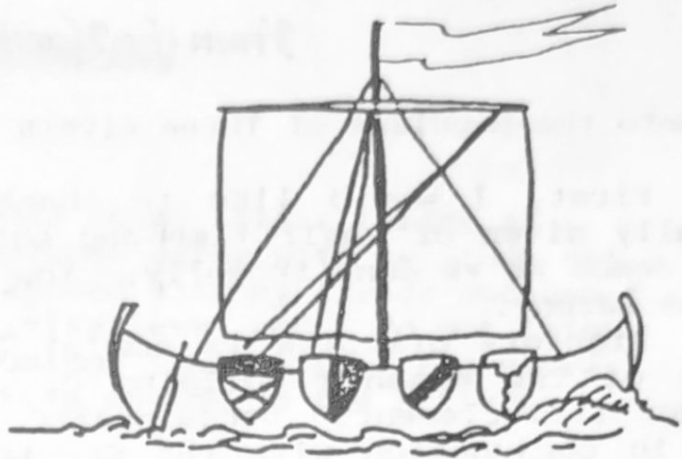


# The Barge



May 4, AS XXIV

*From the Seneschal*

My thanks to all who helped make the Renaissance Street Fair such a fine demo for our Barony. There were over 40 Baronial members who provided displays, danced, fought and added color for the weekend steet fair. The estimate of attendance was between 12,000 and 14,000 for the weekend.

Also, thanks to Clothilde for hosting the "Post-Revel" and to those SCA members from out of town that came in to help.

Give yourself a big hand, "Ya did good."

Brumbär

*Oyez! Oyez!*

From the office of the Hippogrif Pursuivant, Greetings unto All Who Read These Words:

My lords and ladies, as of May 1, 1989 (A.S. XXIV) the rates for heraldic submissions will be raised to \$5.00 per element. However, all news need not be bad. Those of you who hold national membership will be entitled to a discount rate of \$3.50 per element with proof of membership.

For those gentles interested, there will be a meeting of the Baronial College of Heraldry, Sunday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the basement lounge at Olin Library. I hope to have regular monthly meetings, on the second (or third) Sunday of each month. The date will depend upon the receipt of the Internal letter of Intent form the Gold Falcon Herald. Dates will be announced at Baronial Meetings.

All are encouraged to drop in to witness the process and participate if they desire. Where else can you buttonhole a Herald with ideas for submissions with such ease? the library has a very nice selection of books on heraldry and names, just waiting to be used.

I would like to thank Lady Liriel and Lady Thyri for their work Heraldry list at the St. Charles Ren. Fest. Many thanks also to Lord Phillip Galan Nicodemus and Lord Dahrien Cordell for their work at the Consulting table.

Yours in Service

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Lady Zarifa bent Bad'r

## From the Marshallate

Unto the populace of Three Rivers

First, I would like to thank the fighters who have so usefully given of their time and energy by participating in the many demos we've done recently. You've done a tremendous service to the Barony.

Fighters practice is now at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoons in front of the Women's building or on the loading dock if the weather is inclement. Occasionally, we will move to Tower Grove Park in conjunction with the St. Louis Jugglers. When we do, let's make a picnic/mini-event of it with lunch, dancing, music, etc. too. The first one will be on Sunday May 14, at 2 pm.

As the weather improves and as we do more fighting, remember to check your weapons and armor frequently for safety. Drink lots of non-alcoholic liquids, and have a grand tourney season.

In service to Three Rivers,

Sir Cormac O'Sullivan  
Knight Marshall, Barony of Three Rivers

## Announcements

Lady Thyri is offering her services for sewing. You provide material and anything else relating to the garb. See Thyri for pricing.

Sir Nathan wishes to announce cooking sessions on Monday evenings. Please call him at 993-8308 on the Sunday before to confirm that the session will occur and to let him know that you are planning to attend.

Once again we will be having a demonstration for Shriners Hospital on July 8, 1989 at 1:30 p.m. As usual we will be showing dancing, fighting, arts and sciences, whack-a-knight, etc. This years demo will be held in the hospital auditorium due to construction on the outside. I have been asked to remind you that there is no live steel at this demo. I will keep you informed of any further developments. If you have any questions please contact Elisabeth (Beth Wyatt) 846-0610 or Lord Thomas d'Orleans (Joe Allen) 1-937-9374.

The Baronial Archery Championship will be on May 20th at Buder Park.

