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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fighter Practice is every Thursday from 5:00 to dark. At Central Park (Pando's Pond), corner of Central Avenue and Pershing Buliward. Please contact Lord William of Fredricksburg at 632-5348 for additional information. Please call Lord Mavrikkii at 778-8536 for information and/or availability of a ride to neighboring fighter practices

Fencing is also every Thursday from 5:00 to dark. At Central Park (Pando's Pond), corner of Central Avenue and Pershing Buliward. Please contact Lord Peredu at 778-3132 or M'lord Griffin at 632-0024 for additional information, and/or availability of a ride to neighboring fencing practices

Archery is again Outside whenever you want at Master Rhys's at 10700 Ranch Rd. call 632-1133. Contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320 to set up a second target at 10205 Powderhouse Road.

Armouring is by contact Lord Mavrikkii at 778-8536. A second location for armor repair is Mlodn's. Call 635-1320 for space.

Calligraphers is the first Tuesday evening of each month along with Windkeep Work Night at Master Rhys's-at 10700 Ranch Rd, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Windkeep Work Night at Master Rhys's- is the first Tuesday evening of each month at 10700 Ranch Rd. Contact Master Rhys at 632-1133. This Month is fiber arts. Please join us.

Research at the Library is the second Tuesday evening each month at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Laramie County Library at 2800 Central Avenue. Contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320.

Research not at that Library-Windkeep Work Night- is the third Tuesday evening of each month at 10205 Powderhouse Road contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320. Please join us.

Taster's Revel is the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Lion's Park Community Center from 7 PM to 10 PM. Feast by reservation only. Donation of \$5.00 per person. If you wish to prepare the feast for the monthly Taster's Revel please contact Mistress Aldyth at 632-1133 for times available and information.

July's Taster's will not be held due to Frontier Days.

August's Taster's shall be on the 26th. Please call Mistress Aldyth at 632-1133 for reservations.

Populace Meeting is normally the fourth Thursday evening at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM between Fighter's Practice at Central Park (Bad Weather at Laramie County Library). July's meeting is on the 17th a week early due to Frontier Days.

"WHERE DID YOU SAY I WAS GOING?"

I found myself lost on a medieval battlefield the other day wondering what I was doing there, after all this is almost the end of the 20th Century.

People around me wore anything from the simplest tunics tied at the waist to very elaborate "garb". There even appeared to be gold crowns on some heads. There were knights in shining armor battling with long swords and shields. Fencers wore dark masks and danced in swashbuckling style. Feathers of brilliant colors flew through the air hitting strategically placed targets.

I saw meat on a fire along with an array of breads, fresh fruit, cakes, pies and other stuff I wasn't quite sure what it was. Silver plates, copper cups, and hand made candles adorned the hand stitched table clothes. People spinning thread, doing needlework, playing a drum or flute, while others danced and children played with small swords saying "That's a kill". Some just sat around on chairs of wood or hand tooled leather that were scattered among the canvas tents, drinking home made wines and brews. Everyone dickered with the merchants who had baskets everywhere overflowing with jewelry, pottery, fighting swords, tooled leather, fabrics and trims.

Some one yelled, "Catch you later, I have to take the kids to Little League." "I'll try to get here early next week, so we can practice using the axe." The response was, "Maybe I'll bring that plastic shield I just finished, and let you try it."

I've only been in the SCA a short time, but have found it totally overwhelming, There is so much to do and so little time to enjoy it. Referring to a calendar, I can attend a fighter practice, a class in arts and science, or an event every night for about a month and never do exactly the same thing twice.

If you are bored, you just aren't looking very hard to find something to be interested in. Fighters are willing to go into great detail about their best battle, or you can be hypnotized by wool being spun into thread, spinning all the way down to the ground.

The sad part about the SCA is that our mundane lives dictate how much we can enjoy. Jets fly over head, cars and trucks clamor by while we play. The 20th Century's hustle and bustle doesn't always let us take time to understand or explain the simpler thing that go on.

Maybe I'm just too new in the SCA to understand it all. It's not important that I can't pronounce my own medieval name, but I get lost in the sea of other names which I can't pronounce. "Blaidwyn, Caer Mithin Halle, where did he say he was from?" You said talk to the 'Chronicler'. "What's a Chronicler?"

There is a hand book that helps with the technical stuff like how long an epee is or what kind of helm you must wear. The book tells of Kings and Queens, Barons and Baronesses, Lords and Ladies, and how special honors of achievement get you there. The only thing it doesn't explain is, "What are all these funny words everyone uses." They talk so fast and forget that I don't know who the Royal "What did you call him?" is.

Remember on that medieval battle field you're hitting a friend, maybe you've known him a long time, knowing him by garb or shield, but I just found out a minute ago what a "device" is.

"Hold on here, I'm innocent!" "So what do I need to go to 'Court' for?"

By M'lady Nessa O y Coetir

Windkeep

SENESCHALE'S REPORT

It has been nice to see a lot of people out to fighter practice and other events. For the new people please let me or one of the officers listed on the officer page know how we can make your time with Windkeep more fun and interesting.

