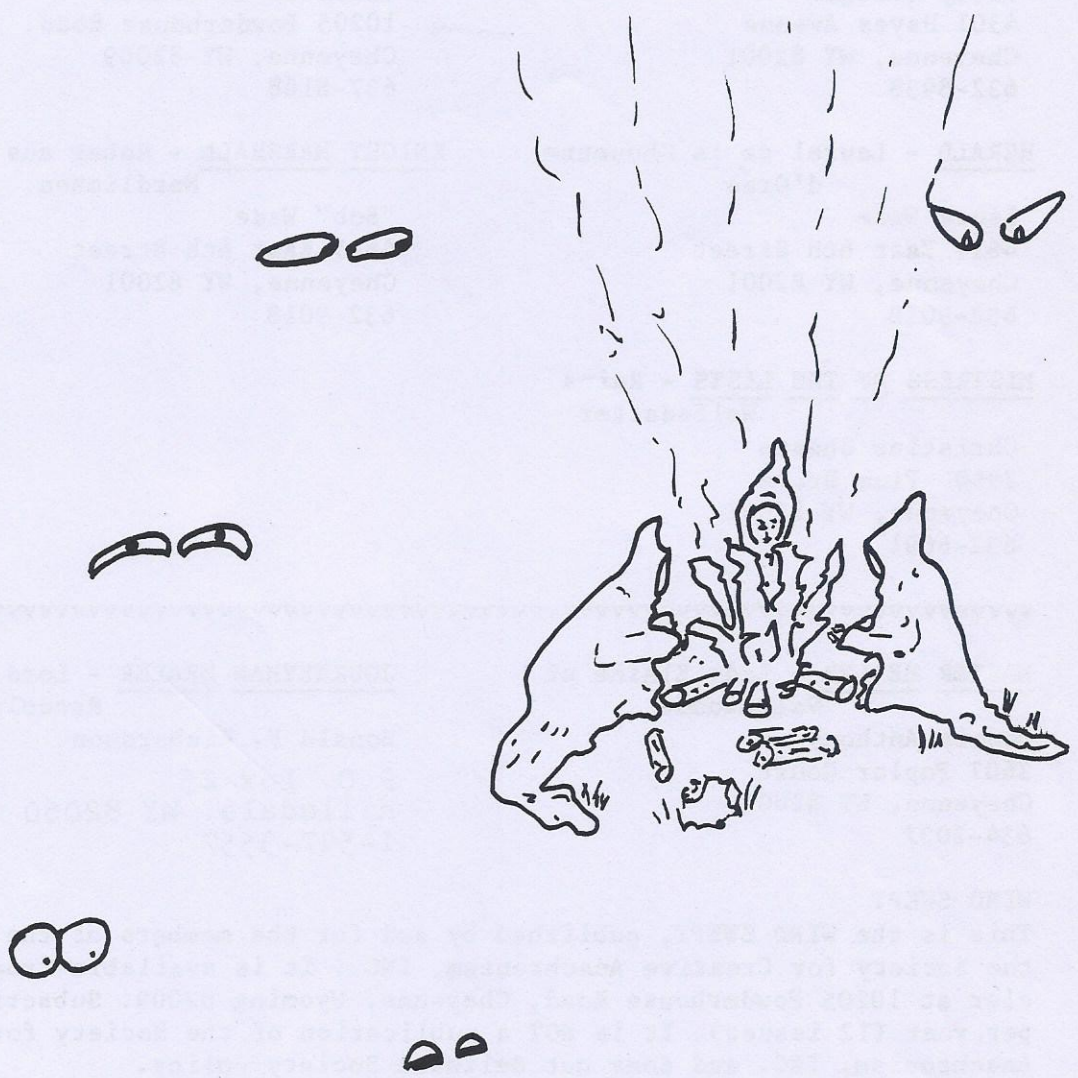


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EDITORIAL:
 This cover shows the Windswept staff huddling around the fire of enlightenment striving to expand this enlightenment to all. They are surrounded by the readership with a thirst for enlightenment, however at the sideline through non-participation. We are all the worst for it. Please join us!

