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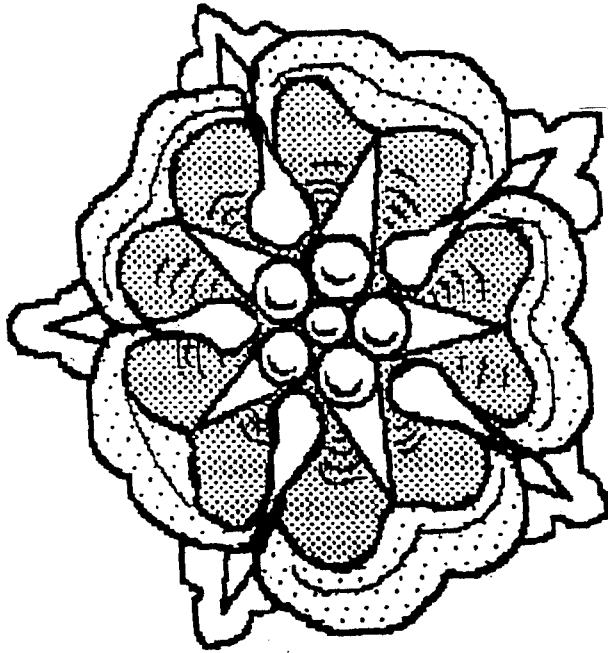


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YOU !!

*Mystic*

AURORA A.S. XXVIII

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## VerAquilon Calendar

### June

- 2 Dance
- 5 Borealis Sergeants & Investiture
- 9 Business
- 16 Shield Construction
- 19 Dragonslayer (Montengarde), Camrose Demo
- 26 Cavalier Potluck Picnic

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:

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 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.

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ALL! Baronal reports are due July 1st.  
Sgt Stefan von Lubeke, acting Seneschal.

## Announcements:

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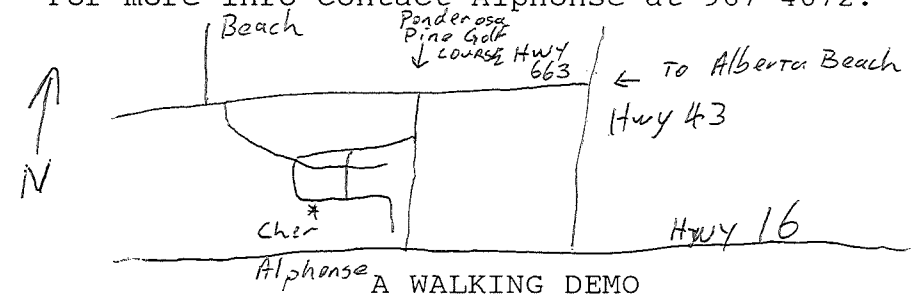
Please contact Isolde the Irritating at 472-1647 (leave message if not at home) or write to #69 Hyndman Crescent, Edmonton, AB T5A 4S3.

The Baronial Water-Bearer still needs equipment. Please donate water bottles, spray bottles, sturdy Blue & White fabric, etc. Call Freya at 469-1873 for more info.

Baronial T-Shirts for sale. Sizes sm to x-lg. Only \$12. Wear your Baronial Pride on your chest. Call Freya at 469-1873 for more info or to place an order. Cash and cheques welcome. Also available some Snow Crown T-Shirts.

### CAVALIER PICNIC

Saturday, June 26, there will be a cavalier picnic at Chez Alphonse. Fencing, Bush Brawls, Terico Shooting, and a pot luck meal are bound to change your mind about impromptu parties. For more info contact Alphonse at 967-4072.



Give us three hours of your time; and we can start a new branch of the SCA.

On June 5th, during Sergeants, the township of Onoway is having a parade as part of it's Heritage Day's Celebration. Can you handle walking in a short demo parade, hand out a few flyers, get a free lunch, and be back on site by noon for more fun with the King and Sergeants of Borealis?

Contact: Alphonse de Lorraine 967-4072  
Squire Rorik 892-2629

AWARDS AND HONORS IN AN TIR  
by Lao Tao-sheng

One of the most pleasing responsibilities of the Crown is in recognizing the service, artistic and martial accomplishments of it's people. Our Lord Seneschal has explained how to write a letter of recommendation (see your November-December issues). This article defines the kingdom-level awards that you may recommend that people receive from your King and Queen.

