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#### *Good Yule from the Baron and Baroness*

*Greetings to the good Gentles of Loch Salann. Though the bitter winds blow from the halls of Valhalla, we hope that you are warm in your homes and that the young ones have provender.*

*Thank you, one and all, for the festivities of our first Solstice Court. Though Loki once again tried to confound us with a winter storm, you, our energetic and imaginative populace easily sent 'The Trickster' packing. Our special thanks must go to Ladies Amanda and Elfwyne, m'Ladies Lianor and Onora, and the Ladies of the Abbey for organizing, entertaining the younglings, and providing us with fine sustenance.*

*While speaking of the young ones and m'Lady Onora, a passing word needs be offered. For certain, our youth are welcome and, indeed, are our future. But our Barony's Officers, populace, and Entourage are our present and we must guard against undue demands and fatigue upon them. Please tend to your children, and please aid dear Onora in her efforts to entertain and educate our youth.*

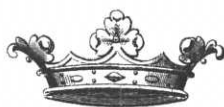
*In the next weeks we shall travel north to enjoy the hospitality of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair and their Twelfth Night celebration. Please join us. The day is sure to have good food, dancing, and much frolic for all. And keep central in you minds the need for able bodies and minds to travel south in February to the aid of our friends of Caid.*

*A last word about the weather: It would appear that this winter may prove to be rigorous. We have already had to postpone one activity (A & S night) due to inclement weather. Have no fear, though: The class on Turkish Garb will take place in January at Hold Tyte Keep, in the abode of Sir Robert and Sir Leah. Although we frown upon the use of witchcraft we ask all to keep careful watch upon this arcane thing called 'e-mail' so as to know if an activity has been postponed or cancelled.*

*Good health and good fortune to you all.*

*Your Servants,*

*Ryryd  
Baron*



*Anna  
Baroness*





*Greetings From the Seneschal:*

*Unto the Populace of the ancient and glorious Barony of Loch Salann here are the words of your Seneschal, Greetings.*

*I hope this missive finds you all home, happy, safe, and recovered from the holiday season. In spite of the sometimes disruptive weather it is a great time of year as we look forward to another fun filled twelve months in the Current Middle Ages. Thinking back over the last year it is hard to imagine we will be having just as many, if not more, good times this year.*

*For those of you who were not able to attend Solstice Court you missed a memorable occasion. The hall was decorated with an abundance of banners that made the atmosphere all the more enjoyable. This was the event where we had the opportunity to give thanks and say farewell to our own Baron Sir Sean Kirkpatrick Tarragon and his lady Baroness Qamar an Nisa al Anatolia as they handed over the care of our Barony to the new Baron and Baroness, Ryrud ap Gwerstan and Anna de Brabant. It was a lovely ceremony prefaced by a processional of the past Baron and Baroness', either in person or presented by their banners, led by the Founding Baron and Baroness, Sir Robert de Spencer and Mistress Ferelith MacDonald.*

*After morning Court, the guests were treated to a soup kitchen hosted by Saint Catherine's Abbey for the enjoyment of everyone present. Three delicious selections were available along with bread and water, all for the asking of a donation. During the day several bardic presentations were given and a variety of board games were enjoyed by many. As evening approached a feast was prepared by Leonor da Costa, featuring foods from the Iberian Peninsula. Each remove was preceded by a short vignette related to the next remove to be presented. A subtlety was presented prior to the last remove for the enjoyment of the table by HoldTyte.*

*Fighter practice and archery practice was suspended for the last two weeks of the month due to conflicts with the holidays. Both will resume the first week in January 2009. Fighter practice will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Mount Jordan Middle School and archery practice will be the following day, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Salt Lake Archery in Sugarhouse.*

*I hope that as many gentles as possible are planning on attending Estrella War next month. As always this is a great opportunity to visit with old friends and make some new ones. There will be activities to interest everyone who participates in the Dream and show the Knowne World that the Kingdom of Artemisia is a force to be reckoned with in all areas. Please make every effort to attend and represent our Barony and Kingdom in the manner they deserve.*

*Yours in Service to the Barony of Loch Salann,  
Bjorn Hrafnson  
Seneschal*



### Greetings from the MoAS:

Let me introduce myself. My name is Jennet, as in JENnet, as in Janet. A & S has been a primary interest for me and I am delighted to be so involved with all of you. Baroness Anna has set high standards for performance. I will do my best to serve the Barony.

