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PENNSIC PROGRESS

A daily chronicle of the
13th Pennsic War

Today's Weather:

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The Founder of the Feast by Etienne de Lisle (Middle)

For the first five years, the Pennsic War wandered from one unsuitable site to the next. Finally, in 1977, Duke Dagan du Darregonne located Cooper's Lake and arranged for Pennsic War VI to take place there.

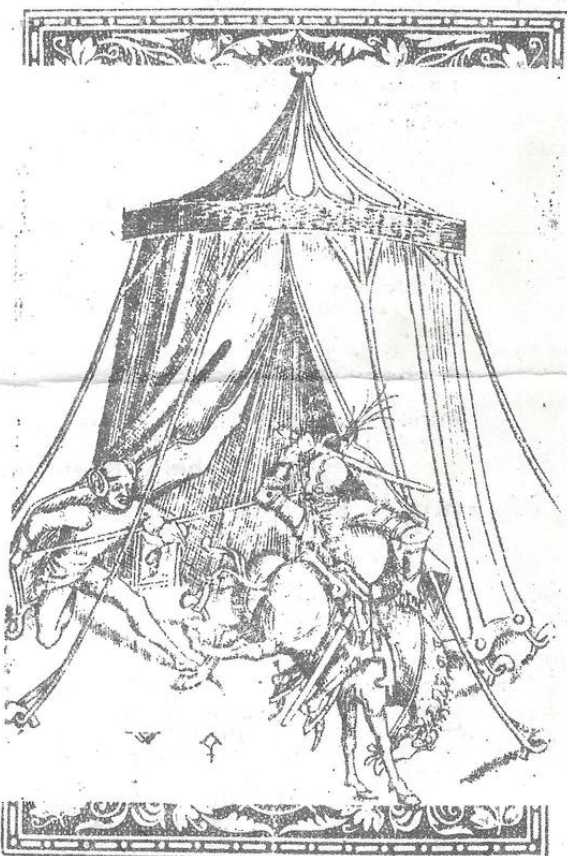
Duke Dagan has not been seen at an SCA function for two years. One of our reporters has discovered, however, that the good Duke is in this year's camp incognito. What follows is an exclusive interview.

PROGRESS: How has the Pennsic War changed since number six, Your Grace?

DUKE DAGAN: Please don't call me that. I only agreed to talk to you if you made sure not to blow my new identity.

PROGRESS: I'm sorry... milord. Is that better?

DAGAN: Fine, fine. To answer your question, I have mixed feelings about the Pennsic these days. My first SCA event was Pennsic I, you know. I was a young Horde mercenary, and Yang and I helped defend the Eastern fort against Seldom Rest's Midrealm army. The early Wars were pretty basic, but they had all the charm of first love. We made a lot of mistakes, but it was fun. Now things are more sophisticated, but they are less spontaneous.



Merchants Keep Prices Level

by Neandir, Lady of the Flame (Mid)

A cursory poll of merchants shows a general willingness to remain with earlier stated Pennsic prices and absorb the 6% sales tax themselves, rather than passing on the burden to the customers.

A few merchants have closed up shop rather than pay the tax.

Baron Ian Mitchell, Eastrealm Treasurer, notes that merchants may either include the tax in the purchase price or state that the price does not include the tax. Both are legal. It was suggested that an enterprising merchant could do well

by calligraphing customized tables for the merchants.

Kudos should go to the merchants for their reasonable response to this unexpected situation. Since many of them have labored long hours and traveled vast distances to offer their wares to us, we urge gentles to patronize them generously. Besides, EVERYONE should take home a War souvenir (besides dirt, bruises, and the Plague).



..Schedule of Events..

SATURDAY, August 18

8:30am--ARMS INSPECTION, Runestone Battlefield.

10:00am--WOODS BATTLE. Armies of both Realms and Allies gather at Runestone Battlefield.

Heralds Consultation Table opens for assistance in preparing name/device submissions. Through 12n.

Games and Races for Children. Times and locations TBA.

Archery inspection, registration & open practice. Barn open to public.

1:00pm--The Iron Archer Event of Endurance, Archery Field. Through 2pm.

Children's Treasure Hunt. Location TBA.

2:00pm--The Brother Dominic Miracle Shoot, Archery Field. Through 3pm.

Heralds Consultation Table opens for assistance in preparing name/device submissions. Through 4pm.

