

the CAID newsletter

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THE CAID NEWSLETTER is edited by John & Bjo Trimble, 696 S. Bronson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005. (213) 386-1454. WE NEED A GOOD NAME FOR THIS NEWSLETTER!

EDITORIAL POLICY: The strictly personal opinions of the Trimbles will be reserved for their own "house" publication, *THE GREAT GREEN & GOLDEN GRYPHON GAZETTE*. But we reserve the right to editorially comment, to take stands, and otherwise work toward The Greater Good and betterment of the SCA within these pages.

We need material from everyone in the Principality, or this newsletter will not succeed beyond this issue. For one thing, *we must have feedback for encouragement* or we get depressed. Contributions could include:

1) Letters of comment; (2) Questions; (3) Bits of trivia to use as filler; (4) House announcements, as well as Barony, Canton, etc. announcements; (5) Humor; (6) Art & cartoons--small, please! (7) Book Reviews; (8) Requests for aid on your project; (9) Any classes being started: with times, addresses, prices; (10) Contests; (11) Mailing lists--including non-SCA folk who might be interested; (12) Your time--to help with the typing, collating, addressing & mailing out!

Let us be the judge of what is too frivolous to put in the newsletter, please! Send news about marriages, birthings, and other info of interest, too. We'll edit where we have to, so don't be hurt if your Golden Words get somewhat alloyed before they see print! Remember that while we want all the news we can get, paper and printing costs have tripled since the first of the year.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: The first two issues of this newsletter will be free to anyone who asks, and will be sent to every member of the Principality *for whom we have an address* (how about it, you folk who have NOT sent us address lists?). We'll know after this issue is printed how much each issue will cost (and have an idea of how frequent it will be), which will be announced in the second FREE issue. After that, you will have to subscribe to get more issues. (If the dues paid to the SCA worked out like other Societies, each Principality would get back a certain amount to help pay for newsletter costs--this does not seem to work out, however, so subscription is the only answer: we refuse to try to publish off helm-passing at events!)

TRADES: We hope to establish a trade with other Principality newsletters, as well as other related-interest groups: then we can pick up articles, etc, from other publications for reprinting--with reciprocal rights to them, of course--and proper credit given to all.

PLEASE==when sending in announcements, etc, get into the habit of giving the *mundane names* of everyone involved, as well as their SCA names, so some of us with tiny memories can know who some of these folk are. Also, remember to include addresses. Thank you!

DEADLINES & SUCH: Just send us info! We waited much too long, hopeful of getting word from some areas, to get this newsletter out, and some of the info is now out-of-date. A bad start; we don't want to be another "SCA Time" publication! By next issue, we will announce (and adhere to) a publication schedule!

To make a mid-November publication--and we'd like to--your material should be in our hands by October 30!

(Ed. note: We are pleased to announce that Mr. Etoain Shrdlu has been persuaded to take the post of porfreader for this publication. Mr. Shrdlu has worked with the Trimbles on various other publications, and is well-known for his careful attention to detail & spelling.)

A NAME IS NEEDED FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

Other SCA newsletters are titled THE PALE or SOUTHWIND or THE PIKESTAFF, and ours should have something to do with CAID=a castle or fortress. Put some ideas on a postcard and send them to the newsletter address above.

Looking through our 1889 dictionary, we found BERFREY (Berfray, Bewfray)=a movable wooden tower used in siege, put perhaps that's too close to BELFREY, as in bats?

Also liked ROOK=the castle-shaped chess piece, or we could go Medieval for ROKE, or back to the original Persian for ROKH. "Rook" also meant a herd of swine, in Old English, by the way.

How about CASTELLAIN=of, or pertaining to a castle, or THE CAID ROYALIST, which has a hefty ring to it?

Deadline for getting those thousands or maybe hundreds or possibly dozens or perhaps five suggestions to us is Sept. 11. Otherwise, you're stuck with what Bjo picks out! Think about that....

BOOKS

In response to the song(?) book by Wm. T & Company, the Guild of Insulters wrote one whilst in the fire chariot on the way back from 12th Night in the Mists. It is almost 100% anti-Mists/pro-South, and includes such masterpieces as ONWARD CHRISTIAN'S SOLDIERS; CHEER, CHEER FOR OLD BROTHER SEB: ONCE I HAD A HOCKEY GLOVE: THIS OLD KNIGHT: SILVER SPURS and others. In fact, one of the perpetrators in the book was Cadhla (yep, your own beady-eyed Herald). Copies available from Lady Janay d'Aquitaine. (See info below).

--Wilhelm von MeBer, OGT,
Lord Executioner of Calafia,
Ultra-High Muck-de-muck of
the Insulters Guild.

The book mentioned above is THE VERSE GETS WORSE, Vol. I, which is still available, for 25¢ if obtained in person at an event or plus 20¢ postage if mailed. Profits--if any--go into Calafia's art fund.

Volume II of THE VERSE GETS WORSE (& OTHER TRIVIA) is scheduled for publication for the 2nd Caid Coronet Tourney. Articles, songs, poems--preferably humorous--cartoons & short stories are hereby solicited. They should be submitted prior to August 30, 1974. Volume II money will go into the Principality funds.

Send material to: Lady Janay d'Aquitaine
(Jodi Woodard)
1128 W. Thorn
San Diego, CA 92103

NOTICE FOR ALL HENRY VIII FREAKOS!

The King's Fool, by Margaret Campbell Barnes is now back in print as a paperback. Signet Books, \$1.25.

This book is the story of Will Somers, jester to Henry VIII. A beautifully researched book, it is an intriguing look at the Tudor Court through the eyes of the one man who could enter the king's rooms without announcement.

Look for other books by Barnes in the Signet line:

MY LADY OF CLEVES (the story of Anne of Cleves)
WITHIN THE HOLLOW CROWN (Richard II)
BRIEF GAUDY HOUR (Anne Boleyn)
ISABEL THE FAIR (Isabel, wife to Edward II)
THE PASSIONATE BROOD (Richard Coeur de Lion)

--Lady Tyra Stuart of Moray.

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FROM THE SENESCHALE:

"We have been doing so much so fast for so many with so little that now we are expected to do everything all the time for everyone with nothing."

Someone else's quote, but very apt. If anyone has ever tried to chat casually with a Seneschal at a major event, and wondered why he or she seemed to be too preoccupied to talk, think about whether there was anything you might have done to make things a little easier. It has ever been so that the majority of the effort of making anything work has been left to a few people to do it; but this does not mean that the few like the situation, or that they can continue on this basis forever.

If you would like for your major officers to have more time to chat informally at events, you might consider volunteering your time and talents a little before the events. That way, everyone can have a better time, and relax and enjoy themselves. Don't let lack of experience deter you. Everyone started someplace, and was once brand-new. We who work will be delighted to help those of you who would like to. You might even find it fun!

--Lady Bevin Fraser of Sterling,
Seneschale, Principality of Caid.

Tourney!

The second Coronet Tourney of the Principality of Caid will be held on September 14, 1974 at Alhambra Park in the city of Alhambra.

Opening Court will be held at 10:30 A.M. with the lists to follow. During the lists, a cooking contest will be held. The contest will be judged on dishes which have as their main ingredient: oranges. Thus, marmalades, orange gelatins, candied orange peel, etc, would be good entries.

There will also be some dancing and divers games throughout the day. All are encouraged to bring musical instruments suitable to the period.

That same evening, a Banquet will honour the new Crown Prince and Princess. A fee of \$4.00 will be charged to help cover the cost of the Banquet expenses. All reservations to the Banquet should be made before Sept. 1, 1974. A very limited amount of overage will be planned, but please try and make reservations EARLY!

Make checks payable to: Carlean Karnatz, 3046 Burton, Rosemead, CA 91770. Send your check, and a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope), plus your SCA name and mundane name and any honours to Arabella Lyon de Rohese (Carlean Karnatz).

Directions to Tourney site & church Banqueting Hall: from Los Angeles, go EAST on the San Bernardino Fwy (1-10) to Atlantic Blvd. Go NORTH about two miles to Alhambra Rd. Go WEST for 9 blocks to the park, on the SOUTHWEST side of Alhambra Rd. Tourney site will be visible from the street.

To reach Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for the Banquet, go EAST on Alhambra Rd. for 13 blocks to Garfield Ave (you will have crossed Atlantic Blvd). Go SOUTH on Garfield for 1 block to Grand Ave; the entrance to the Hall is on Grand.