To all those who participated in the dancing at the Renaissance Street Fair - Thank you! I really appreciated the turnout.

- Edouard

## From the Chroniclers

My Lords and Ladies:

Since I have received no response to my little tirade a couple of months ago, I assume you either agree with me or do not really care. However, I think you agreed with my tirade because I have noticed an increase in the activity level and I do not think that it is just because summer is coming. In the past two years the coming of summer has brought little change in the activity level.

I have noticed that at meetings more people are coming in garb. This is wonderful. Let us not stop there; let us attempt to address people by their titles, be it "my lord", "my lady", "Master", "Mistress", or "Your Excellency". Let us also practice speaking forsoothly to each other. If you do not know how to speak in such a manner, listen to those who do to pick up on it. Speaking in a more formal way (i.e. not hyphenating anything) will also work well.

I would also like to thank those of you who have attended the class(es) I have been organizing. I hope that this program continues a while. I hope the subjects are interesting and those that have attended have learned something useful. If you are not interested in the subjects we discuss at that particular class session, I hope you will attend the pot luck suppers afterward anyway.

This summer we have two events coming up, Birthday Bash and (hopefully) R.U.S.H. We also have the event at Riverhold to look forward to. All of these should be good events and more will be forthcoming in the Barge. If you would like to put in a prospectus for R.U.S.H. see Master Brumbär for more information.

While I have your attention, I would like to encourage those who do Medieval Moments to write them down and GIVE THEM TO ME!

Also If you read an interesting articles or book pertaining to any thing Medieval wite a short report on it and GIVE IT TO ME!

Again, My Lords and Ladies my thanks to you for your improvement in being Medieval.

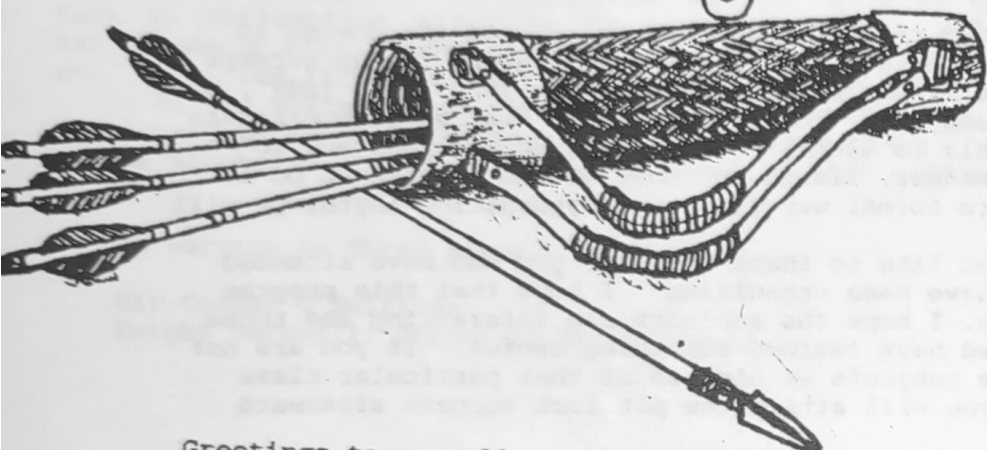
In service to Three Rivers,

Lady Caroline Buxton





# Out of the bag



Greetings to you all!

Perhaps some of you read my last article (of the same name) and wondered "Wot's dis fool raging 'bout now?"

Well, at the time my interest in archery was like a blooming flower. I knew that there were more people among us who needed the practice than those who did not. Hopefully those same people got out their bows, wiped off the cobwebs, and gave them a good oiling.

My next series of articles is about exactly that, how to take care of your bow. For those of you who have pure wood bows, the first step would be to wipe off any dirt with a damp warm cloth. Next, you should apply three or four drops of linseed oil to a small patch of cloth (usually cotton or terry). Wipe the oil over the entire surface of the bow and let it set for a few moments. Go over the bow with a dry cloth to give it a highly polished finish.

Fiberglass laminated bows are a little different to care for. You can remove the dust and dirt in the same manner as the wood bows, but to bring the luster back to its surface, a mundane treatment works quite well. Any non-abrasive scrubs take out many of the scratches and marks that can mar your bow's finish. BE CERTAIN TO ONLY CLEAN THE FIBERGLASS IN THIS MANNER. Rinse the scrub off with clean water and treat the wood with oil.