3:00pm--CHAMPION'S BATTLE, Runestone Battlefield.

Archery Range closed.

Juggling workshop, in front of bath house. Pieter of the High Hills (Mid). Interested students should bring their (juggling) balls. Through 5pm.

3:30pm--ARCHERY WAR POINT SHOOT. Archery Field.

4:00pm--ARMS INSPECTION, Runestone Battlefield (if needed.)

4:30pm--Interkingdom Archery Meeting, Archery Field.

5:00pm--Middle Kingdom Laurels Meeting, Midrealm Royal Pavilion.

Barn closes to public.

6:00pm--Merchants must vacate Barn.

8:00pm--WAR COURT. Barn.

SUNDAY, August 19

6:30am--Pancake breakfast, Asheera campgrounds, Low Road. Serving through 10am.

8:30am--ARMS INSPECTION, Main Battlefield (if needed).

Divine Liturgy of St. John of Chrysostom (the Mass according to the Byzantine Rite of the Catholic Church in union with Rome). Bath House. Celebrated by Lord Vasili iz Naitemneshoi Dollina's mundane persona, Father Jim. Mass will start promptly (mundane time). Through about 9:30.

9:00am--Barn opened to all merchants on a first-come, first-served basis.

10:00am--CAUSEWAY BATTLE, Main Battlefield.

Heralds Consultation Table opens for assistance in preparing name/device submissions. Through 12n.

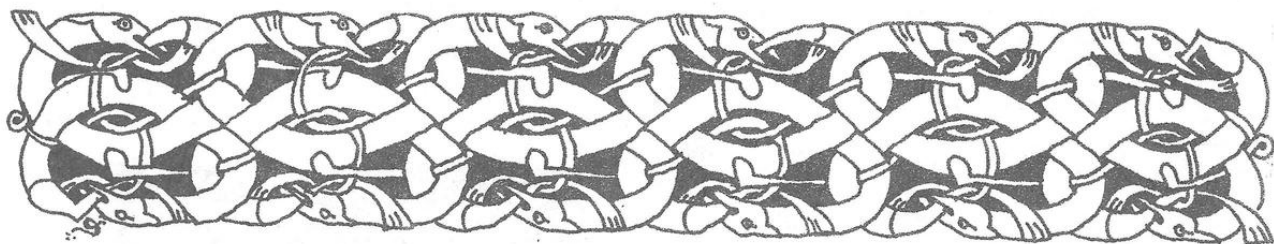
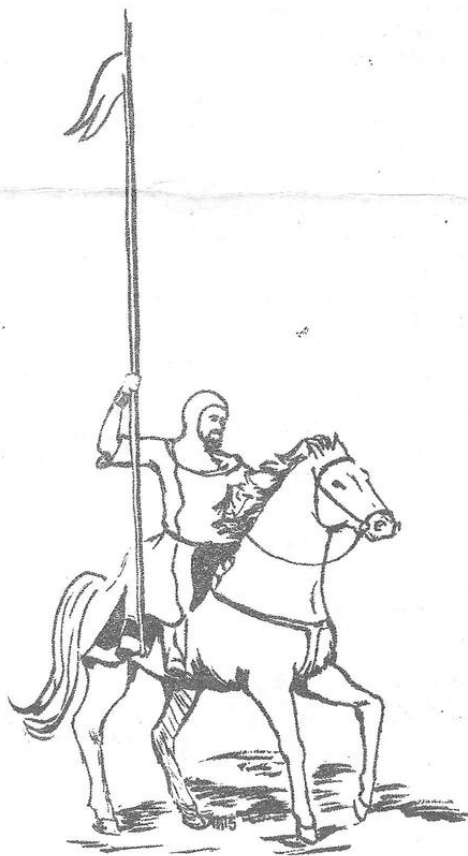
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1:00pm--Archery Field Breakdown & Clean-up.

Challenge Round, Archery Field. Through 1pm.

1:30pm--FIELD BATTLE. Main Battlefield. Final Court to follow 2 hours after the battle.

2:00pm--Heralds Consultation Table opens for assistance in preparing name/device submissions. Through 4pm.





From the HERALDS



The Heralds are crying official announcements at 10am, 12 noon, 2pm, 4pm, and 6pm. Heralds willing to cry the camp should report to Heralds Point 15 minutes before each scheduled time. The Heralds do not cry personal messages. Strategically located message boards or private individuals are available for other messages.