The Banquet will be served at 7 o'clock sharp, so please plan to be on time. There will be changing rooms at the church for those who want them.

--Lady Baroness Ximena Aubel de Cambria
Autocrat, Second Coronet Tourney.

MI'LORDS & LADIES

A nice title, right? Well, isn't it about time we all started acting as such? I consider it neither chivalrous nor lady-like to spread rumors or make remarks about people behind their backs.

If, for instance, you didn't like the way a particular event was carried off, it would be far better to tactfully tell the person in charge of that event rather than complain to everyone else how bad you thought it was. Following the latter course causes bad feelings on everyone's part which are most times directed back at the complainer. It's been said many time before, but it is always worth repeating: if you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all. Besides, if you think you can do a better job, do it yourself.

I was always under the impression that people joined the SCA for fun. I know I did. I don't call it fun having people come up to me either as Sir Christian or Prince Christian and giving me their complete rundown on why so-and-so should not be appointed to a certain office and they should. I personally believe that if a person has worked hard and has done a lot of good in his or her field, then eventually that person will obtain a reward.

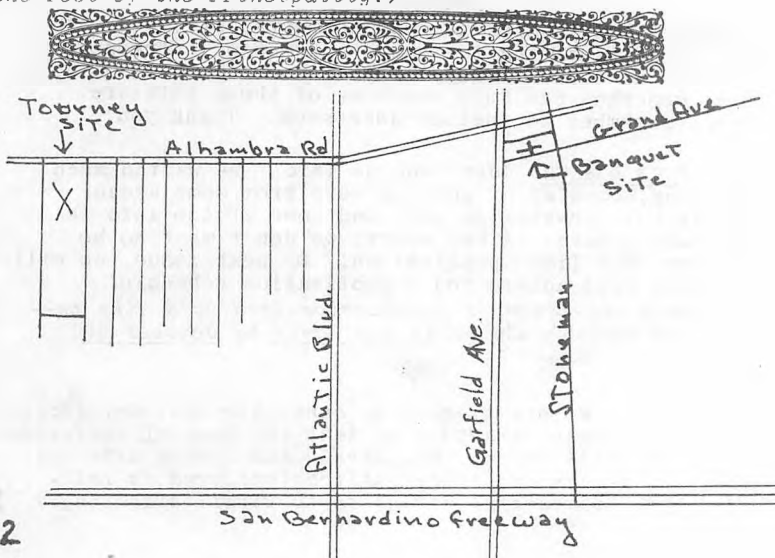
Now, about politicking: I do not like to politick. If you feel you must, please do not try and bring me in to it. If you have a legitimate complaint, I will gladly hear you out, and try to be of some help in solving your problem.

Once more I want to touch on the subject of starting events on time. During my reign you have the unfortunate pleasure of not only a Prince who is tired of "Society Time" but you also have a Princess who was brought up to believe that it is better to show up 15 minutes early than to show up 15 minutes late. Now I can understand a person being late if he or she has to work until a certain time, but that person cannot expect the Society to come to a stand-still because he or she isn't there. If an event is scheduled for 9 a.m., and you know it's a 2½ hour drive to get there, you should leave home by 7:30 a.m. at the latest. If you show up too late to sign up for the lists, and your only excuse is that you have such a long way to drive, don't expect any sympathy. Showing up late for the sole purpose of showing up late is inexcusable.

And so, to keep up with our policy of being on time, I must close now so that this message will not be late to press!

--Sir Christian of Orange, Prince of Caid.

(ed. note: this was one of the few items in on time! The delay in getting this to press was wrangling news from the rest of the Principality!)



FROM THE HERALD'S CORNER

Yes, Virginia, there is a Lord Crescent Herald. He is alive and well and living in Lawndale, of all places. Lord Conrad is now actively recruiting heralds for all four baronies in Caid. Folk interested in any aspect of heraldic endeavor should send their names and addresses to: LORD CONRAD VON REGENSBURG

Lord Crescent Herald of Caid
c/o Carl Cipra
4633 W. Compton #140
Lawndale, CA 90260
(213) 675-6172

He also wishes folk to know that, since he is now in the regular employ of the Civil Service, he has week-ends and evenings off so we will be seeing much more of him than of late.

All armigers whose arms have passed the College of Heraldry completely are urged to see that notification is made to the proper Baronial Pursuivant, so that their arms may be entered in the Caid Ordinary (register of arms) which is being compiled. All heralds are reminded that one of the main purposes of tournaments, heraldically speaking, is to get together with other heralds and compare notes. It is also a good time for heralds to track down armigers who have hitherto escaped their grasp, and to secure an accounting of their arms for the Ordinary.

(ed. note: Anyone who needs aid in designing a nice coat of arms should contact their local herald--if they are at all attentive to their business, they know an artist or two who can "visualize" your idea for you. It might also be noted that there is a sufficient amount of unicorns & griffins already in use--try for originality!)



MY LORDS & LADIES OF CAID,

It has long been known that the College of Scribes of the Kingdom of the West has been, not only excellent in its productions, but grossly overworked.

WE NEED A COLLEGE OF SCRIBES IN CAID!

WE NEED A COLLEGE OF SCRIBES FOR THREE REASONS:

1) When Caid becomes a Kingdom, we will have to have our own College, as we will no longer have the services of the West Kingdom scribes.

2) It would be very decent of us to relieve West Kingdom scribes of some of their load by rendering our own scrolls. This would have the added advantage of speeding up delivery of scrolls to those of our people who have received various awards but who are still waiting for documents.

3) It is entirely possible that the West Kingdom College of Scribes may decide that "you're a Principality now, so in theory you should have enough people active in the right areas to be able to do your own scribe work. It's all yours now!" I've had indications that this may happen in the not too far distant future.

I've read in several issues of the PAGE that there have been calligraphy classes in Calafia. What happened to them? Ioanes Leckie (Jon Lackey) has held classes in Los Angeles on calligraphy, but very few SCA members have gone to them. Why is that? Lots of people have said to me "I'd like to learn calligraphy." Why haven't you? If you have, why haven't you told me about it?

I'd like to have all of you calligraphers out there get in touch with your local Master or Mistress of the Sciences, or with me directly, for the purpose of setting up classes; and get in touch with your local Herald or Lord Conrad von Regensburg, Crescent Herald of the Principality, for the proper text of various awards (I would prefer that you went through the proper chain of command).

I'd like all of you illuminators out there to get in touch with your local Master or Mistress of the Arts or with Lady Meg Shelford, Principality Mistress of the Arts, for the same reasons as above.

If people are dissatisfied with the long time it takes to get a scroll, we have no one to blame but ourselves--the Kingdom scribes are doing the best they can. Let's get the ball rolling, people!

--Friedrich Eric Helmut von Rheinhausen,
Master of the Sciences, Caid

(Ed. note: Lady Bjo just completed an intensive 10 week Calligraphy & Illumination class with Dr. Donald Jackson--calligrapher to Queen Elizabeth II and the House of Lords--and she plans to combine information with Ioanes Leckie for some classes soon. More info in next newsletter on this: interested parties should send us a postcard, at least, to show interest! If distance is a factor, classes could be arranged so travelling folk could attend now and then, too--if we knew ahead of time, so it could be planned: WRITE!)



In case you haven't noticed, there is a considerable dearth of available live musicians in Caid. In order to organize a musical group performing primarily dance music, Baroness Ximena Aubel de Cambria and Lady Celeste Lamury de Provence desire that any and all recorder, krummhorn (etc) players, violinists, classical guitarists and other musicians who can read music and would like to play ensemble, please contact either of these ladies.

--Lady Celeste Laumry de Province,
1136 Harvard St, Santa Monica 90403
(213) 828-1360

Minstrels, Troubadours, Poets...rumour hath it that a contest for the title of Principality Bard is in the planning--perhaps for 12th Night Revels? Be prepared!



A CORONET CONTEST

The contest to design a coronet for the Caid Prince & Princess has been extended to Oct. 5--by which time all designs should be in the hands of Lady Bevin. Good materials could be used if enough \$\$ was rasied to pay for them, as we have at least 2 silversmiths & a lapidary in Angels (and others elsewhere?). So get to work: design! DESIGN! The Contest is for ideas, not "pretty drawing".

APPOINTMENTS:

Lady Joan of Crawfordsmuir (Joyce Muskat) was awarded the title of PRINCIPALITY IMAGE-MAKER, at an SCA event at Westercon, 1974.

