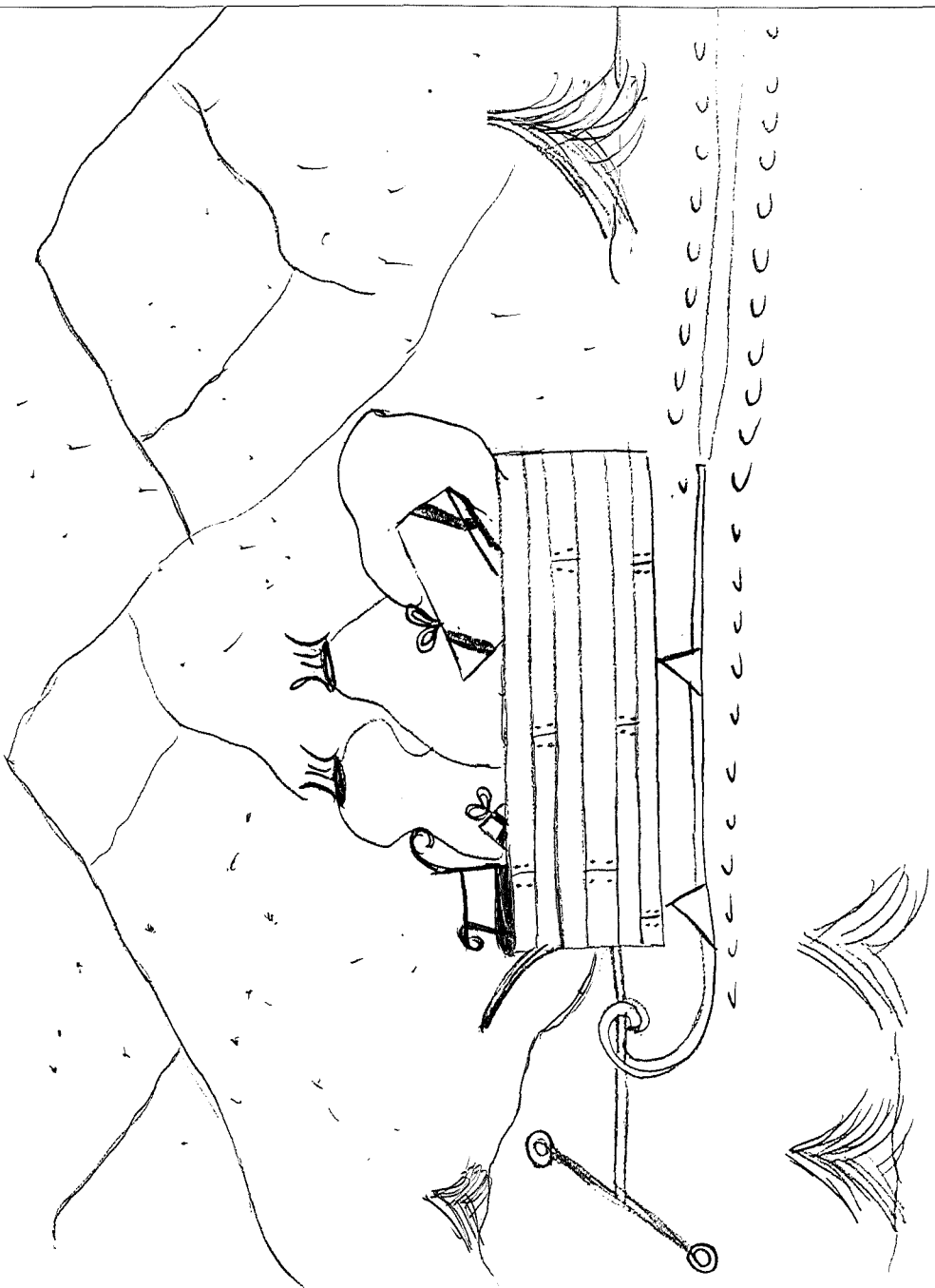


# Aurora

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#### Canton of Veraquilon

Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm in the SUB function room at the U of A. All Gentles attending meetings are requested to wear Period Attire (or reasonable attempt thereof) with the exception being Council Meetings.

#### The Blacksheep Guild

(fibreworkers guild) meets every Monday night at 7pm at HL Erna Kajadottor's. Call HL Erna at 449-1593 for more info and directions to her place in Sherwood Park.

