

New Runestaff

A Newsletter for the Barbarian Freehold Alliance

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A Harvest Feast

November 1982

One of the most fabulous events that the Freehold puts on is the Harvest Feast. This event was started by Ravenhold. Since there were many cooks within Ravenhold it was decided that while it would be a potluck dinner, the main courses were provided by Ravenhold Cooks. A Hall was needed and the Dads Hall in Glendale was located. It would be used many more times over the next 15 years by Freehold and SCA. Then the Invites went out to All Holds, Friends of the Freehold, and even the Crown of Caid.

40 members (35% of the Alliance) showed up. The Freeholders started to arrive at 3:00 and by 6:00 the Banquet was in full swing.

The Bardic circle after the Banquet was actually 2 different circles and they went on into the wee hours of the morning.

The purpose of this event? Well yes, it was to celebrate the Harvest. But, it was also to promote the family of the Freehold. Most everything that we were doing was event oriented. So this was an attempt to also just have a party. Get to know other Freeholders and people associated with the Freehold. The Harvest Feast did just that. We created ties that were family oriented. At a time when we were expanding this event, at one point we would have 85% of the Freehold membership and an additional 35 non-Freeholders and the Crown of Caid.

It would be appropriate for all Holds to celebrate this event. Do you need to have a large Banquet? No. You could have a dinner. You could have a Bardic get together. What we usually do is have a kind of cocktail party.

It would be even better if those Holds that are close together put on this event together. I look forward to those Harvest Feasts that occur and Hope to be at one or two.

High Chieftain Timotheus

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High Chieftain

Master Timotheus Zacharia

Conclave of Chiefs

Honorable Chiefs

Lord Bragison the Skald

Lady Rois Duinnshleibhe

Chiefs

Master Atar Bakhtar

Lady Charissa

Lord Leslie Robert

Mistress Lynnette de Sandoval
del Valle de los Unicornios

Alliance Council

Officers

Arts and Sciences... Lady Rois Duinnshleibhe

Bard of the Freehold... Lady Rois

Cenn Caid... Lord Morgan

Cenn Atenvelt... Lord Aungois

Chronicler... Vacant

Herald... Vacant

Lawspeaker... Siiobhan ingen Chamsroin

Warlord... Lord Aungois

Webmaster... Lord Elric

Chieftains

Galen the Mad..... Falcon Weyr (Mid)

Ninian..... Brigids Hold (An Tir/ Aten)

Firecloud Ship Darkwolf (Caid)

Elric Dragons Keep (Caid)

Atar Great Desert Hold (Caid)

Morgan Cenel Loairn (Caid)

Duncan Maldwins Hold (Aten)

Ulfblood Clan Blood (West)

Bragi Odins Hold (Aten)

Allied

Wulfric Wulf Guaard (Aethel)

Ambassador From Dark Horde

Sigvaldr

Holds

Active

Brigids Hold An Tir/ Atenvelt

Maldwins Hold Atenvelt

Odins Hold Atenvelt

Cenel Loairn Caid

Dragons Keep Caid

Great Desert Hold Caid

Falcons Weyr Midrealm

Clan Blood West

Hiatus

Ship Darkwolf Caid

Kellshearth Caid

Allied

Wulf Gard Aethelmore

High Chieftains Report and some thoughts and notes.

Ouch! Well I didn't get this issue out as fast as I thought I would. But the next issue should be on time as it is half ready...

This is the First of many Reports. I will bring up ideas and thoughts. These are for discussion.

Estrella 06

This was a very fine event. Aunghous was very fine as Camp Master and the camp was very smoothly run. We did very well on the field, fulfilled our Letter of Mark very well and were praised and rewarded. Brother Thomas received the Ax (Service) and I started one for the Children of the Freehold, Gioseppi received the Childs Ax (Service).

Pennsic 06

I went to Pennsic because one of the Freehold Holds (Wulfgard, an Allied hold) had reached its 20th Anniversary. When I arrived there I was shown my own Pavilion. While there I taught Wulfgard several classes, took part as a Judge in the Inter-kingdom Brewing Contest, Generally having a good time the three days I was there. Was introduced to several important people back East at their big Tuesday evening bash. When I left camp I had an Honor Guard at all times- usually one man (Something the Freehold proper should be doing). Nice Time.

