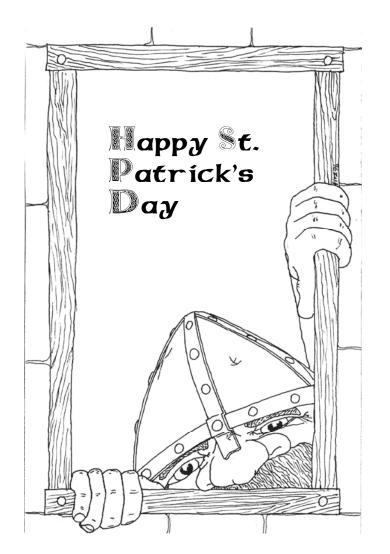
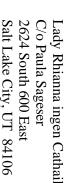
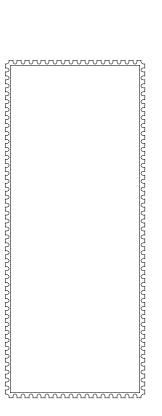
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From the Cook's Corner

The Cook's Guild invites any and all who are interested in medieval cooking, or just "good food" to join us at our meetings. They are usually held the first Tuesday of each month. However in February, the Guild will NOT be held, so as not to conflict with anyone's Estrella War preparations. Our next scheduled meeting will be on March 6, 2001. It will be under the direction of Master and Mistress Mendeith. For more information contact Master Edward at 571-3678 or Lordship Vogg at 260-1939. Hope to see everyone there.

Happy Eating, The Cook's Guild

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March	Twae Linnes	Spring Equestrian Faire			
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31	Sentinel's Keep	Spring Feast			
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eral Announcements,

Collegium is coming up in April. Please contact Master Trygvi and/or Mistress Agnese if you would like to teach a class or have class ideas. This is a local event (not a joint collegium as in the past two years) with several good classes already planned. See next month's Quill for more details.

Uprising XV website: It's official, uprisingwar.org And it's up and live, waiting for ALOT of content

We are putting an Autocrat's Handbook together for our local event sites. If you have insight or advice to share, please send it to the Chronicler who will be compiling the information.

Deputies are **STILL** needed to help the Knight Marshal (Rapier deputy), Sheriff and Quartermaster. Please speak to these gentles if you are interested in becoming a deputy.

Reminder: Polling for our next Baron and Baroness will take place at Defender's Tourney, March 24th. Bring proof of membership so you can participate. See event article in this issue for details on the event.

The following good gentles have submitted Letters of Intent for Baron and Baroness of Loch Salann (I apologize if I butcher any names):

Master Edward & Mistress Margaret Mendeith

HL Timmur ana Mihn Ramel & Lady Tianna NiCoimin

Sir Gregory & Mistress Heloys de Bec

HE Sir Michael the Lucky & HE Mistress Leah de Spencer

HL Padraig MacBrien of Lough Strangford & Lady Halla Bransdottir Lady Isadora & her lord

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FIACC: Hymn on the Life of St. Patrick

[O'Curry MS, Catholic University]. Anonymous translation from The Ecclesiastical Record, March 1868. Original language: Old Irish.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Hymn of Fiacc is one of the few accepted primary sources for the life of St. Patrick other than his own writings. Although its exact date of composition is disputed, there is no question that it is extremely ancient, a document of the Celtic Church before the Viking invasions. Tradition ascribes it to the fifth century bard Fiacc, who also figures as a character in some of the legends told about Patrick; modern scholars generally think it was composed later, in the seventh or possibly even the eighth century. -- N. Redington.