Kingdom awards denote rank, in that they place the recipient on the An Tir Order of Precedence ( the honor role listing all who have received awards in An Tir, also called the O.P.). Kingdom awards also bestow title. They include the:

Award of Arms (often called an A.A.), given for notable contribution to life in the Society. An Award of Arms grants the recipient the title of Lord or Lady, and the right to bear, or carry heraldic arms ( also called a device).

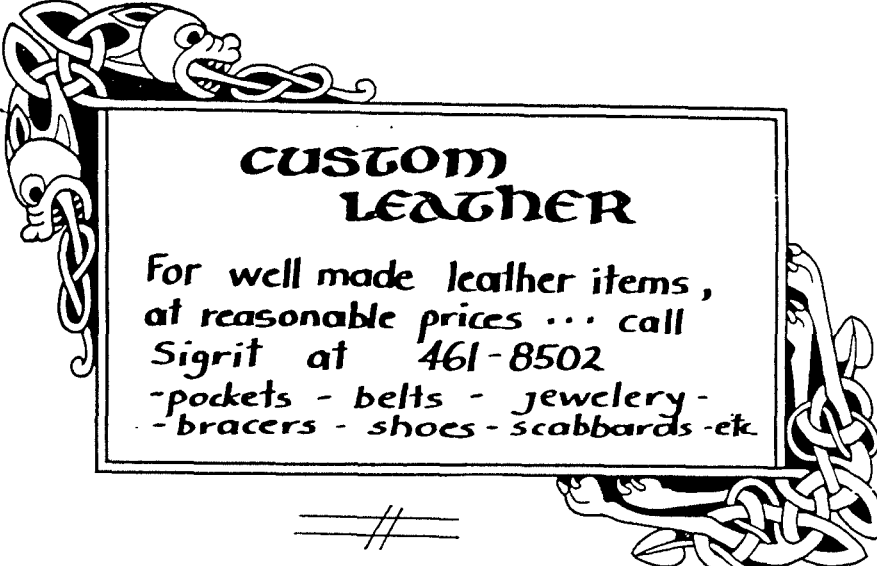
Order of the Jambe de Lion, an An Tirian award for accomplishment in period (medieval) arts and sciences. Recipients receive a medallion showing a lion's paw on a chequy field (checkerboard background), the title of Lordship or Lady ship, and the right to bear heraldic arms.

Order of the Goutte de Sang, an An Tirian award for consistent service. Recipients receive a medallion showing a drop of blood on a chequy field, the title of Lordship or Ladyship, and the right to bear heraldic arms.

Order of the Grey Goose Shaft, an An Tirian award for excellence in archery. Recipients receive a medallion showing a goose within a diamond formed by four arrows. They also may wear a white bracer, or vambrace on their bow arm. The title of Lordship or Ladyship, and the right to bear heraldic arms, also applies.

Order of the Laurel, given for

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## Needed:

30-50 S.C.A. members  
( Viking Era Specialists )

## Why?

Camrose Theatre Festival Viking Feast

## WHEN?

Friday, June 18, 1993

## Where?

Camrose Senior Centre

Cost - \$15.00

consistent and incredible contributions to the Society in teaching, researching and practising or period arts and sciences. Recipients receive a circlet and medallion depicting a laurel wreath. They receive the title of Master or Mistress, and are referred to as peers. Peerage councils have the right to advise the Crown on matters pertaining to their orders.

Order of the Pelican, given for consistent, constant and selfless service to the Society. Their circlets and medallions depict a pelican in its piety (piercing its breast in order to feed its blood to its young). They also receive the title of Master or Mistress, and are also referred to as peers.

Order of the Chivalry, given for fighting ability that is equal to or greater than the standards of the Council of Chivalry. Knights swear fealty to the Crown, and wear a heavy gold chain, white belt and rowelled spurs. They are titled Sir. Masters choose not to swear fealty to the Crown. They wear a white baldric ( a shoulder-to-waist sash) and rowelled spurs. They are titled Master. Knights and Masters are peers.

Honors are given by the Crown as marks of accomplishment. They do not denote rank, nor do they include the right to bear arms. They are listed in the Order of Precedence, but do not determine a person's position in that record. Honors in An Tir include:

The Honor of the Lion's Cub, for merit shown by children.

The Honor of the Lion's Torse, for armour worn on the field that is both authentic and beautiful.

The Honor of the Iron Chain, for courage in the face of real danger.

The Honor of the Carp, for period personas and authentic encampments.

