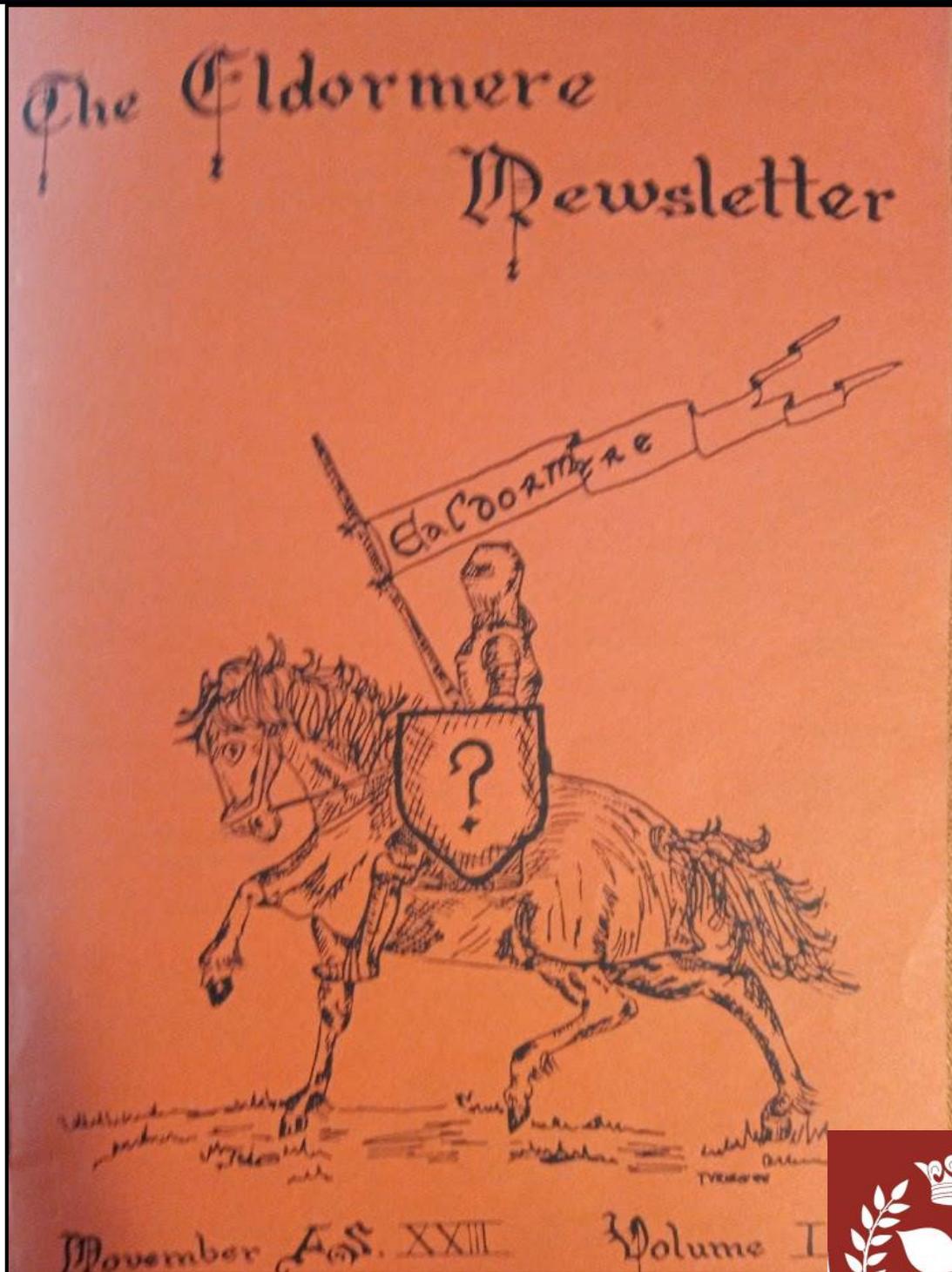


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## Ealdormere History Edition



*Supplemental Newsletter for the  
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## *From the Kingdom Chronicler*

Greetings Reader,



This issue was the result of finding a bankers box full of back issues of *The Ealdormere Newsletter* and the *Tidings* from A.S. XXIII in Countess Arlette of the Rozakii's hidden lair. The issues were in chronological order for the most part and fully preserved. We have no idea who to thank for this windfall.

I hope some of the names are familiar to you, if not please ask our old timers for stories about the Principality days. Email me any requests for higher resolution copies of any pages here.

I would like to thank Domina Helena Katerina del Roero for going through the hoard with me to find articles and artwork that she thought you would like. Without her second set of eyes I would never have made my deadline.

Cheerfully yours  
Baroness Lucia de Enzinas  
Kingdom Chronicler of Ealdormere

## *Tiding & Vox Submissions*

Have an event announcement? A short story, news, or a research article that you would like to share? The Tidings has room for submissions!

To submit, please email [ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com](mailto:ealdormere.kchronicler@gmail.com) and include your SCA name with your submission.

Please register events at <https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

Future Vox Ideas include: Champions, Lego, Feast Cook recipe review, and more. If you have an idea for a Vox issue please reach out to Baroness Lucia.



