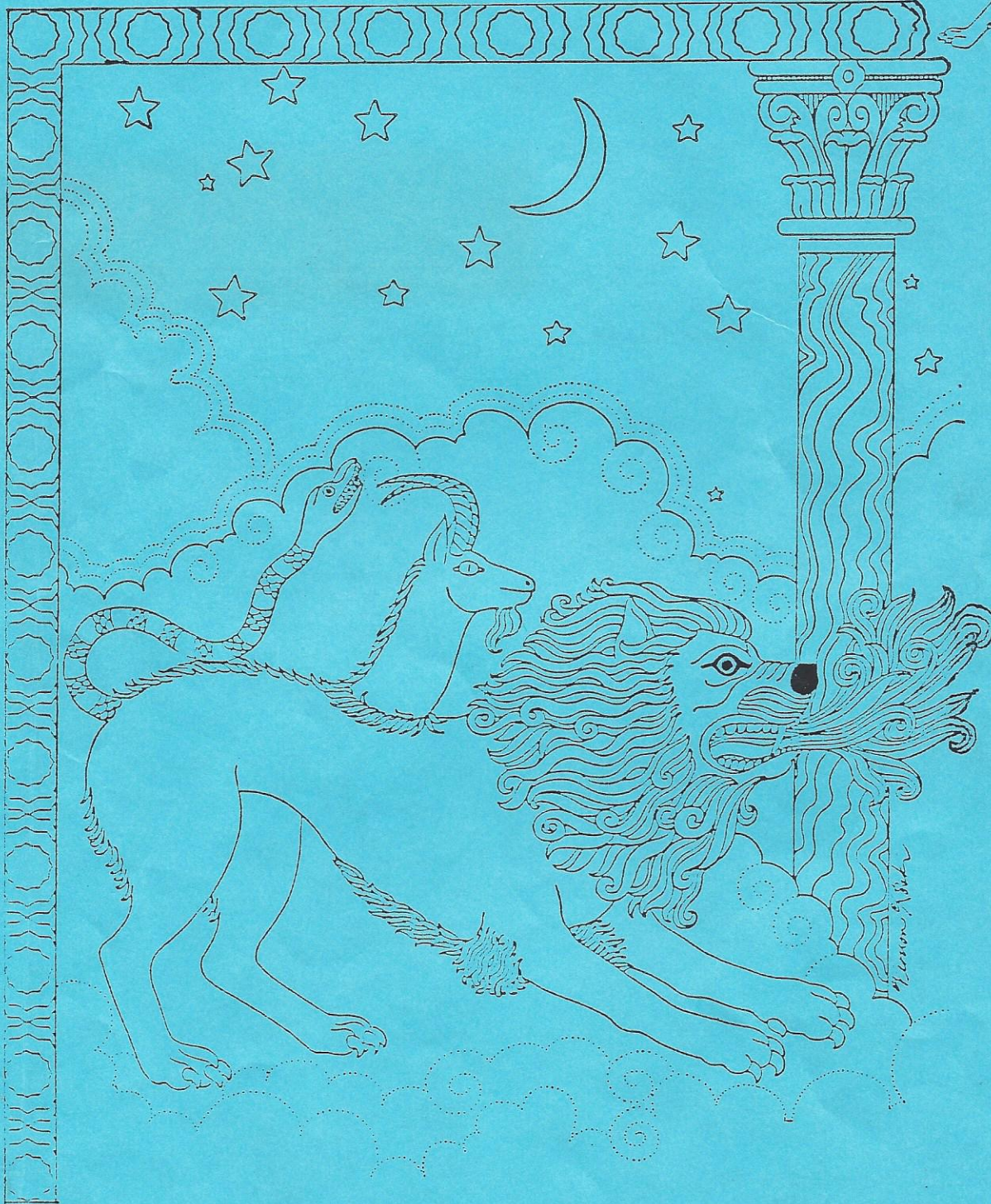


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The
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Remember:

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Months

Away!

Plan to attend the TYC -- A once in a Lifetime Experience!!