Ceol ma Gaoth invites any and all interested in making sweet period music to our weekly practice Monday Nights at 7510 106 St. (basement). Except, of course, on holidays. We welcome all voices, instruments, and music to join us and, if you're tone deaf, well heck, so are we. We offer instruction to beginners in woodwind, rhythm, and voice from 8:00 and a jam session usually follows.

For more information please call:  
Penny Slonowski 439-0007 (days)  
(Lady Fionnula Nicholas) 431-0657 (evenings and messages)

#### The Roger de Cote School of Fence

Meets at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. For more info call HL Roger de Cote at 449-1593.

#### Canton of VerAquilon Fighter Practice

Is held every Sunday STARTING AT NOON, in Dinwoodie Lounge, second floor SUB at U of A. Contact Otto Gruber at 468-6783 for more info.

#### Dance Practise

Held every 2nd Monday night, U of A Fine Arts Building room 1-29. Contact Mordecai Salzer (Rick Slansky) at 428-2535 for more info.

#### Guild of the Groaning Board

##### GREETINGS UNTO THE POPULOUS OF BOREALIS

Are you interested in eating fabulous and exotic dishes? Perhaps you are interested in learning how to cook said dishes. Want to attend some small feasts and learn how to run a feast for larger groups? If any of these things appeal to you then the Guild of the Groaning Board is for you. The Guild meets once a month to prepare (and eat) new and exciting dishes that you would expect to find at any feast. For more info and when the next meeting is please contact Leeanna Ryan at 449-6834.

# Montengarde Twelfth Night

\*\*\* January 15 AS XXVIII \*\*\*

Their Excellencies Thorvald and Enid, Baron and Baroness of Montengarde, invite the Knowne World to celebrate the end of the Christmas season with the populace of Avacal.

On January 15th, 1994 the Barony of Montengarde will be sitting down to a lavish feast honoring the bounty of the winter season. The steward of the Barony has spent months over-seeing the harvesting and preserving of the delights of the Baronial holdings. Prior to the feast a tourney will be held, with each fighter bringing an item for the victor's

prize chest

## First Remove

Sculpted Breads, Flavored Butters,  
Mushroom Pasties, Fruits & Cheeses

## Second Remove

Fruit Glazed Hens of Cornwall,  
Risotto, Peas & Fungus  
Glazed Walnuts & Stuffed Dates

## Third Remove

Beef Soup in Bread Bowls  
Italian Beef Pies, Baked Onion

## Dessert Table

Assorted Biscuits, Black Forest Tarts,  
Spiced Nuts, Trifle, Rice Pudding

Feast tickets will be available from the Autocrat or the Feastocrat between November 1st and January 6th for \$15.00 a person. Potluck tickets are \$6.00 a person (includes a hot stew). Feast and potluck tickets will be available for half price for children under 12. Site fee (Off-board) \$4.00 a person. Only 150 feast tickets and 50 potluck tickets are available so please reserve early to avoid disappointment. Please make cheques payable to the M.S.C.A.

The entire event will be held at the Red Deer Lake Community Center with the prize tournament beginning with armor inspection at 11 am. The first remove will be served at 6:30 pm & the hall will close at 1 am.

**Directions:** The hall is located on Calgary's southern city limit and can be reached by traveling west on the Marquis de Lorne Trail (Hwy 22x), accessible from both Macleod Trail and Deerfoot Trail south. Turn south off of Hwy 22x about 3/4 km. past 37th St., following the SCA signs to the hall.

**Autocrat:** HL Sgt Squire Eric the Trespasser, (403) 933-7221  
Box 672, Turner Valley, Alberta T0L 2A0

**Feastocrat:** HL Eirika Francesca Pacchioni, (403) 229-2062  
803, 1240 - 12th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta

In December, the holidays are upon us. It is the time for celebration and enjoyment. On the 4th of December, in Beautiful, balmy (NOT!) Borealis, at our Feast of Saint Nicholas, is your opportunity to revel with the most fun loving people in the Kingdom, including their Majesties Rorik and Helena. Enjoy a sumptuous feast prepared by the legendary Lord Rulon deHatch. If you miss this feast, you will regret it later. In the afternoon gaming and heavy fighting will come together in the only real live Battle Chess tournament which I have ever heard of. Heavies bring your armour and four chess players are needed for this activity. The evening's entertainment will feature a story telling contest (exaggeration allowed) upon the theme of the local history of the current middle ages. Hopefully juicy scandals and humourous anecdotes about people you know will be presented.