The Heralds also offer consulting service at 10am-12n and 2-4pm daily to assist gentles in preparing names and devices for submission. Try it; you'll like having a REAL device to put on a banner! There's no time like the present; the Heralds have had a remarkably high acceptance rate in recent years.



From the Coopers



All ambulance calls should be referred to Chirurgeons' Point before the call is actually made.

The torches along the roads belong to the campground, not the SCA. The torches have been lit nightly. Unfortunately, some have turned up missing. It is requested that the missing ones be returned and no more taken. As ever, everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

From the CHIRURGEONS

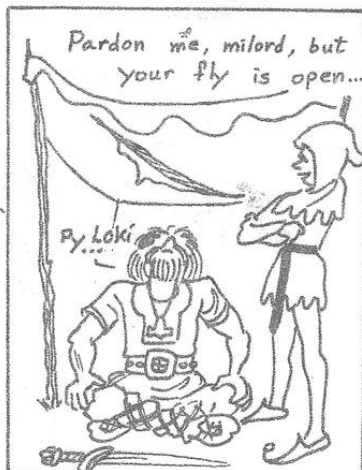
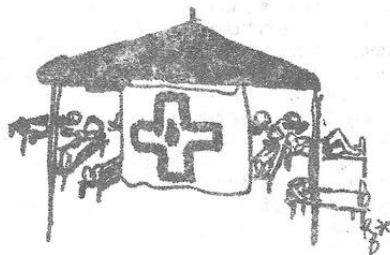


The chirurgeons report that the Pennsic XIII Plague is abating. However, all are urged to continue to take precautions to prevent a recurrence on Sunday.

As the battles begin, all are reminded of more familiar precautions against heat and sun. Drink plenty of nonalcoholic beverages, use sunblock, and generally remember to take care of yourself!

The chirurgeons thank everyone for the generous donations, which have just about kept pace with demand. The plague required use of many extra items, including extra paper cups and straws for the fighters. Another common problem has been many hurt feet, since the mud induced many to go about barefooted.

The water bearers have scouted the Woods and are all prepared for the demand for their services during the battle.



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LOST: OVER 700 POUNDS

If found, please do not return. More than one epidemic seems to be sweeping the SCA--there is quite a lot less of quite a few of the Society members this War. Since Pennsic XII, a number of good folk have lost 50 pounds or more, thanks to willpower and the miracles of modern medicine.

Two Dukes show striking losses. John the Bearkiller of Meridies has dropped 135 pounds in the past year. Vissevald Selkirkson of the East has lost nearly 80, thanks to a medically supervised diet and Aikido practice.

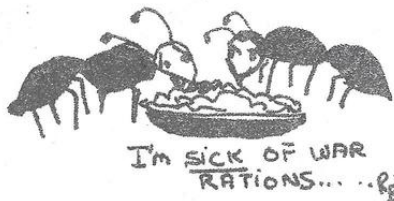
Master Bertram of Bearington, a resident of the Debatable Lands and former Society Chronicler, has a new motto, "Minor plus," or "Less is More!" Since May AS XVIII Bertram has lost over 135 pounds, thanks to an operation that permanently changed the size of his stomach. Taking up the sword as well as the pen, Bertram is now an authorized fighter looking forward to his eighth Pennsic, but his first as a participant in the battles rather than just as an observer.

Master Stephen Cassye (ML) of Tree-girt-sea in the Middle Kingdom, is nearly half the man he used to be. Since February AS XVIII this talented artist has lost 150 pounds, thanks to a surgical procedure known as a stomach stapling.

Lady Helene Gabrielle du Lac, also of Tree-girt-sea, has lost 110 pounds, 81 since Pennsic XII, with help from Overeaters Anonymous and a generous portion of willpower. She's enjoying her new-found mobility and now loves walking all around the War.

Whatever the reason, the tendency of these and many other good gentles to make less of themselves bodes well for their continued good health and their chances of enjoying Pennsics 50 years hence.