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Calendar

NOVEMBER

GRYPHON'S KEEP

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| 1 | Officer's Meeting | QTRS 378 B FEW | 6:30pm
In Costume |
| 1 | Populace Meeting | QTRS 378 B FEW | 7:00pm
In Costume |
| 1 | Revel | QTRS 378 B FEW | After Meeting |

ELSEWHERE

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| 2-3 | Kingdom A & S Comp | Otherhill | L. Robert de Fletcher
(307) 382-4016 |
| 9 | Viking Vinter Vunderland | Dragonsspine | Lord Knut (303) 595-4456 |
| 23 | Winter Fantasy Revel | Caerthe | Ly. Sara bat Meir
(303) 355-0762 |

DECEMBER

GRYPHON'S KEEP

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| 6 | Officer's Meeting | QTRS 378 B FEW | 6:30pm
In Costume |
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ELSEWHERE

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| 7 | Coronation | Atenveldt | No Info. Available |
| 14 | Mid-Winter Feast | al-Barran | L. Marcus the Vintner
(505) 256-0783 |
| 21 | Midwinter Revel | Caer Galen | Lady Marged
Tylluan Fach (303) 449-2416 |
| 21 | Winter Solstice | Loch Salaan | No Info. Available |

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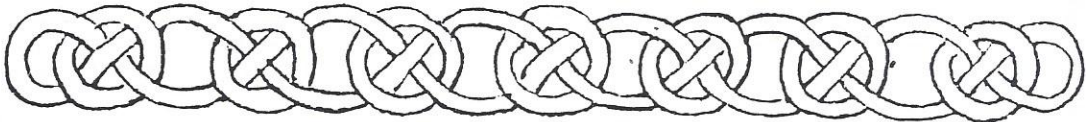
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

The Following Are Binding Rules For The Office Of The Treasurer:

1. You have two (2) weeks after an event to submit any receipts, vouchers, etc. for any monies spent for that event. If you have a real problem getting the paperwork in on time, you can contact the Treasurer for an extension. If one is granted, you will have an additional two (2) weeks,
2. You are expected (Officers) to put a minimum of \$25.00 a month into your office. If you are financially unable to do this, contact the Treasurer and we will discuss it.
3. If you have any questions or problems concerning treasury matters please contact me and not the Seneschal.
4. You must submit a proposed expense form on anything you intend to buy for an event. I am currently in the process of making a form for this. Until then, please submit the information on a typed or handwritten piece of paper so I can keep an accurate accounting of it.
5. Any money that is equal to or over the amount of a receipt will be given back until the amount that is to go into the account is proper.

Thank-you

Adrianna G. von Fehmarn
Treasurer





BASIC Announcing

Events



Public Speaking

GRYPHON'S KEEP

WHAT: Monthly Populace Revel WHERE: Tod & Ceallach's
 WHEN: After the Populace Meetings on 1 November and 6 December, XX
 INFO: Pot Luck and Bring Your Own Drinks -- Wet Site.
 Very relaxed, no autocrat(s), just visit a bit, eat, drink,
 practice Bardic or whatever seems of intrest.

ELSEWHERE

Kingdom Arts & Sciences Comp. will be held on 2 & 3 November. Full information is in the October SOUTHWIND and the October WIND SWEPT. Autocrat is Lord Robert de Fletcher (307) 332-4016

A Viking Vinter Vunderland is being held on 9 November in Dragonsspine. There will be fighting during the day and feasting in the evening. Bring grubby clothes for the VIKING PIG competition in the afternoon. SHOWERS are available.

Take highway 24 west from Colorado Springs to Woodland Park & head north on Highway 67 (to Deckers) 4.1 miles, to the edge of Pike National Forest. Turn west on a well-maintained dirt road one mile to the lodge. Site fee is \$2.00. Feast fee not yet determined. Autocrat is Lord Knut (303) 595-4456.

A Winter Fantasy Revel will be held in Caerthe on 23 November at Cherry Creek III Clubhouse, 9084 E. Nassau. The event runs from 7:30 - 11:30pm. Site fee is \$1.00. Please bring finger foods for the buffet and your own drinks. There are many events planned including a raffle to benefit the indoor fighting practices. Autocrats are Lady Anna von Ostenwald (303) 330-1672 and Lady Sara bat Meir (303) 355-0762.

