

# THE BARGE

Gareth



July 7, AS XXIII

## Schedule for Art of the Month June - September

July  
Music Month  
Lecture on Bardic Arts

August  
Dance Month  
Lecture on Cooking

September  
Bardic Arts Month  
Lecture on Costuming

October  
Cooking Month  
Lecture on Embroidery

## Wanderings : The Saga of Varin

Varin Kallibi Vegfarandi

### IV

Ragnarr watched as the stranger shivered in his sleep. Concerned, he turned to his wife.

"Will he be alright?" the farmer asked.

"In time," Odinessa replied. "He dreams, that's all. I believe he will be waking soon."

Ragnarr studied the scar on the stranger's arm. "A dead man dreaming..." he mused.

The invader that Varin had surprised was dead. Steel-Tongue had sliced right through him. But, even in his rage, Varin knew the battle was lost. The only thing to do now was to see how many he could take with him when he went to Valhalla. On the other side of the battle, he saw a man that was obviously the leader of the raid. Impressive, even at a distance, in full mail and an ornamented helm, wielding a sword like it was all he had ever done.

It was while working his way over to the large warrior that Varin tripped over the remains of his father. Legend-Slayer lay on the ground next to Thorvald's body, and the letter "G" had been cared on his arm. Varin then knew who led the raid.

Reaching for Legend-Slayer, Varin made a silent vow, not just to avenge his father and his people, but to keep this from ever happening again.

...for a moment it almost seemed as though the sword itself actually rose to meet his grip. It flowed into his hand like water and seemed to rest there as a thing alive...

"CARVER!" Varin shouted, "You've proved your skill at slaughtering women and children, face ME, as a man!"

The big man turned, and Varin saw for the first time that Carver's helm was carved on, and looked like a skull. The large man's voice matched his body.

"A boy?" he rumbled. "Aye, boy, I'll face you." Carver lifted his sword in a mock salute, and Varin charged.

Steel met steel. Varin was no amateur at the blade, and Legend-Slayer was a very responsive sword. But Carver knew his trade well, and aimed a thrust at Varin's side.

Varin parried the blow and spun, countering with a slash at the neck. Carver barely deflected the blow, and thrust forward to drive the smaller man back. Varin sidestepped the sword and made a thrust of his own. Carver turned the thrust to the side and brought his sword down at Varin's neckline. Varin almost missed the block, and spun to the side to gain some room.

"Your skill does you credit, boy," Carver said, "but you are not good enough!"

Carver launched a new attack, and Varin found himself totally on the defensive. For every blow he blocked, another was already on its way. Varin was tiring fast, and knew he could not go on like this for long. Unexpectedly, he launched an attack of his own. Carver was surprised as the younger fighter's sword caught his arm and sliced through.

The large man screamed in pain and rage, and set out on a new attack with such fury that Varin could barely hold his own. The last of his village was gone, and Carver's crew stood watching the battle. In a moment's respite, one of the onlookers started to sneak up behind Varin.

## Information on Upcoming Events

Kingdom Arts &  
Sciences Competition

July 9, 1988

Lost Moore (St. Joseph, MO)

See the July MEWS for the competition rules. Please note that ALL entries MUST be pre-registered. There is limited crash space available.

Road to Morocco

July 16, 1988

Lonely Tower (Omaha, NE)

A Champion's Challenge, and a standard single elimination tourney for the fighters, archery authorizations, "Mounted Archery", and Woods War Manuevers on Sunday for the fighters, Arts and Sciences competition, and other activities will be scheduled. This is a camping sight. There will be a two remove feast. For information on reservations, see the July MEWS.

Grimfell's Birthday  
Party

July 23, 1988

Grimfells (Fayetteville, AR)

A small, "let's have fun" sort of thing. No feast, some fighting and possible archery, and whatever else they think of. More details will follow in the July MEWS.

Standing Stones  
Decennial

July 30, 1988

Standing Stones (Columbia, MO)

A day with the theme of high persona and an emphasis on period activities. The day's activities include a Barrier Tourney, a Footbridge Tourney, an Archery Shoot, a Bardic Competition and a variety of period games. All fighters must carry a favor for the day. Entries in the Bardic Competition should be either period or period-style. There will be a period feast and dancing following. A kingdom Althing will be held to determine which side Calontir will fight for in the Pennsic War. For more information and reservations, see the July MEWS.

WARm Weather Fair

August 6, 1988

Riverwatch (Dubuque, IA)

A day of varied activities including a storytelling competition, a individual and group heraldic display contest, fighting and archery. There will be a babysitter available for a nominal fee, with pre-registration strongly urged. There will be a simple feast (more details in the August MEWS), which might include the traditional Riverwatch Puntathlon. There will also be real entertainment at the feast. Reservation information can be found in the July MEWS.

Pennsic War

August 15-20, 1988

Cooper's Lake, PA

The East and the Middle are at each other's throats again, and we don't know which side we're going to be on. Anyway, this event is (almost) always fun (unless it rains), and a good experience. Check the July MEWS for information on group encampment reservations, since no ghost encampments will be allowed this year. Better yet, see Id. Ranulf de Whimsey if you plan to go so he can put your name on a list of people reserving tent space.



