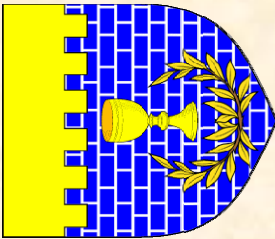




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October 2007***

THEIR EXCELLENCIES OF THE CITADEL

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FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Beir Bua agus Beannacht!

Lé breithe shone a Citadel!! (Happy Birthday!) In October we celebrate our great Barony's birth! At twenty-four years old we think this deserves a celebration! During the weekend of October 5th -7th we will be hosting a Passage of Arms in Caballo, NM. Lady Aine has kindly given of her time as the Autocrat for our great birthday party and has many wonderful things in store for us. Please be giving of your time and effort and help out wherever you may. We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate our history, our family, and our friends. The site does charge by the carload so get together with others and carpool! Companions always make the journey worth taking.

Shortly after our Passage of Arms, our dear Cousins to the North shall be hosting the annual Stag's Con/Queen's Prize/ Queen's Whim in Caerthe October 13th. We encourage all interested parties to venture forth to Caerthe to return with new knowledge.

The gracious people of the College of Saint Goliath will be hosting their Feast Day October 28th. This event is always one filled with good food, sports, and of course...fighting! We look forward to joining in the festivities and we hope to see all of you there!!!

Next November is full of important events for many to attend and assist in. First up we have the Renaissance Festival in the Shire of Nahrin Kabirun. Every year there is a great performance by the populace from both Nahrin and our own Citadel of the Southern Pass and we look forward to doing it once again this year! Please prepare to come out and have a relaxing weekend in the park!

Most importantly, November 10th and 11th brings us the joyful Coronation of Their Royal Highnesses Arik Boleslavson and Slaine inghean Ui Sheanain. We are honored to have Their Highnesses join us here in the far South and to grant our Shire of Nahrin the pleasure of hosting Their Coronation. Please help out whenever possible. This is sure to be a grand event and one that we shall not forget for many a year.

Thank you one and all for a fabulous year thus far! Our weekly fighter practices are picking up and we are happy to see so many new faces coming out to join us. We would like to thank everyone for making our Biggs practices such a success! May this be a sign for things to come!!

As usual, should there ever be anything we may do to assist anyone in their preparations for months ahead, please do not hesitate to ask.

Le gach déa ghui!

Muireann Ghlass inghean Faolan and Giovanni di Lucca
Banbharun and Barone of the Citadel of the Southern Pass



Business/Officers meeting

There will be a business meeting conducted on October 11th, 2007 from 6pm to 7pm at the RIPE Eatery & Market. The address is 910 East Redd Road, Suite A, El Paso TX 79912.

For full directions, either see the events section of <http://www.scaelpaso.org> or call Vicomte Berold at (915)585-3155.

This meeting is mandatory for officers (in the event of an emergency, or inability to attend, please contact Vicomte Berold to arrange for your report).

Business meetings are open to all members of the SCA interested in finding out more about how the Citadel and the SCA function behind the scenes, and anyone is welcome!

Monthly A&S Gatherings

Tankard Meetings: contact Lord Warmin at (915)821-4005

Court Dance Practices: contact Lady Aine at (915)373-4189

Armor Workshops: contact His Excellency Roger at (915)821-9585

Sewing Nights: Contact Lady Tatiana at anubisgrl@aol.com

Also check our email lists for more information

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Citadel-Southern-Pass>

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nahrin_Populace

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Southern Scribes Society: Lady Aine inghean Chormaic (Valerie Hearn)
Phone: (915) 845-8472

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Phone: (915)821-9585

Seekers of the Bottomless Tankard: THL Warmin (Stanley Hobbs)
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AREA CALENDAR

Fighter & Archery Practices

Please contact Lord Nikolaus von Stahlburg
marshal@scaelpaaso.org

Nahrn Kabirun

Thursday night at 6pm. Sagecrest Park, Roadrunner Pkwy .
Sundays Archery Practice in Nahrn Kabirun, at 8-10 am at San Andres School
(Mesilla) [Alternate site: Zia Middle School]. Loaner gear available!
For up-to-date archery info, join the Citadel Archers yahoo group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Citadel_Archers

Citadel of the Southern Pass

Wednesday night at Biggs Park, Biggs Airfield (Central)
Airport Road to Sergeant Major Blvd. 6:00 PM
Sunday mornings at Westside Recreation Center
High Ridge off of Resler St.; 10 am

Outlands Events for September:

October 5-7 -- Passage of Arms (Citadel)
October 13 -- StagsCon/ Queen's Prize /Queen's Whim (Caerthe)
October 20 -- Dance Macabre (Caer Galen)
October 21 -- Multi-group Fighter Practice (Nahrn Kabirun)
October 27 -- St Goliath Feast Day (St Goliath)

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHALL

We're making a couple changes to Fighter Practice on both the weekends, and the mid-week practice.

