

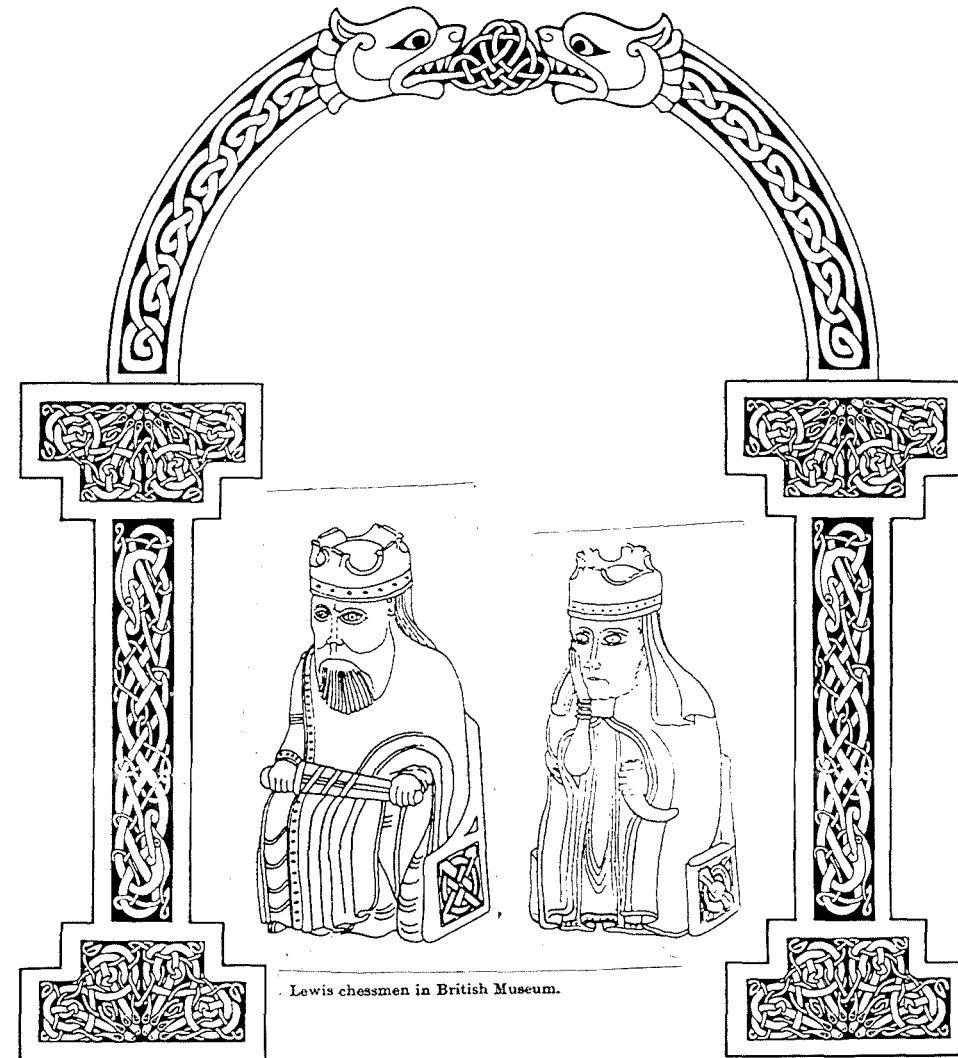
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Please send all submissions to the editor.



Lewis chessmen in British Museum.

Baronial Calendar
OCTOBER

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| 2 | St Michealmas Feast | (Loch D'Or) |
| 6 | Dance (Capilano Hall) | Veraquilon |
| | Armour & Personas | Lakeland |
| 9 | Anniversary Feast | Myrganwood |
| 9-10 | Golden Swan Tourney/Feast Appledore | |
| 13 | Business | Veraquilon |
| | Heraldry & Costuming | Lakeland |
| 15 | Baronial Reports due | |
| 20 | Harp night | Veraquilon |
| | Costuming & Personas | Lakeland |
| 27 | Halloween meeting (masks and personas) | Veraquilon |
| | Calligraphy | Lakeland |

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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 8:00 and a jam session usually follows.

For more information please call:
Penny Slonowski 439-0007 (days)
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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.

Canton of VerAquilon Fighter Practice is held every Sunday STARTING AT NOON, in Dinwoodie Lounge, second floor SUB at U of A. Contact Caoimhtheach Faolchu (Johanus Haidner) at 432-0694 for more info.

Dance Practise held every 2nd Monday night, U of A quad. 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.