Go to the Caernarvon Community Hall at 14830 - 118 St. in Veraquilon (Edmonton). If you are coming into town on Highway 16, turn north on 97th st., west on 153rd Ave., south on 113A St., west again on 152nd Ave. and south again on 118th st. It is by the school on the right. The doors open at noon. If you are coming north on Highway 2, make your way to Highway 16 (Yellowhead) as best you can, then follow the above directions.

The cost is \$12 per person. We will be allowing 200 people maximum for the feast. Any people over that will have to go off-board at \$5 site fee, so reserve early. For reservations, call me at (403) 482-2535, an autotroll is standing by. Please indicate who is eating or not. We will also be taking table reservations for groups, so you don't have to go running in to hold your spots. Merchants are welcome and will be able to set up for the afternoon.

Autocrats: HL Mordecai Salzer (403) 482-2535  
(e-mail rms@mercury.uah.ualberta.ca)  
Lady Demetra of Samarkand (c/o Rob)  
(403) 479-3257

TENTATIVE LIST OF EVENTS  
 THEIR MAJESTIES WILL BE ATTENDING  
 (subject to change)

St Nicks Feast	Dec 4th
Sigelehundas Feast	Dec 11th
Kingdom 12th Night Coronation	Jan 8th-10th 1994

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE KINGDOM:

A RAFFLE OF A BEAUTIFUL HANDCRAFTED DRAGON BOAT MADE BY SJT SQUIRE ERIC THE TRESPASSER.

- TICKETS ARE A STEAL AT \$1.00 EACH.
- DRAW WILL BE MADE AT KINGDOM 12TH NIGHT.
- THE DRAGON BOAT HAS A VALUE OF \$350.00.

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED.

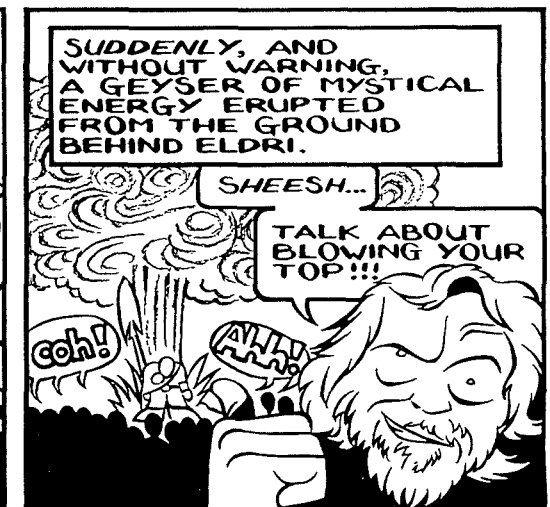
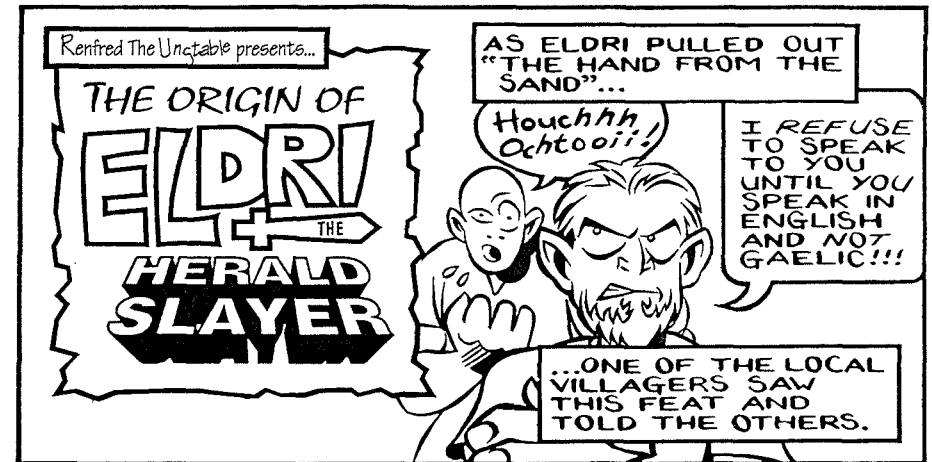
Announcement

HL Squire Edward Sterling and HL Erna Kajadotter are pleased to announce the birth of their son;

PETER NICHOLAS CULLEY THIRLWELL

born October 5, 1993 - 7lbs, 8oz.

and VERY LOUD!