As I write this, it is snowing and cold. What a perfect time to work on largesse items. Our Barony is always in the forefront of those answering a call and a call has gone out. Largesse is needed for Estrella. Even if you are not going, you could still support your Barony by sending items with those who plan to attend. Some of the projects we shared during the A & S nights this summer provide a very good way to use scraps to make lovely items and would be much appreciated by those to whom they are donated and especially by those who receive them.

Our **A & S Night** scheduled for December 19 was cancelled due to the storm. As the day went on, I was certainly glad to stay home as much as possible. M'lady Zafirah has kindly agreed to present her demonstration and lesson on Turkish Coats at our next **A & S Night** which will be held on January 16, 2009 at the usual 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the home of my deputy, Viscountess Leah de Spencer.

Her address is 2359 Cavalier Drive, which is 7305 South. The easiest way for me to get there is from 2300 East. Please bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. Everyone loves to see projects on which others are working and get tips, so bring any works in progress along, also.

Each week at **Fighter Practice**, there is an **informal A & S circle** with answers and inspiration to share. Please join. His Lordship James of Penmore shares his **period games**. Feel free to ask about anything you see and maybe you will start a new project yourself.

The **Needleworkers' Guild** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please contact Lady Aurora de Portugal or THL Bethoc for more information. We have some plans in the works.

The **Cooks' Guild** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month that would be the 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mistress Casamira for the location and any other details. Our cooks are known through the Kingdom for their wonders. We are so lucky and well-fed.

The **Loch Salann Musician's Guild** provides wonderful music for our events. They research instruments and music used in the Middle Ages. Meetings are conducted Thursdays from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. Please contact Mistress Anne (466-7300) for the location of the meeting and any additional information.

The **Brewers Guild** is led by Baron Ryryd ap Gwerstan. We look forward to his next meeting.

Lord Aeylwin de Spencer has offered to teach **Ceramics** to interested gentles at the Mount Jordan Middle School on weekday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. Please contact him ahead of time to schedule a specific date.

[albertwise@hotmail.com](mailto:albertwise@hotmail.com) or 801-520-5482. If you saw his bowls at Solstice Court, you will want him to teach you!

As I assume my responsibilities in your service, please let me know of any other guilds or groups holding meetings. Also, if you have talents to share, please let me know as we set up the programs for the New Year. I am relying on each of you to support, assist, and inspire me. What would you like to learn?

Yours in Service,  
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## FAREWELL TO ARMS JANUARY 17 2009 BLACKFOOT, ID

Come join us as we see our troops for one last time before they head to WAR! The next generation of warriors will be holding a tournament to find the next Baronial Youth Combat Champion. And finally the rapier fighters will meet in combat to determine whom shall be the next Captain of the Baroness's own Musketeers. The current Captain has grown fat and lazy in his role and needs be ousted, does any have the strength of arms to best him and take his place?

Feast will be a scrumptious groaning board (read pot luck) with the Barony providing the Prime Rib and Turkey, no reservations needed as feast is included in the site fee! Lady Angela will be coordinating the feast so if you would like to bring something contact her as she will have a list.

Autocrat : THL John Gilson (John Gibson) 208-200-7724  
(No I will not answer between 9a - 7p, just leave a message)

Feast Coordinator: THL Angela Seuestere  
(Angie Goodyear) 208-684-4491

Site Fees : \$8 Adults \$4 Children 15 - 6 Under 6 Free.

Directions : Take the Kings Highway (I-15) to Blackfoot Exit 93, Turn towards town. Take first left at the light onto Airport road. Follow till it dead ends onto Old Yellowstone Highway (Rt 91) and turn left. Turn left onto next road, and the Blackfoot Charter School is on your right. There will be a sign!

# JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Needle Workers' Guild	7 Fighter Practice 7 PM	8 Archery Practice Musicians' Guild	9	10 12 <sup>th</sup> Night Gryphon's Lair
11	12	13 Forum 7 PM	14 Fighter Practice 7 PM	15 Archery Practice Musicians' Guild	16 A&S Night Making a Turkish Coat 7 PM	17 Farewell to Arms 1000 Eyes
18	19	20	21 Fighter Practice 7 PM	22 Archery Practice Musicians' Guild	23	24
25	26	27 Cooks' Guild	28 Fighter Practice 7 PM	29 Archery Practice Musicians' Guild	30	31 Masked Ball Arn Hold



## 12th Night Celebration

### January 10, 2009

### Barony of Gryphon's Lair

Unto the Kingdom of Artemisia, hearty greetings! The holiday season is fast upon us and you are hereby invited to join in the festivities and merriment of Barony of Gryphon's Lair annual 12th Night Celebration. The winter winds are descending from the north and it's time to settle in the Great Hall with friends and family from far and wide, to share in the warmth of camaraderie and fellowship. Come experience the hospitality of the Lair's populous during this, their High Court event!

The feast this year is an orchestral experience conducted by Lady Gwynnyth. As Head Cook, Lady Gwynnyth will lead the award winning culinary team that rose above the competition to win the Uprising Iron Chef! The feast will have several removes and is promising to be quite exceptional! Feast will be limited to the first 50 reservations, however, there should be ample room "off board" for those not participating in the feast. Reservations for the feast are due by 1/1/09.

To add to the grandeur and splendor of the Lair's High Court, this year at 12th Night there will be the Barony's very first ever Grand Processional by Order of Precedence. With this in mind, be sure to wear your High Court splendor!

An Arts and Sciences display is also planned so come and show the Lair what you have been working on or have completed. Just a reminder, Baron Math and Baroness Daria will choose the next Arts and Sciences Champion of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair through these displays. Displays have been set up at all of the Lair's events and entrants chosen as Baron and Baroness' favorites. Their Excellencies will note all the entrants from all of the past displays and choose an over-all winner that will then become the next Arts and Sciences Champion. Minimal documentation is encouraged but not necessary.

Due to the nature of the site, it is dry and pets are prohibited!

**Site:** Clearfield Community Church in Clearfield, Utah

**Directions:** Take your best route to I-15.

Next take the Clearfield exit #335.

From there turn West (away from Hill AFB) and get into the left turn lane.

The second light is Main (also called State or 1900 West) Street. Turn left.

Follow Main until you reach 200 South. Turn left.

The site is a few blocks down this road and on the corner of 500 East and 200 South.

Parking is located on the side front and back of the building, with handicapped parking available.

The entrance is in the rear of the building.

**Site fees:** \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

Children under 5 are free.

The \$3.00 surcharge for non-members will be strictly enforced.

Also, there is no family cap for non-members.

**Feast fees:** \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 12 and under.

Children under five are free.

Cut-off date for feast reservations is 1/1/09.

Contact Lady Elizabeth for reservations: [tsrapierblue@yahoo.com](mailto:tsrapierblue@yahoo.com).

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#### Feast Reservations:

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The Grand Admiral's Masked Ball  
Barony of Arn Hold  
January 31, 2009

The Grand Admiral has declared that the Barony of Arn Hold will host his grand masked ball this January and he has invited YOU! Affectionately referred to as the Grand Admiral's Other Ball, this year's fare includes the time honored traditions of the Lord and Lady of Color competition and the selection of the new Bard of Arn Hold. He respectfully requests you don your finest monochromatic attire and join him for an exceptional evening of dancing and drama. In keeping with his wishes, the bardic competition will have a nautical theme so the Bard of Arn Hold Lady Magdalena has set the requirement that every bardic offering have some sort of sea, sailing or maritime ingredient.

Lady Maridah has taken on the task of catering to the Grand Admiral's culinary whims and has prepared a menu with sea food and oceanic themes. A full menu will be available on the Kingdom of Artemisia and the Barony of Arn Hold websites closer to the date of the event. Anyone with dietary or religious concerns, please contact her for alternatives to shellfish offered at the buffet. As always, any culinary donations for the buffet are more than welcome. Again, coordinate with Lady Maridah for details.

