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 Normans come just because you didn't read about it in the Windswept!

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MARCH -----

Sat 10           Caer Galen--Ides of March Tourney and Revel (Helena, 303-499-2031)  
WINDKEEP - ARCHERY PRACTICE (Rhys, 632-1133)

Mon 12           Unser Haven -- Dance practice (Catriona, 303-226-2018)

Sat 17           WINDKEEP - ARCHERY PRACTICE (Rhys, 632-1133)  
WINDKEEP -- St. Patrick's Day Mini-Revel (Maeve, 632-8938)

Sun 18           WINDKEEP -- Populace meeting (Maelgwyn, 632-8938)

Mon 19           Unser Haven - Mercenary Singers (Rhianwen, 303-223-4537)

Tue 20           WINDKEEP - Guild night (Maeve, 632-8938)

Sat 24           WINDKEEP - ARCHERY PRACTICE (Rhys, 632-1133)  
Unser Haven -- Tourneys and Persian New Year  
(Maximillian, 303-482-8762 / Ja'far, 303-491-4548 / Tehri 303-482-6608)

Mon 26           Unser Haven -- Dance practice (Catriona, 303-226-2018)

APRIL -----

Sat 7-8        WINDKEEP - WISH WE WERE AT CROWN TOURNEY, PART II (Maeve, 632-8938)  
Caer Mithin Halle - CROWN TOURNEY (see Outlandish Herald)

MAY -----

Sat 5-6        Ard Thir/Glen Ora --- CORONATION (Mavellic, 1-742-6867)

Sat 25-28      Dragonsspine -- BRIGAND'S BIZARRE (Dovita, 719-547-1420)  
al-Barran -- GRAND OUTLANDISH (see Outlandish Herald)

=====REGULAR HAPPENINGS=====

POPULACE MEETING:   Sunday, March 18, 7:00 pm, at Maelgwyn's house (4301 Hayes Avenue). Bring your own cokes and munchies. Come see if there's anything left to discuss after the revel the night before.

UNSER HAVEN DANCE PRACTICE: 2nd and 4th Mondays, Harmony Presbyterian Church, Ft. Collins, starts at 7:00 pm. Medieval aerobics at its finest! Expect to attend the social hour at Perkin's afterwards--lots of interesting discussions usually ensue. For carpooling info, contact Maeve.

MERCENARY SINGERS OF THE NORTHERN OUTLANDS: 1st Mondays at Maeve's house; 3rd Mondays at Rhianwen's great hall in Ft. Collins (clubhouse of apt complex across street from dance practice site) For carpooling info, contact Maeve.

UNSER HAVEN FIGHTER PRACTICE: Sundays from 1:30 to whenever, at the Empire Grange hall (on Mulberry, about a long block past Taft Hill) in Ft. Collins. For more info, contact Lady Llamrei at 303-490-2936. They have excellent teachers (even though one's Roman) and loaner armor.

ARCHERS OF WINDKEEP: Every Saturday from noon to 1 pm, at the easement just beyond Afflerbach Elementary School (take Central Avenue south to Wallick Rd, turn right and park in the faculty parking lot. The archery butt is just up the hill from the barrel-racing track. We have lots of bows of all different weights, plus two crossbows.

GUILD NIGHT -- Every third Tuesday night at Maeve's---Bring whatever project you'd like to work on. Maeve has lots of tools and books for people to borrow, and she'll be working on costumes and banners this month. The next Kingdom Arts and Sciences competition will be in August in the Barony of Dragonsspine (make your stuff now), and there is now a newsletter for the Northern Outlands which needs arts and sciences articles (Maeve will help you write them).

=====LOCAL GOSSIP, ETC.=====

Many thanks to all who participated in the Afflerbach Elementary School Demo:  
Friar Coengar, Rhys, Lady Elaine, Conor, Maeve, Kostbera (a.k.a. Raina...get used to her new name), Tomas, and anyone else I forgot;  
and special thanks to our out-of-shire guests:

Karl and Ja'far from Unser Haven; and Mavellic, Kayleigh, and Katherina from Ard Thir.

The teachers and students were delighted with our displays of fighting, dancing, and medieval items, and have warned us that they will be telling the other schools about us!

Congratulations to Lord Thorman and to former shire member Hathawulf on the acceptance of their names and devices in the SCA College of Heraldry (they had to wait a good long while...).

