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THE QUESTING QUILL

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## \*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\*

Those wishing to get in touch with the Seneschale, Herald, or Chronicler be ye therefore informed of a move. Ferelith MacDonald, Rhonwen y Lllysieuidd, and Jerilyn of Vert Silva now reside at a common address. Our humble abode goes by the name of Hastle Castle and is placed at 35 Harmony Court, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102. Our farspeaker number is 359-5917.

HEALERS GUILD

We are looking for members of the shire that have first aid certificates or would like to get them. The reason being we are organizing a Healers Guild.

Our prime function is to provide first aid back up for our fighters. Anyone interested should contact:

Sister Scholastica  
c/o Leah Spencer  
Farspeaker 942-3391

## EVENTS OF PROMINENCE

(All events until March will be held at the Transient Hovel Park  
in the club house at 2815 South 2580 West.)

### December

10 Christmastide Feast--Autocrat Rhonwen y Llysieuydd  
This event is our first served feast. Be sure to bring  
your own silverware, goblet, and trencher. Festivities  
begin at 6:00 p.m. with a procession.

17 OUTLANDS CORONETTING CEREMONIES AND MID-WINTER FEAST, see  
article this newsletter, al-Barran.

### January

14 Twelfth Night Revel--Autocrats Robert de Spencer Family  
See article later in newsletter.

### February

11 Court of Love--Autocrat Ferellith MacDonald  
Information on this event will be in next issue.

### March

11 Shire Birthday Celebration--Autocrats Thorad, son of Bjorg  
and Elaine of the Lion's Tale. There is the possibility  
that if our gallant fighters continue as they are, we may  
have a small journey to determine the Shire Champion.

### April

early Kingdom Arts and Sciences Fair, near al-Barran, prepare  
for a Crown Contest. Details later.

22-23 Principality Warlord Championships, details later.

### May

early Fantasy Revel and Ball, al-Barran, details later.

late THE GRAND OUTLANDISH V on Memorial Day weekend. Autocrat  
Morgan Tiercel. Details later.

\*\*\*\*Be sure to remember Fighter Practice and Ladies for Chivalry every  
Tuesday at Granite Park Junior High School\*\*\*\*\*

## TWELFTH NIGHT REVEL

Twelfth Night--traditionally a celebration marking the  
arrival of the Three Kings to Bethlehem. Our Revel will be a fun  
post holidays wind-down.

We plan to have a potluck dinner (try a traditional middle  
ages recipe---call Sister Scholastica 942-3391 for some ideas if  
yours are lacking.)

There will be new games, dancing, informal discussion groups,  
and a chance for you to try out a story about your persona on  
an understanding audience. We are planning to have a real fun  
time and hope you can come.

For more information call:

Robert de Spencer  
Hold Tyte  
Farspeaker 942-3391

*Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Milords! Miladies!*

Welcome to the Current Middle Ages---again.

Most of you have at least a rough idea of how the game is played now. (And blessings upon those of you who came and participated at the last revel----You did beautifully and were a great credit to the Shire, Principality and Kindom.) So the time has come for the Shire to start branching out to more specialized activities.

Most of you hopeful fighters will already have come in contact with our worthy Knight Marshall, Robert de Spencer, in his quest to find doughty fighters. More information can be gained from his own article here in the QUILL. (Incidentally, gentlemen, just to give the feminine view-----it is very exciting to watch fighters at work and allows us some great chances to do our own medieval things like bestowing favors and inspiring great deeds of valor.)

The time has come for the ladies to get very active also. Every Tuesday evening is Fighters' Practice and from now on it will also be the evening when our new Guild, the Ladies for Chivalry, will meet. This organization, as our good Mistress of Arts points out, is for unmarried (not necessarily unattached) ladies interested in encouraging our Fearless Fighters to do well. Our presence will, naturally, encourage the courteous behavior of our warriors. Our devotion to aiding them will give them help with developing their fighting outfits. (After all, can you expect a man to be brave, courteous, strong, kind and be a great tailor, too,?) Because of the costuming elements of the Guild, it will be under the guidance of Elaine of the Lion's Tale, Shire Mistress of Arts. However, since Milady Elaine has a certain attachment that makes her ineligible for even membership in the Guild (and any who have met Thorad, son of Bjorg will understand that the claims of a husband are great), we must look among the Shire for a industrious, gracious, kind and lovely lady to head the Guild and some assistants for said lady. Obviously our choice must be from among the good ladies who lend their aid at the weekly Fighters' Practice. (Incidentally, eventually it will be the duty of the ladies of the Guild to choose a champion to defend their honor and to think up quests for the fighters. And given the creative women of our Shire, those quests should be interesting.)