CORONATION

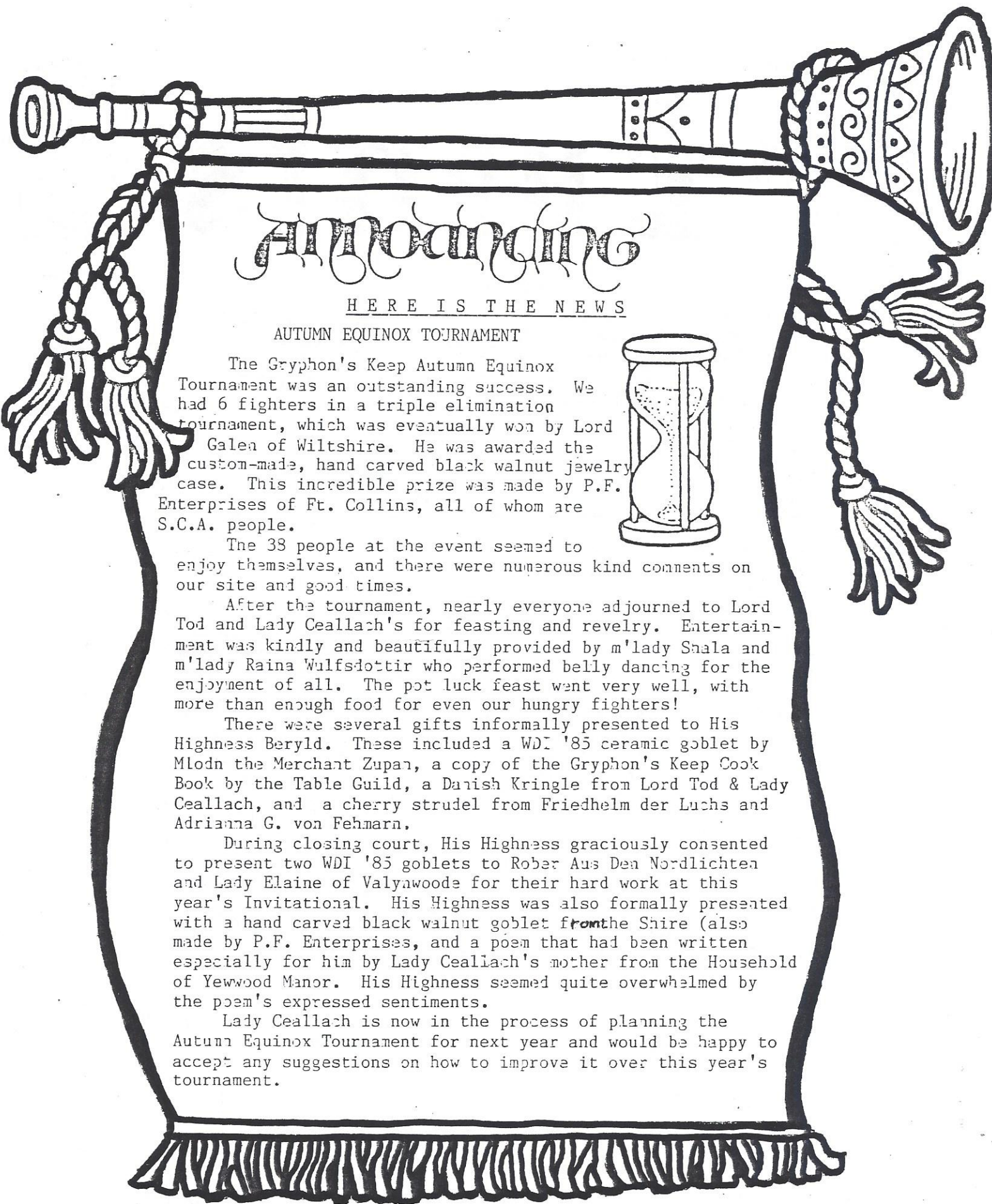
Coronation will be held in the Barony of Atenveldt on 7 December, XX. I have no further information on this, but I am sure you can get the information from the Kingdom Seneschal, Mistress Monika von Zell at (915) 565-9133, if you are planning to attend.