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PAUL BRYSON
SALES MANAGER

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

St Michaelmas Feast (Loch D'Or)	Oct 2nd-3rd
Myrganwood Anniversary (His Majesty)	Oct 9th-10th
Golden Swan Tourney/Appledore (Her Majesty)	Oct 9th-10th
Dragons Tourney	Oct 16-17
Oktoberfest	Oct 23rd
Crown Council Meeting	Oct 30-31
To be Decided	Nov 6th
Lakeland Wedding Feast (unsure)	Nov 13th
Janeltis Feast	Nov 20th-21st
St Nicks Feast	Dec 4th
Sigelehundast Feast	Dec 11th
Kingdom 12th Night Coronation	Jan 8th-10th 1994

Rue -- As a tea, a poison antidote, or when chewed quickly can relieve headaches. Early courtroom judges are said to have used it against fleas brought into court by prisoners. (It also repels cats from the garden, and silverfish from books.)

Mint -- Aids in easing "griping and pain" in digestion, but most often used to make teas of other herbs bearable to the drinker.

Sage -- A proverb says "why should a man die whilst sage grows in his garden?" and this rival to yarrow as a cure-all is credited in lore as giving long life or as protection against witches. It is also said to strengthen thinking processes, counter depression and insomnia.

Pennyroyal -- A member of the mint family, with a variety of uses. Dried, it can strengthen the gums. In a bit of alcohol or just as crushed leaves, is good as an insect repellent. Decocted in wine, relieves toothache. Has a reputation for use in provoking women's courses, expelling afterbirth. (Should be used with extreme caution and only under a doctor's supervision.)

Many herbs better known for their kitchen uses have medicinal qualities (such as borage for increasing mother's milk, or rosemary for increasing memory), but these will be left to another time.

Jehanne du Bois atte Carey Muir

Some Sources

Culpepper's Herbal (first published 1653)

Medicinal Plants (George Graves, originally published 1834)

Richters' Herb Catalogue (Best Canadian source for herbs, either seeds or plants)

Medicinal Herbs and Their Uses

(The following is an extract from the background essay entered with a collection of medicinal herbs to the Borealis Arts and Sciences competition last spring. The populace is reminded to use caution in the consumption of any plant materials.)

In most cases, any herb is of more virtue when fresh, and if it must be dried for storage, then left as whole as possible. The leaves should only be crushed when they are to be used. The only exception is with sage, which is actually more beneficial when dried.

This list of useful herbs only includes a few samples of those herbs which can be grown in this barony.

Lemon Balm -- Best taken as tea. Stimulates the heart and calms the nerves. With a bit of honey, very effective remedy for sore throat.

Camomile -- Once again, best as tea, or can be used as a skin wash. Has a beneficial effect on the digestive system, dispelling cramps.

Feverfew -- Another herb used as tea. has been credited with help relieving migraines, arthritis and psoriasis. Provides a feeling of well being, lack of tension. (I take it when I feel something coming on, especially headaches.)

Yarrow -- Its common names include *all heal* and *soldier's herb* for its reputation as a general fortifier. Because of its strength, its use should only be occasional as a "pick me up". In addition to building natural resistance, yarrow is claimed to improve circulation, liver and kidney function. Valuable wound herb for healing cuts and excellent skin cosmetic properties.

REPORTING DEADLINES FOR KINGDOM OFFICERS AND SUBORDINATES

OFFICE	Dates to Superior	Dates for Branches	Dates for Regions
Archer:	3-1,6-1,9-1,12-1	2-1,5-1,8-1,11-1	2-1,5-1,8-1,11-1
A & S:	Bimonthly even months	1-31,4-30,7-31,10-31	2-28,5-31,8-31,11-30
Chamberlain:	All Curias & 1 Mo. before new reigns	N/A	N/A
Chatelaine:	1 Mo. before new reigns	3-15, 7-15, 11-15	4-1, 8-1, 12-1
Chirurgion:	3-15,6-15,9-15,12-15	2-15,5-15,8-15,11-15	2-15,5-15,8-15,11-15
Chronicler:	2-1,5-1,8-1,11-1	Crown Tournaments	July Cor. & 12th Night
Constable:	?	1-31,4-30,7-31,10-31	and event reports ?
Exchequer:	3-15,4-15,7-15,10-15	2-15,4-15,8-15,10-15	2-15,4-15,8-15,10-15
Gamesmaster:	5-31,11-30	N/A	N/A
General:	2-1,5-1,8-1,11-1	N/A	N/A
Grete Boke:	3-15,6-15,9-15,12-15	2-15,5-15,8-15,11-15	N/A
Herald:	Quarterly	2-10,5-10,8-10,11-10	2-25,5-25,8-25,11-25
Horse:	5-31,11-30	N/A	N/A
Lists:	2-1,5-1,8-1,11-1	The least of Quarterly	or each fighting event N/A
Marshal:	3-15,6-15,9-15,12-15	2-1,5-1,8-1,11-1	3-1,6-1,9-1,12-1
Pied Piper:	6-15, 12-10	1-20,4-20,7-20,10-20	To Be Set
Provost:	3-15,6-15,9-15,12-15	2-15,5-15,8-15,11-15	3-1,6-1,9-1,12-1
Scribe:	3-15,6-15,9-15,12-15	N/A	N/A
Seneschal:	Monthly (+)	3-15,7-15,11-15	4-1,8-1,12-1
Waterbearer:	Quarterly	2-15,5-15,8-15,11-15	N/A