*The photo of the borealis by his excellency Sir Saheed. Cover of oldest newsletter found was by Tyriss Sadar of Ravenslock*

# Song of the Rising Waters

By Eleyna Anatolevna Pavlova

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## Song of the Rising Waters

By: Eleyna Anatolevna Pavlova (Oct. 1988)

Now sit you back and listen well  
These words of great renown,  
How many, many years ago  
We first fought for the Crown.  
It was the year A.S. fifteen  
When but a few souls met  
By these fair banks to settle here  
Our hardships to forget.

### CHORUS:

Take care, take care, ye armies brave  
Guard well your lands and borders  
Lest they, like you, be swept beneath  
The land of the Rising Waters.

Green were the lands, green were the vines,  
Green were the hills surrounding.  
We dwelt in peace but for a year  
Amid the seasons' turning  
Then suddenly, without one word,  
We were in the midst of War.  
Though we fought Hard, we could not win,  
Our wounded lay grievously sore.

### Chorus

Then beat we our plowshares into swords,  
Our hearts became as steel.  
The arrows, bolts and cold, cold blades  
Our enemy did feel.  
We rode beside the Monarch King  
'Neath the Dragon flag so bold:  
Red for the blood, White for the truth,  
Green for the peace we uphold.

### Chorus

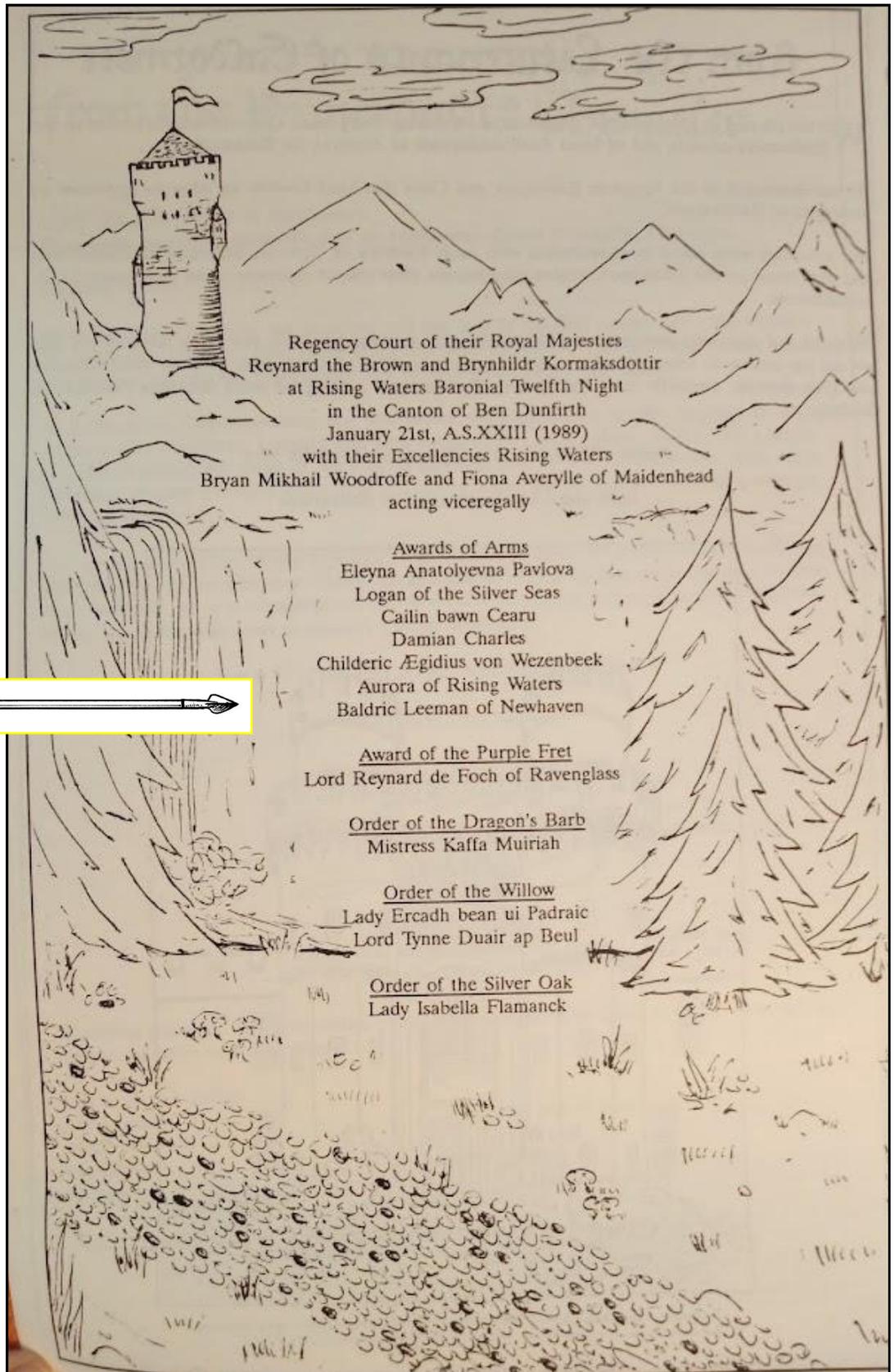
Now stand we proud, now stand we strong,  
Now stand we all united,  
Again we find ourselves at peace,  
The wrongs have all been righted.  
Come, come, ye friends, you've nought to fear  
From us, but, foes, beware,  
Our chalice holds the wine of wrath  
That we would gladly share!