- Patrick was born at Emptur:
 This it is that history relates to us.
 A child of sixteen years (was he)
 When he was taken into bondage.
- Succat was his name, it is said;
 Who was his father is thus told:
 He was son of Calpurn, son of Otidus,
 Grandson of Deochain Odissus.
- 3. He was six years in slavery; Human food he ate it not. Cothraige he was called, For as slave he served four families.
- Victor said to Milcho's slave:
 "Go thou over the sea:"
 He placed his foot upon the *leac* (stone):
 Its trace remains, it wears not away.
- He sent him across all the Alps;
 Over the sea marvellous was his course,
 Until he stayed with Germanus in the south,
 In southern Letha.
- In the islands of the Tyrrhene Sea he stayed;
 Therein he meditated:
 He read the canon with Germanus:
 It is this that history relates.
- To Ireland he was brought back In visions by the angels of God: Often was he in vision Solicited to return thither again.
- Salvation to Ireland
 Was the coming of Patrick to Fochlaidh;
 Afar was heard the sound
 Of the call of the youths of Caill-Fochladh.
- 9. They prayed that the saint would come,
 That he would return from Letha,
 To convert the people of Erin
 From error to life.
- 10. The Tuatha of Erin were prophesying That a new kingdom of faith would come, That it would last for evermore: The land of Tara would be waste and silent.

- The druids of Loegaire concealed not from him The coming of Patrick;
 Their prophecy was verified
 As to the kingdom of which they spoke.
- 12. Patrick walked in piety till his death:
 He was powerful in the extirpation of sin:
- He was powerful in the extirpation of sir He raised his hands in blessing
- Upon the tribes of men.
- 13. Hymns, and the Apocalypse, and the thrice fifty (psalms) He was wont to sing;He preached, baptized and praved:
- From the praise of God he ceased not.
- 14. The cold of the weather deterred him not From passing the night in ponds:By heaven his kingdom was protected;He preached by day on the hills.
- 15. In Slan, in the territory of Benna-Bairche, Hunger or thirst possessed him not.Each night he sang a hundred psalms,To adore the King of angels.
- 16 He slept on a bare stone,
 And a wet sack-cloth around him;
 A bare rock was his pillow;

He allowed not his body to be in warmth.

- 17. He preached the Gospel to all; He wrought great miracles in Letha; He healed the lame and the lepers; The dead he restored to life.
- 18. Patrick preached to the Scoti:
 He endured great toil in Letha:
 With him will come to judgment
 Everyone whom he brought to the life of Faith.
- 19. The sons of Emer, the sons of Eremon,All went to Cisal,To the abode of Satan -They were swallowed up in the deep abyss.
- 20. Until the apostle came to them:

 He came despite the raging tempests:

 He preached, for three-score years,

 The cross of Christ to the tribes of Feni.

Spring Feast & Rapier Championship/Challenge

Barony of Sentinels' Keep March 31, XXXV A.S. / 2001 C.E.

The Barony of Sentinels' Keep invites all to help celebrate the return of spring at its annual Spring Feast, Auction & Rapier Championship on Saturday, March 31, 2001, at the Lolo Community Center, Lolo, Montana.

The site opens at 10 a.m., with a light buffet lunch at noon. Site will close at the end of the auction. You can find about more abut this event by visiting the Baronial web site at: http://www.angelfire.com/journal/barony

Fees: The rates for Spring Feast are: \$4 site fee, \$3 with current membership. Children under 12: \$2. Feast is \$7, under 12: \$4.

Event Steward: Ld. Dederick of Huntington (Dan Lehn) 1528½ So. Catlin, Apt. C, Missoula, MT, 59801-4943; e-mail: Archer1229@aol.com; phone: (406) 721-8820.

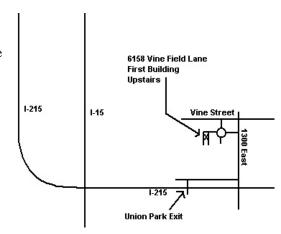
DIRECTIONS: The Lolo Community Center is on the west side of U.S. Highway 93 at the south edge of Lolo, which is about 10 miles south of Missoula. From the South: the Lolo Community Center is on your left just as you cross Lolo Creek Bridge as you enter town. From the North (U.S. 12 from Idaho and via Missoula): follow Hwy. 93 through Lolo (south); the community center is just past the Conoco gas station on your right after the Hwy. 12 junction. The site will be well-marked with our newly repainted baronial signs.

Greetings unto the denizens of the most honorable and ancient Barony of Loch Salann!