Lady Bjo of Griffin (Bjo Trimble) was warranted to be BARONY CHIEF CHIRURGEON (Medic: First Aid) at the Aug. Baronial Council Meeting, 1974.



DOLL CONTEST

A dressed doll contest, to be judged on 12th Night, will be held throughout the entire SCA. Pass the word to your group, please!

1. Commercial dolls may be used, or hand-made dolls of any kind.
2. Maximum height for any doll: 20". Minimum: we have to be able to see it!
3. Costumes need not be removable from doll: glue, staples, etc. may be used.

- CATEGORIES:**
1. Authentic historical costume, male and/or female.
 2. A couple, dressed in court or field attire--historical or own design.
 3. A doll dressed in a copy of one of your own outfits (enclose color photo of yourself in costume).
 4. Horse trappings.

DEADLINE: Send or bring dolls on or before Southern Twelfth Night Revels, 1975 to: Lady Ximena Aubel de Cambria (Caroline Nichols), 6767 Rockhold Ave, San Gabriel, CA 91775.

SOME HANDY HINTS:

Male & female china-head doll kits are available from several sources: interested parties contact us for info. Rag doll patterns are in any pattern book--or design your own! Paper-maché & other materials acceptable.

Horses can be obtained from any large toy store, or try contacting a White Horse distillery or distributor for a display horse. Build a wire armature & make your own.

Miniature antique lace available from Bjo: write for prices, giving details on how much you need, how wide, what it's for, etc. Also assistance on finding small-pattern brocades, velvet scraps, and other goodies. June, 1973 issue of CREATIVE CRAFTS #32 (Model Craftsman Publ. Co, 31 Arch St, Ramsey, N.J. 07446) is devoted to miniatures. Was 60¢ a copy--if you can find a copy, we know others who would buy it from you! ALSO Bjo has info on local shops which sell miniatures.



MILORDS & M'LADIES!

For a short time now, various FEW (and I mean few) members of the Principality of Caid have been practicing archery and speaking about how nice it would be to have more archery competition at tourneys (not to mention the constant and heart-rending laments of Sir Jon Fitz-Rolf, known as The Lean, Master of Sciences of the Kingdom of the West). We felt that this would be a nice thing to have for those people who do not fight, and would like to do more than stand around and watch those who do.

While at Purgatorio, I had a chance to speak with Lady Aurelia De La Lecorne, the Royal Archer. With her permission and urging, and the permission and wishes of Sir Christian, Prince of Caid, I have taken it upon myself to attempt to organize contests and other such events at tourneys.

For those interested, I shall, at some time in the hopefully near future, acquire targets to be transported to tourney sites. I shall make an announcement in the future as to when this will be possible. Rules for the contests will be announced prior to the contest.

One thing I feel should be mentioned now so as to avoid problems, that is: NO COMPOUND BOWS OR BOWS WITH SIGHTS WILL BE ALLOWED. PERIOD. NO EXCEPTIONS. Further information will be given when it is available.

--Rafael D'Montaigne Christiansson.

TO ALL PRINCES, CONSTABLES & SENESCHALS...

On May 4, IX, King Andrew did appoint me to the post of Constable of the Kingdom of the West. As such I intend to make a few basic changes and to clarify as much as possible. To these ends I am taking the following steps:

1) All Deputy Constables will be issued a warrant confirming them in their posts. If anyone has been told he is a deputy but has not received a new warrant he should see me immediately. Anyone who hasn't got a new warrant is not a Deputy Constable.

2) A job description follows. Please note the "Qualifications". The basic purpose of these requirements is to get competent, self-confident men who are skilled at working with people. The age limit is for legal reasons.

DEPUTY CONSTABLE: Duties--enforce the King's Law. Maintain the security of all SCA events. Greet newcomers to events, telling them of the SCA and directing them to the Golden Key for further info and costumes.

Qualifications: Loyal to the King. At least 18 years of age (only in exceptional cases will anyone under 21 be accepted). Preferably a fighter. Able to work amicably with strangers. Willing to spend an indeterminate amount of time officiating rather than participating. Prefer a man who holds no other office. In Caid or An Tir, he must be acceptable to the Principality Constable.

Pay: The satisfaction of serving the King.

To apply: See Sir Robert of Westmarch at a tourney or revel, or write to: 2318 Ward St. #2, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Any comments or suggestions are appreciated. I can be contacted at all major Kingdom events. Any wider circulation of this information would also be appreciated.

--Sir Robert of Westmarch, KSCA, OFPB, OPBD
Constable of the Kingdom of the West.

(ed. note: Considering that the Deputy Constable has to be willing to stay out of battles to discharge his duties, why specify a fighter? Would not a non-com be even more useful? This open prejudice against the males who do not go out onto the battlefield works against the Society, which loses many hard workers in areas where fighting is NOT a necessity. Think on't!)



SAFETY NOTICE:

Is your pavillion flame-retardant? Some synthetics never take flame-proofing, and when burning will form molten balls that stick (and burn) like napalm! It might be a good idea for everyone to get together in your local group, get a sprayer and Fire Marshall-approved flame-retardant to treat all the local tents and pavillions--it will cost less than doing it on an individual basis, too. Remember: events held on city or county property can be investigated by Fire Marshalls, who have the right to order removal of all "fire hazards". Think on't: a simple precaution now could not only prevent hassles with officials, but perhaps an irreversible accident to loved ones.

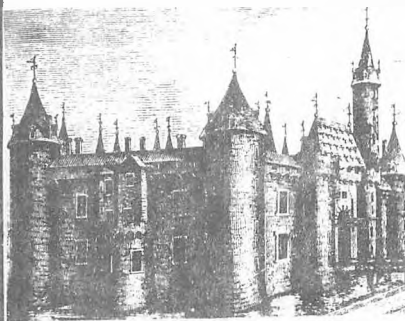


ONE CASTLE

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and another
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Reply Box K-106 NA
Los Angeles Times



Genuine ad run in the LA Times last year.

WHY FORM HOUSEHOLDS?

There have been a number of questions and misconceptions of late about what does or does not constitute a household, what households are and are not supposed to do, and who may or may not form one. Perhaps some clarification is in order.

Strictly speaking, households have no official status in the West. That is, the Crown does not formally recognize households except as social units and does not charter them. Hence, households are not obliged to follow any organizational regulations set down by the Crown beyond those dictated by common sense and the duty of any loyal subject to his Sovereign Liege.

What this means is that households may vary greatly. Some will consist only of a Lord and his Lady; some will be five or six people--perhaps related by some Society relationship, but perhaps not--who simply like to attend events together; some will be formed of a Knight, his Lady, their offspring, if any, several squires, and perhaps a few men-at-arms and ladies-in-waiting; still others will be the so-called Great Households like House Bellatrix or Bufo Manor or House Irini, perhaps containing several "family units" which in turn may comprise part of a more or less organized alliance of households: Chaos, Toad Hall, the Merini Alliance. Whatever the size, the purpose is generally the same; to share the joys and the work of attending a Society function, to trade special skills, whether it be cooking, sewing, fighting or whatever, and to do it in congenial company, each member contributing as he or she is able.

It is customary in the West (and especially in the Mists), though not mandatory, that only armigers (people who hold at least an Award of Arms from the Crown) form their own households. This is probably a good idea, since it tends to ensure that at least one person in the household has been in the Society long enough to have become acquainted with the ground rules of the Current Middle Ages, and to have made sufficient constructive contribution to come to the favorable attention of the Crown. However, since all members of a household assume the dignity of the highest-ranking member, it is probably sufficient that only a member--not necessarily the head--of a household be armigerous. (On the other hand, if you're already in a household and have no armigers yet, or if you're thinking of forming one but are alarmed by what you've read above, don't give up your plans. An award of arms does not make the recipient noble; it simply acknowledges the existence of qualities which were already present. Noble actions will speak far more eloquently than a wallful of scrolls, however artistically calligraphed and illuminated. Remember, everyone is considered to be a Lord or a Lady unless he or she shows otherwise by churlish behavior!)

But I digress. The qualities of nobility are for another time, requiring far more space. Households, in a word, are useful, beautiful, rewarding--and fun. And if the latter is missing, you might as well forget all the others. Prosperity and health to the Households of Caid!

--Lady Bevin Fraser of Sterling, OLM, CSS
Seneschale of Caid

A few ground-rules about Households:

You don't ask to join a household--the household will indicate its interest in a new member. If you are interested in a particular household, it would do no harm to be helpful & show interest.