There has also been some talk of developing a Cooking Guild and a Seamstress' Guild under the direction of our Mistress of Arts. (Elaine, you're going to be one busy lady.) If either of these activities appeal to you, by all means, contact the lady.

Also, don't forget to contact Sister Scholastica about the Healer's Guild.

If there are any other special interests, please feel free to call any of the officers with your suggestions.

Now, good and loyal subjects of the Shire, Principality and Kingdom, we, the officers, are doing our level best to make SCA something that we all can enjoy and benefit from, but we need your help. Obviously we can't be everywhere at once or even begin to think of all the weird and wonderful ideas that our special Medieval Madness may inspire or even discover all of the problems and questions that may be pestering members of the Shire. So we must ask your assistance in letting us know what you're thinking on how to improve things and possibly run things better. (Believe me, we're ALL eager to hear how to make things run more smoothly.) Please, if you have any thoughts on just about anything, give one of the officers a call. And if your thoughts have any bearing on how to improve the running of the Shire, I especially would appreciate you calling me directly. Now that we have finished our move to our new abode here at Hastle Castle, you should be able to find me at my Farspeaker number of 359-5917.

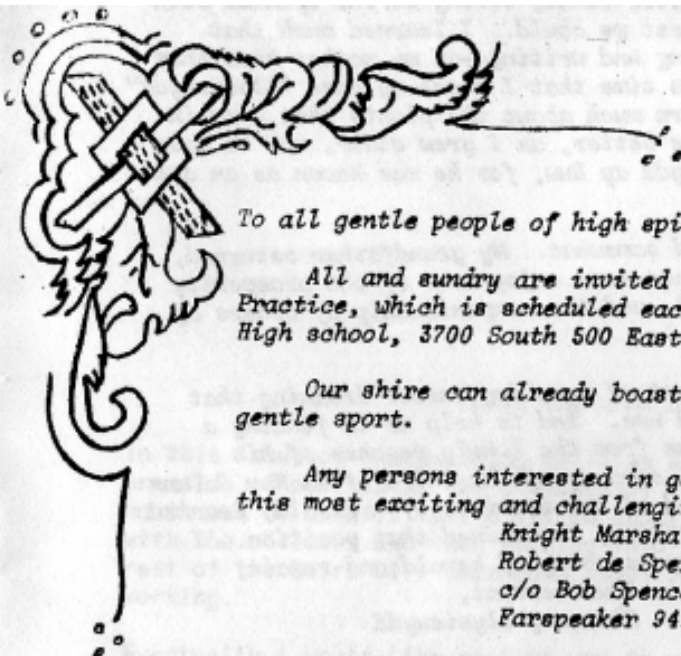
Long Live the Shire of am Mor Salann Fasach!

Long Live the Principality of the Outlands!

Long Live our glorious kingdom of Atenveldt!

Your servant in the Society,  
Fereith MacDonald





To all gentle people of high spirit in our shire Greetings!

All and sundry are invited to watch or take part in Fighter Practice, which is scheduled each Tuesday night at Granite Park Jr. High school, 3700 South 500 East, from 7:00 to 10:00.

Our shire can already boast of 9 worthy persons engaged in this gentle sport.

Any persons interested in gaining honorable advancement through this most exciting and challenging activity should contact:

Knight Marshall  
Robert de Spencer  
c/o Bob Spencer  
Farspeaker 942-3391

This is the first in a series of articles dedicated to the process of acquainting you with the populace of the Shire. In time we hope you will all donate the story of your persona for our edification.

#### RHONWEN Y LLYSIEUYDD, MY LIFE

I am Rhonwen y Llysieuydd, Cornette (Herald) to the Shire of am Mor Salam Fasach. I would like to tell you a bit about myself and my family.

My grandmother, Gwenonwy ferch Deddydd, lived in Dinbych (Denbigh) in the area near Glyndyfrdwy, in North Wales. She became pregnant out of wedlock, the father being Owain ap Gruffydd, also known as Glyn Dwr. My mother, Angharad, was born of this union, in the year 1379.

