

# Letters —

## **Raising the Drawbridge**

OK, you got me... In addition to the various furnishings and war accoutrements you have furnished to date, I (we) are interested in building a permanent residential "castle" and are interested in other persons' efforts in this area of endeavor. This is obviously not a trivial undertaking, and we would be interested in the experiences of others. This comes into the serious "dream" category, but may even be possible. In today's world, what would be more appropriate than a defensible castle as your home? Might even be a good place for events.

**A. Duvall**

*Lord Artor Ebering, Caid*

*If you want to help Mr. Duvall, you may write to him at:*

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## **More Castle Builders**

I would be interested in any issue of your newsletter that shows the building of a castle and/or a medieval village from the Viking Age to the 14th century.

We're interested in building a castle from scratch on our property, and if anyone could help us as far as telling or showing us how, I would appreciate it.

**Miss Rue Ann Stahl - (503) 479-8346**

## **Surely you flatter, sir**

I'd like to say that your newsletter has been of great inspiration to me. I've already made two projects detailed in *Sacred Spaces* – I think what you're doing is GREAT. My only frustration is that I live in California & our BIG event of the year is Estrella in Arizona, not nearly as big as Pennsic, but an impressive 8-10 thousand people...

But to date no one really "gets into" the architecture like they do at Pennsic. I've never been to Pennsic, but would love to go some year. I sincerely hope that *Sacred Spaces* inspires people in the West to follow suit!

**Rick Hardin**

*Lord Thorvald Olafson Swordmaker*

## **Don't Abandon Portable Structures!**

...I would like to address something that you said in Issue #7 of *Sacred Spaces*. First, I would like to make it clear that I too am wholeheartedly in favor of building permanent architecture. If a site is found somewhat near where I am, I will gladly spend time helping to build there. Having said that, however, I would like to express some concern about moving exclusively in that direction.

For the vast majority of us, the SCA is, and will always be, a "weekend warrior" activity. We may make it to Pennsic or another long weekend war upon occasion, but for the most part the best we can do is a one or two-day weekend event. In that context, the best we can hope to strive for are temporary and or portable structures. It is my feeling that even temporary structures add greatly to the ambiance of an event. Although I can understand the desire to build permanent sites, I also understand the reality that frequently causes us to settle for the temporary ones. To this end, it's my hope that the Guild and *Sacred Spaces* will continue to devote time and space to plans and designs for temporary/portable structures as well.

**Nathan Wright**

*Natan of Windhaven*

## **Insanity? Yes, Please.**

I have received the last issue of *Sacred Spaces* #7 with the coverage of the Chartres Project. I wish to congratulate you on the success of the endeavor, even though I am among the ones that think you might be a little crazy. But then, if everybody was sane of mind, it would be a very boring and predictable place...

**Francois LeClerc**

*Montreal, Quebec*

## **A Magical Chartres "Moment"**

...It was truly one of the most amazing things I have ever seen, especially given the speed with which it was constructed on site. I will always remember sitting in the cathedral before dawn, listening to the Gregorian chant tape (nice touch!!!). It was a magical moment, and I thank you for all your efforts in organizing such a large-scale project.

**Linda Duvall**

*Baroness Claire Fitzwilliam, O.P.*