--Master Bertram of Bearington (East)



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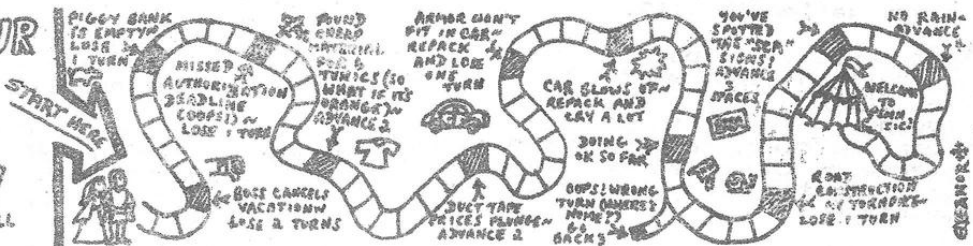
All of us contrive in one way or another to get to the Pennsic War. Jayson and Andrew of Settmour Swamp were enterprising in their approach. Being of tender years (ages 10 and 8), working to obtain funds had to be somewhat novel. Never did two lads work harder at cleaning house and odd jobs than these two. They hoped to accumulate \$18 to purchase two catapult books. Two weeks prior to Pennsic found the goal still lacking.

One day I arrived home to find a big sign adorning my lawn—Video Arcade. The boys used all their video games to entice the neighborhood kids (at 5 cents a game) to facilitate their endeavor.

Though very mundane, the approach succeeded. Just before the war, they took the final count. They had earned \$46. All this to get to Pennsic! And what are they doing here? Besides playing and swimming (they're too young to wench), they're working as carriers for PENNSIC PROGRESS.

—Linda Holovacs (East)

**FIND YOUR
WAY TO
PENNSIC
XVIII!!!**
A TEST OF WIT & SKILL



SAXON VIOLENCE

by Leovigild

It is ironic that while our language and our culture are ultimately derived from Saxony and nearby regions in northwestern Germany, there is hardly any information in English on the history of that land from 476 A.D. to 804 A.D. Most of the works I found on them dwell on the migrations to Britain and the conquest of Saxony by Charlemagne which was concluded by 804 A.D. The middle period of pagan Saxon history is usually ignored.

We know that they were ultimately divided into four large tribes, which lived around the mouths of the Elbe, Ems, and Weser Rivers up to the border of southern Denmark. The tribes were the Eastphalians, Westphalians, Angrail and Nordalbingians. The Nordalbingians were not defeated by Charlemagne's Franks until 804 A.D. The Westphalians were led in Charlemagne's time by a king or warlord named Widukind. Several historians, including Gregory of Tours, the historian of the Franks, mention Saxon Kings but for some reason they usually do not give their names (even though they give the names of equally obscure rulers of such little-known tribes as the Gepidae or the Heruli). It seems that the Saxons also had democratic assemblies as well as kings. The Saxons worshipped the well-known pagan gods of Germany but had their own peculiar cult of Irmin as well. His sacred wooden pillar, which resembled an Indian totem pole, was chopped down

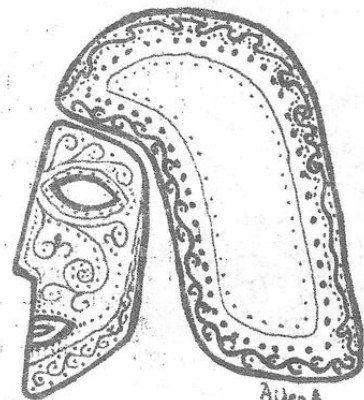
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by Charlemagne after a savage battle. The "Cambridge Medieval History" has almost nothing to say about the Old Saxons of Saxony, and a Dark Age historian, Paul the Deacon (author of "History of the Lombards"), did not name their leaders, even though 20,000 Saxons marched with the Lombards to Italy before going back home to Saxony.

For an article on Old Saxon history, I would appreciate hearing from people who know the names of the Old Saxon kings and queens. If you have this information, please contact me at the Dragonship Haven Camp, or write to Jon Douglas Singer, 4 Eld St., New Haven CT 06511. I need data on Old Saxon culture as well as history.



Alden A

Facts on File...

by Fumdiddly of the Modunkers

The first marine insurance policies were issued in Florence in 1253 and marine insurance was unknown in the North Sea and the Baltic during the period of the SCA.

In the Baltic Sea the lack of marine insurance was moderated as a loss factor by merchants splitting shipments between a number of ships and ships being owned in shares with owners investing in several vessels.

The practice of merchants splitting cargoes between several ships and the high losses due to Danish piracy caused Hanseatic merchants to develop the convoy tactics used by supply ships in WW2. Another contributing factor was the short season during which "the Sound", the area between Denmark and Sweden, was not frozen over. The first recorded convoy sailed in 1242.

