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Baronial Calendar

July

- 1-4 Crown Principality
- 7 Dance (VerAquilon)
- 14 Business (VerAquilon)
- 17/18 Coronation
- 21 Caligraphy (Veraquilon)
- 24 pre-Clinton party (VerAquilon)
- 28 pre-war for Clinton (VerAquilon)
- 30 Clinton (Montengarde-Lionsgate)

Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in SUB 034 at the University of Alberta. 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 Karen 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 7:30 to 8:30 and a jam session usually follows.

For more information please call:

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The Roger de Cote School of Fence meets at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Holyrood School. For more info call HL Roger de Cote at 449-1593.

Fighter Practice is held every Sunday STARTING AT NOON, in Dinwoodie Lounge, second floor SUB at U of A. Contact Master of Stables, Sgt. Colin Ironwolf (mka Larry Sutherland) at 432-0908 for more info.

There is also a Thursday night Fighter Practice at 7:00 pm, held at Austin O'Brien Catholic High School, 6110 95 Ave. Edm. Call the Lady Eowin (mka Tasha Gruber) at 469-1873 first to confirm.

* Meeting room for the summer is Education South Basement Lounge (B-53).

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ROYAL PRESENCE

The area around the King or Queen, and around the Thrones whether or not they are occupied, variously defined as between 10 and 20 feet. In most places, it is considered proper to bow or curtsy when entering the Royal Presence, even if you're just passing through. If you wish to converse, pause at the edge of the Presence until you're acknowledged and invited to approach. In some Kingdoms, it is also customary to set aside any real weapons before approaching Royalty. (Called "Royal Sanctum" in some areas.)

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

**July Coronation	July 17th-18th
**Clinton War	July 31st-Aug 2nd
Briarwood Bash VI (Her Majesty)	Aug 7th-8th
**Pennsic War XXII	Aug 14th - 22nd
**Cold Keep Event	Aug 28th-29th
**September Crown	Sept 4th-6th
Border Raid (His Majesty)	Sept 11th-12th
Silverwolf Tourney	Sept 18th
Alpine Pass War	Sept 25th-26th
Baron's Ball	Oct 2nd-3rd
**Myrganwood Anniversary	Oct 9th-10th
**Oktoberfest	Oct 23rd
Lakeland Wedding Feast	Nov 13th
Sigelehundas	Nov 20th-21st
St. Nick's	Dec 4th
**Kingdom 12th Nite Coronation	Jan 8th-9th 1994

**attendance confirmed

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FROM THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES:

We would like to extend greetings and thank you to all of Borealis. As you can imagine it has been a very hectic time for Us with Rorik being elevated to Knighthood, then winning May Crown and Our learning the responsibilities of Crown Prince and Princess while gearing up to become King and Queen. Then We were honoured by Their Majesties and rewarded with the Barony of Borealis when Sir Conrad and his lady Her Ladyship Cristiona stepped down to enjoy some time to themselves. We wish them endless, stress-free, fun filled moments in their "retirement".

Special thanks goes out to Our northern canton, which We'll call Lakeland, for taking the initiative and having Our beautiful new baronial coronets created. Special thanks to Lakeland, Dmitri and Sgt. Edward Bolden for raising the finances to pay for these works of art. Your generosity will not be forgotten.

Elsewhere in this booklet you'll find Our travel itinerary. The one We would like to draw special attention to is Our Pennsic War plans. We strongly encourage all of you to join Us. We would love to have you. We are required to raise funds for the out of Kingdom travel fund to help defray the cost of sending the Regalia and Ourselves. We are asking for donations and ideas for fundraising from you all to help in this. If you are planning on attending please approach Us so We can put you in touch with Our Royal Encampment Organizer, so room can be saved for you within the Royal Encampment. All attending from An Tir will be camping together.

We look forward to seeing you all in the future and meeting the new people within Our area.

In service to the Crown and An Tir;

RORIK
Rorik

HELENA
Helena

nightmarish modern contrivance mentioned only to be offensive. Voting takes place only when the system itself is failing.

The difference between consensus and voting is that when you vote there are losers. In consensus people may still not fully agree with a given choice, but agree to accept the choice. Consensus is not 100% unanimity, but reaching a decision where the choice is acceptable and no one has lost.