### DANCE PRACTISE

Dance practise is held in Fine Arts Building Rm 1-29, from 7pm until 10pm. Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer at 428-2535. Practise is held on the following dates:

December	6,20	March	14,28
January	10,17,31	April	11,25
February	14,28		

### VerAquilon MOS Weekly Fighter Practices

MOS: Otto Gruber (acting)

Location: Dimwodie Lounge, Students Union Building (SUB) 2nd Floor, U of A

Time: Noon - 4:00 pm

Layout: Armored Fighters .

Noon - Out of Armor  
- 1:00pm - Stretching & Slow Work

1:00 - Concepts & single  
- 2:00pm - Instruction  
- Armor Inspection

2:00 - Announcements  
- 2:10pm - Style of Drillwork is decided

2:10 - Drillwork  
- 3:00pm - Fighter Group Instruction & Workout

3:00 - Options  
- End - Team Battles  
- Mock Tournaments  
- Specialty Battles (Bridge, Gate, Light Weaponry)

### To the Fighters of Ver Aquilon Barony of Borealis



Good health to all and prosperity to you and your household. The Canton of Ver Aquilon Master of Stables humbly requests your generosity. As instructed to me by our Baronial Master of Stables, our Canton is to own a set of armour for the benefit of our new members who are interested in fighting.

In order to accomplish this goal, I am asking for donations of any extra or unused armour from the fighters of Ver Aquilon. The following is a listing of items we require by priority:

1. Helmets (at least 2 are required)
2. Knees & Cuisses
3. Body Armour (Coat of Plates, Breast Plates, Kidney Belts)
4. Gorget
5. Elbows & Vambraces (Various Sizes would be beneficial)
6. Basket Hilts / Gauntlet
7. Male & Female Groin Protection
8. Shield
9. Pauldrons

The items donated need not be in fair condition, provided that the item is repairable. Any items you wish contribute that is not mentioned in the list, such as demi-gauntlets, gloves, belts, or the like are welcome.

Any beginning fighters that are interested in using this armour, please contact Otto Gruber (messenger 469-6783). There will be no fee for anyone who uses the armour, however they will be required to provide maintenance and repair to the armour when requested.

Yours in service,

Otto Gruber  
Acting Master of Stables  
Canton of Ver Aquilon  
*Barony Borealis*

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photocopying cheap PR Graphics 2.5 cents/1000; officers give idea of needs to Edwina who will see about co-ordinating photocopies.

HRH Helena-Albrecht is Castellan copies of reports must go to him, TRMs, and Seneschal to be included in his reports; Costco card...what is required to get one, Discussion; several members with Costco cards will be available; See Sunniva (Kym), Edwina (Linda), and Dmitri (Eric).

Clarification- money from Lost and Found Auction to go to Constables office.

Collection plate will be set-up during the feast for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Reports Due November 1st. Next Baronial Meeting at Lakeland Wedding Feast November 13.

Meeting Adjourned 12:45 PM. Moved by Stefan, 2nd Mordecai.

Typed by Elizabeth Llandaff



Best of the Feast Season to the People of Borealis

It has been a year of constant and quick change for all of us, but we have survived. I hope that the next year will be equally challenging and productive for us all.

In response to a number of questions I have had this month, I am interested in hearing of your ideas on fund-raising for the Crown Principality and Kingdom, and the special interest groups in the Barony. I am pleased to say that we will be donating \$48.15 to each the Crown Principality and Kingdom, based on the profits from the Silverwolf Tournament and feast.

I am ecstatic to say that I had only two officers failing to report in this reporting period. I was only too glad to have to read concise and professional reports that were put together by many of you. I am not interested in length, just content. I must remind all officers again that you should be sending copies of your reports to the Castellan, Albrecht, and in January to the Baron and Baroness. I have been informed by His Lordship Edward Bolden, that MoS's failing to report in two consecutive report periods, will be removed from office, and all fighting will cease. Fighters I encourage you, that if you wish to continue playing that you make sure your local MoS has been reporting.

