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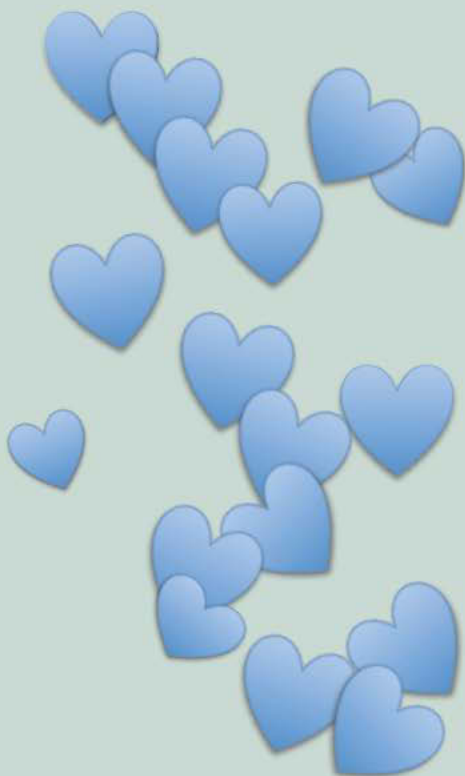


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Society of Creative Anachronism

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Would you like to see your favourite thing in the Aurora?

Deadline for the next edition of the Aurora will be February 28, 2015

Ideas for submission:

- An advertisement for a merchant
- Photos with your permission to use
- What has your group, or household been up to
- Been to or having an event and want to share?
- Cartoons, artwork, recipes.....

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Greetings unto the populace of Borealis,

We would like to thank the populace for making 2014 such a great a memorable year for us and may 2015 be filled with happy times and be prosperous to you all!

As our storehouses are filled for the cold winter months, the time for feasting is upon us. We invite you all to the many events that will be taking place this coming winter. Please check out the Baronies website and Facebook group for activities that may be of interest to you.

This is also the time that you may look at giving of your time to our great Barony. We are still looking for individuals or groups to "host" our month Taverns. If this is something that you are interested in please contact us directly or the seneschal to get yourself signed up for a evening of fun and friendship !

Looking forward to seeing you all this coming year!

Reme & Divera
Baron and Baroness of Borealis



Upcoming Events:



March 20, 2015
Winter War
Borealis



April 10, 2015
Beltane
Montengarde



May 1-3, 2015
Avacal May Crown
Shire of Bitter End



June 26-28
Avacal June Coronation
Shire of bitter End



A nod to Saint Valentine

It is my understanding that this day came out of a prisoner's last letter to his beloved where in he signed it "your Valentine" being that that was his name and that this happened in or around the 5th century. There is some corroboration of this in historical fact although whether it is legend or creative writing is debated.

While the Church has long celebrated not one but several Saint Valentines, and the name has been associated with spring festivals, credit has been given to Geoffrey Chaucer for introducing the celebration of romantic love with his *Parlement of Foules* (1382) to the Valentine name.

I found it interesting to note that the rhyme roses are red and violets are blue was not made up on the playground where I grew up but could have roots as early as Edmund Spenser's epic *The Faerie Queene* (1590):

*She bath'd with roses red, and violets blew,
And all the sweetest flowres, that in the forrest grew.*

Chronicler



Who's Who in the Barony of Borealis

Greetings, welcome to Newcomer's Tavern! Whether it's your first experience with the Society for Creative Anachronism, your first Tavern after you saw a demonstration or went to an event, or if you've been to many events and Taverns and you've brought a friend with you, we're glad to have you.



I'm Sicillia Beaumont, and I'm the Chatelaine in the Barony of Borealis. In modern-day terms, I'm the Newcomer's Liaison for the Edmonton branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

This is Armida Fiore Della Soleri. She works with me by running the Gold Key, or loaner garb. If you have any questions about Tavern or the SCA in general, feel free to come and talk to us. We'd love to explain things, introduce you to people, and help to connect you with the aspects of the SCA that appeal to you the most.



A few of the other key people you will see in the room tonight include Reme and Divera, our Baron and Baroness. They are representatives of the King and Queen who rule an area. They serve as a ceremonial head of the group, running courts, giving out awards, and act as a welcoming source of information.

This is Sadb ingen Thuathail. She's our Seneschal, or the Chief Administrative Officer. She does everything from dealing with the media, to coordinating activities within the group, to signing legal contracts and keeping files.



Coryn of the Wode is our Minister of Arts and Science. A&S in the SCA is very large because it encompasses so much. Most creative work is included in A&S - everything from researching history and writing papers; entertainment or bardic arts: singing, playing instruments, storytelling, and dancing; technical skills: sewing, painting, leather and metalworking, jewelry making, carving... If there's something you're interested in learning or making, chances are someone

in the SCA does it, and Coryn is the lady to talk to.

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Another major aspect of the SCA is the combat. There are three main styles: armoured combat, rapier combat, and target/combat archery. Watch for people in the room wearing a white belt for the armoured ("heavy"), a white scarf tied to their arm for the rapier, or a white archery bracer. Someone wearing this has practiced for many years, achieved a very high level of skill in their respective fields, and has earned the title of Knight, Don, or Archos. Although there are many ways you could learn about and get involved in combat, conversations with these individuals are a great place to start.

Tonight is a great opportunity to see a little bit of what we do. During the business meeting you'll have a chance to hear about what's going on in the area, and after the meeting there's time to socialize, meet some of the people mentioned above, as well as many more. We hope you enjoy your time at Tavern, and welcome to the SCA!
Photos courtesy of Sicillia

SPECIAL MENTION

Our dance group was the front page article in the January issue of the Rat Creek Press, monthly paper for the Alberta Avenue neighbourhood, and featured a lovely interview with Catherine of the Rowan Tree.