### Chorus

Note Bene: This is the only original written piece or article to yet be submitted to the Principality Newsletter. And, as it happens, this is an original composition. All you artists and writers, pay heed, and submit your works.

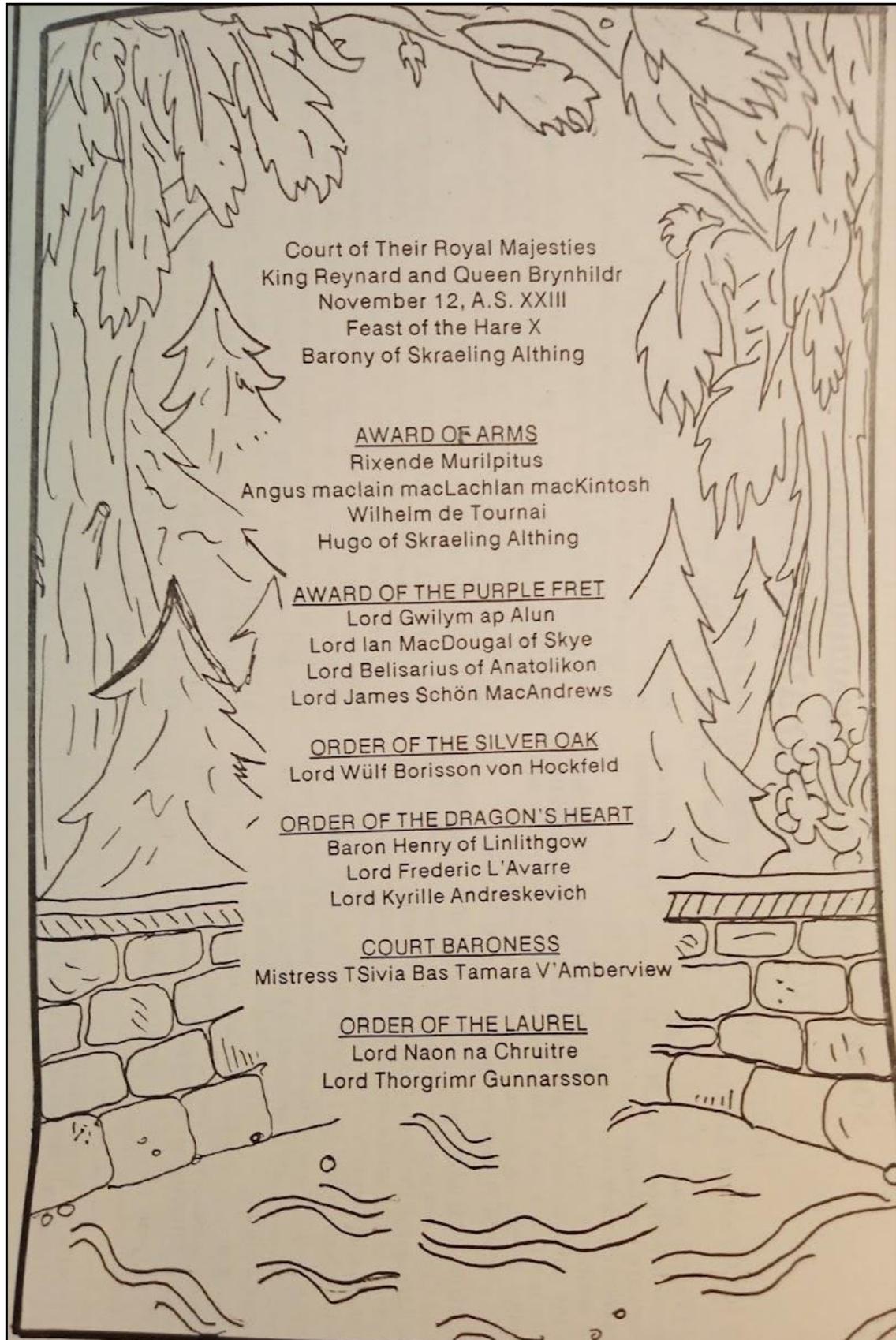
# Court Report January 21st A.S.III (1989)

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# Court Report November 12, A.S.III

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# Answers to the Quest for the Eagle of the Ninth

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## ANSWERS TO THE QUEST FOR THE EAGLE OF THE NINTH

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this Quest. We enjoyed the thought and energy you put into your answers!

Here are the answers:

### 1. Station One:

You had to write something in Latin. Every quest team made an attempt, and about half were successful. You did not get the point at this station, if you made an error in grammar, a foreign word crept in (eg. the French word 'pour'), or the Latin was incorrect (eg. 'vini, vidi, vici', instead of 'veni, vidi, vici'). 'Illegitimi non carborundum' is not good Latin, and the team which submitted it had the declension of 'illegitimi' incorrect.

### 2. Station Two:

You had to say who Romulus and Remus' foster mother was. We gave you a big hint with the picture at our Troll booth: a she-wolf.

### 3. Station Three:

You had to give as many names of Roman provinces on the blank map as possible. This gave us a tie-breaker. The prodigious number of place names provided by the green team was partly what won them the Quest.

### 4. Station Four:

You had to tell us how you would address Caligula's horse. Senator Incitatus!