Clothier's guild is starting once again and the first meeting will be the last Monday in February and after that it will be on the second and last Monday of every month. We will be focusing on shoring up the supply of loaner garb for the hospitaler's office and helping newcomers with their own garb. The guild is open to all comers so please don't hesitate to come and join in the fun!

The location will be my home at 6158 S. Vine Field Lane and it will start at 7pm. If you have any questions give me a call at 281-2579.

In service to the Barony, Mistress Heloys de Bec





Baronial Birthday/Defender Tourney March 24, 2001

Once again the dreaded Brine Shrimp of the Great Salt Waste is rearing it's ugly pinchers and threatens the good gentles of Loch Salann! We the populace are crying out for help from all those great warriors who feel they could beat this hideous monster. This beast will attack the good people of Loch Salann on 24 March 2001. So PLEASE join us at The Great Salt Air Pavilion on this date so that we may try and kill this great deco-pod before he can reach the beaches of the Salt Waste from which he lives.

After the killing of this Great Beast there shall be a great Mongolian Feast prepared by the wonderful chef at the Great Salt Air. ALL feast reservations must be PRE-PAID by 15 March 2001. The cost is \$12.00 per person (kids are full price) and there is room for 100 feasters. Get your feast's paid soon as space is limited.

Please mail your checks to:

Lady Morag the Wanderer

c/o Lady Meghan of Clan Sutherland

5525 Hunt Road Salt Lake City, Utah - 84117

Day Time(M-F) Phone: 801-538-6461

If you want conformation that your check was receive please include a S.A.S.E. Also, your playing name as well as your mundane one would be appreciated!

We will also have a few activities for the smalls and a bag raffle for all who want to participate. There will also be a polling of the populace as it is time for our great Baron and Baroness to step down. Be sure you have a current S.C.A. membership (and bring it with you) so that you may cast your vote!

Directions to the site: Take your best route to Salt Lake, then take I-80 west bound (towards Wendover). Take the exit for Salt Air. Salt Air is the building with the large gold onions on the spires. Here is a clue....we had Coronation there in January.

This is a fabulous site for all you merchants out there! There is plenty of room for all. You will need to bring your own tables. Please let Lady Morag know how much space you will need. She will also be able to tell you about any merchanting fees.

Site information: NO outside food or drink are allowed on the premisses. This site does have a snack bar with a great selection of food for lunch and snacks. The snack bar also sells Beer other wise the site is DRY! The site will open at 9:30 am, and Site closes at mid-night.

Site Fee: Adults:\$5.00 6-14 yrs: \$3.00

Feast Fee: \$12.00 (If adult site and feast are paid together a \$2.00 discount will be

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given. So the cost would be \$15.00)

Event Steward: Lord Yuri the Yak Slapper (MKA: Ed Cash)

Phone: 801-725-3193

- 21. On the land of Erin there was darkness; The Tuatha adored the -sidhi-; They believed not In the true Deity of the true Trinity.
- 22. In Armagh there is sovereignty; It is long since Emain passed away; A great church is Dun-Lethglasse; I wish not that Tara should be a desert.
- 23. Patrick, when he was in sickness,
 Desired to go to Armagh:
 An angel went to meet him on the road
 In the middle of the day.
- 24. Patrick came southwards towards Victor;
 He it was that went to meet him;
 The bush in which Victor was, was in a blaze;
 From the flame (the angel) spoke.
- 25. He said: Thy dignity (shall be) at Armagh;Return thanks to Christ;To heaven thou shalt come;Thy prayer is granted thee.
- 26. The hymn which thou chosest in life Shall be corselet of protection to all. Around thee on the Day of Judgment The men of Erin will come for judgment.
- 27. Tassach remaineth after him (in Sabhall), Having given the communion to him: He said that Patrick would return: The word of Tassach was not false.

28. He (St. Patrick) put an end to night;Light ceased not with him:To a years' end there was radiance;It was a long day of peace.

- 29. At the battle fought around Beth-horon Against the Canaanites by the son of Nun, The sun stood still at Gaboan; This it is that the Scripture tells us.
- 30. The sun lasted with Josue unto the death of the wicked:

This indeed was befitting;

It was more befitting that there should be radiance

At the death of the saints.

