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ARCHERY PRACTICE: Sundays at 10 am at Fresno State University. Call Ivon (Tom), 264-8719, for details.

MUSIC GUILD: 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 pm. (or anytime by arrangement). Call Maekyl (John), 233-4234, for details.

BREWERS GUILD & ALE TASTING: 3rd Saturday of month. Call Sigurd (Warren) at 456-8731.

NEWSLETTER: THE PHOENIX is available through the Chronicler. See subscription form in newsletter.

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## GREETINGS!

As the cover picture suggests, the year 1987 is going to be a kick-dragon-tail year for the staff of The Phoenix! We have decided to bring to you, the people of Nordwache, the finest in artwork, the most comprehensive comment on modern medieval history, the most qualified instruction by experts in their chosen field (armory, calligraphy, drawing, fighting, loving, et al), the most timely report of current events, and the most unusual "feature articles" this barony can produce.

There is a vast array of talent available in this land, and we of The Phoenix intend to find it and present it in a manner that will be the envy of the surrounding kingdoms and baronies. You are encouraged to revel in our excitement as we begin the task of preparing for a new year. All ideas, opinions, complaints, observations, articles, songs, poems, and artwork will be received by the chronicler with open arms (the anatomical variety), and may be published. We hope you are excited about the new format and feel a desire to take part in this effort.

You are now probably asking yourself, "Self, how can I help The Phoenix become the NUMBER ONE newsletter in the land?" And well you may ask, kindly lords and ladies. (so much for the good news). It was voted to start afresh with a new policy on subscription expiration dates. Effective December 31, 1986, subscription rates will be based on the calender year and expire each December 31st thereafter. To receive 12 issues of the 1987 Phoenix, your subscription is due January 1, 1987. New members

will pay the annual subscription fee and receive back-copies of the current year's Phoenix upon request. This, we hope, will reduce bookwork and confusion about who owes what and when.

To produce a periodical with a variety of feature articles, we will of course be using more paper. And we will be distributing more newsletters than there are subscribers, which will require more postage. (OK! OK! I'm getting to it). (Gulp!) So... we are raising the subscription rate (ouch! off! eee! aargh!) to \$7.00 per year, due effective January 1, 1987. (Wait! Don't go away!)

To soften this heretofore unexpected calamity, we are prepared to make you a Special Offer.

Each person who subscribes before February 1, 1987, will receive a calling card with his or her Society name in Black Letter. (one per subscription--see Maekyl's name under his signature, below). We know you will like it! So don't delay. Fill out the subscription form on page 4 and mail it and your \$7.00 (per subscription) today.

Thank you for your support,

*Maekyl*

**Maekyl Kintrell of Dameshire**  
(John Fisher, Chronicler)





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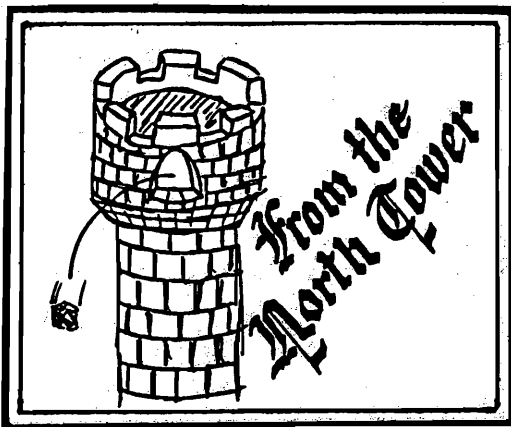
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-An Editorial-

As newly-installed Chronicler for the Barony of Nordwache, and recently active member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, I find myself in a daily state of discovery--the biggest of which is how much time it takes to put a newsletter together! I want to offer three "Huzzahs" to Sir Lodbrog and Lady Blodeuwedd for their fine work as editors of The Phoenix. Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!

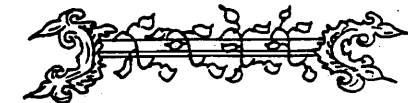
I had the privilege a few weeks ago of discussing with Sir Lodbrog the tourney at Burris Park and the revel at Castle Kirk in October. As we talked, I remembered being in touch that day with a sense of "out-of-timeness", much deeper than the feeling one achieves while caught up in an exciting movie or a good book. The quality of being a participant seemed to erase, for a time, all of the worries and concerns of a 20th Century man. For a while, the "powers of destruction" were limited to a few men battering each other senseless to demonstrate the once-archaic quality of "an honorable man." For a while, I was safe from the dishonorable acts of a world-gone-mad. For a while, there was peace! Fantasy? Self-deception? Avoidance? Is that what the S.C.A. stands for? I think not. More than anything, I believe the S.C.A. can give the

world an image of how the world could be. I believe it promotes a vision of respect, strength, honor, and hope for the human race. As Jerusha Kilger (Susan B. Farmer) observed, "We walk, not backwards into the future, but forwards into the past."