STAFF Acrobatics



COURT Heraldry

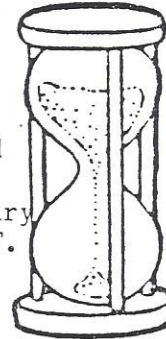


Announcing

HERE IS THE NEWS

AUTUMN EQUINOX TOURNAMENT

The Gryphon's Keep Autumn Equinox Tournament was an outstanding success. We had 6 fighters in a triple elimination tournament, which was eventually won by Lord Galea of Wiltshire. He was awarded the custom-made, hand carved black walnut jewelry case. This incredible prize was made by P.F. Enterprises of Ft. Collins, all of whom are S.C.A. people.



The 38 people at the event seemed to enjoy themselves, and there were numerous kind comments on our site and good times.

After the tournament, nearly everyone adjourned to Lord Tod and Lady Ceallach's for feasting and revelry. Entertainment was kindly and beautifully provided by m'lady Saala and m'lady Raina Wulfsdottir who performed belly dancing for the enjoyment of all. The pot luck feast went very well, with more than enough food for even our hungry fighters!

There were several gifts informally presented to His Highness Beryld. These included a WDI '85 ceramic goblet by Mlodn the Merchant Zupan, a copy of the Gryphon's Keep Cook Book by the Table Guild, a Danish Kringle from Lord Tod & Lady Ceallach, and a cherry strudel from Friedhelm der Luchs and Adrianna G. von Fehmarn.

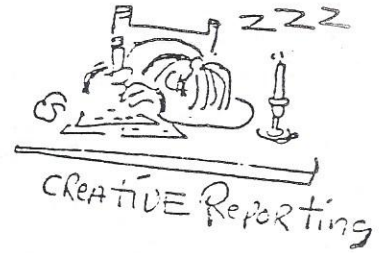
During closing court, His Highness graciously consented to present two WDI '85 goblets to Rober Aus Den Nordlichten and Lady Elaine of Valynwoode for their hard work at this year's Invitational. His Highness was also formally presented with a hand carved black walnut goblet from the Shire (also made by P.F. Enterprises, and a poem that had been written especially for him by Lady Ceallach's mother from the Household of Yewood Manor. His Highness seemed quite overwhelmed by the poem's expressed sentiments.

Lady Ceallach is now in the process of planning the Autumn Equinox Tournament for next year and would be happy to accept any suggestions on how to improve it over this year's tournament.



Field Heraldry

Pray Attend:



KINGDOM PETITION MEETING

On Sunday, 6 October, Mistress Ælflaed of Duckford, recent S.C.A. Steward and current Outlands Chronicler was in Caer Galen to discuss the Petition for Kingdom Status for the Outlands.

There were 2 people from Gryphon's Keep at this meeting: Brumbar and myself.

This was a very informative meeting, and many things were discussed among the 16 in attendance. I will attempt to summarize this meeting as briefly as I can.

Mistress Ælflaed first gave a summary of the background information leading to why many people are pushing for Kingdom Status now instead of waiting until another time.

There was some digging up of old grievances which are best forgotten. However, the most persuasive reason, to me, is that this is the first time in a LONG while that both the current Atenveldt King and Crown Prince are from outside the Outlands. The chances of this happening again are quite slim, as we have so many excellent fighters. We cannot form a Kingdom of our own if the current Atenveldt King is residing in the Outlands, as the King must reside in his Kingdom.

As I understand it, the current work on becoming a Kingdom started on or about 21 September, and has been escalating ever since. Mistress Ælflaed has volunteered to do the actual typing, etc., as she is familiar with what is necessary to pass the BoD, and also to save others the headaches of doing this work.

