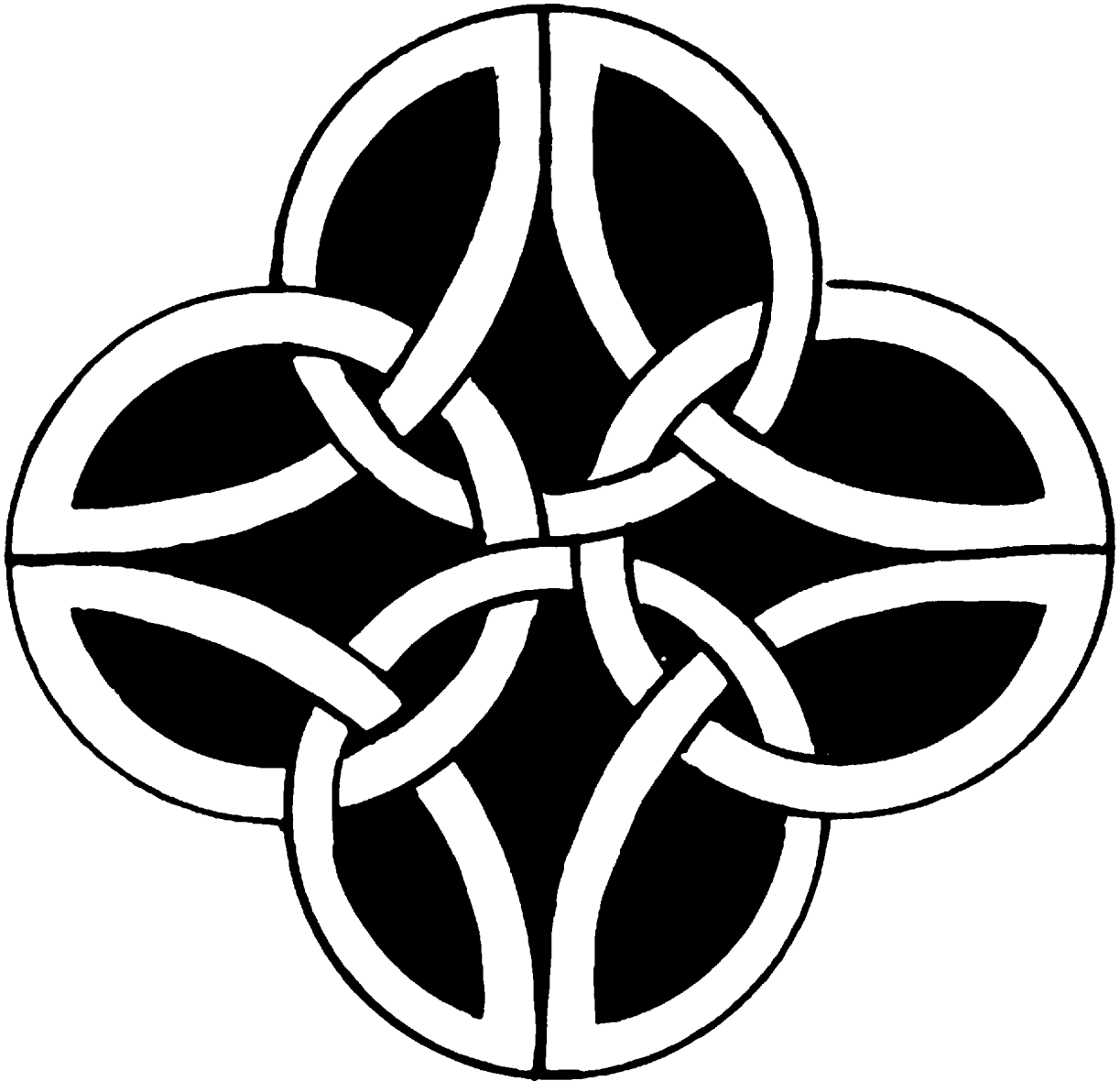


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From the Deputy Chronicler

Greetings!

Stefan's column makes a return this month. Arrowsreach is proving to a veritable breeding ground for poets, this issue boasts another epic offering from Lord Wolfric. I'm looking forward to many and varied reports of great deeds at the Rowany Festival and Lochac's first Crown Tourney (yes this is a hint!!)

