

# New Runestaff

A Newsletter for the Barbarian Freehold Alliance

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter '08 Winter- Spring

## Estrella

I-XXIV (85-08)

## Great Desert War

(84)

## Burrito Creek War

I-II (82-83)

## Burro Creek War

I-IV (78-81)

## Glen Helen War

(76)

## London Bridge War

(74)

### ESTRELLA

That war between Atenvelt and Caid. But as you can see it goes back quite away's and has several different names. The interesting thing is that the Freehold has been apart of this war almost from the beginning.

London Bridge War- The Household sent members to this war. Two members fought the rest Participated. Caid Won.

Glen Helen War- Dragasus Freehold numbers 12 members but puts 4 fighters into the field. Caid Won.

Burro Creek War- The Freehold numbers 78 at this time and we send in 7 fighters Caid's total forces equal 33 meaning Freehold forces are about 20% of the force.

While we may have started strong, over the next few years the Freehold was involved in a number of wars in Caid showing that we had a strong Army. So it was not until Burrito Creek and Great Desert War that we were able to send forth fighters.

See Page 4.

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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 Uniconios

## **Alliance Council**

### Officers

Arts and Sciences... Lady Rois Duinnshleibhe

Bard of the Freehold... Lady Rois

Ceann Caid... Lord Morgan mac Maelain

Ceann Atenvelt... Lord Aungois

Chronicler... Vacant

Herald... Vacant

Lawspeaker... Siobhan 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 Seabhac Saillte (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.

1)- So one of the things that I did when I first became High Chieftain was to do a Census. This is NOT to see how well or bad we are doing but to get an idea of what we have. This is good for purpose of meetings because if we have an idea that we are having the following 5 groups showing then we have an idea what we need in the way of facilities... It is also useful for voting purposes.

So what did I find out?

An Tir/Aten	
Brigids Hold	8
Atenvelt	
Maldwins Hold	5
Odins Hold	13
Caid	
Cenel Loairn	11 (11)
Dragons Keep	5
Freeship Blackwolf	(8) Hiatus
Great Desert Hold	3
Kellshearth	(25) Hiatus
Middle	
Falcons Weyr	6
West	
Clan Blood	25
Allied	
Aethelmarc	
Wulf Guard	60
Members who consider themselves to be active Freeholders	25
Members- not active in the Freehold But still identify with the Freehold	36
Total	230

Interesting ? ?

2)- I was wondering if we need some sort of Mission Statement- Then I looked at a description of the Freehold (Next to the Ziggy-page 5) and I think that that comes as close to one as we need .What are your thoughts?

Timotheus  
High Chieftain

## Freehold History

**1975**

Jan Household attends 12th Night. When the Hold came into existence one of the things they wanted was a devise. Policy at the time forbade groups from having devises. The Household along with several Households from around the Known World actively worked at getting this changed.

April Household attends Coronet Tourney.

May Although not becoming new members of the Household, a number of people make use of the Household facilities. Two forms of membership are used. Members who have taken the Household oaths and Swore fealty to the Lord and Lady of the House. Associate meant that they used the facilities, played with, taught with, and fought with but could at any time with notice move on to other things.

June The Household research into proper mead produced at this time some 160 bottles of mead. Winemaking was going to be one of the major products of the Household

Household starts to put together the Household devise.

Timotheus and Atar become Deputies to Erekoose. Atar Bakhtar joins the Household and starts helping those interested in metal working, especially armor.

Mouise the Insane become the first “Bard of the Household”.

July Household attends 3rd St. Gunthers and Kirby Prize Tourney.

Sept Household Participates in the formation of the first Brewers Guild of Caid. It only lasted 5 months due to being poorly put together.

Nov Member takes Princepality Office.

Dec Brotherhood of the Blade teaches Household armoring techniques.

### **Freehold Songbook**

I have been laboriously poring over documents. You would be amazed at the number of Poems and Songs that we have under copyright. So we are looking at a printing, possibly in several booklets. Look for more info here later this year.

### **Upcoming Articles**

An Ideal Hold  
Freehold Bard Report  
Arts Issue  
Calendar  
Reports  
Thank You's  
A Spot  
Finding Your Inner Barbarian- Series 2 of 5?

#### From Estrella-Front page

But due to being spread out so thin and in many cases with Holds having problems we stopped going to war until 1992. Since that time we have been to every Estrella. Remember your History- Be Proud.