Gwenonwy and her husband remained in close contact with Owain Glyn Dwr, or Glendower as the Saesneg (English) called him, and Angharad met Cenydd ap Hw, my father, at Glendower's home, Sycharth. They were married in 1398 and I was born the next year.

This was a time of great unrest. When I was scarce one year old Glendower attacked his neighbor, Reginald Grey of Ruthin, because of the wrongs de Gray had done him. The Welsh people, with their desire for independence, took this as a signal for an uprising, and the Welsh rebellion was begun.

Both my parents and grandparents were close to Glendower, and I spent my early years in his Court. He proclaimed himself Prince of Wales in 1402, and by 1405 had freed most of Wales from the English. But then his fortune and his cause took a turn for the worse.

My father, fighting in Glendower's army, was killed and my grandfather taken prisoner and I know not what happened to him. Sycharth was burned early in the war and my mother and I retreated to my father's manor in the hills. There we waited out the war with little news and some deprivation. The rebellion was put down completely by the time I was 16, but those of us who had supported Glendower and indeed, the Welsh people as a whole, suffered under the restrictive English rule.

I grew up with memories of better times, living in the uplands with my mother and subsisting as best we could. I learned much that most girls do not know--reading and writing--as my mother knew them and taught me. It was at this time that I chose my name "Llysiwydd" or "Herbalist," for I did learn much about the plants that grew in our isolated area. And it was better, as I grew older, not to have the name of Rhowsen ferch Cenydd ap Hw, for he was known as an avid supporter of Owain's.

However, times have brightened somewhat. My grandfather returned, pardoned by Henry V, and we once more enjoy some of the prosperity that was ours when I was small, and the companionship of others of our high blood.

My grandfather taught me the art of Heraldry, never dreaming that I might someday put it to good use. And to help me in finding a worthy companion he did send me from the lonely reaches of his uplands manor to the congenial company of the Shire of am Mor Salann Fasach. The Shire, having need of the services of a herald, learned of my knowledge and, to my surprise, I obtained that position. I am now ready to serve you in my capacity of herald and remain,

Your servant,  
Rhowsen y Llysiwydd

#### **GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS!**

With the necessity of thy own goblets to wash down any and all food, there are many who have or might want to decorate their goblet. There are many ways to do this.

When blowing your own glass vessel, put them in it as it cools. If this is impossible, then two ways are left. An engraving tool like those in stores may be aquired for a small fee. Where upon you may do it yourself in your spare time. Or you may come early to a Revel and use mine there. The last is, if you do not want to do it yourself, let someone else do it. There might be a small fee charged depending on the difficulty of the design. This may be worked out between us. If you have any questions, farspeaking talks may help.

Thorad, son of Bjord  
Farspeaker 973-6618

## HARK! THE HERALD

In this issue of the Questing Quill we are instituting the new practice of publishing the personas of those in the Shire. Each month one of us will tell a little about him or herself, starting with the officers and then working into the populace, so that the rest of the Shire will know more about those with which they are working.

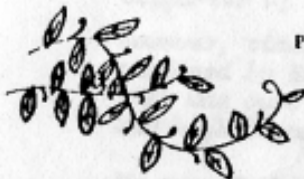
Eventually I would like each of you to write up your history, both for publication in the Quill and to put in our Shire book which will contain the devices and histories of each member. You need not go to as much trouble as I have--I have taken my genealogy back three generations, have entire notebooks on the customs and times and current events of my era, and will probably write it up in great detail someday (but then I'm a genealogist and writer!) All you need do is let people know pretty much what era you're in and tell about yourself, and we'll be happy.

The officers of the Shire would like to encourage you to become a subscribing member in the Society. For \$10.00 a year you are placed on the official rolls of the Society and receive the Principality and Kingdom newsletters as well as Tournaments Illuminated, the SCA's quarterly journal. You must be a subscribing member to register your device. And getting all the Society news helps strengthen your position, as you know what is going on. It is not mandatory to subscribe, but it is wise! We will have forms for subscribing members and submitting devices will be available at each revel and class.

To those of you who have gone to the trouble to contact me about their devices--Thank you. I am always willing to help someone with his or her device. If you cannot get me at a revel, call me at the Castle. I am also more than willing to help people research the background for their persona or authentic costume. I will be attending the Tuesday meetings of the Ladies for Chivalry, and this might be a good time to get a hold of me.