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Calendar

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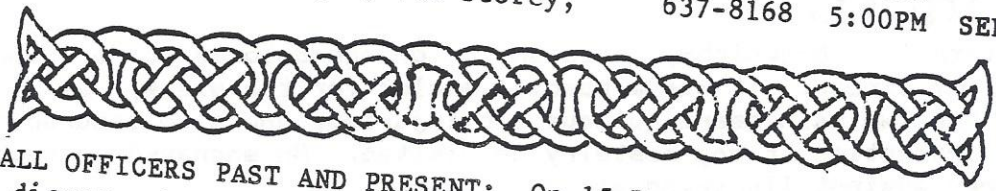
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- Tues 15 Domesday Reports Due 635-3882

JANUARY

- Thurs 7 Domesday Reports Due - Populace Meeting - 2820 Thomes, 7:00PM
- Thurs 7 12th Night Autocrats Meeting, Thomes 635-3882 7:00PM
- Sat 9 Windkeep Twelfth Night, 712 Storey, 637-8168 5:00PM SEE PAGE 8



ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS PAST AND PRESENT: On 15 December there is a Domesday meeting to discuss what must be in each officer's report. Please plan on attending. Domesday reports are due in final copy to the Seneschal on the 7th of January. Late reports will not be included! Anyone who held an office in 1987 must submit a report as required by Corpora.

OTHER NEWS: Also on 7 January, there will be a populace meeting and an autocrats' meeting for Twelfth Night. All meetings will be held at 2820 Thomes starting at 7:00 pm. Populace, Officers', and Twelfth Night.

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ANONYMOUS ANNOUNCEMENT TO WINDKEEP MEMBERS

Pass on to the other people you know that all of you are being watched and judged in the Arts of the SCA "Dream" by an anonymous person or persons. All aspects of the dream will be covered, chivalry, talking forsoothly, attending shire functions, participating in all activities, and courtesy. This runs through the February Windswept deadline. The individual who most follows the "Dream" will receive a \$20. sustaining membership in the SCA. The application and bank draft will be sent to the Windswept with the request to get the information needed from the winner to send in his or her membership.

Thanks to Maeve for all the Calligraphy!

On the Talismanic Properties of Gems, part II

by Gwynmaeve of Falconguard (Maeve the Hither-dweller)

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Here, my lords and ladies, is the second part of the list of precious stones and their magical properties, as believed by many in the Middle Ages:

## Garnet

The garnet shared with many other red stones the belief that it was a remedy for hemorrhages of all kinds, as well as for all inflammatory diseases; it was also believed to exercise a calming influence and to remove anger and discord. The darker the stone, the more powerful its curative abilities, so it is said.

## Hematite

Hematite, an ore of iron, is an invaluable help to a warrior on the field of battle, provided he rubbed his body with a piece. If the piece of iron ore was shown to be magnetic, it was especially prized, for then it conferred total invulnerability to its possessor.

## Jacinth

The jacinth is a brownish-, reddish- or orange-colored stone, thought to be a variety of zircon. It was a special amulet for travelers, as it protected against the two main fears, plague and injuries, and also assured the wearer a cordial reception at any hostelry he visited. An engraved jacinth protected its wearer against lightning and disease.

## Jasper, Green

For workers of the soil, jasper was a special stone, as it had the power to bring rain. It also protected its wearer from the bites of venomous creatures, and if a green jasper were placed on a snake bite, it was said that the poisonous matter would come forth from the wound.

## Lapis-Lazuli

The deep blue lapis was regarded in past times as a healer's stone; it was reputed to cure diseases of the eyes, as well as ease the symptoms of melancholy and malaria. Rubbing a dark blue lapis stone over plague boils was believed to make them disappear.

## Malachite

For some unknown reason, malachite was considered to be a talisman particularly appropriate for children--if a piece of the stone were attached to a cradle, all evil spirits were held away and the child would sleep peacefully. The stone also was believed to warn its owner of impending disaster by breaking into pieces.

## Moonstone

The moonstone, with its delicate cat's-eye effect, was thought to be a magic stone, and thus was believed to bestow upon its wearer good fortune. It was also highly regarded as a gift for lovers, giving them the ability to read into the future the fortunes, good or ill, in store for them.

## Onyx

The black and white onyx, marked by sharply contrasting zones, was said to cool the ardors of love if worn around the neck. This belief stemmed from an older belief that wearing onyx provoked discord and separated lovers.

## Ruby

Many special properties were attributed to the ruby, one of which was that a ruby, cast into water, would communicate its inner fire to the water, causing it to boil. All kinds of rubies served to preserve the bodily and mental health of the wearer, and the fortunate owner of a brilliant red ruby was assured to live in peace and concord with all men, and that neither his rank or lands will be taken from him. The ruby was also believed to protect homes, fruit-trees, and vineyards from injury by tempests.