## **Finding Your Inner Barbarian**

By Chieftian Morgan mac Maelain  
(Morgan Mullins)

This series is for those Freeholder members interested in learning more about the time period from which the Freehold derives most, if not all, of its titles and institutions, like *chieftain* and *Althing*. Specifically the years from the fall of Rome in 476 CE, to the Norman conquest of Saxon England in 1066, the 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The last half of this period is now far easier to research than it was during the first years of the Society. The 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> centuries are now much better documented. Recognized as the high point of Viking/Scandinavian culture, archaeologists and historians, aided by some spectacular burial and ship finds, have produced a wealth of information. Likewise, French interest in the period of Charlemagne, late 8<sup>th</sup> and early 9<sup>th</sup> centuries, as well as the expansion of Anglo-Saxon studies in England, and the publication of the laws and learning of early medieval Ireland have made the last half of the early medieval period much better known.

The first part of the early medieval period began with the fall of Rome. This time is known as the period of the Migrations as Germanic tribes, which were being “pushed” by Huns and Avars and other tribes from Central Asia, flooded into the territory of the former Western Roman Empire. They were called barbarians, from the Greek *barbaros*, meaning non-Greek or foreign, and which was adopted into Latin as *barbarus*, meaning non-Roman or foreign. This time period will be the focus of these articles.

To help us try to create, refine or improve our early period personas, we will look at historical topics like the Dark Ages and early medieval ships, as well as how to do research. I'll highlight books, articles and electronic media that can help us with constructing our early period lives and put us in touch with our inner barbarian.

## The Arrow of Caid

By  
Master Timotheus Zacharia

### Chapter 16 (The Last)

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### Chapter 16

A wooden mug scoops water from a barrel.  
As it lifts, water drips down and hits the water

and in the water...ripples...

*A tall man bowed with lack of sleep, his kilt askew, his silk blouse wrinkled, and even the feather sagging in the cap on his graying head. Behind him leaning against the wall a staff with a glowing white crystal....*

*The Horde Chief in a sudden daze looks up, to see a hawk and an arrow converging on him...*

*Brushing a strand of long silver hair out of his face, the man straightens the Caidan Army Baldric over his blue velvet tunic. The weight of his 50+ years seem to fall from him as he reaches down to ruffle the blond hair of the 3 year old boy playing at his feet.*

A tall silver haired man, with a scar just under his right eye, is drinking from the mug. A bow hangs on the wall of the pavilion behind him. As does a beautiful hand-stitched picture of Diana the Huntress, surrounded by Horde style decorations. The hawk next to him stirs as the storyteller looks out over his audience.

Smiling he says, "That ends this evening's story session."

Several young men and many of the younger soldiers object, pointing out that he left off the end--how did the battle end, what of the arrows, the Horde attack?

Laughing, the storyteller says, “Stories are like life. There are no endings, just new stories beginning.”

While chatting with the soldiers he looks out over his audience and notes a heavily built man about 50, grey beard and mustache, grey cloak and wide brimmed hat, patch over one eye, drinking from a mug and a handsome man with a bow slung over his shoulder who was laughing with the rest of the people. He notes several other people of distinction as he scans the crowd.

The hawk spreads its wings and with sudden movement, launches into the air and soars over the camp.

On the far side of the pavilion the empty pell yard sits quiet, dimly lit by distant lanterns.

A little further, in a clearing with many tables, several men stand conferring over lantern lit maps.

Pavilions and yurts, many men standing around campfires talking or preparing for bed.

A large pavilion sits alone on the hilltop, in the center of camp, under the banners of Caid, the Horde, the Freehold, and Atenveldt.

The cry of a hawk

## **The Barbarian Freehold Alliance**

The Barbarian Freehold Alliance is a non-territorial alliance of Freeholds, 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 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](http://dreugantor.com/freehold/index.htm)

## Calendar

Events that have been submitted to the Calendar.

Events in bold=High Chieftain

**Feb 14-17 Estrella**

### **Seabhac Saille (Caid)**

Arts and Sciences workshop is on the second Sunday of each month starting at 11 am till around 4, at Floyds place in Colton. Check with Chieftain.

### **Dragons Keep (Caid)**

In the process of moving.

### **House Zacharia (Caid)**

High Chieftains Household while not affiliated with the Freehold is very involved with events in the Barony of Altavia and the Kingdom of Caid. The members hold many offices.

Feb 3 Fiber Playday

Feb 14-? Estrella

## Sinni

New Additions

Office of the Warlord:

Regional Battle Commanders:

....Ulfsblood - Kingdom of the West

....Faziel - Kingdom of Caid

....Bragi Braggison - Kingdom of Atenveldt

Lieutenant and Aide de Campe

...Brother Thomas - Kingdom of Atenveldt



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