If you are dissatisfied with your household, remove yourself from it or try to remedy the problem. You do NOT discuss household problems to outsiders!

Sometimes (but rarely) a person may belong to two (or more) households at once. This occurs ONLY with the permission of the head of your original household. It usually involves "membership" in a perhaps distant household that is more honorary than real, or belonging to a company of fighters (or other types) and also to a household.

BE IT NOTED:

Griffin Freehold is the name of the Trimble household in the SCA. Mathom House is a real business title under which a "cottage industry" of publications is maintained in the mundane world. Do not confuse the two, please!

The Merini Alliance is a combination of House Merriment and House Irini: at no time has it included Griffin Freehold, and the so-called "Merini-Grif" Alliance does not exist as a household name. All three households are friendly, however, and cooperative on SCA projects.

Whatever's Faire

Pacifica Radio's KPFK MERRIE CHRISTMAS FAIRE & COUNTRY CRAFTS MARKET will be Dec. 18 through 23, 1974, in the Hollywood Palladium--NO MORE TENTS! This year the Faire will be handled by station personnel & KPFK volunteers, instead of an outsider: John & Bjo Trimble are in charge of decorations, craftspeople & "ambiance" and would like suggestions on all three! We especially need games ideas--and people to run them for a %--and low-cost "fairings" that can be quickly made (and also be an ad for KPFK, if they can say a word or two on them about the Faire, as some stamped leather key-chains did, a coupla years ago). But it's not imperative they say anything; just be fun and cheap.

The SCA and other groups will be given better treatment this year, so you can have lots of fun at the Faire while helping KPFK build its dwindling treasury! Though we aren't going to be a strictly Medieval and Renaissance theme this year, it would still be a good place to advertise SCA activities with small handouts. Anyone who can sew would be able to get \$ or trade for crafts by helping craftspeople with costuming: contact us if interested. We also have a contest going for a good, long-range symbol for the Faire that shows all the fun, sharing, and giving involved: even a rough sketch that can be redrawn by one of our artists is acceptable--or a verbal description. DEADLINE: August 30. Another contest is for best decoration of our already-made banners, to help dress up the Palladium stage: contact us for picking up a banner or two.

The theme will be a rather loose "Christmas Through the Ages" with more emphasis on creative, colorful, Christmas-y costuming than the authenticity of any era. (Some of the craftsmen rented Renaissance costumes at \$75 and \$150 each, last year!). We'd like to see more rustic country marketplace type outfits (not country Western, but Old World). If you have any designs...

Volunteers or people with ideas can contact us at (213) 386-1454 or call KPFK (213) 877-2711. SOON!

There has been the mistaken idea going around that KPFK has offered the SCA a free booth--sorry, but they are going for \$100 up, and unless several SCA groups (possibly with the Mythopoeic Society) could keep such a booth supplied with stock for 5 days and nights, it would be a waste on all sides. What KPFK wants is aid in games ideas, people to help run their booths, and other volunteer help, if you will give it. Please?

Isles News



Angels News

BARONY OF THE ISLES:

This month, the Barony of the Isles is planning to hold another Baronial dinner, much like the last, which the people who attended will recall. It will be held at the home of the Seneschal, Martin the Temperate, 1825 Garden St, Santa Barbara. The date of the dinner is not yet fixed, so further details may be obtained from the Seneschal (805) 962-2239 or the Baroness (805) 687-9469.

Directions: From Hwy. 101, take Mission St. off-ramp, proceed toward mountains to Garden St (approx. 8 blocks), turn right. It is 2nd house on the right in the 2nd block.

Fighting practice will be resumed, after a considerable lapse. Times not yet worked out; contact the Seneschal for more details on this.

In November, the Coronetting for the Principality of Caid will be held in the Isles, and in addition to the ceremony, will include a banquet at approx. \$4.00 per person. Also, there will be a fighting practice cum mini-tourney on Sunday. So, fighters, bring your armour. Overnight accommodations are to be had with the Baroness, the Seneschal, and others. Inquire at the above farspeaker numbers for details.

(ed. note: Do NOT arrive on someone's doorstep, unannounced and expect hospitality; call & make your overnight arrangements--it's a simple courtesy!)



Calafia News

On July 21, the Barony held its first anniversary of the Hunt for the Chalice of St. Gunther. The sacred chalice was found by Patrick of Innesfree. He fought gallantly in the lists, but in the last round was defeated by Lord Armand de Sebastian de la Foret de Savigny. Armand was proclaimed the winner of the sacred chalice, and his lady, Diana, very graciously awarded a beautiful broach for his superb fighting. A box lunch sale was held, only this was different because the gentlemen of the Barony were the makers of said lunches. Even though the weather was hot & muggy, a good time was had by all.

The War we were planning with the Barony of Tyr Ysgirth is still in the works. We haven't heard if they are coming or not, but we would ask all Calafians to save this date in case they do show up and want to fight! (Communications between kingdoms is always so slow).

Calafia is holding an Illumination & Calligraphy Contest during the summer months. It is hoped that this will encourage all Calafians to indulge in something other than their own accomplished interests. Get out of that rut & resurrect that pen & ink and get to work! A nice Prize is in store for the winner!

--Lady Persephone of Woodland
Seneschale, Barony of Calafia

CALAFIA BARONIAL MEETINGS:

Baronial meetings during August will be on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, at the home of Baron Salanque, 5652 Montezuma Rd, San Diego, CA (714) 583-5746. They commence at 7:30 & conclude at 8:30. Interested members please attend. Starting in September, Baronial Council meetings will return to their Wednesday night dates, same time, same place. Phone for more details.

CALAFIA CALENDAR:

September 4--Baronial Meeting
7--War w/Barony of Tyr Ysgirth
18--Baronial Council
22--Fighting Practice

CALENDAR--BARONY OF THE ANGELS

Principality of Caid--Kingdom of the West

SEPTEMBER

7-8.....(Third Penssic War, East & Middle Kingdoms--PA)
14.....2nd CORONET TOURNEY--10 AM to midnight, Alhambra
Park, Barony of Angels.
21.....FALL CROWN TOURNEY--Coyote Creek Park, San Jose.
27.....Costume Guild, Angels, 8 PM--Sue Høglind's
28.....Baronial Council Meeting--8 pm, location TBA

OCTOBER

5-6.....Barony of Angels Anniversary Tourney--TBA
12-14...(Columbus Day Weekend) *Skulking, anyone?*
18.....Costume Guild--8 PM, Trimble's house
19.....Baronial Council Meeting, 8 pm--TBA
26-28...Barony of Dreiburgen Anniversary Tourney--TBA

NOVEMBER

2-3.....open weekend
8.....Costume Guild, 8 PM, call Lady Tyra for place.
9.....Baronial Council Meeting, 8 PM--TBA
16-17...Barony of Calafia Anniversary Tourney--TBA
23.....2nd Coroneting Festival--Coronation of 2nd
Prince & Princess of Caid--hosted by Isles.
28-1....(Thanksgiving weekend) *Proposed camping trip:*
interested parties contact Kurtz or Trimble's.

DECEMBER

7-8.....Holiday Faire--Merini Alliance (bring money!)
13.....Costume Guild, 8 PM, call Lady Tyra.
14.....Council Meeting & Christmas Revel--3 PM, HOUSE
OPAL CROSS.
18-23...KPFK Merrie Christmas Faire
21-22...Open weekend, Angels
28-29...open weekend, Angels.

TBA=To Be Announced. Otherwise, phone someone on the hotline, and ask for times, addresses, etc, that are not on the Calendar above. We do our best.....!

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Dreiburgen
Robamar
Easterngate
&c...**

**NEXT TIME,
MAYBE?**

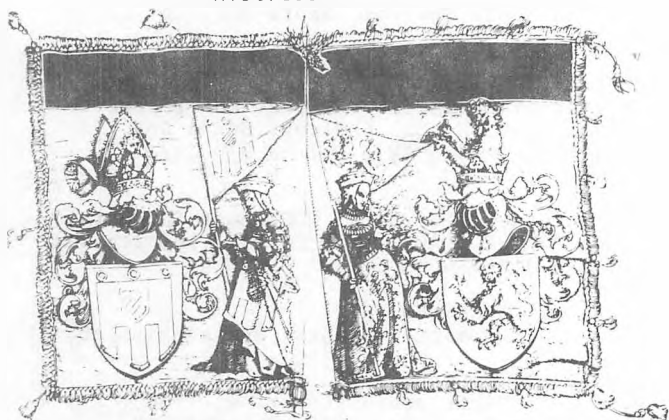
(this is Penta *2!)