The Stâpanâ Catriona Morganosa has volunteered to take over the task of Dance Coordinator, although it is said that Horrible Tanglwyst Woman™ will be on hand early in the afternoon to teach the dances to be done at the ball that night as part of the Universitatus. A complete list of the dances will likewise be available on the kingdom and Arn Hold websites for attendees out of area to practice at home. For more information regarding the dances, please contact the Stâpanâ. In addition to the dances, played by Tempus Perfectum, there will be a fundraiser for the Casting Guild with period pilgrim badges for sale. As always, there will be a contest for Lord and Lady of Color, so when considering your mask and costuming endeavors for the Ball, feel free to pick a specific color and base your costume upon it. It might win you a prize!

The Guild of the Sea Gryphon and the Guild of the Sea Moose have volunteered to be your hosts during the evening. Expect to see the Grand Admiral's work in peak performance through his finest maritime officers and their crews throughout the evening. Anyone with an interest in maritime studies can pick the brains of these crewmembers and get most, if not all, their nautical questions answered.

Site fee: \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members, children under 6 free. Make checks payable to "Barony of Arn Hold, SCA Inc." The buffet is included in the site fee. Site opens at 2 pm January 31st to learn the dances which will be danced that evening. The dances will not be taught during the Ball. There will be a dinner break between 5 and 6, when the site will open for the Ball. The Bard of Arn Hold Competition will be held between dance sets during the Ball.

The site is the Odd Fellows Hall at 600 N. Curtis in Boise, ID. This is a dry site.

## Ottoman Turkish Women's Clothing

By Zafirah Tahreer bint Al Riyah  
Erika Andrach

The Ottoman Empire was a long-lived and powerful civilization surviving well into the modern period. And thanks to the Ottoman reverence for fine fabric, we have an enormous wealth of surviving extent garments to study. The Topkapi Museum is home of some garments of the finest quality and condition of their age in all the world.

<http://www.ee.bilkent.edu.tr/~history/topkapi.html>

<http://www.pbase.com/dosseman/clothes>

Ottomans placed great value on fabrics. Silk caftans were given as royal gifts and kept in the palace treasury, in some cases documented in the inventory providing the remarkable ability to dating these garments to period emperors or Caliphs as they were called.



From my own personal research I have observed a common theme in all clothing from the Medieval Period: Layers. And the Turkish Ottomans were no different. From bottom layer to the outer most layer, Ottoman women could wear various combinations of the following:

**Gomlek** – under dress (first layer.) This a very fine light weight under-dress that can be made of handkerchief linen, or very light weight cotton. All the examples I have seen from the period show this garment in white, sometimes with very fine embroidery at the

seam lines. A woman would not be found without this garment on as it was meant to protect the expensive fabrics of the outer garments from sweat and body oils.

**Salwar/Shalvar** – trousers. In all the illustrations I have seen, women always wore trousers. These were very full at the waist and tapered as they came down to the ankle, being held by a draw string. There are many fabric options. These could be made of anything from very light and sheer handkerchief linen or heavier brocade. Many of the illustrations I have reviewed showed the trousers bunched at the ankles, indicating they might have been much longer than the woman's legs and sewn tight so they would barely fit over the ankles.

**Chirka/Hirka** – short under jacket (second layer.) The short coat would typically be made of a lighter weight fabric, possibly satin brocade to make it comfortable under a heavier outer coat. I recommend Home Fabrics for finding some great fabrics. They are many modern fabrics available with the right texture, pattern, and best of all, Home Fabrics has them for an incredibly affordable price. This coat was typically somewhere between mid-thigh and knee length.

**Entari** – fitted coat (third layer.) These coats were ankle length, made of mid-weight fabric, and usually lined and faced with non-matching fabrics. The coat generally had an overlapping gore in the front and was commonly depicted tucked into the sash worn at the waist. The sleeves could be elbow length, to let the long sleeves of the Chirka show, or all the way to the ground. The goal was to show off all the layers of sumptuous fabric. Ottomans wore very little jewelry, so they demonstrated wealth through their textiles.



**Yelek** – short outer jacket (fourth and optional layer.) This coat was shorter than the Chirka, stopping somewhere between the top of the legs and middle of the thigh. The shape was fitted but not snug allowing it to fit over the Entari. It was made of heavier fabric since it was designed to keep the women warm in winter.

