

THE SWORDPOINT



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NEW ADVANCEMENT PATCHES AT GPH

Chi Omega Rho Advancement patches are now available from the Gospel Publishing House. The cost of the patches are \$1.95 each. Before you purchase the patches, please fill out the forms that are provided with this newsletter. That way there will be a permanent record of your advancement with the National Office. Also there is a form for the Order of the Banded Staff (Knight Errant). This award is for members of Chi Omega Rho who have done an outstanding job in promoting or helping in Chi Omega Rho. The first of these awards was presented to DANA LEMIEUX at the National Royal Ranger Council in 1988. There was a brief dubbing ceremony and Sir Gryswold the Grey was presented the Knight Errant certificate. Praise God for men like Dana!

LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL CHI OMEGA RHO REPRESENTATIVE

Greetings in the name of our Lord Christ!

I'm sorry that I have not been able to get a letter out sooner than this so if you received Issue 3 of the Swordpoint then you have not missed any in between. I've started back

to school, so please be patient with me in returning materials. I've talked with Johnnie Barnes about having a National Tournament in conjunction with the National

Camporama. Any thoughts from you? In June of 1987, Paul Stanek and myself went to the Jimmy Swaggart College in Baton Rouge, LA. for a Royal Ranger conference. I taught a class about Chi Omega Rho and displayed my armor to individuals from all over the world. It was a great time to promote CORR and the fellowship was great as well. Well, till the next newsletter, Keep your Helm high and Sword sharp!

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RANGERS



Michael D. Harris
"Arch-Duke Stalwart the Oak-Heart knight"

1ST KNIGHT BARONET VIGIL

In April of 1988, the first Chi Omega Rho Knight Baronet Vigil was held just outside of Springfield, MO.. The Participants were Robb Hawks (Sir William the Wise) and Clint Davis (Sir Conodor). It was a beautiful night for the Vigil and around 12:00 midnight, the owner of the property in which the Vigil was held, raced off to the hospital with his wife. She delivered a baby boy that night. Could this mean anything?!?

CHI OMEGA RHO SHIRE IN NORTH DAKOTA

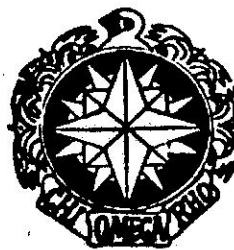
The Shire at Trinity in North Dakota is beginning to shape up. Owen Johnson is heading up the Shire and by the fall of 1988, the Shire should be going with full force. Owen reported that in the spring semester of school that there were 10 individuals who wished to join the group and 2 of them already had put together some outfits. Let this Shire be an example as to what your district can do if you will get them to get their own Shire going!

GREAT BRITIAN UPDATE

Word was received from Roy Phillips that the British Royal Rangers auxillary group will soon be a reality. They call themselves "THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE BRITISH ISLES (The BBI)". At the moment, the materials that they will be using will come out of Chi Omega Rho handbooks as well as other Chi Omega Rho materials. Roy has drawn up a crest for the group and it looks very impressive. The National Council has to approve the program and that will be coming up in a few months. Please pray for these brothers and pray that their endeavors will not be in vain. Their theme of course is knighthood. They are planning on bringing a large group of their 'knights' over to the National Camporama. Hopefully they will have outfits and will participate in our National Tournament. I spoke with John Wayte (Sir Durham the Hawk) and Jeff Hokett (Sir Jeffery) at the National FCF Rendevouz and they were very excited about the prospects of their new auxilery group. We shared many ideas as to what could be done with the group. Glory to God!

CHI OMEGA RHO IN THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

Plans for Chi Omega Rho to be taught in the LTC are already in the works. Probably on the next update on the LTC, Chi Omega Rho will be introduced and taught to all Commanders. This is a great way to promote Chi Omega Rho among the Districts and the boys. The CORR section will be taught following the FCF section. The CORR section format will be the same as the FCF section. There will be some information about CORR and then the trainee is to answer the questions at the end. Hopefully, the interest in CORR will increase due to this training.



CHI OMEGA RHO
ADVANCEMENT APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 COLLEGE _____
 STATE THAT COLLEGE IS IN _____
 SHIRE _____
 DISTRICT _____

ADVANCEMENT LEVEL COMPLETED:

KNIGHT ESQUIRE KNIGHT BACHELOR* KNIGHT BARONET**

* Include a photo of yourself in your medieval outfit and with your sword. Submit a Heraldry application to your Regent and one to the National Chi Omega Rho Representative.