Baronies may also grant non-armigerous

Thank you!      In Service!      Lao Khatun!



## DRAGONSLAYER TOURNEY AND MIDSUMMERS' FEAST

Unto all gentles of Montengarde, and friends;

We invite one and all to Montengarde's annual Dragonslayer Tourney and Midsommers' Feast, which will occur on June 19, 1993 (A.S. XXVIII) in Calgary, AB.

The tourney will start, regardless of the weather, at 10:30 am with armour inspection, and will then commence at Noon. The winner of the tournament will receive a prize, and the Montengarde fighter who receives highest honours at the tourney will become our new Baronial Champion. The tourney will take place in Confederation Park (please see map).

After the tourney, the feast will begin at 7:00 pm at the Highland Park Community Centre, at 3716 2nd St. N.W. (Ph.: 276-6969).

There will be three contests at the event:

1. Best mediaeval hat (apropos to your costume)
2. Best dragon in an ornamental form (need not be new, but cannot have been entered in any previous contest)
3. Best banner, in any form (see #2 for restrictions)

For reservations or information, please contact H.L. Everild of Blore Heath (Leslie Carmichael) at (403) 274-4812; 152 Hunterhorn Dr N.E., Calgary, AB, T2K 6H3.

If you would like to entertain, or know someone who would like to, please contact Lady Leandra de St. Malo (Gloria Singendonk) at (403) 274-4392; 144 Huntford Rd N.E., Calgary, T2K 3Y9.

For those requiring crash space, please ALSO contact: Shariya bint-Shazadeh (Tatjana Holmes) at 288-8409.

When contacting all of these people, if you reach the auto-gnome, please leave your: Mundane Name, carefully-enunciated SCA name, full phone number, number and names of people you are reserving for and, if reserving for the feast, how you will be paying.

Price for feast: Adults: \$15.00

Children: 6-13 \$6.00 (Under 6: free)

Off-board (Site fee only): \$7.00

## DRAGONBLINDER (Archery)

The Dragonblinder Champion's testing will occur the previous weekend, on June 12, at an address yet to be announced. Please contact Baron Thorvald Grimsson at 282-0541 for information.

## MEAD

makes 4.5 litres

## Ingredients:

Clover Honey	1.5 kg
Boiled Water	3.5 l
1 lemon	Juice and grated peel
Tea leaves	7 g
Wine Yeast	1 tablespoon

In a large pot heat 1.25 litres of water, the honey, the lemon juice and peel, and the tea, over low heat until honey is dissolved. Bring to a boil and simmer 10 minutes.

Pour 1.25 litres of boiled, cooled water into a large jug with a narrow neck. Strain the honey mixture through cheesecloth into the jug. Add another 1.25 litres of boiled, cooled water, then the yeast dissolved in warm water. Place a stopper with fermentation lock in neck of bottle, shake to mix, and place in a warm spot for three to four weeks. Add 1 litre boiled, cooled water, replace the fermentation lock, and let the fermentation continue until bubbles no longer appear.

Siphon the mead into another large jug, using a long tube and being careful to avoid disturbing the sediment. Transfer the fermentation lock to the second jug. Place in a cool place for about four weeks until the liquid clarifies. Siphon into bottles, cork (and leave to mature for two to five years).

\*\* Note: it is not really necessary to mature this recipe, but it does improve the quality of the mead!

Caoimhtheach dhe Faolchi

# THE ORIGIN OF ELDRI THE HERALD SLAYER

WRITTEN & ILLUSTRATED BY  
RENFERD THE UNSTABLE

KNOBBE'S BROTHER,  
DARKMAGIX, HEARD OF  
KNOBBE'S DEMISE...



...AND CAME TO  
HIS BROTHER'S  
RESTING PLACE.

THROUGH A SERIES OF  
INCANTATIONS, HE BROUGHT  
HIS BROTHER BACK TO LIFE.

NOW...  
HOW DID THAT  
SPELL GO?

I SHOULD  
REALLY START  
WRITING THESE  
THINGS DOWN.

HMM...

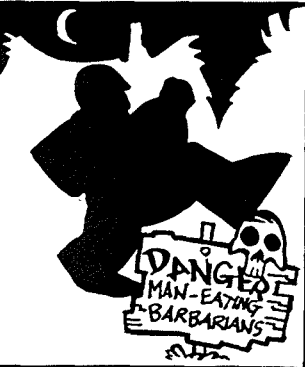


"KNOBBE THE UNDEAD" WAS  
AN EXTREMELY MALEVOLENT  
BEING...