Another basic rule is that if you don't like the rules as established, either win the Crown in your own right or don't play. No one is so valuable that they can make everyone miserable. While the Society is very tolerant, adults who fail to act like proper lords and ladies should not continue to participate. Setting your own self-interest above those people around you is not acceptable behaviour. It is also not acceptable to make people unhappy because you don't care what the rules are or prefer not to learn and follow the rules.

People who refuse to follow the grievance procedures, who continually engage in attacks upon other people, who engage in malicious rumour, or who work to undermine and subvert the happiness of others should go away. In some of the more extreme cases Their Majesties and I have begun inviting people to either conform their behaviour, quit playing, or risk the stigma of banishment. Hopefully these people will take the hint and other people will improve their behaviour to avoid the necessity of more stringent action by the Crown.

If people refuse to follow the basic rules of conduct or deliberately engage in

would like to have a deputy from each canton she is selling shield blanks(donated by the Sjt/Yoeman of Borealis) to raise money for her office's expenses

Waterbearer (Lady Isolde for Freya of Ardmore)
will be stepping down July 1,1993
looking for donations(material or waterbottles)

Baronial Archer (Joan the Just)
due to the new helm rules for lights, Joan will keep people updated with info on improvements etc
Mordecai has been in contact with a mundane expert archer in Stony Plain and is trying to arrange practice times as well possible instructional sessions

Constable (Lord Yoeman Eadwulf macRuthven)
deputy needed
more volunteers for events needed
lost and found
discussion about having a signboard posted at the gate of all events with a list of contact people(and location of their pavilion) in cases of emergencies as well as list of the closest hospital etc

Gold Key (Eowyn the Charming, unofficial)
Lady Adeline suggested that Eowyn be given the position
no objection

OLD BUSINESS

Baronial Reports due before July 1, 1993

His Highness Sir Roric Gunnarson would like it known that failure to report to your superiors will be grounds for removal during his reign

New coronets

Lakeland donated \$275

private donations covered remainder

discussion of communication effectiveness between cantons in the Barony. final agreement is that the cantons should try to communicate more with each other

NEW BUSINESS

Silverwolf will be held in the canton of Veraquilon (autocrated by Freya of Ardmore)

Cold Keep (Prince George BC) is holding a Summers Turning Tourney on Aug 28,29

We are their sponsoring Barony so please try to attend and support them

Lakeland will be holding a Collegium in the fall which will include a wedding and a number of classes yet to be determined

William the Boisterous inquired as to the whereabouts of the \$500 lent to the Crown committee. Exchequer not present but Sjt Stefan said that he would look into it

Profits from events discussion

MOTION Mordecai moved that the policy for Baronial events should include 10% of profits go to Kingdom

10% go to Crown Principality

80% stay with the Barony

His Highness Sir Roric seconds

Alphonse amends motion to include minimum of \$10

also stated that this should pertain to events funded out of Baronial account only

discussion

vote is 18 for\2 against (all voters SCA\Aurora members)

motion passed

UNITY

by H.L. Eric de Dragonslaire,
Seneschal of An Tir

We are all subjects of, and owe our fealty to, the Crown of An Tir. We are not divided by modern boundaries into different lands with different feudal obligations. While modern laws always supersede Society law and custom, all of us must play the same basic game.

One of the basic rules of the game is that this is a monarchy, not a democracy. Voting is antithetical to the way things are done in the Society. This is not to say that there were not historical examples of voting or democracies in period. (There were historical examples of voting and democracies, but they were the exceptions.) But the idealized model that was chosen for the Society does not countenance voting, unless there is no way to come to a consensus. Voting is usually a sign that things are not functioning properly.