Yours in Service

Ceridwen ferch Dafydd ap Cradog



A Blending of the Past and Present

Over the past twelve years in an ongoing effort, I have been collecting bits of useful information from various newsgroups, mail lists and articles submitted to me by their authors. In order to make this information available to others, I have placed this information in a series of files I call Stefan's Florilegium.

The Florilegium is on the web at: <http://www.florilegium.org>

Files that are new or have been updated are indicated by a special marker in the filelists at the website. In addition, the file -updated-files is a listing of these files in chronological order.

A copy of my complete filelist is available in most sections of the website. This filelist or any of my files is also available from me by email in either Word or text formats.

If you find a bad link or other problem with the Florilegium website, please let me know. Once I know about a problem I can usually fix it that day but if no one alerts me to a problem it may be months before I notice it myself.

I am always interested in new articles. If you have written an article that would be of interest to others in the SCA, please send it to me for possible inclusion in the Florilegium. Contact me for more details.

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The new files for this month are:

under **CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**:

coronations-msg Period and SCA coronations. Referances.

under **CULTURES**:

Birch-Brk-Wrt-art "Old Novgorod Birch-Bark Writings"
by Posadnik.

under **FEASTS:**

Handwashing-art "Scented Handwaters For Feasts and Dayboards" by Jadwiga Zajackowa

Hathrlgh-2000-art 13th annual Hatherleigh Fire Festival.
Includes roasted Cockentrice photo.

under **FOOD:**

Charles-Chees-art "Charlemagne's Cheese: a study in the un/reliability of sources" by Tangwystyl

egg-storage-msg Period and modern raw egg storage.

under **FOOD-BOOKS:**

fd-in-Chaucer-msg Mentions of food in Chaucer's writings.

under **FOOD-MEATS:**

liver-msg Medieval cooking of liver. Recipes.

under **PERSONAL CARE:**

Tubd-a-Scrubd-art "Tubbed and Scrubbed"
by Master Giles de Laval.

under **RELIGION:**

Puritans-msg The Puritan movement of the 16th and 17th C.

under **SCRIBAL ARTS:**

Battl-o-t-Bks-art "The Battle of the Books"
by Master Giles de Laval.

under **TEXTILE ARTS:**

Hst-of-Velvet-art "A Brief History of Velvet"
by Master Giles de Laval

Here are some of the files which have had significant additions this last month:

almond-milk-msg Making almond milk. Recipes. Deskinning nuts

eggs-msg Egg storage. Recipes. Substitutions.

hotel-events-msg Holding SCA events in hotels. Suggestions.

Ireland-msg Irish culture, dress. Points of interest.

meat-rolled-msg Period dishes of meat rolled with a filling.

medieval-tech-msg Medieval and period technology. References.

organ-meats-msg Period cooking of organ meats.

pasta-msg Period pasta. Period references. Recipes.

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unto the populous and allies of lochat,

we, the keepers of the kings forest of foresters reach, call
forth one and all to gather, partake and enjoy

GALLIARD IN THE GREEN

queens Birthday weekend
june 8/9 (and with luck, the 10th) 2002
at

eureka hall

(cnr. eureka st. & stawell st. south, Ballarat)

a weekend of
music, mirth, and markets,
dancing, games, food and fun
(and a little bit of biffol)

members - 25g
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cheap accommodation available at eureka stockade
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(a mere 5 minutes walk from hall!)

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SSS A Griffon's Tale RRR

I have a tale that must be told,
Of a beast from years of old,
In this tale I tell you friends,
Some evil men will meet their ends,
For corruption does but sow its seed,
In greedy men does evil breed,
Innocence is a godly trait,
Which evil men use for their bait,

Our story's set off to the west,
Where this beast does make its nest,
Far away stand mountains high,
Jutting out into the sky,
High atop a mountain peak,
Lives a beast with eagles beak,
Claws made of the strongest iron,
Hind quarters of jungle lion,
Feathers of the finest hues,
Piles of bones from who it slew,
In a nest it makes its home,
Atop an egg it sits alone,

The hero of this story be,
A teenage boy named Anthony,
He was a simple farmer boy,
But his job brought him no joy,
In the fields he spent his day,
Thinking of a better way,
To make a coin to fill his purse,
But then again things could be worse,
Little was the boy to know,
Worse was coming with the snow,

Winter was both cold and hard,
His animals died out in the yard,
When the last of them was dead,
There was nothing left to keep him fed,
When the tax man came unto his house,
He was as timid as a mouse,
When he was asked to pay his fee,
The poor boy yelled please leave me be.