** Include a photo of yourself in your outfit and armor.

QUEST DATE (for Knight Esquire only) _____
 PLACE WHERE QUEST TOOK PLACE _____
 SIR NAME _____
 KNIGHT NAME (for Knight Bachelor and Baronet only) _____

REGENT OR OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE _____
 DATE _____

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE OF 1988

Any Chi Omega Rho member who has held an officer's position before June 1, 1988, is automatically a Knight Baronet and is entitled to each advancement award.

WEARING THE ADVANCEMENT PATCHES

Advancement awards are worn centered 1/2" below the Chi Omega Rho patch. Stack awards to form a shield.



KNIGHT ESQUIRE



KNIGHT BACHELOR



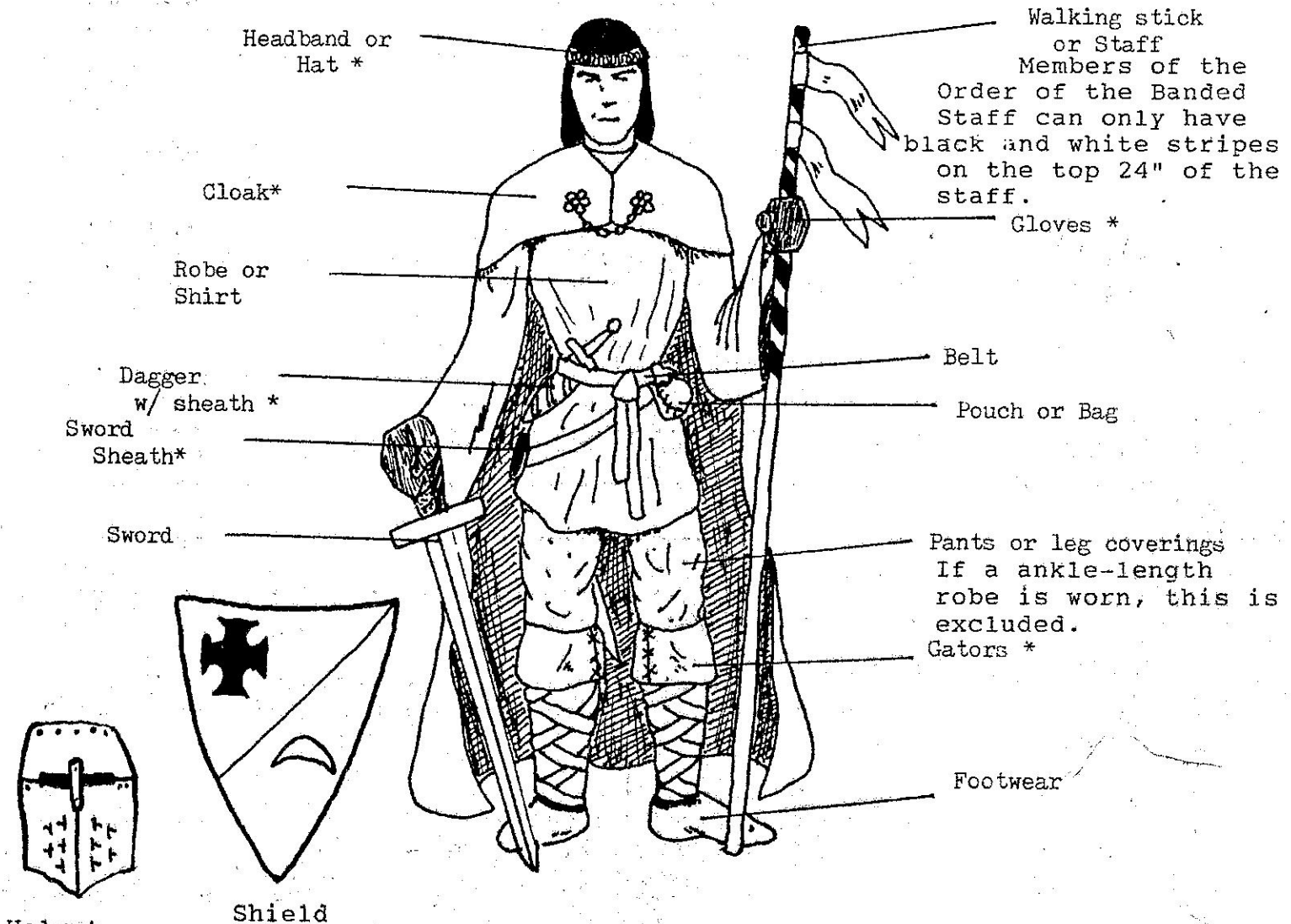
KNIGHT BARONET

Advancement patches can be purchased through GPH. This application must be sent in to be OFFICIALLY recognized. A Advancement certificate will be sent to you for sending this form in.