These are more helpful ways to ensure the life of your bow:

1. NEVER DRY FIRE YOUR BOW!
2. SHOOT ONLY ARROWS OF YOUR DRAW LENGTH AND WEIGHT!
3. WHEN STORING YOUR BOW OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, STRING IT UP AND GIVE IT SOME EXERCISE AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK!
4. NEVER KNOCK YOUR ARROW IN FRONT OF THE FIRING LINE!  
(Especially if Idris is in front of you)

Good day to you!  
Gareth of the Glen

## Information on Upcoming Events

Mayfest May 6, 1989 Longridge (Sikeston, MO)

Fighting, feasting, and reveling, with a bardic competition on the themes of romance and/or chivalry. For information on prices and crash space, see the May MEWS.

St. George & the Dragon May 13, 1989 Oakheart (Springfield, MO)

Lots and lots of fighting ('gainst a dragon, no less). Children's activities will be provided, as well as a heraldic consulting table. For fee information and a map, see the May MEWS.

Plain Label War May 13, 1989 Crescent Moon (Topeka, KS)

War Practice! Fighters will be randomly divided into two armies, which will fight for the other side's banner and fort. The loser of this battle gets to chose the next type of battle. There will be five war points for the Arts and Sciences, with the first place winners in the following categories winning one war point each: leather work, costuming, illumination, metalwork, and needlework. In addition to all this, there will be an standard IKAC tourney and a novice tourney. For reservations and other information, see the MEWS.

Betrothal Event May 20, 1989 Bois d'Arc (Southeastern KS)

A camping event with fighting, and Arts and Sciences competition, and of course, an SCA betrothal. For more information, see the May MEWS.

Alles Fair (with Love and War) May 20, 1989 Thousand Hills (Kirkville, MO)

An archery tournament and several hand to hand combat tournaments will be available for the battle-hungry. For those not martially inclined, there will be an Arts and Sciences competition in the categories of brewing, embroidery, poetry and ballads on the themes of love and/or war. The equestrian guild will be meeting. For information on camping and feast fees, as well as a site map, see the May MEWS.

Crown Tournament May 27-28, 1989 Lonely Tower (Omaha, NE)

Saturday will be a day of Arts and Sciences, with a series of seminars on various topics to be presented. The Bardic College will also hold advancement trials, and there will be an Althing in the afternoon. The Crown Tournament itself will occur on Sunday, and feast will follow that evening. For site map and fee information, see the flier in the May MEWS.

InterKingdom Event June 3, 1989 Wyndmere (Quincy, IL)

All the fighting you can stand in preparation for this year's Pennsic War. For those who don't like to fight, there will be classes offered that will be geared towards preparing for Pennsic. For more information, see the May MEWS.

# Calendar for April 30, XXIII to June 17, AS XXIV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Archery, 12:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	1 June MEWS Deadline New Year's Day, AS XXIV	2 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	3 Fighter Practice St. Johns's, 7:30	4 Meeting at St. John's AOTM Display & Lecture Dessert Revel Dance after meeting New BARGE	5	6 Mayfest, Lognridge*
7 Archery, 12:00, Forest Park Fighter Pract 2:00, Wash U.	8	9 Instruments, 7:30, County Stargaard	10	11 Dance after meeting	12	13 St. George and the Dragon, Oakheart* Plain Label War, Crescent Moon*
14 Archery, 12:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U. Heralds, 1:00, Olin Library	15	16 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	17	18 Dance after meeting BARGE Deadline	19	20 Betrothal Event, Bois d'Arc Alles Fair (with Love and War), Thousand Hiils*
21 Archery, 12:00, Forest Park Fighter Pract 2:00, Wash U.	22	23 Instruments, 7:30, County Stargaard	24	25 Dance after meeting	26	27 Crown Tourney, Lonely Tower*
28 Archery, 12:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	29	30 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	31 Fighter Practice St. Johns's, 7:30	1 Meeting at St. John's AOTM Display & Lecture Dessert Revel Dance after meeting New BARGE, July MEWS Deadline	2	3 Calontir/Midrealm Interkingdom, Windemere, (Quincy IL)
4 Archery, 12:00, Forest Park Fighter Pract 2:00, Wash U.	5	6 Instruments, 7:30, County Stargaard	7	8 Dance after meeting	9	10 RUSH, Shadowdale
11 Archery, 12:00, Forest Park Fighter Practice, 2:00, Wash U.	12	13 Filk Singing, 7:30, County Stargaard	14	15 Dance after meeting	16	17 Event, Riverhold*