## Calendar for July 3 to August 20, AS XXIII

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	4 Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	5 Officer's Meeting, Carolyn's	6 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	7 Meeting at St. John Episcopal New BARGE Dance after meeting	8	9 Arts and Sciences Competition, Lost Moor*
10 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	11 Music, 7:00, Raphael's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	12 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	13 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	14 BARGE Deadline	15	16 Road to Morocco, Lonely Tower*
17 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	18 Officer's Meeting, Asgeirr's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	19	20 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	21 Dance after meeting	22	23 Grimfell's Birthday Party, Grimfells*
24 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	25 Officer's Meeting, Cormac's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point	26	27 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	28 New BARGE	29	30 A Day of Chivalry, Standing Stones*
31 Archery, 11:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	1 Music, 7:00, Raphael's Archery, 7:00, Arrow Point Deadline for September MEWS	2 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	3 Dance, 7:30, Warhaven	4 Dance after meeting BARGE Deadline	5	6 WARM Weather Fair, Riverwatch*
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**Court of Their Excellencies**  
**Stephen Ironhand and Arwyn Antaradi**  
June 6, AS XXIII

Business

Kirk fitz David - Stepped down as Baronial Champion.

Mihangal ap Gruffydd - Installed as new Baronial Champion

Swietoslawa Jolanta Leszenska - Transferred office of  
Senescal to Master Brummbar von Schwarzburg

Awards

Comyn Hrothwyn - Rose for Winter Court  
Carolyn Buxton - Rose for Winter Court  
Kisten - Baronial Cord for Winter Court  
Thyri Haraldsdottir - Rose for Winter Court  
Edouard d'Aubigny - Baronial Cord for miscellaneous service  
Corisander Seathwaite - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Elin Redlock - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Hrolf Ulfsson - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Swietoslawa Jolanta Lescenska - Rose for Heraldic Display  
at Lillies

Arwyn Antaradi - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Comyn Hrothwyn - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Carolyn Buxton - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Thyri Haraldsdottir - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Contessa Miriam - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies  
Karin von Heim - Rose for Heraldic Display at Lillies

Corisander Seathwaite - Baroness's Order of Patronage for  
coordinating the Baronial Heradic Display at Lillies.

Aleta of Cool Valley - Augmentation (Rose) to Order of  
Three Rivers - for continued support of demos  
during past year.

**Baronial Decennial**  
**Lost and Found**

The following items were left at Birthday Bash.

Small Knife  
Sun Glasses  
Off white Belt w/ Gold Buckle  
Lady's flowered headpiece  
Another pair sunglasses  
Red handled scissors  
T-Shirt (Large) with Hard Rock Cafe - Chicago printed on it  
Green Towel  
Child's/Toddler's Black Leather Boots (Large)



If you know the owner, or recognize any of these items as yours,  
please contact Master Brummbar.

"NO!" Carver shouted, "You will not dishonor me like that! He's mine!" and so saying launched the attack again.

Varin knew that the fight was all but over, his body was bruised and aching, the berserker rage had left long ago, and he was tired. The swords locked again, and Varin felt Legend-Slayer pulled from his hand and sent flying.

It was over.

"Well fought, boy," Carver breathed, "but you never had a chance."

"Get it over with, Carver. I have no use for words now."

"What is your name boy?"

"Varin Thorvaldsson."

"I salute your skill, Varin Thorvaldsson, and in that honor, I make it a quick trip to Valhalla." Carver raised his sword again, and thrust out.

Varin instinctively sidestepped, but felt the cold steel pierce his side. The scream he let loose shook the very earth, according to the onlookers, and as the sword withdrew, he collapsed.

"So ends it," said Carver, leaving his mark on the body. "Load up anything of value, gold and silver in particular. We sail in one hour." The crew made "yessir" noises and went back to work. Carver removed his helm and smiled. The Gods had been good to him. He strode back to his ship to have his arm bound and to drink some mead.

One hour later, the ships, now laden with gold, sailed out of port, and the village burned.

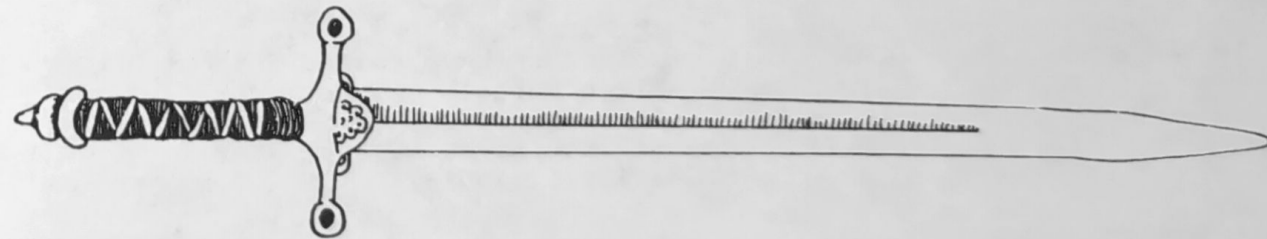
One hour after that, Varin regained consciousness, and amazed at being alive at all, stumbled into the woods.

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With a scream, the stranger sat up in his bed. Odinessa was immediately at his side.

"Hush friend," she whispered, "the dream is over, you're safe now."

And in her comforting arms, the man named Varin wept.



**Announcements**

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