The turnout and help for Banner Tourney was fantastic and I do thank all the people who participated through the marshall arts, who brought arts and science displays, who ran the lists, and who did the feast at the end of the day. Also a special thanks to all the people who helped Mlodn with the tent. It went fast and was greatly appreciated.

WINDSWEPT REPORT

The newsletter is being put out at large by the populace. Several members have contributed articles and information in getting each newsletter out. At this time, we are meeting at various members with computers homes to format the information and get it ready to print. You do not have to have a computer to help. Articles, art work, officer reports, shire news, puzzles, games, announcements, etc. will be considered and published if space and possible. You are always welcome to come, give us your input, and help layout the next "Windswept". It was also voted on that people living within the shire can get the newsletter if they request it. It must be picked up at a shire doing.

WINDKEEP'S PEOPLE

Lord William of Fredricksburg just returned from Kiwait. He has taken on the Knight Marshall's position. Welcome back to Windkeep!

Daniel Daltask, Lord William's wife, has returned to England to work for the summer months. We hope they don't work her so much so she can enjoy some of the sites around England.

Jaelle graduated from East High School May 30th. We are proud of you.

Jan Schmeisky, Lord Mlodn and Lady Renate's exchange student, returned to his home in Witzenhausen, Germany June 4th. On May 30th, he also, graduated from East High School with scholastic honors.

Lady Angelina d' Avignon has returned to Windkeep. She is buying a house at 3118 Bent Avenue and her phone number is 432-0188. Welcome back!

Lord Weltschin, Lady Sara, and family have returned to Windkeep from Duthaich Beinne Aird. They are living at 4400 East Parkview Drive #301 and their phone is 772-0351. Welcome Back!

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

JULY 24, 25, & 26 AS XXXIII (1998)

Grab your bow pack your camping gear and come join the Shire of Windkeep for a weekend of and about archery in the beautiful mountains of the Northern Outlands. Never shot archery before? It's fun, easy and we will have teachers and equipment on hand to help you learn. For those who like tradition, IKAC and Royal Rounds will be offered. For those who crave something new we hope to have many challenging and unique shoots. Clout shoots, wand shoots, roving shoots, and aerial shoots are all being planned. Archery Marshals, we need your help. If you would like to help, or if you have suggestions, please contact the Autocrat.

Fighters, melees and other challenges will be offered as they leap from the fertile (???) mind of Lord Bjarki Gulbjornsson. How about an escort tourney or a quest? In addition, the Windkeep Defender Tournament will be held at the direction of the Autocrat, who is also the reigning Defender. All entrants will be most welcomed, although only the highest placing Windkeep fighter will be able to claim the title. You might also try your hand at combat and target archery. Classes will be offered on various archery subjects and an archery Arts and Sciences competition will be held.

Site fee:\$10.00 per person, includes two nights' stay at Laramie County College's outdoor camp. The site opens at 4:00 p.m. Friday and closes at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Fees are 1/2 price for children 5 - 12, and children under 5 are free. Please send your reservations (requested for planning purposes) to the Feast-o-crat, Mistress Aldyth.

Feast: Mistress Aldyth will cook a full feast Saturday night at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Paid reservations are required by July 20th. Make checks payable to: SCA - Windkeep.

Additionally, a 'meal plan' will be available. This will encompass Breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday morning, and lunch on Saturday (if enough interest is expressed). The feast and the 'meal plan' are by paid reservation only! Contact Mistress Aldyth for 'meal plan' price and availability.

Restrictions: Dogs MUST be leashed and attended at all times (as there are many deer on site). Fires must be restricted to established fire pits. Water is not available on site, so please plan to bring your own.

Directions: Take your best route on 1-80 to exit 335 (there's a gas station/convenience store on the south side, known as Buford, WY). Turn north (away from the gas station). Shortly thereafter, you'll encounter a T-intersection. Turn left and proceed about 3 miles to the Laramie County College Camp (LCCC).

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GLORY

(FEATS OF HEROES)

JULY 17, 18, 19, & 20 AS XXXIII (1998)

Come join the Barony of Unser Hafen as we immerse ourselves into all that the Current Middle Ages have to offer. Team melees, heavy fighter games and tourneys including a Captain of the Stag's Blood tourney, rapier and archery tourneys will be matched with heart-pounding drums, select classes and bardic circles to make the weekend of July 17 - 20, AS XXXIII an experience for the ages. Activities for the younger gentles will include a boffer tourney, as well as the chance to have a chivalrous warrior wear their favor and fight for their honor. The Hungry Heroes Inn will feature fine foods for famished fighters at reasonable prices (with late night milk and cookies for the young at heart). Fight till you drop, and revel where you fall!

The site is wet (period containers preferred). Drinking water, toilets in permanent structures, good shade and excellent campsites abound. The number of sleeping bodies is limited by the Park Service to 250 gentles over the age of 6. With expected attendance of TRM Hrothgar and Madigan, reservations for camping are required. We really do not want to have to turn away people who have traveled far due to lack of space. Please note that there are no limits to the number of day trippers, who attend. Fires must be contained and above ground, and drumming must cease at 10:00 p.m. Dogs and other pets (squires optional) must remain leashed at all times. Be prepared for instant weather changes, and insect repellent is an excellent idea. Site fee: Adults \$9.00 for the entire event, children under 12 are \$4.00, under 5 years of age are free. Day passes for Saturday or Sunday are available for \$5.00.