If you'd like to see less Angels News and more news from your area, you know what to do about it! I can bug local (Angels) people easiest, which is why we have so much from them! So....

NOTICE FROM THE COSTUME GUILD:

We are hoping to get a notebook together showing photographs of the costumes of the Barony of the Angels with record cards attached. This notebook would be for educational fashion shows, and for showing off to others what marvellous costumers we all are and to show newcomers what can be done in costuming. I would greatly appreciate it if pictures could be in full color and full-length. (Perhaps our new *Principality Image-Maker*, *Lady Joan of Crawfordsmuir*, would provide you with a good portrait for a nominal sum). The info cards should be standard 3x5", TYPED, and have the following information: (1) Your name--both mundane & Society; (2) Name or type of costume; (3) Date or period of costume; (4) Origination and/or country of costume. Avoid any obvious descriptions (i.e. "This is a green dress with pink sleeves...") but if the outfit has anything unusual about it--90 million beads to the square inch, or rare trim, etc--please note that on the card. If you wish, some indication of the cost, time taken to make the costume and any anecdotes or historical notes would be interesting. Any or all of the above should be fitted onto ONE SIDE of the card. Don't procrastinate--help fill the notebook! Thank you.

--Lady Tyra Stuart of Moray,
Mistress of the Costume Guild.



WANTED: ASSISTANTS FOR THE GOLDEN KEY!

In the Northern Kingdom, the Golden Key has 6 ladies in charge of it, and a sewing society to provide costumes for it. Yet, I have noted on my trips North that their Golden Key has about 1/3 of the costumes that the Barony of the Angels has, and that they are neither pressed, kept hung on racks or even nearly so nice as ours. I have noted one other thing--the Barony of the Angels has exactly 1/6 the woman-power of the Kingdom's Golden Key! This 1/6th is beginning to feel very frayed about the edges, trying to do all the work by herself, and is clinging to her costume records with feeble, battered fingers!

HELP! I am in dire need of assistants--any sex--any and all willing help will be gladly seized upon! I would prefer someone who can sew, someone who will iron costumes, someone who can read and record items, and someone who has a car to transport costumes to events I cannot attend. They need not all be only one person--would enjoy having a good working group! Your frazzled Golden Key Mistress,

--Lady Tyra Stuart of Moray, OLM.



THE OTHER SIDE OF GOLDEN KEY:

Greeting newcomers, explaining our ground rules & telling them about the costume-rental is a very important part of the Golden Key function. For this we have Lady Arabella Lyon de Rohese (Carlean Karnatz), who could also use some help from out-going people who are interested in recruiting interested bystanders instead of letting them wander off because everyone was too snobbish to speak to them! That's no way to build a strong group--new blood (not necessarily on the field) is always of interest to a Society that wants to keep growing. Do your share: at least direct questioners to Lady Arabella or Lady Tyra when someone looks at you.

MEDIC ALERT!

In view of the hazards on and off the field when whole hordes of SCA folk go a-Maying, it was deemed a wise idea to foster a FIRST AID CLASS in the Barony of the Angels. *Go thou and do likewise!* Call your local Red Cross and ask for info--they can't charge for classes, though First Aid books (\$1.95+) are usually mandatory. They'll try to set up the required 20 hours of study to suit your group's schedule, too.

We have all been remarkably lucky so far: how long do you think the law of averages will work in our favor?

People who wander around barefoot, play with knives or insist on bonking each other with even slightly lethal weapons should consider getting a tetnus booster every 5 years. Tetnus shots can be added to those given your child with no ill effects, usually. *FAIR WARNING: knives left out "on display" for small fry to handle will be confiscated!*

Do NOT expect your SCA Medic to carry everything you may need out in the field or woods--it is up to each person to carry his own personal bug spray, cough syrup, poison oak remedy, antihistamine, salt tablets and aspirin! Emergency medication (within reason) will be available, but NOT doled out like candy--that adds up pretty fast and depletes SCA budgets quickly!

If you are on any kind of MEDIC ALERT and have NOT brought your medication with you to the event, the Chirurgeon in charge can (and will) ask the autocrat in charge to send you home to get it! Some particularly un-cute attention-getting devices have been pulled in the past (on others), but that type of person will find I'm rather hard-nosed and unsympathetic--they'll get First Aid, but they may remember it a long time! Take heed--if you NEED medication, don't be stupid & leave it at home to prove how brave you are! That kind of "chest-beating" is pointless, dangerous, & takes up my time when a real emergency might occur.

--Bjo of Griffin, Lady of St. Fantony,
Chief Chirurgeon, Barony of the Angels.

SPECIAL WARNING: He who toucheth the First Aid box without permission may shorten his life-span thereby!



HOW A "BRANSLE" BECAME A "BRAWL"

In the 11-13th Centuries, s before a voiced consonant (which includes l) stopped being pronounced in Old French. So you're left with *branle* from *bransle*.

The final e was pronounced -uh(a) until a couple of centuries ago, and still is in formal poetry, so you have *branl(a)*.

an became a nasal vowel ã, so you get *brãl(ã)*.

Normally now, that final a is silent, so you get *bral*, which is fine except English doesn't have nasal vowels--we tend to hear them as vowel + n or just plain vowel.

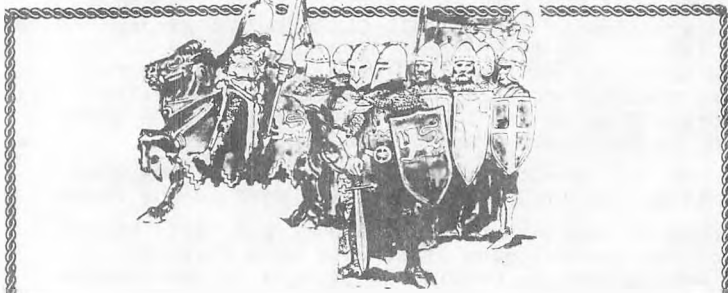
If you figure just plain vowel, you're left with *bral*, which sounds like "brawl". OK? Clear as mud, no doubt!

Random House Dictionary gives *branle* as a better spelling. If their etymology is correct, disregard the first sentence above! (S's often got stuck in words they didn't belong in when people stopped pronouncing them). Random thinks it's *branal* in English, which is a less modern-French pronunciation: take your pick. al is really just a 'syllabic' l = *branl*.

--Martha Kreig, Co-editor,
MYTHPRINT,
Mythopoeic Society Publication.

(Ed. note: our 1889 Dictionary of the English Language avoids the issue by simply stating that a *bransel*, *bransle* or *branle*--also known, but rarely, as a *brangill*--was a "kind of dance". To prove the point as obscurely as possible, the book quotes Spenser and Scott! It was a *brawl*ie effort, Martha, and thank you!)

more angels.....



Sir Hugh the Undecided (Hugh Saunders) holds forth every Sunday at his home (4753 Collis St, LA 90032, 213:256-9065) with armor-making starting at 9 a.m. 'til noon. There is a lunch break at a local take-out to stoke up for fighting practice in the afternoon. Bystanders welcome (*ed. note: a six-pack of something cold would likely be very welcome, too!*).

Subject to Sir Hugh's working hours, there is often a Wednesday evening practice, around 6:30 p.m. You are on your own for dinner, of course. Phone to make sure something is planned.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLIED HOUSES OF GRACEWORTH & SHADOWS:

BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER*

1st Mondays: NEEDLECRAFT GUILD--House of Graceworth,
@ 8 P.M. 330-A S. Newhope,
Santa Ana, CA
(714) 531-1359

2nd & 4th Mondays: DANCING--House of Shadows,
@ 8 P.M. 1301 N. Riedel
Fullerton, CA

3rd Mondays--BUSINESS MEETING--House of Graceworth:
Chess, book-browsing...

*Further info & changes of schedule should be checked by phone with Faye of ye Farther Glenne, Mistress of House Graceworth. Schedule subject to change, depending on Fall classes of Lady Karinoff von Schatten, Mistress of House of Shadows. Visitors are welcome to any of the meetings.



