

THE

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A KNIGHT IN WALES

Michael Harris, the National Chi Omega Rho Representative, spent two weeks of August in Wales, Great Britain. Roy Phillips, the Wales District Commander, invited Rep. Harris to be the guest speaker of their District Pow-Wow as well as conduct a meeting for the Wales Outpost Commanders pertaining to a auxiliary Royal Ranger fraternity (much like our F.C.F.). This fraternity will be using the theme of knighthood for the men and boys. At first the fraternity will be using Chi Omega Rho materials but will eventually develop their own. Plans are being made for a initiation at the Wales District Pow-Wow next year. While Rep. Harris was in Wales, he was able to visit 10 different castle that ranged from the 10th century to the 15th century. He also was able to meet the mayor of Islwyn Borough. A article was written up for a local newspaper about his visit to the mayor and the mayor presented him with a special copper plaque with Islwyn's coat-of-arms.

THE TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

Work has begun on the Tournament Handbook and the projected date of completion is the end of this year.

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WHAT CHI OMEGA RHO MEANS TO ME .

Chi Omega Rho is a vital ministry to Royal Ranger leaders who are moving into the college scene. While in Chi Omega Rho I found a much needed fellowship of men who loved JESUS and had a common call to the Royal Ranger MINISTRY. It enabled me to gain valuable hands on experiance while attending school. Many local Royal Ranger Outposts benefited greatly from the envolvment of CHI OMEGA RHO leaders. I encourage you to support and pray for Chi Omega Rho. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Rev. Richard McLean
"Sir Thornstone"

"CAMP STRONGHOLD" AT CAMPORAMA

Chi Omega Rho sponsored a medieval camp at the 1986 National Camporama. Camp "Stronghold" consisted of a medieval pavilion in which Chi Omega Rho knights slept and lived during the week of the camp. Outside of the pavilion were examples of different types of armour. Leather armour (950 A.D.), chain mail (1250 A.D.), battle plate armour (1390 A.D.), battle/tournament plate armour (1450 A.D.) were on display as well as various weapons (swords, halberds, flails, maces etc.). Several games that the boys were allowed to play were "Running the Quintain", "King of the Bridge with water flails", "Staff Struggle" and "Fencing". During two of the evenings, Chi Omega Rho knights donned their armour, shields and swords and put on a "mock" battle for the Rangers. The week ended with a Chi Omega Rho "Quest". As all the knights can attest, the boys were fascinated with all the armour, swords and such. Many were ready to join Chi Omega Rho right there.

"THE QUEST" AT CAMPORAMA

The first National Chi Omega Rho quest was held at the 1986 National Camporama. There were 25 "Pages" who completed their "Quest" and were knighted the next day at the Chi Omega Rho camp, Camp Stronghold. The newly knighted members are:

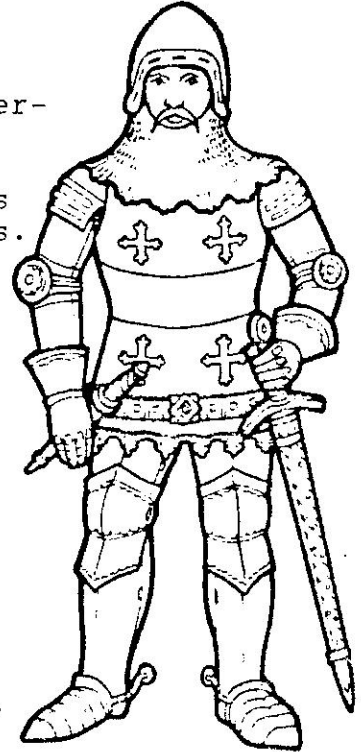
John Hicks	"Sir Boris the Brave"	Florida
Jerry Haskins	"Sir Andrew the Steadfast"	Minnesota
Paul Rainwater	"Sir Theoden the Gauntlet"	Arkansas
David Willey	"Sir Bailen the Fearless"	Pennsylvania
Kelly Ward	"Sir Turgon the Oak-Tower"	Texas
Carl Crakel	"Sir Dirk the Ironshadow"	Missouri
Randy Wells	"Sir Raygor the Stout"	Louisiana
Randy Henry	"Sir Randolph the Courageous"	Louisiana
Kerry McClure	"Sir Edem the Stout"	California
Keith Regnier	"Sir Normber the Charger"	Louisiana
Sherwin Neal	"Sir Michael the Blade"	Louisiana
Roy Phillips	"Sir Garwin the Boldheart"	Wales, United Kingdom
John Wayte	"Sir Durham the Hawk"	England, United Kingdom
Larry Steelman	"Sir Lorkai the Swordbearer"	Mississippi
Paul Nelson	"Sir Merrick the Elder"	England, United Kingdom
Peter Nelson	"Sir Blackthorn the Steady"	England, United Kingdom
Doug Freeman	"Sir Morlai the Lion"	Missouri
Dan Murick	"Sir Dukane the Falcon"	California
Robb Hawks	"Sir Baldor the Wise"	Florida
Jack Lorence	"Sir Trulain the Grey"	Oklahoma
Don Bole	"Sir Ligrel the Winged Helm"	California
Jeff Hokett	"Sir Morgyle the Stagheart"	Texas
Jim Taylor	"Sir Makaine Thunderhorn"	California
Jimmy Gough	"Sir Morrigan Strongstaff"	Ireland, United Kingdom
Brian Haigh	"Sir Andrew the Claw"	Ohio