The Principality of the Outlands was formed 8+ years ago with the intention of becoming a Kingdom as soon as it was feasible to do so. At this time, it seems opportune to go for it, rather than not. HOWEVER, when the official ballots are mailed out, there will be four choices offered the populace. 1. To remain a Principality. 2. To form our own Crown Lands. (This is actually stepping backwards as Crown Lands form, later, into Principalities. 3. To join with the Crown Lands of Artemesia. (See #2). 4. To become an independent Kingdom as soon as possible. If this is the choice of the populace, we will at least have our own Crown Prince & Princess as the TYC, if not our own King & Queen.

There was also a lot of discussion on loyalties of the people in the Outlands. The general consensus seems to be: First, loyalty to the Outlands, Second, loyalty to Atenveldt.

It was also brought up that legally we have no responsibility to Atenveldt if we form our own Kingdom. Morally it is up to each individual whether they feel they owe something to our parent Kingdom.

There must be a convincingly large majority of people voting 'yes' on their ballots before we become a Kingdom of our own. These must represent a full spectrum of the populace--Peers, AoAs and gentry. It also must represent a full spectrum of the area--from here in Gryphon's Keep to Citadel.

"A SAXON'S LOOK AT THE MUNDANE
WORLD" SPECIAL: AUTUMN EQUINOX
REPORT

After a long summer of pillaging and plundering, I was surprised by an invitation to the Autumn Equinox Tourney and Revel at Gryphon's Keep, and if I had known what was going to happen, I would have stayed in Turkey fighting the Huns.

To say that this was an interesting experience would be the understatement of the year. There was enough joking, jibing and punning to keep the M&M candy company in business for a decade.

The whole day was one interesting incident after another. To start it all off there was a triple elimination tourney with six fighters that probably drove the Mistress of the Lists out of her skull.

Next, by the Prince's request, an interim court and procession was held, so the autocrat and herald had to run around and get everyone's name and title. I'll tell you, some of those names would make Daniel Webster cringe. There were 38 people on the list and the poor heralds had to announce every one of them.

After interim court we adjourned to Yewwood Manor for reveling and merry-making. That's when it really broke loose.

We started with a feast that fully fed 27 people with leftovers (yes, there were leftovers). With gala conversations springing up all over the Manor, His Highness Beryld called for closing court. By Royal Whim, His Highness called Beryld Blackwolf up as herald for closing court. Closing court can't be properly explained in what little space I have left, but that was the first time in my life that I've ever seen a Prince (or any Royalty for that matter) remove his Coronet (during court), walk over to a person and thank them with extreme sincerity.

After closing court, the revel continued with a demonstration of body movements by two of the Kingdom's most beautiful belly dancers that kept the ladies busy watching the lords staring at the belly dancers.

The revel broke up about midnight with many happy faces bidding good-night.

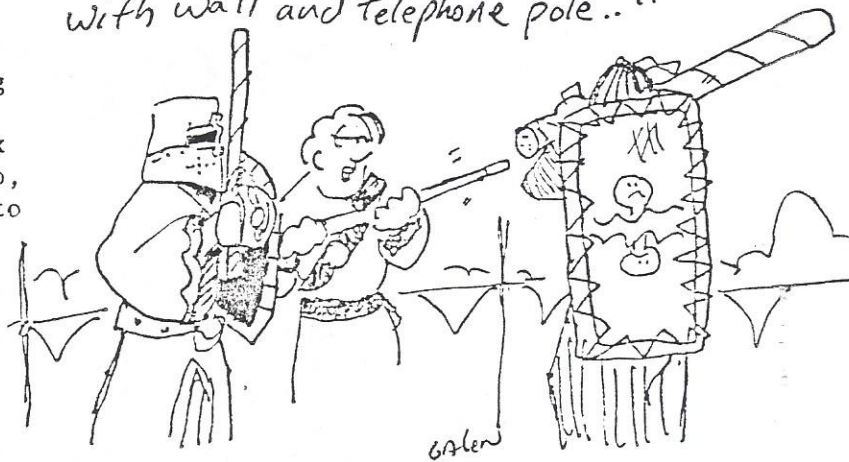
I hope the next Autumn Equinox Revel (or any other revel for that matter), I get an invitation, because you never know what will happen next.