The classes offered for this session of the Royal University include: Documentation and the Philosophy of SCA Brewing, Judging Brewing and Vintning competitions, Period French Cooking, English Cookery Demonstration and Lunch, Corset Design and Construction, Elements of Performance, Pouch Weaving on a Card, Fabric Modification, Heraldic Display, Basic Period Naming Practice, Basic Book Heraldry, Philosophy of SCA Research, Viking Ships, The Medieval Monastery, English Pastoral Poetry, A Mathematics Primer, Studies in Mathematics: Mathematics and Capitalism, Hand Engraving Dies for Coinmaking (Lecture and Lab), Safety for the Scribe, Period Pigments, Celtic Round Hand, Gothic Calligraphy, Lombardic Capitals, Gothic Bar and Ivy, Gold Leafing, Intro to Chinese Calligraphy, German Calligraphy circa Emperor Maximilian, Rare Books Collection, Coptic Bookbinding, History of Western Papermaking, Western Papermaking Workshop, Beyond the Recorder, Philosophy of Herbalism, Recruiting and Maintaining Members, The Royal Pavillion, Period Pavillions, Intro to Archery, Axe Throwing, Intro to Scouting, Seminar for Group Marshalls, Archery Marshalling, Fighting more Medievally (European and Oriental Perspectives), Shield Wall Theory and Tactics, Rattan Death I and II. For crash space information and class fees, see the May MEWS.

Drunken Mammoth Pub June 16-18, 1989 Riverhold (Jeff. County, MO)

Our own Canton of Riverhold is holding a prize tourney, archery, a boffer tourney, and a brewing and vintning competition at their camping event. For more information, see the May MEWS, or listen for further announcements at meeting.

Cooking Symposium June 24, 1989 V'tavia (Wichita, KS)

Basic Feastocrating, Interpreting Period Recipes, Period English Kitchens, Health and Safety in the Kitchen, Medieval Desserts, Panel discussion on Kitchen Management and a recipe swap are just some of the activities planned for this day. There will be activities for the fighter types as well. For more information, see the May MEWS.

War of the Lillies June 30-July 4, 1989 Carlsby (Lawrence, KS)

The French and the English square off yet again. (Frogs vs Fogs?) As usual, more fighting than you can stand (well, maybe not.) For those not interested in getting any hotter and sweatier than necessary, there will be a variety of workshops, competitions, and other activities available. For more information, see the May MEWS.

## Officers Introduction

This is a list of the officers of the Barony of Three Rivers and their duties. On the back of this fine publication is another list of the officers with their names and phone numbers attached.

The Seneschal is the legal head of this branch of the SCA. He gets all inquiries and mail including flyers for other groups events.

Viscount Master Brumbär

The Chatelaines office is devoted to easing the entry of newcomers into the barony. If you are new to the SCA or just to the area, I'd like to meet you. If you're not particularly new but have questions, or don't know me, I'd like to talk to you.

Lady Aleta

The Pursuivant is the local herald. She handles all device and name submissions. helps the seneschal run the weekly meeting by taking the populace announcements.

Lady Zarifa bent Bad'r

The Knights Marshall is responsible for training fighters, refereeing fights, maintaining armor standards within the Barony, and anything else having to do with rattan death.

Sir Cormac O'Sullivan

The treasurer keeps the Baronial accounts, and is responsible for all tracking all Baronial assets.

Lord David Cooper of Tynedale

The purpose of the Chirurgeonate is to provide first aid at SCA events, to train others in the application of modern first aid in the SCA environment, to assist the marshallate by advising of injuries caused by or related to fighting, and to promote safe practices among the populace.

Lady Comyn Hrothwyn, called Shadowspawn

The Arts Office is responsible for placing those who are interested in the "medieval arts" with those who may teach them a skill. I organize classes, teach classes and inform the populace of when things are occurring. I am a resource person for competition rules and hints on how to enter and survive competitions. I can help gentles gather and assemble documentation for their new or already completed projects. There are many reasons to seek me out and ask me for help, and I am willing to work with everyone. You may reach me at the location noted on the back of the Barge. If you wish to call, I do have a humble maid which will always take messages if I am not at home.

Lady Corisander

The Minister(s) of Sciences are Lady Thyri and Lynette. They are the ones to talk to if you have any questions regarding any science. If they don't know anything about that science they will gladly tell you who does.