Mid-Week Practice - For the month of October practices will be on Ft. Bliss at Biggs Park at 6:00 PM. Park closes at 8:00 PM, so we need to be wrapping things up by then. To get on post you need a drivers license, registration and proof of insurance if you are driving, and a picture ID if you are just a passenger.

Weekend Practice - Practices are on Sundays, at the Westside Community and Recreation Center (where it is currently held). If there are any questions, please contact me at my email address, or discuss them with me at practice.

Maps for both locations are at our website www.scaelpaaso.org/reg-events.php

Thank you,
Nikolaus von Stahlburg
Knight Marshall - Citadel of the Southern Pass

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greet the day Citadellians.

Since there are many new members of our fair Barony, I would like to introduce myself as your new Seneschal. I am Vicomte Berold de Gilbert, a knight of the Outlands and 26 year Society resident of the Citadel. I am very proud of my Barony and hope that you too, will come to see the Citadel as I do - THE Shining Jewel in the Crown of the Outlands. If there are any questions you have about our fair Barony, how offices are obtained, the mechanics of holding an office or any quires on anything pertaining to our Barony, I would be most happy if you would make them known to me so that I may answer them.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to my predecessor, THL Kieran Blake, who did a fine job as Seneschal and has gone on to bigger and better things in the Kingdom Officer Corp as well as other duties here in the Barony. I ask that if you see His Lordship, you offer your hand to him in thanks for his work. The office of the seneschal can be thankless at times and the man deserves credit for his endeavors. Three cheers for you, Your Lordship!

As of this writing, I would welcome to the Baronial Officer Corp your new Arts & Sciences Officer, Edmund Peregrine. Remember; without the arts and sciences, we have no pretties and no progress. Think of that the next time we have an A & S Competition or Collegium. Everyone knows something about something, why not show off your knowledge or share what you know.

I would also welcome Lady Lyneya as our new Water Bearer. For those of you new to our area of the Known World; we do live in a desert. Water is life here and water bearers are the purveyors of that liquid levity. Treat them well!

This brings us to deputy positions available for officers of the Barony. Are you interested in a Baronial office? Then the best place to learn about it is to serve as the deputy to that office. Speak to any Baronial officer or myself to learn more about deputy officer positions.

Although my own travel has been restricted for the time being due to familial obligations, I urge all members of the populace to attend the Passage of Arms event being sponsored by the Citadel and held at Caballo Dam State Park the weekend of the 6th & 7th of October. The riverside site is beautiful and the time will be well spent in fun and camaraderie.

The second weekend of the month of October will see the Barony of Caerthe hold

the Queen's Con event. I highly urge all members of the barony to attend especially if you hold an office or are thinking of becoming an officer or a deputy to an officer. The Stag's Con portion of the event is most illuminating and the information gleaned from going to meetings held by the various Kingdom officers is incredibly useful.

The last weekend of the month holds the St. Goliath Feast day event. However, if you do not plan to attend that event, please speak with Lady Aine about the Boo at the Zoo demo the Barony plans to be a part of that weekend.

So ends the Seneschal's missive for the month of October.

Throughout the year, wherever your eventing takes you, remember to keep the Citadel in your heart;

Fourth Barony in the Kingdom of the Outlands; First Barony in the hearts of its populace.

Be well –

Berold, Seneschal

FROM THE MOAS

Sir Berold has informed me that I have been chosen as the new Minister of Arts and Sciences for the Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass. I hope I can justify this trust and help encourage the arts and science even more than my capable predecessor, Mistress Toragana.

I will be needing to get up to speed and get my first report made soon. I ask everyone in the Barony to send me an update on what A&S projects you are currently working on. In addition please send me a list of the subjects you are interested in or special skills you may have. I know what some of you are doing, but I also know there are gaps in that knowledge that I would like to fill. I wish to act as a clearinghouse for getting people together to share interests and skills.

Sometimes all that is necessary to get something new going is to know who else might be of help.

Please send email to vsingleton@elp.rr.com ASAP.

Thank you all for your info. If you have any comments or suggestions I am usually at Sunday practice or send email.

Your Servant,

Edmund Peregrine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passage of Arms Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass

Site opens: Friday, October 5, 2007 12:00 Noon

Site closes: Sunday, October 7, 2007 5:00 pm

Location: Caballo Lake State Park, Riverside Campground, Truth or Consequences, NM

Site information: Site is wet. Quiet hours begin at 10:00 pm and will be enforced. Pets must be on leash and controlled.