With out a crust at all to eat,
He was tossed out into the street,
With no coin to pay his tax,
Anthony was doomed to face the axe,

But his only saving grace,
Was a thief who took his place,
In a cell he then was thrown,
Doomed to sit and die alone,

Days and weeks and months went by,
All he did was sit and cry,
Then one day while lying still,
A face appeared at window sill,
Boy are you alive in there?,
Said the face without much care,
I have the power to set you free,
And then a job you'll do for me,
I do a job you set me free?,
He asked the face so gleefully,

That's the deal I say no more,
So hurry now go to the door,
By the door he sat and waited,
How now had his life been fated?,
For good or ill he had no plans,
His fate was now in others hands,
Open the door unto his cell,
And wafted in a burning smell,
There stood a man with armor bright,
In his hand a flaming light,

Anthony be that your name?,
Yes it is his answer plain,
Then away with me spoke the knight,
Leading him with burning light,
Anthony thought he knew this man,
From the time he farmed the land,
Yes of course he was right,
He knew the name of this here knight,
Sir Gills a knight of ill repute,
To lowest levels he did but stoop,

He wondered what his quest would be,
What to do to be set free,
His answer came both blunt and straight,
I'm using you for my bait,
Bait for what was in his mind,
Boar or wolf, or serpentine,
They traveled both day and night,
Resting not when dark nor light,
Finally then they reached their goal,
In a hill a gapping hole,

We will wait here for the rest,
To see which one can find the nest,
Through the night three riders came,
Dragging behind an enormous chain,
In the morn two more road in,
All of them did reek of sin,
Anthony looked on with alarm,
Were they planing to do him harm,

Of all the places they could go,
Why were they here under the snow,
Under a mountain so very high,
He knew his freedom was but a lie,
He wondered now what was the plot,
Thought up by this evil lot,
Sir Gills then he spoke their names,
Sir Derrick, Sir Elk, Bob, Brusi and James,
Then as one they all looked at him,
Deciding at last to then let him in,

They told him of job yet to come,
Informing the lad of what's to be done,
We are hunting a griffon my young lad,
A griffon he said are you quite mad,
It would do you wise to hold your tongue,
I heard tales of them when I was young,
They were nothing but a children's story,
Full of horror, death and glory,
A griffon is a fact of life,
As the blade here on my knife,

You will do as you've been told,
He glared at him his eyes ice cold,
All of them began to pack,
The heavy chain into a sack,
Then they started up the hill,
Finding a trail of its latest kill,
A trail of blood led through the snow,
All did know where it did go,

Anthony's ears began to pop,
As they finally reached the top,
The view from here was very grand,
It seemed the world fit in his hand,
Then at last the nest they saw,
Made of sticks and wood and straw,
Now its time to do your work,
Said Sir Gills with a smirk,
Up you go into the nest,
Push the egg out to the rest,

Anthony he got up to go,
When he saw it in the snow,
He saw some shell from an egg,

Was that it? Was it dead?,
Then he heard a fearsome sound,
The party stopped and looked around,
The noise was coming from the nest,
A rumbling sound from something's chest,

Bob he saw the baby first,
He spat then swore and then he cursed,
It's not an egg we are too late,
Brusi said that's bloody grate,
What now are we to do?,
Sir Derrick said its up to you,
All were waiting for the call,
From Sir Gills, when snow did fall,
We shall get what we came for,
Now it's probably worth even more,

We shall get the babe and take it down,
And then present it to the crown,
When the king sees his new pet,
It will make up for my old tax debt,
Then as one they pounced upon the babe,
No one expected the sound it made,
Loud enough to pierce the ear,
The sound of it meant only fear,
From far off came a return cry,
They all looked up into the sky,

Up above circling round,
Was the source of the other sound,
Before they had a chance to stop,
The thing above began to drop,
With slicing claws and slashing beak,
Oh the havoc it did reek,
Both Bob and James were no more,
But that's not all it had in store,

Sir Elk began to draw his sword,
The griffon did but stand and roar,
In his momentary fright,
It decapitated the evil knight,
It turned around with more to kill,
Its eyes were red with fury thrill,
Sir Derrick and Brusi were to be next,
With its claws it slashed their necks,
As they both fell to the ground,
They made a bloodied choking sound,