partake in the games, listen to the Bards, eat, drink.
as you see fit and the law will allow at the STABLES
n. The Inn opens for business on Wednesday, October
h at 8:30 - 12:00 and again on Wednesday, November 3rd
7:30 - 12:00.

e address is 5400 - 108A Avenue (Capilano Hall)

Site fee: \$1.00.

brought to you by the Borealis Master of Stables.

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

Site Fee : \$1.00
Feast : \$10.00
Costuming Classes: \$5.00
Fighting Seminar : \$20.00

brought to you by the Borealis Master of Stables.

Fighting Seminar
by Master Nikolai Grendel Gornych

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

A Survey of Costume Patterning
by Mistress Kateryne of Hindscroft (4hrs)

An overview of the various basic types of pattern construction used in the
SCA time period.

Practical Hand Sewing
by Mistress Kateryne of Hindscroft (4hrs)

A history of stitching in the SCA time period and how to do the stitches
described such as hem stitching, seams and finishing techniques.

Reprinted at the Request of Baroness Amanda of Lionsgate

We, as ladies of Lions Gate, would like to express our concern
regarding the marked decline in the day-to-day chivalry and
courtesy in this Barony as well as in the Kingdom at large. We would
like to encourage chivalry and courtesy as some of the fundamental
precepts that the Society is based on and one of the reasons it is the
remarkable institution that it is.

The responsibility and honour of chivalry and courtesy lie in all
of us. It is up to us, as ladies, to inspire these virtues in the lords
around us and to teach them to our children. It is the responsibility
and honour of the gentlemen of Lions Gate to not only treat their
own ladies with honour and respect, but to remember their duty to
womankind in general.

Chivalry and courtesy are more than a charming bow or a kiss
on the hand. They are an entire way of thinking; a respect for those
weaker than oneself, a willingness to put others first, and an
awareness of how one's words and deeds affect others.

We, as ladies, appreciate it so much when, while we are
carrying a heavy load, a gentleman puts aside whatever he is doing
in order to assist us.

We feel honoured and welcome when, as non-fighters, we are
acknowledged and accepted into conversations by those who fight.

We enjoy bardics so much more when care and consideration
are put into the choice of songs and stories, with regards to which
pieces offer offence and which inspire good feelings.

We admire and respect these gentlemen so much and strive to
encourage and support them, than those to whom the term "lady" is
meaningless.

We ask that all the gentle people of Lions Gate remember the
importance of chivalry and courtesy and strive to not only be
chivalrous ourselves, but to encourage these virtues in others.
Indeed, we ask that all may discourage the dishonourable, the
offensive, the inconsiderate and the hurtful, that we may all better
enjoy our time together in the SCA.

day, he would be allowed to rest during the night. Or, as one story allows, a warrior could request a rest to heal, such as three days, and then resume battle.

This is all part of honour, which to the Picts and Celts was a very high ideal. It was not always done, but a person loses honour by not reaching that ideal. This ideal extends to everyday life, treating those around you with respect, as if they were all your equals, and never insulting a person unless you are prepared to pay for the insult or be challenged (this is one way to goad a person into single combat). Playing the host in your encampment or home is part of this. A visitor's needs are always tended to immediately, food and drink being offered before any inquiries as the visitor's business. Hospitality is the way one shows to others your own honour and worthiness.

Now, there are also some things that are part of the S.C.A. that are not a part of Pictish culture, such as the many types of vassalage that are a part of the later middle ages, and the terms of address we use (Sir, Master, Mistress, Your Majesty...). In Pictish Society a person could be addressed by an honourific, such as their occupation (champion, chief, healer, etc.) or by their name. In the S.C.A., if you don't know their name or occupation, milord and milady are best. Titles such as Sir, Highness, and Majesty would also be acceptable, as they are indicative of the person's position (occupation: knight, princess or king) or excellent skills (Mistress or Master). Or it can simply be looked upon as being non-Pictish titles, where the educated person follows the customs of those whose lands he is in, when appropriate.