Autocrat: Aine inghean Chormaic (Valerie Hearn, 7409 Plaza Taurina, El Paso, TX. 79912, 915-471-2021, valeria_gazelle@yahoo.com)

Co-Autocrats: Nikolaus von Stahlburg (Gregory Hearn) and Jerusha Montague (Jerusha Andrade)

Fees: Park and Event fees are separate. Park Fees (per vehicle) - \$5.00 day trippers (per day), \$10.00 for campers (per night). Event Fees (per person) - \$3.00 day trippers, \$5.00 All weekend camping. Children under 6 years of age will have no event fees. Non-member surcharge of \$3.00. Additional park fee for electrical hookups.

Make checks payable to: "SCA, Inc. – Citadel of the Southern Pass"

www.scaelpaso.org/passage.html

The Citadel of the Southern Pass invites all combatants to a passage of arms along side the banks of the Rio Grande! Come prepared for displays of pageantry and feats of arms. Included are a tournament of the five knightly weapons (matched weapons provided), a Grande Melee, and a ladies' choice challenge list. Champions will be awarded per tournament, and a Grand Champion upon completion of all tournaments. Heraldic displays are highly encouraged to include banners, pennants, crests, and other appropriate accouterments.

And what pageant would be complete without heralds? A kingdom travel fundraising effort is to be conducted via "Rent a Herald". Herald services will be auctioned on Saturday morning for fighters to secure their announcements for the procession. Herald's interested in participating may contact Lady Eleanor Cleavelly at whiteoakbard@gmail.com, or upon arrival at the event.

We hope to have roaring campfires each evening for song and dance, given that conditions will allow. A "warm up" bardic will occur on Friday evening, with the bardic competition to take place on Saturday evening to name the Baronial Bard for the Citadel of the Southern Pass. Any and all may participate in the bardic, but to compete, you must perform a practiced piece on any subject and an improvised piece themed after the day's combative events (embellishment allowed). Please have an extra piece handy in the case of a tie.

Combat on the lighter side will include an RBG melee duel Friday evening, with a

rapier "Duel at Dawn" to take place Saturday morning with the rising sun (note: we are next to the mountains, so the sun rises a little later here than elsewhere).

Campsite reservations are not required, but it is requested that attendees fill the reserved camping area rather than general public sites. Shower facilities are available on site, however availability of potable water is questionable. Please come prepared with your own drinking water. A donation luncheon will be provided on Saturday.

Directions: Take the King's Highway (I-25) to Exit #59, 16 miles south of Truth or Consequences, turn north (east) onto Highway 187 for a very short distance, and then turn right onto Dam Road to enter the park. Please pay park fees at the collection station, and follow the riverside drive to the "RV Rally Site" reserved group camping area at the end of the drive. RV camping is available. Maps available on our website: www.scaelpaso.org/passage.html

OY YEZ! OY YEZ! ALL HERALDS PRAY ATTEND!

The Citadel needs YOU! At the Citadel of the Southern Pass' Baronial Birthday October 5-7, Their Excellencies are hosting a Passage of Arms and Heralds of strong voice and quick wit are needed to properly introduce our brave fighters to the Gallery of Nobility and Courtesy!

Heralds, you may advertise your services in the Citadel's newsletter! All heralds participating will be auctioned on Saturday morning to the highest bidder! Fighters may pre-arrange privately with a herald and present any donations for their service at the time of the auction. Those donations will go toward the Kingdom Travel Fund!

Fighters! This is a great way to choose your personal herald to call forth your brave deeds upon the field, to the amazement and delight of the Ladies Gallery!

Heralds! This is a great way to bring a real piece of the Middle Ages to our modern day game! Bring your boasts, your taunts and your glorious voices to ring forth our fighters' names so that their deeds may be told forever.

Those heralds wishing to advertise their services should contact Lady Eleanor Cleavelly AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! That way, I can get your information to Lord Carlos for inclusion in the September Newsletter.

Questions? Please contact Lady Eleanor Cleavelly at whiteoakbard@gmail.com.

Ever in service with a song and a smile,
Lady Eleanor Cleavelly

CALLING ALL BARDS!

Their Excellencies Giovanni and Muerianne do call forward the Bards of the Citadel to do battle for the title of Baronial Bard of the Citadel! Their Excellencies decree the battles shall be decided at Baronial Birthday in October (C - please insert date here. Thx!). All competitors are welcome to compete for the chance to be the Bard of the Citadel of the Southern Pass.

Requirements:

Must be able to be heard

Must have NO LESS THAN two prepared pieces ready to go (in case of a tie)

Must be willing to serve Their Excellencies as Their Bard for the next 12 months

The Bardic Competition will take place on Saturday of Baronial Birthday at the Baronial Bardic Fired (location TBA). Competitors will receive a challenge to write a second piece on site to be performed at the fire Saturday evening. Their Excellencies will then judge who they feel best deserves the title of Bard of the Citadel.

Those who wish to compete should contact Lady Eleanor Cleavelly at whiteoakbard@gmail.com NO LATER THAN October 1st so that we may plan out the competition times and coordinate with the Autocrats.