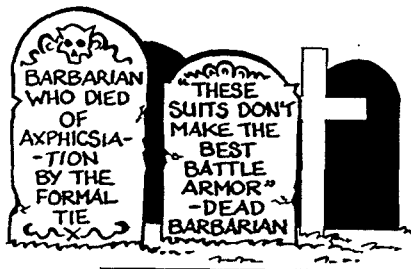


...AND SOUGHT HIS  
REVENGE AGAINST HIS  
BARBARIAN AUDIENCE...

...BY SNEAKING INTO  
THEIR VILLAGE IN THE  
DEAD OF NIGHT...



...AND EXCHANGING THEIR  
FURS FOR CONSTRICTING  
BUSINESS SUITS.



**NEXT MONTH:**  
BATTLE FOR THE KINGDOM!

From the East: Travel west on Highway 16. As you approach Prince George, turn left (at the lights) south towards Quesnel and Vancouver. This will be well marked with SCA signs. Travel approximately 14 km down this highway until you reach the stop sign. Turn left onto highway 97 and travel 2.5 km, turn left onto Buckhorn road and follow last instructions above.

Letters to the Populous:

Greetings to the populace of Borealis. The February Stick-jock Tournament was a tremendous success. I would like to thank the participants, Carolus Malefoix, Chevonne, Edward Bolden, and Ironwolf, as well as my worthy competition, Rowena of Tregelles, and Knut, who were also eligible to win. The fighting was great and I deeply regret some dogmeat were cowering at work, too scared to even show, and those who had fought their own losing battles at home with their quilts. Anyhow, at the days end, Edward Bolden was the overall winner, and I was the best eligible dogmeat, though I by no means intend to belittle the skill of my fellow dogmeat. I look forward to an even better turnout next year, when I host Stick-Jock Tourney '94.

Sincerely yours

Galt - The Wonderdogmeat



## SUMMER'S TURNING TOURNEY

If you can only make it to one event in Cold Keep this year, make it this one!

Taking place at Dunna h'eoín located just south of the mundane city of Prince George, B.C., this event will have something for everyone:

- A Round Robin Tourney with magnificent prizes
- A Surprise Archery Tourney with wonderful prizes
- Events for Smalls (including a visit to the mini-zoo)
- A Wonderous Feast and Dancing for all
- Arts and other competitions, details to be announced
- A Capture the Flag Game in the Bush

The tourney will be a round robin. There will be prizes for both first and second place. Armor inspection 9:30 Saturday morning.

The archery tourney will be unpredictable, bring both target and blunt arrows. Start-up 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

The Capture the Flag Game will take place in an aspen/willow bushy area. Wear appropriate footwear. This is for heavies and lights so bring your archer sceen. There will be an unlimited resurrection timed games and we will play til everyone is played out. Armor inspection Sunday 10:00 am.

The feast is outdoors, bring your feastgear. We have pavilions if the weather doesn't co-operate. Feast will start at 7:00 pm on Saturday. Feast is \$10.00, under 12 \$5.00 and under 5 free.

Camping on site with outhouses, running water and a hot shower. \$5.00 site fee (under 12 free). Dogs on leashes only. The site is discreetly wet. Friday night soup will be provided for all weary travellers. Expect cool nights, frost is not unknown at this time of year.

Advance reserved booking for the feast. Let us know by Aug.15. For more information contact the autocrat: Morag MacCorrain of Dunna h'eoín (Maureen Schulting) (604) 963-3187. address: RR#7, Site 25, Comp.13, Prince George, B.C. V2N 2J5.

### Directions:

Dunna h'eoín is located at 8525 Buckhorn Lk. Rd.

From the South: Travel north on Highway 97 towards Pr. George. Buckhorn Lake Road is about five miles north of the community of Red Rock and is labelled on the highway. Look for SCA signs. Turn right onto Buckhorn and travel approx. 4 km. The site is on the right.

# Crown Principality of Avacal

July 1<sup>ST</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup>

## Champion's Tourney and Wargames

The Avacal Champion's Tourney and Wargames will be held in Waldsea Lake Regional Park in Saskatchewan on the July long weekend. The site is 2 miles west and 5 miles north of the town of Humboldt. The site has showers, a beautiful beach, flush privies and shaded sites. Humboldt has all services and is easily accessible. Site fees will be \$5.00 per vehicle, \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children under 12.

THURSDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

NOON - SITE OPENS

FRIDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

11:00 A.M. - INSPECTIONS

12:00 A.M. - WARGAMES

5 P.M. - PEERAGE MEETINGS  
CURIA

SATURDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>

9:00 A.M. - Opening  
Court

Invocation  
Lists  
Challenges  
Tourney  
Investiture

SUNDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 A.M. - CLOSING COURT

5 P.M. - SITE CLOSSES

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The Sword & Ladle Tavern will be serving stew and bread \$2.00 evenings; coffee/tea and muffins or danish \$2.00 mornings, on both Friday and Saturday.

Fighters bring your Tourney Tiles!

Unsupervised water resevoir and beach.

Merchants and entertainers welcome.

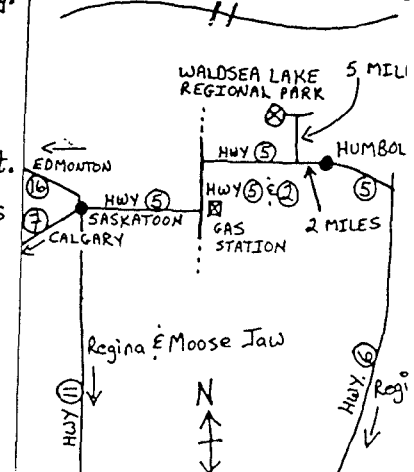
The Park is advertising this event, so try to stay in period. Turnout of mundanes should be light.

The site is approximately 1 hour & 15 minutes east of Saskatoon on Hwy. 5.

Contest for best use of old rattan!!

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441 Avenue P North; Saskatoon, Sask.  
(306) 384-6905 57L-2V8  
(MKA. Max Stadnyk)

(AN TIR LEASH LAW IN EFFECT)  
NOT EVEN REMOTELY TO SCALE





Skaldic Poetry  
(part VII Bibliography)

The following books were my source material for this column on skaldic poetry. These are available at the University of Alberta, Rutherford library, fifth floor. (call info. in brackets).

Frank, Roberta. Old Norse Court Poetry: The Drottkvaett Stanza, Cornell University Press, Ithaca and London, 1978.  
(PT 7172 F82 1978)

Indispensable. Everything you need to know about Drottkvaett and skaldic poetry in general, along with a little historical background. Entertaining and easy to read, although she gets a little romantic on the subject of those 'solitary Icelandic skalds'.

Hollander, Lee. The Skalds, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1947.  
(PT 7245 E5H7)

The first section is a good general description of the history and construction of skaldic poetry. The rest of the book is devoted to individual skalds and their works. Another good book to learn the basics, written by a leading Old Norse historian.

Poole, R. G. Viking Poems on War and Peace: A Study in Skaldic Narrative, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1991.  
(PT 7172 P822 1991)

Only for the die-hards. Mostly an in-depth look at specific poems for their historical content. Very dry and scholarly.

Turville-Petre, E. O. G. Skaldic Poetry, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1976  
(PT 7244 S28 1976)

Similar to Hollander, beginning with history, development and construction, and moving on to individual skalds. Another good all around work.