The King, the Queen, Landed Barons, Landed Baronesses, and the servants of the Crown (officers) are empowered to determine what happens for the benefit of all. From time to time input may be sought from you to endure that a consensus is being achieved. (Peers are treated with deference due to their experience, knowledge and rank, but for the most part becoming a peer confers few special rights and carries many sizable responsibilities.) Part of the wonder of the Society is the requirement that you involve yourself in a world where democracy is akin to heresy and Robert's Rules of Order is some

STRANGERS IN OUR LAND

by Her Ladyship Rycheza z Polska

As the trade routes open, strange people will be seen abroad in the land of An Tir. Some, their clothing, manner, and speech strange to us, will only visit for a short time. Others may decide to settle and adopt our ways. Whether they stay only briefly or settle permanently, treat them honorably with kindness and chivalry.

Talk to new people at meetings and classes. Many people hesitant around strangers (and who's stranger than us) do better if you approach them first. Include newcomers in conversations when possible. Don't forget to introduce yourself and others to the newcomer.

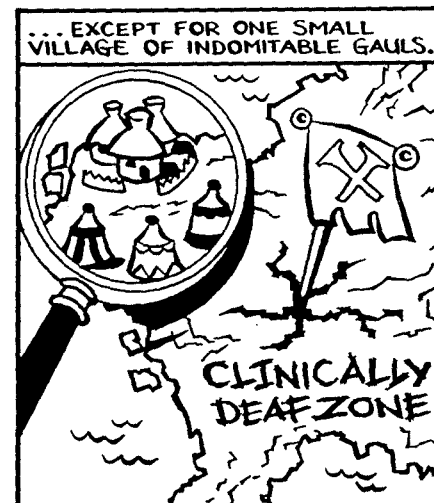
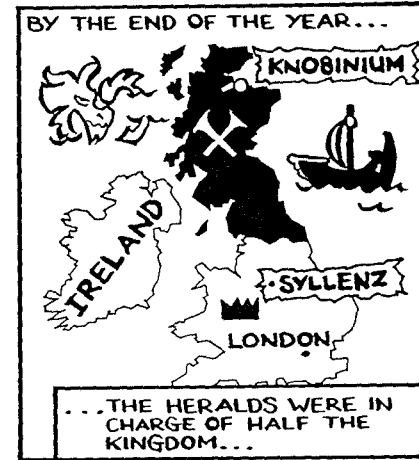
Offer to answer questions. An answer more than yes or no will lead to other questions. Also, answer the unasked question. New people can be overwhelmed and not know what to ask first. A comment about the action or a question directed to your new friend can start a conversation and a lasting friendship. If you can't answer a question or don't feel comfortable answering, introduce the newcomer to someone who can.

Invite newcomers to meetings, events or even your own home. Offer to take them with you to meetings and events or help find them a ride. Share your table at the feast with them. (You could use a new food taster, couldn't you?)

Help newcomers to acquire things they need to enjoy their new world. Refer them to the Gold Key to borrow items. (Donate garb,

THE ORIGIN OF ELDRI THE HERALD SLAYER

WRITTEN & ILLUSTRATED BY
RENFRED THE UNSTABLE



READER, WE APOLOGIZE THAT
THESE CHARACTERS COULD NOT
APPEAR IN THIS PANEL.

THEY HAVE THEIR
OWN COMIC BOOK.

NEXT MONTH:
THE INTRO OF OUR HERO!

Minutes from the Baronial Meeting
June 6, 1993

Colin Ironwolf will be stepping down as Baronial Master of Stables on of July 1, 1993

Chroniclers wish to remind people that they are only temporary and are asking if anyone would like to take over the job

MOTION

His Lordship Sjt Cennet ap Llangollen moved that the chroniclers, Valgard of hus Vendrer and Edwina of Loxley, be instated as full time chroniclers.

Seconded by Her Highness Helena of Berka

Motion passed

REPORTS

Herald (His Lordship Yoeman Mordecai Salzer)

Lakeland as a name is being tried for again

Baronial regalia list will be completed and given to Lady Dagmar(Baronial Chatelaine)

Arts and Sciences (Lord Sjt Stefan von Lubbeke)

Crown Principality champion is Yoeman Eldred of Evesham

Dimitri is putting together an Ithra approximately Nov. 6
List of Guilds is being compiled and will be published in the aurora

Chirurgen (Her Ladyship Yoeman Joan the Just)

needs a deputy with appropriate training

Her Highness Helena conveyed Kingdoms concerns about health considerations at events. More info will follow from Kingdom

Mistress of the Lists (Lady Isolde)

conduct intended to injure other people, try to work with them to improve their behaviour. Politely point out that unchivalric behaviour has no place in the Society. But keep in mind that each of us has different understandings of concepts like honor and chivalry. Don't attack someone's honor, but point out that the behaviour is not tolerable. Keep in mind that you can dislike what someone has done, without disliking the person. Peer pressure, whether you are not a peer or not, is one of the best ways we have of getting someone to improve their behaviour.