### 5. Station Five:

There were sixteen objects on a table. You had to identify the objects, and tell us which of these were known to the Romans. The objects were:

#### Known:

- a. sieve
- b. soap
- c. sugar
- d. plaine
- e. dice
- f. 'beware of dog' sign
- g. safety pin (fibula)
- h. spindle
- i. cotton
- j. charcoal

#### Unknown:

- k. coal \*
- l. marbles \*
- m. paper
- n. duct tape
- o. quill pen
- p. hand cards

To get the right wing of the eagle, you had to get twelve or more answers correct. Congratulations to the Green team, who not only got this question, but pointed out that they could provide documentary evidence for the existence of coal and marbles.

If you were wondering about sugar, it was known to the Romans (see Herodotus), but not used by them.

Paper is a medieval Chinese invention. Duct tape we could not comment on. Quill pens are medieval, Romans used reed pens. Hand cards are late medieval. So called pictorial evidence from Pompeii is actually of tessels. The Romans used combs.

\* We believe we may have been wrong on these. Glass marbles were unknown, but ceramic marbles apparently were. Mistress Tamara will be providing us with references on marbles and coal.

End.

The autocrats of Hare X, and the people of Skracling Althing would, like to thank all those who participated in Feast of the Hare X and made it a success.

We were overwhelmed by your response to our event. In the end, we hosted over 200 during the day, and feasted 175 at dinner. We especially thank all those who responded early to our advertisements, as they enabled us to plan and expand our budget to accommodate the largest number of participants ever.

(If you paid in advance and were unable to attend, please contact Lady Thora Freydsardottir, c/o Ann Graham, 310 Holmwood Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 2R3, for a refund.)

The feastsrats also would like to thank the large number of volunteers who came to help in the kitchen. Some of you were old hands at this, and some of you were there for the first time: we are grateful to all of you for your support.

Congratulations to the Dark Green team for winning our 'Roman Pentathlon', with two firsts and two seconds. Duke Sir Hasdrubal won the tourney, and the quick wits of Mistress Tamara, Lord Fredrick, and their teammates won the quest. (The lost Eagle of the Ninth was not found, apparently due to the accent of those who spoke at Station One.)

Again, our thanks to all who came, from near and far. You made it special. Until -

Next year at Skracling Althing,

*Evidaurelia of the Tin Isles*



# Glad Tidings!

Republished from *The Tidings*, March A.S. XXIII Volume II, Number 3

## from the Principality Chronicler

Unto the good people of Ealdormere,  
From Lady Amyfelyse Alexandra Ivez de Mintestede, Crown Principality Chronicler.

Greetings to all!

We have a name!!! From Now on your newsletter is to be known as: (drum roll, please.....)

### The Tidings

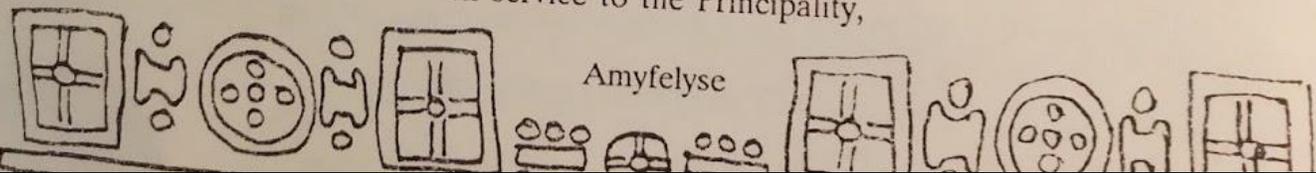
This name was submitted by no other than the latest recipient of the 'Cauldron of Ceridwyn', Lady Angharad of Nankivel. As the submitter of the winning name (as chosen by council) she will receive a framed copy of both the first cover and the first credit page, along with a free one year subscription to 'The Tidings'. Congratulations, Angharad! Thank you to all those who made an effort to submit an entry.

It was my great pleasure to be summoned in front of Septentrian Baronial Court at the event recently held in Nova Trinovantia, by the good gentles of the Incipient (?) Canton of Afon Araf. To my surprise, they donated the grand sum of \$100.00 to the Principality Newsletter. I wish to thank these good gentles sincerely and profusely for their most gracious generosity.

VIVAT EALDORMERE

In service to the Principality,

Amyfelyse



## from the Trillium Herald

Unto the Stalwart Gentlefolk of the Crown Principality of Ealdormere,  
Greetings from your servant Brenainn O'Murchadha, Trillium Herald.