Dinner and Thoughts of Erekoze 06

Wow! Erekoze was in Town. So Several people quickly got together and we went to dinner. Part of this dinner was "catching up" as several people had not seen each other for 20 years. Part of dinner was some of the new folk getting to know and understand Erekoze. Erekoze had a few things to say most of which boiled down to-

"Remember that the Freehold is about the individual. That the person is helped forward in growth and skill. The Holds should be doing things at events or at their own meetings, while also helping the member grow. Yes once in a while a show should be made to let people see the Freehold. Keeping this in mind the High Chieftain and Chiefs should be respected at all times while they help the members and the Holds."

Missing Person Place Setting

One of the things that Kellshearth started back in 1998 was the Missing Person Place Setting. This is usually a place mat, a very nice plate, a very nice goblet, silverware on a nice cloth napkin, a rose laid on the plate. This setting is at a chair and table either as part of the head table or as a separate table and chair. There is usually a parchment with a listing of names and the statement of

"This place setting is for all those who couldn't be here today whether due to distance, other commitments, or having left us for the Summerlands.

Please take a moment to reflect on their effect in your life and to keep their memory in your thoughts."

The list of names is usually just below. This list by Kellshearth usually has Freeholders, Caidans, and family relatives. You may add what you wish for your Holds.

Visibility Participation and "Show"

Remember that the Freehold is the Individual and the Holds. As such you should attend at least one event a year where you are "visible". This means show up at the event, Fly the Ziggy or Freehold Banner, Make some sort of presentation to Royalty.

At Wars if you have a large encampment great but, there are other ways, such as at GWW no matter where you stood you could always see a Ziggy banner flying over one of the Holds. This also is good.

Remember that all Chieftains, Chiefs, and yes the High Chieftain should be walking about with at least one other Freehold. You are the "royalty" of the Freehold to use a very improper term. So you need to "show" that you are a Leader in the Freehold.

My Vision

It is my job along with the Officers and Chiefs to help all Chieftains and members. The job is that of mostly coordinator, or even in some ways administrator. Yes I get a few perks but those are outweighed by the work. Among the many jobs I am tackling during my "reign" is that of getting the websight fully updated and running. Also the Members Handbook while good is in need of rewrite to take out redundancies, and many unclear definitions. There will be more definitions added to the handbook so that there is one definition not several for various things.

Please note that Erekoose was not Flashy and either am I. There will be times that I will make “appearance and show” but Expect me to be beside or behind you whispering advise or giving you suggestions on how to accomplish things. If there are any questions please call me and we can talk. 818-508-7491.

High Chieftains Handbook

Don’t know yet all I’m putting in this other than to have things at the fingertips of the High Chieftain.. Things such as an outline of Freehold History. Lists of Decisions. Any special rules. Members who have been banished. Chiefs and those who are inactive and other things.

Chief

It has been two years since the creation of a Chief. If you think there is a possible candidate then please send a note to a member of the Conclave of Chiefs and suggest this Freeholder. They will then have to decide if this person meets the requirements and if so then at Estrella we can have this ceremony.

The Succession - - - 2012

Yes, this is when I intend to step down. I currently have several projects I wish to complete. One of the problems with the Freehold is that the Leadership has kept the office until they burned out. So I will try to hand things over before I burn out and so look at my timeline.

I will be at Estrella. There are things and ideas that I will bring up through the medium of the Runestaff.

Note that I will provide the Conclave of Chiefs two names at the end of 2009. If these people are accepted then they will become Tanists to the High Chieftain and will step up into this role at Estrella 2010.

If things work out well and the Tanists work well, then the final decision as to which one will be High Chieftain will be decided so that Estrella 2012 the new Leader will step up.

Calendar

Since I have no dates from anyone yet, I am listing those events that the High Chieftain will be at. Hopefully the First quarter Newsletter will have dates from all Holds

October	21	Agincourt, Altavia	Caid
November		Harvest Feast	?
December	8	Alt/Angels Yule	Caid
February		Estrella	Aten

A Brief History of Runestaff Chroniclers

Vol I. #1 Monthly- Ran from October 81 to June 86. Issues #1-36. Averaged one every 6 weeks. The editors were:

Helena Schwarzer Drache was the wife of Erekoose. She is the one who pushed and shoved to get some things started such as the Runestaff. Labraid of Ruath Manannan was working in printing. He was a Bard, and an artist. Most of the Artwork of the early Freehold was by Labraid. Saundby of Shaleweir was a Bard, an editor, a hard worker and the Second Freeholder to receive a Court Baroncy.

Warnose Shieldsplatter- No information
Rhiannon von Bach- No information.