Most medieval European ships could not sail into the wind due to their one square sail and restrictive rigging. Viking ships because of their rigging, and Saracen ships because of their lantern sails could sail into the wind, to their great advantage.

The size of medieval ships was not measured in tons of displacement but in lasts, a unit of volume. One last is roughly 2 metric tons but varies with the density of the cargo.

In 1361 King Valdemar Atterdag of Denmark attacked the second largest city of the Hanseatic League; Visby on the Swedish isle of Gotland. For the SCA fighter the significance of this battle is that the common SCA coat of plates is patterned after coats found in the mass grave for the Hanseatic defenders of the city. 1800 of the city's militiamen died in the battle, most from blood loss and shock due to the loss of limbs.

In the late fourteenth century the Baltic Sea was terrorized by a group of pirates known as the Vitalian Brotherhood. Formed as privateers in the Hanseatic war with Valdemar they refused to disband after the hostilities ended and were finally brought to justice by Simon van Utrecht whose ship was named the Brindled Cow and sported a cow's head figurehead.

The woods battle originated at Pennsic I; the field battle at Pennsic II; the bridge battle at Pennsic III; and the Champion's began with Pennsic IV. The first Pennsic War site had NO WATER. The Middle and the East maintained separate camps at Pennsic I and II. The common camp evolved at Pennsic III.

The compass was not used for navigation in the Baltic Sea during the SCA period. Instead, ships navigated by use of depth soundings and visual landmarks which were listed in the Book of the Sea.

The turkey is indeed a period food, having been served to the English court in the latter half of the sixteenth century. Potatoes were also occasionally found brought back to Spain, but both foods would have been rare and served as "exotic" dishes to the nobility.

Several period peaceful pastimes commonly overlooked are croquet, tennis, and bowling, all of which were popular in the Middle Ages. Skittles was such a popular game that special skittle halls were built in Germany. ED NOTE: Add to this list handball, which with only a few variations, is played today much the same as it was in the thirteenth century.

While the tale of William Tell shooting the apple off of his son's head is a myth, the feat was really carried off by a Scottish noble for his King, Robert the Bruce. The noble won large estates for his act.

An early King won a war he declared, lost a war he fought, and in the process was involved in only one war. Who was he? (Cariadoc, you dolts! The war was Pennsic I.)

SUNDAY SERVICES



Everyone welcome!

On Sunday morning, Lord Vasili's mundane persona, Father Jim, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, (the Mass according to the Byzantine Rite of the Catholic Church in union with Rome). The congregation is requested to meet at the "bathhouse" at 8:30 AM (mundane time). Services should take about an hour (mundane time).

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DRACHENWALD DOINGS

Geoffri FitzRoger, correspondent

A rather large contingent from the Principality of Drachenwald (Europe) has made the crossing of the Great Eastern Sea, to aid their Kingdom at the Pennsic War. This group is the largest single contingent onsite, and includes the following folk, who will return to their homes in Drachenwald when the security of their Kingdom is ensured:

Their Highnesses Sir Raim y Hynnddyl, Prince of Drachenwald, and Lady Gwynna Emrys, Princess of Drachenwald; Viscountess Regina Romse; Viscount Wolf Dietrich Von Hochenweld; Viscountess Cairiona Ni Bhriam; Lord Arlin Thrachmortoni; Lady Josepha Marci de Marseiller; Lord Geoffrey Mandagora; Lady Andreanna Innes of Innermarche; Lord Justin Meatora; Lady Gyth of the Danelau; Geoffri FitzRoger; Aidan Cadwaladr ap Gwynedd; Cwethryth y Gwary Gybod; and William Guiffard.

After a year-long legal battle, Polly the AWOL Principality Shephardess has been returned to the Eastern Realm. Prince Raim has petitioned the King for a writ of extradition to the Principality, where Polly can resume her lawful duties—protecting wayward sheep from the dangers of eastern mines.

This struggle was the result of forged documents, presumably releasing said shephardess from the impor-

tant task of protecting Drachenwald sheep. Polly has not been reached for comment.

Rumor has it that an orgy occurred at the Drachenwald encampment Wednesday night. Reportedly, 16 people were found in a 4-man tent, including some high muckety-mucks. More details to follow.