Yours in service,

*Maekyl*

**Maekyl Mintrell of Bameshire**  
(John Fisher, Chronicler)



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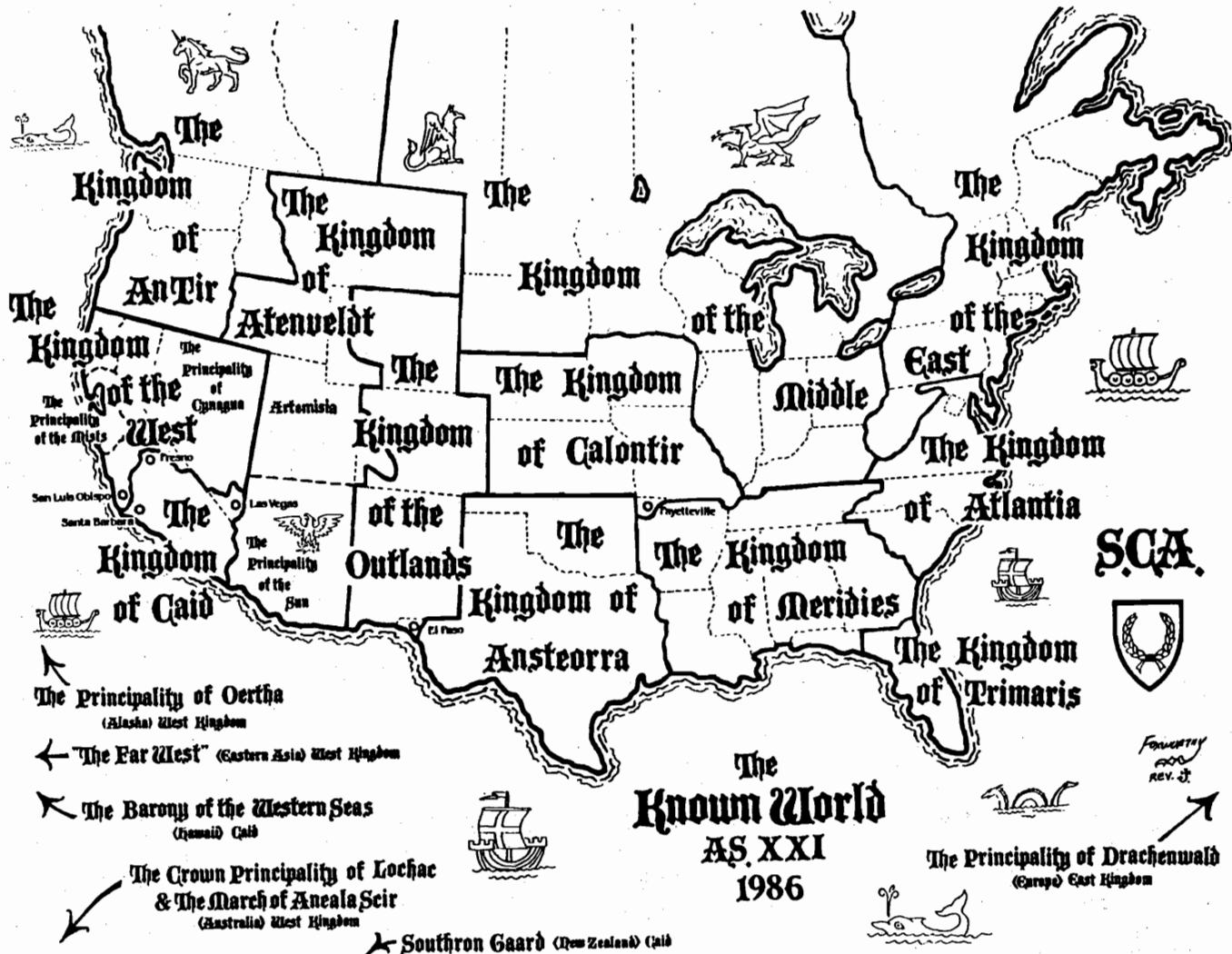
*If you live anywhere in the United States, you're also within one of the Kingdoms of the SCA. (There are groups in Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East, too!) There is probably a Shire or Barony in your area... and, if not, you could start one! For membership information and the address of the SCA group nearest you, write to the Society for Creative Anachronism, Box 360743, Milpitas, CA 95035. If you'd like to live in the past, get in touch.*