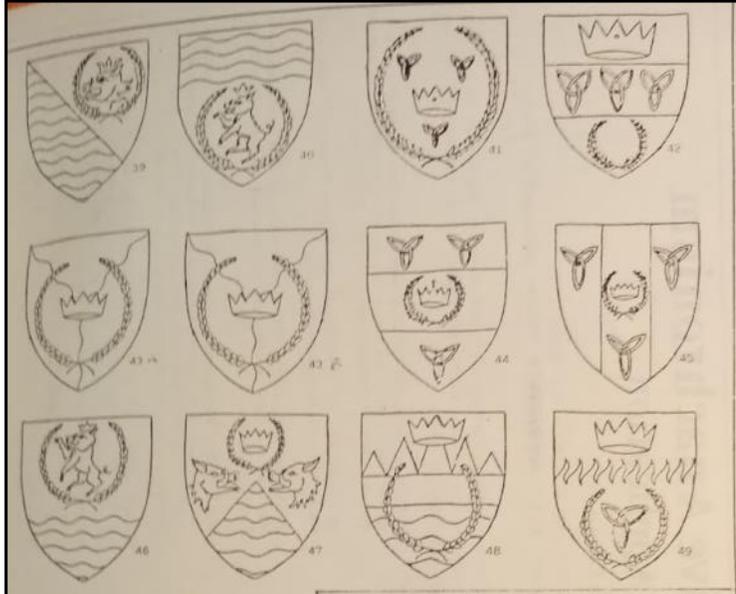
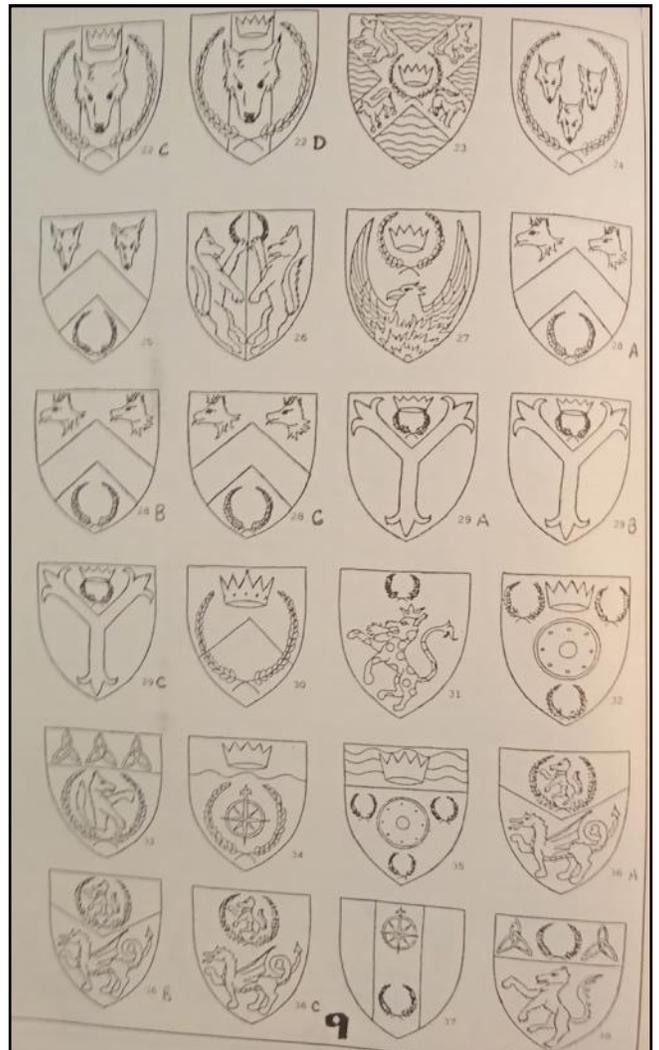
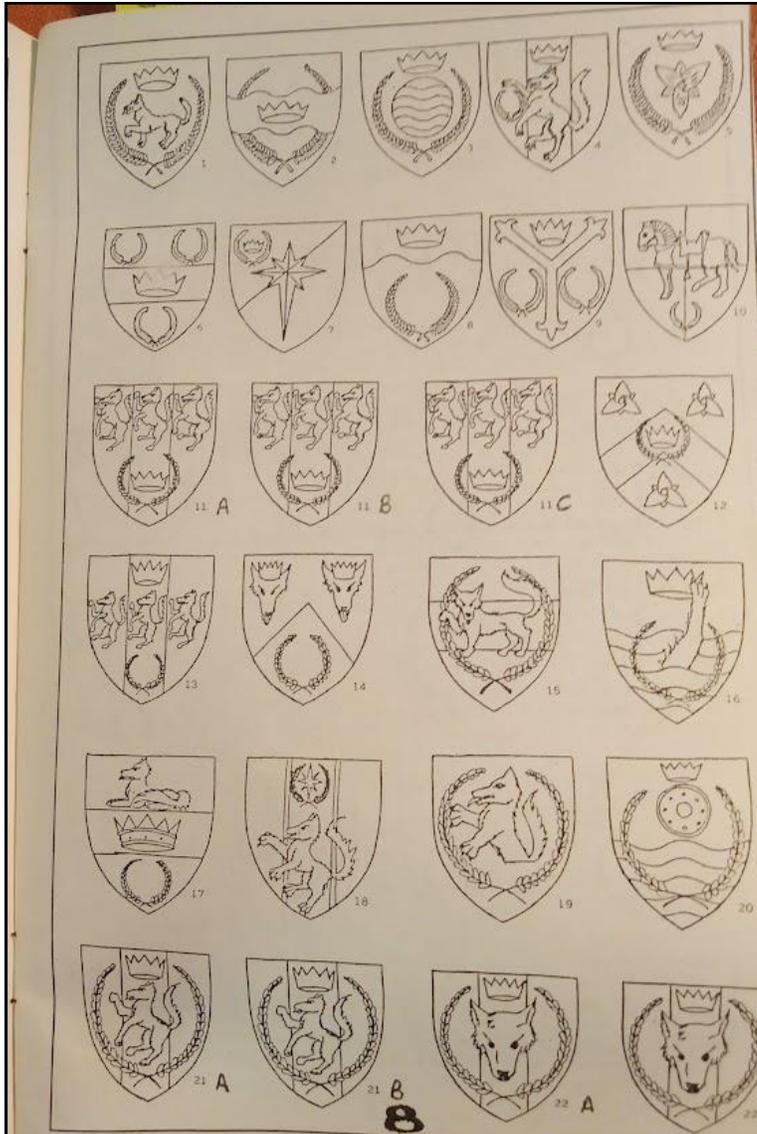
At the Ealdormere Council meeting of last February the 5th, it was decided that all of the suggestions for Ealdormere's arms which I have received should be put to a vote. This is but a preliminary vote, conducted in order to thin out the fifty-one suggestions I have on hand to a more manageable ten. These ten will then be thoroughly investigated before presentation to the populace for a final vote.