PLAYLET: STORY CONTEST

1. Maximum length: ½ hour long.
2. No in-group jokes; must be generally understood by non-local audiences.
3. Full costumes for all participants.
4. No speaking parts: mime show with narrator.
5. Playlet must contain the following:
 - a) a fight scene.
 - b) a dance or dancing.
 - c) show all styles of life from peasant to high court.
6. Open to all members of BARONY OF THE ANGELS.
7. DEADLINE: October 5, 1974

Send script to: Lady Ximena Aubel de Cambria,
Mistress of Arts
6767 Rockhold, San Gabriel, CA 91775.

INFORMATION HOTLINES--BARONY OF THE ANGELS

BARON & BARONESS:

Lord Piers Howells de Cambria, OLM & Lady Ximena Aubel de Cambria (Walter & Caroline Nichols),
HOUSE IRINI, 6767 Rockhold Ave, San Gabriel, CA
91775--(213) 286-6096.

SENESCHALE:

Lady Catriona McChlurain, CSS (Elizabeth Moberly),
HOUSE OPAL CROSS, 324 Opal Canyon Rd, Duarte, CA
91010--(213) 358-2429.

Deputy Seneschale: Lady Anemarie Vårre of Helsingør (Sue Høglind), 2380 Harbor Blvd, #202, Costa Mesa, CA 92626--(714) 545-7297.

SERAPH PURSUIVANT HERALD:

Cadhla Moragh nicChlurain (Jeri Bethel), 551 N. Laura, La Habra, CA 90631--(213) 691-1491 or 386-1454

MISTRESS OF ARTS:

Baroness Ximena (see above)

Deputy Mistress of Arts: Lady Tyra Stuart of Moray (Kathleen Goldin), HOUSE MERRIMENT, 10508 Blucher, Mission Hills, CA 91340--(213) 365-7579.

MASTER OF SCIENCES:

Lord Friedrich Eric Helmuth von Rheinhausen, CSS (Michael Bean), 522 Shelton, Santa Ana, CA--(714) 543-3904. (*Also MS of Caïd*).

KNIGHT MARSHALL:

Sir Christian of Orange, KSCA, OLM, CSS (Leonard Smith), CHANCE HOUSE, 522 Shelton, Santa Ana, CA (714) 543-3904. (*Also KM & Prince of Caïd*).

CONSTABLE:

Sir High the Undecided, KSCA, QOG (Hugh Saunders), BROTHERHOOD OF THE BLADE, 4753 Collis, Los Angeles CA 90032--(213) 256-9065.

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER:

Lady Rosemary (Rosemary Saunders: see address above).

MISTRESS OF THE LISTS:

Eyana Bat-David NicChlurain (Leslye Wintrob), 819 W. 165th Pl, #7, Gardena, CA--(213) 321-0652.

SENESCHALE: PRINCIPALITY OF CAID:

Lady Bevin Fraser of Sterling, OLM, CSS (Katherine Kurtz), 937 - 3rd St, #308, Santa Monica, CA 90403 (213) 395-6231.

NOTE: Other hotline phones & addresses will be published for other areas, if the material is sent in! Do it NOW!

Would be nice, if visiting someplace, to know where to call for info on possible meetings, events, etc...



REFERENCE LIBRARY...

Lady Jaelithe of Dragonstower (Candy Jones) is now compiling a list of the books within the Barony that can be used for reference, research, etc. If you have any books on Medieval or Renaissance costumes, history, crafts, etc (including good fiction), please take the time to make a list of said books, including author & publisher, and send it to: 210 S. Mentor, Apt. 2, Pasadena, CA 91106. Between us all, we must have quite a "working library" of books which would be of great use to the Barony. (This should extend, eventually, to the whole Principality, of course). *Idea: mark the books which you'd gladly loan out & those which must be read in your own home--which will NOT be loaned out, but are available for reference.*



DEAR YENTA:

A column for some fun & some airing of serious problems which now and then come up within our microcosm...

Dear Yenta:

We have a continuing problem at SCA events of certain types (usually male) who do not bring their own food, but hang around hungrily near pavillions at meal-time. It is financially distressing to keep feeding these people, but difficult to have a pleasant meal while they hang around acting like starved spaniels. They never bring anything to contribute to the table, either, of course. What to do? --Tired Cook.

Dear Tired:

Evidently this type has been around a long time, because there is an Old English word for them; which is apt today: "Smell-feast=one who is quick at finding & frequenting a good table: a parasite". They depend on at least one pavillion per event having a tender heart or not enough nerve to tell them to buzz off--they are parasites, and should be treated as such. If you do not have heart or nerve to tell a "smell-feast" to go away, then try suggesting that he'd be a lot more welcome if he arrived with a 6-pack or some other edible addition to the table--nobody is so poor tht they can't help out now and then with a little bit!

Dear Yenta:

Should a lady wait to be asked for her favor, or is it proper to offer one? I hopefully carry a scarf to each Tourney, but nobody asks me for that honor--yet the more popular ladies don't seem shy about just offering their favors to a fighter. What to do? --Still Waiting.

Dear Still:

It is more proper to wait to be asked--a fighter may have someone in mind to be his Lady if/when he wins a battle, after all. However, fighters could be reminded that a little chivalry in remembering the less well-known ladies might be in order, too. Fighters can carry more than one favor (though that can get complicated...)--an idea might be to ask a married lady if she would mind her husband carrying two favors onto the field: hers and yours. You would also understand, in that case, should he win a prize, it would be hers, not yours, and you would have only the reflected glory. It may or may not suffice.

Dear Yenta:

I have seen the Northern Kingdom give out awards to people who have done very little, in comparison with others who go without rewards but work very hard for the Society. Who decides upon these awards and who gets them? --Very Interested.

Dear Very:

There is no way--in spite of popular rumor--that the Northern Kingdom can be omniscient. Good workers can be rewarded ONLY if they are brought to the attention of the King. If you and several others will take the time to write letters or make up a petition, it is possible that more awards would be given when and where they are deserved. This includes people who should have gotten their awards of arms long ago, as well as any other award or title. Think about it.

Dear Yenta:

I joined the SCA about a year ago and have been waiting ever since for my TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED. --Getting Impatient.

Dear Getting:

If the folk presently engaged in making excuses for the lateness of TI would find someone else to handle the job for them--not necessarily N. Kingdom--we all might get our TI on time. Now to convince them!

RELATED INTERESTS

CONVENTIONS & FAIRES

- Aug. 25-30--E.S.P. & PSYCHIC FAIR: Palladium, Hollywood CA. \$2.
- Aug. 29-Sept. 2--DISCON II: 32nd World Science Fiction Con: \$6 attending, \$3 supporting--P.O. Box 31127, Washington, D.C. 20031
- Aug. 24-Sept. 29--RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE--Marin Country: details from any Bay Area SCA member, surely.
- Oct. 2-6--ART NOUVEAU & ART DECO SHOW, Hollywood Palladium: \$3.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 3--WITCHCRAFT & SORCERY CON: Biltmore Hotel, LA--\$5 in advance, \$7.50 at the door: INFO 1855 Main St, Alhambra, CA.
- Dec. 18-23--KPFK MERRIE CHRISTMAS FAIRE & COUNTRY CRAFT MARKET (see elsewhere for details on this)

PUBLICATIONS & CLUBS

THE MYTHOPOEIC SOCIETY, Box 24150, Los Angeles, CA 90024. This group is nation-wide, has branches everywhere, and strong interest in fantasy writing--especially J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis & Charles Williams. Publication: MYTHPRINT--very regular monthly bulletin of the Society, plus several other publications of more specialized in-group interests available, too.

THE FANTASY ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 24560, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Fantasy-oriented group which holds no meetings & communicates via publication, FANTASIAE, another publication which comes out on time, and is printed regularly on schedule.

THE DRAGON-RUNNER' CHRONICLE: \$3/6 issues; 50¢ per issue. Ann Cass, c/o the Book Nook, 7538 E. 55th St, Chicago, IL 60615. This comes highly recommended; have never seen a copy, yet.

IF YOU FIND AN INTERESTING PUBLICATION, LET US KNOW!



SCROUNGE, the magazine for people who like to find things cheap or free, is still in the works--sorry, but other factors have prohibited the first issue: it will be out soon, and we are still accepting tips, ideas, and interesting SCROUNGE news! --Bjo.

MEDIEVALCON III

THE 3rd Annual Medieval & Renaissance Convocation will be held over Easter weekend, 1975; site not selected yet. MEMBERSHIPS (until Jan 15, 1975) are \$5.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child under 12. Send checks to: Medievalcon III, Box 23354, Los Angeles, CA 90023. Volunteers needed for help in registration, teaching classes, etc. Theme for AMARCon III: Eleanor of Aquitaine & her era.