Send this form to: Michael D. Harris
 National Chi Omega Rho Representative
 2302 N. Hillcrest #54
 Springfield, MO. 65803

THE CHI OMEGA RHO COSTUME

This is what is required for the basic costume to pass into the Knight Bachelor & Knight Baronet level of Chi Omega Rho. The items mentioned are minimum. There are also some items mentioned that are optional and are marked as such. When putting together your costume remember to research it out and be creative. Refer to the Chi Omega Rho handbook and your local library for details and hints on creating your own costume.



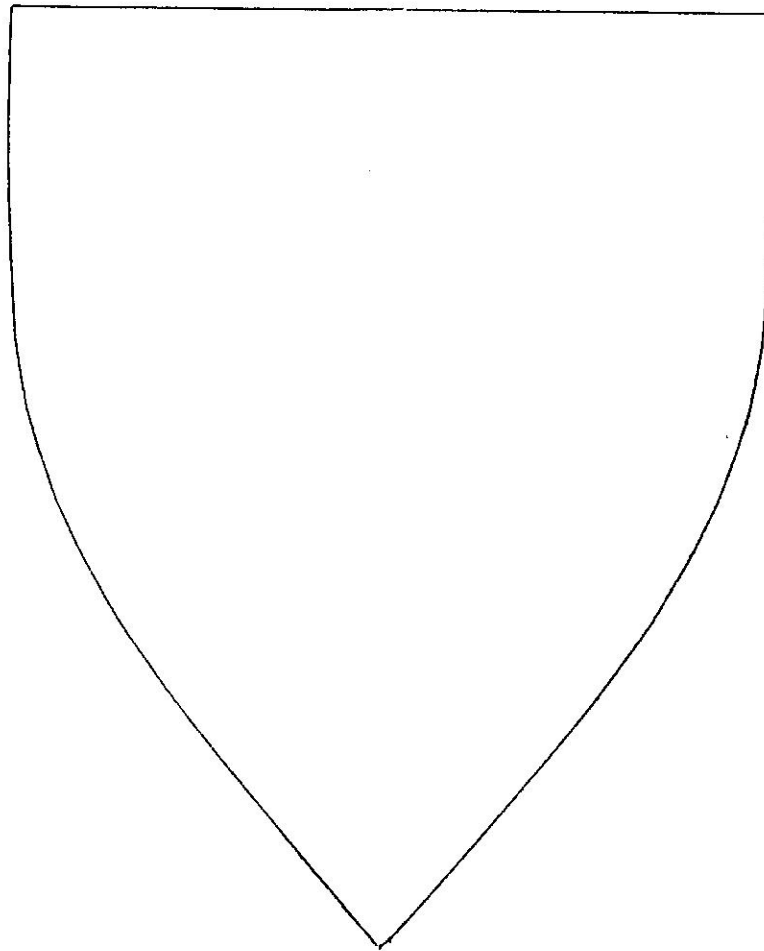
Ladies' costumes are the same as above unless she chooses to wear a dress. In this instance, pants can be excluded. A sword, helmet and shield still required but do not have to be carried when a lady is wearing a dress. All period armor is optional and additional. Helmet, shield and sword should be made of metal.

MEDIEVAL TIME PERIOD CHANGE

The Chi Omega Rho handbook state that our time period is 1200 to 1500 A.D.. Unfortunately this time period doesn't include the time period of the Crusaders and does include the Renaissance. This is now officially 900 A.D. to 1450 A.D..

HERALDRY

APPLICATION FORM



NAME _____ DATE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
COLLEGE _____
DISTRICT _____
SHIRE _____
SIR AND KNIGHT NAME _____

Draw your Heraldric devise on the shield above and color it in. The design will be checked against others and if there is any duplication problems, it will be returned to you for changing. Keep one copy of this design for your Shire and send one copy to the National Chi Omega Rho Representative.

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____ REASON _____

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Here are some addresses for you to write to to obtain information for putting together an outfit or for purchasing swords or armour:

Museum Replicas Limited
915 Center St.
Box 840
Conyers, GA. 30207
Catalog is \$2.00. The swords and daggers are excellent!

Arms & Armour
Suite 645
420 5th Street North
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Catalog is \$2.00. Arms and Armour by Christopher Poor.
Quality armour.
1 year wait on armour.

North Star Armoury
Max Engel
200 W. Croslin
Austin, TX. 78752
Cheap, High quality Armour
Catalog is \$1.00. 6 month wait on armour orders.

Society for Creative Anachronism
Office of the Stock Clerk
P.O. Box 743
Milpitas, CA. 95035-0743
Secular medieval organization who have materials for sale pertaining to armour building, chain-mail making, clothing construction, cooking, games, traditions crafts, etc. Write for a order sheet.

Please check at your local library for medieval costume construction as well as other books on medieval traditions.