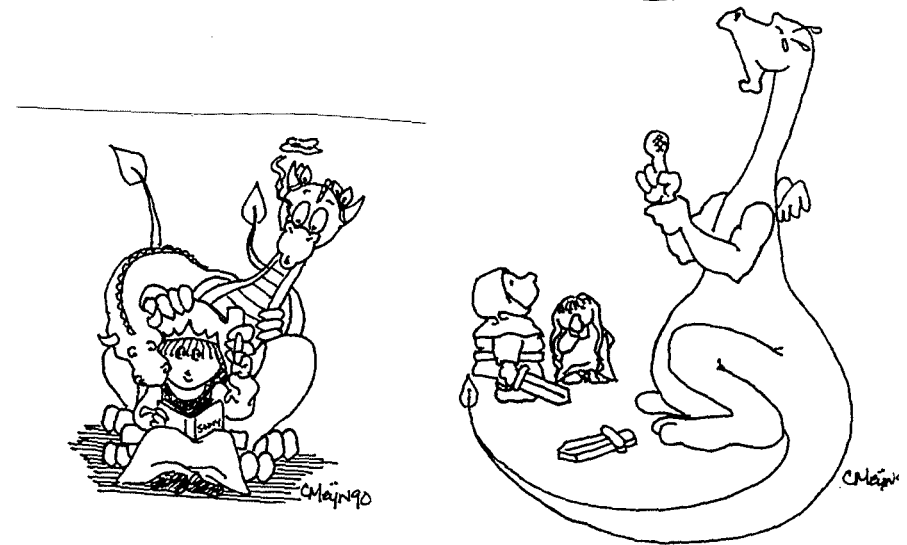
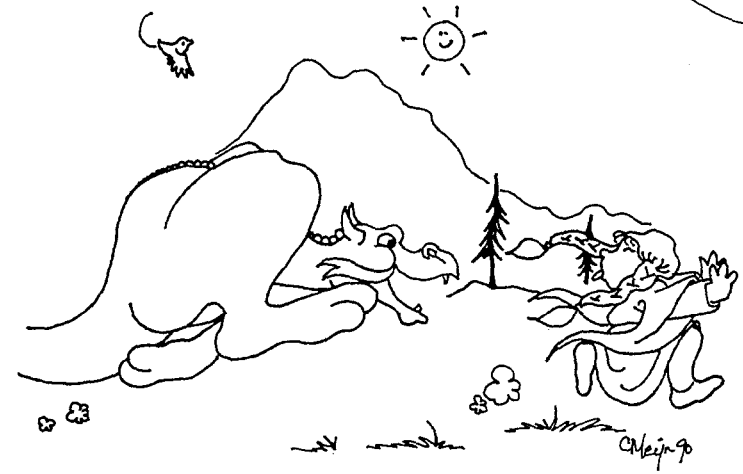
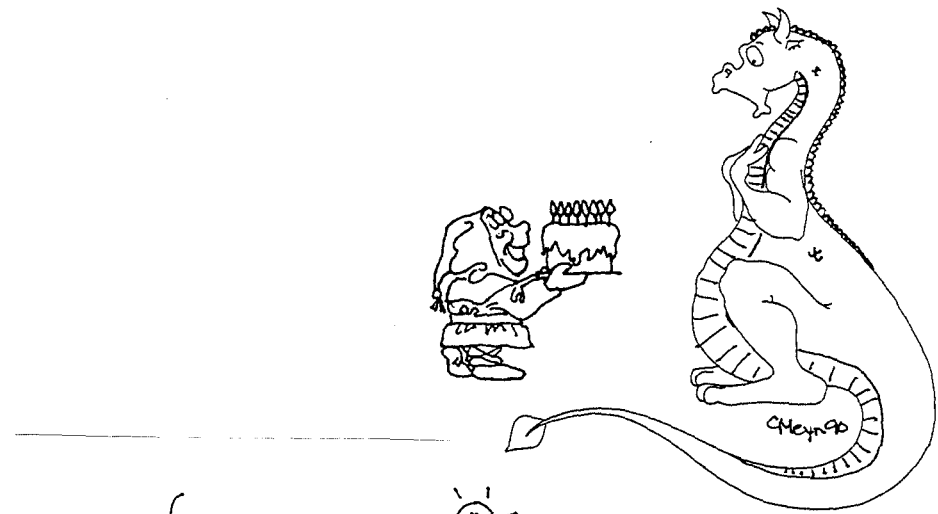
Always keep in mind that we are friends, simply trying to all have fun in the current middle ages.