Those baronial offices currently vacant are: Water-bearer and Chirurgeon. Those officers DSD (Desperately Seeking Deputies) include: Baronial Seneschal, Constable, Lists, and Arts and Sciences (Stefan is considering stepping down next year.) I would like to see Baronial Officers from the Canton of Lakeland to balance out those from Veraquilon. Applications should go to the officers concerned, myself, and the Baron and Baroness.

I am greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm I have seen for travelling to other branches within An Tir. I invite all people that have not had the chance before to travel this January to the Twelfth Night celebration in Three Mountains. Having spent my summer in Three Mountains, I know that the event will be exciting and lots of fun. If you are interested in joining Borealis in a block booking of Hotel space for 12th Night, please let me know as soon as possible. This year the event will not be a sit down feast, instead there will be another showing of the Duchess Hlutwige's Virgin Countess Tavern.

I hope to see everyone in the next few months and wish you all the best of the feast season.

I remain in service to Borealis and An Tir;

*Elizabeth*  
Elizabeth Llandaff  
Seneschal of Borealis

WINTER MOOSE is coming! Is it a desert? No! it's AnTir's MOOSEst reknown Master, Master Nikolai Grendal Gornych. Join us January 29th at Whitecroft Community Hall, (Sherwood Park). There will be a day long class on fighting while Mistress Kateryne of Hindscroft teaches TWO costuming classes. The feast will begin at 6:00pm. Please note, that while class size (20 students, 8 for Practical Hand Sewing) and feast reservations are limited (40 seats) you are always welcome to join us off-board.

Site Fee:\$. 1.00  
Feast :\$10.00

Courses:

**Fighting Seminar** (all day)

The morning will involve unarmoured practice of techniques while the afternoon session will concentrate on armoured fighting.

- Instr: Master Nikolai Gornych Grendal
- Cost : \$20.00
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Time : 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Place : Whitecroft Community Hall (Sherwood Park)

Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount inclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please bring note taking materials and a lunch. For fighting seminar, please bring armour, weapons, sweats and a lunch.

To all Brewers, Meadmakers, and other fabricators of Potable Liquids:

Get into the 'spirit' of the winter holiday season. Meet your peers, trade recipes, samples or experiences.

The (Un)Official Brewers Guild of Borealis will be holding a competition at the St. Nickolas's feast in Veraquilon in December. What, you ask, is the nature of this competition?

Well, first a bit of history. Back in the spring of this year, several members of the (Un)Official Brewers Guild of Borealis decided that a Brew Meister should be selected. And the best way to select a brew meister was by picking the best brew.

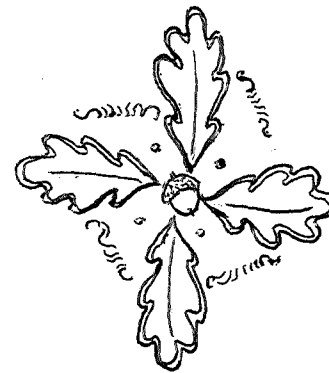
So, at Clinton war, some of us got together with a few bottles, and did some taste testing. Of the local produce that was sampled, hus Vendrер/92 was declared to be the best. Therefore, the Baron of Borealis, His Majesty Sir Rorik, declared the winners to be Valgard af hus Vendrер and Edwina of Loxley.

Now, as Brew Meisters, it is time to defend our title, or pass it along to a worthy successor. The rules are simple; all participants are to bring a sample of their produce, and the judging will be done by those people who brought something. As well, 1 to 4 judging positions may be auctioned to the general populace, with the funds raised being used to further the cause of the (Un)Official Brewers Guild.

The time and place of the competition will be announced at St. Nick's.

**THIRD MONTH DANCE HALL MEET**

**Eat, Drink and be Merry!** Come to the Fighting Waters Inn and have jolly good time. Isolde the Irritating and Alys Silverhair will be your hosts on December 1, 1993 at Capilano Hall (same place as the last two). Doors open at 8 pm. Site fee \$1. Food and drink will be offered for sale so bring your eating and drinking gear. There will also be opportunities for dancing.



*the leather people*

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**PAUL BRYSON**  
SALES MANAGER



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