right sides together. Gather bottom edge to fit neck and sew to cloak. Gored cloaks will require approx. $\frac{2}{3}$ of a yard more material to make a hood: cut top edge on fold, seam back edge and attach in same manner as circle cloak.



← 2 times length of cloak →
4 times for full circle



length varies with number of gores
and length of cloak

SUGGESTED MATERIALS: Medium to heavy wool and wool blends, medium to heavy cotton and polyester double knits. Suggested Sources: Fabric King, Hancock Fabrics (these two usually have the best prices), House of Fabrics.

P.S. If you would like a nice fur collar for your cloak try the Salvation Army on Ventura next to Valley Novelty. They have some very nice ones from \$3 to \$5. Pin collar into place while you have cloak on, trim neck to fit and hand stitch in place.

This is the first of a regular feature, suggestions and comments are welcomed. How about some ideas for a really catchy name?

Almost forgot, this column is the brainchild of Lady Morgana Rhys of the Crystal Keep. Lady Morgana is a regular contributor to the PHOENIX.

FALCONRY

I have information on Falconry from the California Department of Fish and Game. If anyone is interested or would like to start a Falconry Guild please contact me. Lord Thom the Tanner @ 227-4750

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IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS, DO YOU HAVE ALL OF YOUR SHOPPING DONE? NO? MAY WE SUGGEST A GIFT THAT

IS IDEAL FOR THE PERSON WITH EVERYTHING,
IS TRULY ONE SIZE FITS ALL,
IS ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE,
KEEPS ON GIVING ALL YEAR LONG,
WON'T DESTROY YOUR BUDGET.

WHAT IS THIS MARVELOUS GIFT? WHY A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PHOENIX OF COURSE. FOR ONLY \$5.50 YOU CAN HAVE THE PHOENIX DELIVERED TO A FRIEND'S MAILBOX EVERY MONTH FOR A YEAR. JUST THINK EVERY MONTH AN ISSUE PACKED WITH CALENDARS, RECIPES, SONGS, PERILS OF PERSEPHONE, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE. IF THE GIFTEE ALREADY HAS A SUBSCRIPTION, YOUR GIFT SUBSCRIPTION WILL START WHEN THE CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION ENDS. GET YOUR ORDER IN NOW, AVOID THE RUSH. WE WILL NOTIFY THE GIFTEE OF YOUR THOUGHTFUL GIFT.

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE, TREAT YOURSELF TO A SUBSCRIPTION. YOU DESERVE IT.

REMEMBER NOW, AVOID THE RUSH, ORDER NOW.

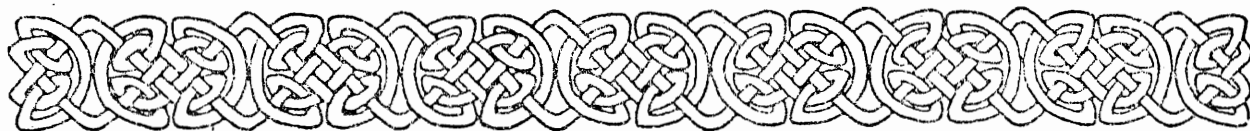
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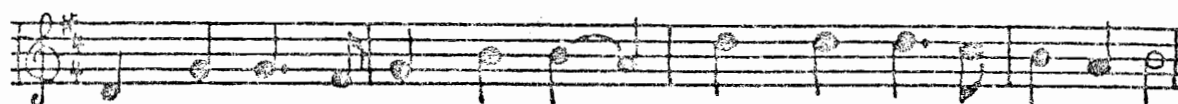




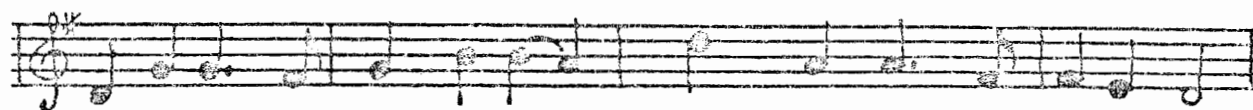
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hark the herald

Caerchan Bands Guild



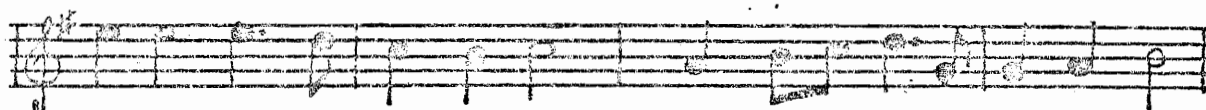
hark the her-ald Bald-wi^{*}n screams Don't put blues on top of greens



OR and ar-gent, that's all right Metals and tinc-tures do not fight



Not a field of high-land plaid Keep it sim-ple, please, my lads



A-zure, vert, ur-pure and gules Must fol-low all my her-ald's rules



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HARK THE HERALD BALDWIN YELLS
DON'T USE CARB AND OIL WELLS.
PERIOD, WE BEG YOU, PLEASE
TYGERS WE CAN DRAW WITH EASE.
PLEASE DON'T ASK FOR RUBBER BANDS,
THESE MUST PASS THROUGH LAUREL HANDS.
WE DRAW RAMPANT, COUCHANT TOO;
DANCING THE HUSTLE, NO CAN DO.
HARK THE HERALD BALDWIN YELLS
DON'T USE CARB AND OIL WELLS.

(tune: hark the herald Angel)

* HROREK MAY BE substituted for BALDWIN