If you have any questions regarding the competition or need assistance in finding suitable performance pieces, please contact Lady Eleanor Cleavelly at 307-3525 or whiteoakbard@gmail.com ASAP. I will be happy to assist you!

Bards, this is your chance to shine!

Ever in service with a song and a smile,
Lady Eleanor Cleavelly

FALL CORONATION & WAR PRACTICE

As the summer rains give way to autumn's glory, so does the Kingdom of the Outlands honor our current sovereigns and welcome our new King and Queen in the joyous celebration of Fall Coronation. The Shire of Nahrin Kabirun welcomes all to share in this jubilant and grand tradition in the gentle environs of the Southern Outlands.

There will be tournaments, a donation lunch, and a silent auction during the day.

A War (WAR!) Practice will follow on Sunday at Young Park. Also on Sunday, the Peers of the Realm will have the opportunity to meet under the shade of the park's pavilions at the lakeside.

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday (Elks Lodge)	Sunday (Young Park)
9 am: Site opens	9 am-Noon: War practice
10 am: Coronation Court (at their Majesties' pleasure)	Peer circles at their Majesties' pleasure
Noon: Queen's Champion tourney	
1:30 pm: Protector of the Queen's Heart tourney	
5 pm: Court (at their Majesties' pleasure)	
Feast to follow Court.	

Location: The Elks Lodge 1119, 3000 Elks Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005 (Coronation); Young Park, Las Cruces NM (War practice)

Site: Opens at 9 am and closes at 9 pm.

Site Fee: \$10 for adults (plus the \$3.00 non-member surcharge), \$5.00 for children 6-12, children 5 and under are free.

Feast Fee: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, 5 and under are free.

The site is WET, but NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES (alcohol or non-alcohol, including water, even unopened) are permitted. All beverages must be purchased on-site. A cash bar will be available during the event. NOTE: The Shire of Nahrn Kabirun will provide bottled water and some non-alcoholic beverages during the day for free. The cash bar will be well stocked with familiar non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages. Attendees may order beverages in advance (most anything can be ordered by the Elks) for consumption at the event, contact the autocrat for advanced ordering.

Autocrat: Lady Tatiana Grigorevna (Carol Thomas), 3624 Marion Ln., Las Cruces NM 88012, 505-382-9658, anubisgrrl@aol.com

Feast Coordinator: Lord Valentinos Akrites (David Thomas), 3624 Marion Ln., Las Cruces NM 88012, 505-382-9658, davidt3001@aol.com

Reservations: Limited to 200; please make reservations by Nov. 1. To reserve, send in the SCA Name(s), Legal Name(s), Group, Membership number(s) and number of places needed. Make all checks payable to SCA-Nahrn Kabirun. Send to Lord Valentinos (David Thomas), 3624 Marion Ln., Las Cruces NM 88012, 505-382-9658, nahrn@aol.com.

Hotel: The hotel is the Super 8 Las Cruces East hotel, which is right down the road from the Elk's Lodge on 4411 N. Main St./3405 Bataan Memorial West. Their telephone number is (505) 382-1490.

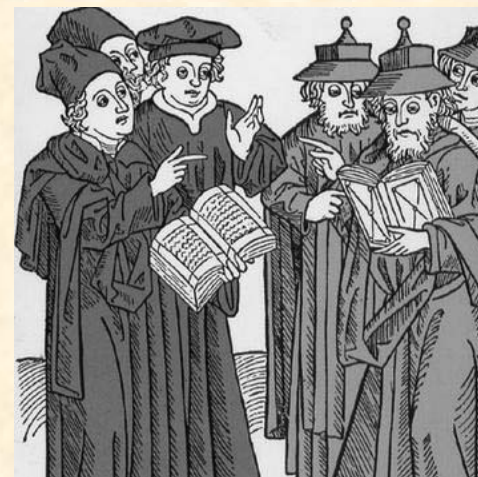
We have negotiated a special rate of \$49.50 (plus tax) for 2 beds and \$44.10 (plus tax) for 1 bed. NOTE: This rate may go down further if we book more than 20 rooms. Please make sure to mention "SCA group" when making your reservation in order to get the special rate. The hotel asks that you reserve your room using a credit card. Please make your reservations before Nov. 1, as the hotel will release any un-booked rooms at that time.

Amenities: The site has RV hookups for water and electricity for a nominal fee (contact the autocrat for details). Details on local hotels and crash space will follow.

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/scanahrn/coronation.htm>

Directions: From the North: Take I-25 S to I-70 W (exit 6, toward Las Cruces). Turn right on I-70 W/Main Street. Turn right on Elks Drive. Turn right into the parking lot at the Elks Lodge 1119 (about .2 miles on the right). From the South: Take I-10 W to I-25 N. Take I-25 N to I-70 W (exit 6, toward Las Cruces). Take the left-hand lane of the exit ramp in order to get onto I-70 W/Main Street. Turn right on Elks Drive. Turn right into the parking lot at the Elks Lodge 1119 (about .2 miles on the right).