To be continued

CROWN PRINCIPALITY OF AVACAL PROPOSED CALENDAR OF TIER ONE EVENTS FOR 1994

DATE	EVENT	HOSTING GROUP
Jan. 8	**Kingdom Twelfth Night	Three Mountains
Jan. 15	*Twelfth Night	Montengarde
Feb. 5	Feast of the Evergreens	NorthKeep
Feb. 19	Winter War	Borealis
Mar. 12	*Spring Faire	Vereaquilon
April 2	Norse Event	Myrganwood
April 23	Silver Arrow Archery Tournament	Bitter End
May 7-8	Murder and Mayhem on the Riviera	Loch Dorr
May 21-23	**Crown Tournament	T.B.A.
Jun. 11-12	Valley War	Valley Wold
Jun. 25-26	*Champions Tourney alternate date?	T.B.A.
Jul. 1-3	*Champions Tourney?/An Tir West?	T.B.A.
Jul. 16-17	**Kingdom Coronation	T.B.A.
Jul. 30-Aug. 1	Clinton War	Montengarde/Lion's Gate
Aug. 27-28	*** tentative ***	Cold Keep
Sept. 3-5	**Crown Tournament	T.B.A.
Sept. 24-25	Harvest Feast	Bitter End
Oct. 1-2	Ithra	Loch Dorr
Oct. 15-16	Anniversary Event	Myrganwood
Oct 22-23	Grand Ithra	Montengarde
Nov. 5-6	Ferret's Feast	Valley Wold
Dec. 3-4	Saint Nicholas	Vereaquilon

* indicate Crown Principality Events

** indicate Kingdom Events

Curia Meetings:

Will be held at Twelfth Night, Spring Faire, Champions Tourney, Harvest Feast (even though its not a Crown Principality event - but hey we need something later in the year) and St. Nicholas.

For Bid:

Contact Avacal Seneschale with any bid proposals

- Having Montengarde 12th night host the Crown Principality winter event is not set in stone. If there is someone who would like to put together a seperate event (in February) for the Principality, bids due Oct. 1.

- In the same vein, it is not necessary that the A&S and Rapier Championships be held at Spring Faire in Borealis. If your group would like to host the Championships some time around March, please send in a bid by November 1.

- The summer Champions' Tourney *may* have to be moved from the Canada Day weekend as the Kingdom has made noises that they don't like conflicts with AnTir/West war. Bids due Dec. 1.

NOTE: Bids don't have to be fancy, just a when, where, what facilities the site has (ie: can it support the event?), basic costs, how much are you looking at charging and that kind of thing

September 17, 1993.

Greetings unto the populace of Borealis;

Well it is nice to be home and back in the Barony again. I would like to thank Sjt. Stefan von Lubbeke for taking my place while I visited regions to the South. My time in The Barony of Three Mountains was useful and informative and I hope to be able to learn from their example as well as their mistakes.

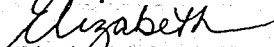
At Silverwolf this year we planned a very quick Baronial meeting. I will be requiring all officers at the Baronial level to bring a copy of their roster/warrant as it may apply. This is so that we can properly get our officers recognised by their Kingdom superiors. I will also be looking forward to implementing some new ideas, one of which is taking the day to day workings of the offices, and any announcements, out of the curia so as to cut down on time used. (For example: at Silverwolf we have only one hour in which to take care of relevant business.) In order to do this I would like officers and others to begin to submit written requests to have business put on the agenda. As this is a Baronial event, all Baronial officers are required to be present or to send an appropriate representative. Attendance at other Baronial meetings is encouraged, and please send a representative if you just can not make it. Officers failing to appear at meetings without proper back-up, or failing to report in two consecutive reporting periods, can end up being dismissed from office. The next reports are due on or before October 15th, 1993, and I will settle for copies of reports filed with Kingdom superiors in that reporting period.

It is also that time that I must begin the search for a drop-dead deputy. I am now putting out a call for applications for this position. The deadline for applications is October 14th, and you must send copies to myself, to TRM Rorik and Helena (as Baron and Baroness) and to Albrecht von Ruggen as Castellan. Please include summaries of both SCA and modern qualifications in a resume type format.

I would also like to now welcome into our area the incipient branch in Yellowknife, NWT, under the direction of S.H. Squire Conal FitzAllen. Best wishes to the newest, northernmost branch of An Tir.

I hope I see you at Silverwolf, the Lakeland Wedding Feast, and St. Nicholas this fall and winter.

In Service,



Elizabeth Llandaff
Seneschal, Barony of Borealis

legend, this has lead to dispute, sometimes ending in bloodshed.