Check out the website www.ratcreek.org

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Tavern Report

BARONY OF BOREALIS
MINUTES FOR January 14, 2015
START: 7:30PM

Start time – 7:30pm

Welcome Newcomers – 3 newcomers tonight!

Reports:

Baron/Baroness – Happy New Year!!!

Thanks for Yule assistance!! Congratulations to Rosalyn our new Bardic Champion.

Her Excellency read a 'Thank You' note from the past King/Queen to the Barony.

We ask our populace to sign up for our monthly taverns. If there is no one signed up, we can have our business meeting, but then we miss all the camaraderie afterwards.

Seneschal – Sadb – Upcoming events –

12th Night/Investiture - Barony of Montengarde - this weekend!!

There are no events scheduled in Avacal in February!! Please feel free to travel out of area of you are able to experience new and different things!

We are looking for those who would put in a bid to event steward the following event:

- Silverwolf 2015

We do NOT have the hall on January 18th. We only have the Hudson Hall on January 25th.

The Alberta Ave. Hall has been booked by other parties for the month of March (exception of March 25th). There will be no business meeting/tavern in the month. I have exhausted possibilities of other halls so if anyone knows of somewhere we can have practice that month, please let us know.

My time as Seneschal is quickly reaching its end. We are accepting applications for the position with a deadline of March 14, 2015. Please send your letter of intent and SCA resume to myself and to Their Excellency's Reme and Divera. Please see me for more information.

Ft St John proposed group - still working on their package to apply to be an incipient group. They are working on a name and a device.

Chatelaine – Sicillia – We had a great month! A lot of newcomers @ Yule (10). We ran tours all day. We will continue doing this at all events. We are distributing business cards and brochures. Sunday is our next demo - Deep Freeze. Due to temperatures fighting/dancing have been cancelled. Next year we will try to gain some inside space or space for a pavilion. Next month is the newcomer tavern. There was a lost AB Health Card.

**Borealls
Officers**



Seneschal
Sadb



Herald
Daniel the Broc



Exchequer
Jenette Wen
Moryen



Master of Stables
Edward Vikingsson

**Warden of Youth
Combat**
Peregrine



Master of Fence
Dante Machiavelli



**Minister of Art &
Science**
Coryn of the Wode

Deputy- Arwyn of
Leicester

Bardic Deputy-
Vacant

Gold Key – Armida – There was a gold key sale at Yule in which we made \$172!! This will be used towards new gold key. We will also have a gold key sale next month.

Exchequer – Alina – \$15,911.59 and there are outstanding cheques. Alina gave our specific amounts for each group. Please contact Alina for those amounts.

Minister of Stables –Beeoad O’Dailaigh - Practice is happening Wed. and Sundays. New fighters being trained. No injuries, no failures.

Youth Combat – Peregrine - At Yule we had a rocking youth practice with 15 kids!! More activities in Avacal.

Minister of Fence – Mika Machiavelli - We have consistently 12-15! New fighters and some marshal promotions (Jr. to Sr.). No injuries, no failures. There will be a C&T demo/tournament this weekend.

Minister of Arrows –Baldric of Newt– Practice is leveled out to about 5 participants per week. No failures, no injuries. Jan. 23rd we were asked to come in Garb!!

Minister of Art and Science/Bardic – Coryn – Deputy - Arwyn - A&S Continues to happen! Dress a bear was fun! Silver wolf we will have a competition for a new A&S Champion. A&S evenings happen the 3rd Monday each month at Their Excellency’s and every Thurs. at Galena’s house.

Herald –Daniel The Broc – The consultation table at Yule went well. I am looking what kinds of books to purchase for the Baronial Heraldic library.

Chronicler – Adelaide – Julianna iust taking over the position. Paperwork will be available for the officer change over next month.

Chirurgion – Vacant

Scribe –Kora - If anyone is interested in desing, calligraphy, painting of charters/scrolls, please contact me.

Family Activities – Armida - We have a very successful teddy bear dress up at Yule.



Master of Arrows

Baldric of Newte



Chatetelaine

Sicillia



Chronicler

Julianne
L'Hirondelle



Gold Key

Armida
Fiore Della Soleri

Web Minister – Reginald Urrie – Website has been updated. FB information has been hooked up with the website.

Continued Business –

Pavilion – Tabled
Readdressing SCA signs - Tabled

Storage - The Baronial storage was moved last month (thanks to those that helped) to slightly larger storage, with shelving (thank you Peregrine and Faellan for the shelving) and has 24 hour access!! Same location, just more convenient!

New Business –

Yule - it was asked if we had the financials for the event. We do not have everything finalized and it will be shared when it is.

Winter War - Fergus is the event steward and needs \$500 deposit. Fenrick motioned that we write a cheque to the Wetaskiwin Drill Hall for the deposit for Winter War. Mika seconded. no discussion. Motion carried. Champions, please see Fergus for scenarios.

Fergus will be teaching a YAC class at 12th night. Mika made a motion to reimburse Reme in the amount of \$120 for money paid out of pocket for rapier fight tunic. Ansgar seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Erik Rugenson mentioned that we should assign a February fight practice to authorize combat archers and practice war! There was much rejoicing!!

Catherine of the Rowen Tree - Dance is my passion. The dance group was featured on the front page of Rat Creek Press. There will be dance at Investiture. She will be bringing music more consistently at taverns. I have Pirate themed kits free in the back.

Time of Adjournment – 8:10pm



**Scribe
Vacant**



**Chirurgion
Vacant**



**Family Activity
Coordinator**
Armedia



Web Minister
Reginald Urrie

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