Brumbar (Yes, folks, the BEAR IS BACK!)

TO THE S.C.A.

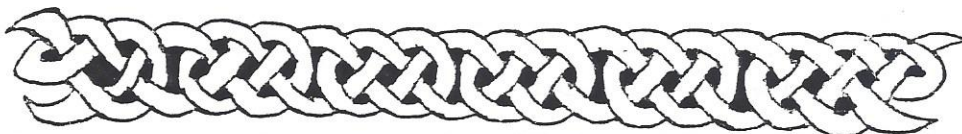
Put on your armour and face your foe
For your lady fair, with her eyes aglow.
May the S.C.A and the fighting school
Keep your honour bright to play it cool.
In each tournament as it comes along
May your courtesy keep your spirits strong.
May the Shire of Gryphon's Keep
Show courage true and honour deep.
May the deeds of Chivalry you do
Bring courage strong to each of you.

"Doth Combat - lord Smit, armed
with wall and telephone pole.."



May each man stand tall, his armour bright
As he fights for lady fair, and right!
May the gryphon be your emblem true
In tournament and all you do.
May the Chivalry of the Knight
Show the courtesy for which you fight.
May the S.C.A. bring joy to you
Keeping honour bright in all you do.

Mable A. Lybyer
20 August, A.S. XX



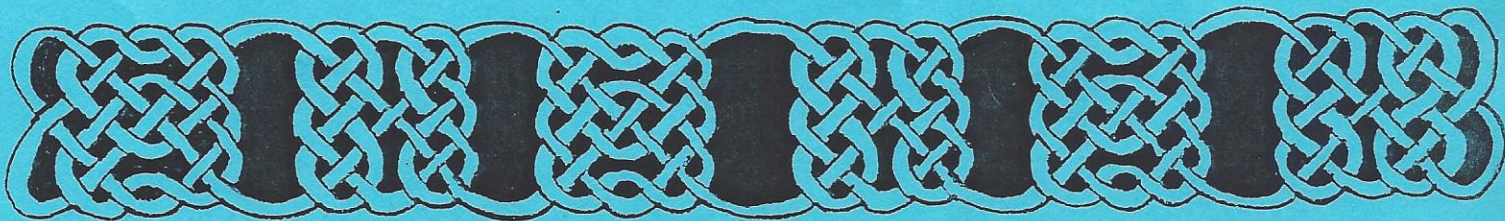


I. C. MOOR

Let it be knowne that I.C. Moor is once again a free man. I have returned to Saxons Keep where I shall while away the months til I feel I can venture forth again to wench and pursue. I have been detained these past few months in the lower living quarters of the Castle Bearcelona. I was treated quite fairly though the lack of female companionship was almost unbearable. But I survived and was rescued by a true lady and companion, Jeanette le Bergere and her band of mercenaries. Beware all ye who venture to the East as the folke are nice but there are others not so nice. I would like to contact the gutter rat J.Q. FLETCH. He truly did me a foul and nasty deed. It was a bad judgement on my part to believe the stories of ladies fair in the next kingdom to the east. It is true they are fair and some quite willing, but this villanous rat sold me for a mere pocket of change. Anyone coming in contact with this villan pass a message that when I.C. MOOR has healed he will set forth to bring J.Q. to his just reward. I was fortunate to be rescued by Jeanette and her mercenaries as the Lord of Bearcelona was moving his household from the East to the far West. The caravan was waylaid by bandits and Jeanette and her mercenaries chose the time to strike and free me. Now don't misunderstand the situation as it was not due my charm and wit that they rescued me but rather for monetary considerations. So all who are seeking me for whatever reason I shall be within the boundaries of the Keep indefinitely.