It was often at feasts that warriors would declare their intentions concerning war and battle. A warrior could stand up and declare that he was going to do battle against a certain neighbor, enemy or individual, and any who supported him would rise and declare their support. Any who declared that they would fight with him had to, upon their own honour. If one did not do as he had pledged, he was considered dishonourable and untrustworthy -- he was outlaw, no better than a thief, and anyone could kill him, not having to declare honourable combat against him.

Feasts also were a place where people would declare contests against one another, including contests of arms. These contests were simply to show the skills of the individual, whatever they may be. The combat would be with real weapons, and would sometimes lead to injuries and even death. There were times when tempers would flare, and others would have to hold back the contestants. While dying in combat is an honourable death, dying during dinner or killing your host is considered very bad manners.

When on the field, as sometimes happened during war, a warrior could ask for single combat. It was proper to allow this, and considered most honourable. In fact, some of the stories tell of how the Britons, Picts and (earlier) Gauls were very surprised that the Romans had no honour and would rush a single man eight to fifteen at a time, simply overwhelming him all at once. With single combat, it was possible for a single warrior to hold a large force for a great length of time -- and if he were a good enough warrior, defeating all of his opponents during the

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MICHAELMAS FEAST & ITHRA

October 2 - 3

himself; (2) acknowledging their presence whenever they are near you by meeting their eye and nodding towards them (in the S.C.A. this would also hold for acknowledging the royal seat), and, if you are a sworn follower of theirs to somehow increase the show of respect in some manner, such as a fist salute, as Sir Rorik does (even though he's Norse -- perhaps they did something similar), or some other manner which will still maintain the courtesy of the affore mentioned.

When being called up before a chief or judge, it was not proper for a warrior to remove a weapon, unless there was a very good reason for it. A good warrior always had his weapon by his side, in order to defend himself, to rise to any challenge upon his honour or character, or to defend any whom he has sworn to defend or follow. Now, some kings and other royalty may not understand this in the S.C.A., and would wish for you to remove your weapon before coming up in court, if this is the case, there is no dishonour in doing so. The proper education of a Pict included the study of a nearby foreign culture, where the person being educated would live within the foreign lands and try to emulate their way of life, thus learning it first hand. This can be part of the S.C.A. experience. After all, aren't we all part of the free, educated class?

Something that often accompanies court is feasting. When at a feast the Picts, like their Celtic cousins, would wait before eating to be sure that the host or head table had begun eating first. Then, once it was certain that the host had started to eat, everyone else could begin. Another custom was for the best warrior present to have the choice of the finest cut of meat (or whatever was being served). In Celtic history and

Come spend Michaelmas in Byzantium with the people of Loch Dorr. Middle-Eastern flavoured Ithra classes will happen on the Saturday and Sunday, with a Middle-Eastern feast on Saturday night. Their Majesties Rorik and Helena, King and Queen of AnTir and Crown Prince and Princess of Avacal, will attend this event.

Site is wet; no smoking indoors, opens 4 p.m. Friday Oct. 1, closes 4 p.m. Sunday Oct. 3. Feast fee \$15.00 Cdn/\$12.00 US; make cheques payable to "Shire of Loch Dorr, SCA Inc." All monies for reservations must arrive by September 26. There will be no "off-board."

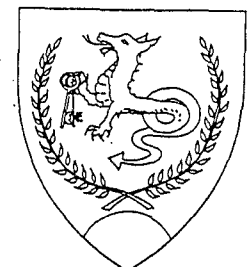
Ithra catalog will be available from Regent & Chancellor Laurel Venustas di Firenze (Laurel Jepson) 51 Scenic Glen Crescent, Calgary AB, T3L 1K4. Bed & Breakfast available for standard Ithra fee of \$2/person/night.

Directions: From U.S. - take your best route north to Porthill, Idaho; go north to Creston, BC. Take Hwy 3A north towards Kootenay Lake Ferry. Watch for SCA signs after Gray Creek.

Canada - from East: go to Creston, BC; take Hwy 3A north as above.

- from West: go to Nelson, BC; go east to Balfour and Kootenay Lake ferry (alternate: go to Kaslo, then south to Balfour and ferry). Cross Kootenay Lake on the world's longest free ferry ride and follow SCA signs to site at Crawford Bay Castle.

Autocrat: Daoud Barbarossa
Feastocrat: Lea-Helena...the Finn
Address: Box 3, Crawford Bay, BC.
Canada, V0B 1E0
(604) 227-9550



A Short Article about Pictish Manners by Caoimhtheach Faolchu

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.