Vol II. #1-12 (#37-48) Monthly- Ran from Sept 87 to December 88. Averaged one every 5 weeks. The editors were:

Astrid von Drachenfels was an artist, craftsperson, and the wife of Chief Alfred the Blacksmith. Deall the Stormsinger (#10) Bard, Writer, Craftsperson, Future High Chieftain. Ostarmark Freehold (#12) all members of this hold contributed to the production of this issue. This Hold was located in King George, Virginia.

Vol III. #1-12 (#49-60) Bi-monthly- Ran from January 89 to December 91. Averaged one every 2 months and 3weeks. The editor was:

Aurora- Broke away from Ravenhold, formed own hold, dancer, idea innovator.

Vol IV. #1-19 (61-79) Bi-monthly. Ran from August 97 to July 05. Averaged one every five months. The editor was: Rois Duinnshleibhe was Bard, Writer, Craftsperson, High Chieftain. The most beautiful Runestaffs to date.

Freehold History

1970

Several discussions occur between members of the SCA who are also members of the Mythopoeic Society. The topic was just what a Household should be if it was not going to run along standard lines.

1971

May The Dark Horde created by Yang came out of the above discussion.

1972-1973

Several discussions but no takers.

1974

Sept Erekoose von Dragasus and Kerrisa of Silverwolf taking the title of Lord and Lady of the House, start House Dragasus with Bernard von Komkeff as Deputy. There are a total of 6 in the Household. (All of the Principality numbered 57).

Oct The Office of Arts and Sciences within the Household begins. Several research projects are started. Brewing (to make some real wine or mead), costuming (beyond T-tunics), Armor (beyond carpet), and Scriptorium. The ideal for the Household is to provide a proving Ground for new members, a place where members and non-members may be taught, help by the three founding members, and the ability to choose a different persona such as a "Barbarian" if so desired. Friday night meeting workshops are started.

The Household participated in the London Bridge war between Atenvelt and Caid(W).

The name of the Caid Newsletter "The Crown Prints" was suggested by Kirstin of Hoschar.

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Ending of Arrow of Caid
Freehold Bard Report
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The Barbarian Freehold Alliance

The Barbarian Freehold Alliance is a non-territorial alliance of Freehold, Households, Ships, and Individuals within the SCA who have a special interest in the Viking, Celtic, Mongolian, Barbarian, or non-standard Feudal European Cultures.

The main goals of the alliance are to pursue and advance our understanding of these cultures in their customs, artistic skills, and combat. We also provide provide a proving Ground for new members, a place where members and non-members may be taught.

Being non-territorial allows anyone from anywhere in our Known World to belong to the Alliance, while still allowing them to belong to and participate with their local groups.

We operate the Freehold as a Household of Households.

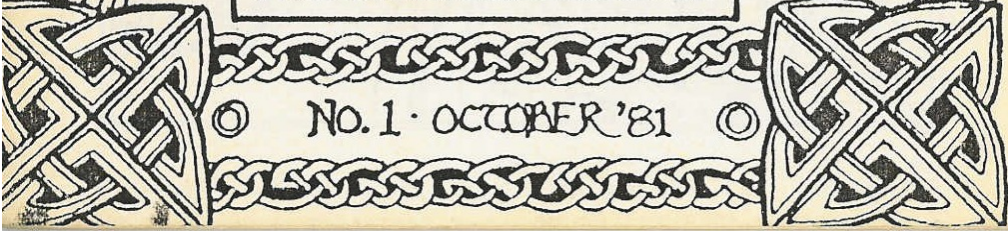
We have found over the years that we tend to be a much closer knit group. This means that some of our events tend to be almost a gathering of “Family”. It is our hope that you will find a place among our Family and help it grow.



Web site: dreugantor.com/freehold/index.htm

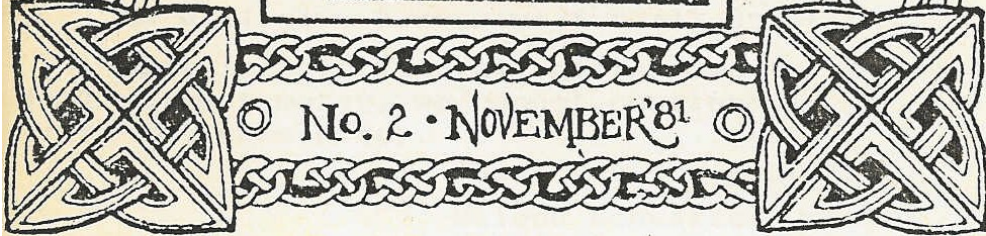


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