Reportedly, one dumb sword jock died for his cause by throwing his head at one famous Duke's sword, enabling the other three fighters to kill said Duke. Let's hear it for brawn before brains!



WHITE DRAGON AUCTION

The auction on Thursday of the old lost and found items generated a total of \$634.75. Proceeds were split among the five Kingdoms that participate most in the Pennsic Wars (East, Middle, Meridies, Cold and Atlantia), and the Pennsic War Fund, the surgeons, and PIKESTAFF. Sir Edward Ziffron, formerly of An Tir and now of the East, served as the auctioneer. By far, the most unusual sale was of one male virgin.

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Announcements

DIVINE LITURGY: Lord Vasili's mundane persona, Father Jim, will celebrate the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (the Mass according to the Byzantine Rite of the Catholic Church in union with Rome) in the Bath House at 8:30am Sunday. The service will last about 1 hr. All are welcome.

HERALDS ARE NEEDED to staff the consultation table at 10am-12noon and 2-4pm. Apply at Heralds' Point.

CHIRURGEONS BENEFIT: Kristofor de la Roche, proprietor of the Pita Ria, has issued a **BUCKET CHALLENGE!** For 25 cents, try to separate two buckets. If buckets are undamaged and separated at the end of 5 minutes, you win a free pizza. All proceeds to the surgeons. **UPDATE:** Papa Pitaria of the Pita Ria announces that thus far 3 people have successfully met the bucket challenge. Many funds have been raised for the surgeons through the efforts of those who wish to try their strength. The Bucket Challenge remains open.

UNITS OF FIGHTERS going to fighting practices are **STRONGLY URGED** to take water and water bearers with them. —Katherine Gillesfleur, head water bearer.

NONFIGHTING CALONTIR PARTICIPANTS will be involved in the events this weekend, wearing purple falcons on a field of gold. Do not strike those wearing a purple falcon.

MK MoA SEEKS IDEAS and suggestions for arts/sciences activities at PWXIV. Would you rather see exhibits, competitions, or something new and different??! The arts are at YOUR disposal. Comments from every-

one are welcome. Seek Mistress Myrra de Blackwoode at Northwoods encampment, off Mandler's Row. Or write after the War to: Geri Matteson-Hughes, 1343 Adams Ave., Charleston, IL 61920.

THE VENUSIANS HAVE LANDED: Thursday night at the Warpuppie, a Venusian came down and gave his good tidings and best wishes to the East Kingdom in the upcoming War. To show the divine nature of this great happening, Viscount Sir Edward Ziffron walked through the roaring campfire and an artifact was found by Earl Sir Gavin. —Friends of VENUSIANS.

A JUGGLING WORKSHOP will be held at 3-5pm Saturday outside the Bath House. Any interested students should bring their (juggling) balls.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Has the time come for SCA-net? All gentles interested in high-tech telecommunications, meet at PENNSIC PROGRESS pavilion, 10am, Sunday.

I, CORWYN GREYRIDER, be the regional chronicler of Northshield, Midrealm. Since I am setting up a Kingdomwide CBBS as an adjunct to the NORTH-WATCH, I am interested in the results of any SCA-net activity,

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We are revising our listing of people who wish to participate in upcoming festivals, re-creations, exhibits, etc. Pros and Amateurs welcome. We are especially interested in those who are adept in demonstrating or lecturing their specialty for the public and making it into "Showtime".

Also we are seeking the "out of the ordinary", i.e. horse jousters, combat choreographers, costumers, animal acts, medieval model makers, gamemasters, armorers, musical instrument makers, stuntmen, caricaturist, puppeteers, brewers, saddlemakers, farriers & blacksmiths, glassworkers, falconers, broom & basket makers, medieval homemaking experts, dancers, commedia del'art, mimes, jugglers, musicians, fire-eater, jesters, etc.

If we haven't mentioned your specialty let us hear from you anyway!! Households, specialty groups, etc. invited. Send info., photos or slides.

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though I cannot attend the meeting. Please contact: Lord Corwyn Greyrider, Esq., 879 Hatch, St. Paul, MN 55103, (414) 488-0954.