Ye Coli Inn will be at the Passage of Arms
Contact THL Warmin at 915-821-4005 or housebelshire@yahoo.com



"He's got a book!"

"Of course he has a book, he always has a book, we all have books! It's 1383 and we're monks!"

Get to know your local _____

An interview by Carlos Nieto de Andrade

The bases of these articles were conversations I had with a number of our knights at Clann Wars; it was very enjoyable to sit and talk with them, picking their brains on various subjects. My goal is to interview a number of people from our Barony to learn about them and to talk to them about their philosophy on life and their awards. Today's interviewee is our new Exchequer THL Bjorn inn gauzki.

Heraldry as granted by the College of Arms

Sable in bend ore a Compass Rose and a Drakars Prow

Awards and positions of note - Grant of Arms (Atenveldt), Stag of the Outlands, Argent Heart, Silver Tyne, Stags Heart, Order Rose Leaf (West), Order of the Leaf of Merit (West) Flos Australis, Award of Arms (West)



Retired Fire Officer (Assistant Chief) United States Air Force, Associates Degree Fire Science, Graduate Non Commissioned Officer Academy, International Accreditation as Fire Officer II, Fire Instructor, Fire Investigator. Decorated Veteran, Joint Task Force Bravo, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom. Joined the SCA in 1980 AS 15, Resided in Midrealm, Ansteora, West, Atenveldt, Artemisia and OUTLANDS!!!!

Held offices as Seneschal (x2), Baronial Mashal (Pacific Area/Far West), Minister of Arts and Sciences (x2), Hospitoler, Chirurgeon, Sheriff, Excheqour, Rapier Marshal, Kingdom Chirurgeon, Deputy Kingdom Chirurgeon (x3), Deputy Kingdom Seneschal. Founding Member Iron River (Wichita Falls Texas), Warriors Gate (Korea), Worlds Edge (Guam), Isle of Blue Mists (Okinawa) and Gryphons Lair (Clearfield Ogden Utah).

Why did you join the SCA?

I joined the SCA a long time ago in a Kingdom far away, and honestly my memories of why I joined are rather blurred with the years, I suppose primarily I joined out of curiosity and hope, a hope for a better world more like the works of fiction in which I reveled, Robert E Howard, Fritz Leiber, Poul Anderson and many others that I am sure will be familiar to those of a similar bend.

Do you remember your first event?

I do remember my first event in the Midrealm, it was the Barony of the Flame Christmas Tourney, which is billed as the second oldest event in the Society, second only to the West's Crown tourney. I was half the man that I currently am, 120 pounds of whipcord and sinew I entered the tourney with visions of grandeur and sure of myself, in my first round I drew Duke Moonwolf, at that time a living legend I don't remember what he hit me with, actually I didn't even see it.

I broke my arm but won the second round and fought the third round with my arm duct taped into my vambrace, didn't get past third but gained the eye of a young lady who spent the next three hours flirting outrageously with me, unfortunately the pain in my arm made it necessary for me to retire to a hospital and I spent the holidays that year in an arm cast with a broken radius and ulna, Ahhh! Youth!

What is your vision of the Exchequer's position?

Hmmm. . . There is an axiom that those familiar with me or the medical field will be familiar with "Do no harm." Financially the Barony is in good shape although the rules on fiscal responsibilities are not well defined, my forte in the military was code interpretation and enforcement with audit controls. I would like to see a couple of line in Baronial bylaws which define and assure the baronies financial well being, to include a financial committee which is representative of all facets of the barony. I don't want to tip my hand too far just yet as I'm still working on the concept and wording not to mention that Their Excellencies Citadel and the Baronial Seneschal haven't reviewed it.

Did you have a mentor or role model?

You know I've had several role models over the years, truthfully it is a conglomeration of many, many people who I have aspired to be like. Everyone of us is capable of extreme nobility and heroism. 44 years on this planet 20 years as a Fire Fighter, and 27 years in the SCA, I have met some amazing people. While I never met him in person, Pele moved me to tears, here was a man who was so passionate about something that he gave his absolute all every time he took the field, he could leap into the air and do this incredible aerial flip to kick the ball in the opposite direction. What incredible focus! My son Alaric who lives in the moment, and forgives me my inadequacies with a hug and "I love you Daddy!". My Wife Thorhild who has stood loyally beside me through 16 years of marriage, Desert Storm, Desert Fox, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, we were often on opposite sides of the planet but she was steadfast and unswerving in her loyalty, how can you not be inspired by that.