Hungry Heroes Inn: Meal plan for adults: 3 heroic meals on both Saturday and Sunday, with late night snack included is only \$5.00 (a bargain at twice the price!) Children under 12 can have a smaller portioned meal plan for \$10.00. Plan on bringing your own feast gear, washing stations will be available. If you want the Inn to supply your plates, utensils and cups, these will be available for a modest additional fee. Ala cart meals, food items and meatless meals will also be available for a nominal (\$3.00 or under per item) fee. If you plan on purchasing the meal plan, please advise the autocrats ahead of time so that we can amply stock the pantry. Those with dietary restrictions or meatless preferences are especially requested to call.

Directions: Take 1-25 to Fort Collins, Exit 269A (in Unser Hafen). Go east on Highway 14 to Ault. Continue east on Highway 14 to mile marker 176 (about 22.4 miles from Ault) and turn left. Almost immediately (.2 miles) you will turn left again into the Crow Valley Recreation Area. Site opens at noon, Friday July 17 and closes at noon, Monday, July 20. The extra evening should provide ample time for hordes of N.S.T.I.W. stories and relaxed camaraderie.

Autocrats: Gwilim de Glamorgan & Galiana Fitzwilliam (Mike & Debie Lambert): 1506 Welch St., Fort Collins, CO 80524; (970) 407-1283; e-mail mlambert@frii.com

Merchants are welcome and encouraged! No fees will be charged other than the standard site fee. So that we can lay out the merchants village, please contact Owain ap Maredudd (Charles Buckley) 900 Bitterbrush Ln., Fort Collins, CO 80526; (970) 282-8987; e-mail: buckley@colorado.edu

HERE THERE BE DRAGONS

August 7, 8, &9, AS XXXIII (1998)

Here yea! The populace of Plattefordham invite all to our fair Shire for a weekend of feasting, fighting, and fun. Participate in the heavy weapons tourney, archery, bardic, and A&S competition to see how many dragons you can take home. Categories for A&S include Fiber, Functional and Visual Arts. Documentation is not required; only one entry per category. Bardic will be conducted during the feast.

Classes will be offered on a variety of subjects. If you would like to teach a class, contact Lady Mavis.

Activities for children will run throughout the weekend, including an A&S competition for those 12 and under. The same rules as the adult competition will apply.

Merchants are welcome. A fee of \$10.00 will reserve a spot and cover one adult site fee.

Prepaid reservations are \$6 site, \$9 feast before August 1st. Children ages 12-6, \$3 site and \$4.50 feast. Children ages 5 and under are free. After August 1st fees will be \$7 site and \$10 feast.

Feast will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday evening followed by a dessert auction. The menu and ingredients will be posted at the site. If you have dietary restrictions, contact the Autocrat or Assistant Autocrat. Make checks payable: Shire of Plattefordham, SCA Inc.

The site is Edness Wilkins State Park, four miles east of Casper, WY. Take your best route to Casper, exit I-25 at Hat Six Road (Exit 182). Follow the signs to the park; follow the road around to the pavilion we will be using. SCA signs will be posted.

This is a discreetly wet site (period containers, please). On site there is potable water, permanent toilets, and a goodly amount of shade. Swimming is available in the pond and fishing (with a Wyoming permit) at the river. Fires must be contained, no open flames are allowed. Children must be supervised at all times.

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DA'UD BOB'S MOVIE REVIEWS

THE ROBE

"No one expects the Roman inquisition!" Yes, yes, I know. That's not the way that line really goes. Still, there were a couple of points during this movie when it seemed appropriate. Of course, the movie had a lot of things going for it, too. An all-star cast. The very first movie shot in Cinemascope. A story that the studio had paid \$100,000 for the rights to even before Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas had finished writing the book. And a topic so perennial that the movie shows up on TV every spring about the same time. (I'll give you a hint: this year it was part of AMC's "Easter Epics".) Of course, I could be talking about only one movie. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews The Robe.

Starring Richard Burton as Marcellus Gallio, Jean Simmons as Diana, Victor Mature as the slave Demetrius, Michael Rennie as Simon Peter, a very young-looking Richard Boone (sans mustache) as Pontius Pilate, Dean Jagger as Justus, and Jay Robinson doing a turn as Caligula, basically it's the story of the conversion to Christianity (even though they didn't call it that quite so early as the movie would have you believe) of the Roman tribune (the blurb in the paper said "centurion", but he was consistently referred to in the movie as "tribune") who presided over the crucifixion of Jesus. It's a moving and inspiring movie; I wouldn't, however, recommend it for its historical accuracy.

There were a number of good points. For one, it's always a pleasure to watch Richard Burton on the screen, no matter what he's doing. Caligula's "emperor outfit" near the end of the movie - what a great cloak! All of the marble tilework. The basket weaving. Some of the horses actually had no stirrups. *Continued page 10*

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