-Olafur Sigurdsson

1. Jan. 1982 - July 1982 Manfred & Morag  
Jan. A.S. 16 - July A.S. 17
2. July 1982 - Jan. 1983 Torgul & Angharad  
July A.S. 17 - Jan. A.S. 17
3. Jan. 1983 - July 1983 Ulfred & Adara  
Jan. A.S. 17 - July A.S. 18
4. July 1983 - Jan. 1984 Manfred & Morwyn  
July A.S. 18 - Jan. A.S. 18
5. Jan. 1984 - July 1984 Thorin & Angharad  
Jan. A.S. 18 - July A.S. 19
6. Jan. 1984 - Jan. 1985 Berec & Liesel  
July A.S. 19 - Jan. A.S. 19
7. Jan. 1985 - July 1985 Torgul & Erin  
Jan. A.S. 19 - July A.S. 20
8. July 1985 - Jan. 1986 Dak & Daidan  
July A.S. 20 - Jan. A.S. 20
9. Jan. 1986 - July 1986 Arthur & Melissa  
Jan. A.S. 20 - July A.S. 21
10. July 1986 - Jan. 1987 Thorin &  
Angharad July A.S. 21 - Jan. A.S. 21
11. Jan. 1987 - July 1987 Dak & Lao  
Jan. A.S. 21 - July A.S. 22
12. July 1987 - Jan. 1988 Eirik & Meagan  
July A.S. 22 - Jan. A.S. 22
13. Jan. 1988 - July 1988 Stiengrim &  
Lenora Jan. A.S. 23 - July A.S. 23
14. July 1988 - Jan. 1989 Thorin &  
Angharad July A.S. 23 - Jan. A.S. 23
15. Jan. 1989 - July 1989 Eirik & Megan  
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16. July 1989 - Jan. 1990 Tjorkill &  
Hlutwige July A.S. 24 - Jan. A.S. 24
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Angharad Jan. A.S. 24 - July A.S. 25
18. July 1990 - Jan. 1991 Gunnarr &  
Gabriell July A.S. 25 - Jan. A.S. 25
19. Jan. 1991 - July 1991 Davin & Octavia  
Jan. A.S. 25 - July A.S. 26
20. July 1991 - Jan. 1992 Tjorkill &  
Hlutwige July A.S. 26 - Jan. A.S. 26
21. Jan. 1992 - July 1992 Gunnarr &  
Gabriell Jan. A.S. 26 - July A.S. 27
22. July 1992 - Jan. 1993 Darius &  
Jacyntha July A.S. 27 - Jan. A.S. 27
23. Jan. 1993 - July 1993 Barak & Lao  
Jan. A.S. 27 - July A.S. 28

THE KINGS AND QUEENS OF AN TIR  
THROUGH THE END OF A.S. XXVII  
By Eric de Dragonslaire

Part 1.

Find the names of the Kings of An Tir in the puzzle below. Note that Arthur and Eirik are the same mundane person.

E R N I V A D J A D  
B A R A K I R I E A  
S T I E N G R I M R  
T U L F R E D A D R  
G J N A K A N A A A  
R A K I E F K R R N  
O L U G R O T T I N  
C I R E E O H R U U  
U L D R B U H A S G  
L I K R O J T B E

---

King Kenneth to assume the high kingship. At first unwilling to compromise the position of his own folk to the Scots of Dalriada, lesser in numbers, they agreed to the cession of the joint kingdom being named Scotland.

During his investiture as High King (it could not be called a coronation since he had previously been crowned King of Dalriada) he became the first High King to be seated upon the "Lia Faill", the Stone of Destiny, sacred relic of the Scots, brought to Iona by St. Columbo and to Scone by Kenneth from Dunnad, the Dalriaran capitol. To equal the contribution to the new nation by Alba, he made the white saltire on blue standard of St. Andrew chosen by his father-in-law, High King Angus macFergus, as the patron saint of this new Scotland. Never has this land been in greater need of a strong high king and warrior to keep the realm safe from the murderous Norsemen.

Author's note:

Kenneth macAlpine reigned for 16 years after this and spent much of his time repelling and defeating Norse attacks. The island of Iona where St. Columbo set up his primary monastery in 563 was an especial target of the Norse and was devastated repeatedly, the most beautiful spot in all the Hebrides. Internal security was not achieved for another four years, since opposition to a foreigner was not unexpected. He also drew up and imposed the first Code of Laws for Scotland. He died in 858 and was buried on Iona, burial place of Scottish kings until 1058. That Kenneth was beloved as a king is shown by the following ancient verse:

That Kenneth, of many stables, is dead  
Causes weeping in every house.  
There is not under Heaven one King so Good,  
As far as the borders of Rome.

Lord Yeoman Eadwulf macRuthven

## Part 2.

Find the names of the Queens of An Tir in the puzzle below. Note that Megan's later spelling of her name is used.

O	A	L	L	E	I	R	B	A	G
C	R	I	E	R	I	C	N	H	A
T	O	E	V	I	N	G	A	T	R
A	N	S	A	N	H	W	D	N	O
V	E	E	J	A	M	O	I	Y	M
I	L	L	R	O	S	N	A	C	E
A	D	A	R	A	H	E	D	A	G
L	D	W	O	A	O	L	G	J	A
M	Y	A	S	S	I	L	E	M	N
N	E	G	I	W	T	U	L	H	A

## Part 3.

List the Kings and Queens of An Tir in the correct order.