- 31. The clergy of Erin went from every part To watch around Patrick;
 The sound of harmony fell upon them,
 So that they slept enchanted on the way.
- 32. Patrick's body from his soul
 Was severed after pains;
 The angels of God on the first night
 Kept choir around it unceasingly.
- 33. When Patrick departed (from life)
 He went to visit the other Patrick;
 Together they ascended
 To Jesus, Son of Mary.
- 34. Patrick, without arrogance or pride, Great was the good which he proposed to himself.

To be in the service of Mary's Son; Happy the hour in which Patrick was born.

The St. Pachomius Orthodox Library, St. Acacius the Obedient 1996.

Advice to a Prince

by Lady Amanda de Spencer (Kingdom of Atlantia)

Behold my lord, your people all stand Awaiting a chance to serve and obey Your chivalry and honor are all they demand Honor the promises made on that day Assemble advisors pray heed what they say Elevate those who to nobleness cling Use wisdom to change what is in disarray For then, O prince, it is good to be king

You must represent what's best of our land Strength, hope and homage in noble array When fealty is given and placed in your hand Honor the promises made on that day Take breathe and notice the quiet display And excellence found in humble serving Your duty and privilege their praises relay For then, O prince, it is good to be king

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Only in battle should you shout command Let soft words and listening be counted your way Be known for wise speech and you'll understand Honor the promises made on that day Speak then of things noble of love and fair play Your people reflect the image you bring With laughter surround a gentle essay For then, O prince, it is good to be king

Prince, Crown and tradition you must not betray Honor the promises made on that day Feast and be merry give your heart full wing For then, O prince, it is good to be king

Here ye, Here ye

At this time, we would like to make it known to Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses, as well as our esteemed peers, colleague's and friends, that it is our wish to be considered as candidates for the honor of Baron and Baroness of these great lands of Loch Salann.

During the course of these last five years we have watched the Barony and learned of and from its many facets and venues. Combined, serving under the courts and graces of Their Excellencies Baron Master James Ulrich MacKellar and Baroness Mistress Rachel Ashton, as well as Their Excellencies Baron Master Don Niccolo Gianfigliazzi Genovese and Baroness Elyn of Coffinbury. We have also been blessed with attending to Their Excellencies Sir Sean Kirkpatrick Tarragon I and Countess Cassandre Eyman. We have held various positions, such as Deputy Knight Marshall and Deputy List Mistress, giving our attention to autocrats and feastocrats alike, as well as hosting events of our own.

In addition to the knowledge gained during our time in the Society, we have also held various responsibilities locally, regionally and nationally for other fan organizations. Hosting a bevy of conventions locally and nationally, we have gainful knowledge of problem resolution, planning, public relations, budgeting, delegation and much more. We have combined background as City Developer, Chapter Coordinator, Domain Coordinator, Assistant Regional Coordinator and National Coordinator for a yearly international convention. Additionally, hosting a yearly Renaissance Faire in Provo, Utah that raises food and money donations for charities within Salt Lake City.

Mundanely, we accept a multitude of responsibilities as a Medical Transcriptionist/Secretary in the Department of Surgical Pathology at the University of Utah Hospital, and a Plan Auditor for Fidelity Investments. Conflict resolution, organization and time restrictions are a few of the skills needed to maintain our professional workplace employ.

As members of the Barony, we travel quite extensively. Reaching to each corner of the Kingdom, we do our part to represent the Barony and the great people of Artemisia through appearance, behavior and our relationship building skills. Our reputation precedes us and it becomes more and more difficult to travel to lands unknown to us. We enjoy nothing more than to meet new people, help birth new relations and assist in mending damaged ones. We feel that our background, ambition and motivation can do nothing but wonders for our good lands and we wish to enrich those that reside therein by sharing with them the only thing we can, our skills, experiences and enthusiasm.

Thank you for you kindness and consideration.