Hathawulf is now floating around in a barony in An Tir---To contact him and to find out what a strange lot the An Tirians are:

Dave Dammann (alias Hathawulf the Spearbreaker)  
11125 Vickery Avenue E  
Tacoma, WA 98446  
phone # 206-536-8651

There is a new shire trying to start up in the frozen northern Outlands (yes, even further north than Plattesfordham!) in the town of Gillette, WY --- Grey Squirrel Haven is their tentative name. We wish them success and look forward to having them visit one of our events.

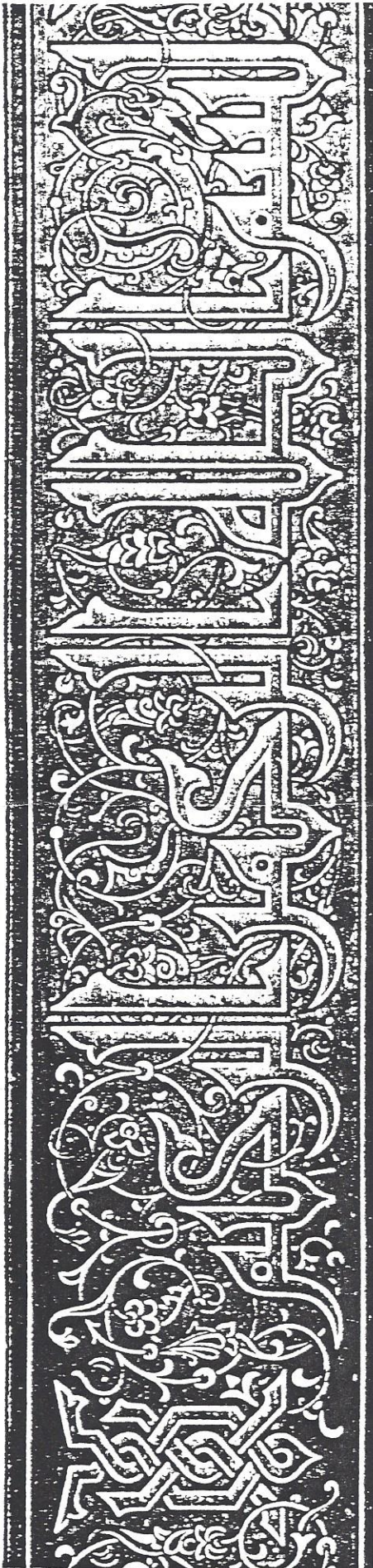
For those who don't know by now, the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Collegium in the Citadel of the Southern Pass earlier this month was a rather notable one for the Shire of Windkeep---m'lady Kostbera (Raina) accepted the position of Deputy Kingdom Minister of the Lists, and Lady Maeve was offered Companionship in the Order of the Laurel (it definitely made the 14-hour trip worth it!). The induction ceremony will take place at Coronation in Ard Thir, and Maeve invites all of her friends to attend and share this special occasion with her.

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==== ST. PATRICK'S DAY MINI-REVEL ====

Don't miss it! On Saturday, March 17, there will be a Potluck Revel at Maeve's house at 6:00 pm! Bring your garb, feast gear, drinks, and a dish that feeds 6-8 people. Site fee is \$2.00 if you bring a dish, \$5.00 if you don't. We'll have the mechanical drama-team-in-a-box standing by to perform noteworthy medieval (pseudo-medieval?) performances for our entertainment (all right, so Monty Python isn't period...). For more information, contact Maeve at 632-8938.

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## PERSIAN NEW YEAR

Last year's Persian New Year Celebration was such a success we've decided to do it again. It will be celebrated in the Shire of Unser Hafen on March 24, 1990, at the Empire Grange Hall at 2306 West Mulberry (Highway 14, west off I-25). The hall will be open for the Feast at 6:00 pm with the hand washing ceremony.

Serving will begin about 7:00 pm. Get your reservations in early. We have expanded to a limit of 50 (there will not be room for "drop-ins"). Floor seating will be available, along with a few tables on the side. Please bring cushions and/or rugs if you prefer floor seating. This is a dry site. The feast and site fee is \$7.00, if received by March 15, and \$10.00 after that date. The menu will include, but is not limited to the following:

- Cheese, Pickles, Finger foods
- Hearty Carrots
- Honey-spiced Chicken
- Flat Breads
- Goat Kabobs
- Persian Cookies & Desserts
- Rice with Lentils

So Happy Persian New Year or "Ide Shoma Mobarrak" to you! and we hope to see you there.