## Etiquette and Royalty by Lao Tao-sheng

Etiquette is defined as "the rules governing courtesy and formality." In the SCA, (herein referred to as the Society) these rules govern proper forms of address and acknowledgement. These rules are based on "Noblesse Oblige" --- the obligations of nobility.

The foundation of Noblesse Oblige is that of honoring yourself by honoring others. In our Society, we are all considered to be of noble birth. A person's actual rank or title is NOT important: behaving in a manner that is worthy of rank and title IS. For this reason, we treat as our equals, those of lesser rank: treat as our superiors, those who equal us in rank. We treat those of higher rank with the courtesies that are common to that rank. We treat the personal space and belongings of others as though they were of higher rank. We act as honorable, humble and tolerant people, acting as medieval as possible, in speech, manner, and dress.

In An Tir, we acknowledge our Heads of State-- be they King, Prince or Baron--- by rising and bowing as they enter the room, or as they walk past you on the field. They are addressed as Your Majesty (King or Queen), Your Highness (Prince/ess), and Your Excellency (Baron/ess). When addressing them in person, it is customary to maintain a physical space of 3-4 feet, until they grant you leave (give you permission) to come closer.

It is courteous to not begin speaking until they acknowledge you, and not to leave their presence until you have their leave to depart. It is courteous to not handle their belongings unless you have their permission to do so. It is courteous to refrain from eating or drinking at a feast, until the head of state is seated at the High Table. It is

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SCONE, Scotland--Kenneth macAlpin, who was recently made king of Dalriada, and was before that sub-king of Galloway, has recently been invested as the new High King or "Ard Righ" of what has until now been the Kingdom of Alba. The name given to this new nation is Scotland, which will be the two independent kingdoms of Alba and Dalriada under the rule of one monarch. The new name, Scotland, derives from the name of Kenneth's own people, the Dalriadan Scots, who arrived on the west coast and isles from Ireland (or more specifically, the Irish sub-kingdom of Dalriata) in the year 500, and carved themselves out a kingdom. The two kingdoms have had their moments of conflict, but peaceful relations were begun by St. Columba, descended from the same line as the great Fergus macEric who founded the line of kings from which King Kenneth is directly descended. In recent years the two kingdoms have enjoyed a time of peace and cooperation with each other, forming an alliance of mutual support, at times even supplying each other with kings. For instance, the father of King Kenneth's queen was king of Dalriada before assuming the High Kingship of Alba, as was his brother before him.

It was during one of the joint punitive expeditions against the Angles in Northumbria that the then Prince Kenneth of Galloway first distinguished himself as a warrior by killing Athelstan, son of King Athelwolf of Wessex. Since then, King Kenneth has been renowned throughout all the lands of the Celtic peoples, such as Gwynedd, Man, Strathclyde, Cumbria, and all Ireland where he is known to have delivered his message of Celtic unity to confront all threats to Celtic survival, as Kenneth "Norse-slayer". This day's event is considered by him to be just one great step towards this necessary unity to regain lost territory and prevent further losses at the hands of the Norse, whom many have suffered from over many years, and the Angles in the South. It was in fact the deaths of four High Kings of Alba, in rapid succession, by either assassination or in battle against Norse incursions, that left the land without suitable or willing candidates for the position that made the move by the "Righ" or lesser kings, to invite

# GIFTS FOR THE QUEEN

By Lao Tao-sheng

What sort of prezzie would delight the Queen? Some are not as obvious as others, but mean just as much!

## COURTESY: A MOST INEXPENSIVE GIFT!

Farspeakers (moderns call them phones) can be most intrusive (ringing 6-10 times per hour), and rob the Royal couple of their private time. Gift Her with written invitation, missive or query. In times past, invitations were calligraphed and illuminated by hand (which is a great way to show off your scribal skills).

Personal space for Royalty is 3'. Tempting though it be, please don't touch the Queen without asking! She understands that her garb and jewelry are of interest. If asked, she will even tell you where it's from, or who made it for her. But please ask first!

Royal Encampment space is 10' on all sides. Please don't walk in front of the Thrones while the Royal Couple are watching a tournament. Please don't sit within 10" of the Royal Encampment without express permission. Be prepared to move if asked! The Queen needs room for court functionaries, Royal Audience, The King and on occasion, for Herself!

## PATIENCE: COSTS A LITTLE MORE, BUT MOST TREASURED!

Plan ahead, give fair response time to your written word. If your event is more than a month away, please recognize that there are several other autocrats who have the Queen's more immediate attention.

