

# The Phoenix

A Newsletter for the Barony of Nordwache

MAY 1988 - A LITTLE BETTER THIS MONTH.



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## RENAISSANCE FAIR

HERE YE! HEAR YE!

Okay Lords and Ladies, we have been invited to help put on a Demo to announce the opening of Valley Eye Institute and Richburg Cataract Center. We need at least 15 people to show, more would be even better. We will be there along with the Tudor Rose. There will be food and beverages there, but they are for the Institutes guests, so if you want munchies, bring your own. We are there to help provide ambiance, atmosphere, so please keep mundane stuff suitably disguised. I hope to see you there, I'll be there unless something comes up. If we do good at this it could lead to more Demos, which could only enrich the Baronies coffers!

For more information, please contact our Senechal.  
The Demo is at:

Valley Eye Institute and Richburg Cataract Center  
1688 E. Herdon

The Demo starts at 1pm so please try and be there at 12-12:30. Please Contact Lady Kendra if you plan to attend.



### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

Fighter Practice has been changed. It is now held on Sunday, at 9am at Radio Park.  
At the corner of Clinton and First.

Also, our Marshall, Stephen of Nordwache, is looking for someone interested in being his deputy. Please contact him for further information.



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REGULAR EVENTS

Baronial Council Meetings are the first monday of each month at 7:00pm at Lady Kendra Grey's house. Please call for directions. The meetings are open to all interested.

*FIGHTER PRACTICE: Is on Sunday at 9am at Radio Park. Located at the corner of Clinton and First. Please contact the Marshal for further details.*

Archery Practice is Sundays at 6:00pm at Simon Greyarrows' house at the address listed in the directory. Please call for directions. The practice is open to all interested.

Armors' Guild is hosted by Stephan Pembroke Traehern(see herald of Reislingshire) please call if you have anything you would like to make. Stephan will provide direction and assistance.

Clothiers Guild is hosted on the third Wednesday by Lady Olwen (209) 798-1267 and by Eirinn Conal (209) 297-4210 on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Bring material. Anyone interested is welcome.

## MEDIEVAL--FACT--FANTASY--FICTION

FACT; "Chansons de Geste" translated from French means "Songs about/in old times. They were written poems that bards sang of great Lords or valiant Knights and their deeds.

The roots to the ceremony of knighthood were began as a initiation ritual where primitive societites, Roman & German, marked the coming age of adolescents. They were given a shield and a spear. Around the eight century, times of fighting had changed as well as the ceremony, though evidence of that period showed it's descent mainly from German origin. Charlemagne's son, Louis the Pious was girded with sword before their campaign against the Avars in 791. Charles the Bald underwent the rite at Chiersy in 838. Louis II in 844 was crowned and girded. By the eleventh century, lesser princes were described as being "Girded with sword". A phrase which is used extensively until the early thirteenth century. The Norman kings introduced knighting to England, then records show the subsequent knighting of each heir to the throne. All investitures were performed by a Father, with a few exceptions of Archbishops instilling crown and sword on Emperors. Attendants girded the sword while the Father read prayers and admonished the new knight to eradicate with God's help all the enemies of Christ. The church became concerned with the ethics of knighthood and in the early twelfth century gave rise to the crusading idea.

Next month, I'll discuss Chivalry and love of the fair.

FANTASY; "Defender of the Crown" by Mindscape \$34.95. It's the age of chivalry. A time of lusty wenches and nasty villians. King Richard has been murdered and England is in civil war. Bold Saxon knights have choosen you to lead them in battle against the Normans. To save England your skill as swordsman & military leader will be needed. Fight to win the crown and you also win the favors & love of many a beautiful damsel. Graphics superb.

FICTION(non); "The Celtic World" by Barry Cunliffe 225 pages. A beautifully illustrated history of the Celtic race, their culture, customs and legends and how they are today.

In your service,  
Eirinn Conal of the Mystic Kells

## SCRIBBLINGS

Hi again, I seem to have done a little better this month. We have several things happening this month. All are mentioned and scattered about this newsletter. Protectorate, the Demo at the Eye Institute, Clothiers Guild, Fighter Practice, and Archery Practice. Attend, show support, go to have fun, to participate, to watch, and enjoy yourself.

I'm planning on going to the War down in San Diego at the end of this month (28, 29, 30) on Memorial Weekend. If you need a ride or would like to caravan, give me a call.