PIZZA HUT (New Castle) spokesman Chuck Figuerl confirmed the rumor that Pizza Hut will indeed deliver to Cooper's Lake, provided that the order totals \$100 or more. No checks accepted. The Pizza Hut Super Supreme runs \$6 (small), \$9.25 (medium), and \$12.10 (large). For further information, prices and complete menu, dial 1-658-2009. A CENTRALLY LOCATED delivery point will be essential.



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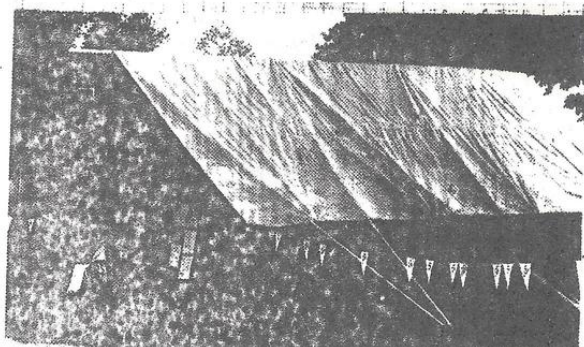
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We of the PROGRESS are delighted to be back in operation bringing you the news of the day. As with Volume I at PWXII, this volume will probably reflect this War, with its plague and taxation problems.

Interestingly, last year people came up with wonderful stories, poems, and useful War information--but hardly any art or cartoons. This year, the pattern has been reversed. Gentles are again cordially invited to write up interesting occurrences in their areas. We cannot go out and report everything ourselves and still produce the PROGRESS; we must rely on others to bring the news to us. Workshops, interesting campsites, human interest, camping tips and many other topics all make up the fabric of the War, and all are worth reporting!

There are STILL lots of things that we wanted to include. The compound is filled with fascinating aromas from remarkably elaborate outdoor cooking. But would anyone submit a recipe or two? No, no, NOOOO, no! Lots of people stopped by saying, "I've got something wonderful for you (fill in the blank) column." Did they come back with the copy? You guessed it. We hoped to run a "Dear Ann of Flanders" column, but apparently no one has any lovelorn problems.

Not to whine and moan, mind you. People's submissions reflect their interests and concerns, and, conse-



quently, the PROGRESS does serve its mission as the "daily chronicle of the Pennsic War." We had hoped for more hard information, though.

We commend all our volunteers and contributors, and salute their efforts.

Please consider writing up something for the Sunday wrap-up edition of PWXIII. Don't worry about putting it into absolutely finished form; we can clean it up for you if you bring it by midafternoon.

And do come by to see our new PROGRESS hall and our anachronistic set-up. We have an almost decadently comfortable camp this year, with a living room, cookshop, pottery wheel and kiln, authentic cooking set-up, and many other appointments.

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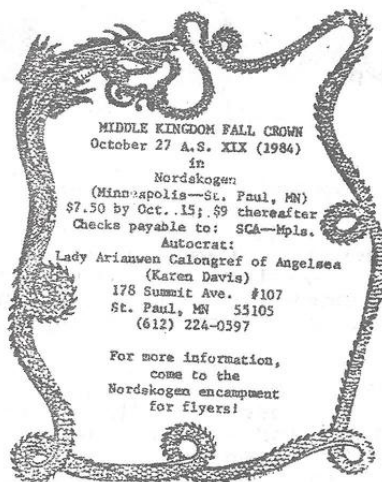
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An Early English Riddle

A curious and wonderful creature I saw,
--bright air-grail, brave artifact--
homing from a raid with its haul of silver
brimming precarious crescent horns.

To build itself a hideaway high up in the city,
a room in a tower, timbered with art,
was all it aimed at, if only it might.

Then over the wall rose a wonder familiar
to the earth-race, to everyone known.
It gathered to itself the hoard, and to its home drove off
that unhappy outcast. Onward it coursed,
wandered westward with wasting heart.

Dust rose to the skies, dew fell to the earth,
night was no more. No man knew
along what ways it wandered afar.

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Going for Gold at the Pennsic Games

by Helva of Saxony, a.k.a. (mid)

This year I did something I never did before. Camping has always meant leaving the "modern conveniences" behind, the SCA more so. But this year I brought a TV set.

You see, we were leaving the Thursday before the Heraldic Symposium, and I didn't want to miss any of the Olympics. And as I sat there in my campsite staring at this strange magic box, I got to thinking: what if the SCA held an Olympics?