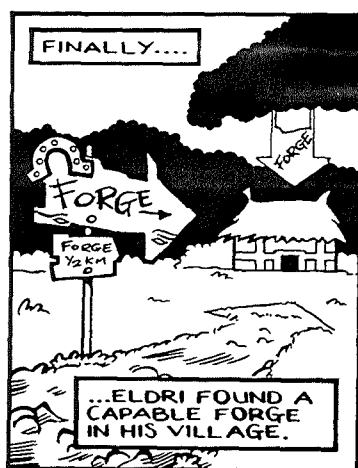
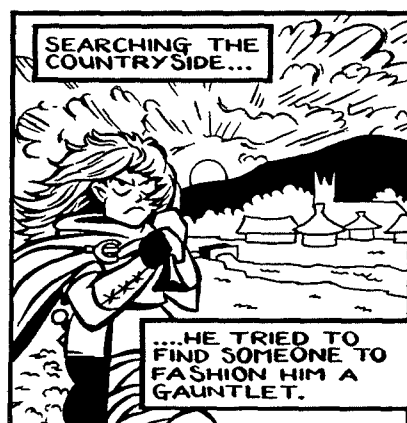
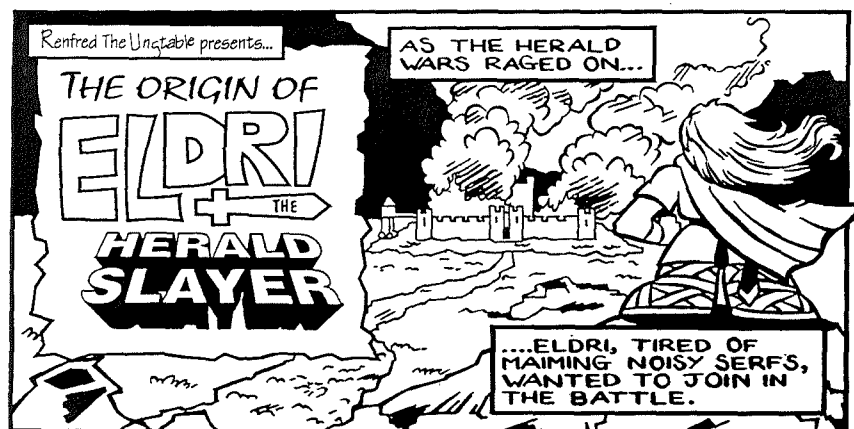
Go to the Caernarvon Community Hall at 14830 118 St. in Veraquilon (Edmonton). If you are coming into town on Highway 16, turn north on 97th St. , west on 153rd Ave., south on 113A St. , west again on 152nd Ave. and south again on 118 St. It is by the school on the right. The doors open at noon. If you are coming north on Highway 2, make your way to Highway 16 (Yellowhead) as best you can 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 403-479-3257 (c/o Rob)

Within the past couple of months I have had a lot of people ask me about what is proper ettiquette for a Pict, one of the people who lived in, and dominated, what is now Scotland before 800 A.D.. Well, a lot of this depends on the situation you are in -- I'm not going to treat a person I don't respect with the same courtesy as I am one whom I do respect. There are a few different environments we have to worry about in the S.C.A.: court, the field of battle (war or tourney), feasts, and everyday life. The Picts shared much of the same customs and beliefs as the Celts, but were still a different people, and had some of their own customs and beliefs.

In Pictish society, there was not a "court" as we know it in the S.C.A., rather, they would follow a leader who was chosen from amongst the eligible people (usually warriors), and very often -- a bit less than half -- this leader was female. However, not everyone was forced to follow this person. If a free-man, or woman, disagreed with this person leading in anything, s/he was allowed to challenge this in any manner s/he saw fit, including combat. This sometimes led to tribal wars. In the S.C.A. a way to express this, which is still period, is simply not to acknowledge the person as a respected individual. One acknowledges respect for another by (1) being on eye level with them whenever possible, which means if they are sitting, you sit, kneel or crouch to their level -- this is especially important for warriors, educated people and chiefs (peers and royalty), the person of higher status is usually the one to raise or lower



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To all Brewers, Meadmakers, and other fabricators of beverages:

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 Vendrer/92 was declared to be the best. Therefore, the Baron of Borealis, His Majesty Sir Rorik, declared the winners to be Valgard af hus Vendrer 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 need 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.

Tournament of the Golden Swan
October 9-11, 1993

The Shire of Appledore invites one and all to this year's Tournament of the Golden Swan. Ladies of the known world are invited to present their personas and apply for membership in the order of the Golden Swan. Applicants will be judged in the twelve persona development competitions: persona creation, everyday life, costuming, needlework, dance, games, bardic pursuits, survival techniques, calligraphy, ethnic pursuits, courtesy and etiquette, and inspirational behavior.