WELCOME TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHI OMEGA RHO!

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ecoming a part of Chi Omega Rho can be a very exciting part of college life for the Royal Ranger-oriented student. Chi Omega Rho provides the special fellowship needed to overcome the sometimes cold, insensitive college campus.

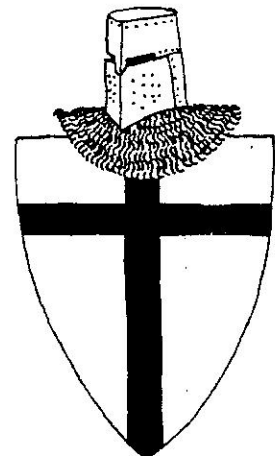
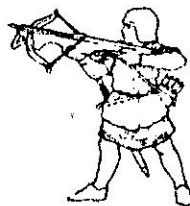
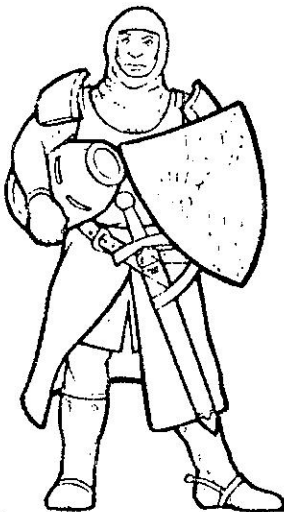
Chi Omega Rho helps provide training for the student to be better equipped for the Royal Ranger ministry. The group makes a presence on the campus that is quite unique and can be used as a tool to spread the Gospel. Special Chi Omega Rho presentations to Royal Ranger outposts are a real treat for the boys as well as fun for the Knights. Special medieval events such as feasts, tournaments of skill, armor-building, sword making, clothing designs can be planned for the Chi Omega Rho members for fun, education and appreciation of the lifestyle of the medieval knight. Members can move through different advancement stages (Knight Esquire, Knight Bachelor, Knight Baronet) for a sense of accomplishment as well as Royal Ranger Training. For those who show special interest and volunteering of skills toward the advancement of Chi Omega Rho, the Order of the Banded Staff has been developed to recognize their work. For those who are interested in joining Chi Omega Rho and becoming a Knight of CORR, he or she must prove him or herself by going through a Quest where the squire will be tested for various skills. Its alot of fun as well as a challenge.



Come and join Chi Omega Rho! Become a Knight of CORR!

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KEEP YOUR
HELM HIGH
AND SWORD
SHARP!



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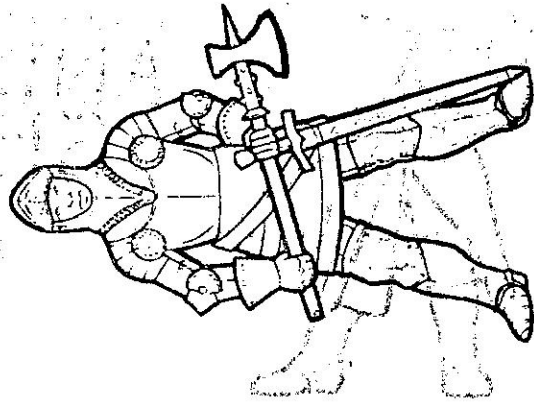
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BECOME A PART!

