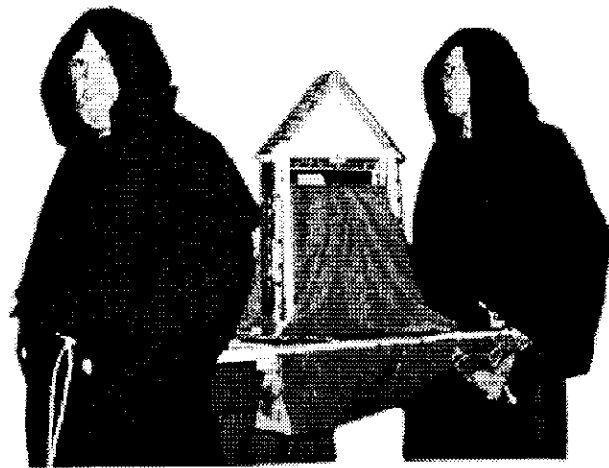


# The Shrine of the Virgin's Veil

The shrine of the Virgin's veil was considered by some the most important religious relic in Christendom. By what was deemed a miracle, the Veil survived a fire that leveled much of the original cathedral at Chartres. In fact, its rescue probably made the rebuilding of the cathedral possible.

Lady Svea the Shortsighted and her generous companions created this replica of the shrine of the Virgin's veil based on a depiction from one of the pilgrim's tokens of the period. The beautifully reconstructed shrine is studded with semi-precious jewels, with angels carved in high relief on one gable end. The red veil (Svea's research discovered that the original was red) hung from a white dowel, and during the performance, two Benedictine monks bore the litter in somber procession.

Most of the materials used in this reconstruction could be purchased at the average hobby shop, but in



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Two pious denizens of Svea's Camp

combination they made for a very convincing and opulent shrine, one fit for a true relic.