Below you will find illustrations and colouring instructions for each proposal. Please examine them well, select your three favourites, and enter their numbers, in order of preference, on the ballot provided. If any of your choices have alternate colour schemes listed, show that, too (e.g. 11b, 22d).

Ballots may be mailed to me, or given to me at an event (I shall put a ballot box at the herald's table). The deadline for this vote is April the 15th, the day of the R.U.M.

My great thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

# Heraldry



Ealdormere Arms Poll  
First Ballot

1st choice - \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice - \_\_\_\_\_

3rd choice - \_\_\_\_\_

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The following information  
is optional.

Canton - \_\_\_\_\_

Barony/Shire - \_\_\_\_\_

Age - \_\_\_\_\_ Sex - \_\_\_\_\_

Persona Nationality - \_\_\_\_\_

Persona Period - \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You for voting!

# Regalia

By Master Sylard of Eagleshaven

Republished from *The Tidings*, May A.S. XXIII Volume II, Number 5, pg 4

## Regalia

Introduction: Even though there has been no decision as to the final design of the new principality arms as yet, time has come to start the process that will end in the creation of our new regalia. It will take about one year from the start of this process until the completion of the first pieces (based on the experience of producing the kingdom crowns). This process breaks down to three large areas:

- 1) determining the underlying concepts that the regalia will be based upon.
- 2) soliciting designs for the individual pieces, and selecting those best suited.
- 3) engaging artisans for the actual production and providing the resources necessary

Committee: The first task is to create a small group to act as a guiding committee for the process. Ideally such a group would be comprised of persons with the best possible combination of the following attributes: well developed skills in design, background in historic styles, experience with S.C.A. rituals, working artisan (to evaluate production problems).

So far a number of people have expressed an interest and in fact, volunteered to serve on this committee: Baron Torbin (Eoforwic), Master Thorgrimr (Skraeling Althing), Master Sylard (Septentria), Mistress Mordreth (Septentria), Baron Henry (Skraeling Althing).

Although the ideal number of members for such a committee would be four or five people, if you feel you possess the background, ideas, and interest to work on this committee, apply to me in writing.

Concepts: The first, and in some ways most difficult, task of the committee, will be the determining of the underlying concepts that the regalia must symbolize. First, fact finding/polling amongst the general populace is necessary, to determine the type of regalia that should be produced. Obviously, there must be some coronets created (*or do we wish our leaders to wear collars?*). Do we want some kind of 'weapon of state' (*the traditional sword, the celtic spear, Norse axe, or even an archers kit?*)? Will there be a principality champion (*will he carry the weapon of state, or perhaps an ornamental shield as in the celtic tradition?*)? Is the Arts champion to be given a place of honour (*to become the bearer of an embellished chalice - again, a celtic tradition?*)? Are designs for the regalia to form some kind of unified group of artifacts, as was the case of the Kingdom crowns? What pieces of regalia should be created under strict commissions, which left up to the chance of donations? How are any commission pieces to be funded (*the Kingdom crowns alone cost over \$150.00 for the stones and metal used?*)? What items of regalia should be created in time for the first coronet tourney, and which should be left to future artisans?

As with other aspects of our new principality, the creation of our regalia gives us the chance to borrow what ideas that have proved successful from the kingdom, and combine them with those new concepts that define Ealdormere as an independent region. Needless to say, a great deal of the ritual that is carried on in the court of our first Prince/Princess will be determined by those who first wear the coronets. But a wise ruler will select those ceremonies that have power in the eyes of the people. Here is your chance to let your preferences be known! Please write down your opinions on what type of regalia you feel we should have, and how it should be used. Pass them on to any people listed above.

Designs: At this point it is too early to ask for designs for specific pieces of regalia, especially as we all have yet to select what the arms for the region are to be! If you are interested in producing a given item, drop me a note, describing what you have in mind. Be aware, however, that most likely there will be competitions for the designs of the major pieces, such as was carried on for the original "champion's and consort's" collars. As the committee gets a feel for the desires of the population, more specific directions will be published.

Reminder: A brief conversation at an event is often remembered only briefly. To ensure your ideas are passed on clearly and completely, write them down!

Master Sylard of Eagleshaven

## Towards a New Etymology

By Brenainn O'Murchadha de Ros Comain

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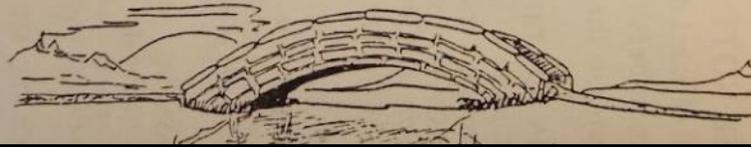
### TOWARDS A NEW ETYMOLOGY

by Brenainn O'Murchadha de Ros Comain

Now that we of Ealdormere have a new Principality to build, we have many decisions to make: what arms and badges to use, what laws to create, and so forth. Not the least of these decisions is what to call ourselves. Are we 'Ealdormerians', 'Ealdormerites', 'Ealdorwegians', or what? 'Ealdormerers'? Unfortunately, Ealdormere does not seem to lend itself to collective endings. Are there any other suggestions?