## Sapphire

The regal sapphire, worn by kings as a defense against harm, was thought to preserve the wearer from envy and attract divine favor. Its color was likened to that of the pure sky, and thus the stone was held sacred; it was believed that all fraud was banished in the presence of the stone.

## SARD (Red Jasper)

Wearing a sard was regarded as a protection against sorcery and incantations, and it was believed that the stone sharpened the wits of the wearer, rendering him fearless, victorious, and happy. It was also used to counter the bad influences of onyx by supposedly driving away the melancholy thoughts inspired by the black and white stone.

## Serpentine

The serpentine's green and white patterning brings to mind a snake's skin, and it was long considered to offer protection from the bites of venomous creatures. In addition, if one was bitten by such a creature, the stone, if placed upon the wound, was thought to draw out the poison. As for coral, it was thought that altering the natural shape of the stone by any iron instrument (such as the gem-cutters used) destroyed the magical power of the stone.

## Turquoise

The turquoise was considered to be a special amulet for horses and horsemen. It was thought that the stone had the power to protect the wearer from injury by falling from horseback, and, if attached to the bridle, it protected horses from the ill-effects resulting from drinking cold water when overheated. A change of color due to fading was a sign that the stone had lost its power.

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Thus ends this list; those who thirst for more knowledge in this fascinating subject are directed to the following volumes:

The Curious Lore of Precious Stones, by George Frederick Kunz
Magical Jewels of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, by Joan Evans

Both of these works are available from Dover Publications, Inc.

Feast

The First Annual Feast of Sainte Ceallach draws nigh. The Feast shall be held on 7 November A.S. XXII, commencing at 5:00 in the evening. The site shall be YEWWOOD MANOR, located within the boundaries of the Incipient Shire of ARD THIR. As our great hall is limited in space the feast shall be reserved for the first twenty lucky souls with reservations. At this writing we currently have eight reservations. The cutoff date for reservations is midnight 31 October A.S. XXII.

A Feast Fee of \$3.00 per adult and \$1.00 per Child is requested. All profit made, if any shall be donated to the Inter-Kingdom Travel Fund in care of HM Sir Hagen Silverskull.

The Menu follows:

Course One	Breads, Cheeses, Butter
Course Two	Soup of Vegetables and Yewood Salad
Course Three	New World Peacock with Sage & Onion Dressing
Course Four	Sotelties of Cake

Wassail shall be available to drink along with a cool blend of teas. For those wishing to garner the favor of Ste. Ceallach, carmel apples shall be available.

After the feast A Bardic and Games shall be held for those interested in such frivolity. On Sunday morning, about 9:00 breakfast shall be made available for those wishing to partake. Danish Pancakes and country sausage shall be served with appropriate supporting condiments. A small fee of 50¢ per adult and 25¢ per child is requested, with profits going to the IKTF.

The following restrictions apply: There will be absolutely no cigarettes consumed within the walls of the Manor. If you must smoke such items, then there is room outside the manor. The smoking of pipes shall be permitted in the stable adjacent the Manor. Due to limited space for the parking of firechariots, participants shall be directed where to park. In the event of a blizzard the event shall proceed with those in attendance.

THIS IS A WET SITE For further information please contact the Autocrat.

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MYSTERY GUILD MEETING --- NOVEMBER 13, 1987

Come one, come all to Maeve's Place (not a tavern) for the Mystery Guild meeting at 7:00 pm on November 13!

This will be a very informal get-together for the purpose of learning some of the traditional as well as the more colorful Filk Songs out of the Elf Hill Times Songbook, including Lady Thalia's infamous favorite, "The Minstrel's Curse".

Knowing how to sing is not, I repeat, NOT a requirement for joining in the fun. In fact, anyone presuming to make fun of someone else's vocal quality and/or tone deafness will be delegated to the Dog Kennel in Maeve's back yard for the duration of the session.

There will be copies of the music for those who need them; however, those with copies of the Elf Hill Times Songbook are encouraged to bring them along. Also, you may bring along whatever munchies you feel you cannot survive the evening without, bearing in mind that others may want some, too.