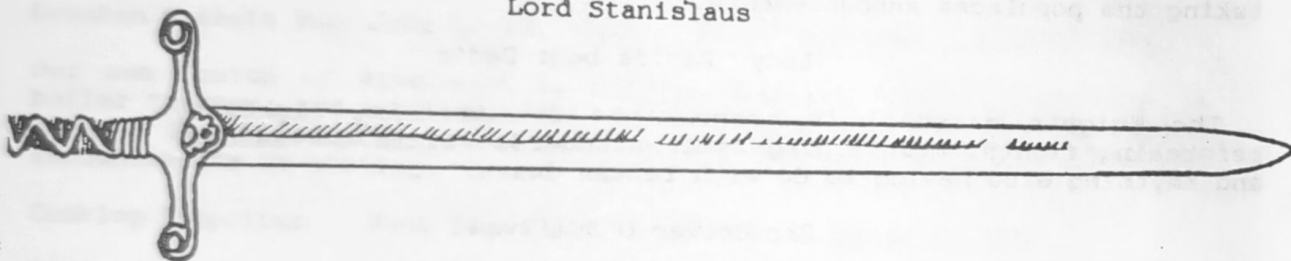
Lady Thyri and Lynette

The Chroniclers keep track of the events in the Barony and Kingdom. We also publish the local newsletter that you are now reading. In the course of producing the Barge we have the pleasant duty of harrassing people for submissions. SUBMIT! SUBMIT!

Lord Edouard and Lady Carrie

The Baronial Guard is a military and service organization. As a military organization, we are both an infantry unit and an archery unit within the Baronial forces. As a service organization, we are most visibly seen in ceremonial functions which add color to courts. In addition, we also perform any low key security jobs as required. As we are the Baronial Guard, all of our jobs are at the behest of the Coronet of Three Rivers.

Lord Stanislaus



Unto the Good People of Three Rivers, Farewell!

I will soon be leaving this Barony and moving to the Shire of Unser Hafen in the Kingdom of the Outlands. I wanted to thank all of you for making my four years here fun and full of adventure. I have learned a great deal about the arts and sciences, fighting, and history. More importantly, I've learned chivalry, courtesy, and generosity from you. It's debt I cannot repay.

You have been my family, and I am sorry to have to leave you. If you are ever in the Outlands, please stop by and stay awhile.

Fare you well,

Rhianwen ferch Morgant

P.S. I will send my new address to The Barge when it is confirmed.

## THE PHILOSOPHY HOME GAME, #1 (first Mover)

James Greenleaf

Welcome to the home philosophy home game!

Now you can amaze your friends and rationalize your enemies away with NO MONEY DOWN!

It's very hard to start a column about philosophy, primarily because of a problem in scope. Even with limiting ourselves to ancient and medieval subjects, we are given such a huge range of topics in such a huge depth that I, at least, am befuddled when I try to compress any of it onto a single page.

Greek philosophers, especially the Stoics, identified the three branches of philosophy as physic, logic, and ethics. Realize the physics in the ancient context is not the empirical science that we think it to be today. Rather, the aim of the greeks was to take a small empirical base on which to build a normative science. Thus we have, in the Renaissance, scientist (as opposed to "whole" philosophers) discovering that Aristotle was not always right and, for example, wood will float independent of its shape and objects fall earthward independent of their weight. This is not to say that Aristotle wasn't a brilliant man, for he certainly was; however, he hasn't the experimental sense that we moderns do, and was, after all, not just a physicist, but was rather a man trying to lay out the whole of human experience, physical, emotional, and spiritual, into a unified and coherent whole.

Remember the last half of the above sentence. In fact, clip and save everything after the word "trying." It will become crucially important in weeks to come.

Next issue: classical logic!

This issue's definition: Empirical: Relating to experience. Having reference to actual facts. (a) In epistemology: pertaining to knowledge gained **a posteriori**. (b) In scientific method: that part of the method of science in which the reference to actuality allows a hypothesis to be erected into a law or general principle. -James K. Feibleman

Normative: Constituting a standard; regulative. Having to do with an established ideal. In scientific method: concerning those sciences which have subject matters containing values, and which set up norms or rules of conduct, such as ethics, aesthetics, politics. The ideal formulation of any science. - James K. Feibleman.

Study Questions:

- 1) Is it allowable to cheat on an ethics test?
- 2) If it is true that nothing does not exist and there is therefore no void, why can't I get anything on cable. Construct a paradigm.
- 3) Spell "paradigm".

Answers next issue.



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