The individual competitions are open to all who attend, and prizes will be awarded for the best entry in each category, but Swan applicants must participate in all categories. There will be two tournaments for fighters: the Golden Swan Tournament on Saturday and the Appledore Fall Tournament on Sunday. For archers there will be a William Tell Shoot for adults and smalls as well as IKAC and Royal Rounds.

There will be the usual Pot Luck feasts on Saturday and Sunday nights.

There will be a soup kitchen for late arrivals Friday night and there will be some permanent tents on site for Swan applicants and those who book early.

The site is Glenn Colk (Camp Dunlop Boy Scout Camp) in Kelowna, B.C. Take highway 97 to Kelowna and turn south onto Pandosy Street. Pandosy becomes Lakeshore Road at K.L.O. Road. Continue south on Lakeshore until it climbs a hill to an intersection with a single blinking light hung above it; at this point Lakeshore Road turns right. Follow Lakeshore another 3 miles and look for Camp Dunlop on the left side of the road.

be possible to arrange for a member of Borealis to sell your wares for you.

I would like to emphasize that the Museum staff are very easy to work with, and are very enthusiastic about this project. We received incredible amounts of excellent publicity from our last exhibit: all signs, posters, and advertising related to the event, the exhibit itself (every SCA article labelled as such), newspaper interviews, live coverage on the radio, radio interviews; even cooking a dish on a local TV talk show! All of the coverage was positive, and the simple fact that we were endorsed by the Provincial Museum boosts the credibility of the SCA as a whole. For this reason, I hope to see more of the excellent work that SCA artisans are renowned for! Send me your photos now! Don't wait!

All photos, questions, and merchant applications should be forwarded to:



HL Erna Kajadotter (SCA liason to Alberta Prov. Museum)

mka Karin Thirlwell
244 Regency Drive,
Sherwood Park, AB
T8A 5P6

Or phone (403) 449-1593 (your dime, no calls after 9 PM)

NOTE: CHRONICLER - PLEASE PUBLISH IN YOUR NEWSLETTER UP TO DECEMBER ISSUE. THANKS!

August 23, 1993

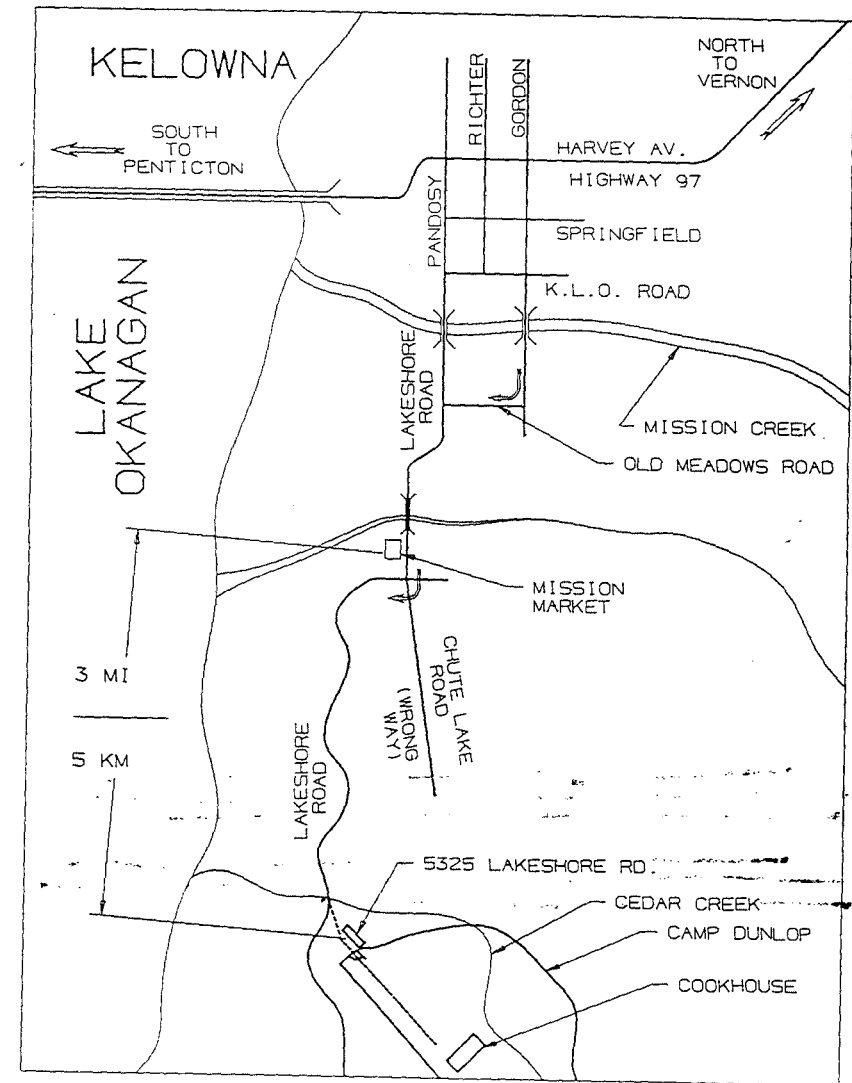
Open letter to all branches in Kingdom of An Tir:

The Barony of Borealis successfully worked with the Alberta Provincial Museum in the spring of 1993, to provide a top notch medieval exhibit, feast, and Demo of crafts and fighting for the general public. Approximately 7,000 people filed through the exhibit (all ages), and 100 people paid \$30.00 to participate in the Medieval Feast (with another 100 on a waiting list!). The museum staff were so impressed by the turn out (there were an average of 300 people per hour in the exhibit, and they were staying for an unheard of average of two hours), that the exhibit, originally scheduled for one week, was extended to two weeks. Needless to say, they want to do it again!

Therefore, I am once again soliciting photos of top quality items, preferably constructed by SCA artisans. Each photo must be accompanied by a BRIEF description of the item, time period, and the mundane name and address of the owner of the object. The items can be anything from your favorite sword to a beautiful piece of needlework or pottery. The exhibit will be done on a similar theme as the previous one; namely, the "fair grounds" room and the "castle interior". Costumes are especially popular. The deadline for photo submission is December 1, 1993. After that date, the museum staff will commence choosing the items they want included in the display.

If your item is chosen, you will be sent a Museum Inventory Form, and instructions regarding how to get your item (accompanied by its form!) to the museum. As soon as it is received by the museum, it is insured and treated as any museum article would be. {While this is very reassuring, I have to admit that it seemed funny to me to watch them tut-tutting over the way we take care of our stuff, and handling everything with cotton gloves. I tried to explain that these are things people USE all the time, but they were still shocked.}

The exhibit will run for THREE weeks next year; March 26 to April 17, 1994. They will also be running the "Grand Fair" again, March 26-27. At this time, the Museum has invited SCA artisans to merchant their wares, in order to add to the "fair" flavour. HOWEVER, please note that the Museum reserves the right to jury the merchants; i.e. you must submit photos of your wares as well as a written description of your work. They are not charging for merchanting, but it is important to them that the wares displayed are truly quality, hand-crafted work. No garage sale re-sales! If you live out of Edmonton, but would like to participate, it may



We, the Canton of Lakelands (for now!) cordially extend an invitation to the nuptials of

*Mariko and
Lord Asker al-Kamir*

on the 13th of November, AS XXVIII.

The ceremony will be held at the Leisure Sports Village, Grand Centre, starting at 1:00 pm. Classes and Baronial meeting will follow. Details on the classes will be available at the Troll Booth.

A six-remove feast featuring foods native to Germany, Turkey, and Japan will be served beginning at 6:00 pm. The expected menu will be as follows.

Opening: Beef Barley soup, Smoked fowl wings, Cheese sticks

2nd remove: (Alfheim's Bounty) Venison stew, Stuffed game hens, Goose and duck in a stroganoff sauce

3rd remove: (Mariko's Welcome) Hot and sour soup, Almond chicken, Pork fried rice.

4th remove: (al-Kamir's Welcome) Turkish wedding soup, Baked stuffed trout, Stuffed egg plant.

5th remove: (to our new homeland): Fowl schnitzels, Rulotan, peas & carrots.

6th remove: (dessert) Black forest cake, Chinese Dessert, Turkish sweet bonnets.

Anyone with dietary concerns or allergies is invited to contact the Feastocrat.

*Fees: \$5 site only
 \$13 feast-received before Nov. 5
 \$15 feast-at the door*

We request that anyone planning to attend please contact the autocrats so that we have a good idea how many people to cook for.

*Autocrats: Lord Asker al-Kamir (Allan Gallant, 594-0628, Box 1385, Medley, Alta, T0A 2M0) and
 Aelfwyn of Longwood (Mila Little, 594-5116, c/o Officer's Mess, 4 Wing, Medley, Alta, T0A 2M0)*

Feastocrat: Lady Adeline (Gail Hiar, 594-1083, Box 1865, Medley, Alta, T0A 2M0)

Directions: Take your best route to Grand Centre, turn at the airplane (towards CJB Cold Lake), the Leisure Sports Village is immediately to your left.