At small events (200 people or less), the Queen is asked for information once every 1-2 minutes. At large events (500 or more), she is asked every 15-20 seconds. Please do not take offense if she is brief with you. Be aware that others are waiting to speak to her also.

Please don't question the Queen if someone you recommend for an award didn't receive it. Recommend the person for shire recognition or baronial award. Those who are deserving of Kingdom recognition will be recognized in due time, after due process.

## RESPECT: GREAT RETURN ON INVESTMENT!

Please do not say "No" to the Crown! Try: "Yes, your Majesty. You may wish to know that if we do this, it may cause a problem with.....". Tell the Queen what's going on! She may be able to assist you, or at least be more understanding of your schedule or situation.

Royal Court is for business that benefits the Kingdom. Please do not argue with the Crown if you are not allowed time in Royal Court. Announcements and presentations can be just as effective if they are made between tournament rounds, between feast removes, or at Royal Audience.

Gifting the Royals privately allows Them to admire your gift and express Their appreciation. Gifts given at court are often removed from Royal hands, packed away, and not seen again until Tuesday. Include your address so the Queen can send a Thank-you note! Thanks!

courteous to ask them where they would like to sit, and whom they would like to sit with, or be escorted by. If they are unattended, it is courteous to offer them assistance.

In return, our Heads of State are responsible for acknowledging your courtesy with a nod, a smile, or some other sign. When you are waiting to speak with them, it is their duty to acknowledge that you are waiting. It is their duty to give you leave to approach within a short time, or ask if you can return later. At table, it is their duty to not keep you (and your meal) waiting, or to give you leave to begin without them. It is their duty to be your head of State with pomp and ceremony, and not to burden you with excessive demand.

It is the courtesy of formality that maintains the pageantry and atmosphere of these Current Middle Ages. The actions of one, become example for others. What advances the one, elevates us all....

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### Answers for Part 1:

Arthur  
Barak  
Berek  
Dak  
Darius  
Davin  
Eirik  
Gunnarr  
Manfred  
Stiengrim  
Thorin  
Tjorkill  
Torgul  
Ulfred

### Answers for Part 2.

Adara  
Angharad  
Daidan  
Erin  
Gabriell  
Hlutwige  
Lao  
Lenora  
Liesel  
Jacyntha  
Megan  
Melissa  
Morag  
Morwyn  
Octavia

## ROYAL PATRONAGE

By HRM Barak An Tir

In order to further the education of Our Peoples, Royal Patronage has been established. Patrons are Royal Peers who act as a "Big Brother/Sister", using their experience to advise and assist in the growth of groups who do not have direct access to the Landed Nobility or the Crown. As Reporting Regions help to administer the laws of The Land, patrons will assist the Crown to keep in better contact with the personal needs of Its' Peoples.

The choosing of a patron is done by the branch that has reached consensus and with the agreement of a Royal Peer that the branch desires. If the group would like a patron, but do not have someone specific in mind, They may ask the Crown to assist in the choices. No group will be assigned a patron if they do not wish one, nor will any Royal Peer become a patron if they do not wish to. After all parties are in agreement, the Crown will review the request. Only the Crown may make the final determination. The relationship between the peep and the group is not a permanent one and may be dissolved by either the group or the peer at any time.

Patrons are responsible for assisting in the mental and physical growth of the group; advising them on An Tirian tradition and protocol; supporting them in their interaction with the Crown; delivering information and recognition when designated by the Crown; advising on other matters as the members of that branch require and request. Their main functions are to advise the people of their branch and to represent their branch at the Council of the Noble Estate.

In the absence of the Crown, patrons may preside over functions in their branch as the Throne's representative, in order to increase the ceremonial dignity and focus of the people of the branch. Patrons may not give awards, unless so designated by the Crown. They may not give tokens of praise or recognition in the name of the shire. They may not have retinues or personal champions in the capacity of Patron. They may sponsor contests and tournaments. They are encouraged to assist autocrat teams if asked. They should encourage classes and workshops in their area.

They may not delineate policy for their area, or in any way interfere with the running of the offices in that branch or region. their voices will not carry more weight at branch council than any other. They will not be responsible for determining the recipients of tokens in arts, sciences, service, etc., for that branch. They may not choose the champions or defenders of that branch. they will remove themselves from the process of choosing officers in their branch. Patrons may advise officers on issues at the request of that officer.

Any branch may request more information or assistance on the patronage directly from The Crown.