**Kaftan** – loose ceremonial coat (fourth or fifth and also optional layer.) These were made of rich luxurious fabrics. They were ankle length and unfitted, often with floor length sleeves.



**Ferace** – overcoat (outdoor layer.) This is the loose coat that would have been worn by a woman in public. Made of wool in winter and often silk in summer, the overcoat was made in muted colors like brown grey or dull blue.

**Tarpus** – hat. Pill box style hat seen in all the paintings of women in the period. The Koran directs Muslims to be modest. No Muslim, male or female would be seen without a head covering. Jews and Christians of the period were also very modest and did not generally go out in public without some form of head covering.

**Yashmak** – head scarf or set of scarves. A woman of distinction would not have gone out in public without her overcoat or a veil covering her hair. Muslim women and women of wealth, commonly covered their faces as well.

Turkish clothing was well suited to the hot summer days as well as the extreme cold nights of winter. The climate there was not unlike that of our own mountain deasert.

Want to learn MORE? Please join me on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of their Excellencies, Sir Robert and Sir Leah DeSpencer, as we learn how to modify a basic T-tunic pattern to produce a Turkish Entari.

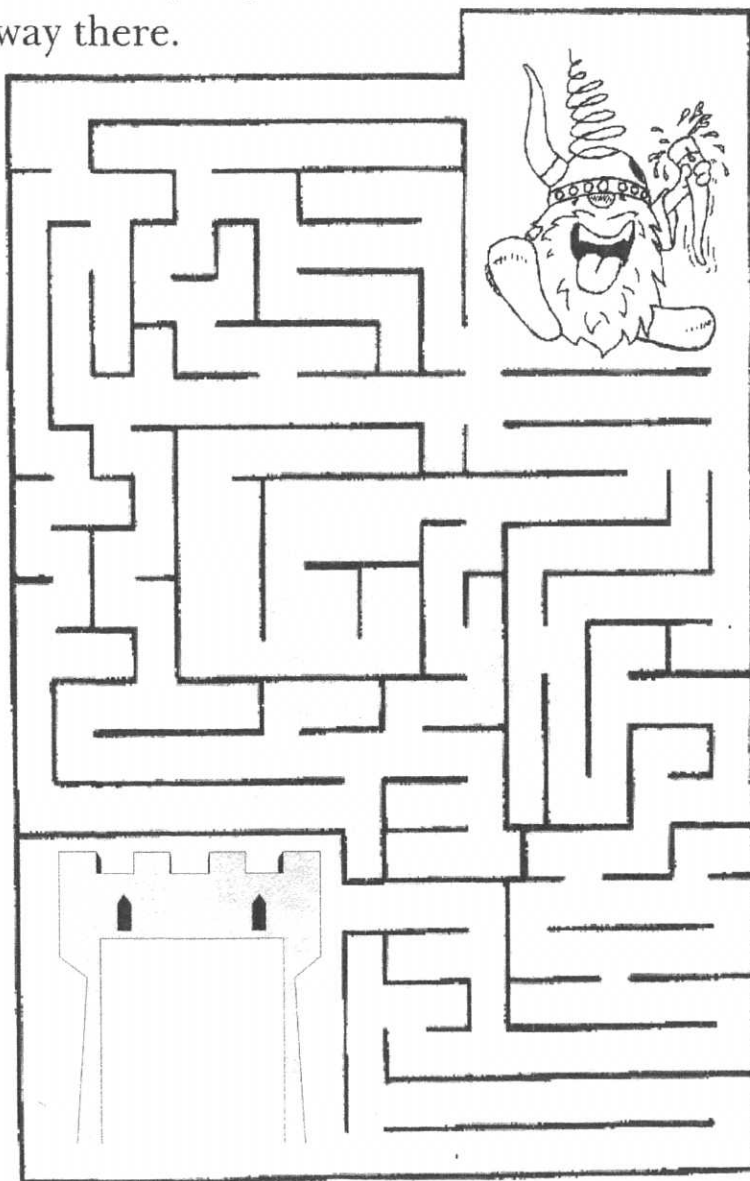


We will also explore the difference between the Turkish Entari and the Egyptian Ghawazee Coat.

Hope to see you all there!  
~Zafirah

## KID'S KÖRNER

There is a party at the castle, help Og find his way there.



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