And, lastly, a plea to those of you who have your Society name: Let me know. I would like it down, correctly spelled and with pronunciation, so that I can call it at processions. This will make my herald's job just that much easier (and I'm sure we all want our names pronounced correctly!)

Your servant,  
Rhonwen y Lllysleuydd



PRINCIPALITY OF THE OUTLANDS CORONETTING CEREMONIES  
AND MID-WINTER FEAST

Barony of al-Barran  
17 December A.S. XII



The Principality of the Outlands will hold its Coronetting Ceremonies during the Mid-Winter Feast in the Barony of al-Barran on 17 December A.S. XII. During this time His Highness Gunwald der Ostermachen and Her Highness Aislinn tara O'Neal will step down as Prince and Princess and elevate Sir Heinrich der Jaeger and Lady Lorene of Lircadia as Prince and Princess for the Principality of the Outlands.

Attendance to both the Coronetting Ceremonies and Mid-Winter Feast will be by reservation only. Reservations will be \$5.00 in advance. Deadline for reservations will be December 7. If you can send money in advance you will be thrice-blessed and honored, but if you can't please at least tell us that you are coming! Tickets and maps will be sent to those who respond. We will also have dormitory space available at about \$3.00 a head for those requesting it. This is much better than driving after a revel and cheaper than a motel. For those that do not respond, there will be spaces at the table on a first-come, first-served basis for \$6.50. These are limited, so please let us know you are coming. Send reservations and monies to:

Ozymandias the Superfluous  
c/o Robert Oaman  
1318 Marron Circle NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112  
(505) 292-2136/(505) 843-6613

Tentative menu for the feast is as follows:

Pea Soup		Gourd Soup
	Rabbit (or Chicken) in Sauce	
Roast Beef and Pork (there will be Vension, if available)		
Cabbages		Millet Casserole
	Honey-Almond Cheesecake	
	Perys in Syripe	
Marzipan		Gilded Walnuts
	Apples	Oranges

The Feast and Coronetting will be at the University of Albuquerque's Old Theatre building. Ceremonies will start at 7:00 pm, the building will open at 6:00 pm for set up. Please come at 6:00 and prepare so that things get going on schedule.

Sir Heinrich and Lady Lorene are sponsoring a "Best Laid Table" Contest and request that all prominent Households participate. Those entering will have a closer table assignment to the main table. Others will be to the back of the hall. It is requested that everyone bring their own dishes, drinks and plenty of candles.

There will also be a needlework competition--the only restriction being that the article should not have won any previous contest. A new and exciting competition will be a Heraldry Contest. This contest is not to encourage heraldry, but to exemplify the skills of those already having the knowledge. You do not have to be a herald to enter, but the competition will be rough without knowledge of heraldry. The contest will run as follows: Subjects will be in three categories--1) emblazon, 2) blazon, or 3) Device/ Arms Holder's name. The trick is when one of the subjects is chosen, you supply the other two. All devices/arms will be from Ateneveldt peerage or places, concentrating on the Outlands.

Other entertainments are scheduled, but contact the Feast Autocrat if you would like to perform.

Do plan to attend! The Tanist and His Lady do wish everyone to come and celebrate with them their Coronetting and to enjoy a great feast!



MILADY ELAINE OF THE LION'S TALE

by Rosemary the Starseeker

Hear ye now the tale I'll tell,  
of milady Elaine of the Lion's tale;  
Who lived in a castle over the dale.  
Lovely lady, Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

There lived in the Fiord by the sea,  
A Viking bold as he could be.  
He set forth in his ship to sail  
to seize Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

Was there ever a lady so fair,  
With dancing eyes and long dark hair;  
That would cause a man to sail?  
'Twas lovely Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

Dashing and bold presented he,  
A tale of ships and stormy sea.  
He sailed to the castle over the dale  
And captured milady Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

Lovely Elaine, frightened was she,  
She longed for home and liberty;  
Instead of over the sea to sail  
Poor Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

He said that his name was Thorad  
And he was the son of Bjord.  
He was a strong and handsome male,  
Thought Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

He told her that she had his heart  
And from her he would never part.  
But his love would always dwell  
With lovely Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

After many a day over silver sea  
They came at last to his own country.  
There she wore a wedding veil,  
Milady Elaine of the Lion's Tale.