May 8th, is mothers day, and we have Jennice Hayden to thank for her beautiful art in honor of Mothers Day. Next month the article headings will undergo a dramatic improvement thanks to some of the baronies Calligraphers, so watch for it.

Well it's time to wrap this one up and get it to the printers, (Thanks to PDQ Printing and Ivon of Darkforest) see you all later.

Schatten the Dark



Mistress of Arts & Science  
Krystara of Shandara Keep

To the Ladies and Lords of the Barony of Nordwache, as Mistress of Arts & Science, once again I am sending forth a call to one and all - Guilds are needed! Guilds - Guild Masters are in short demand. We are in need of supporters for the Arts & Sciences, please attend what few Guilds we have. We have many skilled and talented people who are wasting their abilities. Just remember I am here to serve the Barony, you (the People), and the Kingdom of which we are all a part. Once again I can only ask for your help and participation. To those of you who are Guild Masters, please contact me as soon as possible. I need to speak with you.

Sincerely,  
Krystarra of Shandara Keep  
(209) 227 - 9714

(ed note- this is a new phone number as she has moved, please note the new address in the Officers list.)

Greetings,

Well folks, the war on May 27-30, 1988 at Potrero County Park is coming up soon. The Constable is requesting assistance in staffing the front gate and camp watch. The shifts will last 2-4 hours, people can volunteer for as many shifts as you like to work. The front gate will be open 24 hours a day until sometime on Sunday. The camp watch will be from 8am to 1/2 hour after the tavern closes. If you can provide any assistance it would be greatly appreciated.

For further information contact Lord Reinwald Sigbrand (619) 469-3884.

In other news, if your planning on going to the war, so am I and anyone interested in caravanning might give me a call

The Chronicler,  
Schatten the Dark.

# Hail to our hero: St. George

1 It was mid-afternoon  
The flowers in bloom  
And St. George was enjoying his life,  
At least until when  
The monster tromped in  
He knew right away twas his wife.

2 "George, you old Poop!"  
"How low have you stooped,  
To sit here so long daydreaming?!"  
"A dragon came through,"  
"Nearly bit me in two!"  
You had to have heard me screaming!"

3 "Honestly dear,"  
"I did not hear."  
"Next-time do try to scream louder."  
Now this made her mad  
George knew he'd been had  
So he thought, "I must sneak up and clout her!"

4 "Now out you go George!"  
"Your sword's in the forge,"  
"Go forth and slay that old dragon."  
"And don't you come ~~back~~ home"  
"Till you've cut to the bone"  
"His head, you'll cart home in a wagon!"

5 He said, "Yes Dear..."  
Though he felt a bit queer  
about walking through town with a wagon,  
It didn't take long  
till he stumbled upon  
the tail of what looked like a dragon.

6 Then resounded an "ouch!"  
Followed by the crouch  
Of the body of the awful old dragon,  
"Cute little sword!"  
"You shriveled up gourd!"  
"What's with the little toy wagon?!"

7 "George started to quiver  
He'd a lilly-of-a-liver,  
but being a man; he mustered his might  
"You made my wife pout!"  
"and at me she did shout!"  
"So for this to the death we must fight"

8 "Be cool little man."  
"I didn't mean to be bad."  
"Perhaps we could avoid any harm"  
"I'll jump in your wagon,"  
"and play like dead dragon,"  
"If you'll slip your sword under my arm."

9 George went home snappy, His wife was real happy,  
seeing the dragon was dead.  
"You're a hero you louse, and they went in the house  
And the dragon flew home to bed."

*Suzanna  
Rainsdotti*

# HERALDICALY SPEAKING.....

## BACK TO BASICS PART IV

(or, and all I thought you did was wear 'em)

Furs come in two basic flavors- ermines and vairs.

Ermines consist of a field with ermine spots (these are spots?) all over it. There are many acceptable ways of drawing these spots (see figure 1). How you do it depends on your tastes and artistic ability. When you decide on what type to use, use the same type throughout. **DON'T MIX THEM!** There are also some traditional names (of course) for some of the ways of displaying ermine furs (see figure 2).

FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

Name	Field Tincture	Spot Tincture
Ermine	white (not argent!)	sable
Erminos	Or	sable
Counter-Ermine	sable	white(not argent!)
Pean	sable	Or

Of course you can use a different field and spot tincture as long as don't come from the same class (ie. a color field and color spots are a NO-NO!). Also you can't put a charge on a fur that is the same tincture class as the field. **EXCEPTION! EXCEPTION!** Well o.k. If the spots are metal, the following field/charge color combinations are allowed (for now): gules with sable, vert or azure and sable with vert or gules. Some example blazons of color fielded ermines are, gules ermined argent, vert ermined Or, ect. I think you get the idea. Now we'll move onto the vairs.