SONG TEACHERS: Lady Thalia of Winddragon and Maeve the Hither-dweller
LOCATION: the home of Maeve the Hither-dweller, 4301 Hayes Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyo. (632-8938)

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LADIES GET LOST REVEL

Saturday Decenber 11, 9PM through December 12 , 10PM

Lady Elaine of Valynwoode

2607 Poplar Court 634-2037

Site fee: \$ 5.00 Bring drinks, munchies, food, overnight gear, sleeping bags, pillows, etc.

EVENTS

- December 11
- 9PM Arrival
- 10PM-12PM Sleeping Bag Shuffle
- Midnight-2AM Pillow mania
- 2AM-7AM Lullaby Song
- 7AM-9AM Rise a wake calling
- 9AM- noon "Who Knows" Mountain Tourney
- Noon-2PM Italian Eats Party
- 2PM-8PM "Who Knows II"
- 8PM-9PM Pick up Placement
- 9PM-10PM Clean up-clear out Shuffle
- 10PM Event Ends.....

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LORD'S QUEST

Saturday December 11, 7PM to whenever.....

Lord Mlodn the Mercheant Zupan

10205 Powder House Rd. 637-8168

Site fee: \$ 2.50 Bring drinks, food and whatever etc.

EVENTS

7 PM to 9 PM	Quest preparations
9 PM to Midnight	Battle plans (films)
Midnight to 2 PM	retold de tails
2 PM to 9 PM	Exercising the prerogative
9 PM to Noon	Armor R&R
Noon to 2 PM	Kitchen Raiding
2 PM to 8 PM	Back to Basics

Warning reading this backwards can be a pain!

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NEEDLEWORKERS CRAZY DAY OFF?

For those people who work on projects that don't go right. For those whos projects do go right and you don't know why. Or for those whø have tried and nothing has gone right. THIS IS YOUR DAY!!

Everything to do and nothing to do, that's what this day is all about. Come, be merry, cherry and gay!

If you ponder your lot, then come and put away thepondering for a day.

No Sane people allowed. No doom or gloom. Just us, the happy-go-lucky Crazies of the world!

NOVEMBER 22th At: 2607 Poplar Court A 12 Noon to whenever-
Bring a potluck dish, drinks, and a site fee of \$1.00.
(Site fee is \$5.00 if you don't bring a dish)

Also bring a project tø discuss and wørk on and lots of good cheer.

Come in mundanes, or garb. Be prepared to spend some time outside.

Things not allowed:

1. Doom and gloom (There will be a fine for this, so bring extra \$)
2. Rain or Snow (Mother Nature are you there?)
3. Illness, Plague, or Death or even Colds!
4. Cross Little Ones (This is our day off from Gloom)

Things that will be allowed;

1. Talk mundane or SCA
2. Wet site
3. Eats of all kinds
4. You or Your friends (No Sane people please)

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WINDKEEP'S TWELFTH NIGHT

January 9 - Saturday - 5:00 PM to Midnight - Ascension Lutheran Church

712 Storey Blvd.

The food is centered around Northern France; the exact menu is still being firmed up. It promises to be plenty of good delicious food just like last year.

EVENT FEE: \$ 7.50 per adult until January 2
\$ 5.00 per child 5-12 years until January 2
\$12.00 per adult January 3-8
\$ 6.00 per child 5-12 years January 3-8

Availability and cost on day of event is at the discretion of the Event Autocrat.

Dancing and other fun planned.

More information and map in the December's Windswept.

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ALL HALLOW'S NOON PARTY

Sunday November 8 12 noon to around 5 P.M.
10205 Powderhouse Road
Autocrazy: Lady Elaine of Valynwoode
634-2037 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
637-8168 Most afternoons and evenings
(Keep trying eventually some one comes home)

Site Fee: \$2.00 per person and a pot luck dish for 6.
NO DISH FEE: \$5.00 per person. The Autocrazy plans on bringing a stew or a meat dish. (That information is for you in case you'd like to plan around the autocrat)

Planned is pumpkin carving, apple dunking, games, revelery, Hoodsman's Blind (medieval version), and general fun!

Lady Elaine has hand made prizes that will be awarded to the lucky winners of some of the contests and games that are planned.

WINDKEEP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!

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Time value - do not delay



A genuine papal medal—the smaller one here—had conjoined Pope Emperor, and on the reverse Cardinal Bishop. In 1537-47 satirical medals were struck, probably in the Netherlands, including the larger one here: it conjoins Pope/Devil and Cardinal Fool