Your thoughts on apprenticeship (as a new student to a Laurel):

My military service took priority over the SCA but when I retired I began to apply myself to the Arts and Sciences of the SCA, specifically stone carving, runes and rune forms and other Scandinavian subjects. I applied my skills as a fire investigator in doing my research and I tend to go overboard in replicating a process but when it's done I have a complete understanding of that process. In my areas of expertise I've made myself expert. I've helped translate runestone fragments from Southern Sweden and the dig at Frojel Gotland, but something was missing. I lacked refinement and am often a bit too intense for some folks. I needed someone who would look me in the eye and tell me what I needed to work on as a normal person, somebody who could demilitarize me so to speak. Master Thomas Frazier has been my friend since before I moved into the Outlands, he's a retired Air Force Officer, and while he wasn't as close to combat as I got, he could

relate. He is recognized as an accuracy maven which is a good counter point to my authenticity extremism. The choice was heartfelt and logical.

Why heavy combat?

Come on! This is a no brainer. . . Fire Fighter, Military, Robert E Howard. . . I'm was an adrenaline junky! Still am, although lately with various injuries and giving up cigarettes, I've become something of a steak and beer junky! I think you've got to be something of a dreamer too, you know trying to live that "Arthurian Ideal", you hear that phrase used less these days but it still applies, the hope for "Might for Right" and the chaste love of a Lady fair. To rise above our base nature and become something valiant or greater then the sum of our parts, that's the foundation of the idea of "The Dream".

Your thoughts on service:

Simply put, service is what holds the SCA together and keeps us going, Lord Halifax said that "Service is the rent you pay for living." I believe that. If you look there's always something that needs to be done. When you first begin playing or if you just haven't gotten into the service side of the SCA it can be daunting. You just don't know what to do and you're afraid of doing something wrong. If you can put that shyness aside and roll up your sleeves to help, I promise you you're going to feel good about the effort and it is definitely needed. There is a fine line that you walk balancing your family, career and the SCA. Add to that your faith and other social facets and you can get overloaded, which I believe is the greatest contributor to burnout. While I believe strongly in service within the SCA it is also important to keep everything in proper balance, based on importance. Remember the SCA is a recreational pursuit and while it is the center of many folks social life (myself included) it is intended to be fun, if it is all work and you're not enjoying yourself then maybe you need to realign or take a break.

Your thoughts on arts and science:

Like service I believe that we are all capable of researching and practicing arts and sciences within the SCA. Take time to read a book maybe do some focused research. It can be as simple as examining a photograph and deciding to make something like that for yourself. Marcus Aurelis is credited with saying "When you want to understand something, ask yourself of what significance it is in and of itself, then you begin to arrive at the basis and truth of the matter." As a fire investigator I used that as a litmus in all my research. I use it today in my SCA/historical research, don't settle for popular opinion. For instance, it is popularly believed that square or diamond quilting was not used in period for gambesons and yet several well known chess pieces from the Isle of Lewis are clearly depicted as wearing square quilted gambesons, true it could be artistic license, but I'm not so sure.

In general (and on any topic you want to think about), what has changed since you have started?

Before I write anything else, please understand that there is nothing wrong with the SCA as it is, it has evolved over the years to meet the needs and desires of its members.

What has changed, what has changed. Perspectives always change. I began playing in the SCA when I was 18 and there where lots of 18 year olds playing at that time, now there's not so many. When I was in my 20's there were lots of folks in their 20's, now there's not so many. When I was in my 30's there were many folks in their 30's now there are only a few. Finally now in my 40's it seems that the majority of the SCA is the same age as me but there's just not as many of us as there used to be. It used to be that we would set around campfires and talk about "The Dream", it was illusive and hard to define, it's concept came more from emotions and desires then from logic and reason. But it was the core of the SCA. Twenty Seven years ago it was "The Dream" and each individuals concept of it that held the SCA together. More then Martial Skill, Arts and Science Accomplishment and Service Dedication, it was idea that for a weekend you could set all your petty concerns aside and be a Lord or Lady, A Knight or a Master, and maybe even a King or Queen. It's been a long time since I heard anyone passionately speak about "The Dream", I miss it, but I also have not thought of a way to re-infuse it.

Is there a distinctive Outlands style when it comes to the SCA?

I would say that there is definitely a style that is distinctive about the Outlands. It goes back to the Kingdoms beginnings and barbarian roots. From the beginning this Kingdom has stylized itself as a frontier. We're mountain folk, independent and resourceful, but we understand the importance of community too. Like those frontier folk who many of us are descended from, we're ready to roll up our sleeves and help a person in need. You don't have to look any further then the numerous charity auctions that occur every year to know that this is true, not to mention the "Toys for Tots" drive. Way back when the Outlands was simply a place of barbarians, many times folks didn't even differentiate what sort of barbarian. True there where civilized folk too but primarily it was a place of Picts, Scots, Celts, Norse, Huns, Vandals and Goths with many others thrown in for good measure. That foundation still influences how we get things done. Today we tend to be independent, proud Folk who are perhaps a little backwards in some ways, but when we need help we know we can count on our fellow Outlanders.