That only left two men alone,
Both of them chilled to the bone,
Anthony with his borrowed spear,
Stabbed at it as it came near,
The creature let out an inhuman cry,
As the spear tip pierced its eye,

Sir Gills saw his only chance,
So in he charged in with shining lance,
He stab the creature with all his might,
Borne of both his fear and fright,

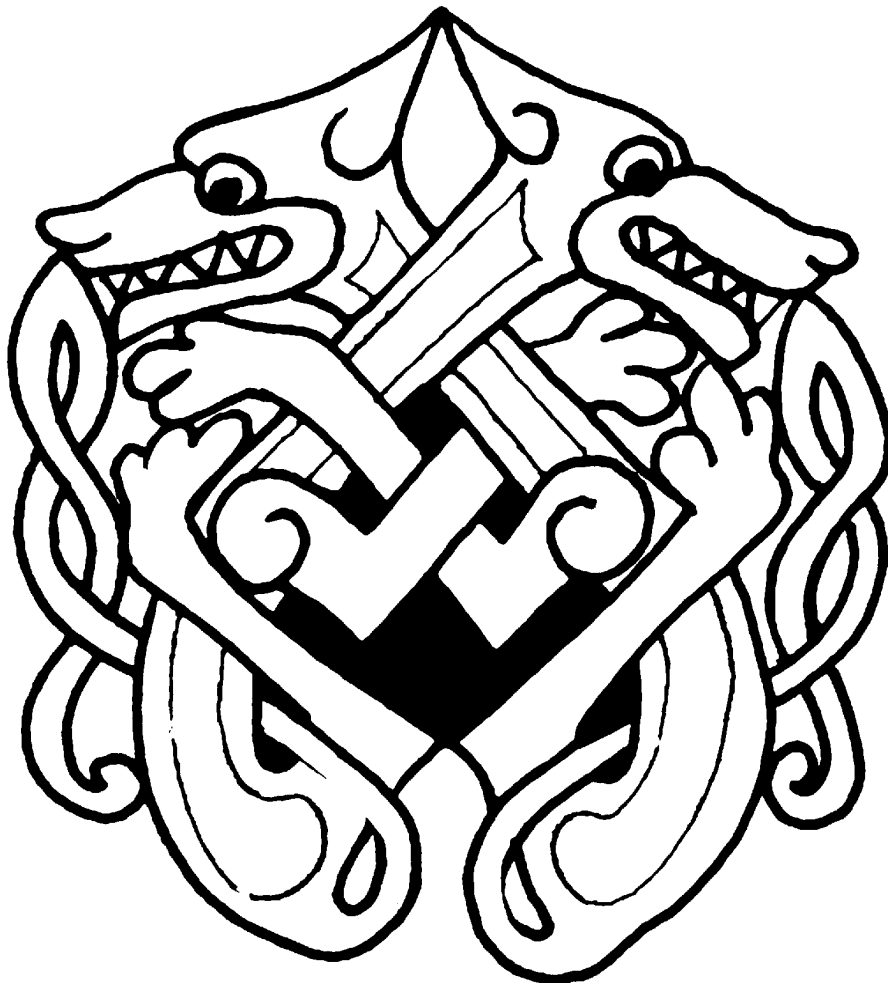
As the lance pierced through its heart,
The griffon cried out with a start,
With its wings extended out,
it began to thrash about,
knowing that its death was near,
there was nothing left for it to fear,
with its final ounce of might,
it began its fatal flight,

Sir Gills looked up and all he saw,
Was the beasts betallond claw,
Having no time at all to escape,
The griffon's claw did seal his fate,
Cutting off his knightly head,
His body fell he was quite dead,
The griffon plunged down to its doom,
The shrieking cry was over soon,
Anthony he was still alive,
Across his face there crept a smile,

The next week he did meet the king,
He bowed then gave his gift to him,
All the court did look with glee,
At the sight they there did see,
Upon a rusty iron chain,
Was a creature with feathered main,
The griffon was still but a child,
But in its eyes the look was wild,

Anthony he was now tax free,
As the black striped bumble bee,
With a song deep in his heart,
He jumped aboard his wooden cart,
But what to do? Where to go?,
There was one answer he did know,
Heading for his humble home,
The sweetest place he's ever known.