There in the land over the sea,  
They are raising a happy family  
Their love will never fail,  
Lovely Elaine of the Lion's Tale.



HOSPITALER NOTES:

THE CURRENT MIDDLE AGES AND CULTURAL SHOCK

The statement "Welcome to the Current Middle Ages" carries with it a great deal of fun and new experiences. For some it also carries with it a case of Cultural Shock. In the mundane world we, for the most part, have grown up with the cherished belief that a democracy is the "only way to go." In the Society we take a giant step backwards, figuratively speaking, to a simpler time. Let's face it the essence of the Middle Ages was Autocracy. Your life was ruled almost entirely by those who had power over you. The King had absolute power over your physical being, and the Church had it over your eternal Soul. (In many respects things haven't changed so greatly.)

Autocracy (au'to-cracy) o to'ra-sy= absolute power or dominion. In the S.C.A. it is not only authentic, it is a stark necessity. As you know the society is a wide spread and varied group, run by volunteers. The supreme head of the S.C.A. is the B.O.D. (Board of Directors), they meet only once a month and concern themselves with high fiscal and catholic matters. The King, bless him, earns his office by right of arms and reigns for only 6 months. It therefore falls on the shoulders of the seneschale, advised by her officers, to maintain the direction and continuity of our group. If you ask our lady seneschale about her job she will probably tell you she is a "glorified paper pusher," but it is through her that we are represented to the powers that be-(B.O.D., crown, Kingdom and principality) no wonder her paper pushing and postage take up so much of her time. It's a lot of work with very little praise.

Now you may not always like some of the decisions (no divine inspiration goes with the job.) All decisions are well meant. We are all engaged in recreating the flavor of the Middle Ages. So, get in the spirit of it...don't resent autocracy, work with it. If you have a problem take it to one of the officers. We act as advisors and will do our best to help. After all its every members "job" to help our shire to be a success.

If you have any questions or problems you would like discussed please send them to me.

Your humble, happy Hospitaler,  
Sister Scholastica

HARPER'S ARTS

Miladies, Harken!

We need all the young and unmarried ladies to help our gallant and shining fighters become gallant and shining. We need you to join our *Ladies for Chivalry* Guild. What does the Guild do?

Well, we'll be doing the things the fighters can't do to prepare themselves for battle. The fighters generally can't sew their own gambesons and joupons so we'll do it for them among other things. They'll provide all the materials...we provide the time (a sewing machine if possible) and a ladies gracious touch.

If you don't know what a joupon or gambeson is come and find out. We'll be meeting every Tuesday night at Granite Park Junior High School.

Come and join the fun. The fighters really need our help. To sign up or learn more about it call me. My farspeaker number is 973-6618.

*Elaine of the Lion's Tale*

*Greetings!*

We are in great need of loaner costumes...anyone who has a costume that they would like to donate to this cause should get in touch with me at the next revel.

Thanks,  
*Sister Scholastica*

*Greetings Gentle Beings!*

The *Questing Quill* is going to become a monthly issue. It seems an issue every once in a while isn't enough. A little information about the *Quill*--the cost of putting out the *Quill* comes out of the *Shire* coffers. As a matter of interest, the cost for running out one issue of the *Quill* runs in the neighborhood of \$10.00 and that does not include the postage we use sending it out. Consequently, from now on the *Quill* will be distributed at Revels and events to cut down on postage. Also people who are not at events in a full two month period will be dropped from the mailing list until they are once again interested in what is going on in the *Shire*. Of course there will be exceptions. (We will understand if you are going on a three month cruise.) Along the same line, if you wish to contribute specifically to *Quill* any moneys will be gratefully accepted. After all the *Questing Quill* is there to inform you of what is going on in your shire and your Kingdom.

I want to thank Cathy Brown for her fine artwork printed on the cover of this months issue. I would be happy to recieve any other contributions of artwork anyone is willing to produce. If you are interested in doing a cover the sizes are 8-1/2 x 11 (but be informed of the fact this will be reduced to fit the cover) and 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 (if you don't want it reduced.) Any borders should fit on a 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 size paper and not more than an inch wide.

One more thing, if you want an article or anything like that in the *Quill* please write it up and give it to me. I have a habit of forgetting what I don't see in actual print.

Your inky servant,  
*Jerilyn of Vert Silva*