THL Bjorn in Gauzki
OUTLANDER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gaelic games from the past

Senor Carlos Neito de Andrade

In keeping with last months sports paper, I thought I might add some research I have been working on with two other sports that were played in period. Football, more specifically Gaelic Football (peil or caid) and Hurling (iománaíocht or iomáint).

There are historical references to a form of Irish or Gaelic football being played in Ireland as far back as the 14th century. It seems that Gaelic football games were cross-country marathons involving hundreds of players, and violent exchanges were the norm. This cross-country football was called 'caid in County Kerry, taking its name from the ball of horsehide or oxhide which had an inflated natural bladder inside it [Healy, 1998].

The Statute of Galway of 1527 allowed the playing of "foot balle" and archery but banned "'hokie' [sic] — the hurling of a little ball with sticks or staves" as well as other sports, and a (supposively) first mention of football in Ireland is found in 1308, where John McCrocan, a spectator at a football game at Newcastle, County Dublin was charged with accidentally stabbing a player named William Bernard. [Wikipedia]

Hurling is a game similar to hockey, in that it is played with a small ball/sliotar and a curved wooden stick called a hurl/camán. It is featured in Irish folklore to illustrate the deeds of heroic mystical figures. The *Táin Bó Cúailnge* or also known as *The Cattle Raid of Cooley* mentions Cú Chulainn being attacked by people with their hurling clubs at Emain Macha [O'Rahilly 1967].

The object of the game is for players to hit the sliotar between the opponents' goalposts using the same point system that Gaelic Football uses. You may strike the ball on the ground, or in the air. Unlike hockey, you may pick up the ball with your hurley and carry it for not more than four steps in the hand. After those steps you may bounce the ball on the hurley and back to the hand, but you are forbidden to catch the ball more than twice. [CLG/GAA]

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Citadel Passage of Armes - Conventions of Combat

Three combats will determine the victor in this passage of armes, and while all are welcome to enter into list, it is only by participating in all three lists that one becomes eligible to be declared the tournament victor. The lists will include use of the knightly weapons, the melee, and the making of helmets. The first two lists to be joined on Saturday and helmets on Sunday.

The knightly weapons list will include five rounds of matched weapon combat including the sword, axe, mace, lance and dagger. Each combat continues until one or the other receives three blows. The blows are only acknowledged and not accounted in the standard fashion, no hold or reset is called between blows. Points are awarded based on where the blow strikes. A limb counts only as a blow and scores no points, a torso one point, and the head or neck two points. At the conclusion of five rounds the points are totaled and any additional combats fought.

For the next two lists the combatants will be divided into the following groups, Nobles, being persons both armigerous and nonarmigerous, Greater Nobles, being those created by Grant of Armes, Peers, being SCA Peers and Barons of the Court, and Royal Peers, being Landed Coronets, current and former Royals. This division will be important in scoring.

For the melee the combatants will be divided into nearly equal two groups. Within these groups combatants are free to form teams of up to three persons. The field will be set with a resurrection point at each end and a safe lane along the edge of each long axis. Entrants may use the weapons of their choosing. At the outset of the hastilude each combatant begins with three lives.

Once combat is joined the standard conventions for Estrella War will be used with the following exceptions. A person wounded may retreat to their resurrection point to be made whole. This retreat must be made through the main of the field. A person struck down may retreat through the main of the field to be resurrected provided they are not captured. A fallen combatant is captured by touching them by hand or weapon and declaring them captured.

A captured warrior is honor bound to remain within three paces of their captor until they reach their opponents resurrection point or are rescued. A captured warrior brought to the enemy's resurrection point loses a life and their captor receives points for the capture. Points are awarded based on the difference in rank between captor and captured, but not less than one point. A Noble capturing a Peer scores two points, while a Royal Peer scores only one point for any capture as no one outranks them. Scoring for a team is based on the highest-ranking individual in that team.

A captured warrior returns to his resurrection point via the safe lanes after scoring is complete. A captured combatant can be rescued before reaching the opposing resurrection point by killing or driving off their captor, touching them by hand or weapon, and declaring them rescued. A rescued fighter is still dead and

must retreat through the main of the field to the resurrection point. A dead fighter moving through the main field is subject to capture as outlined. Combats will be conducted in thirty-minute intervals until one side is destroyed or the combatants declare an end.

Entry into the making of helmets will require that each prospective combatant place his helmet on display Saturday evening and that they have a representative whose favor they bear there present. In reverse order of the fighter's precedence the representatives will accompany a herald through the helms selecting three opponents. The representative will state the reason for the selection, the weapons to be used, and a number of blows between 1 and 5.