*Welcome to the Current Middle Ages!*

# January, A.S. XXI (1987)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			HAPPY MUNDANE NEW YEAR!	Romanus IV Diogenes crowned as Greek Emperor, 1068 AD	2	3
BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING ARCHERS FIGHTERS 4	Henry IV elected King of the Romans, 1099 A.D.	6	Henry V marries Matilda, dau-? of Henry I of England, 1114 AD	8	Robert Guiscard captures Palermo, 1072, AD	9 West's 10 12th Night & Coronation
ARCHERS FIGHTERS MUSICIANS 11	12	13 Happy B'day Wulflaed of Dracasfeld	Death of Charles the Fat, of 14 Germany, AD 888	Abud ad-Dawla expels Turks from Baghdad, 946, AD 15	16	17 12th NIGHT CELEBRATION in Redondo Beach
ARCHERS FIGHTERS 18	19	20 Happy B'day Sir Lodbrog Houndstooth	21 Happy B'day Lord Craig of the Chambers	Death of Louis of Saxony and Bavaria, 882. Succeeded by Charles the Fat.	23	24 Winter Weekend in Altavia
ARCHERS FIGHTERS MUSICIANS 25	26 Death of Charles King of Provence, 863, AD	27	28 Happy B'day Jennipher	29 Glyn Dwr's rebellion collapses, Harled Castle, 1409, AD	30	*CHARTER* 31 Meeting 1 PM at Sir Lodbrogs

Belated birthday wishes to Lord Nikolai Sekol, Kim Crutchfield, Aradin Greycloak, Bob Spichard, Lady Elain y Moryn, and Lady Darla Kirk of Silveroak. In February-----THE ESTRELLA WAR! (in Phoenix, Arizona)



The Kingdom of An Tir

The Kingdom of Atenveldt

The Kingdom of the Middle East

The Kingdom of Atlantia

The Kingdom of the West

The Kingdom of the Outlands

The Kingdom of Calontir

Middle East

The Kingdom of Atlantia

The Kingdom of Caid

The Kingdom of the Outlands

The Kingdom of Ansteorra

The Kingdom of Meridies

The Kingdom of Primaris

The Principality of Oertha (Alaska) West Kingdom

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The Principality of Drachenwald (Europe) East Kingdom



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Inc. Get involved, learn a new skill, and  
join the fun. Meet some very interesting  
people. I'm not lion!"





## THE MINUTES

of the  
BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Attending the Council Meeting of December 7, 1986 were Sir Lodbrog Houndstooth, Lady Blodeuwedd of Tyddyn, Ivon Holt of the Dark Forest, Lady Elain y Moryn, Lord Mahmud Ali ben Sinan, Lady Roxanne of the Tigris, Maekyl Kintrell of Dameshire, Sigurd Rediron, Eugene Pembroke, and Sarah Yarbrough.

### Business

1. Discussion of whether or not to remain active in keeping cultural arts center proposed for Ag bldg at F.C.C. Item tabled until more information gained about benefit to barony.
2. It was decided that the Charter mtg will held on Jan. 31, 1987 at Sir Lodbrogs for the purpose of hearing and discussing issues, problems, and proposed changes in boundaries, territories, affiliations and the like. Please BE THERE so your voice can be heard and so you won't be left in the dark. (After all, these are NOT the Dark Ages!) Be informed.
3. Discussion RE: upcoming coronation in November, 1987. Autocrats were assigned for the Championship, coronation, and the revel. More information later.
4. Discussion RE: trip to Phoenix in February for the Estrella War with the Kingdom of Atenveldt. Call Sigurd Rediron (456-8731) for information RE: travel, etc.
5. Voted and passed to raise subscription rates to \$7.00 per year and to base subscriptions on the calendar year. Call Maekyl (John Fisher), 233-4234, if any questions, comments, etc.

Next meeting: Sunday, Jan. 4, 1987,  
4:00 pm at Sir Lodbrog's.

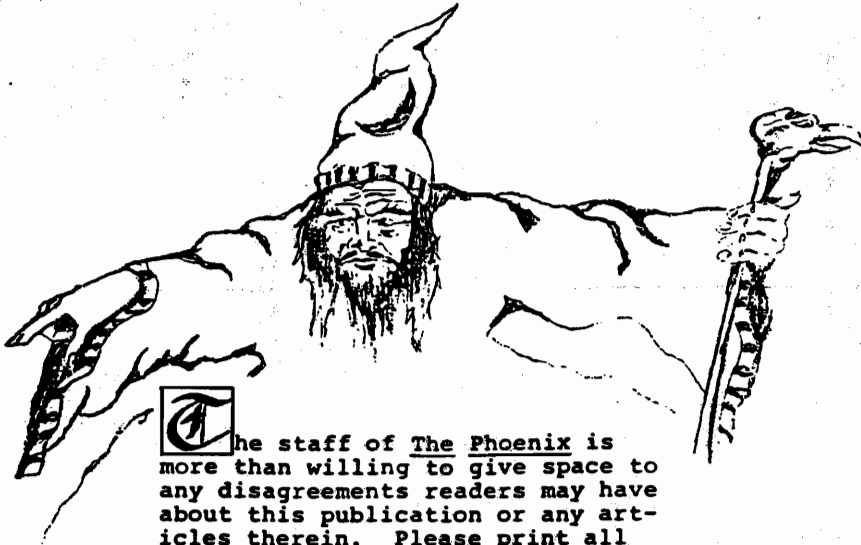
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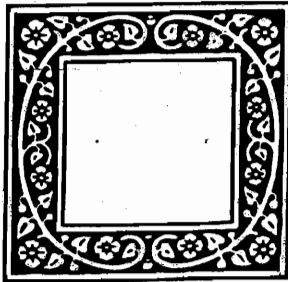
Unicorns are white, look like horses, and have hoofs. Each has a horn on its head, a white mane, and a long tail. They don't jump on people--like horses do when they get too wild. They are friendly, and when the sun shines on them it makes them pretty. Unicorns like to talk to people and flowers. Unicorns eat strawberries, plums, and other kinds of fruit that grow in the woods.