SHOPPING TIPS*

WARNING! Akron has for sale some quite beautiful brass tankards for about \$4. Do NOT be tempted by the low price of regal splendor of these goblets & tankards--the brass (and lead solder) can be hazardous if acid-based drinks--most Cola and fruit flavors, lemonade, wines, etc--are used in them. The acid will "release" both brass and lead into the liquid (giving the drink a "dirty penny" taste) and not adding much to your general health! These tankards are Decorator Items.

--Lady Bjo of Griffin,
Chief Chirurgeon, Angels.

Bob Goldman's Salvage, Inc--4554 Van Nuys Blvd (1 blk. N. of Ventura Blvd, in Sherman Oaks Shopping Center, near Hughes Market), has some very inexpensive trim, textiles and assorted other goodies. Wigs for 50¢ each could allow some trials for Medieval hairdos and other forays into fashion without great expense.

--Lady Tyra Stuart of Moray.

*Anyone else with some good Shopping Tips to share?



LETTERS OF COMMENT....

Notice! Lady Tyra Stuart of Moray will not be available for helping with costumes, making costumes, letterwriting or otherwise goofing off.

For some strange reason she considers the writing of a book for which she will be paid real money to be of more importance than Fun and Games with costumes. Admittedly this is a very odd attitude for Lady Tyra to take, seeing as how she is quite willing most of the time to be of help costume-wise. But the wolf at the door has had cubs, and Milady's ego is fair bursting with joy of someone really wanting to buy a book from her; so I am sure that all Good Folk of the SCA will be understanding and not make too many demands upon the poor demented creature's time until after the end of the year.

Costume classes will continue as planned, and advice will be most cheerfully given at that time.

Thank you. --Lady Tyra Stuart of Moray
(Kathleen Goldin)

Greetings & Felcitations!

I have received your epistle regarding the possible publishing of a Principality newsletter. I am behind you all the way. I must admit though that it will take some doing. *(Yes, especially when I need a full Novamarc mailing list, and you didn't send one!)*

I think that it is something that has been sorely needed for a long time as, as you have pointed out, communication between the Baronies is at a rather deep low. I would like to suggest that each edition be sent to the chroniclers of each of the kingdoms. The reason I bring this up, and I feel very strongly that it should be given very serious consideration, is I have found from talking to Atenveltdans and the visitors from the East that there is a grave lack of communication between separate Kingdoms of the Society. Granted that one Principality newsletter would not totally fill in this gap of communication, but it would be a start.

--Daniel the Bard (Daniel Rosen)
Seneschal of Novamarc Canton,
Ambassador to Atenveltd from
Caid & Barony of the Angels,
& Bard Par Excellence.

(Ed. Note: If other newsletter editors are willing, we'd be happy to trade publications, use interesting material--with full credit, of course--and extend that courtesy to them. How about it, Editors?)

We were shocked to find the gossip had travelled so far when a dinner was held at Griffin Freehold for some Eastern visitors, and one of them kept after John to tell him all about the "fight between Angels and Calafia"! John told him it was gossip, but the visitor persisted, and questioned others during his stay, evidently in hopes of "digging up some dirt"--we put this down to the very obvious lack of good communication between Baronies and Kingdoms; hence the idea for the newsletter.)

Not too much has been going on in Calafia during the summer months. I have included the schedules for 2 months as I didn't know when the next issue will be coming out. *(About mid-November, I hope).*

Also, I will be updating the mailing list when I get back to San Diego, so I will be getting the names of more Calafians to you soon. But this list is a start, anyway. *(Blossings on thee, lulu ma*m!)*

My Lady, I wish to personally thank you in advance for taking on the job of this newsletter. I know it will be of great value to all the people of Caid and

if I or any other Calafians can be of any help, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are behind you all the way, as we all believe, as I know you do, that the newsletter is a worthwhile venture. I know at times it will be a big headache (isn't everything in the Society that way?) but if we can help, please let us know.

--Lady Persephone of Woodland
(Helene Henry)
Seneschale, Barony of Calafia.

(Ed. Note: Unfortunately, the typing and collating has to be done here--though of course visitors would be happily put to work; if not on the newsletter, they could help collate Concordances so I could work on the newsletter, so it all comes out to the same thing! You could put your own mailing list on address labels for me, if you have a typist in the group: that's one of our biggest time-consumers here, and would be a really BIG HELP!)

Dear Bjo:

I received your letter about the Principality newsletter and was stung somewhat by a guilty conscience (as I'm sure was intended) for not having replied before this. I intended to:...my usual comment these days.

I would certainly be willing to help with the newsletter in any way I can. I'll see what I can do about getting something more extensive to you in the future.

--Lady Jessica Llyrindi of Northmarch,
(Kathy Lear)

M'Lady Bjo:

I've meant to write in quite awhile, so please--bear with my tardiness. I heard you have had a dirth, a paucity..whatever..of contributions. I must apologize for being partly to blame for not having made my contribution until now.

I know nothing of your publishing deadline nor date, so please publish the following announcement (about Caid musicians) in your most convenient edition of the new newsletter for the Southern Baronies.

Yr. Most Humble Servant,
Lady Celeste Laumway de Provence

(Ed. note: The lateness of practically all the news has now cost the Principality \$21.00--to mimeo and mail out the news of the Aug. 25th Fighting Appreciation gathering in San Fernando Mission Park, which would be too late to announce here, and to make sure that the Coronet Tourney news got out on time. We won't allow that to happen again! As it happens, all the late-comers have provided us with a rather full newsletter, but it would have been so NICE to have met that deadline! The next letter will be out in November, with luck--try for that by sending me something NOW, OK? In fact, we've just set OCT. 30!

This is addressed to ALL OF YOU, not just Lady Celeste! Get thee to thine own writing table!)

A PERSONAL NOTE...

I am told that I have been taking on definite turkey tendencies over the past few months. Upon sober reflection, I have had to concede that this may well be true. Nor is there really any valid excuse for this kind of behavior. I could say, by way of explanation, that I've been under a great deal of pressure, both professionally and personally; but this is not justification for taking one's friends for granted. *Mea culpa.*

In an effort to exorcise the "crazies", and to relieve at least the professional pressures, I intend to concentrate for the rest of the summer on finishing the you-know-what, which is now some three months overdue; so you will likely not see much of me until the next Coronet Tourney. In the meantime, please bear with me.

--Bevin Fraser of Sterling.

CURY

DARYOLS, DARIOLES & MAIDS-OF-HONOUR

A simple but tasty (and unfortunately, highly calorific) dessert has come down through the ages under various names, and some slight changes in the recipe, but remains basically a creamy tart worth trying.

A royal cookbook, *THE FORME OF CURY*, was compiled by the cooks who served Richard II, in about 1390. "Cury" being an Old English word for cooking; the title a sort of Chaucerian way of saying "The Art of Cookery". In it was one of the first recorded recipes for "French Daryols":

Take creme of cove mylke, (or) almandes. Do thereto ayren (eggs), with sugar, safron, and salt. Medle it ifere (mix it together). Do it in a coffyn of two ynche depe; bake it wel, and serve it forth. (1)

The recipe stayed popular throughout Medieval times and was served often both at banquets and for "tea" or snack-time, and were as popular with men as women. By the time of Henry VIII, the recipe went thus:

Flaky pie crust
1 doz. unbaked tart shells
1-1/4 c. milk, scalded & strained
1/8 tsp. salt
1 c. soft, fresh bread crumbs
1/2 c. sugar & 1/2 c. soft butter
2 eggs, well-beaten
grated rind & juice of 1 lemon
1/2 c. blanched almonds

Pour milk over salt, bread crumbs, sugar & butter. Stir & let stand 1 hour. Line the shells with pastry. Prick bottom & sides with fork. Brush lightly with ice water & sprinkle with sugar. Beat eggs & lemon juice (and rind) together. Add to the crumb mix, stir in almonds. Fill the shells 2/3 full. Bake in pre-heated 400° oven for 5 min. Reduce heat to 350° and continue baking until silver knife comes out dry and not milky when inserted into center of tart. Cool on wire rack. Serve warm. (2)