### AUTOCRATS

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Lady Terhi Hadeel  
(303) 482-6608  
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622 Whedbee, Ft. Collins,

## PASSAGE D'ARMS FENCING TOURNEY

A Passage D'Arms Fencing Tourney will be held in Unser Hafen on March 24, 1990 at the Empire Grange (2306 West Mulberry, Highway 14, west from I-25). The site and the list will open at 11:30 am. Fencing will start at NOON. Entries after noon will be at the Autocrat's discretion (bribes will be considered.)

The site fee is \$2.00, entry fee for the Tourney is a bottle of something yummy (this is a dry site, but bring whatever, just don't drink it on site.) Prizes will be awarded for Overall Winner (all the yummy something to drink), Best Death, Most Outrageous Offhand Weapon and more.

### AUTOCRAT

Maximilliam Steanbryeg  
(303) 482-8762

The tourney will be completed about 5:00 pm so that all can attend the Persian New Year.

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----- Some notes on crossbow bolts -----

Crossbow bolts, also known as quarrels (from Old French "quarreau", meaning anything diamond-shaped or with four corners---referring to the bolt's metal head), were made of seasoned yew or other similarly suitable wood. Typical military bolts measured ca. 12 inches long, were 1/2 to 5/8 inch in diameter, and weighed 2.5 to 2.75 ounces. These dimensions seemed to produce bolts that flew straightest and furthest---lighter bolts did not carry as far as the heavier ones, and the concentration of weight at the tip (which weighed ca. 1.5 oz) helped the relatively short bolt maintain balance in flight.

Bolts for military use were of rather quick construction, as quantity was more important than quality in times of war. Those for hunting and target practice, however, were made with carefully hammered points and three fletches in an inverted "T" formation (rather than two on a single plane, as with military bolts). Military crossbow bolts were often fletched with thin strips of wood, leather, skin, or horn instead of with feathers.

War bolts were fletched in the following manner:

- (1) Cut a thin slit several inches up the shaft from the back.
- (2) Insert an oblong piece of thin, dry leather or parchment (the piece should fit tightly in the slit).
- (3) Wrap the butt of the bolt just behind the leather tightly with waxed thread.
- (4) Trim the leather or parchment to the desired outline.

The heads of military crossbow bolts were of solid metal, with a hollow sheath with which to fit the head to the shaft. They were typically 4-sided, and could terminate in a point or spread out as a blunt. Sometimes the points were directed backwards to make a barbed tip. Hunting bolts had heads of varying shape from thin, narrow points (for deer) to wide, four-pronged blunts (used for killing large birds).

Finding the materials to make crossbow bolts in these current Middle Ages is not a difficult task. Most archery supply stores carry wooden cedar shafts as well as feather fletching shaped in the same manner as fletching of old (use grey to simulate goosefeathers, white for swan feathers, black for raven feathers). Although it is difficult to locate arrow-tips that copy medieval ones exactly, one can nicely substitute regular target tips, or if one wishes, the 2- and 3-sided bodkin broadheads (be careful with them!). A hot glue gun is handy for attaching tips, and a fletching jig\* simplifies the attachment of the feathers (medieval bolts were primarily fletched straight---no spiralling). Crossbow bolts did not have, nor need, nocks on the butt end. An important note to consider is that modern tips and broadheads are nowhere near as heavy as their medieval counterparts (they weigh less than 1/6th of the medieval ones); thus, the overall length of the bolt will have to be increased for stability.

It is a handy idea to dab some brightly-hued paint on the butt-ends of your crossbow bolts, not only as an identification aid, but also to help you find your bolts when you've buried them in a foot-deep target butt!

For more information:

The Crossbow, Sir R. Payne-Gallway (Holland Press, London, 1958)  
(Available in the Laramie County Library).

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\* Maeve + Rhys have fletching jigs, if you need one 5

HARK! IT'S THE RETURN OF THE

===== WISH WE WERE AT CROWN REVEL, PART II !!!! =====

The merry populace of the Shire of Windkeep, several of whom have traveled far and wide these past four weeks (like, to Phoenix and El Paso), can't afford to go to the Crown Tourney in Caer Mithin Halle this year! So, once again we invite one and all to our Wish We Were At Crown Revel, Part II!