-Jennifer Fisher, age 7

NOTE- If your "small" would like to submit an entry for "Small Withal", send 2 items: a legibly-written definition of a medieval word and a drawing describing the word. It should be in the child's own words (though the parent may write it down on paper), and black ink on white paper is best. Send to: Maekyl Kintrell, Chronicler, c/o John Fisher, 1361 N. Calaveras, Fresno, CA 93728.



**T**he staff of The Phoenix is more than willing to give space to any disagreements readers may have about this publication or any articles therein. Please print all complaints (legibility and completeness count!) in the space below:



Seriously, send opinions, comments, complaints, and observations to "Around the Table", c/o John Fisher, 1361 N. Calaveras, Fresno, Ca 93728

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**"DOOMSDAY REPORT"**

NOTICE: All officers who were elected before December 1, 1986, must have their annual report in to the Seneschal, Lady Elaine y Moryn (Rhonda Fuller) by December 20, 1986. A copy of the annual report, compiled by the Seneschal, will be available after Jan. 17, 1987. Write to her at 1940 E. Yale, Fresno, CA 93703; or call her at 224-1390.



# Dear Abner

("Dear Abner" is a prospective feature article which may appear monthly in The Phoenix. Your opinions about the feature, pro and con, are solicited. Also, if you have questions you would like answered in the column, write to: Dear Abner, c/o the editor, The Phoenix, 1361 N. Calaveras, Fresno, CA 93728. Please, do NOT use your mundane OR your Society name, as all communications are confidential. The editor reserves the right to alter, in any way, any letter published in The Phoenix, therefore, any letter appearing to describe any real or fictional person or situation is purely coincidental.)

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Dear Abner,

My consort and I, being married nighly a month of fortnights, have freshly begun to feel the effects of our kinship in a most negative fashion. Abner, methinks that two people, once in love and having taken upon themselves the pledge of honor and veneration, could find it within themselves to work out an accord over such mundane matters as household finances, leisure activities, and the like. But nea! Truly perplexed am I, for, try as I may to hold back my wrath, times there be wherein I act in a most unlordly manner, thus creating within myself and my spouse a most uncomfortable passion. Dost thou possess a chant, a spell, some herb of secret design to undo this most dispassionate situation? Abner, workest thou thy magic, the fame of which is spoken hither and yon.

Sign me,  
Brought to Naught

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Dear Brought to Naught,  
Herbs have I to cool the fever of some malignant germ. Herbs have I to raise or lower the rate of beating of the drum within thy chest. Herbs have I to create a most pleasant taste and aroma. Notwithstanding, the medicine of which thou speaketh comes in the potation of ideas. Drinketh these words and thou mayest find, good lord, the cure which thou seeketh:

I was angry with my friend.  
I told him so; my wrath did end.  
I was angry with my foe.  
I told him naught; my wrath did GROW.\*

My friend, it is the unfortunate circumstance of our age that there exists the common belief that anger is malevolent. 'Tis not true. Anger is a feeling--'tis what we DO with our wrath that is either judged destructive or constructive. Wrath swells when we place expectations upon those we love, then, when they fall short of our "needs", we are "bewitched" with a sense of disappointment, powerlessness, and fear. Trust thou the integrity of thy spouse. She is entitled to know thy emotions. Take care, though, that thou ownest thy wrath, for it is not she who hast created it, but thee.

*Abner*

Abner the Adept

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NOTE: This feature article is designed to be entertaining and informative. The subject matter, however, concerns real-life topics which may cause REAL feelings to surface. This is normal, natural, and healthy. If you find yourself struggling with ways to express these feelings, please don't wait for Abner. See a professional.

\*poet Wm. Blake, paraphrased

Happy New Year!

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