Legend hath it that Henry discovered a group of Maids-of-Honour having tea, joined them, tasted the daryols, and promptly named them after the ladies. Since the tea-party was at Richmond, they are also often known as "Richmond Maids-of-Honour". There is some belief, however, that a baker--in hopes of making an impression on Elizabeth I--named them. By that time, the recipe had taken several turns. Here are two versions of an Elizabethan recipe for Daryols:

Flaky pie crust
1 doz. unbaked tart shells
1 c. powdered sugar
1 c. ground almonds (or, 8 oz. can almond paste)
1 Tbsp. flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 egg, well beaten
2 Tbsp. whipping cream
1 Tbsp. rose water

Follow recipe for Henry VIII method, except these tarts are served with whipped cream. (3)

Alexis Soyer, one of the first chefs to write a cookbook for the masses, was a Best-Seller from 1846 to '62 with somewhat dreary recipes for Boiled Neck of Mutton and Calf's Brain Pie. But he also had a recipe for a dessert which was by then called a Cheese Tart, or Custard Tart. The French were continuing to call them Darioles...they were Richmond Maids-of-Honour, with a few changes: by now they are Plain Cheescakes:

Puff or pie pastry
1/4 lb. cream cheese
5 Tbsp. light cream
2 eggs
1/2 c. sugar & 1/2 c. hot water
1 tsp. gelatin
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. heavy cream, whipped

Make sufficient puff or pie pastry for 12 fluted tart pans (or use fluted or plain muffin tins). Roll out to 1/8" thickness & cut into rounds to fit the pans. Pierce with fork to prevent air bubbles & bake at 450° for 15 minutes or until delicately brown.

Prepare Dariole as follows: Blend the cream cheese with the light cream to a fluffy consistency. Set aside. In the top of a double-boiler over simmering water, beat the eggs & sugar together until creamy. Quickly add the hot milk, stir until mix begins to thicken. Remove from fire. Dissolve the gelatin in 1 Tbsp. cold water & add to custard. Add vanilla. Stir well. When cool, add custard to cream cheese mix & last, fold in whipped cream. Fill the baked tart shells (no further baking is necessary). Garnish with toasted coconut or slivered toasted almonds. (4)

Soyer himself put it even more simply: and it is obvious by now where the ancestry of our modern (and also unfortunately highly calorific) CHEESECAKE came from! The Medieval "daryol" is nothing more!

Put half a pint of milk curds well drained, in a basin, add to it an ounce and a half of butter, stir perfectly smooth, put in three teaspoonsful of sugar, one ounce of washed currants, one egg, half a pint of milk, and any flavour you like, as lemon, orange, &c, &c. Prepare your paste as #322 recipe, fill up the tins with this, bake the same, and serve. (5)

In 1929, the English were still holding true to a favorite dessert, though a return to the original, less complicated recipe seems to have been in order: these are called Maids of Honour, and credited to Richmond, Surrey as their place of origin...

Beat together the yolks of 7 eggs and 1/2 lb. powdered sugar; pound not too finely the same quantity of sweet blanched almonds, with a few bitter ones and 2 Tbsp. of orange-flower water; mix in the almonds the last thing, and bake in patty-tins lined with paste. (6)

And finally, by 1971, the dessert is simply called "Old English Custard", and returned almost full circle to its original simplicity:

4 eggs
2 oz. caster sugar
1 pint of milk
Rosewater
Raisins & almonds

Make the custard mixture as for baked custard. Butter individual ovenproof dishes and put a layer of chopped raisins & skinned, slivered almonds in the bottom of each one. Stir a dessertspoonful of rosewater into the custard mix and fill the dishes about 2/3 full.

Place these in a baking tray of water and cook very gently in a slow oven until set. Let them get cold then put in the fridge until wanted. These little custards make a delicious dinner party sweet. Serves four. (7)

- (1) *THE DELECTABLE PAST* by Esther B. Aresty (Simon & Schuster, 1964)
- (2) *THE ATTIC COOKBOOK* by Gertrude Wilkinson (Penguin Books, 1972)
- (3) Do
- (4) See #1.
- (5) *SOYER'S COOKERY BOOK* by Alexis Soyer (David McKay & Co, 1959--reprint)
- (6) *KITCHEN RANGING* by H. Pearl Adam (Jonathan Cape & Harrison Smith, 1929--out of print)
- (7) *WEST COUNTRY COOKING* by Moyra Babington (New English Library, 1971--British paperback)

--Lady Bjo of Griffin.

Why all the extraneous material? Sheer panic! This was typed up to fill in pages of NO NEWS FROM YOU and I thought we needed "filler" to get anything at all worth publishing. It's also the same reason you see the SAME NAMES throughout: they contributed--and you?

There is a reason why the Trimble's address, rather than that of Randall Millen (Boncour), is listed on the mailing page. Actually, there are several reasons: the first being that, as of this writing, the Chief Registrar of the S.C.A. may well have resigned his post, and anything directed through his address would take even longer than usual to reach us. It has always seemed more than a little ridiculous to have to go the long way 'round through "S.C.A. Central" to reach local people...or for them to reach us.

There is also good reason why this newsletter isn't bothering to reprint (for the umpteenth time) the usual excuse for the lateness of TI; we've all read this sort of thing time and again, and there's no sense in taking up good space to reprint them once more.

All of this comes back to help make the point which is underscored by Boncour's rumored resignation (and which is valid even if the rumors aren't entirely accurate): the Society simply has grown too large for a Central Registry to continue to function the way it has been set up. The proposal to raise the membership fee to \$10, to help set up a paid registry, isn't the answer, either; such an increase would simply drive away many of our students, and others on tight budgets (which might alleviate the problem, but do we want to do it that way?).

We hold that the answer is a simple one: decentralize the whole operation. Let the regional bureaucracies take on the load: if each Kingdom or Principality were to do up its own mailing list, collect dues, etc. with copies of the lists, a share of the dues, and such, going to the Central Registry, several problems would be solved at once. First off, of course, the load on one person is cut drastically, secondly, each of the local organizations would have faster and better communications with members in their area, and this would not only aid their functioning, but help stop the gossip and back-biting that has too often become a fatal chasm between groups which could have been cooperating with one another, had they but had news of each other.

Admittedly, decentralization also brings the possibility of fragmentation; this could be taken care of by the exchange of group newsletters and publications, and more frequent publication of TI (which is another matter...possibly some decentralization in that area wouldn't be a bad idea, either...).

--Ye Eds.

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For travellers....

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN ATENVELDT

September

7-8....Warlord Tournament: ERED SUL (Big event)
21.....Fete & Feast: TYR YSGTHR
29.....Feast of Michaelmas: CAERTHE

October

5-6....Al-Barran Tourney: AL-BARRAN
19-20..Crown Tournament: ATENVELDT (Very biggie!)
26-27..Mini-tourney & Fete at Mile_High Con: CAERTHE
31.....Hallowe'en Fete: CAERTHE

November

2-3....Fall Tournament: TYR YSGTHR (Big)
16-17..Operation Javalina: TYR YSGTHR

December

7.....Phoenix Arts Center Festival-Art Museum
"Medieval Christmas": ATENVELDT (Biggie)
14-15..Medieval Pleasure Faire: ATENVELDT (")

January

12.....12th Night Fete & Coronation: ATENVELDT (Big)

You asked for a schedule of events here in the Kingdom of Atenveldt: the following is as put forth in SOUTHWIND (the official newsletter). Like any other schedules for the SCA, it is subject to corrosion. I hope that you find this calendar of some help. I would even suggest that you might want to print it in our principality newsletter in order to promote better relations between Caid and Atenveldt.

The location of each event is in CAPS. ERED SUL is Flagstaff, Arizona; TYR YSGTHR is Tucson, Arizona; AL-BARRAN is Albuquerque, New Mexico; CAERTHE is Denver, Colorado; ATENVELDT is Phoenix, Arizona.



--Daniel the Bard.

WAIVERS & OTHER FORMS...

It seems an awful waste of paper (which is getting very dear) to place pagesful of waivers in a publication & have only 1 out of 20 people use them! If you need a waiver, it's up to you to send a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) to the proper authorities to obtain one. ESPECIALLY if you are under-age. Call someone on the Hot-Line to find out who to contact, if you're not sure who has the waivers. It really is about time many SCA people learned to do things for themselves, instead of waiting to be served--those of you who do use waivers know it: so do something about it now or be left out of the fighting when the Tourney comes up! (Requests for waivers without SASE or at least a 10¢ stamp will not be answered--that's your responsibility)



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