Take a gander at the visual aids (figures 3 thru 9). These are (in order); paplonny, plumetty, vair, counter-vair, potent, counter-potent and potent in point. Now scan the chart below (figure 10)

FIGURE 10

Name	Origin	Field tincture	charge
vair	animal skins	argent	azure
potent	animal skins	argent	azure
paplonny	scales	varies	varies
plumetty	feathers	varies	varies

Vair comes from a pattern of sewn animal skins and potent is belived to be an accidental misrepresentation of vair. (see even heralds make an occasional mistake). Vair and potent are always argent and azure, but paplonny and plumetty may be whatever tincture you want, provided it is an alternating pattern of light and dark tinctures. This in effect creates a neutral field. This means you can put a charge of any tincture over it as long as it is not the same as one of furs tinctures. (Picture an azure snake on vair, you could not see it)

Well that's all on furs. My next article will be on complex lines (i just know you can't wait)

By Simard Stormrider

FIGURE 3

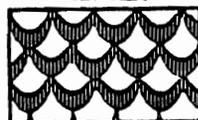


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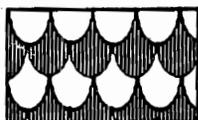


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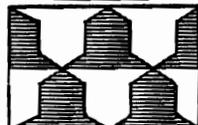


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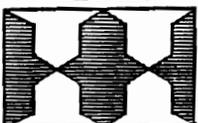


FIGURE 7



FIGURE 8

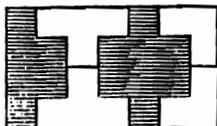


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## CLOTHIER'S GUILD

Is anyone out there?!

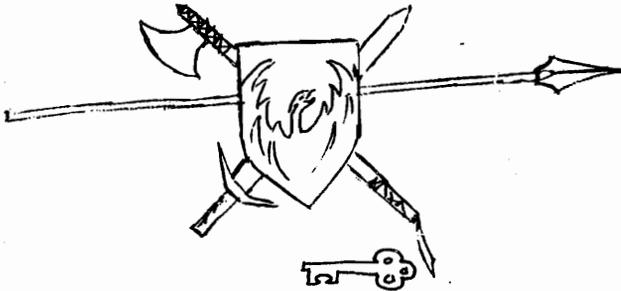
Judging by the response we have recieved there seems to be no interest in good clothes. I HAVE HEARD DIFFERENT THOUGH!!

If you are still interested in Clothier's Guild we will be meeting the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The first meeting is at Lady Olwen's and the second meeting is at Eirron Connal's.

This month we will be starting to prepare for the Hanford Renfaire. We will be mainly concerned with Tudor to Early Elizabethan wear, but are able to help with any problem you may have.

Lady Olwen of Harpingvale

(ed note; Hey folks, I am going to do my best to make it to at least one of these this month. Even if it's just to talk about various garb designs! See REGULAR EVENTS for phone numbers, I seem to have lost the maps.)



HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

The Seneschal of Reislingshire, Lord Lewis Whitaker of Torheeli, has announced the location for the Canton meeting. It is the Round Table Pizza on Marks and Ashlan. The date will be the second Tuesday of the month, which is May 10, at 7:00pm. Please wear Garb. If you would like to hang up your banners, feel free to bring them. For more information, please contact Lord Lewis.

# PROTECTORATE

Will be held at the RIVERLAND RESORT near Kingsburg on  
May 7-8<sup>th</sup>

The Riverland Resort is located just south of Kingsburg on 99 - where the Kings River crosses hwy 99. Riverland has onsite - a motel, restaurant, bar, and a small store. BUT most important Riverland has 15 camping sites reserved for S.C.A. members to use on the night of Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>!!! Each space is located between the river and a small

lake and each has water and a shade tree. The cost for using a site overnight is \$9.00! But there is no limit to the number of people per site (the catch is only 2 tents per site!) so the cost of the site can be spread around the ole pavillion. The cost for day use is only \$3.00 per person. Overnight folks DO NOT pay the day use fee. We will be having several contests, such as: Shooting Monsters (archery), a Public Stoning Booth and the quest for the Crystal Star.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### Saturday

9:00am Site Opens  
11:00am Opening Court  
12:00pm Lists Open  
1:00pm Fighting Begins  
5:00pm Baronial Court  
6:00pm REVEL!!!!!!!