Some events would be very straightforward. Archery, and the various forms of armed combat, for instance. But for others, why not:

WATER-BEARER RELAY: Each team is allowed to start with two full water bottles slung on a rope or yoke. First runner travels the course, emptying some water in each container he finds, then hands off to the next runner who fills the bottles and travels the course. Points for speed, equal filling of the stations, not spilling, and not beaming your team-mates with the bottles.

DOWNHILL MUD SLIDE: Held only in the rainier years. Many categories can be held, resembling anything from Luge to Team Bobsled to Downhill Skiing. Points for grace, ingenuity, and safe landing.

CAR PUSH: Only held in the very wet years, generally at the bottom of the Downhill Mud Slide. Has been replaced in more recent years by the Tractor Pull.

TEAM GYMNASTICS: Two or four person teams are given a ropeless, free standing tent without assembly instructions. Points given for speed, grace, and inventiveness.

WEIGHT LIFTING: See how much armor in a single armor bag you can lift at one time. Divisions are: the straight-lift, the clean-and-jerk, and the hoist-to-the-top-of-the-car. Last known record set by Lord Rupert the Ruptured.

WENCH CARRY: A Lord runs a set course against the clock carrying a wench (or Lady) in his arms. Fastest time and most unbruised wench wins. As yet, there has been little attempt to create a women's division in this sport.

MARATHON: How long can you Galliard all night?

TEAM PURSUIT: Person runs into Horde, Tuchuck, or Royal encampment, insults the resident(s), and is pursued by a team. Survivor wins.

No doubt you can come up with events I haven't thought of, but it's only a daydream anyway. They wouldn't really... What was that I just saw go by? An Olympic Flag? No, it's got laurel wreaths, not rings. But the color and arrangement of those rings... They wouldn't, would they?



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by Brandu Nagoireaghteach

I am the very model of a Pennsic
Water Carrier,
And so am very careful as I cross
the Marshall's barrier,
For the Knights in all their armor
are panting like Fox Terriers,
And when they see me coming, they
descend on me like harriers!

And while I'm running round the
field, calling on divinity,
and hoping for a Chirurgeon
in the very near vicinity,
A massive duke steps in my way
like an armor plated manatee,
And I realize that I volunteered
in a moment of insanity.

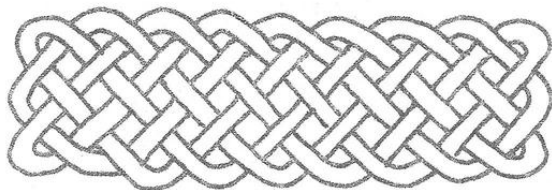
REFRAIN:

"Bring a water carrier",
we tell the fighters every year,
"So you don't have to stand and wait
while melting in your
fighting gear."
While the fighters play at night,
after all the dust and heat
We are at the Chirurgeons,
soothing backs and busted feet.

I look around and sadly note
that we're not very numerous,
If I wasn't in this spot
I'd think that it was humorous!
And while the gentles watch
somewhat bored and curious,
We're running at a fever pitch,
working fast and furious!

REFRAIN:

I tell my comrades not again,
not even out of loyalty,
I never will do this again,
not even for the royalty!
Suddenly I understand,
as gently it begins to rain,
That just about this time next year,
I'll be right back here again!



Saga of Pennsic Pride

Ravens gather brazen,
Riding the winds, gliding,
Beaks open to the breath
Blowing their harsh crowning
Song of war and thunder
Song of Pennsic's strife-throng.
Drums, too, call war's coming
Deep in the dark night's sleep.

Tiger proud, East warriors
Tone a chant of their own,
Shouldering wooden shields,
Shaking spears of skill's making,
Warriors prepare the way
Wanting Victory's taunting
Hand to rest undaunted
Here on their horde this year.

Dragon proud, the Midrealm
Draws me to battle's jaws,
Swords silver in the woods
Spurs shining, knights astir,
Ready to the attack,
Wrath unleashed on crow's path
Asking fate's help lasting,
All hear Victory's clear call.
--Thoron Ravenoak (Caid)

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But we are lords and ladies against
his Knights.
We act and fight for our rights.
We do not need snobbery of an
AoA by demand.
Just to come to Cooper's Holding,
to act out with reality
the timeless sands.
With great reverence I write this
amidst a euphoric reverie.
I at times can't be myself
mundanely,
But through the SCA I am me.
--Arnostis



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there are
Dragons
here

