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Canton of Veraquilon Weekly meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm in the Education North Lounge, Room 4-110 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.

Canton of Lakelands Fight Practices each Tuesday evening, 7:00pm at Assumption High School. Contact Alfheim 594-1083
Classes on various topics take place each Wednesday evening, 7:00pm. see calender for topics and locations.

The Blacksheep Guild (fibreworkers guild) meets every Teusday 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.

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 Please do not hesitate to contact Lord Otto Gruber @ 468-6783 for more information.

Dance Practise is held in Fine Arts Building Rm 1-29, from 7:30pm until 10pm. Those wishing more information are requested to contact Mordecai Saltzer (Rick Slansky) at 435-2051.
Practise will be held on the following dates: Dec 12

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.

Announcements:

***** NOTE *****

- **Wednesday** meetings in Veraquilon have moved to Education North Lounge, room 4-110 at the U of A. After Christmas, the meeting room will change, and people will be notified of the new location.

House of Erna : Custom Design and Fashion

Erna would like to announce her costuming service. For an appropriate fee, she will construct garb to your specifications. Alterations also a speciality. For discreet inquiries, contact HL Erna at 449-1593

- **Archery Practice** at the residence of Joan the Just has been discontinued for the winter.

- **Vacant Baronial** positions must be filled. List Mistress, Water Bearer. Those interested please send resumes to the Senechal.

- **Baronial Meeting** will be held on the Sunday following Yule Feast in VerAquilon.



NOTICE : In order that we do not financially burden the Canton with our frequent events, we have decided that in future ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY THE RESERVATION DEADLINE TO BE GOOD RESERVATIONS.

After the deadline, we will revert to our waiting list. There will be a maximum of 40 tickets sold.

Please make cheques payable to: Jane Woods

To make a reservation: HL Erna Kajadotter - 449-1593 (mka Karin Thirlwell), 244 Regency Drive, Sherwood Park, AB T8A 5P6)

Site: February 11, 1995 : The Parkallen Community League Hall (11104 - 65 Ave, Edmonton, AB)



Greeting Unto the Barony!

We hope the fast approaching festive season finds you all in good spirits, cosily nestled in your castles.

To start, we would like to thank all those who gave items to be presented as part of the Baronial gift to their Excellencies of Myrganwood, Gareth and Roweyna. Thanks to: Igraine of Hybernia, Elizabetha D'Enigma, Almarik and Brianna, Marcus Wynniat; the presentation included various meads, wintered wine, wines, candles, a willow basket, silver goblets, two tickets for Yule Feast, and two tickets for Feast of the Evergreens.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Birthday Bash as much as we did. The evening went very well, thanks to a lot of hard-working people. Special mentions have to go out to the autocrat, Igraine, the Feastocrats, Marcus and Almaric, and to Alton of Harlow House, Mathias Dammartin, and Matsuda-san who worked long hours on our gifts for Their Majesties: two campaign chairs. They are beautiful! Also, thanks to Marlyse for her much appreciated assistance on our costumes.

Thank you to everyone for helping make the evening most memorable for us, and for the many beautiful and thoughtful gifts we received. I'm not sure the evening could have been any better! The talented Sir Master Brand and HL Cymbric from Madrona enjoyed their stay, and offered to come up in the future along with household members and possibly other knights to share their knowledge. Alfheim is looking at possible dates, as this is an excellent opportunity for the Crown Principality.

We hope to see you all at Yule Feast.
It is going to be an exciting evening. If
you are unable to make it, we'll see you in
the new year! Best wishes to you and your
households for the holiday season.

Alfheim and Adelaine



"...The best of all boars broke from his cover,
That had ranged long unrivalled, a renegade old,
For of tough-brawned boars he was biggest far,
Most grim when he grunted - then were grieved many,
For three at the first thrust he threw to the earth,
And dashed away at once without more damage.
With "Hi!" "Hi!" and "Hey!" the others followed,
Had horns at their lips, blew high and clear.
Merry was the music of men and of hounds
That were bound after this boar, his bloodthirsty
heart to quell..."

- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight,
ca. 1375 - 1400 (author unknown)

Yes! The Groaning Board is back - this time
we are in a German Hunting Lodge. The date
is February 11, 1400; the snow is crisp, the
lodge is cosy - is the hunt successful? We
will have to see...

Meanwhile, back at the lodge, HL Eleanora
fitz John will provide a free lecture (on
site) from 4:30 to 5:30. The topic: The Hunt
in the Middle Ages: ways, reasons, laws
governing, social significance of, quarry.

Join us at the lodge at 6:00 pm if you
prefer, for Feasting, Tall Tales, and Lusty
Ballads. At 9:00 pm, we will break for
dancing, courtesy of the Veraquilon dance
troupe.

Reservation Deadline is: January 28, 1995

<u>Tickets:</u>	Adult	\$16.00
	Child	\$10.00
	Dessert & Dance	
	(join us at 9 pm)	\$ 8.00

We will need four servers / clean-up crew,
who will eat for free. Please call Erna if
you would like to volunteer.