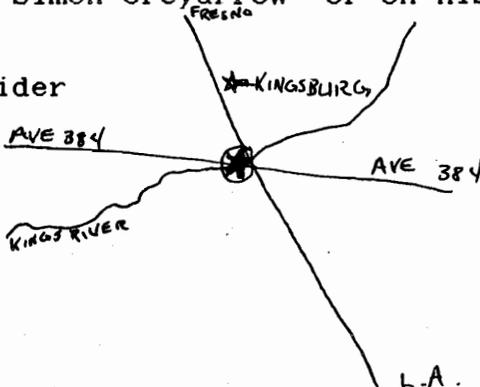
### Sunday

8:30am Archer Range Opens  
10:00am Archry Tournament  
3:00pm Closing Court  
5:00pm site closes-  
-clean up!

The contests (monster shooting, etc.) will open after opening court on saturday.

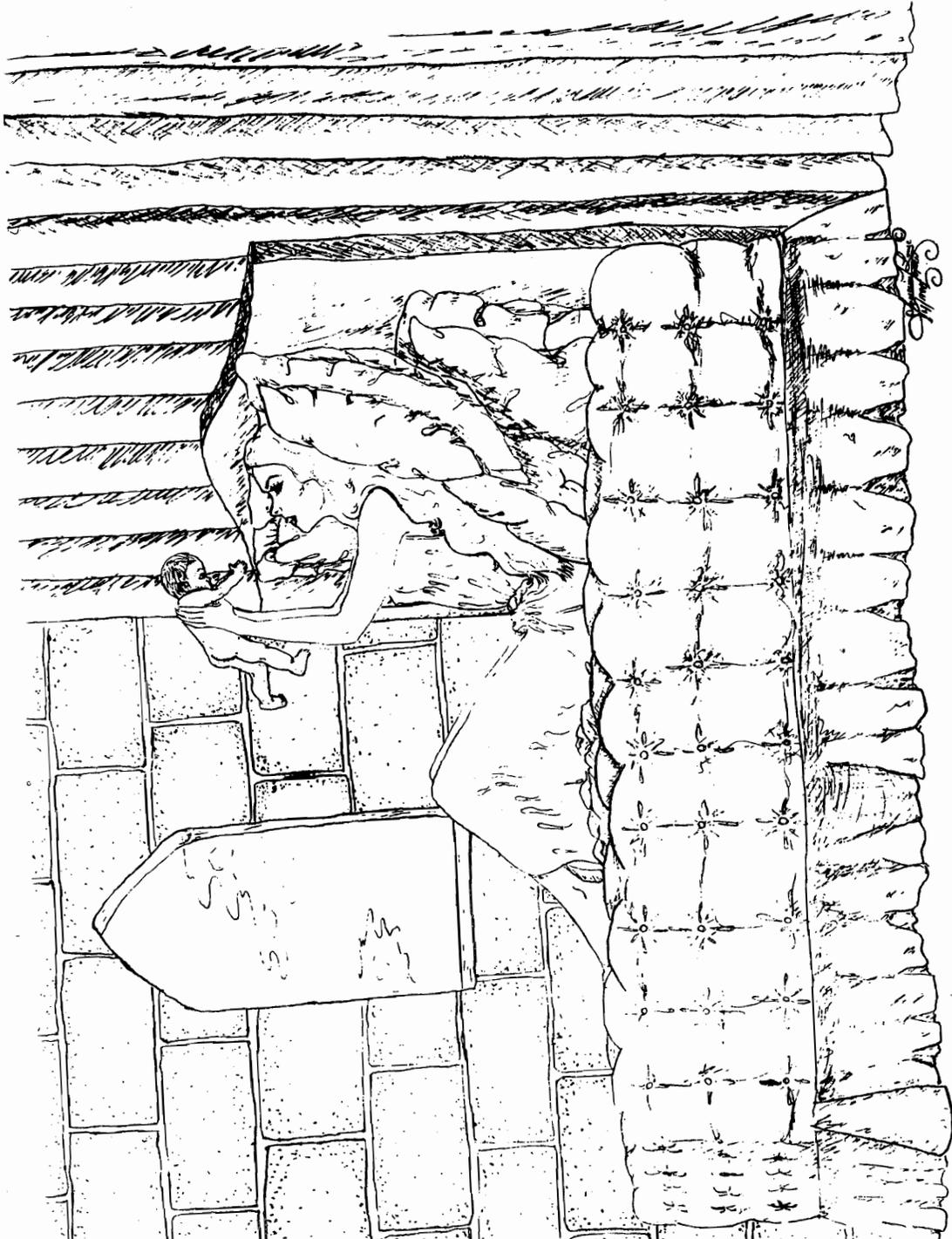
For further information please call 229-8636 and leave a message for me with Simon Greyarrow or on his answering machine.