QUESTS AT THE SHIRE OF THE CRUSADERS

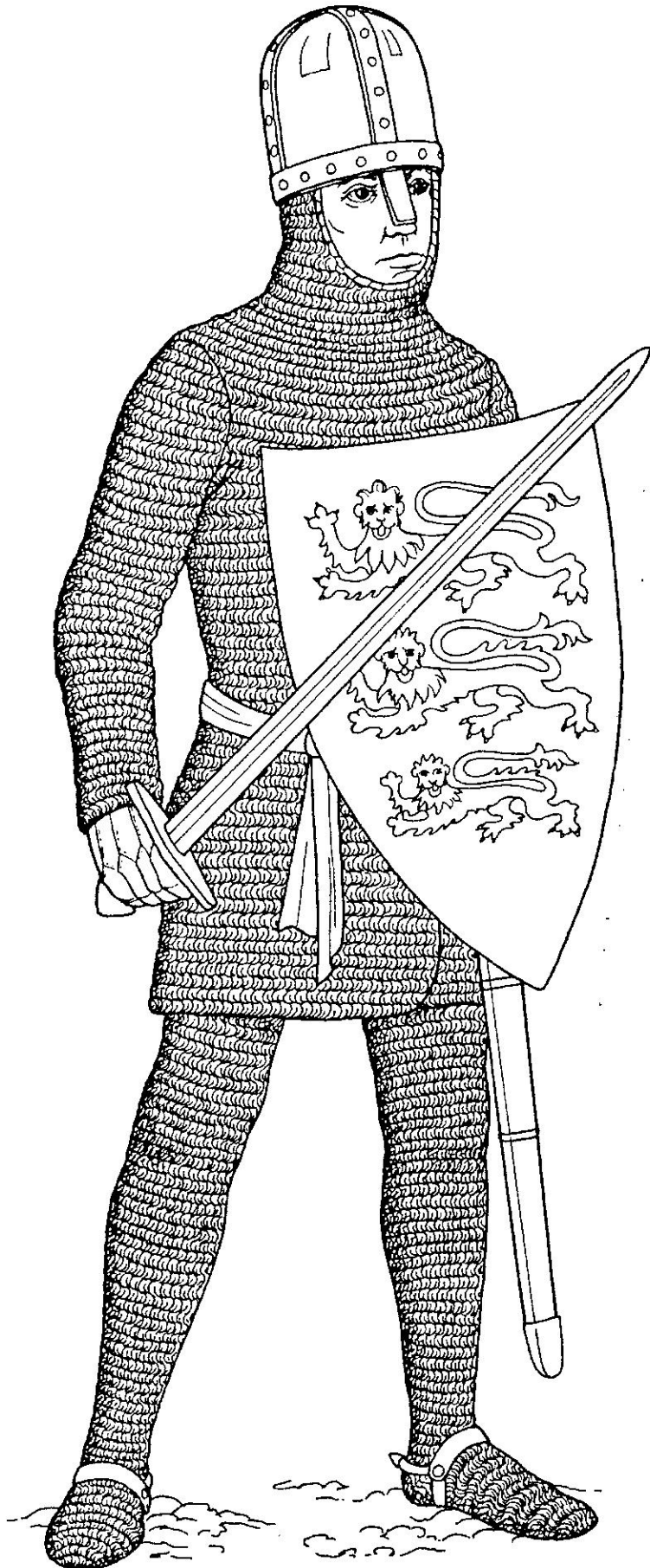
There were 11 new names added to the knightly roles at Evangel College at Springfield, MO. during the school year of '87-'88. 4 women and 7 men were inducted. Unfortunately I don't have all of their names so I'll have to print them next time. I will mention one new knight, Scott Steddum (Sir Cedric the Bold) because of his effort to drive from Kansas just for a special Quest in which we were going to make a video tape of but didn't. Scott is trying to get his District interested in starting a District Shire so maybe we will be hearing from them soon.

BARBARIAN QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"WHEN IN ROME, SACK IT!"



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Probably the most famous warrior kings in England, this is Richard the Lion-Hearted. His armor is typical of that in 1175 a.d.. His Helmet is is of the Rhenish type, with a nose guard. He wears a gambeson under his chain mail as can be seen around his face. The chain mail halberk joins the coif, forming one chain mail piece. The halberk appears to wrap around in the front and is tied with a shash. The shash also holds his sheath for his sword. His sword is typical of the Crusaders, brazil nut shaped, steel pommel for counter weight. The blade is a straight 2" wide with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " fuller down the middle to make it lighter. His hands seem to be protected by small metal plates that may or may not be attached to the halberk. The shield is of heater shape a is transitional from the long Norman shields of 40 years before. The shield is red, with three golden lions, symbolic of Richard's kingship. He also wears spurs, symbolic of his knighthood.