Humbly,

Timmur Ana Mihn Ramel 106219 Tianna NiCoimin 120221 ble for the management of the herd. There are up to seventy horses in our stables at any time: thirty brood mares, roughly twenty yearlings, and roughly twenty two year olds, plus two of the finest breeding stallions to be found in the north countries. As well, we have a dozen geldings for plow and work horses for the farm. I grew up raising the horses, riding almost as soon as I could walk, and can think of nothing I would rather spend my life doing. My dowry was nine horses, eight mares and a two year old stallion.

My brother Hallgrimr used to tell me that I had better plan on marrying a horse since no man would want me as I was always wearing trousers and shunning women's work in favor of tending the horses. Luckily, my husband Tofi says he doesn't care what i wear around the steading as long as I am properly attired as a woman when we go to the Thing, or am otherwise in public, and is so used to the rough shipboard life that my lack of domestic skills bother him little. Hallgrimr's wife Thordis, who has two children of her own, tends little Haakon for me when I am otherwise engaged.

We have three ships in the family: fathers eight strake, oaken trader; a similar ship father presented to Hallgrimr when he came of age, and the eight strake trader my brother Ottar and my husband Tofi bought together. Thus trading plays a large part in our lives as well. Our primary trade goods are the horses, whale hide and seal hide to make ships ropes, walrus ivory, eiderdown, furs, and beeswax. Skiringssal is a constant port for us, Hedeby and Birka frequent, and Dublin an occasional port of call. My husband Tofi has brought me a necklace of cut rock crystal and a silver tore studded with rock crystal from Skiringssal, and several necklaces of glass beads and amber from Hedeby.

Though I am married I still live on the steading on which I was born. My husband Tofi Oddson is the youngest son of a large family from Halogaland in the far north and so there was no land for him to inherit when he came of age. He and his family would bring whale hide and fish teeth and such that they had spent the winter collecting to Skiringssal for trade each year. He took to hiring on to Hallgrimr's ship each summer and saving his profits each year until he and my brother Ottar had enough saved between them to buy an eight strake, oaken trading vessel of their own. That was in my twentieth year, the year when he asked me to marry him. My bride price was half a shipload of eiderdown, walrus and seal hides, and walrus ivory.

Now he and Ottar spend their winters in Halogaland with Tofi's family hunting whale and walrus, come home for the spring planting, then sail for Hedeby or Birka to market their catch, and my horses, over the summer. In the fall they come back for the harvesting, and then it's off to Halogaland to start the year again. As I refuse to live on shipboard with them, or in the cold northern winters where my horses wouldn't thrive, I stay at my father's house and continue my work raising and training the horses. It is an unusual arrangement, but it works out well for us all

Currently Harald styles himself king of all Norway, and is a hard but fair ruler.

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Wright Lane, London W8 572, England.

On Personas:

Have you ever wondered what goes into developing a persona? Thinking about doing one of your own? Watch the Quill for featured persona stories to help you not only get to know your fellow barony members, but also to help you get a feel for how to develop your own persona. We will start with my deputy's history.

Persona History

I am Halla, daughter of Brandr Brandason and Eirny Haakonsdottir. I was born mid-summer of the year 863 as the Christian calendar reckons it, though I am not Christian. My paternal grandfather in Brandi Finnbogason, son of Finnbogi Finnrson. Halfdan the black was king of the Vestfold when I was born. I am the second child and only daughter of my parents. The first child is my brother Hallgrimr, who is two years older than I. Following me by a year is my brother Ottar, and following him by two years is my brother Ormr. I have one child, now two years of age, a son named Haakon. We live on a steading in the Vestfold region of Norway, near to the trading port of Skiringssal. My father's younger brothers Ragnar and Eyvindr and their wives Aldis and Thorbjorg and my ten cousins live on the steading with us, as does my grandfather Brandi and his wife Signy Sveinsdottir and thirty thralls. Perhaps when grandfather dies the steading will be split up among his sons, but for now it is common property for all of us and we all share in the work of maintaining it.