Further more, we may need a collective noun, as in 'a pride of lions'. I would suggest 'a stubborn of Ealdorpudlians', or whatever.

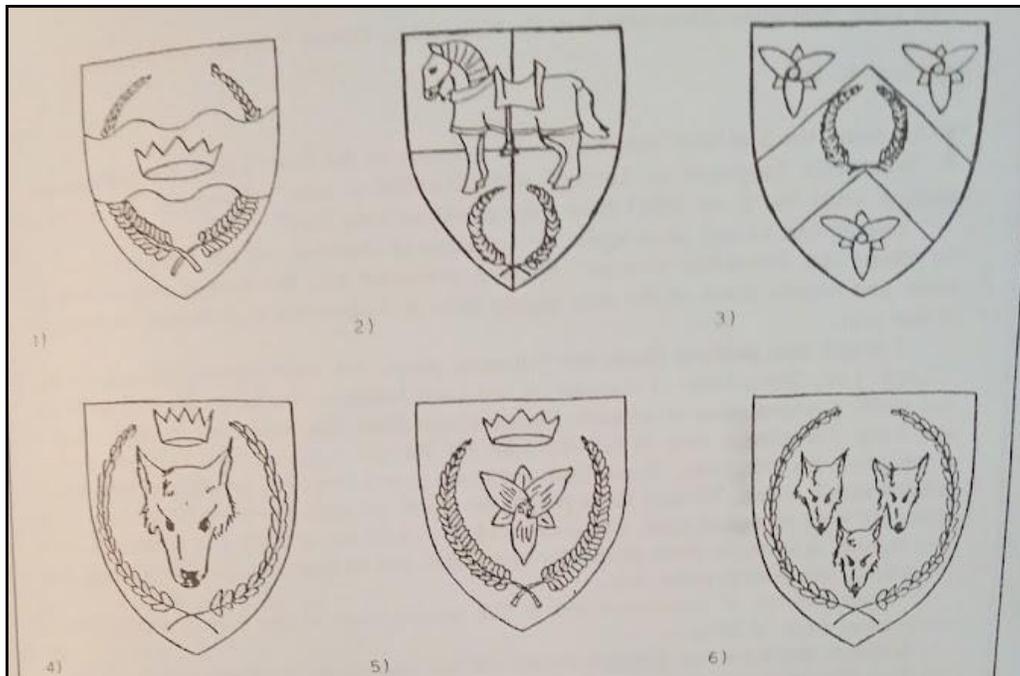
Your comments would be appreciated. Please send them to anybody but me! Thank you.



## Final Six Heraldric Designs

By Brenainn O'Murchadha de Ros Comain

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## Jeweled Belt Instructions

By Unknown

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While at War this year, I was told how to make a cheap but decent looking 'jewelled' belt. Eric the Dane is the Lord who explained it, and said that I might pass it on...

Firstly, collect a supply of old beer caps (or any other bottle cap) . If you can get different sized caps all the better. Next, wash them out, being careful to keep the plastic (rubber) liner with the cap. Then, punch four holes into the top of the cap, and replace each respective liner. You may now wish to file the sharp edges of the holes such that they will not rip or tear the material, lacing, or leather.

Having done this, one may now place whatever 'jewels' one has that fit inside each cap. If desired, they may be glued in, but this is not necessary. Next, pinch in the sides of the cap such that the sides act as claws holding in the jewel.

At this point one may either sew the cap onto fabric or leather (whatever you are using to make the belt...) or lace them together with leather thongs.

This, then, is a relatively quick, cheap, and effective home-made S.C.A. belt which can be used by anyone, be they novice, child, or very busy! Hope you enjoy!



## *Submission to BoD for Full Principality*

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Unto the People of Ealdormere:

As most of you know, Ealdormere is preparing our principality to go to the BoD in December. We hope to have our application approved at the January BoD meeting, to allow us to proceed to an April Coronet tourney.

One of the requirements for becoming a full principality is to submit a written record of our activity, showing that we have the level of activity to justify a principality, and proving that we can continue to do so.

Those of you who have had to write a submission for Barony or full status canton know what this requirement means. We need to write about outstanding and long-standing events, tourneys, educational activities (demos etc.) that prove our level of activity.

This record needs to be ready to be sent to Mistress Myrra and the Crown in December, so that it can be prepared by them, and forwarded to the BoD in advance of their meeting.

We will be talking at Bacchus about how best to prepare this submission. Please contact your local Council member if you are willing to help recall significant events in your group history for the record. (Think what a head start you could get on your canton histories!)

Washael!

Enid of the Tin Isles and Aeden o'Kincora  
Lady and Lord Lieutenants of Ealdormere

## *BoD Package Sent*

Republished from *The Tidings*, December 1989, Volume III, Number I, pg 3

Unto the Populace of Ealdormere, from Katerina de Turenne, Seneschal of Ealdormere.