The Autocrat,  
Lord Sigurd Stormrider



Let me fly at night  
with wings of silver  
Stretch out above the  
citys to my destination  
Of the world of dreams  
and fantasys that live forever  
Where imagination rules and  
nothing is possible or impossible  
There we will meet, you and I  
and live forever in eternity  
Till the dawn wakes me up  
in my bed to play in the  
Game of reality untill the  
next night of dreams  
There we will meet forever  
once again ---

Dreaming



**Once Again From Da Desk of Da Baronial Herald;**

I'm Gonna have a Heraldry work shoppe on Sunday May 14!

At somewhere around 6:30 pm.

The location will be;

1064 Helm apt. G

Clovis, CA 93612

How to get there;

Take Shaw to Willow and turn north (dats north) to Barstow.  
turn left (dats east) drive about 2 blocks and turn left on Helm  
(dats north) the Apartments are on the left side (dats west) just  
as the street turns right (dats east) park da car and go in the  
right hand gate. Walk to the back of the complex and its up  
stairs on the left (dats upa da stairs ona da left)

There will be a banner or a shield in the window.

If ya have any questions please call Lord Ivon at work at  
224-5917.

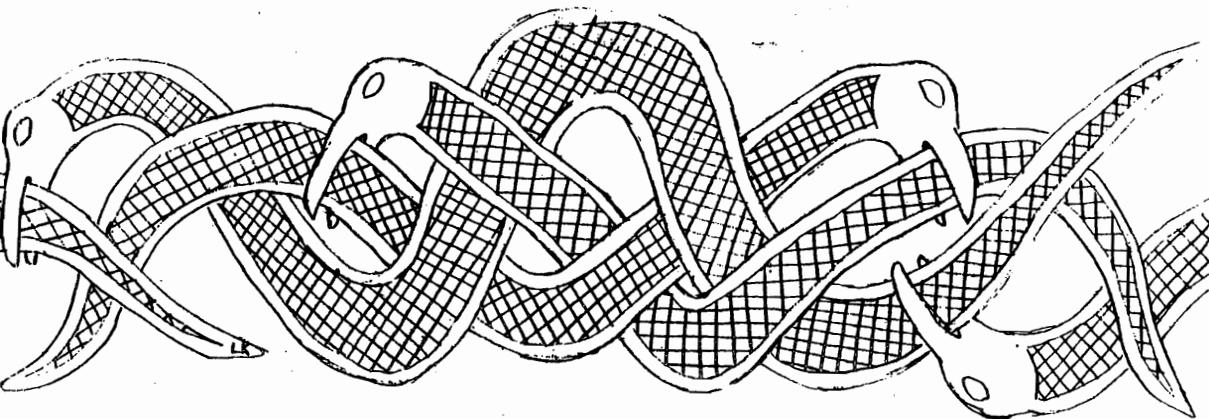
I hope to see all my canton heralds at the workshop.

See ya der,

*Sigurd Stormrider*

Lord Sigurd Stormrider

Baronial Herald of Nordwache



# Seneschal's soapbox

Attention! I need a Deputy Seneschal who would be willing to take over the position of Seneschal of Nordwache, on January 1, 1989. Please send me a letter listing your interest and qualifications for the position.

I'm happy to announce that Lady Jocelyn Chamberlain is our new Chatelaine for the Barony. Congratulations Lady Jocelyn.

Is everyone ready for the open house, at the Eye Institute, on May 15<sup>th</sup>? Please make an extra effort to participate in this Demo as we are getting paid Real Coin(\$200.00) this demo. We will be sharing the spotlight with the Tudor Rose. I have extra flyers for this event, so please contact me if you would like some.

I'm looking forward to attending the Protectorate on May 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>, hope to see you there.

I would also like to thank the lady Eirinn Conal of the Mystic Kells and Brydan Donnegan of Destiny Isle for autocrating the revel in honor of St. George, who slew the dragon. And for most graciously sharing their beautiful home. I had an enjoyable time and everyone I met seemed to be enjoying themselves.

In Service,  
Lady Kendra Grey

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Please give any calender dates or donations to ~~the~~ Schatten.

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