BUILD THE REALM!

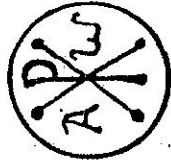
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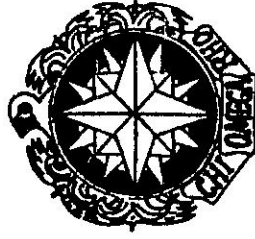


HISTORIA

Chi Omega Rho came into existence in 1972 when a group of Royal Rangers at Central Bible College and Evangel College saw a need. The need was for a special Royal Ranger fraternity that dealt with the needs of the college student. Johnnie Barnes approved the new fraternity and the two chapters held the first Chi Omega Rho induction at Fantastic Caverns near Springfield, MO. The theme of knighthood was chosen and a handbook was written. This began a new and exciting group in the Royal Ranger ministry. In 1985, Michael Harris was chosen to be the National Chi Omega Rho Representative and a newly revised handbook was written. In 1986, Chi Omega Rho lent a helping hand in beginning an auxiliary Royal Ranger group in Great Britain. Their theme is knighthood. Praise the Lord for His blessings!



THE KNIGHTS OF CHI OMEGA RHO



Collegiate Order of Royal Rangers

ADDRESSES

Here are some addresses for swords, armour, books and other items. Also remember to check out your local library for information on costume construction and correct period armour.

North Star Armoury
1402 Wst 51 Street
Austin, TX 78756

"North Star Armoury build all kinds of armour to custom fit at a reasonable rate. They build several kinds of helmets out of the real materials. No swords or weapons though."
CATALOG AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

New World Arbalest
1402 West 51 Street
Austin, TX 78756

"New World Arbalest manufacture two dozen types of crossbows of the medieval period."
CATALOG AVAILABLE

Morgan H. Rix
44, St. Mary's Avenue
Northchurch
Berkhamstead
Hertfordshire, HP4 3RW
England

"British-made replicas of full plate armour and weapons. Also sells antique arms and swords."
MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH WRITING

Eiler Robert Cook
P.O. Box 188
Etowah, N.C. 28729

"Cheaper sword and dagger reproductions. Not high quality but much more affordable than others!"
FREE ILLUSTRATED BROCHURE AND PRICE LIST

Museum Replicas Limited
(A Division of Atlanta Cutlery)
Box 840 PY
Conyers, GA 30207

"High quality medieval swords and daggers. The swords and daggers are museum duplicates and all materials are the same but the blades are made of a higher quality steel than the originals. Swords are around \$145 and up."
COLOR BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

As more addresses become available to us, we will include them in The Swordpoint. If there is some source that you may know of, please don't hesitate to send us information and a address for the source. Remember that the Chi Omega Rho time period is between 950 A.D. and 1450 A.D.. Any merchandise before that period or after is unnecessary.

ADDRESS CHANGES AND MISC.

If you are preparing to change your address, please let us know what your new one is so we can keep up to date with the mailing list. A new 2nd edition of the CHI OMEGA RHO handbook is now available. Price is still \$5.00. Chi Omega Rho patches are available through GPH.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

We are going to attempt to feature a knight in his armour every issue of the Swordpoint. We won't be able to go into detail but just tell you about what he is wearing and his place in history. We hope to make this educational as well as give you ideas for armour of different periods and dress. If you need an example of a particular period, let us know and we will feature an example of that period. As we feature the knights each issue note the different armour and its developmental changes as well as the changes in the sword designs.

This issue we feature:
LOUIS DE NEVERS, COUNT OF FLANDERS
1346

Count Louis fought on the side of the French at the battle of Crecy.

The armour he is wearing is a chain mail hauberk reinforced with plate on the elbows, forearms and lower legs. The upper legs are covered with leather armour. The gauntlets are bell-shaped with articulated fingers. The sword is Carolinian style. The shield is heater-shaped embossed with the Count's arms. He is wearing a dagger attached to a girdle (belt). A tunic embossed with his crest covers his chain mail. The helm is a transitional type. The helm shows signs of a move from the flat-style Great Helm to the more stylized tournament helms. He is wearing a chain mail coif under his helm. On his feet are roundel spurs - the symbol of his knighthood,

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