Greetings:

As you read this letter the package containing our proposal for advancement from Crown Principality to full Principality will be in the hands of our beloved Myrra, Kingdom Seneschal, for her perusal and then to the members of the Board of Directors. They will be meeting in the third week of January and we are on the agenda. Hopefully, soon after we will hear if we have been approved.

In the hope that this happens, our proposed site for our first Coronet Tourney is in Bryniau Tywnnog, on the date of April 7, 1990. Plans are underway, however, we must wait for further word at the end of January, beginning of February.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in getting this package together, especially our Lord and Lady Lieutenant and my right hand, Lord Ricard.

Sir Bealgar is still accepting peoples auctions of service and goods for Ealdormere 12<sup>th</sup> Night. The money raised will go towards the Principality Regalia and Expenses.

Anyone wishing more detail on the package sent to the BoD may contact me directly, or refer to the Council Minutes.

I am accepting written applications for a Deputy Principality Seneschal to assist me with the first reign and then to succeed me from the beginning of our second reign of Prince and Princess when (if) this happens. Please mail these to me directly.

Just a reminder that there will be a Seneschal's meeting in the morning (approx. 10:00 am) January 13<sup>th</sup>, in our Canton of Greyfells at 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Please, all attend, or phone me ahead of time with your the name of your representative.

Yours in service to the dream of full Principality,

Katerina de Turenne

# Principality Coronet Tournament

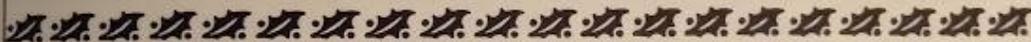
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## Ealdormere Coronet Tournament

Their Majesties are most pleased to invite self-nominations from prospective combatants in the first Principality Coronet Tournament, making the following requests:

- Each person who wishes to compete shall write to Their Majesties, naming a prospective consort and stating (in resume form) the qualities, interests, abilities and accomplishments which make them worthy to serve as Sovereign and Consort. Their Majesties shall select combatants for the Coronet Lists from amongst those who have applied. The deadline for self-nominations is March 20th.
- Prospective combatants and those for whom they fight must be current member of the SCA, shall reside within the Principality and shall have so resided for at least six months immediately prior to the Coronet Tournament.
- A proportional shield rule will be enforced, with maximum shield size being determined by the chest centerline (sternum) to wrist measurement (arm outstretched) or 26" whichever is greater.
- It is Their Majesties' wish that participants present a noble appearance; therefore all non-period equipment or clothing should be disguised or kept to a minimum.
- Finally, the honour to compete in a Coronet Tournament is a privilege earned through demeanour and attitude, as well as prowess. Never forget that you must be examples of the truest and best of Ealdormere in chivalry and courtesy, on and off the field, at all times and in everything you do and are!

HRM TADASHI & HRM ARIAKE



Unto The Populace of Ealdormere  
From Katerina de Turenne  
Seneschal of Ealdormere

Wassail!!!

By now you have all heard that on the momentous date of January 27th 1990 the Board of Directors enthusiastically approved the Crown Principality of Ealdormere as a full Principality within the Middle Kingdom. Already there have been many questions arising about what does this mean. I must stress to you all that we still remain within the Middle Kingdom and therefore, abide by all that that entails. For example, all events to be able to give out awards from Their Majesties must be published in the Pale. I must remind you that every event, demo, etc., is an official event according to the SCA. May I suggest though, that we utilize the 'Tidings' by publishing events there as well.

Now, as I know everyone is most interested in our first CORONET TOURNEY which is being hosted by the incipient Canton of Bryniau Twynnog (Kitchener/Waterloo) on April 7, 1990. The autocrat is Roberte de Beauvais.

Coronet Tourney Rules for entering the list!!! Their Most Noble Majesties, Tadashi and Ariake, are accepting written requests naming your prospective consort and 'stating the qualities and accomplishments that make them worthy to be Sovereign and Consort'. May I also suggest that courtesy copies go to the Lord and Lady Lieutenants. Then the Crown will comprise a list of combatants and they will be notified in due time. Exclusions from the list will be notified in writing in a confidential manner.

Now, to be eligible the same rules for Crown List apply regarding membership requirements. The combatant must be a member in good standing as of APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 1990. Only one need be a sustaining member but whichever one is an associate member they MUST reside in a place where the Pale is received. Therefore, if you are not a member, your money must be in by the END OF FEBRUARY. You should have already received this information from your Seneschal. On April 7, 1990, the list combatant will be required to sign a letter

## *Letter from First Prince & Princess*

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Unto the gracious people of the Principality of Ealdormere do their Serene Highnesses Prince David and Princess Tangwystl send warm and gentle greetings.

We have seen the beginning of a great renaissance sweeping the principality.

Archers braving inclement weather to bend their graceful bows, newly authorized warriors, engaged in their first melees, and arts and science projects of such skill and beauty that surely our Principality will be the centre jewel in the Crown of the Midrealm.

We are overwhelmed by the response and support that you have given the Coronet. You are the coronet, and as your prince and princess we are honoured to show the known world what Ealdormere can do.

Encouraging your continued efforts,  
we remain,

DAVID Tangwystl.

This months Serene Royal whims include:  
Arrowroot cookies and milk for lunches.





## Cover Art

*The photo of the borealis by his excellency Sir Saheed. Cover of oldest newsletter found was by Tyriss Sadar of Ravenslock*

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*A few things we're required to say...*

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