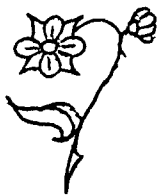


Their Highnesses Sir Rorik Gunnarson and Helena of Berka before Their Majesties Barak and Lao, receiving the regalia of the Barony of Borealis.



A 'Flinging good time' at Clinton War AS 27





ROYALTY

The Executive power of a Kingdom rests with a Royal couple, who have won the right to that authority in a Heavy Weapons tournament organized for the purpose of determining the next rulers of the group. There are two jobs, **Sovereign** and **Consort**, and two titles -- **King** and **Queen**.

The Sovereign is the one who won the tournament. The Consort is the one whose favor the winner carried in the Lists. Their authority is shared almost equally -- that is, they must agree jointly to any changes in the law of the group and to any more generous awards given out in their reign -- but the Sovereign is somewhat greater in precedence: Sitting in the place of greatest honour in Court, for example, and speaking the greater portion of the set lines in the ceremonies. In addition, most of the Kingdoms reserve some activities to the Sovereign and others to the Consort by custom and tradition.

The titles of King and Queen are allocated to the Sovereign and Consort as appropriate to the gender of the individuals concerned. The forms of address do not differ according to which is Sovereign and which Consort, except that "My Liege" would most likely be used only to the Sovereign, since it is usually the Sovereign who accepts fealty.

The heirs to the Thrones are known as the Crown Prince and Crown Princess, again as appropriate for gender. Their status varies among the Kingdoms, depending primarily upon the length of time between the Crown Tournament and the Coronation. Where the interval is short, they are nearly private persons -- to be treated with a mixture of respect and sympathy as they deal with details of planning and construction required for the coming reign. Where the interval is long, they become an extension of the institution of the Crown, with ceremonial duties and traditional honours approaching those of the King and Queen themselves.

Address Royalty as follows:

KING: "Your Majesty", "Sire", "Your Grace", "My Lord King",
or - if you have sworn fealty to him - "My Liege".

QUEEN: "Your Majesty", "Your Grace", "My Lady Queen", or - if
you have sworn fealty to her - "My Liege Lady".

CROWN PRINCE: "Your Royal Highness"

CROWN PRINCESS: "Your Royal Highness"



feast gear or camping equipment to the Gold Key to help.) Share the secrets of second hand shopping and bartering. Suggest or teach classes for newcomers in the basics and other topics.

Attend and help out at newcomer's nights, classes, and demos. You may not be learned scholar or a master sword maker, but you will usually know more about these topics than the person new to the Known World. Your insights on which events to attend or basic garb may be just the help someone needs.

Remember you have a duty to King and country as well as to the newcomer. Always remember you are the society to the modern or neophyte. If you are chivalrous and friendly, that is what they will remember. If you talk or behave in a dishonorable way that will remain the impression they have of the Society and the Dream. Never speak ill of the living or the dead, it will come back to haunt you.

Be patient with the newcomer. In time, they will become your comrades in arms, your fellow scholars and your family. Remember you were once a stranger in a strange land too.

Announcements

Pre-Clinton War party to be held at Christine Gruber's. Contact her for more information.

New Room for Summer Beginning June 16 the new meeting room will be Education South Basement Lounge (B-053). This will be the new room until August 31.