Starting at noon, Friar Coengar will lead you through his repertoire of silly games (for fighters and non-fighters---fighters, go over your wicky-ball strategies) down in the Sunken Gardens of Lions Park in Windkeep. Come feast time (around 5:00 or thereabouts), everyone will move up Carey Avenue to the feast hall for more fun and excitement, plus food! There will be dancing, gambling, singing, the Motley Dessert Contest, and, of course, we will once again hold our own Mock Crown Tourney to determine (if he wants to be so recognized) Windkeep's pretender to the throne. If you missed the fun last year (ask Tumahn about it...), you won't want to miss it this time!

Date: Saturday, April 7  
Time: Games at noon, feast at 5:00  
Place: Games -- Sunken Gardens in Lions Park (between Central Avenue and Carey Avenue  
Feast -- First Christian Church hall, corner of 27th and Carey

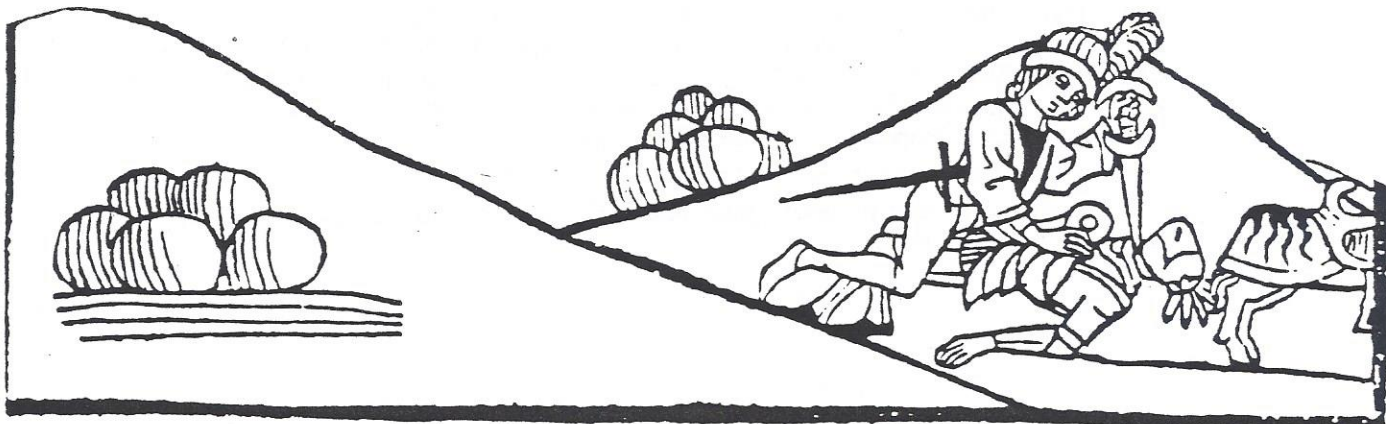
This is a POTLUCK FEAST, with the main dish, Coq au Vin, being provided for by the shire. The site is DRY -- We will provide iced fruit tea for those who don't bring their own beverages.

FEES: \$3.00 if you bring a dish that feeds 8-10 people (Motley Dessert Entries qualify as a dish if it feeds 8-10 people!)  
\$5.00 if you come empty-handed  
Smalls 12 and under are 1/2 price

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FEASTOCRAT: m'lady Aldith o Baddon Poeth (307) 632-1133  
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(Call or send reservations, which can be paid at the door, to the Feastocrat --- She also needs volunteers to serve, clean, and cook).





HUNTER'S  
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HIGHLAND GAMES

SEPTEMBER 7-10, 1990

Plan now to spend an incredible autumn weekend in the beautiful Rockies on the outskirts of Estes Park, Colorado.

Spend 3 nights and 4 days in a 100 year old hunting lodge situated on 22 acres. We have arranged for its sole use including outdoor heated swimming pool, 3 rooms with fireplaces on the main floor, a wood floor ballroom and a large capacity dining hall. The weekends activities will include; an evening's respite and sideboard upon your arrival Friday evening, a continental breakfast sideboard Saturday morning prior to the Festival Parade, free admission to the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Festival for those in garb, continuous afternoon sideboard and refreshments at the Lodge, feast and Ceilidhe Saturday evening, substantial Sunday breakfast and all day sideboard, free admission again to the Games for those in garb.