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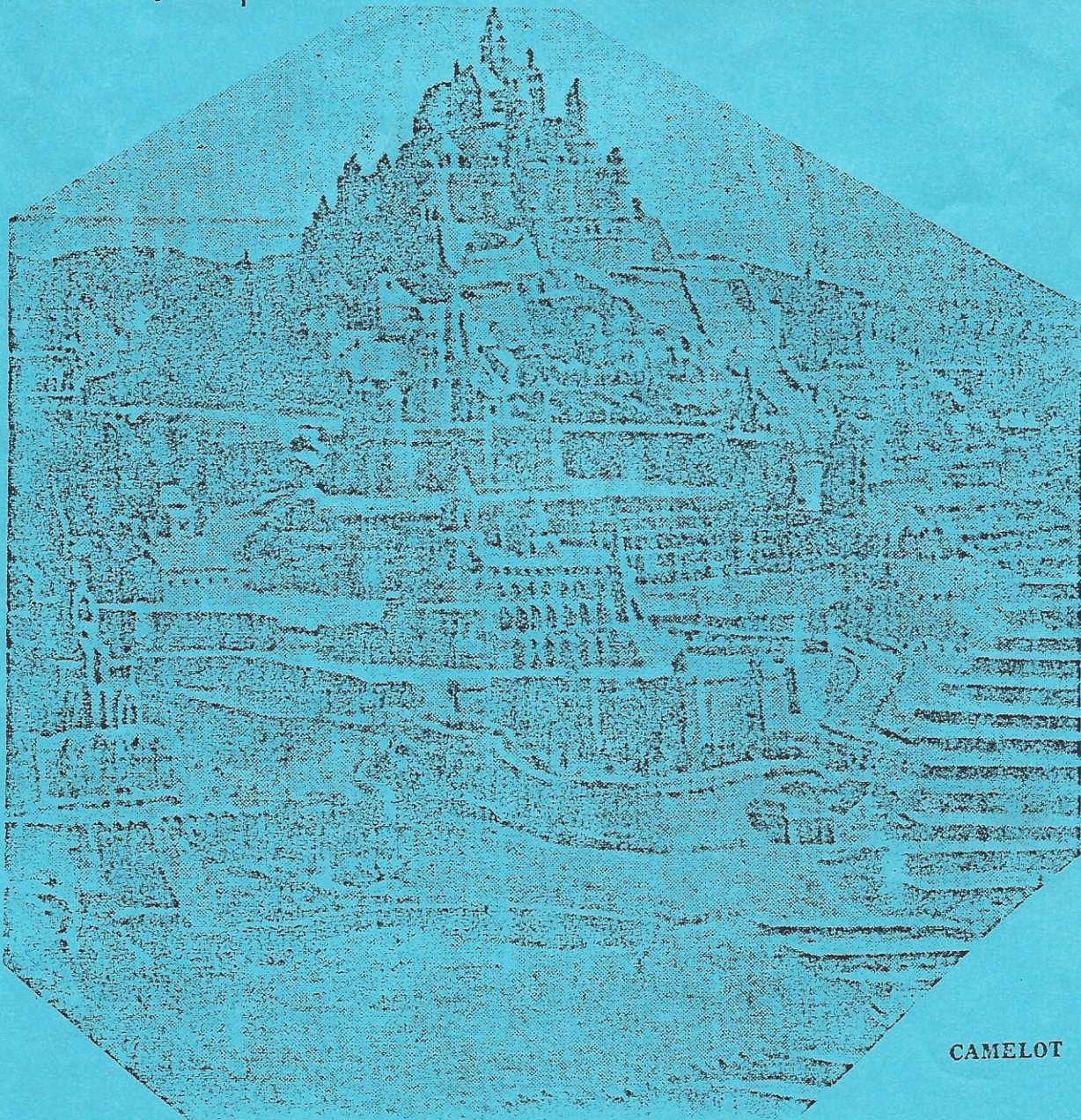
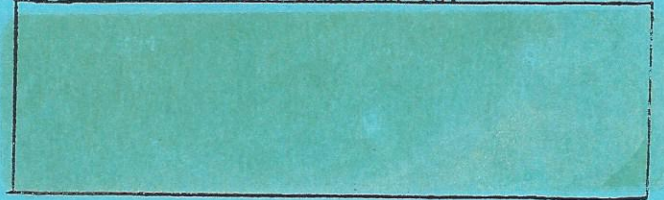


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