Wolfric Blackmane (Konga)



Forthcoming Arts and Sciences Competitions.

Kingdom of the West

Beltane Coronation – 3rd – 5th May 2002

Details not yet available

Kingdom of Lochac

First Coronation – 6th-7th July (Politarcho polis)

Textiles: Knitting – any documentable item

Martial: A documentable chainmail item

Everyday Item: Banners – you or your households' device as a banner

Calligraphy/Illumination: A page from a Bestiary

Spring Crown ASXXXVII (To Be Announced)

Accessories: Gloves and mittens

Everyday Item: Children's toys, dolls or games

Cooking: Confectionary – period sweets

Research: Medicinal Plants – plant lists, uses and designs for a medicinal garden

Twelfth Night Coronation ASXXXVII (To Be Announced)

Textiles: Tablet weaving – a finished item or a min 50cm piece

Martial: documentable item of leather armour

Calligraphy/Illumination: Pigments and inks – made from raw materials

Everyday Item: Soaps, salves and waters – items for the medieval toilet

Barony of Stormhold - Pearls of Wisdom

December Monthly Bash – Belt

January Bash - Favour

February Bash - Cordial (non-alcoholic)

March Bash - Camp stool

April Bash - Picnic food

May Bash – Pennants

June Bash - SCA- legal weapon

July Bash -Headgear

August Bash - Fighting accessory

September Bash - Pouch

October Bash - Voice heraldry

November Bash - Poem on the virtues of chivalry

William Marshal

Embroidery – 16th Century styles

Children's Toys

Tableware – Plates spoons etc (individual pieces or sets)

Newcomers

Heraldic display

Costume accessories — head or footwear

Cooking — suckets .

Winter feast

Dance — individual performance within a dance (dance yet to be decided)

Textiles— woven braid

Brewing — ale or beer

Event not listed yet

Martial —documentable piece of leather

Campcooking accessory

Camping or tourney outfit — complete from head to toe (not armour).

Coming events

West Kingdom

Beltane Coronation – 3rd – 5th May 2002

Details not yet available

Kingdom of Lochac

First Coronation of the King & Queen of Lochac - 6th-7th July 2002

Queanbeyan Bicentennial Centre (Queanbeyan, NSW) and Ray Morton Park.

Come to Politarchopolis for the most significant event in the History of Lochac. Witness the Coronation of Lochac's first King and Queen. Saturday morning will be a fair in Ray Morton park with divers entertainments and food stalls. The final court of the Prince and Princess of Lochac will take place, followed by a rapier tourney. Saturday afternoon and evening will take place at the Hall and will be an event of gresat pomp and ceremony punctuated by much eating! Bring some of your handiwork for the Arts & Sciences display and competitions. Sunday will be a relaxed day in the park with a tourney to celebrate the occasion.

Cost:	Pre-Festival	Pre 6 June	At Door
Member	\$40	\$50	\$90
Non Member	\$45	\$55	\$100
Child <12	\$20	\$30	\$40
Family	\$100	\$120	\$220

NB. Prices only include dinner on Saturday night. Lunch may be purchased on both Saturday and Sunday

Bookings: Viscountess Constance, PO Box 4169 Manuka ACT 2603. Cheques payable to SCA First Crown. Bookings accepted upon payment.

Steward: Mistress Kiriell du Papillon, PO Box 4169 Manuka ACT 2603.

Website: <http://www.sca.org.au/lochac/>

An accommodation guide will be sent with your receipt. Tours of the local area have been arranged for those who will be staying after the event, so plan to stay for a little longer and enjoy the sights. Remember that this event is being held in midwinter, dress warmly!

Nearby Events

Monthly Bash - Borders Crossing

2:30 pm 2nd Saturday of the month
Albury Guide Hall
Victoria Street Albury NSW 2640

Pot Luck feast – Borders Crossing

7:30 pm 2nd Saturday of the month, after the Monthly Bash
Albury Guide Hall Victoria Street Albury NSW 2640

Stormhold Monthly Bash

1st Sunday of the month from 1pm
John Gardiner Reserve Auburn Rd Hawthorn

Stormhold Monthly Potluck Feast.