On Sunday the tournament will be fought as a double elimination using the pairings determined the night before. In the event of a conflict in the pairings deference will be given to the person lower in precedence. Blows struck in the combat are only acknowledged and the contest continues until the required number of blows is struck. Points are awarded to the victor using the same schedule as in the melee.

The victor for the Contest of Armes will be that person with the highest total score in the three events. For the ambiance of the list we ask that each entrant seek to avoid obvious modern materials, provide such heraldic display as their means allow, and avail themselves of the services of the heralds there present.

Sir Berold's Southern Outlands Unbelted Tournament Series

Greet the day one and all.

In years gone by, I sponsored a series of Unbelted Tournaments to introduce our younger fighters in the deep southern portions of the Kingdom to the various weapons styles which may be found in tournaments through out the Kingdom and abroad. Why "Southern Outlands Tournament Series", - because the sites for all the lists will be in the Southern Outlands. Any eligible Outlander is invited to attend!

It is a wise thing for Outlands warriors to be proficient in all weapon styles. To that end, I urge all unbelted fighters of the Outlands to practice with, become proficient with and authorize in these styles. To that end, I will take one step further, and by the offering of prizes at tournament, I challenge all non – belted fighters of the Kingdom to enter a year long series of tournaments which I will sponsor to enhance your prowess at a multitude of various weapon styles.

Beginning the first weekend in November at the Ren Faire in Nahrun Kabirun, I will be sponsoring a year long sequence of monthly tournaments. These tournaments are for unbelted fighters only (no knights allowed) and will focus on one weapon style per tourney. Please keep your eye out on the Outlands Kingdom List for announcements concerning these lists. Depending on my travel schedule for the year, most of these tournaments will be held at Citadel events or specific Citadel weekends with a tourney and feast but some will be held in neighboring

southern shires at events of their holding beginning with Nahrun's Ren Faire this November (two tourneys there this year, one on Saturday and one on Sunday).

The style of tournament will vary with best 2 of 3, double elimination being my preference unless time restrains us. If this be the case, then be prepared for any type of list to include Speed Tournaments.

The tournament series will include the following weapons styles although not necessarily in this order; Florentine (no madu allowed), Mace & Shield, Ax & Shield, Sword & Shield, Great Sword, Glaive, Choice of Great Weapon, 9' Spear, 6' Spear, Single Sword, Single Sword (off handed), Choice of Weapon.

The following are not yet confirmed - White Mountain's Fool's Tourney in April; Nahrun's Clann War in July or August; any events held in Gleann Medonach through out the year; Black Water Keep's events held through out the year and possibly a tourney at St. Goliath sometime. I would hope that all unbelted fighters in the Kingdom who are able would attend these tournaments for the betterment of their skills and to further their own renown.

Prizes will be awarded for those Winning, Placing and Showing (1st, 2nd & 3rd) and points will be awarded for the same AND Most Chivalrous and Best Dramatic Death. At the end of the year (at the Citadel 25th Anniversary event held in October 2008), the over all points winner will be awarded a prize worthy of his or her standing as the most Proficient Non – Belted fighter of the Southern Outlands (although any and all non – belted fighters are welcome to attend).

Awarding of points: 3 points for Winning (1st); 2 points for Placing (2nd); 1 point for Showing (3rd). Additionally, 2 Points will be awarded to the Most Chivalrous participant and 1 Point to the individual for the Most Dramatic or Best Death on the field. Points for chivalry and drama will be awarded by an un-set panel of ladies present at each tournament. Points awarded for chivalry and drama may go to a fighter who places in the prize winners of the list. A single entrant at each of the tournaments may receive points for victory and / or chivalry and / or drama.

In conjunction with our Kingdom's Toys for Tots drive, the entry fee for each tournament will be a toy. The T4T drive is an important function for the Outlands and brightens the life of children in the Holiday season. To that end, any and all members of the Kingdom's populace are invited to also bring toys through out the year to the Unbelted Tournaments. Her Ladyship Anastasiia Tsaganova and I will be sponsoring a fabulous prize to also be awarded at the Citadel 25th Anniversary Event in October of 2008 to the individual who contributes the most toys to this drive.

On behalf of Her Ladyship Anastasiia and myself, we invite all heavy weapons fighters to take up the challenge and all members of the populace to do the same in attending this series of tournaments. Travel to places you have not been yet; share a toy with a child; fight and reap the rewards of your prowess! Attend these tournaments and visit with Outlanders you may not have seen for a while.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Bo día,

This issue has to be one of the most information packed issue in a while or ever! There are a number of events occurring in the south in the immediate future, and I look forward to more! Now if I could only make it to all of them.....

A su servicio,

Senor Carlos Nieto de Andrade

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