There are three long houses on the steading: grandfathers (and fathers), Ragnar's, and Eyvindr's. The walls are built of stone and turf, and the roof of turf, with a hole for the smoke to escape, held up by wooden pillars. Each is nearly one hundred paces long. They are set at right angles to each other and form three sides of a box. Inside the dirt flooring is raised, held in place by boards, to the right and left of the central fire pit that runs the length of the room, providing a draught free place to work, play, eat and sleep. Each of us has a chest for personal items, and plenty of blankets of wool, fur, and eiderdown quilts to sleep in. At one end of the longhouse is the kitchen, with its stone hearth and oven, to the other end is the women's room where the spinning, weaving and sewing is done, and the cloth is stored. Oil lamps and tallow candles light the hall, as little light comes in from outside.

Near to the longhouse are the store rooms for milk, butter, and cheese, fresh meat, bread, fresh vegetables, and other perishables. Further away are storehouses for grain, dried fish, meat and vegetables, and other non-perishables. My grandmother, Signy, still holds the keys to them.

Also close to the longhouse is the bath house, with benches around the walls. Stones are heated in the fire pit, then water is poured over them to create steam. After the steam bath we go outside and douse ourselves with cold water or roll on the snow, depending on the weather. Further away are the byres, stables, and hay barns.

We raise cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, ducks and chickens for our own sustenance, and for the milk, eggs, hides, fleeces and wools they produce. Our primary crops are hay for the animals; rye, barley, wheat and outs for ourselves and the horses. We have orchards of apple trees, and grow peas, beans, cabbage and onions; we keep bees for their honey and for beeswax. My brothers and uncles hunt wild boar, red deer, elk, and bear, as well as fish the nearby rivers and sea.

Our year starts in the spring with the plowing and sowing. Once the seed is in the women and children take most of the cattle, sheep and horses, leaving only enough for the steading'simmediate needs, to the hills to graze on the fresh green forage there. Butter, cheese, whey and buttermilk for drinking are all produced during this time. Meanwhile at the steading fishing boats are going out and the catch dried for winter use. Then it is back to the steading for haymaking, a task to which every available hand is pressed since the well being of the stock depends on us cutting sufficient fodder to see them through the winter. Stock we cannot feed through the winter is slaughtered and dried or salted to preserve it for our winter use. Winter is a time of weaving, sewing, repair of worn articles and production of new ones, until spring comes and starts the cycle again.

Our primary concern on the steading is the breeding of the finest horses in all of the Vestfold, if not all of the world. Grandfather, uncle Ragnar and I are the ones primarily responsi-

Birthday of the Bard

March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2001 - in Butte, MT

The site is the WarBonnet Inn, and features all the amenities - there will also be a discreetly located cash bar available. A block of rooms have been especially reserved for us at very special rates (\$54-62). For reservations, you may call the WarBonnet directly - be SURE to mention you are with the SCA - 1-800-443-1806. There will also be an off-site group crash-space available for \$2/person/nite (to cover the cost of heating) - bring sleeping bags - and call early! Please let the Innkeeper (listed below) know of your requirements. Period containers, no coolers please. Smoking in designated areas. Sorry, no pets.

Site and Feast: \$16, site only \$9, children under 12 - 1/2 price, babies free. **Directions:** Best route to Butte, take the Harrison exit North to the very 1st right! Event Stewards:

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Stan Wyrm's Love Revel XVII The French Kiss

Welcome to the Shire of Stan Wyrm's 17th birthday celebration, held at the Knights of Columbus hall, 906 Central Ave. W. on March 10, 2001. The site opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 1 a.m. The site fee is \$7. The feast fee is \$7 which includes a filling dayboard for lunch. Children ages 6-12 are half-price site & feast, with children under 6 guests of the Shire. Make checks payable to Shire of Stan Wyrm, SCA, Inc, and send them to The Shire of Stan Wyrm, P.O. Box 6401, Great Falls, MT 59406.

Directions: Take your best route to I-15 to Great Falls, Mont. Take the Central Ave. W. exit and go east into town. Just after the 1st Liberty Credit Union is the parking lot for the hall. Additional parking is on the street by the park. Look for the SCA signs.

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18	19 Quill submission deadline	20 Baronial Forum— Lady Megan's	21 Fighter Practice	22 Musician's Guild	23	24 LochSalann—Barony Defender/Birthday
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