Every first Thursday of the month From 7:30pm
Presbyterian Church Hall, cnr Michael & McKean Sts,
Fitzroy North

Stormhold

Archery and War Training – Every 3rd Sunday

Time: 2pm - 4pm Location – Monthly Bash Site

Cost: Members \$3, non-members \$5

Dance Practice – 14th April???

Time: 2pm - 5pm Location – All Saints Hall, Glenferrie Rd (Stick Jocks site)

Heraldic Fighter Auction, Demo and Potluck (Krae Glas) – 20th April (postponed from March)

Ballam Park Scout Hall VIC

Time: 1-11pm

Journey westwards for a day of Period-style fun and a Potluck picnic (bring food to feed approximately 6 people – bread and cordial will be provided)

Cost: \$3/\$5 (members/non-members)

Contact: Airdin Mac Dara (Warren McArdle) email: airdin_roisin@optusnet.com.au

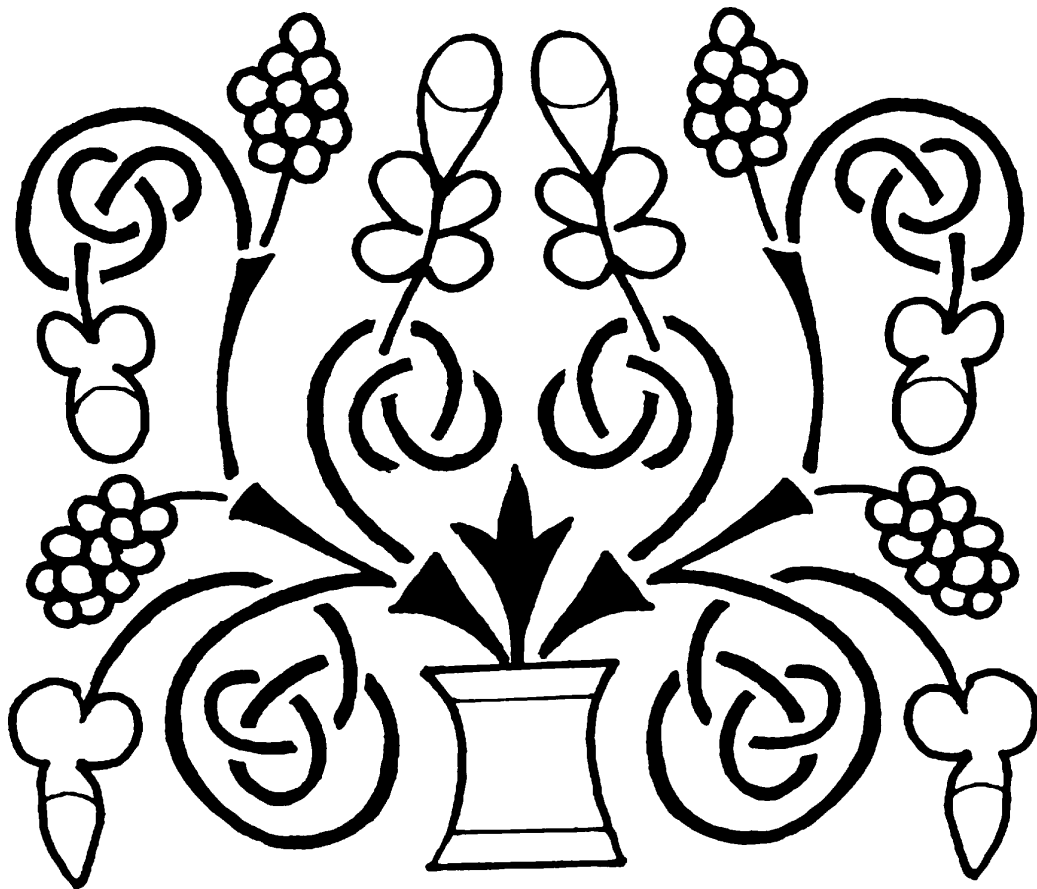
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Arrow(s)reach Heavy Fighter training

Tuesday night from 7:30pm at the Nolten St Guide Hall Ringwood. Cost \$5 for fighters, and \$2 for spectators.

Arrow(s)reach Dance practice

The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm to 8.30pm at the Nolten St Guide Hall Ringwood. Cost – see above. For more details contact Catalina (see Regnum under Arts and Sciences)



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Kingdom of the West

King and Queen

Uther and Portia

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