Rooms are charming, some 2 room suites, all with private baths. Total capacity is, however, limited to 80 people. In a heroic effort to keep prices reasonable, we cannot guarantee private rooms. Each room MUST accommodate 3, 4, or 5 people depending on the number of beds in that room. We would like to request that those of you who own camp cots to please bring them. We need at least 12.

So--- 3 nights and 4 days of fun, plenty of good food, bagpipes, dancing, music and games all in a spectacular setting for... here it comes... \$45.00 per person. Period.

Reserve now. Send checks payable to;

S.C.A. Barony of Caerthe

to: Brian Morman, 4725 W. Quincy #1513, Denver, Colo. 80236

All other inquiries; Festival: Wyndlyn, 1-303-355-6598

Lodge: Duchess Arrowyn, 1-303-894-0915

Calls will only be answered or returned between 5pm and 9pm MST

Written inquiries may be sent with a SASE to Wyndlyn, c/o Jean Hortman, 2562 Grape St., Denver, CO, 80207-3256

Long distance calls will be returned collect.

Fighters - bring your gear and all are invited to participate in this annual demo.



# ايريجانرس ريز

Brigand's Bizarre is an event held Memorial Weekend by the Barony of Dragonsspine as an alternative to Grand Outlandish. If, for one reason or another, you are unable to attend al-Barren's traditional event - come to Brigand's.

This year's Bizarre will be held at the same site of the Oasis Tourney (Crow Creek Campground in Pawnee National Grassland; Briggsdale, Colorado). The site has running water but no showers, toilets, plenty of shade but you must bring your own firewood and, this site is incredibly wet (Dragonsspine will again provide some libations).

This year will see a return of the randomly chosen teams of Merchants and Brigands. Once again, this event will begin with a Caravan Raid when the Brigands will attempt to alleviate the Merchants of the tremendous load of their treasure. And, to further fill out the lists we are planning a Swamp Battle (pad those knee-cops), Sea Battle (the boats have been removed from dry dock) and we have a lot more surprises in store - beware!!!

We are hoping that this year's Brigand's Bizarre will see a collaborative effort among our neighbors in the north of becoming an event to be remembered. As a result, there is currently a (secret) contest going on. No one knows (but the Autocrat) what the contest is - let's just say that I am willing to pay dearly for any aiding and abetting I receive from my neighbors in making this the best Brigand's Bizarre (until next year!) ever. Unfortunately, at last count, there are eleven groups in the north and I can only "repay" six of them. Alas, some of you will be left out (until next year?) but, it doesn't mean that we do not love you.

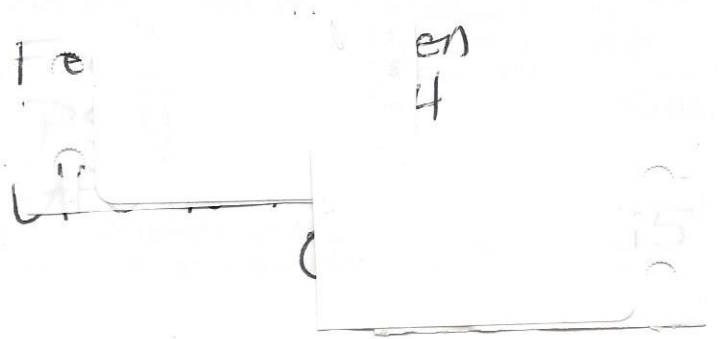
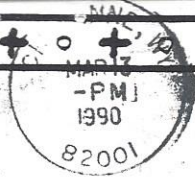
I intend to send a monthly letter to each group until Brigand's takes place. This letter will include the "Autocrat's Wish List" (aiding and abetting anyone?). Presently the things that top my "wish list" are: ice cream makers (electric is okay) and people to teach at the Arts & Sciences College. Anyone wishing to contact me may do so with the information listed below - I will answer the phone between the hours of 10:00am and 11:00pm (I can not guarantee civility for the hours in between!!!).

As always I remain, In Faithful Service to the Barony of Dragonsspine,

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